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408 Hwy 30

Current Business: United Bank of Iowa (2011 – Current)

Previous Businesses:

Youthline Youth Center (1996-)

Far Out Cafe (1985-1992)

Kimmen's Fina Service (1969-)

Larson's Cafe (1965-)

Benjamin's Cafe (1958-1965)

Benjamin's Service Station (1958-1969)

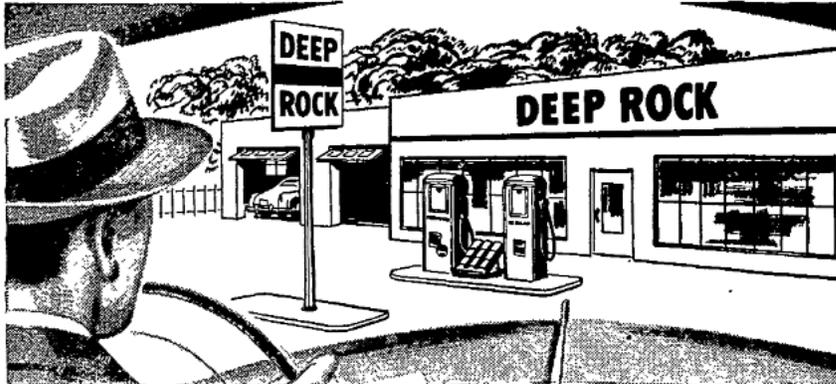
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We're Celebrating



Our 1st Birthday

Just a year ago this week we took over operation of the Deep Rock Station and Cafe here in Dunlap. We are mighty proud to have been of service to you. During that year we've added to the Cafe and a new two-stall indoor Grease and Service Room to give you still better service.



Thanks for Your Patronage

This week on our first birthday we wish to take the opportunity to thank the People of Dunlap and community for your fine patronage during the past year. We trust you will let us serve you again and again. Be sure to come in and see us Saturday. We are offering . . .

FREE PRIZES - Saturday, Mar. 14

- DORMEYER MIXER
- CASE DEEP ROCK OIL
- 10 GAL. DEEP ROCK GAS

Nothing to Buy — Just Register Saturday



Benjamins Service

Station Service
Dunlap — Phone 3-5740

YOUR INDEPENDENT DEEP ROCK DEALER



Nostalgia Is Theme of Talk at New Cafe

By DORIS BINGHAM

There's a lot of nostalgia these days at the **Far-Out Specialities Cafe**. Visitors are remembering days in the past when it was a primary teen hangout.

"It's just like it was then," said Dorothy Becker who with her husband Art opened the restaurant on Monday of last week. "Except there's no coffee bar. We eliminated that to make it easier for the waitresses. And everyone says the kitchen's different."

Everyone was telling us we should put in a restaurant," said Dorothy after she and Art bought the building to help their son Dennis get started in the repair business. Dorothy used the rest of the building for a consignment shop for a year and a half.

Most of the consignment items she's given back to the owners although she carries a few special items in a case near the entrance.

"I didn't like to be just standing around," said Dorothy and there were a lot of hours to stand around in the consignment shop.

She's not standing around much these days, however. Work starts at 4 a.m. Everything is home-baked, the bread, the pies, the doughnuts, soups, even the mashed potatoes. "We don't even keep instant potatoes on the premises. If we run out, the customer eats baked or French fries."

That's why their motto is "We hope our taste is your taste."

They figure it will take a little time to get the crowds coming. "So far, the noon



Art and Dorothy Becker at Far-Out Specialities Cafe.

hour is best," said Dorothy.

Although the restaurant stays open to 10 every night, they don't expect to stay there that long themselves. "We have good help."

Both have worked in restaurants before and have run businesses before but this is the first time they've operated a restaurant.

"It's not much different from cooking for the family

when the whole bunch comes home." The family includes 14 on Art's side of the family and ten on hers.

Part of the challenge in getting ready to open has been getting the equipment together. To save money they've been going to auctions in Omaha. One item they got at an auction is a waitress station from a Boeing 747 jet.

