

Tales from the River Trail

KEEP BOONE COUNTY BEAUTIFUL

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WANT TO BE A PART OF AN AWARD WINNING ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

The 5th annual Dragoon River Romp will be held September 18, 2010.

The Dragoon River Romp serves all of Boone County and anyone who chooses to recreate on the Des Moines River.

The goal of the Dragoon River Romp event is to develop and implement a successful river cleanup program with the ability to: attract other entities, recruit volunteers, and provide environmental and historical education to participants.

The event is planned to encompass both river-based and land-based cleanup teams. This provides additional opportunity for volunteers to become involved. This event reinforces our commitment to protecting the environment and raises awareness about relationships of proper solid waste disposal and watershed protection.

We have received a grant from the Boone County Community Endowment Foundation and several sponsors have already sent us donations for this years event.

If you would like to be a member of one of the committees who prepare for this event, call us (515-433-0591) or email us at kbc@boonelandfill.org.



Registrations will be available on the County web site
beginning in July. www.boonecounty.iowa.gov

Keep informed by checking our page on the Boone County website

- click on programs then Keep Boone County Beautiful.

LANDFILL & RECYCLING CENTER NEWS

By Scott A. Smith, Landfill Administrator/Recycling Coordinator

Landfill Celebrates 40 Years of Protecting the Environment

The Boone County Landfill, one of the very first sanitary landfills in Iowa, celebrated its 40th anniversary on May 1st. The Landfill opened just eight days after the first Earth day in 1970. This was not a coincidence. Our Landfill is a direct result of the environmental movement of the late 1960s. The people of Boone County set forth a goal to better manage the disposal of their garbage in order to protect both the natural environment and public health from the garbage generated by our residents and businesses.

Today, the Boone County Landfill serves over 117,000 people located in five different counties. It disposes an average of 50,000 tons per year of garbage. The facility also processes 600 tons of yard waste annually and accepts 2,500 appliances, hundreds of lead-acid batteries and several tons of tires each year for off-site recycling. The Boone County Landfill also partners with Metro Waste Authority and 20 other counties to fund the MWA Regional Collection Center for hazardous waste.

Today, the Landfill coordinates solid waste management planning and education, administers Keep Boone County Beautiful, and partners with many different organizations to continue to meet the goal set for it when it was first created – to protect the environment and public health from the garbage we all make.

Recycling Markets Rebound!

Recycling markets have started to rebound. What does this mean? First, this means that the prices we get for the recyclable materials we send to end users have increased. This obviously helps the economics of our recycling center as well as that of our partner Genesis Development. Over the past 20+ years the markets have fluctuated wildly but in recent years these fluctuations have moderated. The recession obviously impacted recycling markets, but we rode it out. This demonstrates the long-term sustainability of recycling.

Second, the market rebounds are yet another indication that we are coming out of the recession. The market of old corrugated cardboard (OCC) is considered a “leading economic indicator” because it shows what will be happening six months from now in terms of anticipated retail sales and the manufacturing of durable goods.

As always, if your workplace is interested in exploring your recycling options, please call the landfill at 515.433.0591 or by email at: info@boonelandfill.org



FIRST ANNUAL “KEEP BOONE COUNTY SCENIC” EVENT A SUCCESS

The first annual Keep Boone County Scenic litter pick up day was held Saturday, April 17th. County wide there were over 200 volunteers and approximately 4,000 pounds of trash picked up.

A club from the Boone Middle School, Scouting groups, 4-H groups, Friends of Boone County Trails, the Environmental Interest Club, families, individuals and other groups spent a beautiful Saturday picking up litter around Boone County. Volunteers with their green Keep Boone County Beautiful bags were seen on trails, in parks and City streets.

Sue Mallas, Coordinator of the event said, “I was struck by the attitude and the sense of accomplishment of those volunteering. They weren’t concerned of the messy job they had before them. They were thankful for the opportunity to contribute to the community and eager to continue and expand it next year”.



Groups who had adopted roads or streets were encouraged to clean their adopted areas on the clean up day. The Whalen family who clean the Pilot Mound area had their clean up pay off. Whalen stated, “There’s someone who frequently buys Marlboro Lights and lottery tickets in town and then tosses them out the car window on their way west. I bet we picked up 50+ lottery tickets from the Pilot Street corner to P70. Checked every one, and sure enough found a \$2 winner.”

