



DUNLAP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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#### Meetings

DCDC meets monthly in the DCDC office on Main Street the second Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Topics to be brought to the Board's attention, must be placed on the meeting agenda in advance.

#### About DCDC

DCDC stands for Dunlap Community Development Corporation. It was formed in 1991 as a 501(c)(6) organization with the purpose of enhancing the economic environment of Dunlap and improving the quality of life for its citizens. DCDC also works with local government and other institutions in Dunlap to support the development of the Dunlap community in order to sustain and expand business endeavors.

JANUARY 2025

## DCDC PARTNERS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES AND VENDORS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SHOP HOP!

Dunlap businesses were decorated, vendors were stocked, and the grill was hot on Friday, November 22nd as community members came together to ensure the 14th annual Dunlap Shop Hop was a success!



Weather conditions were ideal and people came out in droves to shop locally, with stores offering special sales and extended hours to accommodate the crowds.

Many businesses decorated their windows and store fronts with the 2024 theme: The Polar Express.

Two new businesses opened their doors for the first time during the 2024 Shop Hop -- Graphix Clothing Co. (owner, Amy Malone) and The Market Carousel (owner, Michelle Garside) adding a great deal of excitement to this year's event. Additionally, Mary Fouts organized the vendor fair at Dunlap City Hall and Ed Wendt organized vendors at the Cottonwood Event Center.

Polar Express tickets were distributed and shoppers were encouraged to get their "ticket punched" at participating businesses to increase traffic through each door! Punched tickets were collected in a drop box and one winner was drawn to receive \$150 in Dunlap Bucks. Lori Malone was the winning recipient!

The Dunlap 4th of July Committee sold steak sandwiches on Main Street as a fundraiser for the 4th of July event. And, the new Dunlap Pocket Park was beautifully decorated for the season, creating a great opportunity for strolling and socializing.

Thank you to all who helped organize this event - and all who came out to shop!





## DUNLAP AMERICAN LEGION, POST 224 BRINGS SANTA TO TOWN!

Santa arrived at the Dunlap Public Library on Saturday, Dec. 14th, thanks to the Dunlap American Legion, Post 224. The Legion arranged to have Santa in town for photo opportunities and toy requests. They also organized fun activities and had snacks for kids. The Legion gave away 13 bikes/trikes, and gave each child a toy!



## GRAPHIX CLOTHING CO. OPENS ON MAIN STREET IN DUNLAP

Graphix by Amy, Owner Amy Malone, has been providing screenprinting and embroidery services to the Dunlap community and surrounding area for many years, managing business out of her home near Dow City.

Recently, Malone made the decision to open a retail storefront at 124 1/2 Iowa Ave in Dunlap to make her items more accessible to the general public.

Graphix Clothing Co. opened during the 2024 Dunlap Shop Hop on November 22nd, and was met with a great deal of local support.

Inside her space, patrons can expect to find graphic sweatshirts and t-shirts, graphic thermoses, wax blocks for scent warmers, caps and stocking hats, party dip seasoning mixes and more!

"We're very excited to have another retail store open up in Dunlap," shared Jill Schaben, DCDC Executive Director. "Graphix Clothing Co. gives people an opportunity to shop for Boyer Valley Bulldog apparel and more. With Amy opening up this storefront, it will enhance her online store by giving people a place to touch her products and try them on before buying."

Welcome to town, Graphix Clothing Co.!



## THE POLAR EXPRESS ROLLED INTO TOWN!



**Dunlap City Hall**



**Sullivan Supply on Main**



**Bonsall TV & Appliance**

Dunlap businesses decorated their windows and storefronts in the "Polar Express" theme ahead of the Dunlap Shop Hop.

"We reached out to the community via social media for theme ideas in October and many, many good ideas were submitted," shared Jill Schaben, DCDC Executive Director.

"We sensed a lot of excitement around the Polar Express theme so we went with it!"

The 2025 Business Decor Judges considered things like theme use, effort and overall aesthetic when choosing the top three winners.

