

That's How It's "Dun" – Paul Cogdill Recognized for His Service to Dunlap

Paul Cogdill is this quarter's recipient of DCDC's "That's How It's Dun" Award. This award is part of a community service recognition program created to honor those who go above and beyond in their volunteer service contributions to the Dunlap community.

Paul grew up in Dunlap. He and his wife, Sarah, started their family in Underwood, but moved back to the community in more recent years. They have four children: Owen, 13; Mollie, 11; Kinley, 8; and Finn 7.

"We were able to move back to Dunlap, to our home farm, and continue to raise our family in this wonderful community," shared Paul.

Since returning to Dunlap, Paul has been very active in the community. Paul is on the board for the Boyer Valley Youth Organization. In this role, he spends countless hours at the sports complex, preparing fields, putting up soccer goals, lining the fields, and more. He has volunteered to coach multiple youth sports, including football, soccer, softball, baseball, and basketball.

Additionally, since 2021, Paul has served on the Boyer Valley School Board.

"I am happy to be able to give back to the school that I graduated from."

Paul helps the Boyer Valley Girl Scouts when he can. He has been deemed an "Honorary Girl Scout Cookie Delivery Dad." Recently, he helped the troop construct a ceremony bridge.

In the summertime, he can be found at events in the Dunlap City Park, helping the Girl Scouts set up their booth for Art at the Park and running the BVYO food stand on the 4th of July.

He is very creative, screen-printing shirts for the 4-H Club and the Girl Scouts and designing jerseys for youth sports teams. He also builds wooden cornhole games and donates them to various community fundraisers.

"Without helping the community where needed, we would not have the great things that go on year-round here. I've also been raised to lend a helping hand whenever you can. The community has done so much for my family the past year that I try to help as much as I can."

Last December, the Cogdills returned home from Sarah's grandmother's funeral visitation to find their newly-built home was on fire. BVYO hosted a spaghetti dinner to benefit the family, and the community and school district supported them in various ways.

"I love the small-town environment. Everyone is super friendly and willing to help anyone. I loved growing up here as a kid and was blessed with the opportunity to be able to raise my family in this community as well. No matter where you look there is always a smiling face and a stretched-out hand to shake."

When asked, what he would say to encourage others to volunteer, Paul replied, "I would tell them that without volunteers, great things can't happen. Also, you will never know when you might need help from someone else in the community."

