

Tales from the River Trail

KEEP BOONE COUNTY BEAUTIFUL

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Saturday, April 16, 2011

A “go for a walk” and pick up litter day

‘KEEP BOONE COUNTY SCENIC’ by volunteering to participate in the 2nd annual County wide spring litter cleanup day. The event will take place the Saturday before Earth Day on April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event is not a garbage pick-up event like the City Wide Cleanups. It is a “go for a walk” and pick up litter day. Parks, schools, trails, parking lots and neighborhoods are on the list for litter pick-up.

Businesses, organizations, groups, schools, churches, individuals, etc. are encouraged to participate. Pre-registration is required so we can map out the areas based on the number of volunteers we have. Registration forms will be available by March 1st on the Keep Boone County Beautiful page of the Boone County Website www.boonecounty.iowa.gov.

Boone County is a very scenic area and it takes all of us to keep it that way. Litter takes away from that beauty. Keep Boone County Scenic Spring Litter Clean-up Day will not only spruce up our local communities and Boone County after the winter thaw but it is our sincere hope to also use this event as a learning experience to enlighten and educate the community and those visiting. We take pride in our Cities and County, so please think twice before throwing that trash on the ground.

Keep Boone County Scenic Litter Cleanup Day is being coordinated by Keep Boone County Beautiful and its dedicated volunteers. If you would like to become a member of KBCB or would like to help in the planning of this event or others sponsored by KBCB, call Lois or Lisa at 515-433-0591 or email kbc@boonecounty.iowa.gov.

KEEP BOONE COUNTY
SCENIC
Spring Litter Clean-Up Day



Local Recycling Efforts Part of Global Economy

By Scott A. Smith, Landfill Administrator/Recycling Coordinator, Boone County Landfill

Do you ever wonder what happens to the items that you place out for recycling from your home or workplace? Where do they go and what does “recycling” really mean?

A common definition for recycling is: To return a material that would otherwise be disposed of to the economic mainstream for continued use. Thus, “collection” (what most of us call “recycling”) is really just the first step. The second step is that collected recyclables are taken to a recycling processing center. Locally, this means the Landfill’s Boone County Recycling Center operated on our behalf by Genesis Development. At recycling centers, materials are sorted into various “grades” established by end user markets. During the third step, the sorted materials are packaged for shipping (baled, crushed, etc.) and then trucked to end-users such as paper mills, plastic manufacturers, glass container manufacturers, or metal smelters. In the final step, these end-users utilize the “recyclables” as a substitute for raw materials when making a new product that they then sell. Once the new product is purchased, the recycling loop is considered to be completed.

The recyclables that the Boone County Recycling Center process go to local, in-state, in-country, and possibly even out of country users. Glass goes to the City of Ames Resource Recovery Plant which operates a glass crushing and recycling program. Plastics go to various mid-west users as do the metals. Cardboard is used by in-state paper mills. Newspaper and other paper types could end up almost anywhere. Currently, Asia is a large consumer of North American paper due to growth in commercialism during the past twenty years.

Recycling plays a key role in the global economy. Many industries now rely on recyclables as raw materials to satisfy their production needs. Unlike past recessions, during the recent economic downturn, recycling markets remained viable. This further demonstrates that recycling has matured and taken on a more significant role in the United States’ economic infrastructure.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

| <u>EVENT:</u> | <u>LOCATION:</u> | <u>DATE/TIME:</u> |
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| Keep Boone County Scenic | Boone County | April 16, 2011 |
| Earth Day 2011 | Everywhere!! | April 22, 2011 |
| Spring Yard Waste Days | Boone County Landfill | April 16 - May 31, 2011 |
| Household Hazardous | Waste Collection: Boone | May 28, 2011 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. |
| 6th Annual Dragoon River Romp | Des Moines River | September 17, 2011 |
| Household Hazardous | Waste Collection: Madrid | October 1, 2011 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. |
| America Recycles Day | Everywhere!! | November 15, 2011 |
| Boone County Workplace Recycling Awards | Boone County Fairgrounds | November 15, 2011 |
| Fall Yard Waste Days | Boone County Landfill | Oct. 15 - Nov. 30, 2011 |