Dunlap City Hall was named as the first place winner with Sullivan Supply taking second for their Main Street building and Bonsall TV & Appliance placing third.

The judges wanted to name the Dunlap Golf Course and the Dog House Bar and Grill as "Honorable Mention" as their businesses ranked high on the judging scale as well.

"If you have an opportunity to drive past these businesses in the evening, I strongly encourage you to do so. Dunlap has certainly proved a great deal of community spirit in their decorating efforts this holiday season," said Schaben. "We want to thank those who participated. Dunlap looks very uniform and beautiful this holiday season!"



## RESIDENTS TAKE PART IN THE CHRISTMAS DECOR CONTEST

### *Best in Show Winners*



Paul and Diane Nichols



Tom Heistand

### *Best Use of Theme Winners*



Nick and Amanda LeFebvre

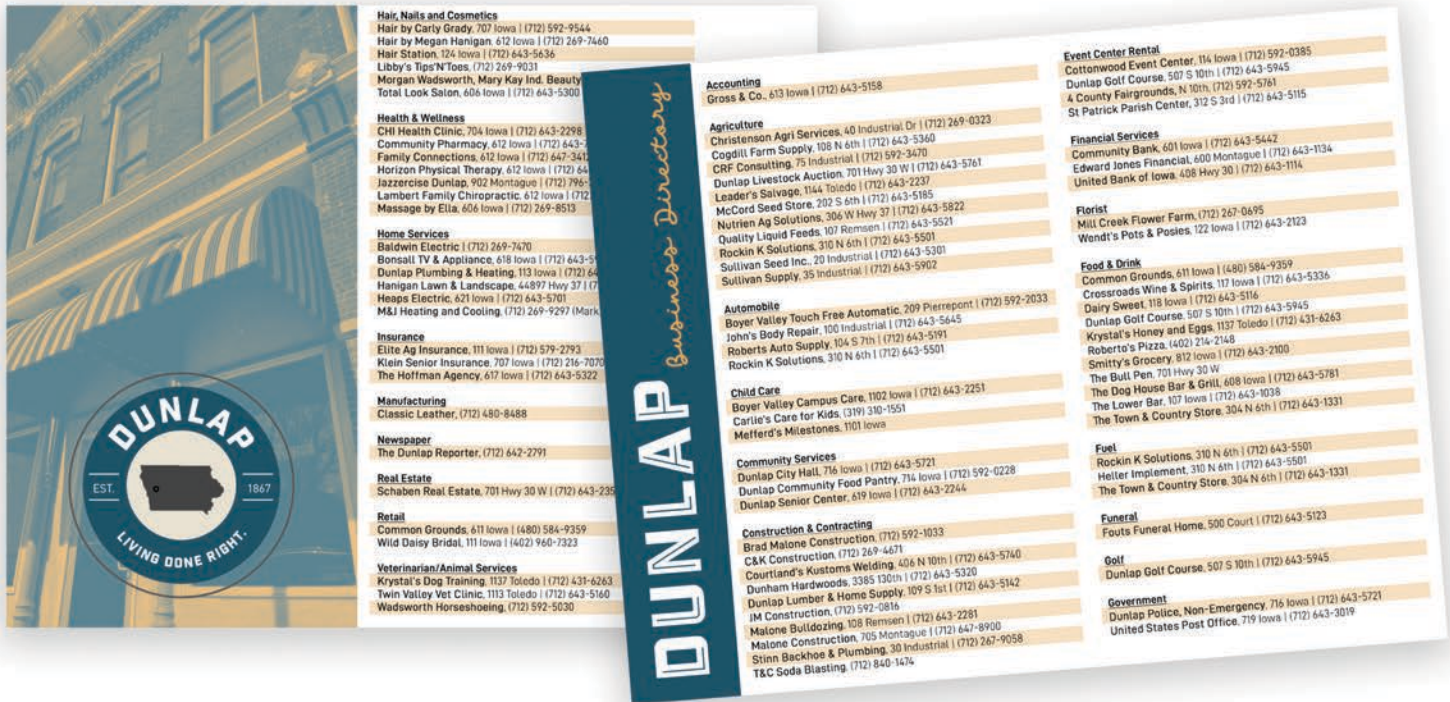


Dan and Diane Heffernan

*Thank you to all who have decorated for the holidays!  
Dunlap looks extra beautiful this winter!*



## RESOURCES TO DRIVE TRAFFIC FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES



DCDC recently developed an up-to-date directory of local businesses in town. An online version can be found at [www.dunlapia.com](http://www.dunlapia.com), and printed versions are available at both Dunlap City Hall and the DCDC Building.

