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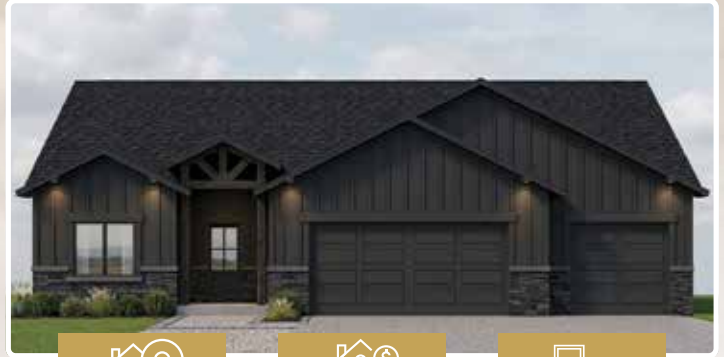
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# CELEBRATING my heritage — a wee bit

“My people” celebrated March 17. If you are Irish, chances are you did, too. If you are not Irish, there is still a good chance you celebrated anyway. That seems to be how St. Patrick’s Day works.

I say “my people” in the most affectionate way possible, mostly because I am reasonably confident I am Irish. I am also told I am German. And French. And possibly a little Native American. But, thanks to my mother’s side of the family, Irish is the one that tends to show up the loudest.

Mom and her siblings fit the Irish profile quite well: short in stature, red-haired, light-skinned, Catholic and full of vinegar. And by “full of vinegar,” I mean they had opinions.

Family history backs up my Irish claim. My grandmother’s maiden name was Leonard. Her father, Patrick Leonard, was born near Carlow, Ireland, in 1866. And, if that isn’t enough proof, my grandson — appropriately named Callahan — arrived in 2025 with a head full of red hair. Genetics doesn’t get much clearer than that. Somewhere in Ireland, an ancestor is nodding proudly and probably ordering another potato.

Speaking of potatoes, let’s address a few stereotypes. Do the Irish really love potatoes that much? Is everyone named Mary? Are they obsessed with the weather? Do they enjoy a good fight but still manage to remain friendly afterward? And do they really say “wee” all the time?

I can’t answer all of those questions with scientific certainty, but I can say this: If someone offers me a baked potato, I’m not going to turn it down.

Personally, I enjoy poking a little fun at my Irish roots while also celebrating them. Truth be told, most of us are a mix of several backgrounds anyway. Somewhere in the family tree, there is probably an Irishman, a German, a Frenchman and someone arguing loudly about the weather.

At the end of the day, we probably have more in common than we realize. That’s worth celebrating. Still, there’s nothing wrong with taking a little pride in where you came from — at least a wee bit.

Have a great month and thanks for reading. ■



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# *Celebrating* HERITAGE

Residents reflect on the traditions  
that connect them to home

By Rachel Harrington

In Bondurant, history isn't just found in records — it lives in families. For some residents, connections to the community span five, six or even seven generations, linking past and present through shared traditions, work and service.

Jan Lewis Cummings' family has lived in and around Bondurant for nearly a century.



Four generations of Jan Johnson's family are pictured: Valinda Cheney, Arthur Haines (Valinda's son-in-law), James Girvin Haines and James Girvin Haines, Jr.

**Generations have served**

With nearly 250 years of nationhood under its belt, the United States has become home to people from many nations. Some families are new to our country. Others have been here for generations. Such is the case for Janis Haines Johnson's family. She is the fifth generation of her family to live in Bondurant.

According to an obituary in Johnson's family history collection, her great-great-grandparents, Valinda and James Cheney, moved to Bondurant from Altoona.

"I'm not sure what they were doing before that," she says. "Obituaries from that time gave a lot of information. The obituary for Valinda says they were the first family here in town. I am on the staff at the Bondurant Historical Society, and, through my research, I know there were people here before the town was established, but the obituary says they were the first family."

"When they moved to Bondurant, they already had children, including my great-grandmother, Lena Cheney," Johnson continues. "After they arrived, they welcomed another baby, Halley Cheney, who was the first baby born in Bondurant."

Lena Cheney married Arthur Haines. Arthur had a son named James "Girvin" Haines. Girvin Haines later had a son named

after himself, and James Haines Jr. is Johnson's father.

"So far, I know very little about the family before Valinda and James Cheney," Johnson says. "I'm just beginning to research more about James Cheney's family, as I've been sent information through Ancestry.com. I know that, at one time, James Cheney owned a hotel in town that served food, but I haven't discovered where it was located yet. Arthur Haines was a carpenter. My dad was a councilman in Bondurant, as well as mayor three different times."

Though many people in Bondurant's history were farmers, every generation in Johnson's family lived in town and held jobs there.

"Arthur built the house on the corner of Main and Second Street," Johnson says. "The house is still there and is occupied. The house I grew up in is right next door, so I grew up next to my grandparents. My family members were charter members of Bondurant Christian Church, and we have all been members there through the generations to this day. Sunday dinner was always with my grandparents."

Johnson says her family includes many proud patriots who have served in the military.

"My dad served in World War II, my grandfather served during World War I and World War II, and recent information indicates



Teri Bishop is part of seven generations who have lived in the Bondurant area.



Teri Bishop's dad, Bob Miller, by the full corn crib.

that Arthur served in World War I," she says. "We have all belonged to the American Legion or the American Legion Auxiliary. We are a big, patriotic family with a great respect and love for our country."

