

SUN SPOTS

Keep your fathers in mind on his special day June 19

REGIONAL—Don't forget Father's Day is Sunday, June 19. Show your father, or father figure, that you love him on that special day.

Thirty-one units of blood collected for blood center

LifeServe Blood Center held a blood drive on May 23 at Masonic Lodge Hall in Sutherland. Thirty-four donors were registered, and 31 units of blood were collected.

The following donors reached milestone donations: Colleen Lundgren — one gallon; Walter Kummerfeld — two gallons; Steven Carroll — three gallons; Matthew Rehder — three gallons; Colleen Johnson — four gallons; and Thomas Triplett — 18 gallons. The next blood drive in Sutherland will be noon-6 p.m. Monday, July 31, at Masonic Lodge Hall.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-287-4903 or visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org.

New ambulance members approved for Paullina team

PAULLINA—Paullina residents Lauri Struve and Grant Hurley were approved to the Paullina Ambulance Service at the Paullina City Council meeting Monday, June 6.

Sutherland Church of Christ plans session for couples

SUTHERLAND—Sutherland Church of Christ will hold a Couples Encouraging Couples session 7 p.m. Friday, June 24, at La Chiesa Italian restaurant in Spencer.

For more information on the ministry, call (712) 446-3667.

ISU Extension schedules two educational sessions

PRIMGHAR—Iowa State University Extension has two educational sessions coming up at O'Brien County Fairgrounds in Primghar. Come by 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, for a 4-H Horse Project Learning/Practice Night to learn about trail patterns, showmanship and veterinary visits.

Dog obedience classes will take place 7 p.m. Thursdays, June 16 and 23. For information on the classes, visit www.extension.iastate.edu/obrien or call (712) 957-5045.



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People step up to put on festival

Many activities slated for Cobblestone Days

BY KILEY SELIGMAN
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PRIMGHAR—Primghar Chamber of Commerce treasurer Clara Black was worried about putting on Primghar's Cobblestone Days this year.

Although she said the other members of the chamber stepped down for good reasons, she still had plenty of responsibility left on her shoulders for the town's annual celebration.

However, call after call that she made requesting help from volunteers was met with positive responses.

"Everyone just assumes, yes, there will be Cobblestone Days, and, yes, this is the event I'll do," Black said.

Many of the volunteers for the event take on the same jobs year after year. Primghar Jaycees co-president Aaron Kilts puts on the burnout contest every year, and when Black asked him if he would volunteer again this year, he told her he would do it as long as he was alive.

People are willing to help because

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LAND OF THE LOST

State historian offers insight into cemeteries

BY RENEE WIELENGA
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SUTHERLAND—Five head stones are located in Waterman Cemetery near the Prairie Heritage Center. That seems to indicate five graves. State historian Michael Zahs proved that assumption wrong through a

demonstration called witching that he gave to nearly 75 people who were part of the "Where the Journey Ends" cemetery tour of O'Brien County on Thursday, June 2.

"I don't like the term, really. I prefer to call it surface mapping," Zahs said.

The process works in conjunction with the magnetics of the Earth.

"We don't know much about how the magnetics of the Earth works, but this technique shows where the ground has been

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State historian **Michael Zahs** notes that each flag represents a place where the Earth has been disturbed, indicating possible burial sites in Waterman Cemetery.

(Photo by Renee Wielenga)