Additionally, the Boyer Valley Parent Teacher Organization has been working to put together "welcome bags" to distribute to kids and families who are new to the school district. With an overwhelmingly positive response from Dunlap and Dow City area businesses, the PTO has been able to stuff the bags full of goodies like gift certificates, piggy banks, pens and keychains.

In part, DCDC created the Dunlap business directory to coincide with this PTO project. DCDC wanted to ensure that a business directory, among other important community-related resources, were offered within the welcome bags.

Harrison County Development Corporation (HCDC) sponsored the bags, as well as sticky notes, pens and important local tourism information to go inside.

DCDC wants to extend a special thank you to all Dunlap and Dow City businesses, the Boyer Valley PTO, Boyer Valley Schools and HCDC for making this project possible.





## DCDC MAKES SURE DUNLAP IS WELL REPRESENTED ON "TRAVEL IOWA"

Travel Iowa (traveliowa.com) is the official tourism website of the State of Iowa. One initiative that DCDC focuses on, is trying to draw people to Dunlap. As much as we love when new people move to town, we are also glad to see people visit our great community to see all that Dunlap has to offer and, in turn, invest in our local economy.

One of the ways we do this, is by ensuring a healthy online presence, keeping our local listings current on tourism sites like Travel Iowa. On Travel Iowa, visitors can search for "Dunlap" and will find a whole slew of reasons to visit!

DCDC added the following tourism attractions based on the categories offered by Travel Iowa. Visit traveliowa.com today!

### Arts and Entertainment

- Boyer Valley FFA Mural
- Dunlap Welcome Mural
- Lincoln Highway Mural
- Robin Hood Flour Mural
- Smitty's Mural
- Veteran Mural

### Casual Dining

- Dairy Sweet

### Coffee Shop & Tea Room

- Common Grounds

### Family Fun

- Dunlap StoryWalk

### Golf

- Dunlap Golf Course

### History and Culture

- Dunlap Historic Wax Nativity
- Dunlap Railroad Heritage Stairs

### Museums

- McLean Museum and Dougal House

### Parks

- Dunlap City Park
- Dunlap Pocket Park
- Pleasant View Park
- Schaben Park

### Shop Local

- Common Threads Boutique
- Graphix Clothing Co.
- Wendt's Pots and Posies
- Wild Daisy Bridal

The screenshot displays the Travel Iowa website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with "Things To Do", "Places To Go", and "Plan My Trip". Below this, a grid of attraction cards is shown, each with a photo, a title, a category, and contact information. The categories include Arts & Entertainment, Museum, Parks, History & Culture, Shopping, and Casual Dining. The attractions listed are Smitty's Mural, McLean Museum and Dougal House, Dunlap City Park, Dunlap Historic Wax Nativity, Lincoln Highway Mural, Boyer Valley FFA Mural, Wendt's Pots and Posies, Dairy Sweet, and Dunlap Pocket Park. Each card also provides the address, phone number, and distance from a reference point.

