



YEAR IN REVIEW

2025 - 2026



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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.

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.



DCDC and the City of Dunlap received a grant check from FMCTC to go towards pickleball/basketball court improvements at the Dunlap City Park.



City workers began the installation of the new shade structures at the Dunlap Pool. DCDC helped obtain funding for this improvement.



DCDC asked for assistance from the Dunlap Livestock Auction to move stone furnishings from Main Street in preparation for the new, metal ones to arrive.



DCDC worked with Jon Schaben to create a hype video designed to get people excited about the Dunlap Community Foundation kickoff fundraiser event.

Artist John Cerney began work on the new "Bad Dog" roadside mural in California before hauling it in a trailer to Iowa.



DCDC commissioned the mural to be recreated and installed on the north side of the Boyer Valley Sports Complex as a roadside attraction.



Tremel Nursery planted ten more trees in the Dunlap City Park. DCDC sought funding and the Silver Fox Foundation donated in full towards the cause.

The park had lost many trees due to the emerald ash borer.

DCDC installed a sign along Highway 30 to promote the available residential lots for sale at Prairie Meadow Estates.



Installation of the new shade structures at the Dunlap Pool was completed. DCDC helped obtain funding for this improvement.



DCDC painted a flower mural on the alley-facing side of the Dunlap Senior Center. This rear entrance was used during the Iowa Ave reconstruction project.



DCDC received grant funding to hang a vinyl nonverbal message sign on the fence at the Dunlap Pool



DCDC designed and ordered field sponsor signs for the BVYO.



The installation of the new "Bad Dog" roadside mural was completed.

DCDC acquired grant funding to replace the worn wooden benches with new metal ones inside the Dunlap Pool bathhouse and at the basketball court in the Dunlap City Park.



DCDC began recruiting volunteers for the 4th of July, helping line up the inflatables, promoting the parade and park celebration, and more to ensure the 2025 4th of July event would be a success.



DCDC published a video on Facebook about the history of DCDC and all the group's more recent accomplishments.



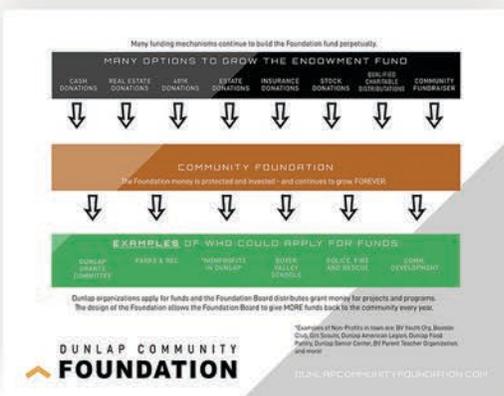
DCDC announced updates to the disc golf course at Pleasant View Park. These updates include new hole signs, a new course map, and a "borrow and return" disc basket.



DCDC updated their online and print Dunlap business directory.



DCDC shared Dunlap-themed kids activity worksheets on Dunlap's web site and social media page.



DCDC continued to help build excitement and clarification around the Dunlap Community Foundation.



With grant money, DCDC funded new picnic tables and benches for the pool deck at the Dunlap Pool.



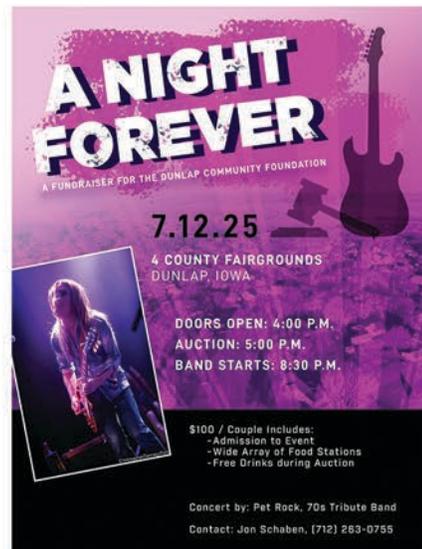
Cement for a new, independent pickleball court was poured at the Dunlap City Park. Grant funding for this project was obtained by the Dunlap Grants Committee.