2010 Outstanding Business/Workplace Waste Reduction and Recycling Awards

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1. Alliant Energy
 2. Ameriprise Financial
 3. Assumption School (Granger)
 4. Augustana Lutheran Church
 5. Belluci Pizza House
 6. Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad
 7. Boone Area Chamber of Commerce
 8. Boone Bank & Trust
 9. Boone County Abstract
 10. Boone County Conservation
 11. Boone County Courthouse
 12. Boone County Emergency Management
 13. Boone County Fair Grounds
 14. Boone County Farm Bureau
 15. Boone County Historical Society
 16. Boone County Hospital
 17. Boone County Landfill
 18. Boone County Recycling Center
 19. Boone County Soil & Water Conservation District
 20. Boone County Transportation
 21. Boone County Veteran's Affairs Commission
 - Boone Elementary Schools
 22. Franklin Elementary
 23. Lincoln Elementary
 24. Page Elementary
 25. Boone Family Practice
 26. Boone Family Resource Center
 27. Boone High School
 28. Boone Hobbies
 29. Boone Middle School
 30. Boone Municipal Airport
 31. Boone News Republican
 32. Boone Police Dept.
 33. Boone Post Office
 34. Boone Rental
 35. Boone Senior Citizens Center
 36. Boone Veterinary Hospital
 37. Boone Vision Center
 38. Boone YMCA
 39. Caffrey Wholesale
 40. Can Depot
 41. Cardinal Cleaners
 42. CDS Global
 43. Central Christian Church
 44. City of Boone City Hall
 45. City of Boone Parks
 46. City of Ogden City Hall
 47. Community Bank of Boone
 48. County Community Service Case Management
 49. CY Aviation
 50. Dairy Queen
 51. DMACC - Boone Campus
 52. Doran Law Firm
 53. Dr. Booth, DDS
 54. Duffy's Appliances
 55. Eastern Star Masonic Home
 56. Edward Jones
 57. Emanuel Lutheran Church
 58. End Zone
 59. Erickson-Kearney & Associates
 60. Ericson Library
 61. Evangelical Free Church
 62. Fareway Grocery Store
 63. Fareway Stores - Corporate
 64. Farm Bureau Insurance
 65. Farm Service Agency
 66. First Baptist Church
 67. First Presbyterian Church
 68. First United Methodist Church
 69. Fisher Track
 70. Foster Grandparents
 71. Futures
 72. Genesis Development
 73. Godfather's
 74. Golden Corral Steak House
 75. Grabau Construction
 76. Grace Community Church
 77. Granger City Hall
 78. Granger Elementary
 79. Granger Library
 80. Granger Post Office
 81. Griggs Environmental Strategies
 83. Hancock House
 84. Heart of Iowa Coop
 85. Henkel & Associates
 86. Home Office
 87. Hunziker Realty
 88. Hy-Vee
 89. Immanuel Lutheran Church
 90. Intensitee / Cutting Edge
 91. Iowa Department of Human Services
 92. Iowa High School Athletic Association
 93. Iowa High School Music Association
 94. Iowa Wildlife Center
 95. Iowa Workforce Development
 96. ISU Extension - Boone County
 97. Jordan & Mahoney Law Firm
 98. Kings Christian Book Store
 99. Krieger Greenhouses

