Out of the Past . . . from the files of The Sac Sun

10 Years Ago

March 22, 2016

The Sac Development Corp. represented by Chairman Chip Colburn and Bruce Perry, made the first donation to the Sac City Museum for a new home for the World's Largest Popcorn Ball.

Lake Riders Saddle Club, represented by President Will Reiling, recently donated to New Opportunities' Food Pantry in Sac City. Food items, three boxes, a tote of clothing, (boys, girls, and women's sizes) were donated. Amanda Handley, New Opportunities coordinator, accepted the donation.

The East Sac County Raiders opened the girls' track season at ISU Indoor Meet. Dijana Hammond, got third place in the high jump clearing 5'2" and long jump with the best of 14'9". Emilee Drost finished 60m hurdles in 0:10.8 and Hannah Schmitt finished the 60m dash in 0:09.08. The sprint medley team of Dijana Hammond, Hannah Schmitt, Emilee Drost, and Kennedy Picken finished in 2:11.49.

20 Years Ago

March 21, 2006

School Administrators of Iowa named Christopher J. Myers, principal of Sac Community Elementary, the 2006 Iowa Elementary Principal of the Year.

Sac City Fire Department's Brett Murley presented Larry Mahler a watch in recognition of 20 years of service with the fire department.

Evelyn Vote celebrated her 90th birthday on March 13 and in honor of the occasion a dance was to be held at the Lakewood Ballroom.

Bomgaars had put their sign in place and opened the doors for business in the former Sac City Farm and Home Building.

March 13 the Sac City Council read the first ordinance to set charges for building permits. Removing fees for decorative lighting and flag poles was the only change that came at the recommendation of City Administrator, Jeff Fiegenschuh.

30 Years Ago

March 19, 1996

It was decided that Sac City will be the location for the alternative school planned for use by WLVA School District as well as Schaller-Crestland and Sac.

Harlan Meyer, small livestock and grain farmer, of rural Sac City made the announcement that he has chosen to run for the Iowa House of Representatives.

The Sac High School mock trial team placed in the top four at the district competition. They now advance to the state competition at Drake University. The team consisted of John Laursen, Matt Murley, Amy Martin, Sean McDonald, Lance Jenkins, Tina Sanders, Marni Seieroe, Sara Osborne, Nikki Reiman, Jill Zeman, Jason Hallberg, Scott Kluver, and Becky Lovall. The team was coached by Mrs. Jacobsen, Pam Dettmann, and Chuck Schulte.

40 Years Ago

March 25, 1986

A federal grand jury has returned a three count indictment naming a U.S. Postal Service worker in Sac City. Named in the indictment was Ralph Nelson Meyer, age 39. Assistant U.S. Attorney Lester Paff said Meyers is charged with one count of misappropriating funds and two counts of falsifying records.

Boys State delegates from Sac Community High School were Paul Enger, Brian Martin, Dave Kolbe, and Tad Taber

Members of the Sac City Ambassadors visited Domino Chevrolet to present members of the family-owned business with their first clear dollar of profit.

50 Years Ago

March 24, 1976

Pictured in the Sac Sun were Sac County Pork Queen for 1975 Kim Hines and newly-elected 1976 Pork Queen Jean Mohr at the annual Sac County Pork Producers Banquet.

Sandy Lents, senior at Sac City High School, was named Dolphin Queen at Friday night's annual Dolphin Show at the swimming pool.

60 Years Ago

March 23, 1966

Lora's Antiques now open for business, one of Sac City's newest businesses, located at 106 West State Street in one half of the building recently purchased by Freese Insurance. Regular business hours will be observed by the firm with a store full of valuable antiques and collectors items.

Mrs. Keith Irwin and Mrs. Truman Reida, instructors in the History Department of Sac Community School, appeared before members of the Sac City Woman's Club in a program featuring the history book "Hawkeye Adventure." The book was co-authored by Mrs. Irwin and Mrs. Reida and is scheduled for publication late in May.

70 Years Ago

March 22, 1956

Paul Farber was in Amsterdam. N. Y. to attend a five-day course in carpet manufacture conducted by the Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc.

