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What one word best describes you?
Resourceful

Title:
Owner-Lead Bike Advocate

Employer:
Iowa Bike Co.

Lives In:
Pella



Activities:

Red Rock Area Mountain Bike Association
Pella Cycling Club
Third Church

Education:

High School: Sheldon, IA
College: Central College-Pella, IA

Working in Marion County:

The people are the best part of working in Marion County. Marion County has a thriving local economy because its innovative business owners who go the extra mile and supportive local citizens.

Living in Marion County:

A combination of the successful small businesses, the low cost-of-living and the relationships you build through community involvement--whether that be through work, volunteering, church or the regulars at the local coffee shops each morning.

Career Advancement Opportunities:

The options for young professional are great and getting better--organized Young Professional associations, mentoring, local seminars and several planned networking events to build relationships. In Marion County, young professionals can use their skills in a variety of different industries from manufacturing to professional services or entrepreneurship. Skills honed or built in one industry can be applied to the next industry or position without leaving your company or county.

Favorite Place to Relax:

North Overlook Mountain Bike Trails near Lake Red Rock (Check them out on the Trailforks smartphone app) and the Peanut Pub in Pella.

Career Advice to Teens:

Jump right into work experiences in the field that interests you. Learn by doing, failing, and taking chances while you are still relatively responsibility free. If you do this, you will find your passions, dislikes and opportunities much earlier than most.

