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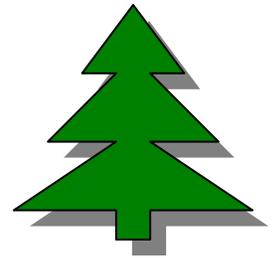
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TreeCycle Program for Recycling Christmas Trees Announced

The Boone County Conservation Board, the Cities of Boone, Boxholm, Luther, Madrid, Ogden and the Boone County Landfill have announced that the TreeCycle program for recycling Christmas trees is going to run from January 1st through January 15th.

The TreeCycle program accepts only clean Christmas Trees (all ornaments, lights, tinsel, bags and tree stands must be removed.) Clean Christmas trees can be brought to one of the following TreeCycle drop-off locations *free-of-charge through January 15th*:

Boone:	Herman Park (at south end of Greene St)
Boxholm:	City Water Tower
Luther:	City Water Tower
Madrid:	City Maintenance Shed
Ogden:	City Maintenance Shed
Don Williams:	Park Maintenance Shed
Boone County Landfill:	Yard Waste site



All Christmas trees collected through the TreeCycle program will be recycled (chipped/mulched) and utilized in county and city parks located in Boone County.

Keep Boone County Beautiful

Tales From the River Trail

Did You Know ?

Trees (source:www.iowachristmastrees.com)

- Never burn your Christmas tree in a fireplace or wood stove. Burning the tree may contribute to creosote buildup.
- Real Christmas trees are an all-American product, grown in all 50 states, including Alaska and Hawaii. Most artificial trees are manufactured in Korea, Taiwan, or Hong Kong.
- There are about 15,000 Christmas tree growers in the U.S., and over 100,000 people employed full or part time in the industry.

Landfill & Recycling Center News

By Scott A. Smith, Landfill Administrator/Recycling Coordinator



Landfill Explores New System to Grind Garbage

Over the past several months, landfill staff have been researching a different method to handle garbage delivered to the facility for disposal. This alternative system would use an industrial scale horizontal grinder to shred the garbage and construction & demolition waste prior to the waste being landfilled. Recently, an on-site demonstration was conducted over several days to determine the feasibility of such a system.

The demonstration worked very well. Boone County invited staff from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to observe the system and offer comments. Staff from both Air Quality and Land Quality Bureaus found the system interesting and acceptable under state regulations.

The advantages of such a system are significant. By better densifying the waste, staff will be able to use less airspace and cover dirt. This means that the lifespan of the landfill will increase. The system also will result in increased equipment life-spans, thereby lowering equipment replacement costs.

Staff are now preparing a business plan proposal to be submitted to the Boone County Board of Supervisors for their review and consideration.

Recycling News

Workplace Awards Recognize Local efforts



On America Recycles Day, November 15, 2011, almost 180 area workplaces were recognized for their waste reduction and recycling efforts. The awards are sponsored by the Boone Area Chamber of Commerce, Boone County Conservation, and the Boone County Landfill & Recycling Center. The ceremony was held at the Boone County Fairgrounds.

The workplaces received these awards because they do one or more of the following: recycle; buy recycled-content materials; make products from recycled-content; and/or have reduced the toxicity of the waste they generate. All sectors of workplaces are involved with this program and it is very gratifying to see this high level of participation in pro-active management of solid waste.

A list of those receiving awards is included at the end of this newsletter. Please join us in congratulating these workplaces!

If you are interested in exploring your recycling options, please call the landfill at 515.433.0591 or by email at: info@boonelandfill.org

2011 Recycling Award Winners

4-H CAMP	Boone News Republican	Farm Bureau Insurance
Alliant Energy	Boone Page Elementary	Farm Service Agency
Ameriprise Financial	Boone Police Department	First Baptist Church
Assumption School	Boone Post Office	First Presbyterian Church
Augustana Lutheran Church	Boone Rental	First United Methodist Church
Belluci Pizza House	Boone Senior Citizens Center	Fisher Track
Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad	Boone Veterinary Hospital	Foster Grandparents
Boone Area Chamber of Commerce	Boone Vision Center	Futures
Boone Bank & Trust	Boone YMCA	Genesis Development
Boone County Abstract	Caffrey Wholesale	Golden Corral Steak House
Boone County Conservation	Can Depot	Grabau Construction
Boone County Courthouse	Cardinal Cleaners	Grace Community Church
Boone County Emergency Management	Casey's General Store of Madrid	Granger City Hall
Boone County Fair Grounds	CDS Global	Granger Elementary
Boone County Farm Bureau	Central Christian Church	Granger Library
Boone County Historical Society	City of Boone - City Hall	Granger Post Office
Boone County Hospital	City of Boone - Parks	Griggs Environmental Strategies
Boone County Landfill	City of Ogden - City Hall	Hancock House
Boone County Recycling Center	Community Bank of Boone	Heart of Iowa Coop
Boone County Soil & Water Conservation District	County Community Service Case Management	Henkel & Associates
Boone County Transportation	CY Aviation	Home Office
Boone County Veteran's Affairs Commission	Dairy Queen	Hunziker Reality
Boone Family Practice	DMACC - Boone Campus	Hy-Vee
Boone Family Resource Center	Doran Law Firm	Immanuel Lutheran Church
Boone Franklin Elementary	Dr. Booth, DDS	Intensitee / Cutting Edge
Boone High School	Duffy's Appliances	Iowa Arboretum
Boone Hobbies	Eastern Star Masonic Home	Iowa Department of Human Services
Boone Lincoln Elementary	Edward Jones	Iowa High School Athletic Association
Boone Middle School	Erickson & Associates	Iowa High School Music Association
Boone Municipal Airport	Ericson Public Library	Iowa Wildlife Center
	Evangelical Free Church	
	Fareway Grocery Store	
	Fareway Stores - Corporate	Continued on page four ...

