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Meetings

DCDC meets monthly in the DCDC office on Main Street the second Monday of each month at 6:00 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.

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DUNLAP BUSINESSES SHINE IN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DECOR CONTEST

Dunlap kicked off the holiday season with festive spirit and creative flair during this year's Christmas Decor Contest, which invited local businesses to transform their storefronts and exteriors into cheerful holiday displays. With this year's theme, "Gingerbread Village," participants embraced candy-colored creativity and whimsical charm—just in time for Dunlap's annual Shop Hop weekend.

To keep judging fair and impartial, the Dunlap Community welcomed a guest judge from out of town. Each display was evaluated based on effort, execution, and use of theme, allowing businesses to showcase not only their decorative skills but also their imagination and dedication to the community's holiday traditions. Thank you to all who participated and congratulations to the winners!



First Place: Dunlap Lumber



Second Place: Dunlap Golf Course



Third Place: Dunlap City Hall

DUNLAP SHINES DURING THIS YEAR'S GINGERBREAD-THEMED SHOP HOP

Dunlap officially kicked off the holiday season on November 21 with its annual Shop Hop, an evening filled with festive storefronts, extended shopping hours, and community cheer. Local businesses welcomed shoppers with in-store specials, refreshments, and plenty of fun, creating a warm and lively atmosphere throughout town.

This year's community-wide theme—Gingerbread Village—could be seen everywhere. Businesses transformed their windows and interiors with whimsical gingerbread décor, adding a sweet and playful charm to the downtown experience.

The Dunlap Pocket Park came alive with Boyer Valley High School Christmas carolers raising funds for the BV Music Department's upcoming trip to New York City. Shoppers could enjoy the music while donating to support the students' journey.

Adding to the festive atmosphere, the Dunlap 4th of July Committee served steak sandwiches on the street, raising funds to support next year's beloved Independence Day celebration.

Making their debuts for the evening were the newest business in town, Massage by Rajeana at 115 Iowa Ave., and Roam and Revel, a new beverage trailer owned by Ashley Donscheski who delighted guests by handing out free cocoa.

Volunteers were busy throughout town. Bell ringers encouraged donations to benefit both the Dunlap Senior Center and the local food pantry, helping support neighbors during the holiday season. Meanwhile, the beloved Dunlap Wax Nativity opened for the season, adding a nostalgic touch for visitors.

Businesses and organizations rounded out the evening with themed contests and activities. CHI hosted a Gingerbread Hunt, challenging visitors to search for tiny one-inch gingerbread men hidden around downtown. Lucky finders could bring their gingerbread man to the clinic to be entered into a drawing for a warm winter puffer coat. Community Pharmacy held a Christmas Coloring Contest, with all entries displayed at the DCDC building. Shop Hop attendees were invited to stop in and vote for their favorites.

From twinkling lights and gingerbread scenes to community giving and small-town charm, this year's Shop Hop once again showcased the spirit that makes Dunlap such a special place to call home.



Katie Hanigan, Donna Brasel and Mary Jo Hartwig raised over \$1,000 for the Dunlap Food Pantry and Dunlap Senior Center.



BV Music brought Christmas carolers to the Dunlap Pocket Park.

