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Dunning Is Moving Forward...



The recently installed “Welcome to Dunning” sign is visitor-friendly and represents our ranching community. The sign is just one of the many improvements being made in the village.

PHOTOS & STORY
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As many of the towns in the Nebraska Sandhills tend to get smaller, Dunning is making an effort to revitalize.

Dunning is unique in the fact that it sits between the Middle Loup and the Dismal Rivers in Blaine County. Rumor has it that the founding fathers in 1887 chose the site to avoid prairie fires.

Dunning is the only town in the state that has two byways. The Loup to Loup Scenic Byway which is Highway 91 coming from Burwell from the east and the Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway is Highway 2 from Grand Island to Alliance.

The SJSB is popular among travelers due to the fact that the Sandhills offer scenic and pristine beauty.

Also the Nebraska Na-

tional Forest at Halsey is a popular site for campers.

Last spring new sidewalks were installed at The Sandhills Heritage Museum and on the west side of the Community Hall. This was due in part to funds raised by grants and individual donations. The Hereford Crossroads exhibit is also a part of the museum.

The museum which is in the former Home State Bank opened in the spring of 2017. Local residents celebrated the building's centennial birthday during the Blaine County Fair in August of 2018. The Community Building was 80 years old that year.

This fall a new sign welcoming visitors was installed at the junction of Hwy 2 and Jewett Ave.

A trend that is catching on in Nebraska is pre-built structures for retired people wanting less to care for in the way of

homes. Former Dunning resident Tim Buchtel of Grand Island plans to retire in Dunning and has already established a home site with a small house built by Mid-America Structures of Peru, Nebraska. The house was brought in, unloaded and installed in less than two hours. Dunning is hoping more retirees will consider moving to town.

Most recently, the annual Dunning Extravaganza was held Saturday, December 7th. This was the “last chance” for shoppers to purchase Christmas gifts from area crafters and vendors, of all types. Shoppers enjoy the old time feel of the Community Hall with its history of cedar walls and ceiling.

This Christmas take a moment to drive through Dunning and see the Christmas lights on Jewett Ave and the gazebo in



The Sandhills Heritage Museum in Dunning was made possible by funds raised by grants and individual donations. The Hereford Crossroads exhibit is an important part of the museum.

The Museum is open Memorial Day through Labor Day. Hours are Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Sundays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment. Call Kathie at 308-880-0787 Linda at 308-430-0786 or Jean Ann at 308-880-1441 for tours.



Dunning's Christmas Extravaganza was held Saturday, December 7, at the Dunning Community Hall. Twenty-plus vendors were on hand and brought many homemade items. The Ladies Fellowship also had a lunch stand that day.

Winners Announced In Art Contest



COURTESY PHOTO

Winners of the Thedford Elementary Art Contest “What is a Sandhill Christmas,” which was held in conjunction with the Old Fashioned Christmas held Friday, December 6 in Thedford, l-r: sixth grade, Whitley Rasmussen; fifth grade, Katen Licking; fourth grade, Brooklyn Larsen; third grade, Tate Koubek; second grade, Mary Licking; first grade, Paisley Ray; and not pictured, Kindergarten William Warren. The children's artwork was on display at local businesses, with the winners displayed at the Thedford Post Office.

The Thedford Service Club also sponsored a \$50.00 bucks drawing. Annette Kramer of Stapleton was the lucky winner of that drawing, also held in conjunction with the Old Fashioned Christmas.



This small house arrived in Dunning in early December and was delivered and installed in less than two hours. The house traveled along Highway 2 and crossed under the railroad bridge. The house was unloaded on Jewett Avenue in downtown Dunning and future Dunning resident Tim Buchtel is excited to “return home”.

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Legal Notices

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- Notice Of Organization Schaeffer Beef, LLC
- Notice of Organization Muleskinner Ranch, LLC

Happy New Year

Happy New Year to our readers and their families. We appreciate each and every one of you who have supported your community paper with photos, stories and items. Keep reading in 2020!

Recycle Trailer to be Placed in Purdum Area

With the goal to promote conservation, water quality, and waste reduction, the Upper Loup NRD requested funds and has been granted a Nebraska Environmental and Energy Waste Reduction Grant. This grant was used to obtain a new recycling trailer for the Village of Purdum and surrounding area.

As a reminder, the only types of recyclables accepted include: cardboard, paper, tin, aluminum, and number 1 and 2 plastics. You can check to see if your plastic container is an accepted plastic by checking the bottom where the number is usually imprinted or inside of a small triangle on the product label. Common number 1 plastics include clear plastic containers such as soft drink and water bottles, peanut butter jars, ketchup jars, etc. Number 2 plastics are heavier containers such as laundry detergents, bleaches, milk, hair products, etc. Labels and lids do not need to be removed but it is strongly recommended that you rinse containers to help reduce contamination.

The trailer is located at the intersection of Purdum Avenue and W North Loup Road, the Harsh Mercantile lot.

If you have any questions regarding the trailer or recyclables please feel free to contact our office at 308-645-2250, Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. CT.