W. J. Hensel, a candidate for county supervisor from the second district, was pictured in The Sac Sun.

The Carnine Grocery had moved to the Hibbs building on the hill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Parkinson had returned from a 4,600 mile trip that had taken them to many western states.

The Sac City Woman's Relief Corps had played host to the Eighth District Convention on Saturday, March 17. 125 voting delegates were in attendance.

Master Sergeant Bill Reed was the speaker at the Kiwanis Club luncheon on Monday

Dr. R. W. Lee had been re-elected president of the Sac City Independent School District. Reuben Griffith and Howard Watts were each re-elected to the board for three year terms.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keir had written a letter to The Sac Sun editor, telling of the high spots of their winter vacation in the Rio Grande Valley and in Old Mexico. Delegates to the state Republican presidential convention to be held in the Veterans Auditorium in Des Moines on Friday, April 10 were L. T. Freeze, Mary C. Hueter, Richard Swanson, Ben Krull, Raymond Wilson, Lora Hughes, Gene Hoover, Alan Vest, Floris Temple, Charles A. Hacke, Elmer Lange, Lucien Havens, M. J. Minglin, A. E. Wilson, Elmer Mohr, Ronald Wilson, Harold Hueter, A. J. Gosch, Orville Herrig, Robert Logan, L. R. Batie, Ellis Kluckholm, Louie Lange, and W. J. Mahler.

Junior delegates were Ellen Dresselhuis, Jane Edwards, Duane Herrig, Mari Jane Gosch, Mary Jo Drilling, Jack Kolbe, Jim Lee, Beverly Lewis, Delbert Morenz, Jim Putbrese, Ken Singer, Elaine Spanjer, and Frank Wetzstein.

80 Years Ago

March 21, 1946

Kenneth Littlefield, Sac County Extension director, had been elected vice president of the Iowa Association of Extension directors.

The Sac City Creamery was observing its 30th year of business in Sac City. The Sac City State Bank was to mark its 20th year in Sac City. Raymond Wilson had been proprietor of the Wilson Drug Store for 35 years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Level had purchased and taken possession of a cafe in Albert City.

The Marshall Shoe Shop was moving from the Sac City State Bank building to the basement of the Sheely and Young building.

Dr. L. A. Carpenter, after spending two months in a sanitorium in Denver, was back in Sac City and ready to take care of his patients.

Mrs. Merle Shannon and son Raymond, recently arrived from London, England, had come to Sac City to make her future home. The husband and father met them in Chicago and they had set up housekeeping in the home of Merle's grandfather, Robert Bechler on Main Street, Sac City.

E. P. Lowry had received a letter from a former Sac City businessman, Willard Montgomery, who said that Rapid City, S. D., was booming, with a 3 million dollar building program.

90 Years Ago

March 26, 1936

The pine trees on the double block in which the old Sac City Institute was located, were being cut down to make room for the new high school building.

Sac City, a class A team, was defeated by Webster City, 33 to 24 in the district basketball tournament held here. Wall Lake, class B was defeated by Wellsburg, 36 to 23. The winner in each class advanced to the state tournament in Des Moines.

Plans were being made to form a non-profit community corporation to take over and operate the American Legion building. The Legion committee offering the proposal was composed of Henry Weideman, L. A. Roosa, Edward Page, B. G. Wallace and Charles A. Hacke.

Miss Lorena Hendrick, Sac County Public health nurse, had resigned to go to Burlington to accept a similar position at a better salary.

An old landmark in Sac City was being torn down. The old Maxwell Studio on South 5th Street was being demolished to make room for Amos Johnson's new studio, to be erected by Paul McCorkle.

100 Years Ago

March 24, 1926

The Sac City high school debating team had won over a Sioux City team on Monday evening. The subject was relative to the government and ownership and operation of coal mines. Sac City debaters had the negative side. On the team were Helen McCord, Nelda Truesdell, and William Stouffer.

Herman Miller of Hartley was the low bidder when 23 firms jammed the county auditor's office to bid on gravel contracts for Sac County.

Jim Stoner had announced that he would seek another term as county sheriff.

The Sac City State Bank announced that it would open for business on Monday, March 29.