DCDC played a significant, supporting role in planning for the 2025 4th of July parade and park festivities. DCDC helped line up volunteers, promoted the event, and helped with other administrative pieces to ensure a successful event.



DCDC worked with Dunlap Community Foundation Advisory Board Member, Margo Hansen, to create a video that helped better explain the future goals of the foundation.



Many DCDC Board members played a role in the success of "A Night Forever," the Dunlap Community Foundation's inaugural fundraiser.



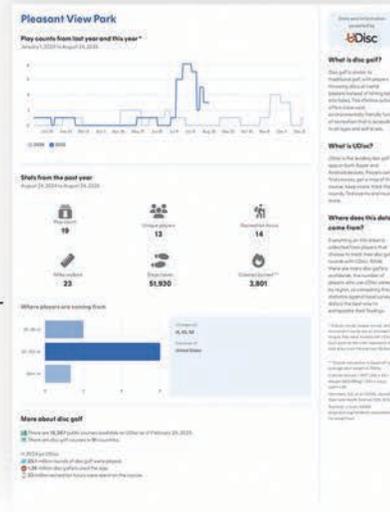
The ground was trenched to run power to new light posts at the basketball court at the Dunlap City Park. Additionally, an extension to the chain link fence was installed. These enhancements were made possible with grant funding obtained by DCDC.



DCDC, in partnership with the BV PTO, collected gift certificates and tchotchkes from local businesses to assemble welcome bags for families who are new to the Boyer Valley School District.



DCDC helped the Dunlap Senior Center clear out space and paint walls as part of the center's bathroom remodel project.



Via the UDisc app, DCDC has been able to obtain data regarding the usage of the disc golf course at Pleasant View Park. With the improvements initiated by DCDC, the data showed an immediate uptick in play time and visitors.



DCDC helped the Boyer Valley Girl Scouts with marketing and administrative efforts for their annual event, "Paws in the Pool."

New black metal planters, benches and trash receptacles were placed on main street. DCDC helped with the grant writing, fundraising, design elements, ordering and placement to make this improvement possible.



The installation of the light posts at the basketball court at the Dunlap City Park was completed. This project was made possible with grant funding.



The first round of new families to the district (for the school year) received welcome bags full of gift certificates and trinkets from area businesses. These bags were the result of efforts by both DCDC and the BV PTO.



DCDC welcomed a new business to town, hosting a ribbon cutting for Massage by Rajeana at 115 Iowa Ave.



A nonverbal message board was installed at the City Park in Dunlap. This project was made possible with grant funding obtained by DCDC.



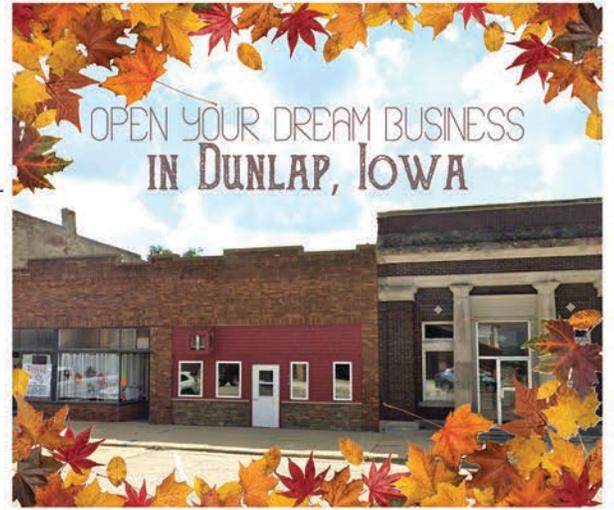
DCDC requested data from HCDC regarding visits to Pleasant View Park. This data is tracked through cell phone usage.

DCDC shared this information with the Dunlap public.

DCDC Executive Director, Jill Schaben, made cotton candy for the Dunlap Senior Center Halloween Party.



DCDC supports many nonprofit organizations in town in a variety of ways, including but not limited to, grantwriting, marketing and promotions.



