

OBITUARIES

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Michael (Mike) Charles Topf, 93

Michael (Mike) Charles Topf, 93 of Sioux City, IA passed away April 21, 2026 at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, April 28th at Mater Dei/Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1212 Morningside Ave. at 10:30 a.m. Burial at Memorial Park Cemetery, 6605 Morningside Ave, Sioux City, with Military Honors provided by the Army and the American Legion. A visitation will be held Monday from 4-7 pm., with a Rosary at 4 pm, Vigil at 6 pm at Waterbury Funeral Service of Sioux City.

Michael (Mike) Topf was born November 20, 1932 to Alphonse (Ernie) and Catherine (Henrich) Topf on a small farm outside of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa. Mike was the eldest of three with two younger sisters, Elizabeth (Betty), and Dorothy (Snappy). The family moved to town in 1945. Mike graduated Sergeant Bluff High School in 1950. He enrolled at Creighton University and graduated in 1954 with Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy beginning a legacy of many pharmacists in the family. The same year Mike married the love of his life, Joyceleen (Kohls) and they welcomed their first child, Michelle in 1955. Six more children would follow.

Before Mike fully embarked on his pharmacy career, he honorably served in the United States Army for 2 yrs. In 1957 he returned to Sioux City and purchased Satrang Pharmacy, which became Topf-Satrang Pharmacy. He also opened another pharmacy, Topf Drug in South Sioux City. Mike flourished in the pharmacy business, his customers loved him and he was quite the entrepreneur. He patented his own vitamin line, and a popular asthma medicine with the help of his Creighton professor, Dr. Ann Czerwinski. After many years, in 1974, as chain pharmacies took a foothold in Sioux City, Mike relocated his pharmacy to Sergeant Bluff, Iowa. The new pharmacy was named "Mr. Drug". Mike continued at Mr. Drug until his retirement in



2000. After his retirement, he entered the realm of real estate. Mike and his daughter Lisa embarked on remodeling the old Tip Top Tavern in Sergeant Bluff into an old time soda shop and cafe, known today as Kate's. He especially liked playing the old player piano for the customers and talking about the old days growing up in Sergeant Bluff. Mike continued working until his health started to fail in 2019.

Mike lived life to the fullest. He was an avid athlete. In his younger years he was a boxer and a weight lifter. Later he became a lifelong swimmer. He enjoyed a myriad of hobbies throughout his life including boat building, boating, water skiing, flying planes, owning a racehorse, hunting, fishing, golf, camping, parasailing, travel, dancing, and of course "good food". He had a larger-than-life personality and loved hanging out with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Joyceleen, their children Michelle Camacho (Joseph), Lisa Topf, Matthew Topf and Marty Topf; grandchildren: Joseph C. Camacho (Erin), Lance Camacho (Susie), Katrina Camacho (Dustin), Zachary Camacho, Jennifer Topf, Tiffany Topf, Ryne Sell, Drew Topf, Landon Topf, Gage Topf, Jason Hanika/Topf, Adam Topf; sister, Dorothy "Snappy" Nieman and his many nieces and nephews.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Elizabeth "Betty" McManaman; sons Michael Topf Jr., Mark Topf, and Marlon "Chris" Topf; grandson Nick Hanika and nephews Montgomery "Monte" Nieman and Trevor Lakes.

Many thanks to the healthcare staff at Unity Point/Mercy Health (Ken PT, Marcela RN, Dr. Remer, Dr A. Luqman), Lisa Crippen, his devoted CNA/caretaker and many helpers Cinda, Nicole, Lisa Haugen and all others throughout the years. Also a big thanks to a special friend, Andrew Orr who always brought a smile to Mikes face with food delicacies and Frappuccino coffee.

Teresa L. Andersen, 60

Teresa L. Andersen, 60, of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, passed away Sunday, April 26, 2026 at a local hospital.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Waterbury Funeral Service of Sergeant Bluff.

Teresa was born January 23, 1966 in Sioux City, Iowa; she was the daughter of Larry and Clara (Brubaker) Merryman. Teresa was raised in Sergeant Bluff and attended Sergeant Bluff High School. On April 28, 2006 she married Richard Andersen. She was a very kind and generous person.

She work in manufacturing at



the plastic plant, helped care for her mother, and later she would help her husband though the years.

Teresa loved spending time with the grandchildren even though they tested her quite often. She enjoyed traveling to the Black Hills of South Dakota.

She is survived by her husband, Richard, son, Matthew Larson, mother, Clara Merryman, brother, Bradley (Dustyne) Merryman, sister, Brenda (Blake) Saxen; and two grandchildren, Braxton and Sawyer.

Teresa is preceded in death by her father, Larry, and her grandparents.

From PROSTART PI

strategy, and their ability to respond to real world management challenges on the spot—testing both creativity and business fundamentals.

For Sergeant Bluff-Luton students, the national competition brought a new level of difficulty.

"One of the biggest challenges students faced was competing against students from very large schools," said Andrea Kuhl, who teaches Family and Consumer Sciences at Sergeant Bluff-Luton High School with an emphasis on culinary arts, food science, nutrition, and hospitality. Kuhl, who has taught at SBL since August 2015, is certified in ProStart Levels 1-3 and ServSafe and has helped build the school's ProStart program into one of the state's most consistent success stories.

The national field included state champions from across the country, with teams representing states such as Connecticut, Minnesota, New Mexico, and many others. Against that level of competition, a 35th place finish placed Sergeant Bluff-Luton

solidly among the nation's top high school restaurant management teams.