"We got it home before

we realized it wouldn't go through any of the doors," said Art. So he took down the back door frame and widened the doorway between the kitchen and the restaurant area to get it in.

Dorothy was born and raised on a farm near Carroll. Art was born and raised near Breda. They came to the Dunlap area in 1958 and purchased the farm where they now live in 1963. It is located one mile west and 6½ miles north of Dunlap on L-51.

They have two sons. Dennis is running Becker Repair in the same building and the other son, Dan, is chief of police at Rolfe, Iowa.

Dorothy's experience in business has included operating a beauty shop a few years back on Main Street in Dunlap.



Spring Out to
Far-Out Cafe for

- ★ Nachos & Cheese
- ★ Mushrooms
- ★ Breaded Cauliflower
- ★ Cheese Balls
- ★ Chicken Strips
- ★ Tacos



Give Our **Chicken Special** a try!
(Evenings only!)

ORDERS TO GO ALWAYS WELCOME!

Far-Out Cafe

OPEN Monday-Saturday — 6 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sunday — 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

643-2367 Art & Dorothy Becker Dunlap

Mary Messenger Takes Over Far-Out Cafe Management

Mary Messenger took over management of the Far-Out Cafe from Art and Dorothy Becker this week. She said she has worked in restaurants in the area many years and had always wanted to run one herself.

Mary graduated from high school here, then left for a number of years. She came back in 1970. She has four children and five grandchildren.

For fun she said she likes to bowl and fish and float

down the Boyer on a flat bottom boat, although she doesn't know how much time she'll have for such things now.

She said she hopes everyone will give her cooking a try.

Mary said she doesn't have any plans for changes in the immediate future except that she wants to have homemade tacos available on Saturday. She is planning a Grand Opening in the near future.

Members of the Dunlap Fire Department responded to the following call:

Fire Department Responds To Call

To help extinguish a pickup fire for Walter Malone.

**Bloodmobile
Coming
Thursday, July 19
12 to 6 p.m.
City Hall**



Mary Messenger on first day at Far-Out Cafe. Behind her is her mother, Alvera Steinkuehler, who came by to wish her well and lend a hand.

December 6, 1990 – Dunlap Reporter



A TREE OF YELLOW RIBBONS

Yellow ribbons decorate this tree in front of the Far Out Cafe. Around the base are large wooden "ribbons" with the names of the servicemen in the Persian Gulf. The names were taken from the list in the Dunlap Reporter last week. Any additional names will be added by request. Call Dorothy at the [Far Out Cafe](#). A laminated picture can be included in the big ribbon.

Christian youth center set to open soon

by Butch Walker

A Christian youth center may be open as early as this Friday afternoon at the old Far Out Cafe building on Highway 30.

The Youthline Youth Center will be patterned after two others started in other communities by Lifeline Fellowship Church Pastor Daniel Hurt.

Featuring such activities as video arcade games and pool tables, Hurt says the center will be a place for all kids in the community to enjoy recreational activities, mostly at no cost, in an atmosphere where Christian values are emphasized.

He said there is a possibility that the video games may not be free at the beginning.

Hurt credited Jerry Schwarte, a Denison accountant and a member of the Lifeline Fellowship Church in Dunlap, as the leading force in getting a youth center started in Dunlap.

Schwarte had worked with Hurt in starting a similar center in Denison. Hurt began the Youth Outreach Center in Anamosa in 1989 and it is still going strong today.

Hurt said he is trying to find a foosball table to put in the center.

The center initially will open one day a week — Fridays from 3:30 - 10-11 p.m. Hurt has planned for a Dec. 20 opening, but delays in receiving some of the equipment may force a postponement of the opening.

Hurt said as more volunteers are recruited the center will probably open on Saturdays and expand from there.

He said the volunteers will be "good decent people in the community that have Christian values who will build friendships for the kids."

The center will also feature Christian video and popular Christian youth music.

Open to all kids during the early afternoon hours on Friday, the center will be reserved for use of junior high and senior high kids after about 7 p.m., Hurt said.

In addition to the activities at the facility, there will be outreach activities about once a month, including skating, canoeing, campouts, bible studies, slumber parties and ball games.