Mrs. Nellie Jorgensen had written from Daytonna Beach, Florida, where she was spending the winter. Wm. Weldon had written from McAllen, Texas, where he was for several months.

Wesley Gilbert was seeking his second term as Sac County auditor.

Members of the cast of a play to be given at Pleasant Hill and Cedar Community Hall were: Gerald Anglum, Susie Anglum, LaVerne Bedell, H. C. Manly, Lew Irwin, Lloyd Kolbe, Edna Kolbe, F. L. Niceswanger, Neva Leonard, and Mrs. HG Strong. Title of the play was "Safety First."

Save Big with the New Advance Thrill Pass at the Iowa State Fair

Ride More, Save More with the Advance Thrill Park Pass

Save money on rides and games now for the 2026 Iowa State Fair! This year, the Iowa State Fair is introducing a simple option, the Advance Thrill Pass. This pass gives Fairgoers an easy way to score big savings on rides and games.

The Advance Thrill Pass includes 50 credits for just $30 and can be used on any ride or game in Thrill Ville-the Fair's main midway-or Thrill Town, the kid-friendly ride area. Even better, the pass is valid any day of the Fair, giving guests the freedom to choose when and how they want to spend their credits.

Thrill-seekers will find plenty to enjoy in the Iowa State Fair Thrill Parks this year. Thrill Ville features over 40 rides and games, while Thrill Town offers over 20 rides and games designed for younger Fairgoers. The average ride costs 5-6 credits, and during the Fair, guests can pile up the savings by also taking advantage of a 1-credit discount on rides and games in Thrill Ville and Thrill Town until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The new credit-based pass replaces all previous options with a straightforward deal: good any day, on all rides and games. Guests can purchase their Advance Thrill Pass now at *iowastatefair.org*. The special advance offer expires August 12, and, due to the deep discount, will not be available for purchase during the Fair.

To purchase in advance and save big, visit *iowastatefair.org*.

Sac County Deeds

Affidavit

Nancy Aden, Nancy Mentzer, and Kurt Mentzer to Nancy Mentzer and Nancy Aden; Twp. 24-88-35 Part Lot F in Northeast 1/4 Northeast 1/4; Part Northeast 1/4 Northeast 1/4.

Darlene Wollesen to Becky Moorhouse, Robert Wollesen, and William Wollesen; Twp. 4-86-35 Part Southeast 1/4; Part South 1/2 Northeast Front Lot 1/4.

Deeds

Debra Fineran, Keith Fineran, Douglas Lansink, Teresa Lansink, Dennis Lansink, Tamara Lansink, Luanne Roling, Terry Miller, and Tom Miller to Larry Miller; Twp. 3-88-38 Part North Front Lot 1/2 Northwest 1/4.

Judith Kruckenberg and Judy Kruckenberg to Judith Kruckenberg Trustee and Judith Kruckenberg Revocable Trust; Twp. 16-87-35 North 1/2 West 1/2 Northwest 1/4; Lytton Willhoites Addition Lot 5 of Block 19; Part Sac City College Addition Lot 4-5 of Block 14. See Record For Division.

DG Partridge and Rosemary Partridge to Elizabeth Blessington, Reilly Partridge, and Kacie Peters; Twp. 11-86-35 Part Out Lots 23, 24, and 41; Twp. 10-86-35 Part Out Lot 6.

Shelly Sievers Executor and Richard Sievers Estate to Seth Nordmeyer and Maggie Nordmeyer; Wall Lake Schroeder's 1st Addition Lot 13 of Block 3.

Abbigail Zahnley to Abbigail Zahnley and Tanner Kischer; Odebolt Fourth Addition Lot 4 of Block 36.

Kathleen Mauer and Colin King Attorney in fact to Allison King; Twp. 14-86-35 Part Lot 3 of Out Lot 12. See BK 40 PG 764.

Jeffrey St. Clair to Merlen Noess and Carolyn Noess; Part Sac City Platts Addition Lot 4-5 of Block 4.

Janice Ledbetter Executor and Don Ledbetter Estate to Craig Wicker Co-Trustee, Patricia Wicker Co-Trustee, Wicker Revocable Trust, and Gary Wicker; Twp. 10-89-36 Lot B. South 1/2.