2010 Outstanding Business/Workplace Waste Reduction and Recycling Awards (continued)

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| 100. Kum & Go Stores | 132. Plath Family Dentistry | 165. Virginia's Flowers |
| 101. KWBG Radio | 133. Pritchard Brothers | 166. Walgreens |
| 102. Larsen Real Estate | 134. Pro-Build | 167. Wal-Mart |
| 103. Ledges State Park Office | 135. Proliant | 168. West Haven Community |
| 104. Life Investors | 136. Pufferbilly Days | 169. Whistle Stop Café |
| 105. Linden Apartments | 137. Quinn Law Firm | 170. Woodward Academy |
| 106. Lowe-Berry Garden Center | 138. Quinn's Machinery & Foundry | 171. Woodward Granger Elementary |
| 107. LTD Building | 139. R&W Power | 172. Woodward Granger High School |
| 108. Madrid City Hall | 140. Red Rock Community Action | 173. Woodward Post Office |
| 109. Madrid Elementary School | 141. Redekers Furniture | 174. Woodward Public Library |
| 110. Madrid Home | 142. Regency Retirement Residence of Boone | 175. Y Camp |
| 111. Madrid Library | 143. Rotary Club of Boone | 176. 4-H Camp |
| 112. Madrid Post Office | 144. RSVP | |
| 113. Madrid Schools - Madrid Jr./Sr. High School | 145. Sacred Heart Church | |
| 114. McDonalds | 146. Sacred Heart School | |
| 115. Mid States Steel | 147. Salvation Army | |
| 116. Modern Appliance | 148. Schultz Lab | |
| 117. Moffitts Ford | 149. Seven Oaks Recreation | |
| 118. Monsanto | 150. Shopping News | |
| 119. National Guard Armory | 151. Siglind Apartments | |
| 120. Natural Resources Conservation Service | 152. Sonoco Products Company | |
| 121. Ogden Elementary School (Howe) | 153. Specification Chemical | |
| 122. Ogden Family Dental | 154. St. Johns Lutheran Church | |
| 123. Ogden High School | 155. Structural Components Systems, Inc. | |
| 124. Ogden Middle School | 156. Sunstrom Miller Press | |
| 125. Ogden Municipal Utilities | 157. Swan Creek Cabinet Company | |
| 126. Ogden Reporter | 158. The Cedars | |
| 127. Open Bible Church | 159. The Short Stop/Shell Food Mart | |
| 128. O'Reilly Auto | 160. Top & Body | |
| 129. Pat Clemons Chevrolet | 161. Trinity Lutheran Church | |
| 130. Patio Pros | 162. Trinity Lutheran School | |
| 131. Patterson Dental | 163. Uniquely Madrid (Yoga) | |
| | 164. United Community School | |



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

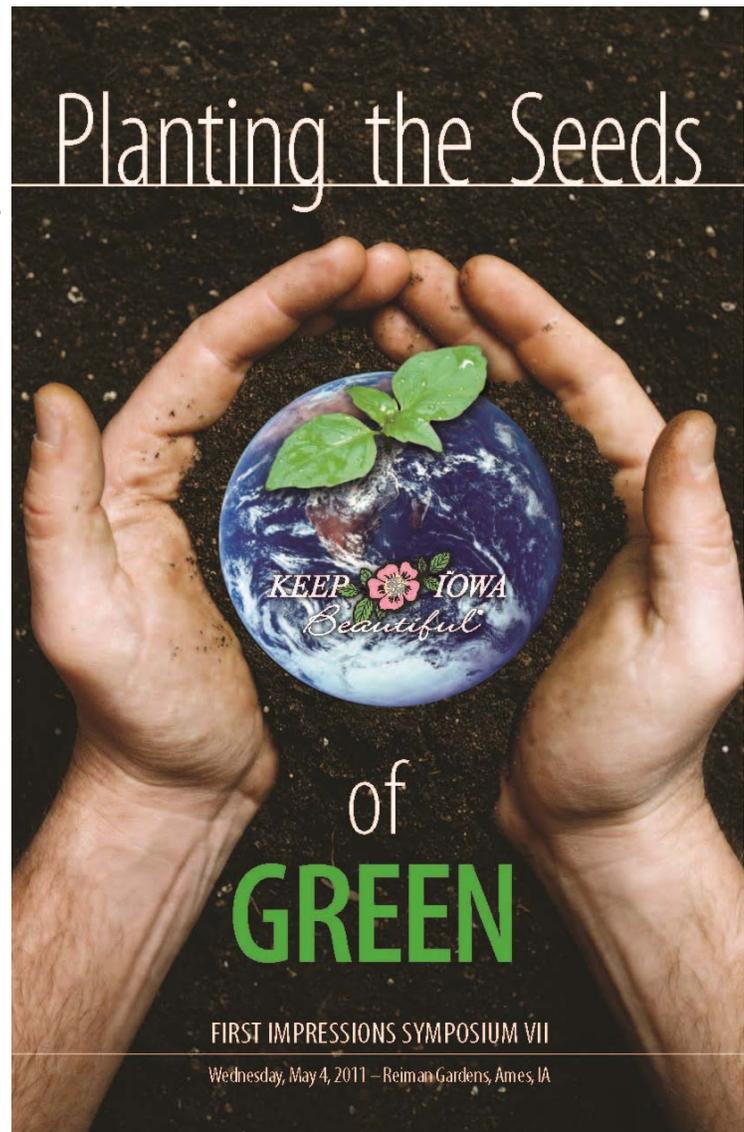


Thirty seconds is all it takes to form an opinion of a community. Join in helping to make all of Iowa neighborhoods and communities attractive, clean, pleasant, comfortable and memorable for the resident, visitor and economic investor. Keep Iowa Beautiful is hosting it's 7th annual "First Impressions" Symposium at Reiman Gardens in Ames on May 4th, 2011. This year's theme, "Planting the Seeds of Green" will focus on where to start making your community green.