2011 Recycling Award Winners

ISU Extension - Boone County	Patio Pros	Uniquely Madrid (Yoga)
Jordan & Mahoney Law Firm	Patterson Dental	United Community School
Key Cooperative	Plath Family Dentistry	USDA
Kings Christian Book Store	Pritchard Brothers	Virginia's Flowers
Krieger Greenhouses	Pro-Build (United Building Center of Boone)	Walgreens
Kum & Go Stores	Proliant (AMPC Inc)	Walmart
KWBG Radio	Pufferbilly Days	Westhaven Community
L T D Building	Quinn Law Firm	Whistle Stop Café
Ledges State Park office	Quinn Machine & Foundry	Woodward Academy
Life Investors	R&W Power	Woodward Body Shop
Linden Apartments	Red Rock Community Action	Woodward Granger Elementary
Lowe-Berry Garden Center	Redeker's Furniture & Carpet	Woodward High School
Madrid City Hall	Regency Retirement Residence of Boone	Woodward Post Office
Madrid Elementary School	Rotary Club of Boone	Woodward Public Library
Madrid Home	RSVP	Y Camp
Madrid Library	Sacred Heart Church	
Madrid Post Office	Sacred Heart School	
Madrid Schools - Madrid Jr./Sr. High School	Saint Johns Lutheran Church	
McDonalds	Salvation Army	
Mid States Steel	Seven Oaks Recreation	
Modern Appliance	Shopping News	
Moffitts Ford	Sigland Apartments	
Monsanto Co (DeKalb)	Sonoco Products Company	
National Guard Armory	Specification Chemical	
Natural Resources Conservation Service	Structral Components Systems, Inc.	
Ogden Elementary School (Howe)	Sunstrom Miller Press	
Ogden Family Dental	Swan Creek Cabinet Company	
Ogden High School	The Book Shoppe	
Ogden Middle School	The Cedars	
Ogden Municipal Utilities	The Larson Agency	
Ogden Reporter	The Short Stop/Shell Food Mart/End Zone	
Open Bible Church	Top & Body	
O'Reilly Auto	Trinity Lutheran Church	
Pat Clemons Chevrolet	Trinity Lutheran School	

These businesses truly show that Recycling is Everybody's Business!

Thank You!





Save The Date:

Wednesday, May 2nd, 2012 Keep Iowa Beautiful's annual conference will be held at Seven Oaks in Boone, Iowa.

Committee members are in the planning stage and strive to bring motivational speakers to this year's conference.

Please mark your calendar's and plan to attend this event.

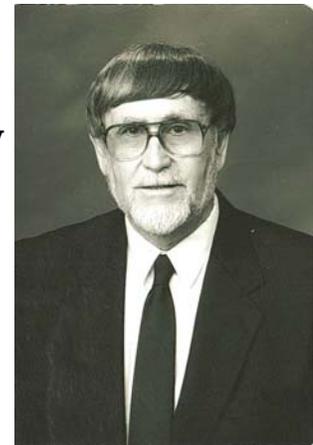
More information will be given closer to the event on Keep Iowa Beautiful's web site www.KeepIowaBeautiful.com

Scholarship to Iowa High School Seniors from Keep Iowa Beautiful

In Memory of Robert E. Byers, Educator

Through the leadership of Bob Byers, Keep Iowa Beautiful (KIB) Litter-Free School Campus program was initiated in northwest Iowa in 2003. In memory of Bob and his dedication to our organization, KIB and the Byers family have established the Robert E. Byers Scholarship Fund within the Keep Iowa Beautiful Endowment Fund.

Keep Iowa Beautiful is offering up to four, \$500 scholarships to Iowa high school seniors in 2012! Students across Iowa enrolling in an Iowa college or university to major in community enhancement or environmental areas of study are eligible. Students can download the application on-line at www.KeepIowaBeautiful.com/byers-environmental-scholarship.cfm and return it postmarked by February 7, 2012. Please contact the KIB office at 515-323-6507 with any questions.