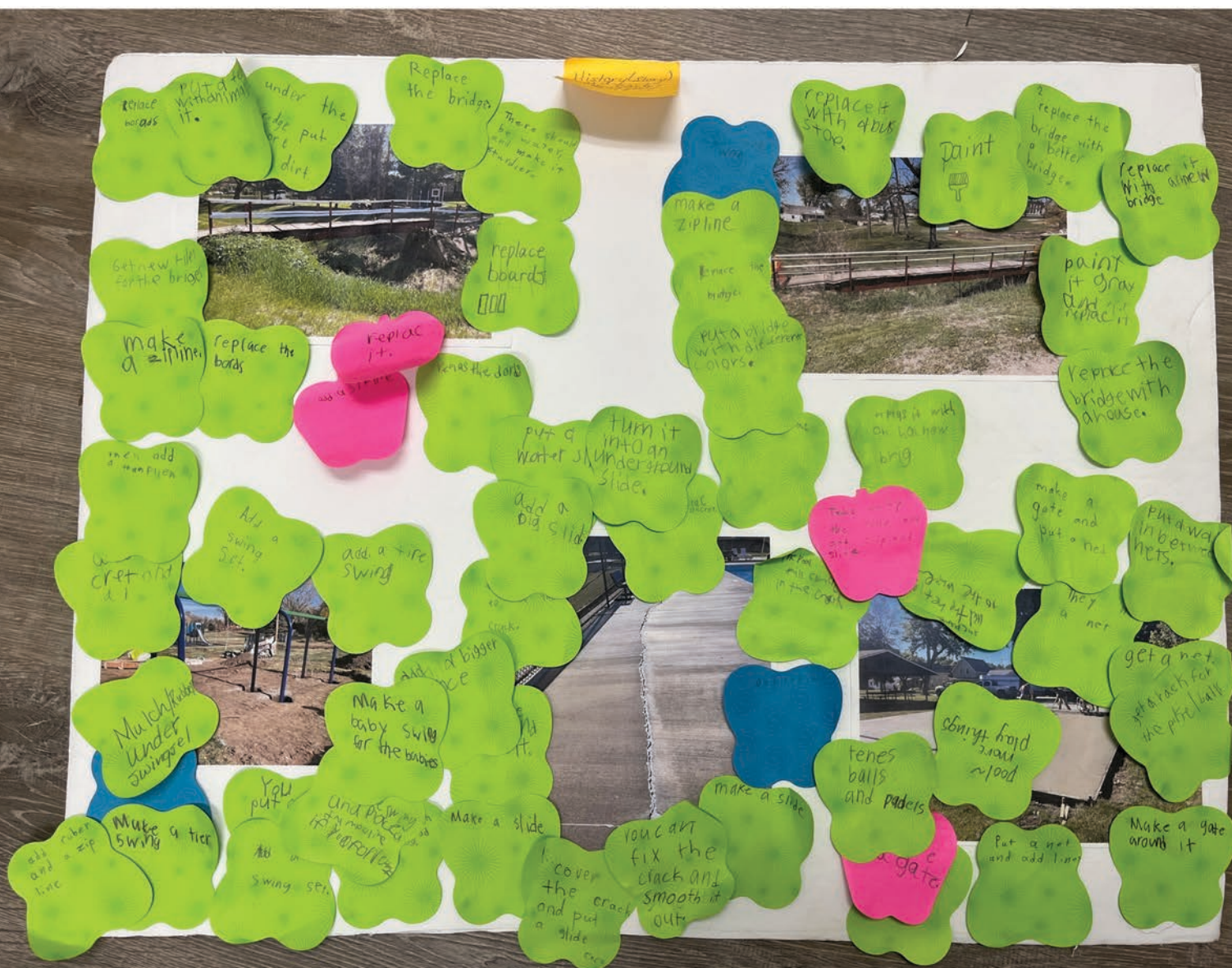


Ellie Murphy and Tank Grady won in their respective coloring contest categories. Not pictured: McKenna Meeves

As part of the Bulldog Business Partner Program, Jill Schaben, Executive Director of the Dunlap Community Development Corporation (DCDC), has been making special visits to Mrs. Hartwig's 4th grade class at Boyer Valley Elementary in Dow City. Her visits aim to help students better understand community development, local leadership, and the impact they can have on their hometowns.

During her first visit, Schaben led the class in a lively round of "community charades," where students acted out various activities and roles that help a community thrive. For her second visit, Schaben shifted the focus to community improvement. She shared some of the ongoing projects and future goals for Dunlap, then invited students to participate by writing their own improvement ideas on sticky notes. The 4th graders impressed her with creative, thoughtful suggestions—proof that even young residents have valuable perspectives on shaping the places they call home.

Schaben's partnership with Boyer Valley Elementary reflects DCDC's mission to cultivate pride, engagement, and a sense of ownership among the next generation. Through these interactive lessons, local students are learning that building a vibrant community truly is a team effort—one idea, one volunteer, and one young leader at a time.



VAN HOUTENS AND JOHNSTONE SUPPLY DONATE NEW REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER TO DUNLAP SENIOR CENTER

The Dunlap Senior Center recently received a generous and much-needed gift thanks to Kevin and Meredith Van Houten, in partnership with Johnstone Supply Co. The couple donated a brand-new commercial-grade refrigerator and freezer to support the center's daily meal service and ongoing renovations.

For months, the Senior Center had been struggling to find adequate space to store food for its meal program and events. In the meantime, the community rallied: Bonsall TV & Appliance loaned a temporary refrigerator, and Austin McDonald of Roberto's Pizza offered space in one of his refrigerated trailers. Their support helped keep operations running smoothly during the transition.

Once the new units arrived, M&J Heating and Air, LLC stepped in to assist with transporting and installing the appliances—ensuring everything was safely delivered, properly set up, and ready for immediate use.

Seeing the ongoing need firsthand, the Van Houtens took action to provide a long-term solution. Their donation ensures that the Senior Center can safely store larger quantities of food, better serve local seniors, and continue its mission to provide a welcoming, reliable gathering place for the community.

Staff and volunteers at the Senior Center say they are overwhelmed with gratitude—not only for the Van Houtens' generosity, but also for everyone who pitched in along the way. This contribution is a shining example of neighbors supporting neighbors and the strength of a community that steps up together.



Patty Mumm, Senior Center President; Kevin Van Houten, Meredith Van Houten, and Jan Roberts, Senior Center Director.



MAIN STREET REFRESH: NEW BENCHES, PLANTERS, AND LIGHTING TRANSFORM DOWNTOWN DUNLAP

Dunlap's Main Street has a fresh new look thanks to the installation of modern benches, trash receptacles, and planters throughout the downtown district. Custom fabricated by Petersen Manufacturing of Denison, the new furnishings feature a sleek black metal design that brings a clean, updated aesthetic to the heart of our community. They also pair beautifully with the recently reconstructed sidewalks, helping create a cohesive and inviting streetscape.

A special thank-you goes to HCDC and Renea Anderson for helping find new homes for the previous stone furnishings, ensuring they continue to be used and appreciated. We also extend sincere appreciation to the Dunlap Livestock Auction for assisting with the relocation and transport of the older pieces. The City of Dunlap also helped move furnishings around and into place.