Dave Terrell from Friends of Boone County Trails reported approximately 8 miles of the High Trestle trail was cleaned on Saturday.

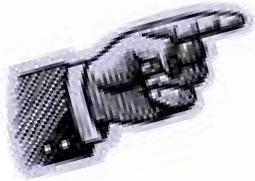
Volunteers helped clean areas of Don Williams Park, Dickcissel Park, Boone, Madrid, and Boxholm. Businesses like Walmart and McDonald’s had groups clean up their areas.

“When you have a new event like this, there are so many unknowns. Sue did a great job of coordinating the event. We are pleased with the turnout and appreciate the thanks we get from the public for the work done. We have such a strong volunteer base in Boone County and appreciate the generosity of their time and efforts.” stated Lois Powers, Keep Boone County Beautiful Coordinator.



CHECK OUT THE NEW BOONE COUNTY WEBSITE

If you want to find Keep Boone County Beautiful or if you have questions about garbage and recycling services click on “Programs” and you will find both links and answers to your questions.



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http://www.boonecounty.iowa.gov/

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What is Happening

- ▶ Boone County Unofficial Election Night Results
- ▶ Gravel Hauling - Lowman Pit
- ▶ Heat Awareness Day June 10, 2010
- ▶ Board has set public hearings on Social Host Ordinance
- ▶ BCAO News Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- ▶ Hunter Education Course 5/19/2010 - 6/22/2010
- ▶ Board of Adjustment Calendar 6/10/2010, 5:30 PM
- ▶ Search & Rescue Meeting 6/17/2010, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- ▶ *Summer Ecology Day Camps* — see page 6 & 7 for details
- ▶ **15th VERB Treasure Hunt/Hike** from 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Put on your hiking shoes and join us for a fun new treasure hunt. Each clue will take your family on a great hike through Ledges State Park. We will start at the Oak Woods Shelter at 6:30 Tuesday evening. This program is for the whole family.

July

- ▶ **1st Dragoon River Romp Registration** is available!
Visit the Keep Boone County Beautiful page on the Boone County website:
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September

- ▶ **18th Dragoon River Romp**
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ECOLOGY CAMP FOR PRESCHOOLERS



Keep Boone County Beautiful's 2010 Summer Ecology Day camps are designed for Preschoolers. Sign up your 4 year old for a morning of discovery and outdoor adventures.

Camp activities will include story time, crafts, games, songs and outdoor exploration. Space is limited so registration is first come, first serve. A minimal fee of \$5.00 covers camp activities and snacks.

Parents are invited and encouraged to stay during camp. Please call Lisa at 433-0591 to register your preschooler.



Space Still Available for...

Turtle Camp

Monday June 21st & Wednesday June 23rd from 9:00-11:30 am **Cost:** \$5.00 Camp is held at the Scout Cabin at McHose Park in Boone.

Camp Details:

Space is limited, registration is first come first serve. All camps are held at the Scout Cabin in McHose Park, Boone IA. Each camp will have a snack & drink provided for campers. We plan on being outside everyday, so campers should dress for the weather– even light rain. Campers should wear old cloths and closed-toe shoes. Personal items that are handy include a hat, insect repellent and sunscreen. Each camper will have their own bag to put personal items in including any crafts made during camp that will stay inside the cabin. Camp could be canceled if there is inclement weather.

2010 Keep Boone County Beautiful's
Summer Day Camps Registration Form
For Preschoolers

Return Form to: KBCB, c/o Lisa Anderson, 1268 – 224th Lane, Boone, IA 50036
Use a separate form for each registrant. (Please Print)

Today's date:		
Camper's name:		
Grade Next Fall	Birth date:	Age:
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Parent/Guardian Name:		
Street address:	City & State:	ZIP Code:
Email:	Daytime phone no.:	Evening phone no.:
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Turtle Camp - cost per child: \$5.00

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Your Quarterly Newsletter ...



Help us update our records

Yes, I would like to receive the newsletter via email!

Email: Newsletter inquiry to lisak@boonelandfill.org

This will help save natural resources... the trees!

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