Reclaim Your Holidays

Reclaim your holidays

By Susan Salterberg, UNI Center for Energy & Environmental Education

Take three minutes to think about and write down your answers to these quiz questions:

What are your favorite parts of the holiday?

What traditions are important to you?

What parts of your holiday routine deplete rather than restore?

By answering these questions—and then heeding the insights from your answers—you can begin to reshape your holiday so it is less stressful and more meaningful.

Reclaiming the holidays means doing things you love, it means making decisions according to your values, and it means nurturing and celebrating relationships. Here are a few tips to help you:

Communicate expectations with your family/friends. You must be clear about what you want and ask your family and friends what they really want; no one is a mind-reader.

Identify a few favorite activities. Focus on making sure you do a few things you love at the holidays.

Take care. Self-care may be more critical during the holiday season than any other time of the year.

And care of others is also important—whether it's limiting your gift list so you have the time to give thoughtful gifts, or whether it's singing carols at the community nursing home. After all, isn't "caring" what the holiday is about?

Consider gifts of experience. Studies show they hold more value and are remembered longer than material ones. A list of ideas is available at www.ceee.uni.edu/reclaimyourholidays.aspx.

Consider giving share-checks. Write a check with everything filled in except the "pay to the order of." Intentionally leave it blank, and allow the recipient to give the money to a charitable cause they are passionate about. Great for teaching kids the value of sharing.

Help children prioritize their wants and cherish gifts. Ask "Which do you want?" Help children make decisions between two or more items.

Pay as you buy. You'll have plenty of time to consider whether the gift—or purchase for yourself—is truly important. If you do buy, you'll save plenty on interest. If you make a \$1,000 purchase on a credit card charging 18% interest, and make only minimum payments monthly, the item you are buying will cost about \$1,400—40% more than the purchase price!

Many more tips, and more information about UNI Center for Energy and Environmental Education's Reclaim your Holidays project, is available at www.ceee.uni.edu/reclaimyourholidays.aspx.



The Center for Energy and Environmental Education received two grants—one from the Resource Enhancement and Protection Conservation Education Program and another from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Solid Waste Alternatives Program—to help Iowans create more meaningful holidays. The hope is that, when the focus is on meaning rather than busyness and buying, the environment will also benefit. Any opinions, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed as part of this project are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of REAP CEP or IDNR.

Illegal Dumping

Boone County Health and Sanitation and the Boone County Board of Health have partnered with Keep Boone County Beautiful and the Boone County Landfill to address illegal dumping related issues. This effort is part of the state-wide “Take A Stand For Your Land” program that was originally developed in Boone, Appanoose and Linn Counties.

Each year Boone County and our local communities spend taxpayer monies to cleanup illegal dump sites. Illegal dumping not only costs taxpayers, these activities threaten to contaminate the natural environment and put public employees at risk of being injured while cleaning up illegally dumped materials.

Report Illegal Dumping: Please report illegal dump sites that you find within Boone County, especially if you observe illegal dumping in progress. **If you observe someone in the process of illegal dumping, please call 911 to report.**

Illegal dumping is a crime! Otherwise, if all you need to do is report an illegal dump site, a toll-free number has been established that will direct your call to the

Boone County Illegal Dumping Enforcement Officer:

1-877-2NODUMP

(1-877-266-3867)

You can also report by email:

mikes@co.boone.ia.us

Try to record as much information as possible before you call. This information can include: location of dump site, description of items, date and time observed, and if applicable – vehicle/license number and description of persons involved. This information will help the investigating officer(s) and can help lead to an arrest and conviction. Boone County has, and will continue to, prosecute illegal dumping violators.

Help Raise Awareness About Illegal Dumping: You can help raise awareness about the negative issues associated with illegal dumping. Download the brochure below and share with friends and family. You can also request a free bumper sticker(s) to help promote the illegal dumping reporting number. Businesses and workplaces can also help by downloading the poster below and putting it in your place of work where employees and customers can see it.



TAKE A STAND FOR YOUR LAND

Report illegal dumping in Boone County



1.877.2NO.DUMP

Eco Family - a Virtual Conference

Connecting Families to the Environment

Children and adults who have a connection with the natural environment are more able to adjust to stress and are more likely to take care of the environment as a result. Families also have fewer financial resources and are seeking ways to live more simply.

Sustainable living encompasses all aspects of our lives. The Connecting Families to the Environment program will help us make attitude and behavior changes that will ultimately improve our environmental and human health. Join us for fun learning experiences for the whole family! For More information contact Mary Clancy 432-3882 or clancy@iastate.edu

Brochure and registration can be found at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/news/Eco+Family.htm>

Dragoon River Romp

Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, September 15, 2012

Help out on the steering committee for the 2012 event. Your involvement on this committee is appreciated to bring in fresh ideas.



Please contact us if you are interested. We will put you on our email list to notify you of meetings. Meetings are usually only one evening per month and limited to one hour.
kbc@boonecounty.iowa.gov

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Or call the Boone County Landfill at 515-433-0591

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