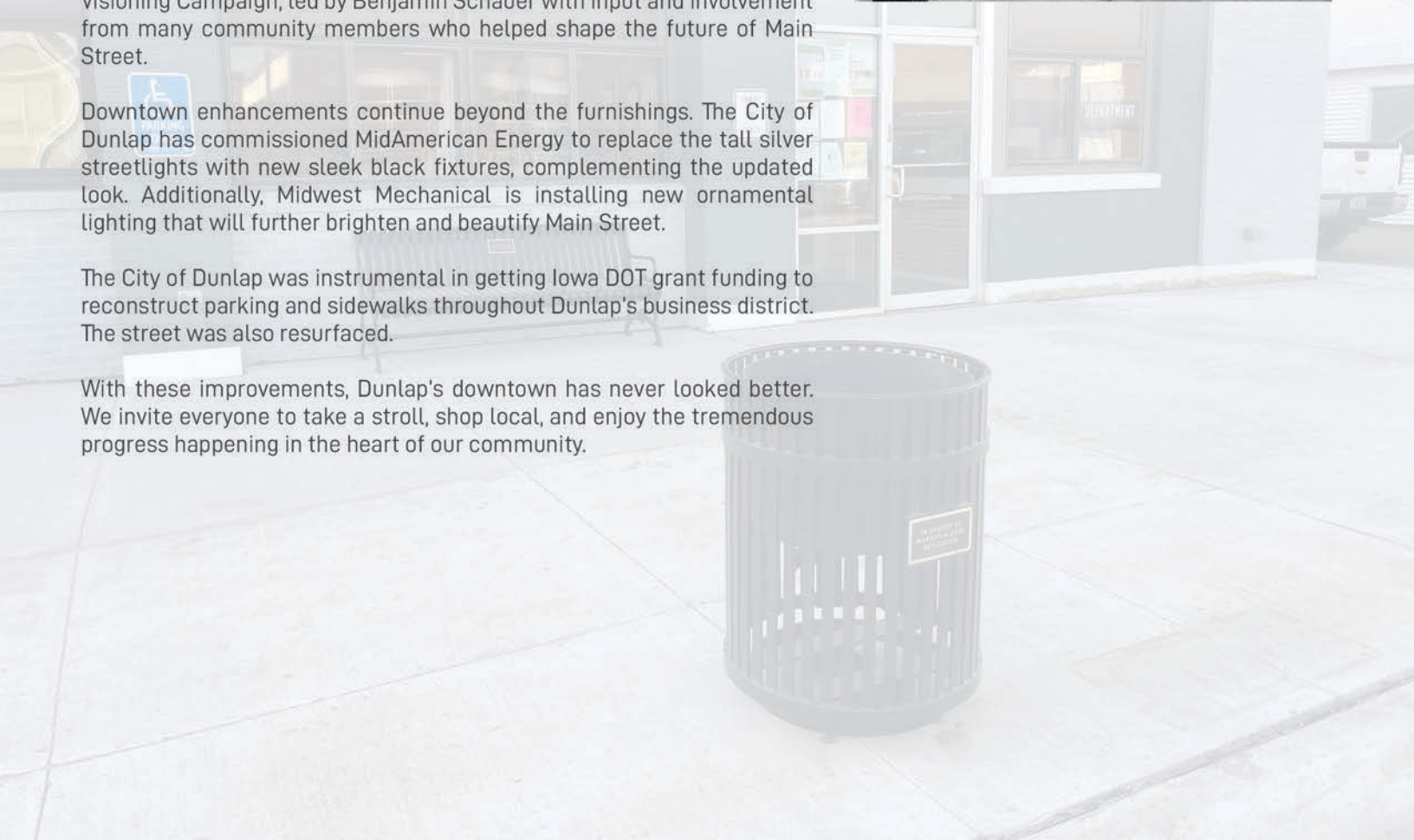
This furnishing project was made possible through funding from the Iowa West Foundation and the generosity of all those who sponsored planters and benches. We are grateful to Petersen Manufacturing for working so well with us throughout the fabrication process and to Sullivan Supply for their generous contribution toward the project.

The concept for these streetscape updates originated with the Dunlap Visioning Campaign, led by Benjamin Schauer with input and involvement from many community members who helped shape the future of Main Street.

Downtown enhancements continue beyond the furnishings. The City of Dunlap has commissioned MidAmerican Energy to replace the tall silver streetlights with new sleek black fixtures, complementing the updated look. Additionally, Midwest Mechanical is installing new ornamental lighting that will further brighten and beautify Main Street.

The City of Dunlap was instrumental in getting Iowa DOT grant funding to reconstruct parking and sidewalks throughout Dunlap's business district. The street was also resurfaced.

With these improvements, Dunlap's downtown has never looked better. We invite everyone to take a stroll, shop local, and enjoy the tremendous progress happening in the heart of our community.





NEW SWINGSET AT PLEASANT VIEW PARK

Pleasant View Park is getting an exciting upgrade with the installation of a brand-new swingset, bringing fresh energy and improved safety to one of Dunlap's most beloved outdoor spaces. The project is funded through a generous grant from the Harrison County Community Foundation, whose support made this much-needed improvement possible.

The previous swingsets at the park had become rusty and unsafe for continued use, prompting the decision to replace them with a modern, durable structure that families can enjoy for years to come. The City of Dunlap is handling the installation, and community members may already notice the new frame taking shape at the park.

The plan is to install the swings on the frame this spring, when weather is suitable. In addition, rubber mulch will be added beneath the swingset to enhance safety and accessibility once funding becomes available—also expected in the springtime.

With these updates, Pleasant View Park will offer a safer and more enjoyable experience for children and families. We look forward to seeing the community enjoy this new addition as warmer weather arrives.

ENJOY A STORY ON THE MOVE AT PLEASANT VIEW PARK

The StoryWalk® at Pleasant View Park in Dunlap has become a well-loved feature for families, students, and visitors who enjoy combining outdoor activity with a good book. This interactive installation blends literacy and recreation by displaying a children's story page-by-page in weatherproof stations along the park's walking path.



As readers move from station to station, they follow the story while enjoying fresh air, exercise, and the natural beauty of the park. The format encourages kids to stay active, sparks curiosity, and creates an engaging shared experience for families.

The book displayed in the StoryWalk® changes throughout the year, offering new stories that often match the seasons, special events, or community themes. This rotation keeps the experience exciting and gives families a reason to return again and again.

Pleasant View Park continues to be a favorite spot for play, relaxation, and community connection, and the StoryWalk® remains one of its standout features. Residents are encouraged to stop by, take a stroll, and enjoy the latest story on display.

Ashley Schaben manages the Dunlap StoryWalk in partnership with the Dunlap Library. Thank you, Ashley!



Left: Collins & Finley Schaben read a story.

JOIN THE DUNLAP 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE!

Help Keep Our Town's Tradition Alive!

Dunlap's beloved 4th of July Parade & Park Celebration doesn't just happen — it's made possible by dedicated community members like you!

We're looking for enthusiastic, community-minded individuals to help plan and organize this celebration.

WHAT WE NEED:

- People who love Dunlap and want to make a difference
- Physically able volunteers to assist with setup and events
- Creative minds to plan parade themes, park activities & more
- Passionate individuals ready to keep this long-standing tradition strong for generations to come!

WHY JOIN?

- Be part of one of Dunlap's most meaningful community events
- Meet new people and build community pride
- Help create memories that last a lifetime

PLANNING BEGINS SOON!

If you're ready to serve your community and have fun doing it — join the Dunlap 4th of July Committee today!

Contact: Justin Schaben, Jake McAllister, Julie Elder, Austin McDonald or Jill Melby.
OR - email DunlapDCDC@gmail.com

Meeting Info: We meet 5x a year - monthly meetings begin in March!