Other activities will include films, singing groups, drama groups, summer

camp, concerts, hog roasts and more.

The center will also be a place for kids to just "hang out" with adult supervision.

With today's families facing such problems as divorce, alcohol and drug abuse, suicide and teen pregnancies, Hurt says, "The Lord is the answer to life's problems, I've always believed that.

"If kids get the Lord in their heart, they are less likely to choose going the wrong way."

The center will be also be a place where kids can share their problems with a caring grownup if they want to. There will be people on hand who will "point them to the Lord, help answer problems they have."

Hurt moved to Dunlap in March to become Lifeline Fellowship Church's pastor. Prior to that he had been pastor at churches in Anamosa and Denison.

Residing with Hurt is his wife of 20 years, Karenlynn and their children, Sasha, 13; Jordan, 11; and Abraham, 6.

The center is seeking donation of items for the center, and potential donors are asked to call Hurt at 643-2392.

Youth center's open house set for this Saturday

Bad weather a couple of months ago forced postponement of the Youthline Youth Center's grand opening but it didn't prevent the center from opening its doors to young people.

Last Friday evening, like the previous six Fridays, the center was loaded with kids shooting pool, playing video arcade games, shooting darts, enjoying food and drink and just socializing in an adult-supervised Christian atmosphere.

This Saturday the center, located on Highway 30 in the old Far Out Cafe Building, will hold its grand opening from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free drinks and sandwiches will be offered to those who tour the facility.

Jerry Schwarte, the main force behind establishment of the non-profit organization, said he wanted to say thank you to all the volunteers and donors who have made it possible for the center to become a reality.

Each Friday 25-40 kids have come to the center to enjoy the games and to socialize, Schwarte said. Hours are 4:30-10:30 p.m.

The children also get to watch a family-oriented video



Children surround Starr Schwarte at the Youthline Youth Center while others play pool or enjoy the video games.

when the center first opens. Modern Christian rock music is played.

The center has recently obtained another pool table, and is now full-equipped with games, Schwarte said.

Pop and pizza are available for 50 cents and Schwarte said all of the money is put back into the purchase of food and any other proceeds

with be used to help finance the center's planned outings.

Schwarte said he has donated the rent and utilities for the first year.

Schwarte, a Denison accountant, is a member of the Lifeline Fellowship Church in Dunlap. His wife, Starr Schwarte, has been on hand every week to supervise the activities and his two

daughters, Mary McClure and Christine Frazier, both of Dunlap have played key roles as volunteers.

Lifeline Pastor Daniel Hurt and wife Karen have also been present as have other volunteers Larry and Bonnie Shafer of Woodbine and Jenice Frazier, Damon and Kim Gray, Penny Johnson, Please see Center, Page 8

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and Phyllis Rich of Dunlap.

Schwarte said the center still needs more qualified volunteers and he asked that anyone interested to get in touch with him at his Denison business, 263-6240.

Schwarte also said he greatly appreciated the encouragement offered by the City Council and the Dunlap Community Development Corp.

Schwarte said special credit is due to Steve McClure for recovering pool tables, installing stereo speakers and much more of

the work at the center.

Other donors include Starr Schwarte, Larry and Bonnie Shafer, Dan and Karen Hurt, Kelly Amusement of Carroll, Mrs. Ed Rich, Henry and Judith Gruver, Lifeline Fellowship Church, Earl Putt and Crawford County Bank.

Larry and Bonnie Shafer donated the drinks and sandwiches for Saturday's open house.

Anyone wishing to donate can drop items off at the center on Friday evenings, Schwarte's office at 1804 4th Ave. South in Denison or at Mary McClure's house in Dunlap.

Remember when



by Trish (Houston) Trofholz our purple/white knee hi's. But

We would cruise down Main Street, go down highway 30 to **Larsons Cafe**, make a U-turn in their parking lot as we hurriedly would check out who was inside the café, and then back up highway 30 to Main Street. You proceeded down Main all the way up past the school to the real "MOON". Which is the little triangular island which is in front of the former Knickman, Stockstad and Duane Melby houses. Sometimes for a change of scenery we'd drive down Main Street, across highway 30 and down past the Reporter Office and make a U-turn at the bottom of the hill in front of Moore Bros. Store aka in later years, the Dunlap Locker.