Category	Attraction	Address	Phone	Distance
Arts & Entertainment	Smitty's Mural	812 Iowa Ave Dunlap, IA 51529	Ph: (712) 643-2100	0.18 miles away
Museum	McLean Museum and Dougal House	822 Iowa Ave Dunlap, IA 51529	Ph: (712) 643-5721	0.20 miles away
Parks	Dunlap City Park	Montague and Jeroleman Dunlap, IA 51529	Ph: (712) 643-5721	0.22 miles away
History & Culture	Dunlap Historic Wax Nativity	US Hwy 30 and Remsen St Dunlap, IA 51529	Ph: (712) 643-5721	0.31 miles away
Arts & Entertainment	Lincoln Highway Mural	Hwy 30 Dunlap, IA 51529	Ph: (712) 643-2164	0.31 miles away
Arts & Entertainment	Boyer Valley FFA Mural	1st St and Iowa Ave Dunlap, IA 51529	Ph: (712) 643-2164	0.36 miles away
Shopping	Wendt's Pots and Posies	122 Iowa Ave Dunlap, IA 51529	Ph: (712) 643-2123	0.03 miles away
Casual Dining	Dairy Sweet	118 Iowa Ave Dunlap, IA 51529	Ph: (712) 643-5116	0.03 miles away
Parks	Dunlap Pocket Park	612 Iowa Ave Dunlap, IA 51529	Ph: (712) 643-2164	0.03 miles away



## DUNLAP CONTINUES TO BENEFIT FROM GRANT FUNDING

Thanks to the Harrison County Foundation, the Dunlap Grants Committee has been awarded funding to install new swingsets at Pleasant View Park and the Dunlap Wellness Center received grant funding to replace/upgrade worn equipment.

"To the best of our knowledge," said Jill Schaben, DCDC Executive Director, "the current swingsets at Pleasant View Park are over 30 years old. They are rusty and missing swings. They were moved when the new playground was installed at Pleasant View Park and never reinstalled. We were excited to know that we would be able to afford new a newer, nicer set!"

Additionally, upon a recent assessment, Margo Hansen, representative for the Dunlap Wellness Center, determined that there were some pieces of equipment at the Center that were in disrepair. Funding from the Harrison County Foundation will allow replacements and upgrades to be made.

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With the help of the Aureon Charity Grant Program, the Dunlap Grants Committee has received funding to replace the worn and missing course signs at the Disc Golf Course at Pleasant View Park.

This course was first installed in 2014 by the sons of Darin and Rachel Kline as part of an Eagle Scout project.





## NEW RAMPS ARE COMPLETED ON PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

The City of Dunlap poured new concrete ramps, and railing was added to the sides by Joe's Welding. This improvement was made as the final step in the Pleasant View Park pedestrian bridge project, and was funded by an Iowa Department of Natural Resources REAP Grant.



## GROSS AND CO. GIVES BACK

Every September, Gross and Co. commits to a community service project in Dunlap.

In the past they have painted the interior of the pool bath house, laid pea gravel at the City Park playground, and painted the candy corn and Christmas tree inserts for the Main Street planters, among many other projects.

This year, they repainted all of the shelter houses at the Dunlap City Park. The paint for this project was obtained with the help of a Paint Iowa Beautiful grant.



## LED SIGN

As a reminder, you can purchase space for a birthday or anniversary/ congratulatory-type message on Dunlap's new LED sign. Personal messages require prior approval from the sign manager and must be paid for in advance. The cost for personal messages is \$25/day. The message will be displayed at a 15-second interval as part of the sign rotation. The number of other displays in the sign rotation varies on any given day. Money acquired from personal messages will be put towards future maintenance of the sign!

To access the online form to request a personal message, visit [DunlapIA.com](http://DunlapIA.com) and click on "City of Dunlap" > "Dunlap LED Sign."

## REQUEST A PERSONAL MESSAGE ON DUNLAP'S NEW LED SIGN.



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## DUNLAP FACEBOOK PAGE GAINS POPULARITY

The "Dunlap Iowa" Facebook page has reached 4,000 followers!

This growth is contributed to the popular projects, businesses, and human interest stories in Dunlap.

"It takes the whole village to ensure a thriving community," shared Jill Schaben of DCDC. "In Dunlap, everywhere you look, people are doing good things! I think the Boyer Valley/Dunlap alumni, friends and family from afar have been able to get and maintain a glimpse of Dunlap happenings through our social media. Lisa Gross started the Dunlap Iowa page many years ago and thank goodness for that. It has been an important hub for marketing and communication for our town!"