LET'S CELEBRATE FREEDOM TOGETHER. RED, WHITE & YOU - DUNLAP NEEDS YOU!

READY TO BRING YOUR DREAM BUSINESS TO LIFE?

Dunlap has two commercial spaces on Main Street available for lease!

124 1/2 Iowa

If you've been looking for a prime commercial space to launch or grow your business, look no further than 124 1/2 Iowa Avenue. Situated at the intersection of two busy highways—one of the most visible and high-traffic locations in the county—this building offers outstanding exposure and endless potential.

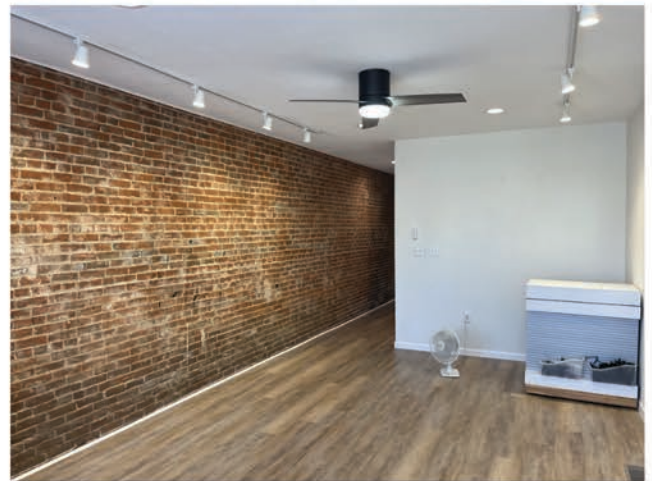
Inside, you'll find a beautifully updated space featuring:

- Two private office rooms
- A spacious showroom area
- A clean, updated restroom
- Large showroom windows overlooking a bustling corner,
- A stunning exposed brick interior wall

Recently remodeled throughout, the building blends modern finishes with historic appeal, making it a great fit for a boutique shop, small office, studio, creative workspace, or nearly any business concept you've been dreaming up.

With its unbeatable visibility and inviting interior, this space is ready for your ideas, your customers, and your future.

📍 124 1/2 Iowa Ave, Dunlap
📞 Contact Judy Schoenherr at (712) 269-0769



604 Iowa

A commercial storefront at 604 Iowa Ave is available for lease in downtown Dunlap, an area that has recently undergone revitalization.

The historic building offers flexible space suitable for a variety of business uses. Rent is negotiable based on the scope of tenant improvements, and the lease includes two months of free rent to assist with initial setup. The landlord indicates additional upgrades may be considered with an extended lease term.

📍 604 Iowa Ave, Dunlap
📞 Contact Dede Sullivan at (712) 263-0875.

HOUSING LOTS AVAILABLE AT PRAIRIE MEADOW ESTATES IN DUNLAP

If you've been dreaming of building a home in Dunlap, now is the perfect time. Prime housing lots are available at Prairie Meadow Estates, a beautiful development bordering the south side of the Dunlap Golf Course.

Prairie Meadow Estates offers the rare combination of small-town living with scenic views and wide-open space. Residents can enjoy the peaceful edge-of-town setting while being just minutes from schools, local businesses, and community amenities. And with the golf course just steps away, it's an ideal spot for anyone who loves morning walks, evening cart rides, or simply taking in the rolling greens from their backyard.

This neighborhood is designed to support Dunlap's growth by giving families, retirees, and newcomers a chance to build.

If you've been considering a move—or know someone looking to join our community—now is a great time to explore these available lots. Contact the Dunlap Community Development Corporation for pricing, lot details, and information.



Prairie Meadow Estates

Dunlap, Iowa

Lots that can be purchased individually OR in combination with a neighboring lot:

Lots 4 and 5

Lots 6 and 7

Lots 12 and 13

Schaben Real Estate
Elizabeth Heistand, Salesperson
(712) 267-3219



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS GIVE DUNLAP A FRESH NEW LOOK

Dunlap is looking a little brighter thanks to the generosity and hard work of several dedicated community volunteers.

Mike and Geri Anderson recently spent their time repainting the iconic fireman statue at the Dunlap Fire Department. The statue, a symbol of service and protection in our community, now stands proudly refreshed. Their careful work not only preserves an important local landmark but also reflects the Andersons' ongoing commitment to supporting the fire department and the town they call home.

Meanwhile, another group of volunteers tackled a major project on the south side of town. Donna Brasel, Peggy Burg, and Dan Brasel devoted their time to repainting the pedestrian bridge on 12th Street. Their efforts have revitalized a well-traveled path used daily by walkers, students, and families. The fresh coat of paint brings new life to the bridge and helps keep Dunlap welcoming and well-maintained for everyone.

These projects are perfect examples of how volunteer spirit continues to shape and strengthen our community. We extend a heartfelt thank-you to Mike, Geri, Donna, Peggy, and Dan for stepping up, putting in the work, and making Dunlap a more beautiful place for all.

When neighbors lend a hand, great things happen—and Dunlap is better for it.



LOCAL BUSINESSES FUEL SUPPORT FOR BOYER VALLEY SCHOOLS WITH E15 FUEL TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Starting September 1, 2025, Kelly Garrett, owner of Ettleman's Oil and Ettleman's Town & Country in Dunlap and Dow City, launched a generous community initiative to benefit the Boyer Valley Community School District.

They are donating to Boyer Valley Schools 2 cents per gallon for every gallon of E15 fuel sold, thanks to a state tax credit program from Iowa. The first two monthly donations were around \$160 each, showing a promising start.

In September, fuel sales saw a notable increase, with Dow City selling approximately 1,000 more gallons and Dunlap selling about 600 more gallons than the previous month. This boost means even more support flowing to local schools.

Adding to the momentum, Greg and Lori Thompson, owners of The Dairy Sweet, pledged to match donations for the month of November if the community reached \$200 in E15 fuel sales. This matching gift would effectively double the impact for that month.