Johnson says she enjoyed growing up in a small town and feels it was advantageous for her family because it allowed them to participate in many activities. It also helped them remain close to extended family, gathering regularly for reunions and events. She hopes that, even though her children have moved away from Bondurant, they will continue the civic-minded values and love of faith, family and country that have been present for generations.

**Faith, family, farming and food**

Bondurant is home to many families with deep roots. Teri Bishop is part of seven generations who have lived in the Bondurant area, from her great-great-grandparents to her grandchildren.

"My heritage is mostly about faith, family, farming and, of course, food," Bishop says.

Francis Miller, Bishop's great-great-grandfather, came to Iowa from Ohio and bought a farm 4.5 miles north of Bondurant in 1861. His son, Frank Miller, was born in a log cabin on the farm. Frank became an entrepreneur who helped organize the rural telephone company in Bondurant, managed the elevator, and bought and shipped grain. He married Retta Ault Miller, and both were active in Bondurant Christian Church.

Their son, Norman C. Miller, Bishop's grandfather, became an active farmer in 1928 in the Bondurant area. He was also active in the church, served on the elevator board, and worked as a DeKalb seed salesman. Bishop's father, Robert "Bob" Miller, along with his son, Jon Miller, continued as DeKalb seed salesmen after their father retired.

"My grandmother, Velma Stemler Miller, was an excellent cook," Bishop says. "She always had delicious meals for family dinners, and we always had the best desserts. She was a member of Bondurant Christian Church and Eastern Star."

Bob Miller and his twin, Norma Jean Miller Mauch, were born in a house in Bondurant. He was a member of Bondurant Christian Church and American Legion Post 396, which was named after Samuel H. Bridge, a great-uncle of Bishop's husband, Ted.

One of Bishop's favorite family traditions is homemade ice cream. Nearly every Sunday, the family gathered for dinner. Ice cream was part of the tradition.

"The men of the family would take turns turning the crank," Bishop says. "They may have let us kids try before it got too hard to turn. Then there was chocolate pie and chocolate cake. Dinner was often fried chicken raised and prepared on the farm. There were always plenty of canned foods from the garden."

The foundation of Bishop's family heritage is rooted in hard work, faith, family, food and friendship. She and her husband continue to farm, maintaining their love of the land. They remain active in their church, cherish family and friendships, and enjoy gardening and baking. The homemade ice cream tradition continues at family gatherings.

Five generations of Bishop's family have attended Bondurant schools, including Norma and Velma Miller; Bob and Pauline Miller; and Bishop and her siblings, Dean Miller, Carolyn Streeter and Jon Miller. Her children — Kate, Kelsi and Scott Bishop — also attended Bondurant schools. Today, four of Bishop's



Oscar and Jennie Runyan gathered with family for their 50th anniversary.

grandchildren attend school in Bondurant: Mariya and Bella Newcome and Bently and Ellie Bishop. Several Mauch cousins also attended Bondurant schools.

Though some family members have moved away, many remain active in the community, including Carolyn Miller Streeter, Jon and Shirley Miller, Sue Mauch McMains and Dan Mauch.

## A family legacy of hard work

For nearly a century, Jan Lewis Cummings' family has lived in and around Bondurant.

Oscar and Jennie Runyan grew up in Mason City, Nebraska, and later moved to Colfax, Iowa. In the 1930s, Cummings' grandparents moved to Bondurant from Colfax, where Oscar had served as town marshal. By then, their children were grown, and most lived in Bondurant or the surrounding countryside.

Lyllus Runyan Butler, their daughter, and her husband, Herb, lived on the edge of town off Highway 65. They opened a grocery store in Bondurant called Butler's Store.

Their daughter, Frances, married Jim Crawford, and they lived in rural Bondurant.

"Jim had a gas station on Main Street in Bondurant for a while," Cummings says. "Frances had a gift store and worked at Butler's Store. She was a busy lady."

Oscar and Jennie's son, Ray, and his wife, Dorothy, operated a café on Highway 65 and owned Bondurant Hardware Store. In addition to selling various hardware supplies, Ray and Oscar repaired Maytag washing machines.

"As Oscar got older, he stopped repairing washing machines and opened a section of the store he called Oscar's Fix-It Shop," Cummings says. "He built guns, sold hunting and fishing

supplies, and fixed many other things for customers."

Arlene, the Runyans' youngest daughter, married Harvey Lewis. They are Cummings' parents. The couple lived in town and opened Lewis Tool and Die in Bondurant, where they manufactured starter drives.

"They called themselves the starter drive capital of the world because they sold their products globally," Cummings says.

Many of Cummings' family members held their first jobs working in family businesses.

"We all know what a starter drive is," she says with a laugh.

Maintaining a strong work ethic was important.

"Along with learning a good work ethic, we also learned the value of money," she says. "They taught us that you have to work for your money, so we have all been hard workers."

Cummings became a teacher and married her husband, Max. Work took them away from Bondurant for a time, but they returned eight years ago when her mother needed help.

"Bondurant has always felt like home," she says. "It has always had something to offer — from eateries to churches, the library and the park. Before its growth really took off, we knew most of the families here."

Some of Cummings' relatives still live in Iowa, while others are spread across the country. Many continue the family tradition of hard work in fields such as education, office work and farming, and some have started their own businesses. While many family businesses are gone, Butler's Café remains.

"When the new owners built the grocery store, they kept Butler's Café as part of it," Cummings says. ■

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Mean Moment	Conflict	Bullying
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# THE COMFORT of a savory lasagna

There are few things in life more comforting than a warm kitchen filled with the savory aroma of lasagna baking in the oven — any time of the year. It is the kind of smell that draws everyone in, pulling family members from each corner of the house to ask, “Is it ready yet?”



