

# 146<sup>th</sup> IFDA Annual Convention and Premiere Midwest Expo

Prairie Meadows Convention Center | Altoona, IA | April 13-16, 2026

## Monday, April 13

**Top Golf | Vendor Appreciation**

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

## Tuesday, April 14

**Welcome and Pre-Convention**

Skinner Ballroom | Leili McMurrough, Worsham | TOPIC TBD

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM

**Opening Ceremonies and Keynote**

Skinner Ballroom | Bob Pacanovsky | The 5 Essential Laws of Hospitality

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

**Break**

10:30 AM - 10:40 AM

**Annual Meeting | Skinner Ballroom**

10:40 AM - 11:30 AM

**Lunch | Meadows Commons**

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**Exhibit Hall Open | Bishop Ballroom**

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

**2 Concurrent Sessions**

Skinner A & C | Mike Triplett, Iowa Laws & Rules | Brianne Niedermyer, Homesteaders

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

**Cocktail Reception | Meadows Commons**

5:30 PM - 6:45 PM

**Service of Remembrance | Bishop Stage**

6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

**Banquet | Skinner Ballroom**

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Cocktails, Entertainment, & Networking**

Decoy | Meadows Commons

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM



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## Wednesday, April 15

### 2 Concurrent Sessions

Skinner A & C | Pastor Bill Warhover | Spiritual Work- Spiritual People

Bob Pacanovsky | The Big 4 to Creating More Storytellers

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Exhibit Hall Open | Bishop Ballroom

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Lunch | Meadows Commons

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

### 2 Concurrent Sessions

Skinner A & C | Michelle Johnston | Advanced Reconstructive Surgery Techniques

Nathan McCullough | Thinking Differently About Cremation

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Students, Interns, & Newly Licensed Gathering | Room TBD

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

### 2 Concurrent Sessions

Skinner A & C | Attorney Paul Thune | Using Mediation Skills with Families

Will Bischoff | First Steps to Selling or Buying a Funeral Home

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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Skinner A & C | David Holm | Precoa

Federated | Cyber and Data Security

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Skinner C | \*Ashley Hammen | Route 91 Harvest Music Festival Survivor

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

## Thursday, April 16

### Continuing Education

Skinner C | Michelle Johnston | Topic TBD

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Skinner C | Glenda Stansbury | "What does Gathering Look Like for You"

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Skinner C | Topic TBD

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

\*Subject to Change\*