Jeremy Christiansen, Boyer Valley's superintendent and high/middle school principal, shared that the funds raised will be dedicated to co-curricular activities, enriching student experiences beyond the classroom.

Ettleman's Oil and Ettleman's Town & Country plan to continue this program every month for as long as Iowa's tax credit remains available, turning everyday fuel purchases into ongoing support for the youth of our community.



Kelly Garrett, owner Ettleman Oil and Ettleman's Town & Country, Jeremy Christiansen, BV Superintendent and HS/MS Principal, and Greg Thompson, owner Dunlap Dairy Sweet.

UNITED BANK OF IOWA DONATES OVER \$2,000 TO SUPPORT BOYER VALLEY ELEMENTARY FAMILIES

United Bank of Iowa recently donated \$2,031 to Boyer Valley Elementary School's program supporting low-income families by providing essential clothing items for children in need. This generous contribution was made possible through UBI's "UNITED TOGETHER Makes the Difference" Cause Day initiative.

Launched on September 11, 2020, UBI's Community Cause Day brings employees and the bank together to support those in need within the communities they serve. On the second and fourth Friday of every month, staff members can donate \$5 to earn the privilege of wearing jeans and a Community Cause Day shirt to work. The bank matches employee donations, up to \$1,000, and the combined funds are then donated to a cause randomly selected from submissions by all 36 UBI offices.

For the September 12, 2025, Cause Day, Boyer Valley Elementary School was chosen as the recipient. The funds will benefit families in the Dunlap, Arion, and Dow City communities by providing children with basic clothing essentials such as socks, underwear, sweatpants, and mittens.



Jake Schaben, Amy Malone, Scott Froelich, BV Elementary Principal, BV Nurse Erinn Brasel, Cindy Carter and Ryan Murphy.

BOYER VALLEY SCIENCE CLUB LAUNCHES SEASON WITH COMMUNITY CLEANUP

On October 4th, the Boyer Valley Science Club kicked off their first meeting by giving back to the community. Led by Mrs. Pippitt, eight students volunteered to clean up Highway 30 southwest of town. Starting at 10:45 a.m. and wrapping up by noon, the group made a positive impact on the local environment.

After their hard work, everyone enjoyed pizza together and celebrated the Bulldog football team's exciting Homecoming night victory.

It's a great example of the club's spirit and commitment to both science and community service!



THANK YOU TO EDWARD JONES FINANCIAL FOR SUPPORTING DUNLAP BETTERMENT GROUP

The Dunlap Betterment Group would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Edward Jones Financial for their generous donations totaling \$1,500 over the past few years. Their continued support has played a vital role in helping us improve and enrich our community.

Edward Jones' commitment to giving back reflects the true spirit of partnership and community pride. Their contributions have helped fund various projects and initiatives that make Dunlap a better place to live, work, and gather.

We are grateful for their ongoing generosity and look forward to continuing this valuable partnership in the years to come.

Thank you, Edward Jones Financial, for investing in Dunlap's future!

DUNLAP'S RESIDENTIAL CHRISTMAS DECOR CONTEST BRINGS HOLIDAY CHEER

The festive spirit was shining bright in Dunlap this season as homeowners competed in the annual Residential Christmas Decor Contest. The competition was fierce, with many decorated homes lighting up the neighborhood and spreading holiday joy.

Awards were given in two categories: Best in Show and Use of Theme. This year's community decor theme is Gingerbread Village. First and second place winners were recognized in each category, receiving Dunlap Bucks—a fun way to support our local economy by encouraging shopping at Dunlap businesses.

All of the decorated homes looked fantastic, making it a tough decision for the judges. The creativity and holiday cheer shown throughout the community truly made this year's contest special.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to decorate and showcase their community spirit. Your efforts helped make Dunlap a bright and welcoming place for the holidays!



First Place, Best in Show: Tom Heistand, 1506 Eaton



Second Place, Best in Show: Colton & Jeff Lenzen-Baker, 820 Jeroleman



First Place, Use of Theme: Nick & Amanda LeFebvre, 210 N. 12th



Second Place, Use of Theme: Max & Devyn Lawrence, 1209 Iowa

COMMON ROOT RENTALS OPENS ON MAIN STREET

Dunlap has a brand-new resource for anyone who loves hosting events: Common Root Rentals, owned and operated by Kelsey Miller. If you've ever tried to throw a Pinterest-worthy party, you know how quickly the costs can add up. That's exactly why Kelsey launched Common Root Rentals — a rooted, local place to find affordable décor and event rentals for weddings, birthday parties, baby showers, and more.

How it works is simple:

1. Schedule an appointment to browse available items.
2. Select the décor or supplies you'd like to rent.
3. Pay via invoice or Venmo.
4. Sign a quick rental agreement.
5. Pick up your items — and return them when you're done!

To make an appointment or learn more, just text (480) 584-9359.



This location also hosts Kelsey Miller Photography, where Kelsey captures life's sweetest moments with her signature warm, natural style. She photographs families, seniors, and offers popular mini-sessions for holidays and kids' personality portraits.

Whether you're planning an event or hoping to preserve a memory, Kelsey's creative services bring something special to our community. Contact Kelsey at (480) 584-9359.



ROAM & REVEL: DUNLAP'S NEW MOBILE BAR & DIRTY SODA TRAILER

Roam & Revel—owned by Ashley Donscheski—made its debut at the Dunlap Shop Hop with its beautifully restored vintage horse trailer turned mobile bar. Fully portable, they bring the bar right to your wedding, party, festival, corporate event, or community gathering.

They offer craft cocktail service as well as a high-energy dirty soda bar, perfect for family-friendly or alcohol-free events. Whether you want signature cocktails, mocktails, or themed dirty sodas, Roam & Revel customizes the drink menu to match your style. The trailer's stylish design also adds a fun, photo-worthy touch to any event.

Roam & Revel's mission is simple: to bring people together with drinks that spark joy, nostalgia, and celebration.

For bookings, contact Ashley Donscheski at (712) 269-5696.





LOCAL GIRL SCOUTS SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER AND SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

The local Girl Scouts have been busy this season, bringing joy and making a meaningful impact across Dunlap and nearby areas.