This hearty lasagna has become a true family favorite in our home. With rich layers of seasoned meat, creamy ricotta, tender pasta and plenty of melted cheese (I suggest adding more than what this recipe calls for), it is the ultimate comfort food. Lasagna is more than just dinner — it is a tradition. This dish has even been selected as our dinner for Christmas and Thanksgiving many years, as it truly is a treasured recipe — and the leftovers taste even better the next day. This recipe represents the simple joy in sharing something homemade and delicious with the people you love. I need to warn you, though, the sauce takes some time to cook, but it is well worth the wait. Enjoy!

Information provided by Jolene Goodman, vice president of Big Green Umbrella Media.

## Lasagna

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pound ground hamburger
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley, divided
- 1 28-ounce can whole tomatoes, undrained and chopped
- 1 14.5-ounce can Italian-styled stewed tomatoes, undrained and chopped
- 1 six-ounce tomato paste
- 1 eight-ounce can tomato sauce
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- Water to boil noodles
- 12 uncooked lasagna noodles
- 1 large egg white, beaten
- 2 cups cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded parmesan cheese
- 1 15-ounce carton fat-free ricotta
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

### DIRECTIONS:

- Brown hamburger and drain grease. Set aside. In the same pan, coat with cooking spray, sauté onion and garlic

- for 5 minutes. Add beef back in. Add 2 tablespoons parsley, chopped whole tomatoes and next six ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Uncover and simmer for 15 minutes. Set aside.
- Boil water and cook noodles for 12 minutes or until “al dente.” Drain and set aside.
- Preheat oven to 350 F. In another bowl, combine 2 tablespoons parsley, egg white, cottage cheese, parmesan cheese and ricotta cheese.
- Spray a 9-inch by 13-inch pan with cooking spray and spread 1 cup tomato/beef mixture on the bottom of the pan. Place 3 noodles on tomato/beef mixture, top with half of cottage cheese mix, then 2 cups of tomato/beef mixture, and 2/3 cup of mozzarella. Repeat. Place another layer of noodles on top, then spread with remaining tomato/beef mixture.
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The summer slide is real: Research shows that students can lose up to two to three months of math and reading skills over the summer. For many families, this means the new school year begins with review instead of progress. Over time, these gaps can add up, making it harder for students to stay confident and keep up with their peers.

A smarter way to spend summer: Tutoring can offer a different kind of summer experience — one that blends personalized learning

with motivation and fun. Instead of long, overwhelming sessions, students can engage in targeted instruction designed specifically for their needs. Whether your child needs to catch up, keep up, or get ahead, personalized plans meet them where they are.

Personalized learning that works: No two learning plans are the same. Each student should begin with an assessment that identifies strengths and areas for growth. From there, instructors create a customized plan focused on building skills, confidence and independence. This individualized approach ensures that every minute spent learning is meaningful and productive.

Building confidence, not just skills: Academic success isn't just about knowing the material — it is about believing you can succeed. A supportive environment helps students rebuild confidence, reduce frustration and develop a positive attitude toward learning. When students feel successful, they are more likely to stay motivated and engaged — not just

in summer, but throughout the school year.

Flexible for busy summer schedules: Summer is filled with vacations, camps and family time. For that reason, programs should be designed to be flexible. Scheduling options should let students continue learning without missing out on summer fun.

Give your child an advantage: Instead of spending the first months of school catching up, students walk in prepared, confident and ready to succeed. It is not just about preventing learning loss — it is about creating momentum.

Make this summer count: Summer doesn't have to be a setback. It can be a season of growth, confidence and success. Give your child the tools they need to thrive — this summer and beyond. ■

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## REAL ESTATE

By Austin Sullivan

# IS NOW a good time to buy or sell?

This is one of the most common questions I hear, and, honestly, there isn't a one-size-fits-all answer. The truth is, the best time to buy or sell depends on your unique situation. My advice is always simple: If it makes sense for you to move, then it is the right time.



### What about interest rates?

A frequent follow-up question is, "Where are interest rates today, and where are they headed?" It's a great question, but the reality is that people buy and sell homes every day, regardless of interest rate fluctuations.

What truly matters to most of my clients is their monthly payment, not just the rate itself. While interest rates play a role, it's crucial to focus on affordability and finding a payment that fits your budget.

Another important consideration: What happens when rates drop? Lower rates could lead to increased competition, fewer available homes, and a surge in bidding wars, all factors that may drive prices higher. These are possibilities worth keeping in mind when deciding whether to act now or wait.

### Sell now or wait for summer?

As the year starts, another top question I get is: "Should we sell in the spring or wait for the summer market?" There are two ways to look at this:

**Selling in spring:** The spring market typically brings more buyers, but it also means increased competition. More homes on the market give buyers more options, which could impact how quickly your home sells or the offers you receive.

**Waiting for summer:** It is common during the summer time that people have plans on weekends and take a majority of their vacations during this time. As summer starts to wind down, buyers start to get ready for the school year. On the bright side, landscaping and exterior photos usually look the best in the summertime. This could help with the marketing of your home.

At the end of the day, it all comes back to this: If it makes sense for you to move, then it is a good time.

