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# TAKING A DAY TRIP

**BAUMAN'S** opened in 1909 with the motto, "Big & Tall, Short or Small, Bauman's Fits 'Em All." **SCARLETT BOUTIQUE** in Mount Vernon sells "revived" women's clothing and accessories. **PINK BEGONIA** is an antique mall with 34 booths that is located on B Avenue in Kalona.



**MAIN STREET**, or B Avenue, is the heart of small-town Kalona. **SALT FORK KITCHEN** sits on Highway 382 NE in Solon. The restaurant offer items such as burgers, sandwiches and breakfast. **RED VESPA PIZZERIA** opened in Solon in 2015 by Aziz and Angie Longou, who previously co-owned Vito's in Iowa City.

When it's time for a day trip with friends, try heading south on Highway 1 to Kalona for a sweet treat at Yotty's Ice Cream Shop. Or, head north on Highway 1 to Mount Vernon and visit one of this town's many charming boutiques. If you are craving Italian cuisine, drive north on Highway 1 after making reservations at Red Vespa in Solon. Traveling to Kalona Cheese Factory every other weekend was a family tradition for Lauren Zacharias '19 while she was growing up. "I used to go (to Kalona) with my grandparents to get

kolaches and squeaky cheese," Zacharias said. "Kolaches are a pastry with a fruit filling. They are so good. I love them!" Maggie Towler '19 said tasty pizza is found in Mount Vernon. "The Lincoln Wine Bar is the best place for I've ever gone to for pizza," Towler said. "They make it in a stone oven they had imported from Italy. They use olive oil on their crust, and have the most divine dough for pizza crust. I've been with my family and we love it so much, because it's got a nice cozy feel in this small building with a stage in the corner for small bands. I would like to go there with friends sometime to have a nice dinner and a good time."

For about eight years, Olivia Dachtler '19 called Kalona home, and even now she visits at least twice a week. "My favorite places are Yotty's Ice Cream Shop, JW's Deli and all the antique shops downtown," Dachtler said. "The creamery is also amazing, and the Kalona Bakery had the best breakfast before it burned down." Traveling 25 minutes is no problem for Sydney Brands '19 if her

destination is Frida Kahlo Mexican Restaurant. "It has a lot of choices to pick from, and everything I've tried there is really good," Brands said. "The food isn't too expensive, which is why I go there all the time. Of course, the chips and salsa are also really good. My favorite thing that I've had is the shrimp fajitas." —Peyton Brady & Sidney Kout

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