One of their major events was the annual Pulled Pork Feed—"Food for Farmers"—held at Cogdill Farm Supply locations in Dunlap and Dow City. The event was a huge success, raising nearly \$2,300 to support the troop's activities. Community members from all walks of life joined in, including farmers, hunters with their dogs, and many who simply stopped by while driving through. The scouts sold 104 pounds of pulled pork and nearly sold out, making this year's feed one of their best yet.

Following that, the Girl Scouts hosted a heartwarming holiday gathering at Dunlap Specialty Care. There, they built gingerbread houses with residents, performed holiday talents, colored festive sheets, and spread cheer throughout the day—creating memorable moments across generations.

The troop also collected Angel Tree donations to provide gifts for local families in need this holiday season. Their generosity and dedication embody the true spirit of giving.

These events highlight the Girl Scouts' commitment not only to personal growth but also to building a stronger, kinder community. The troop thanks everyone who supported their efforts and looks forward to more exciting projects ahead.

BOYER VALLEY PTO HOSTS SPOOKTACULAR RIDE AROUND TOWN AND SUPPORTS THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The Boyer Valley PTO has been busy making the season bright and meaningful with several exciting events and generous contributions.

Their Ride Around Town event at Halloween-time was a huge success! Over 65 participants hopped on three hayracks loaded with festive fun, traveling around town to visit host houses decorated to impress. Special thanks go out to The Dog House, the Golf Course, and the Lower Bar for donating costume prizes, as well as to the hayrack drivers and community members who lent hayracks and hay for the evening.

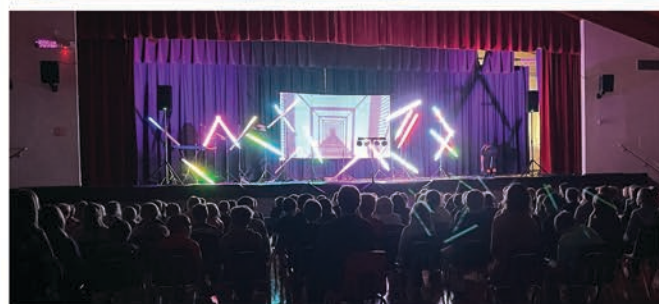
The ride started at The Lower Bar, where the PTO welcomed attendees with wristbands and festive spirit. Along the route, stops included three host houses for drinks and snacks, plus a visit to the golf course for costume judging. The evening wrapped up at The Dog House with live music and plenty of holiday cheer — proving to be a fantastic night despite the chilly weather!

Beyond fun events, the PTO's generosity extends into the classroom. They donated funds that allowed Boyer Valley Elementary to host a memorable assembly focused on important life lessons. The school shared their gratitude:

"Thank you, thank you, thank you to the Boyer Valley PTO for sponsoring the incredible elementary assembly! The presentation was absolutely awesome and delivered a powerful, meaningful message that resonated with our students. It highlighted the importance of staying healthy, respecting yourself and others, being responsible, setting goals, never giving up, and standing up against bullying. The students were fully engaged, singing and dancing their way through, feeling inspired and empowered. We truly appreciate the Boyer Valley PTO's ongoing support in offering meaningful experiences that help develop our students into kind, confident, and responsible individuals."

In addition, the PTO organized volunteers to bring meals to teachers during fall parent-teacher conferences, showing appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

The Boyer Valley PTO continues to foster a strong, supportive community through fun events, meaningful programs, and thoughtful gestures. Their efforts enrich the school environment and bring people together in lasting ways.



SENIOR CENTER PIZZA, PUZZLE & POP PARTY BRINGS FUN AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION

The Dunlap Pizza, Puzzle & Pop Party delivered a daytime event full of laughs, teamwork, and friendly competition. Teams raced against the clock to complete a 300-piece puzzle while also finishing a large single-topping pizza and polishing off a two-liter of soda—no easy task!

A heartfelt thank-you goes to the Dunlap Senior Center, along with Patty Mumm and Jan Roberts, for hosting and helping make the event a success. Appreciation is also extended to Smitty's Grocery and the Town & Country Store for generously donating pop and pizza.

Special thanks to the Dog House Bar & Grill, Dunlap Community Bank, Jan Roberts, and Patty Mumm for donating prizes and supporting this fun community gathering. Events like this highlight the strong community spirit in Dunlap—and leave everyone looking forward to the next round of fun.



TEAMMATES OF BOYER VALLEY HOSTS CHRISTMAS MUSIC BINGO NIGHT

TeamMates of Boyer Valley kicked off the holiday season with a festive Christmas Music Bingo Night that was truly the most wonderful time of the year! Guests enjoyed a fun twist on traditional bingo as holiday songs were played and players marked their cards when they recognized the song title or performer.

A huge thank-you goes to the Dunlap Golf Course for hosting, along with all of the generous donors who helped make the night such a success. Special appreciation is also extended to the Boyer Valley TeamMates Board—the dedicated ladies who work behind the scenes to make events like this happen.

Thanks to the incredible community support, the event raised \$1,550 for the Boyer Valley TeamMates chapter. These funds will directly support mentors and mentees through activities and events that allow them to spend meaningful time together while continuing to grow their relationships.

Based on the great turnout and positive response, another Music Bingo Night is definitely in the works! TeamMates' mission is to positively impact the world by inspiring students to reach their full potential through mentoring—and nights like this help make that mission possible.



TEAMMATES PUMPKIN CARVING NIGHT A BIG SUCCESS

TeamMates of Boyer Valley wrapped up October with a night full of creativity, connection, and community spirit. Mentors and mentees gathered for the program's annual pumpkin painting and carving event—one of the group's favorite traditions.

The room was filled with laughter, teamwork, and plenty of pumpkin-goo fun as participants designed everything from spooky faces to colorful fall masterpieces. The event was a wonderful reminder of the simple joys that come from spending quality, one-on-one time together.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped organize the evening and to all the mentors and mentees who make the TeamMates program such a valuable part of the Boyer Valley community. Their commitment continues to create meaningful relationships and positive experiences for local youth.