### The bottom line

Every home and buyer is different, and certain market conditions may make one time better than another. But, overall, we're still seeing a strong real estate market. Whether you are thinking of buying or selling, the best move is to assess your situation, talk with a Realtor for additional market information and make the decision that works best for you. ■

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# THE BENEFITS of plants and gardening

The first day of spring was in March, and, being in the Midwest, we haven't had the opportunity to really enjoy spring weather, but it is coming. With the warm weather, it is time to dig out your trowel and gardening gloves, or maybe just eliminate the work and buy a nice potted plant. Either way, the long-awaited planting season is here.



There are so many mental and physical health benefits to gardening or simply caring for indoor potted plants. Just being around plants is beneficial. When humans breathe, we exhale carbon dioxide from the body and inhale oxygen. Plants do the opposite; they release oxygen for us to breathe and absorb the carbon dioxide that we exhale. Plants help eliminate harmful toxins and purify the air.

Indoor plants have been found to reduce stress levels. House plants can often help their caretakers feel more soothed and comforted. Some studies show that plants in the rooms of patients recovering from illness or surgery required fewer pain medications and had shorter hospital stays. Plants can also help add moisture to a room, which increases humidity and helps prevent dry coughs or sore throats.

Good houseplants to purchase for your home are spider plants, ivy, ferns and more. These plants are known for filtering toxins and improving mental health by boosting color, which can reduce anxiety. For seniors who have a hard time getting out of the house, caring for a plant could provide a much-needed activity that could help lessen loneliness or depression.

Outdoor gardening also has numerous health benefits. Working in the garden, digging and pulling weeds, is a workout, and, while it not only burns calories, it is also good for your heart. It also increases your hand strength. Keeping your hands as strong as possible can help you stay independent for a longer period of time. Gardening outside can also give you that much-needed dose of vitamin D. We need that sunlight after being inside all winter long. Vitamin D increases your calcium levels, and increased calcium levels mean increased bone strength.

Staying mentally and physically strong is important for leading a long and healthy life. Check for senior living that offers a gardening club that not only helps keep the community beautiful but also helps encourage members to stay active and young. ■

Information provided by Dave Zahn, Sales Director, Valley View Village, 2571 Guthrie Ave., Des Moines, 515-265-2571.

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# MEET Jessica Speake

Inspiring young learners

For Jessica Speake, a kindergarten teacher at Morris Elementary, the best part of her job is helping her students grow during an important stage in their learning. In the past, she taught second grade for a couple of years and also worked as a literacy interventionist in different districts.

Speake has been at Bondurant-Farrar for two years now and says she is looking forward to many more. What initially drew her to the role was the opportunity to try something new at the kindergarten level.

“I’ve always loved working with elementary-aged students, and I was especially excited for the chance to teach some of our youngest learners,” she says. “I love their energy, personalities and curiosity as they discover new things.”

Speake, who earned her teaching degree from UNI in 2020, knew she wanted to become a teacher from an early age.

“Looking back at old journals and school assignments about what I wanted to be when I grew up, my answer was always the same: a teacher,” she says.

She comes from a long line of educators — uncles, aunts, cousins and siblings — but the most influential has been her mom.

“I had the unique opportunity to see her in action, both in her classroom and at home, and I witnessed firsthand the dedication, heart, time, energy and joy it takes to be a great teacher,” Speake says. “I knew I wanted to follow in her footsteps.”

Speake enjoys working with children and sought out every opportunity to do so, whether through volunteering, coaching, babysitting or tutoring.

“Those experiences only confirmed what I had always felt: that I was meant to be a teacher,” she says.

One thing Speake especially enjoys about teaching is that each day brings new opportunities.

“It’s never boring, and I’m constantly learning right alongside my students,” she says.

One of her favorite subjects to teach is writing.

“Literacy is a true passion of mine, and there’s something incredibly special about watching my kindergarteners grow from learning to write their names to creating full sentences and even short stories,” Speake says. “Being part of that journey is so rewarding.”

What she cherishes most, though, are the relationships she builds with her students. Speake likes helping them see their own potential, recognize their unique strengths and feel proud of who they are.

“Watching their confidence grow over the course of the year is something that never gets old,” she says. “The connections we build are so meaningful to me, and I truly carry each of my students with me long after they leave my classroom. Once they’re my students, they’re always my students.” ■



Jessica Speake says young learners have “energy, personalities and curiosity.”



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April 2026

# News



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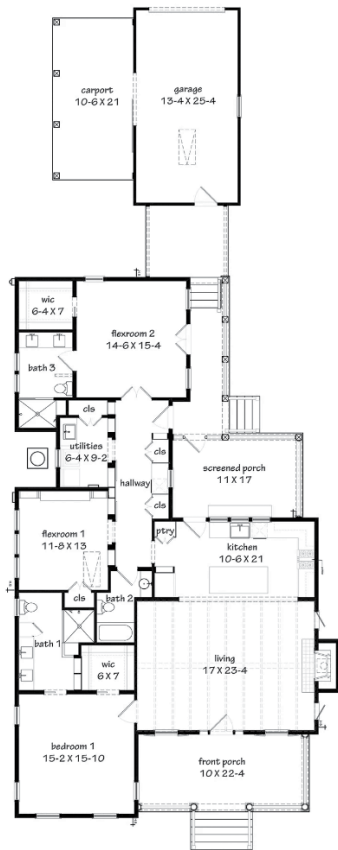


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# ADAPTIVE cottage house plan

This house was designed as an adaptive home in conjunction with the Parkinson's Foundation. With three bedrooms and three baths across a single-level layout, the Adaptive Cottage offers accessible living features ideal for aging in place. A rear-entry garage connected by breezeway, spacious bedrooms, and open living spaces provides both comfort and flexibility for long-term living. The traditional Southern exterior is thoughtfully crafted to blend into existing neighborhoods while supporting independence and ease of use inside.

