

A few reminders:

Utility bills: due January 10th, April 10th,
July 10th and October 10th

Garbage cans need to be out by 7:00 a.m.
every Thursday

Recycling is collected on the 2nd and 4th
Thursdays of the month.

Council meetings are the 1st Monday every
month at 7:00 p.m.

Commercial Club meetings are the last
Monday.

Library Board meetings are the 2nd
Wednesday.

Econ. Dev. Meetings are the 4th
Wednesday.

Fire & Amb. meetings are the 4th Thursday.

All City forms and Ordinances can be found
on the City website under the Government
tab at www.sutherlandiowa.com.

Announcements can also be found on
Channel 16 of the WesTel Cable System.

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Sutherland is a quaint town located in the southeast corner of O'Brien County. It was established in 1881 and incorporated in 1883. With a population of 649 residents, Sutherland is a cozy community able to provide residents with a large city park, an indoor pool complex, housing to meet all tastes and budgets, and so much more. We are committed to helping our community thrive and grow with the addition of our Industrial Park along Highway 10, giving our community space to grow industry and homes.

Sutherland hosts a 3 day Labor Day Celebration every year. It's a tradition that began in 1934, only placed on hold during the war years, 2017 will mark the 75th Annual Labor Day Celebration for our community.

Check out Sutherland's new website at www.sutherlandiowa.com to learn why Sutherland is truly the best place to call home!

Also be sure to check out our Community Calendar to see what events are happening next.

Sutherland's History

In 1893 Sutherland's City Fathers bought a 400 square foot block for park purposes located in the center of town. That same year they planted Maple, Ash and Elm trees with the help of citizens. The park with its enclosed and open shelter houses is the hub of Labor Day activities and many other events.

On August 27, 1933 it was suspected that the Borrow gang (Bonnie & Clyde) was holed-up in a wooded area east of Sutherland. Will Brady reported seeing the gang on his land. Lawmen from around the state converged upon Sutherland, but the gang was not found.

In 1967 the O'Brien County Board of Supervisors constructed a 40 acre lake and named it Dog Creek. It is located two miles southeast of Sutherland. Dog Creek hosts camping, swimming, and fishing. It is also part of the Iowa Glacial Trail.

On October 31, 1985 the American Legion Post 152 of Sutherland dedicated the cannon, located on the NW corner of the City Park, in honor of all veterans.

Sutherland's Industrial Park was established in the early 1990's and many new businesses have been built along with our Fire Station which was built in 2008.

Sutherland erected a new water tower in 2001.

Historical People & Buildings

June E. (Wiese) Nylan, founder of the June E. Nylan Cancer Center in Sioux City, IA graduated from Sutherland Consolidated School in 1942.

James P. Martin lived in Sutherland and was Iowa's last surviving Civil War veteran. Born in 1847 he reached the age of 101 years, 10 months, and 10 days, passing on September 20, 1949.

Joshua Stamer played for the New York Giants, Seattle Seahawks, Buffalo Bills, Tennessee Titans, and Cleveland Browns as a linebacker. He was raised in Sutherland and graduated in 1996 from South O'Brien High School.

Sutherland has the oldest Library in the State of Iowa in a town of its size. In 1874 William Houston Woods and his wife Roma traveled to Des Moines to set up Library by-laws. The Library has its beginnings in the Woods cabin, but in 1881 was moved to Sutherland.

Sutherland's Opera House was located at 107 Main Street. Vaudeville Troops traveled from town to town entertaining citizens. Eventually the opera house became the movie theater, a youth center and today it is Mugsshots Bar & Grill.

The Pear Tree House, on the corner of Ash & Second St., is filled with Sutherland memorabilia. The old station to the south was moved from First St where it was a gas and service station for many years.

The ornate brick building located at 119 Main St was built in 1882 and housed one of Sutherland's first two banks. Dr. John E. Dahlbo practiced family medicine in the building from April 20, 1920 until he was in his nineties. The building then became a laundromat and then a beauty salon.

Sutherland, Paulina and Primghar consolidated schools in 1991. Eventually, both of Sutherland's school buildings were closed. The grade school is now home to the Willoway Complex with a pool, fitness center, and elderly apartments. The high school building is now the home to Bogenrief Studio, known widely for its stained glass windows and art.

The Covey Church is a landmark that was built in 1874. It is the oldest frame church in O'Brien County and is located seven miles north of Sutherland on county blacktop M-12.

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