As always, TeamMates of Boyer Valley is looking for new mentors. Just one hour a week can make a lasting difference in a student's life. Anyone interested in learning more or getting involved is encouraged to reach out.



AMERICAN LEGION POST 224 SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER AT ANNUAL SANTA VISIT

The Dunlap American Legion Post 224 helped kick off the holiday season in a big way during their annual Santa Visit at the Dunlap Public Library. The event brought families together for an afternoon filled with excitement, generosity, and festive fun.

Children were greeted with a variety of activities, including ornament drawing and holiday coloring pages. Each child received a cup and a gift bag and had the chance to pick out a toy to take home—one of the highlights of the day.

Post 224 also held a special drawing and surprised several lucky children with brand-new bicycles, creating unforgettable holiday moments. Guests were treated to cheese sticks and juice, adding a tasty touch to the celebration.

The American Legion members worked hard to make the event memorable, continuing their tradition of giving back to the community and bringing joy to local families during the Christmas season.



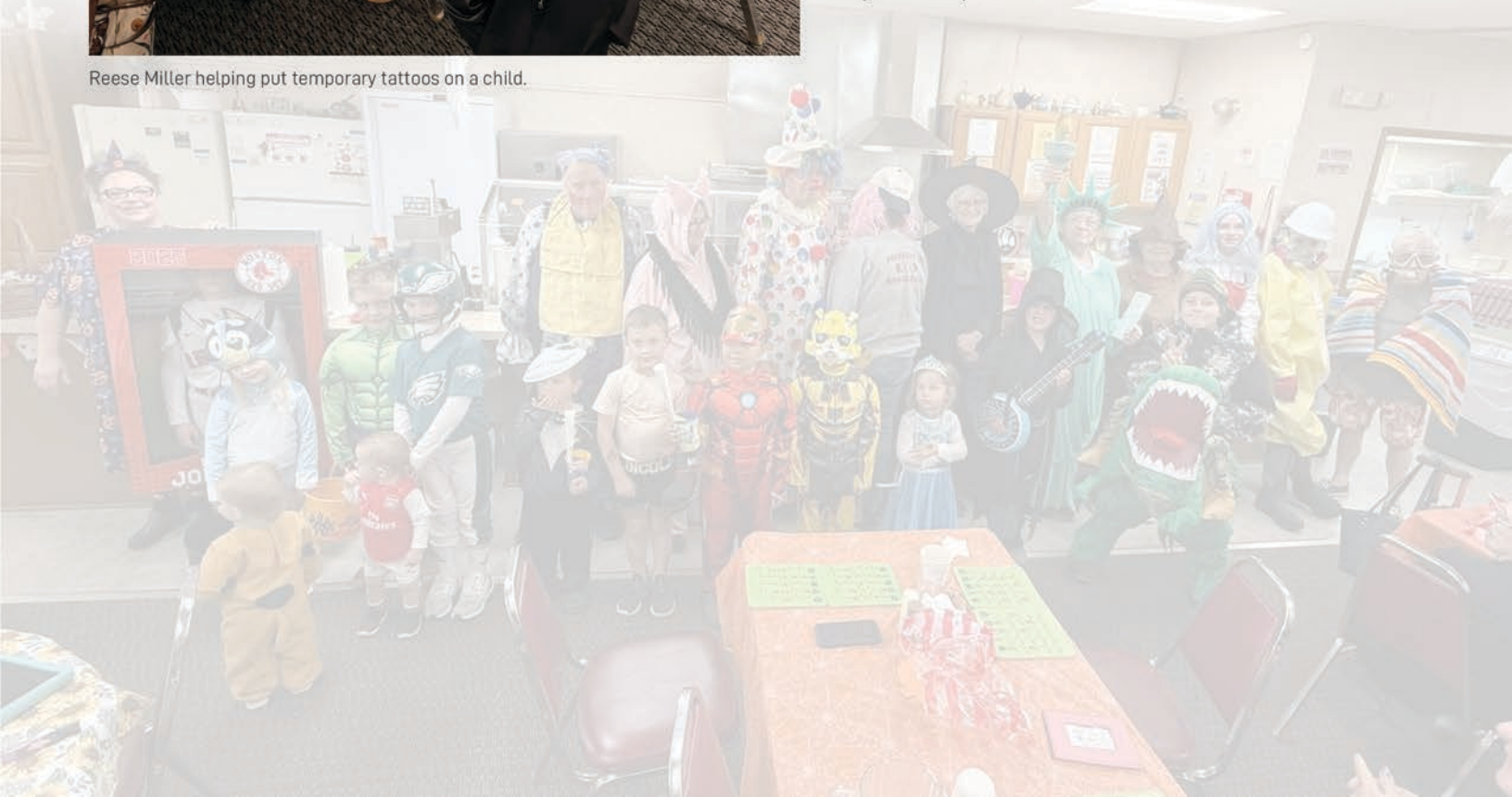
Right: Ben Hanigan visits Santa.



The event featured plenty of treats and activities that delighted everyone. Jill Schaben of DCDC was on the sidewalk serving free cotton candy, adding a sweet touch to the celebration. Reece Miller volunteered time handing out toys and helping kids apply temporary tattoos, making sure the little ghosts and goblins were all smiles.

The Halloween party was a wonderful reminder of the vibrant spirit in Dunlap's community and the joy of coming together to celebrate. Thanks to all the volunteers and attendees who made it a memorable day for everyone!

Reese Miller helping put temporary tattoos on a child.



KIDS DAY AT THE DUNLAP GOLF COURSE BRINGS HOLIDAY FUN

The Dunlap Golf Course recently hosted a festive Kids Day, and the clubhouse was filled with holiday cheer from start to finish. Children were encouraged to arrive in their coziest pajamas, adding an extra layer of fun to the event.

Kids spent the afternoon decorating felt gingerbread men, enjoying Frosty- and Rudolph-themed drinks, and snacking on popcorn. The creative, mess-free gingerbread craft was a hit with kids and parents alike.