The traditional but comfortable nature of the architecture is designed to blend seamlessly into a traditional neighborhood or existing community. ■



**SPECIFICATIONS**

Floors: 1  
Bedrooms: 3  
Bathrooms: 3.0  
Foundation(s): Slab  
**SQUARE FEET**  
Main Floor: 1,966  
Total Conditioned: 1,966

Rear Porch: 113  
Garage: 585

**DIMENSIONS**  
Width: 42'-8"  
Depth: 71'-2"  
Height: 24'-4"

**HOUSE LEVELS**  
Level Name Ceiling

Heights  
Main Floor 10'-0"

**CONSTRUCTION**  
Wall Construction: 2x6  
Exterior Finish: Lap Siding  
Roof Pitch: 10:12

**FEATURES**  
Kitchen: Island, Pantry

Primary Bedroom: Double Sink, Shower, Walk-in Closet  
Additional: Fireplace, Porch, Screened Porch

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**Note about calendar events:** This magazine is delivered the fourth Thursday of each month. Calendar items included are events happening after the delivery date and extend into the following month. If you receive and read your magazine upon delivery, you will not miss out on any calendar items.

## Coming up in Bondurant Living magazine:

**Fishing:** Share your fishing stories. Perhaps you fished with your father as a child, fishing in an interesting place, participated in fishing competitions. If it is related to fishing, drop us a note! Email [tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com](mailto:tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com).

## Ann Moyna Memorial Fundraiser

### Various dates and locations

The Fifth Annual Ann Moyna Memorial Fundraiser will be hosted again in Altoona starting with a golf outing on Friday, May 1, at Terrace Hills Golf Course, followed by an after-party at Brightside Aleworks. Registration for the golfing is now closed. On Saturday, May 2, will be an afternoon of fun at Fireside Grille with a bags tournament, silent auction, live music, and plenty of time to socialize. Those interested who cannot attend one of the live events can donate online with a credit card via the GoFundMe page: <https://gofund.me/542e2c4d3>.

- After Party: Friday, May 1, 6-9 p.m. Brightside Aleworks, 480 Center Place, Altoona.
- Bags Tournament: Saturday, May 2, noon to 5 p.m., Fireside Bar & Grille, 523 Eighth S.E., Altoona. \$50 per team. Visit <https://annmoyna.com/#fundraiser> for registration information.
- Silent Auction: Saturday, May 2, bidding closes at 9 p.m., Fireside Bar & Grille. Featuring items donated by local businesses. If you would like to contribute an item to the auction, contact: Nikki Thomas, 641-777-7165, email: [nikki.m.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:nikki.m.thomas@gmail.com), or Jereme Thomas, 515-321-9246. email: [jereme@frogmo.com](mailto:jereme@frogmo.com).
- Live Music: Saturday, May 2, 4-6 p.m. Pat Bump, 7-10 p.m. Brody Hedrick Music. Fireside Bar & Grille.
- Remembrance Mass: Sunday, May 3, 8 a.m. Rosary, 8:30 a.m. Mass, Ss. John and Paul Catholic Church, 1401 First Ave. S., Altoona.



## Bondurant Parks & Rec Summer Camps

The Station, 100 Main St. N.E., Bondurant

Summer is right around the corner, and Bondurant Parks & Recreation is ready with camps your kids will love, all hosted at the brand new Parks & Recreation facility, The Station.

From Coding & Video Games to Woodworking 101, Chess Camp, and even Mad Scientist Training Academy, there is something for every interest and curiosity. It is the perfect way to keep young minds active, creative, and having fun all summer long. Sign up at: [www.tinyurl.com/BonduParksRec](http://www.tinyurl.com/BonduParksRec).

Before registering, families will need to set up an account in the new Parks & Recreation reservation system: <https://secure.recl.com/IA/bondurant-ia/catalog>.

Be sure to enter the parent or guardian information first, as this becomes the primary account holder. Your email will serve as your username, and adding an emergency contact is required to complete setup. Once your account is ready, signing up for camps is quick and easy.

Having trouble getting signed up? Try clearing your browser cookies and logging back in. If you still need assistance, give Katie a call at 515-630-6982.

## Des Moines Art Center Museum Highlights Tour Saturdays, 1-2 p.m.

4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines

Discover the vast variety of the Des Moines Art Center's permanent collections during the Museum Highlights Tour. This tour offers a unique journey through the galleries, featuring a selection of timeless paintings, sculptures and more. Join knowledgeable guides to uncover the stories, techniques and inspirations behind the art on view, and experience the highlights of the Art Center in a fresh and engaging way. This guided tour is perfect for art enthusiasts of all ages. Free to all, no registration required.

## Bondurant American Legion Community Breakfast

Third Saturday of every month, 7-9:30 a.m.

Bondurant American Legion, 315 Second St. N.W., Bondurant

Eggs of your choice, biscuits and gravy, sausage patties, hash browns, pancakes, toast, coffee, milk, orange juice. Cost is \$6 per person.