DCDC created promotional posts and videos for social media, reminding people that there is commercial space available for lease in Dunlap.



FUNDRAISER FOR THE DUNLAP SENIOR CENTER
 Saturday, December 13th | 11:30 a.m.

Sign up a team of four! (\$100/team)
 Winning group is the first to:

1. Finish a 350-piece puzzle
2. Eat an entire large pizza
3. Finish a 2-Liter of pop

Contact Patty Mumm to sign up a team!
 We will need to know what single-topping of pizza and pop type you prefer!
 (712) 269-9266



DCDC assisted the Dunlap Senior Center by tracing a mural on a basement door in their urban garden area. The very talented local artist, Rory Conrad painted the stunning flag.



DCDC continues to help promote the Dunlap StoryWalk, an interactive activity that displays pages from childrens books along the walking trail at Pleasant View Park. The Dunlap StoryWalk is managed by volunteer, Ashley Schaben.

DCDC helps create flyers for nonprofit events in town like the American Legion's annual Santa visit and the Senior Center's puzzle fundraiser.



The City of Dunlap began installation on a new swingset at Pleasant View Park. DCDC assisted in grant writing for the funding of this project.



The final new black metal benches, planters, and trash receptacles were set into place along Dunlap's main street in time for the Shop Hop. DCDC played a role in grantwriting, fundraising, and organizing the layout of the new furnishings.



Executive Director, Jill Schaben, took part in the Bulldogs Business Partner Program at Boyer Valley Elementary, sharing with Mrs. Hartwig's fourth grade class the responsibilities of her position. The students were tasked with determining solutions for community improvement projects in Dunlap.



DCDC hosted the annual business holiday decor contest in the weeks leading up to the Shop Hop. This themed contest has been a fun way that DCDC has encouraged unified holiday spirit amongst local businesses. Dunlap Lumber won first place for its "Gingerbread Village" theme.

DCDC hosted the annual Shop Hop, a longstanding event that purpose is to encourage local commerce and build community spirit.





The Dunlap Grants Committee received grant funding from Aureon to go towards the polymeric surfacing of the new independent pickleball court.

Grant funding from the Dean J. King Foundation, obtained by the Dunlap Grants Committee was used to repair uneven surfaces and cracks along the Dunlap pool deck..



DCDC helped promote available housing opportunities at the Dunlap Housing & Development Corporation's apartment complexes. These units are for seniors and/or individuals with disabilities.

DUNLAP HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Dunlap Housing and Development Corporation, operated by a Board of Directors, was initiated to ensure housing opportunities for Seniors, and individuals with disabilities in the Dunlap community.

The Corporation owns five apartment units. Individuals must be 55+ years of age and/or have a disability to apply for living space.

To request information or inquire about available units: Contact Murphy Management at (515) 295-2927



DCDC hosted its annual residential holiday decor contest. This contest encourages community spirit.



DCDC decorated the Dunlap Pocket Park in the "Gingerbread Village" theme.

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

Shalyn Rae Estate
 Equal Housing Opportunity
 1752 321-0119

DCDC continues to promote available lots at the Prairie Meadow Estates housing development.



DCDC submitted a grant application to AARP on behalf of the Dunlap Senior Center. If awarded, this grant will allow the senior center to add a technology area where monthly presentations will be given on pertinent topics,

Throughout the year, DCDC promotes a weekly DCDC Featured Business, recognizing the DCDC business members who help make our mission possible.

DCDC FEATURED BUSINESS

WENDT'S POTS and POSIES

HOURS

Monday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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DCDC continues to manage the stunning LED sign along Hwy 30 at the Dunlap Golf Course. It has been a great way to share community events for Dunlap non-profits.



DCDC received grant funding from the Dean J. King Foundation to replace two of the seven pedestrian bridges in town. The bridges on 7th and 10th street are in the greatest state of disrepair. They will be updated in the Spring of 2026.