## HATS OFF TO (JUST A FEW) OF OUR LOCAL VOLUNTEERS!



TeamMates Mentoring of Boyer Valley hosted a successful Spooky Run fundraiser.



Angels Care Home Health sponsored a Halloween Costume Party at the Dunlap Senior Center.



The Boyer Valley Girl Scouts hosted a spaghetti supper for local veterans and their guests.



The Knights of Columbus donated winter coats to Boyer Valley Schools.



The Dunlap American Legion Post 224 has been presenting "Quilts of Honor" to members. The quilts were made by Lois Thompson and Donelle Druivenga.



Jazzercise Dunlap hosted a Pink-Out program and raised \$600 for Check the Girls.



## **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

The Dunlap Fire & Rescue Department is actively seeking more volunteers to join their team! If you or someone you know might be interested, please reach out to one of the department's members for an application!

A list of department members and an application can be found online by visiting [www.dunlapia.com](http://www.dunlapia.com) and clicking on "City of Dunlap > Fire and Rescue Service."

Volunteering on the Dunlap Fire and Rescue Department is open to high school students interested in being Cadets with the opportunity to take the EMT course through Ignite Pathways in Woodbine!



## **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

The Dunlap Food Pantry is seeking dedicated volunteers (18 years or older) to help make a difference in the lives of those in need!

Volunteer hours are as follows:

Tuesdays: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

You can choose to work the full 3-hour shift or a 1.5-hour shift - whatever fits your schedule. Every bit of help counts.

To sign up or learn more, contact the Dunlap Community Food Pantry via Facebook messenger or stop by during hours of operation.

Visit [www.dunlapia.com](http://www.dunlapia.com) and click on "Live in Dunlap>Dunlap Food Pantry."





## BUSINESSES IN THE SPOTLIGHT



The Dairy Sweet was recently named "Iowa's Best Breaded Pork Tenderloin" of 2024 by the Iowa Pork Association.



The Dunlap Senior Center has been trying many new things to drive more traffic to their noon meal offering. They have received helpful donations from the Dairy Sweet (open flag), Bonsall TV & Appliance (vacuum), and Dunlap Lumber (supplies and tools.)



The Boyer Valley Touch Free Automatic Car Wash updated their marquee sign.



Smitty's Grocery had their entryway repaired.



## COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR LEASE IN DUNLAP



**124 1/2 IOWA AVE**

Contact Judy Schoenherr  
(712) 269-0769



**605 IOWA AVE**

Contact Dede Sullivan  
(712) 263-0875



**707 IOWA AVE**

Contact Jayne Klein  
(712) 592-0346

## HOMES FOR SALE IN AND AROUND DUNLAP



**1141 State Hwy 37, Dunlap, IA**

**\$176,500**

3 BR | 2 BA | 3.36 Acre Lot

Schaben Real Estate LLC  
Elizabeth Heistand (712) 267-3219



**720 Jeroleman St, Dunlap, IA**

**\$228,000**

3 BR | 4 BA

Neppl Real Estate  
James Brown (712) 269-4930



## HOMES FOR SALE IN AND AROUND DUNLAP



### **1105 Clinton St, Dunlap, IA**

**\$220,000**  
2 BR | 2 BA

Realty One Group Sterling - Woodbine  
Patricia Reisz (712) 592-0223



### **2017 Beech Rd, Dunlap, IA**

**\$399,000**  
4 BR | 2 BA | 10.15 Acre Lot

Realty One Group Sterling - Woodbine  
Patricia Reisz (712) 592-0223



### **3818 105th St, Dunlap, IA**

**\$389,000**  
4 BR | 2 BA | 4.4 Acre Lot

Realty One Group Sterling - Woodbine  
Patricia Reisz (712) 592-0223



### **801 Victory Ln, Dunlap, IA**

**\$475,000**  
2 BR | 2 BA

United Country Loess Hills RE  
Rod Foutch (402) 290-2358



DCDC Presents

# THE DUELING PIANOS OF **ANDY** & **MIKE** ANDERSON LEEDS

**"Sit back...  
but please don't relax."**



Covering song requests from the 1950's through the favorite songs of today!  
Specializing in Top 40 hits that everyone knows and loves which makes for  
an exciting, keep you on your feet, singing and dancing show!