## Live Music at Prairie Meadows

1 Prairie Meadows Drive, Altoona

- May 1, 7 p.m., Alan Jackson Tribute Featuring Doug Brewin
- May 2, 9-11 p.m., Keith Wells and the Tonky Stompers
- May 5, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Craig Swalwell Band
- May 8, 10 p.m. to midnight, Grind
- May 9, 10 p.m. to midnight, Mark Doty and The Cause
- May 12, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tommy Browder and the Country River Band
- May 14, 7 p.m., Neil Diamond Tribute Featuring Steve Berry
- May 15, 10 p.m. to midnight, Hold On
- May 16, 10 p.m. to midnight, Gut Feeling
- May 19, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Jerry Beauchamp Band
- May 22, 10 p.m. to midnight, Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50s
- May 23, 10 p.m. to midnight, Motley Scruce
- May 26, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Company's Comin'
- May 29, 10 p.m. to midnight, Anthony Koester Band
- May 30, 10 p.m. to midnight, Zachary Freedom

# EVENTS IN THE AREA

To submit calendar items for consideration, send to [tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com](mailto:tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com)

Be sure to check for cancelations.

## Mothers Day Breakfast Buffet and Bake Sale

Sunday, May 10, 8 a.m. until noon  
West Des Moines Elks Lodge, 2060 N.W. 94th St., Clive

Enjoy a delicious Mother's Day breakfast, which includes biscuits and gravy, French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage patties, cheesy potatoes, and all-you-can-eat pancakes (including blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes), orange juice, milk and coffee. Cost is \$11, \$5 for children younger than 10. Enjoy a bloody mary or mimosa for \$3.50. Proceeds support the Elks Hoop Shoot Program, other youth activities and veteran activities.

## Downtown Farmers Market

Saturday, May 2 to Oct. 31,  
7 a.m. to noon  
Historic Court District,  
Downtown Des Moines



The 2026 season will feature 305 vendors, including 43 new participants, with 75 produce and agriculture vendors highlighting the region's strong farming community. Vendors represent 74 cities across 42 Iowa counties and span 12 city blocks from Water Street to Fifth Street. For more information visit [www.dsmpartnership.com/desmoinesfarmersmarket/](http://www.dsmpartnership.com/desmoinesfarmersmarket/).

## Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden Spring Programs

909 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines

For information and tickets, visit <https://dmbotanicalgarden.com/>.

• **Bulbs and Brews: Tuesday, April 28, 5:30-6:30 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.** Stroll through peak spring color on a guided tour with Director of Horticulture Aaron Harpold while enjoying a local craft beer or kombucha. Two tour times. Drink included. Limited-time bloom experience. See these spectacular displays before they fade for the season.

• **Summer Camp Registration Open:** Give your child a summer of discovery, creativity and outdoor adventure. These nature-based camps combine science, art, exploration and play in a safe, inspiring environment led by experienced educators. Perfect for students entering grades 1-5.

• **Spring Garden Market Preview Evening: Thursday, May 7, 5:30-8 p.m.** Be first to shop the Spring Garden Market during this exclusive sip-and-shop event featuring early plant access, a signature drink, hors d'oeuvres, expert guidance from horticulture staff and door prizes. Upgrade to the Cultivator Ticket to demonstrate your support of the garden's missions, and for early entry, special recognition and exclusive perks.

• **Flora Mother's Day Buffet Brunch: Sunday, May 10, Seatings at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m.** Enjoy a delicious buffet brunch in a beautiful garden setting. Reservations required at [flora@dmbotanicalgarden.com](mailto:flora@dmbotanicalgarden.com) or at 515-323-6288. ■

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**FAITH** By Mark Spencer

## THE NAME that disappeared



In “Back to the Future Part III,” there is a moment that quietly carries a lot of weight. Marty McFly travels back to the Old West to save his friend, Emmett Brown. Before he goes, Marty sees a photograph of a tombstone bearing Doc’s name, proof that his friend is going to die.

But, as the story unfolds and Marty steps in, something remarkable takes place. The name on the tombstone fades away. What once looked certain is no longer set in stone. The future has been rewritten because someone stepped in.

It’s a powerful image — a name disappearing from a grave because someone else stepped in.

A few weeks ago, many of us celebrated Easter. Even if you don’t consider yourself religious, you’ve likely heard the basics. Jesus died and was buried, and He rose again. But there is a detail in that story that often goes unnoticed.

After Jesus died, a man named Joseph of Arimathea stepped forward. He took Jesus’ body and laid it in his own tomb.

Think about that for a moment.

Joseph had made arrangements for his own burial, his own final resting place. But when Jesus died, Joseph gave up his tomb. In a very real sense, Jesus took Joseph’s place. The grave that was meant for one man held another instead and ultimately was found empty.

That moment points to something deeper.

The message at the heart of Easter is not just that Jesus died, but that He died in the place of others. It is the idea that, spiritually speaking, our name belongs on the grave. We carry guilt, regret and the weight of things we cannot undo. We know what it is like to wish we could go back, rewrite a moment, or erase a line from our story.

But the claim of the Christian faith is that Jesus steps in.

Not to rewrite history like a time traveler, but to pay the penalty of sin. Not to make our past disappear, but to deal with it fully. The cross is where He bears it. The tomb is where He carries it. And the resurrection is the declaration that the weight of it all has been broken.

So, while no one’s name literally fades off a tombstone in real life, the invitation of Easter is just as compelling. It is the possibility that your story is not locked in, that your failures are not final, and that the ending you fear is not the one you have to keep.

Because someone stepped in.

Joseph gave up his tomb for Jesus. And, according to the Bible, Jesus went into that tomb for us.