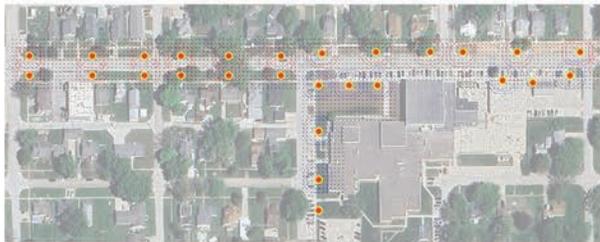
DCDC share information about Homes for Iowa, an affordable housing program.



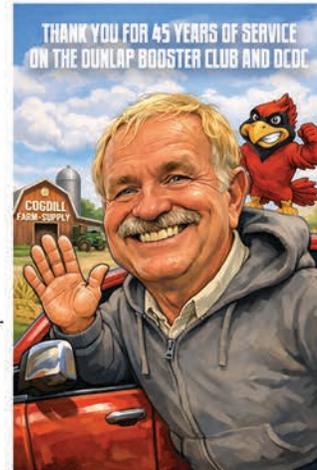
DCDC hosted the third annual Duelling Pianos event, raising money to support DCDC.

HARRISON COUNTY Times-Reporter

DCDC Executive Director, Jill Schaben, began writing freelance Dunlap-related news articles for the Harrison County Times-Reporter.



The Dunlap Grants Committee, in partnership with the City of Dunlap, continued to plan for placement of black ornamental light posts through the residential and school district along Iowa Ave.



Sam Cogdill retired from DCDC after a combined 45 years of service on the Dunlap Booster Club and DCDC.

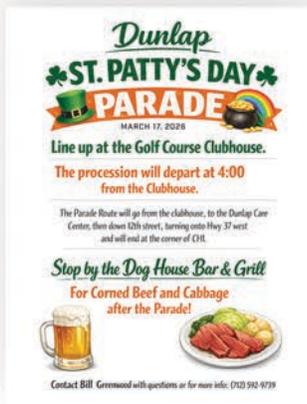


Austin McDonald retired from DCDC after 10 years of service to DCDC.



DCDC prepared to open Board nominations to fill the two vacant board seats.

DCDC helped promote St. Patty's Day-related festivities in town including the annual parade.



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As you've looked through this Year in Review, you saw a snapshot of the many projects, partnerships and moments that made the past year meaningful for the Dunlap Community Development Corporation. Month by month, we've highlighted some of the accomplishments and progress that were made possible through the work of so many people who care deeply about this community.

This year also marks four years since I began serving as Executive Director of DCDC. Since April of 2022, Dunlap has trusted me with this role, and I cannot express how grateful I am for the support I've received along the way. It has truly been a fun and rewarding ride.



One thing that continues to stand out to me is that Dunlap has all the ingredients that make a rural community thrive. We have passionate volunteers who step up again and again, generous philanthropists who invest in the future of this place, dedicated organizations working toward common goals, and visionary leaders who aren't afraid to dream about what our community can become.

That combination has led to continued wins and meaningful progress. Just as importantly, it has taken the entire community working together.

As we look ahead to the summer of 2026, there is a great deal to be excited about. Two pedestrian bridges will be replaced along the watercourse, improving safety and accessibility. New ornamental streetlights will be installed along Iowa Avenue through the residential and school district areas, enhancing both visibility and the overall look of this important corridor.

We are also excited to introduce a brand-new community event, "Putt the Putt," which will bring teams together to putt their way along Main Street before finishing at the golf course for an evening of fun. Meanwhile, the Dunlap Community Foundation will soon award funding through its inaugural grant application process—an exciting milestone that will help support local projects and ideas.

In addition, we will be hearing back on several other projects currently awaiting grant determinations. The Dunlap Grants Committee has also begun exploring the development of a walking trail that would connect the school with youth recreation areas, creating new opportunities for safe activity and connection within our community.

In short, the year ahead looks busy, productive and full of possibility.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this work, and thank you for everything you have done to make these efforts possible. The progress we celebrate in these pages truly belongs to the entire community.

With gratitude,

Jill Schaben
Dunlap Community Development Corporation