The Dunlap Grill and Don Bissen opened up a game room in the basement of the grill for a short time. You could order a coke and fries and go downstairs and meet up with some of your friends. There were several pinball machines down there.

It all sounds so innocent now. We went to the games, we cheered on the team, we drove around town and visited with friends. At some point, however, we always ended up at **Larsons Cafe**. I can see the cloud of smoke hanging over the coffee counter and all the booths were full. Everyone was busy talking and laughing and the jukebox was blaring and there just didn't seem to be anything wrong in the world.

August 18, 2011 – Dunlap Reporter

United Bank of Iowa expands to Dunlap

United Bank of Iowa, headquartered in Ida Grove, has announced the addition of a new office in Dunlap, Iowa, pending regulatory approval. The new office will be located on the north side of Dunlap along Highway 30. Scheduled to open on November 1, 2011, United Bank of Iowa will do business in a temporary building at that location until a new facility can be constructed at the site.

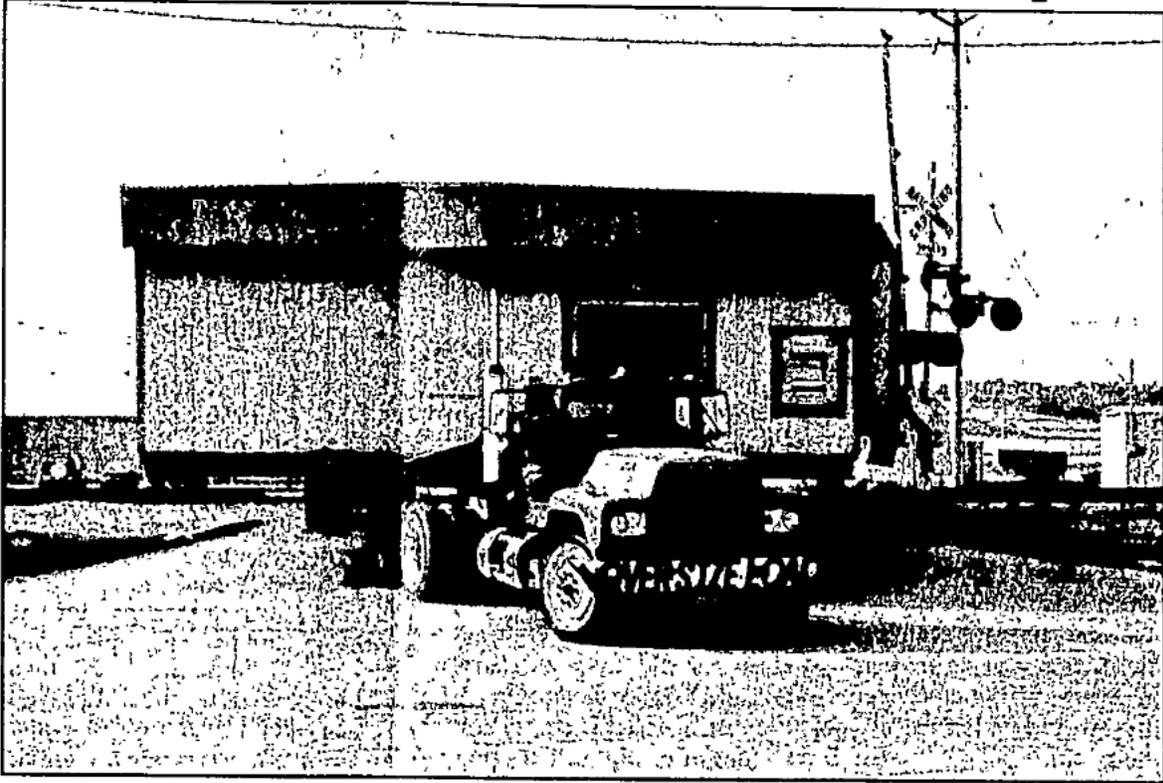
Owen C. Bolte, President and CEO of United Bank of Iowa stated, "With offices in Denison, Harlan, Charter Oak, and Moorhead, adding an office in Dunlap is a nice fit for this market area. It will give our Dunlap customers the convenience of a local office and allow us to provide better service to our customers in the surrounding communities."