Mike Snyder and Brenda Snyder to Mike Snyder and Brenda Snyder; Twp. 26-89-38 Part Out Lot 18.

Drew McDonough and Lexie McDonough to Cody McDonough; Twp. 23-89-35 East 1/2 Northwest 1/4.

Cody McDonough and Haley McDonough to Drew McDonough; Twp. 15-89-35 North 1/2 Northeast 1/4.

Michael Andersen and Dani Andersen to Brock Mandernach; Twp. 29-87-36 Lot A Northwest 1/4 Northwest 1/4.

Carolyn R. Stille Trust, Mitchell Stille Co-Trustee, and Kristin Bihrer Co-Trustee to Richard Blum, Rosemary Blum, and Kolton Blum; Schaller Pyles 1st Addition Lot 1 of Block 1. See Record For Division.

Christopher Dettmann, Melanie Dettmann, Nancy Aden, Nancy Mentzer, Austin Aden, Ann Gerke, and Ryan Gerke to Blake McAlister and Haley McAlister; Twp. 24-88-35 Part Northeast 1/4 Northeast 1/4.

Michael Hummel and Marcia Hummel to Michael Hummel, Marcia Hummel, and Kristine Hummel; Lake View Heirsches 2nd Addition Lot 10 and Part Lot 9 of Block 3.

DG Partridge and Rosemary Partridge to Todd Partridge; Twp. 2-86-35 Part Out Lots 5 & 10; Twp. 11-86-35 Part Northeast 1/4 Northwest 1/4.

Jon Minnmann and Virginia Minnmann to Andreya Harms; Sac City Original Town Lot 3 of Block 31.

Darlene Wollesen Estate and William Wollesen Executor to William Wollesen; Twp. 4-86-35 Part South 1/2 Northeast 1/4.

Darlene Wollesen Estate and William Wollesen Executor to William Wollesen, Nathan Moorhouse, Jennifer Buksar, and Michael Moorhouse; Twp. 25-87-37 East 1/2 Southeast 1/4. See Record For Division.

Timothy Galbraith and Kimberly Galbraith to Timothy Galbraith and Kimberly Galbraith; Twp. 28-87-35 Part Lot B Northwest 1/4.

Brad Bennett and Joni Bennett to Julio Gonzales and Delvin Gonzales; Schaller First Addition Lot 6 of Block 11.

Around the Area

See what is happening around us

Graettinger: Lucas Hough, GTRA Titan's girls basketball coach, has been named the 2026 Iowa Girls Coaches Association 1A Northwest Coach of the Year. This was decided because Coach Hough and Titan girls finished the season with an impressive 22-3 record.

Ruthven: Palo Alto County Gaming and Development Corporation awards awarded GTRA-Spencer Bills Eyes with $4,504 to purchase and install new skeet target throwers at the Grange Gun Range in Ruthven.

Keep Iowa Beautiful Announces Annual Pick-Up Iowa Program

Keep Iowa Beautiful is calling on Iowans to help achieve our statewide goal of 2,500 volunteers to clean up litter across the state this spring. Iowans are invited to host a 2026 Pick-Up Iowa event in their communities. Pick-Up Iowa will run from April 1st, 2025 through June 30th, 2026.

Pick-Up Iowa, a Keep Iowa Beautiful program, promotes focused efforts to clean up trash along Iowa's roadsides, neighborhoods, streets, school grounds, parks, forests, and streams. Since 2020, Pick-Up Iowa participants have hosted 260+ cleanup events statewide, engaging an average of 2,000 volunteers annually. Pick-Up Iowa is part of Keep America Beautiful's "Greatest American Cleanup", the nation's largest community improvement program that engages more than 300,000 volunteers each year.

"Pick-Up Iowa is more than just a clean-up initiative, it's a chance to build local leadership through volunteer work that brings people together to make their community shine," said Andy Frantz, Executive Director of Keep Iowa Beautiful. "When residents team up to beautify their town, they're not just improving public spaces, they're strengthening civic pride too."