**February 1st, 2025 at the St. Patrick Parish Center**

**-Nacho Bar prepared by the Dairy Sweet-**

**5:00** Doors Open | **6:00** Dinner | **7:00** Entertainment

Purchase tickets in advance from any DCDC Board Member

**\$600** - Entire VIP Table towards stage (Seats 8 People) - OR

**\$50** - Individual Gen. Admission Ticket with meal included - OR

**\$30** - Individual Gen. Admission Ticket with NO meal included

Contact Jill Schaben at [DunlapDCDC@gmail.com](mailto:DunlapDCDC@gmail.com) or (712) 643-2164 with questions or to purchase tickets.





# 2024-2025

## Gold Level Donors (\$1,000+)

City of Dunlap  
Classic Leather Inc.  
Cogdill Farm Supply  
Community Bank  
Dunlap Lumber and Home Supply  
Fouts Funeral Home

Gross and Co.  
M&J Heating and Air, LLC\*  
The Town and Country Store  
United Bank of Iowa  
Sam and Sue Cogdill  
SSNS Farms LLC

Ben and Margo Hansen  
Steve and Jenny Puck  
Jay and Lynn Randall  
Jim and Cindie Schaben  
Doug Stockstad  
Mary Ellen Young

## Silver Level Donors (\$500+)

Dunlap Livestock Auction  
Elite Ag Insurance  
Empire Land & Cattle

Ettleman's Town & Country Store\*  
GLC Beef\*  
Klein Senior Insurance

Schaben Real Estate  
Sullivan Supply  
Matt and Tammy Burkhart\*

## Bronze Level Donors (\$250+)

Baldwin Electric  
Bonsall TV & Appliance  
Dairy Sweet  
Edward Jones Financial  
John's Body Repair\*  
McCord Seed Store Inc.

Smitty's Grocery  
David Behrendt\*  
Pat and Joyce Cogdill\*  
Corey and Ashley Donscheski\*  
Bart and Emily Falkena\*  
Tim and Jennifer Grote\*

Jon and Courtney Lee\*  
Frank and Joanne Oppold  
Bill and Tricia Roberts  
Joe and Beth Schaben\*

## Basic Level Donors

The Dog House Bar & Grill\*  
Dunlap Post Office, Terry Branstad  
Hair by Megan Hanigan\*  
The Hair Station  
Harrison County REC  
Hoffman Insurance  
Horizon Physical Therapy  
Rockin K Solutions  
Fonley Allen  
Mike and Geri Andersen  
Mo and Sharon Barry\*  
John and Kami Behrendt  
Nick and Darcy Behrendt  
Mark and Donna Brasel  
Bob and Shelly Buresh  
Evie Cline  
Tim and Sue Cogdill  
Todd and Sabrina Cogdill  
Josh and Julie Elder  
Molly Franken\*

Jim and Deb Greenwood  
John and Katie Hanigan  
Sandra Iversen  
Michael and Bridgit Jolkowski  
John and Jayne Klein  
Paul Klein  
Mike and Mary Lehan  
Jake and Kim McAllister  
Mark and Theresa McAllister  
Kenny and Roberta Mumm\*  
Cathy Murphy  
John Nielsen  
Michael and Paula Riester  
Scott and Mary Roberts  
Cody and Jill Schaben  
Jon and Julie Schaben  
Jim and Sue Stephens  
Gail and Maureen Stessman  
Greg and Lori Thomsen\*  
Lois Thompson

William and Sandra Wadsworth  
Rollie and Patty Weis\*  
Louis and Jolene Wessling  
Roger and Mary Jane Zehner

### Don't see your name?

The DCDC membership year runs from September - August. It may be you just haven't renewed yet in this membership year.

### Interested in joining?

The funds collected from our annual donors make our mission possible. We are always looking to increase our membership numbers!