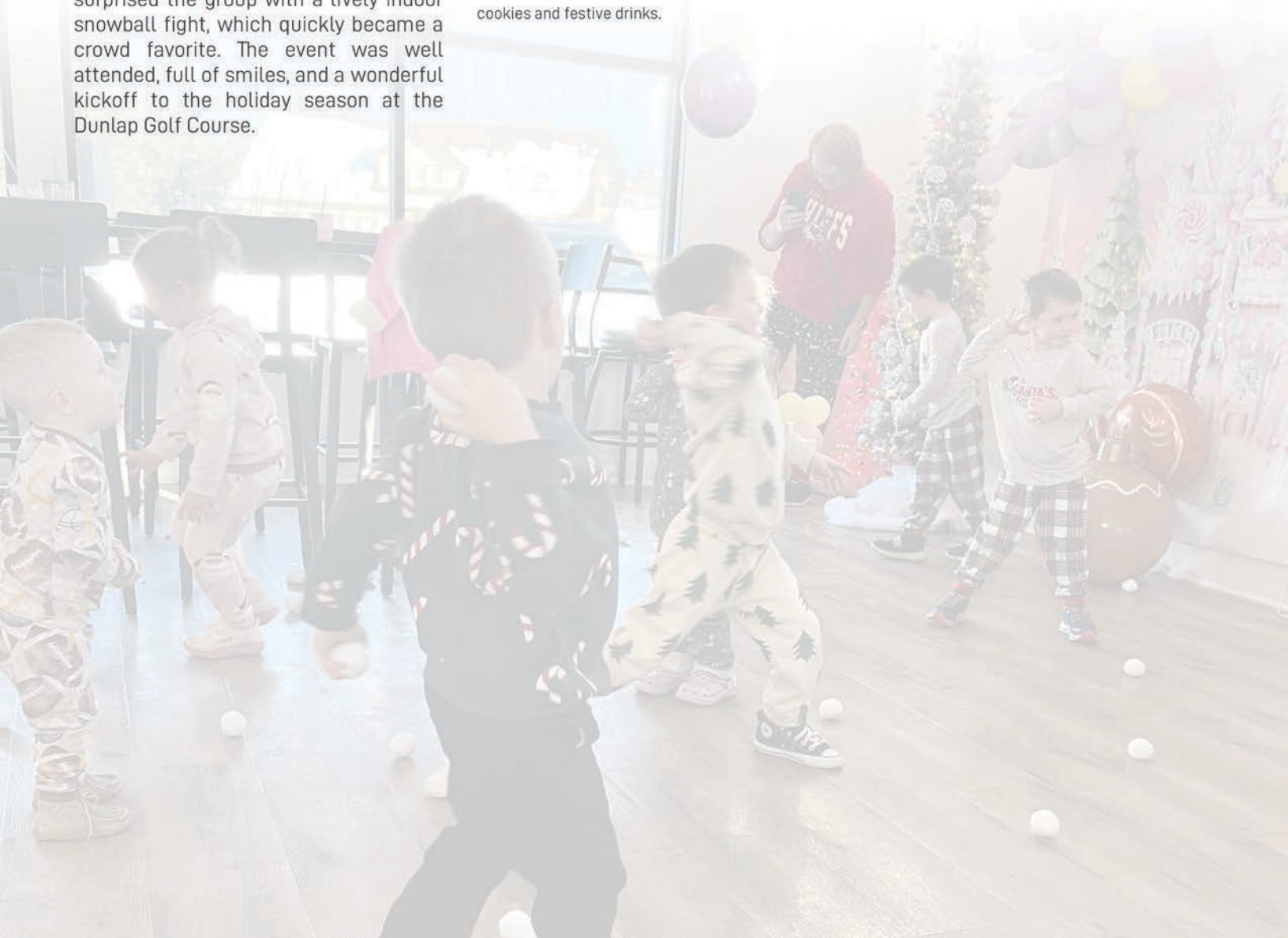
To wrap up the day, the golf course surprised the group with a lively indoor snowball fight, which quickly became a crowd favorite. The event was well attended, full of smiles, and a wonderful kickoff to the holiday season at the Dunlap Golf Course.



Bram, Palmer and Brynn Miller taste the delicious cookies and festive drinks.



Crewe Elder shows off his gingerbread man.



FOR SALE IN DUNLAP



202 Y St

Dunlap, IA 51529
\$82,000

5 Beds / 2 BA
1,560 Sq Ft

Listed by:
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Schaben Real Estate LLC



1403 Eaton St

Dunlap, IA 51529
\$399,000

4 Beds / 3 BA
2,996 Sq Ft

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107 Iowa Ave

Dunlap, IA 51529
\$168,000

Bar/Restaurant
Over 3,000 Sq Ft on .29 acres

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NEW GATHERING SPACE IN TOWN - THE INDUSTRIAL

"The Industrial" is a new gathering space for rent at 50 Industrial Dr. in Dunlap.

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Host your next gathering in our bright, open modern venue — perfect for family celebrations, graduations, showers, or any special event. This versatile space features polished concrete floors, a full kitchen with fridge, a bar, and an 80-inch TV for entertainment or presentations. Guests will enjoy plenty of parking and the convenience of provided white folding tables and chairs. Whether you're planning an intimate gathering or a lively celebration, this space is ready to make your event effortless and memorable.

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Take your event (or your swing) to the next level in our brand-new golf simulator! Perfect for both casual players and golf enthusiasts, this space lets you practice, play, or just have some fun. With realistic courses, accurate swing tracking, and comfortable seating, it's a great way to add a unique experience to your gathering. There are also tons of other games for kids and adults to enjoy! Whether you're hosting a party, team event, or just want a place to hang out and play a few rounds indoors — our golf simulator room is ready for you!

Contact for more information and pricing:

hailey@eliteagins.com

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THE DUELING PIANOS OF
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ANDERSON LEEDS

Dueling Pianos

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!

Friday, February 27th, 2026 at the St. Patrick Parish Center

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 or (712) 643-2164 with questions or to purchase tickets.

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March 28, 2026



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