Bolte continued, "As the largest ag bank in Iowa, United Bank of Iowa has a strong commitment to support local farmers, families, and business people. We look forward to serving your financial needs and taking an active role in your community."

United Bank of Iowa, wholly owned by the holding company, Ida Grove Bancshares, Inc., of Ida Grove, Iowa, has assets exceeding one billion dollars. United Bank of Iowa has 23 offices serving rural west central Iowa.

November 3, 2011 – Dunlap Reporter

New bank comes to Dunlap



United Bank of Iowa moved into Dunlap last week. They moved in a temporary building to put on the site. The truck driver carefully jogged between railroad lights and then across Hwy. 30 where it was installed on the lot on 6th Street directly across from Heller Implement Inc.

March 29, 2012 – Dunlap Reporter

New bank making headway...

The new bank, United Bank of Iowa, has a lot of action at the site of the new building. I can't wait to see it. It's not everyday that we get a new building in Dunlap!

October 11, 2012 – Dunlap Reporter

United Bank of Iowa moves into new building



Trudy Heffernan, Jake Schaben, Whitney McAllister, and Connie Elder are the helpful, smiling staff of United Bank of Iowa.

photo Walker

a table please contact Amanda at 712-643-5101/712-310-6843 or RSVP on facebook (Boyer Valley Optimist Club)

salad sandwiches Desserts and beverage will also be available.

United Bank of Iowa holds open house

A new bank building opened for business last Friday. United Bank of Iowa has built a beautiful new building in Dunlap and turned a very unattractive corner into a beautiful corner at Hwy. 30 and Clinton. There's a new sign that tells us the time and temperature also. Information that's always helpful.

Jake Schaben, manager of the new bank says he is looking forward to helping the Dunlap Community with their banking needs. On Friday the open house had some specials for new accounts and lots of good food for those who attended.

December 13, 2012 – Dunlap Reporter



United Bank of Iowa's open house was held on Friday, December 7. Pictured in back row, left to right: Connie Elder, Whitney McAllister, and Trudy Heffernan. Sitting in the front is Jake Schaben.



United Bank of Iowa donates a check to the Wellness Center. Pictured left to right: Carol Gall, Andi Thomsen, and Jake Schaben from United Bank of Iowa.

Wellness Center receives donation



Representing the Dunlap Wellness Center: (L to R) Sue Nemitz, Andi Sharp, and Marilyn Davie and representing [United Bank of Iowa](#): Austin McDonald. Austin recently presented the Dunlap Wellness Center with a \$1,600.00 check from an employee Wellness Challenge for the purchase of a rowing machine.

United Bank donates to Wellness Center *On behalf of Employee Wellness Challenge*

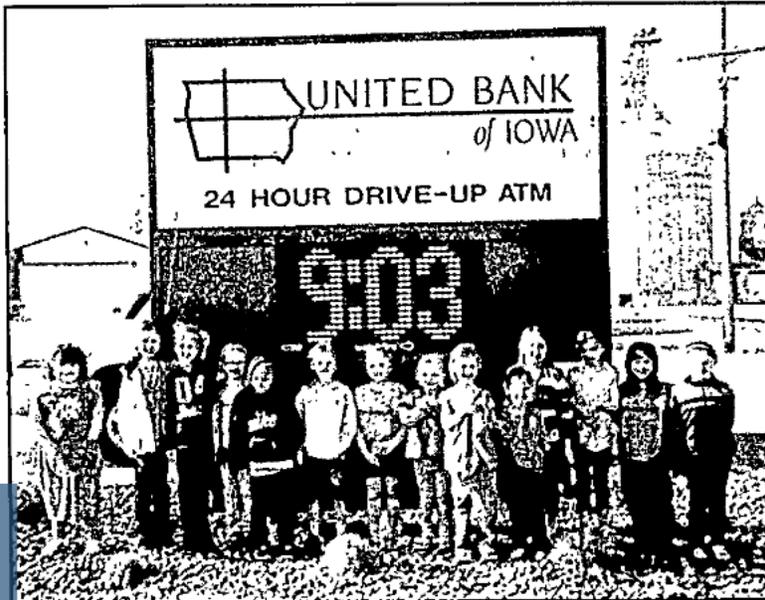
United Bank of Iowa recently presented the Dunlap Wellness Center with \$1,600 for the purchase of a rowing machine. This donation was made possible because of the efforts of the UBI employees during a bank wide wellness challenge.