Anyone can participate in Pick-Up Iowa! Residents, service clubs, and community groups across Iowa are encouraged to plan and host their own pick-up event in their town. Organizations that often host pick-up events include civic associations, schools, church groups, local sports teams, college clubs, groups of families and friends, businesses, Scouts, municipalities and others.

Registration is open now! Plan your Pick-Up Iowa event between April 1st and June 30th on a date that works for your group. Sign up today at *https://keepiowabeautiful.org/get-involved/community-outreach-opportunities/pick-up-iowa/* and explore our Pick-Up Iowa resources on our website to help plan and promote your pick-up event.

Join us in making your community cleaner, greener, and more beautiful!

GARAGE SALE

SAC CITY'S CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

May 1 & 2

Ads will run in the Sac Sun & Sac County Reminder April 28. Deadline is Thursday Noon, April 23.
$14 registration fee must accompany registration.
Please limit to 10 sale items.
Bring your information to the
Sac Sun
P.O. Box 426, 406 Williams St.
Sac City, Iowa 50583

Obituary

Judy Elaine Kropf

June 26, 1946 - March 17, 2026

Judy Kropf

Judy was born June 26, 1946 to Owen and Dixie (Belew) Higgins in Sherman, Texas. Growing up as a military dependent, Judy lived in many different parts of Texas and even spent some time living in Germany. She graduated from Sherman High School and attended college in Tyler, Texas, becoming a registered nurse, (later receiving her BSN from the University of Iowa). On January 6, 1973, Judy married the love of her life, Larry Mason Kropf. They began their life together while both were in the Army in Georgia. Over their 53 years of marriage, Judy and Larry lived in several communities, raised their three daughters, welcomed grandchildren to the world, and formed many lifelong friendships together. Judy enjoyed spending time with and cooking for her family, reading historical fiction novels, completing sewing projects, reenacting with their Civil War group, and teaching her daughters and grandchildren to cook and sew.

Judy answered a calling to serve others throughout her life. She proudly served as a nurse in the United States Army, providing care with dedication and strength. She later continued her nursing career at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake, Iowa. Nursing was not simply her profession—it was her calling. She cared for her patients with skill, kindness, and dignity, offering comfort not only through her expertise, but through her genuine warmth and presence. To know Judy was to experience her selflessness and her unwavering willingness to put others first.

Whether in her family, her work, or her community, Judy gave generously of herself. Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched, the love she shared, and the example she set through a life of service and grace.

Judy Elaine Kropf, 79, of Waverly, Iowa (formerly of Lake View and Early, Iowa), passed away peacefully with her family at her side on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. She lived a life defined by compassion, quiet strength, and a deep commitment to caring for others.

Judy was a devoted wife, loving mother, and proud grandmother. She is survived by her husband, Larry Mason Kropf; her daughters, Denise (Ryan) Dermody, Rebecca (David) Cox, and Patricia Kropf; her beloved grandchildren, Aiden Dermody, Ava Dermody, and Jacob Cox; and her brother, Marc (Cookie) Higgins. Judy is welcomed into the Lord's embrace in heaven by her parents, Owen and Dixie Higgins, brother, Michael Higgins, grandchild, Regan Dermody, and several precious heavenly grandbabies.

Judy will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved her.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Hamilton's on Westown Parkway, 3601 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa. Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2026 at Hamilton's on Westown Parkway with a luncheon following. Burial will take place at Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Adel after the luncheon.

Condolences may be expressed at www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com.

Notice of Appointment

The Iowa District Court
Sac County
In the matter of the estate of
Patricia J. Speer, deceased.
Case No. ESPR015557
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Patricia J. Speer, Deceased, who died on or about September 11, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on March 19, 2026, the undersigned was appointed executor of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on March 19, 2026.

Renee Hines Houska,
Executor of the Estate
109 S. 7th St.
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To benefit Loring Hospital

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FEATURING PROFESSIONAL ENTERTAINER, RANDY ANDREWS
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SAC COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM
MUSIC BINGO 7-8 PM
COMEDY HYPNOTIST 8:30-9:30 PM

$150 per table
(up to 8 people per table)
Individual tickets $20
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