Which raises a simple but important question: If your name doesn’t have to stay on the grave, what might it look like to live like that’s actually true? ■

Information provided by Mark Spencer, lead pastor, Firm Foundation Church, 315 Second St. N.W., mspencer@ffclife.com, 515-587-5930.

# THINKING spring at the library



**Bondurant Community Library**  
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 Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
 Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

Warmer weather, rain showers and blooming daffodils and tulips get us excited for the spring. Here at the library, we are helping you get in the mood and prepare for growing beautiful flowers or yummy veggies.

On May 5 at 6 p.m., learn all about container gardening — perfect for those who are not ready to commit to tilling part of the yard.

The library is partnering with the Farmers Market to bring you Farm to Table. Learn what you can do with all the yummy produce you find at the Bondurant Farmers Market on May 12 at 6 p.m.

Finally, learn about compost. Compost helps to make all things grow, so mark your calendar for May 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Remember: If you do grow more veggies than you and your family needs, you can donate the excess to our community refrigerator.

**MAY EVENTS**

Check our website event calendar for more details and registration links, if applicable.

- No storytime May 12-22
- Fit for Life — Mondays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.
- Storytime at the library — Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
- Baby Story and Play Time — Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.
- May 4 at 2:30 p.m. — After-School Bingo
- May 5 at 6 p.m. — Reading Dragons Book Club (grades 3-5)
- May 5 at 6 p.m. — Container Gardening
- May 6 at 4:15 p.m. — Pokémon Club
- May 7 at 6 p.m. — Adult Craft Night (registration required)
- May 9 at 10:30 a.m. — Messy Munchkins
- May 9 at 2 p.m. — Adult Crafternoon (registration required)
- May 11 at 2:30 p.m. — After-School Movie
- May 12 at 6 p.m. — Book Discussion for Adults
- May 12 at 6 p.m. — Farm to Table with the Farmers Market
- May 13 at 4:15 p.m. — Curious and Creative Kids Club
- May 14 at 6 p.m. — Adventures Along the Historic Lincoln Highway
- May 16 at 1 p.m. — Puzzle Competition (registration required)
- May 18 at 2:30 p.m. — Summer Reading Registration Kickoff Party
- May 19 at 6 p.m. — In the Middle Book Club (grades 6-8)
- May 21 at 4 p.m. — Anime Club
- May 21 at 5:30 p.m. — Backyard Compost
- Library closed May 24-25 for Memorial Day ■



The April 2017 Bondurant Living magazine featured the story, “Joy rides: Learn why Bondurant residents enjoy taking a spin on two wheels.” The cover photo featured Jeff and Lori Cook, who were married on the Skunk Valley bridge. The story included information about the Chichaqua Valley Trail and an interview with cyclist Kim Gymer. ■

## TAKE OUR POLL

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**Which of these first signs of spring is your favorite?**



**Birds singing**..... 26%  
**Thunderstorms** ..... 26%  
**Green grass**..... 26%  
**Flowers blooming**..... 17%  
**Jacket weather** ..... 4%



May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month

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## WELLNESS

By Nikki Morgan

### THE importance of skin checks

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month, a reminder of how important it is to care for and protect our skin. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States, but the encouraging news is that it is often highly treatable when caught early.

For me, this awareness is also personal. I lost my dad to melanoma at the age of 41. I was a senior in high school when he was diagnosed and only 20 when he passed. His story is one of the many reasons I am so passionate about helping others understand the importance of early detection and prevention.

Skin changes can be easy to overlook. A new spot, a mole that looks different, or an area that doesn't heal properly can all be warning signs. Taking time each month to check your skin — and knowing what is normal for you — can make a significant difference.

Prevention is just as important as detection. Wearing a broad-spectrum SPF daily, even on cloudy days, is one of the simplest and most effective ways to protect your skin. Reapplying sunscreen, wearing protective clothing, and seeking shade during peak sun hours are small habits that can have a lasting impact.

Your skin is your body's largest organ, and taking care of it is an investment in your long-term health. Awareness, consistency and early action truly save lives. ■



Information provided by Nikki Morgan, DNP, ARNP, SkinFusion, 200 Second St. S.E., Altoona, 515-967-0587, www.skinfusionfx.com, nikki.skinfusionfx@gmail.com

## KIDS: BRAINS, BEHAVIORS & BEYOND

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## HEALTH

By Dr. Kari Swain and Dr. Elizabeth Ellrich

### ARE you supporting your child's brain?

The brain's ability to reorganize, adapt and form new neural connections is called neuroplasticity. In children, this process happens at a rapid pace, making the early years a critical window for healthy brain development. What many parents don't realize is that the nervous system plays a foundational role in how well that development unfolds.

Nervous system stress disrupts communication between the brain and the body. When signals are distorted or blocked, the effects can show up as developmental delays, learning difficulties, behavioral challenges, attention issues, immune deficiencies, sleep challenges, digestive issues and more.

Chiropractors are nervous system doctors, some specifically trained to identify dysfunction through a thorough neurological examination. Specific chiropractic adjustments remove interference and restore full nervous system function. Restored communication supports neuroplasticity, allowing the brain to better adapt, learn and develop. Improvement in focus, behavioral issues, motor skills and academic performance are expressions of a nervous system functioning without interference.

Studies show chiropractic care can improve cognitive function and academic performance. Children receiving chiropractic care showed improved reading comprehension and greater reduction in ADHD symptoms. Children with developmental delays showed significant improvement in motor skills and overall development.