The competition is part of ProStart®, a two year, industry backed culinary arts and restaurant management program supported by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation. ProStart reaches more than 222,000 students in nearly 2,200 schools across all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and U.S. territories. Over the past 27 years, more than 1 million students have participated in the program.

The curriculum blends practical, hands on skill development with exposure to real restaurant and foodservice environments. Students explore career opportunities while working with industry professionals through mentorships, guest speakers, facility tours, and competitive events that bring real world experience directly into the classroom.

That industry connection is what many students say sets ProStart apart. "While classroom experience is important, nothing beats real life

experience gained by working in the industry," program organizers note. Through hands on projects and mentorship, students learn professionalism, accountability, teamwork, and the expectations of a fast paced business environment.

Those lessons were put to the test in Baltimore as the Sergeant Bluff-Luton team defended its restaurant proposal before judges from the restaurant and hospitality industry. Their performance reflected months of preparation and the skills developed through the school's ProStart program.

For the Sergeant Bluff-Luton management team, the trip to Baltimore was about more than final placement. With a state championship and a national appearance now on their résumé, the students reached a significant milestone—both for themselves and for SBL—while gaining firsthand insight into what it takes to succeed at the highest levels of the restaurant industry.

From QUIZ BOWL PI

der constant pressure. For a group of exceptional students experiencing Nationals, the Warriors showed tremendous resilience and composure while representing Sergeant Bluff-Luton on one of the biggest academic stages in the country.

Leading the way offensively for SBL were Clayton Dunn and Max Kranig, who finished as the team's top scorers during the event.

Reaching the National Quiz

Bowl Championships is an exceptional achievement and reflects the countless hours of studying, practice, teamwork, and dedication put in by the students throughout the school year. Simply qualifying for Nationals places Sergeant Bluff-Luton among an elite group of academic programs nationwide.

A majority of this year's Quiz Bowl team members were seniors who will soon be graduating, meaning

the Warriors will be looking to reload for the future. Sergeant Bluff-Luton Quiz Bowl is always looking for fresh talent and new students interested in joining the program and continuing the team's strong academic tradition.

Students who wish to be part of the Quiz Bowl team can contact SBL Quiz Bowl Coach, Julie Lovig at lovigjul@sblschools.com

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CHANGE IN ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF LAND

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN: You are hereby notified that a proposal has been made that the zoning classification of the following described land in the Incorporated City of Salix, Woodbury County, Iowa, to-wit (also known as 314 Talbot St.):

Lots 7, 8 & 9 in Block 2, Section 35, Township 87, Range 47, in Woodbury County, Iowa

The above-described real estate is designated as Parcel# 874735303012, 874735303011, 874735303010

be rezoned from Low Density Residential (R-1) to Central Business

(CB). The aforesaid property is located within the Incorporated City of Salix, Woodbury County, Iowa, and accordingly, said proposal involves changes in the official zoning plat of the City of Salix, Woodbury County, Iowa.

You are hereby notified that the City Council of the City of Salix, Iowa, has fixed the 13th of May, 2026 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Salix City Hall, 317 Tipton St., Salix, Iowa, as the time and place of the public hearing on said proposal. Any interested parties who appear at said time will be given the opportunity to be heard. If you have questions concerning this project, or if you require accommodations to attend such pub-

lic hearing, you may contact Ashley Mareau, City Clerk at 712-946-5645 between the hours of 8:00am-4:00pm Monday through Friday, or by emailing salixiowa@gmail.com. Written comments may be addressed to the Salix City Council Board at the above City address or email address. All interested parties are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Ashley Mareau, City Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
City of SERGEANT BLUFF				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026				
The City of SERGEANT BLUFF will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026				
Meeting Date/Time: 5/12/2026 05:30 PM	Contact: Jason Kvidera	Phone: (712) 943-4244		
Meeting Location: 501 4th Street Sergeant Bluff, IA				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals .				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment	
Taxes Levied on Property	1	3,230,814	0	3,230,814
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax	3	3,230,814	0	3,230,814
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	243,483	0	243,483
Other City Taxes	6	997,867	0	997,867
Licenses & Permits	7	4,625	0	4,625
Use of Money & Property	8	15,055	0	15,055
Intergovernmental	9	1,508,643	0	1,508,643
Charges for Service	10	7,251,768	0	7,251,768
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	0	0	0
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	1,467,550	0	1,467,550
Total Revenues & Other Sources	15	14,719,805	0	14,719,805
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	2,116,304	180,000	2,296,304
Public Works	17	755,141	0	755,141
Health and Social Services	18	9,600	0	9,600
Culture and Recreation	19	827,421	70,000	897,421
Community and Economic Development	20	90,500	0	90,500
General Government	21	785,607	40,000	825,607
Debt Service	22	1,126,968	0	1,126,968
Capital Projects	23	923,483	0	923,483
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	6,635,024	290,000	6,925,024
Business Type/Enterprise	25	6,910,032	0	6,910,032
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	26	13,545,056	290,000	13,835,056
Transfers Out	27	1,467,550	0	1,467,550
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	15,012,606	290,000	15,302,606
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-292,801	-290,000	-582,801
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2025	30	6,731,623	0	6,731,623
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2026	31	6,438,822	-290,000	6,148,822

Explanation of Changes: Public Safety increase is driven by Police software, vehicle setup in the amount of \$60,000. Fire breakdown of additional expense is vehicle repair, warning siren, lighting detection, and building maintenance at \$130,000. Culture and Recreation increases are a result of the new playground at the recreation complex and the library spending additional donations they collect including MRHD this year. General government coverage is driven by some building maintenance at City Hall which were related to sewer and moving inspections to their new building.

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