In addition to an exceptional agenda of topics designed to increase the skills and knowledge of community leaders as they strive to make their communities green, KIB presents its annual awards and scholarship during the luncheon. The First Impressions Symposium is marketed to Iowa cities, counties, chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, Main Street Iowa, county conservation offices and many other organizations and individuals all across Iowa.

Keep Boone County Beautiful is a sponsor of KIB's Symposium. If you would like to find out more please visit:

<http://www.KeepIowaBeautiful.com/>



Discover a new view
along the High Trestle Trail

Join us for the Grand Celebration
April 30, 2011

Featuring:

- Festivities in all 5 trail towns: Woodward, Madrid, Slater, Sheldahl, Ankeny.
- One of the largest pedestrian bridges in the world: 1/2-mile long & 13 stories tall.
- Newest addition to the 670-mile trail system connecting Des Moines and Central Iowa.

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Event news at www.HighTrestleTrail.info

HIGH TRESTLE TRAIL
discover a new view

Celebrate the new High Trestle Trail and half-mile long bridge over the Des Moines River in southern Boone County!

Join us and thousands of trail users in Madrid April 30 for the trail-wide Grand Celebration.

Volunteers are needed to help out in Madrid

*Contact Keep Boone County Beautiful if you would like to volunteer
at 515-433-0591 or email kbc@boonelandfill.org*

REGISTER FOR YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST CLUB

Are you a fourth to twelfth grade youth that likes the outdoors? If so, it's time to register for the Environmental Interest Club offered by Iowa State University Extension Boone County.

Youth will participate in seven outdoor sessions one Saturday each month from January through July 2011 for a registration fee of \$20 for 4-H members and \$40 for non 4-H members (fee includes membership in 4-H with opportunities to participate in other fun 4-H activities and show at fair). Emily Klein, Boone County Conservation Naturalist and Lisa Anderson, Keep Boone County Beautiful Environmental Educator, will facilitate the sessions at different locations in and around Boone County. Don't miss out - sign up today!

Registration forms are available at the Boone County ISU Extension Office (603 Story Street in Boone) and on the Boone County Extension website <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/>. Parents are welcome and encouraged to accompany their children during the sessions at no cost.

Questions may be directed to the Boone County ISU Extension Office, (515)432-3882.



January 29, 2011 ~ Snowshoeing & tracking

Iowa Arboretum 10:00 am—Noon

- Meet club members with similar interests
- Experience snowshoeing, if conditions are not ideal for snowshoeing we will be outside learning about winter survival

February 26, 2011 ~ Ice Fishing

Don Williams Park, Ogden 10:00 am—Noon

- Learn fishing basics
- Experience the art of ice fishing



March 26, 2011 ~ Trees & Me

Swede Point Park, Madrid 10am-Noon

- Learn about Climate Change
- Plant a tree
- Learn more about trees while playing a game

April 9, 2011 ~ ISU Geology Club

ISU Campus, Ames 10:00 am—Noon

- Meet ISU Geology Club students
- Learn about our land & water and how flooding events happen.



May 7, 2011 ~ Geocaching & Compasses

Ledges State Park 10:00 am - Noon

- Learn compass basics
- Learn how to use a GPS unit to go geocaching & the basics of orienteering



June 18, 2011 ~ Club Project -

Make Native American Games

Scout Cabin in McHose Park , 10:00 am—Noon

- Create a historic game played by many Native American Children
- Learn how keeping active outdoors is healthy
- Discuss fair procedures and responsibilities when taking your exhibit to fair



July 29-30, 2011 ~

Overnight Tent Camping & Canoe Float

Swede Point Park , Madrid Fri. 6:30pm to Sat. 2pm

- Learn camping basics, safety and cooking
- Experience canoeing down the Des Moines River



Thanks Again!



For your Hard Work, Dedication and Sponsorship on the River Romp!



The 6th annual clean up is just around the corner Mark Your Calendars: Sept. 17th 2011



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