Neuroplasticity is essential for children's development and well-being, and chiropractic care plays a crucial role by restoring proper nervous system function and supporting healthy development. A board-certified pediatric chiropractor trained in nervous system-focused care will create an individualized plan to support your child's nervous system, giving their brain the foundation it needs to grow and thrive. ■

Information provided by Dr. Kari Swain and Dr. Elizabeth Ellrich, Swain Chiropractic, 410 Center Place S.W., Altoona, 515-967-9300.

# ORAL cancer awareness

April is Oral Cancer Awareness Month — a reminder that your dental visits are about more than just your teeth. Oral cancer can affect the lips, tongue, cheeks and throat, and early detection is key.

One of the biggest concerns with oral cancer is that it often develops without pain in the early stages. That is why routine dental exams are so important. At each visit, we perform a quick and comfortable oral cancer screening to check for anything unusual.

Certain factors can increase your risk, including tobacco use, heavy alcohol consumption, prolonged sun exposure (especially for the lips), HPV and family history. However, oral cancer can still occur in individuals without these risk factors.

Be mindful of symptoms such as sores that don't heal, red or white patches, lumps, difficulty swallowing, or persistent hoarseness lasting more than two weeks. If you notice any of these, it's important to get evaluated.

The good news is that there are simple ways to protect yourself: keep up with regular dental checkups, avoid tobacco, limit alcohol and use lip protection outdoors.

Your oral health plays a vital role in your overall well-being. If something doesn't feel right, don't wait. Your dental team is there to support you with screenings, answers and care you can trust. ■

Information proved by Dr. Colton Maharry, Kimball & Beecher Family Dentistry, 108 Main St. N.E., Bondurant, 515-967-4002.



# April: Oral Cancer Awareness



**WHAT TO WATCH FOR:**

- ✓ SORES THAT DON'T HEAL
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- ✓ LUMPS OR DIFFICULTY SWALLOWING
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It is an opportunity to identify details that make you proud, and you may even uncover areas of your life that you realize are unfinished. This can offer you an opportunity to reroute paths that may have led you astray from those accomplishments.

Some questions that can help you as you get started with this activity include:

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The Chicago and Great Western Railroad surveyed and installed the railroad in an easement through AC Bondurant's land. The station depot was originally constructed on the south side of the tracks in 1883, and the railroad company named it "Bondurant." The railroads enabled easier transport of consumer goods, such as baling twine, wire, utensils, fabric and specialty foods like oysters. It also enabled goods that local farmers produced, such as corn, wheat, pigs and cows, to be taken to market, whether it be the next stop, Valeria, or far away Chicago.

The depot was half office and half waiting room with, initially, a coal burning stove. The Historical Society now has the last-used coal scuttle in our archives. It was borrowed for the 1967 Bondurant-Farrar High School senior play, "Off the Track," and the last station agent did not want it back. The depot was demolished in the late 1960s. A new depot building was constructed in 2013 on the north side of the tracks as an open air shelter with restrooms. Located next to the bike trail, it is a convenient place to rest, have a snack and fill your water bottle. The city also uses it today as a central location for many activities throughout the year.

For more historical information about the Bondurant area and its residents, come to our programs. Our next one, "History of Bondurant Schools," will be May 19, 6-7 p.m. at the Bondurant Community Library. Our website also contains interviews of older residents, giving you a glimpse into what it was like as they were growing up. ■

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The original depot station circa 1960s. A BHS member stated the poles held telegraph wires, not telephone. Copyright Bondurant Historical Society. John Flannery Collection. Used by permission by BHS.



2025 picture of the new depot, dedicated in 2013. It was painted with the red and white color scheme that was typical of the time. Picture by Deborah Harwood



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# CHAMBER Bike Nights are back this summer

Get ready to rev up your engines and mark your calendars. Chamber Bike Nights are returning this summer with three exciting evenings of community fun, live music and local connections. These popular events bring together residents, visitors, businesses and motorcycle enthusiasts for unforgettable nights in Bondurant.



## May 29, Kick Off to Summer

We're starting the season strong with our Kick Off to Summer Bike Night on May 29, featuring live music from School of Rock Ankeny. This high-energy performance is the perfect way to welcome warmer weather, explore local businesses, and enjoy an evening out with friends and family.

## June 26, Classic Cars and Bikes Night

Take a step back in time on June 26 for our Classic Cars and Bikes Night. Attendees can enjoy vintage vehicles, motorcycles, and live music from Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50s. This nostalgic evening promises great music, unique vehicles and plenty of opportunities to support local businesses.

## July 31, Celebrate Bondurant

We'll wrap up the series on July 31 with our Celebrate Bondurant Bike Night, featuring live music from After Shock. This night is all about celebrating our community, local businesses and everything that makes Bondurant such a great place to live and work.

Each Bike Night encourages attendees to explore downtown, visit local businesses, enjoy food and drinks and connect with neighbors. Businesses are encouraged to stay open late, offer specials and join in the fun.

Whether you ride, drive or just enjoy a lively community atmosphere, Chamber Bike Nights offer something for everyone. Bring your friends, family and lawn chairs, and join us for an exciting summer in Bondurant.

Stay tuned to the Chamber's website and social media for event details. We can't wait to see you there.

For more information on how you can be part of the events, email me at [Director@bondurantchamber.com](mailto:Director@bondurantchamber.com). ■

Information provided by Katie Hentges, Executive Director, Bondurant Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 146, Bondurant, IA, 50035, 515-329-0773, [www.bondurantchamber.com](http://www.bondurantchamber.com), [director@bondurantchamber.com](mailto:director@bondurantchamber.com).

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