This past June, United Bank of Iowa sponsored a challenge to promote wellness among employees. The bank pledged to make donations to local health/wellness/safety organizations or programs requested by UBI employees if wellness goals were reached.

Employees in all 24 UBI locations were challenged to add more exercise and healthy food choices to their daily routine. Employee activities included walking, running and a variety of sports and hobbies as well as adding cardio, strength and core workouts. Healthy eating challenges included drinking more water, eating a healthy breakfast, adding more fruits and vegetables and avoiding snacks before bedtime. Tips and recipes were also provided to encourage healthy food choices.

A total of \$10,000 was donated throughout the United Bank of Iowa communities.

March 26, 2015 – Dunlap Reporter



The Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts of Troop 163 enjoyed a tour of United Bank of Iowa as part of their Marvelous Monday activities on Monday, March 16
photo by Stephanie Lantz

March 26, 2015 – Dunlap Reporter

Jake Schaben Guest Speaker in Career Life Skills

by Amy Klein

On Wednesday, March 18, Jake Schaben from [United Bank of Iowa](#) came up to the high school and spoke to Mrs. Hanigan's Career Life Skills class about loans.

This class is made up of seniors who are getting ready to enter into the world and are looking at getting loans for automobiles, college, and various other things. Jake put together a presentation to show the kids

what it takes to get approved for a loan. He talked about the five "C's" of lending: conditions, credit, capacity, collateral, and capital. Conditions are what the loan is for. Credit is checking your past credit or your credit report. Capacity looks at your ability to repay your loan. Collateral is what you have to put down to secure the loan. Capital is the secondary source of repayment for the loan.

Jake had lots of good tips for the students as ways for students to build credit, how to stay away from things that will lead you into getting into trouble with credit, and how to manage credit cards.

Jake also went over a credit application and all of the information a bank would need from an applicant before approval of a loan would be granted. He explained the

difference in a loan for a car vs a loan for a home.

The students were very interested in the information Jake had to share and had a few questions for him. They thanked him for his time and Mrs. Hanigan asked him if he would be willing to come back and talk about other financial topics. Jake was very open to coming back again.

United Bank of Iowa donates to local cause

United Bank of Iowa recently donated \$2,237 to the Check the Girls Foundation in Dunlap. The donation will provide financial assistance for mammograms and other breast health exams, as well as gas cards and meal certificates for people undergoing any type of cancer treatment. This money was raised during United Bank of Iowa's UNITED TOGETHER makes the Difference Cause Day effort.

The goal of United Bank of Iowa's Cause Day is to give employees the opportunity to make a difference and support people in need in the communities the bank serves. On the second and fourth Fridays of each month, UBI employees from all 35 locations have the option to donate \$5.00 to wear their UNITED TOGETHER t-shirts with jeans to work. The bank matches the employee donations up to \$1,000 and the total is donated to one cause, randomly drawn from suggestions from all 35 locations.

The Check the Girls foundation of Dunlap was the lucky recipient of United Bank of Iowa's January 22, 2021, Cause Day donation. United Bank of Iowa employees presenting the check are Jake Schnaben, Sabrena Summerfield, Makayla Beeck, Jessica Wingrove, and Connie Casperson. Tricia Roberts from the Check the Girls foundation is accepting the donation. For more information, go to www.unitedbk.bank.



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United Bank of Iowa stands United with local causes. Here are UBI Dunlap location employees with Tricia Roberts, Check the Girls Foundation organizer. From left are Makayla Beeck, Jake Schaben, Roberts, Jessica Wingrove, Sabrena Summerfield, and Connie Casperson.