# TOP 10



# **Things to Do**

#### Voted #1: Cordova Observation Tower & Park

2-Knoxville Raceway, 3-Big Rock Park & Trail, 4-Pella Historical Village, 5-Central College, 6-Pella Opera House, 7-The Molengracht, 8-Slideways, 9-Volksweg Trail & 10-Pierce's Pumpkin Patch



#### Recreation

#### Voted #1: Big Rock Park & Trail

2-Cordova Observation Tower, 3-Smash Park, 4-Volksweg Trail, 5-Competine Trail, 6-Wonder Spelen Park, 7-Pella Aquatics Center, 8-Bos Landen Golf Course, 9-Slideways & 10-Pella Sports Park



## Shopping

#### **Voted #1: Raiment Fashions**

2-Candi's Flowers & Gifts, 3-Brown's Shoe Fit, 4-9Lilas Boutique, 5-The Sanctuary, 6-The Curiosity Shop, 7-Blush by Simple Treasures, 8-Adorn Clothing Co., 9-Lakefront Living & 10-The Work of Our Hands



### Dining

#### Voted #1: Checkerboard Restaurant

2-George's Pizza & Steakhouse, 3-Liberty Street Kitchen, 4-Butcher's Brewhuis, 5-de Kelder Speakeasy, 6-Yamato Steak House of Japan, 7-The Bread Board, 8-Deng's Garden, 9-DutchFix & 10-Cantaritos Grill & Cantina



#### Bars

#### Voted #1: A & P Pub

2-The Cellar Peanut Pub, 3-de Kelder Speakeasy, 4-Butcher's Brewhuis, 5-Peace Tree Brewing Co., 6-Nederlanders Tap & Golf, 7-Liberty Street Kitchen, 8-One Eleven Public House, 9-Halftime Bar & Grill & 10-Slideways



### **Arts, Culture & Entertainment**

#### Voted #1: Pella Opera House

2-Pella Historical Village, 3-National Sprint Car Hall of Fame & Museum, 4-Dutch Store Fronts, 5-The Grand Theater, 6-Central College, 7-The Klokkenspel, 8-Sunken Gardens Park, 9-Union Street Players Productions & 10-Knoxville Performing Arts Center



## **Photo Spot**

#### Voted #1: Lake Red Rock at Sunset

2-Cordova Observation Tower, 3-Bald eagles near dam, 4-Giant yellow Dutch wooden shoes, 5-Central College red phone booth, 6-Butcher's Brewhuis rooftop, 7-Vermeer Windmill, 8-Molengracht draw bridge, 9-eating Dutch Letters & 10-eating Checkerboard onion rings



#### Venue

#### Voted #1: Pella Opera House

2-Central College, 3-Sun Valley Barn, 4-Tamory Hall, 5-Liberty Street Kitchen, 6-Cordova Pavilion, 7-The Gathering Ground, 8-Countryside Wedding & Event Center, 9-The Loft & 10-Cobblestone Hotel & Suites



#### **Souviner**

#### **Voted #1: Jaarsma Bakery Dutch Letters**

2-Ulrich beef sticks, 3-Van Veen chocolate caramels, 4-In't Velds Pella bologna, 5-Vander Ploeg Bakery doughnuts, 6-Cranberry Stone cupcakes, 7-DutchFix poffertjes mix, 8-Bread Board croissants, 9-Peace Tree Brewing Co. root beer & 10-In't Velds jerky



#### **Events**

#### Voted #1: Pella Tulip Time Festival

2-Lake Red Rock Balloon Fest, 3-Knoxville Sprint Car Nationals, 4-Thursdays in Pella, 5-Kerstmarkt, 6-Pella Christmas Tour of Homes, 7-Knoxville Living Windows, 8-Klompen Classic, 9-Merry-N County Christmas & 10-Marion County Fair

# CATEGORY WINNERS

#### **FOODIE**

#### **Best Breakfast Spot**

The Windmill Cafe

#### **Best Lunch Spot**

The Bread Board

#### **Best Coffee**

The Perk of Pella

#### **Best Burger**

DutchFix

#### **Best Steak**

Liberty Street Kitchen

#### **Best Tenderloin**

Hometown Meats & Deli

#### **Best Pizza**

George's Pizza & Steakhouse

#### **Best Ethnic Food**

Cantaritos Grill & Cantina

#### **Best Healthy Food**

Big Acai Bowl

#### **Sweet Treat**

**Cranberry Stone Bakery** 

#### **Outdoor Dining**

Liberty Street Kitch

#### **Local Food Truck (tie)**

Amos Flava'

Backwoods Wood Fired Pizza

#### **SERVICES**

#### Catering

Central College

#### **Photography**

Digital Galleria Designs

#### Salon or Spa

Expressions by Design

#### Floral or Garden Center

**Thistles Flower Market** 

#### **Recreation Center**

Anytime Fitness-Pella

#### **LODGING**

#### Campground

**Howell Station Recreation Area** 

#### Hotel

Amsterdam Hotel

#### **Cabin or Vacation Rental**

Cordova Park Cabins

#### **SHOPPING**

#### **Gift & Home Decor Shop**

Candi's Flowers & Gifts

#### **Hobbies & Special Interest**

**Lakefront Living** 

#### Apparel

Raiment Fashions

#### **Small Town Retail Shop**

Lakefront Living

#### **Thrift or Vintage Shop**

The Well Thift Store-Pella

# ABOUT Best of the Red Rock Area

Each year visitors and residents vote in the BEST OF RED ROCK contest online at redrockarea.com. The contest includes ten TOP 10 lists and 25 category winners. Each person can vote up to 2 times in the contest from May to November.

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Marion County Development was established by resolution on January 23, 1989, by the Marion County Board of Supervisors as a department of county government. Marion County Development strives to accelerate economic growth throughout Marion County. Marion County Development exists to:

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businesses & communities to economic development resources

# COMMUNICATE Marion County's story

**COLLABORATE** 

to grow the Marion County economy

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### 2024

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