



Summer 2011

Keep Boone County Beautiful

Tales From the River Trail

River Romp Time

The 6th annual Dragoon River Romp will be held September 17, 2011.

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.



Contact us if you want to be a sponsor of this 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@boonecounty.iowa.gov

Registrations are online.

www.boonecounty.iowa.gov

Did You Know ?

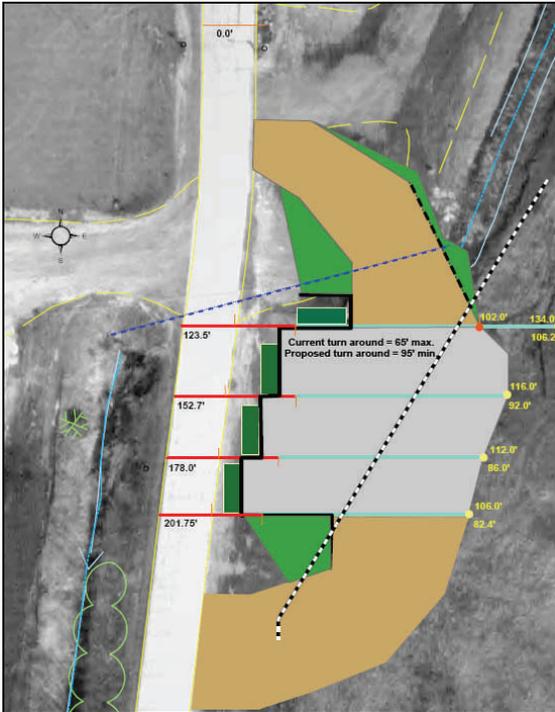
Recycle Your Aluminum Cans:

- One of the materials that is easiest and fastest to recycle is aluminum. Aluminum cans can be recycled and reused within 60 days.
- Used aluminum cans can be recycled and used in various products like vehicle parts, sliding shutters for windows and doors, etc.

Landfill & Recycling Center News

By Scott A. Smith, Landfill Administrator/Recycling Coordinator

Landfill To Build New Small Vehicle Unloading Area



Plans are now being finalized to build a new small vehicle unloading area at the Landfill. This area is used by smaller vehicles and during times of inclement weather to provide an alternative to using the active face of the landfill. The existing structure was constructed over 20 years ago and was intended to be a “temporary” facility. Well, time has flown by and it is now time to update this structure.

The new structure will benefit users by expanding the unloading area and improve traffic flow.

Staff will be constructing the new area in stages this summer, so users are asked to be patient while this much needed improvement is developed.



Recycling at Special Events

Helping Community Events be Clean and Green

The Boone County landfill and its Recycling Center have been entering a new program area – special events. With the purchase of 500 roll-out carts last summer (made possible by funding from the IDNR and Farm Progress Shows) the opportunity now exists to place both litter and recycling collection containers at community events.

The first opportunity to use these carts after last year’s Farm Progress Show was for the Grand Opening of the High Trestle Trail on April 30th. Carts were placed along the trail in Madrid and Woodward during the day. The carts were also used during the Celebrate the Lake event and will be out in force during RAGBRAI’s overnight stop in Boone in July.

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



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came out despite the cold and windy weather in April to clean our area communities.

There were some locations that were just too wet to clean, like the south entrance to Boone on So. Story Street—just too much water standing in the ditches, but we give a big thank you to those who tried.

Other areas cleaned in Boone: Jimmy Archer Field, small parks in the City of Boone, area around First Baptist Church, Senholz Trail. Ledges campground area. Also some Walmart employees took time to clean their property and adopted road. The Harrison Hilltop Hornets 4-H club cleaned their adopted roadway on Sunday.

Despite the yucky weather, those who came out made a difference. We collected and disposed of a lot of litter.

Boone - 400 pounds Ogden - 200 pounds Madrid - 720 pounds

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Spring Litter Clean-Up Day

Participants involved:
25 in Boone
8 in Ogden
13+ in Madrid
3 at Ledges Park

Boone County Conservation's Celebrate the Lake

Other organizations and KBCB had a great time helping the Conservation Board with their Celebrate the Lake event. The watershed improvement steering committee worked very hard to provide five educational stations for visitors. To learn more about the Lake and it's on going watershed improvement project please visit: www.boonecounty.iowa.gov/index.aspx?page=446

Celebrate the Lake Sponsors:

- Boone CCB
- Iowa DNR
- Natural Resource Conservation Services
- Soil & Water Conservation District
- Iowa Soy Bean Assoc.
- ISU Extension Office
- KBCB



There were over 100 attendees!

Thank you to all the volunteers to helped make the event a success.



Stay Safe

Summer is here and with that many people are spending more time outdoors. If you are hiking, birding, riding your bike or even volunteering at one of our clean up events—we want you to stay safe. If you see items that you think look like a meth-lab please stay away from them and call 911 or your local law enforcement.

One-Pot Meth Alert

Combined, ordinary products are dangerous when used to make meth.



If you suspect a one-pot meth cook, stay away and call 911 or law enforcement.



Enter the Recycled Garden Art Contest

Open to Boone County Residents — Enter your art in the 2011 Boone County Fair.

Rules

1. Open to residents of Boone County
2. There will be four age categories and one special category
 - a. 3-11 (preschool thru 5th grade)
 - b. 12-18 (6th thru 12th grade)
 - c. 19-64 (adults)
 - d. Over 65 (seniors)
 - e. Special Category open to all ages– Birdhouse/feeders



Photo by Michelle Stitzlein. Polka Flower Garden from recycled bottlecaps.

- (Special Note for birdhouse/feeders– if you want your house/feeder to hang, you will need to bring a Shepard’s hook or something to display it. Otherwise it will just be sitting on the ground or possibly on a table by the garden art.)
3. Each item must consist of 50% recycled material
 4. More than one entry per person may be entered, but it will be judged in only one category. For example– your birdhouse can be entered in your age group OR the special category, but not both.
 5. Entries shown at previous fairs will not be accepted.
 6. An entry form must be filled out and submitted with entry on Wednesday, July 13 from Noon-2pm

For more information visit the ISU Boone County Extension website. Scroll down to page 46 on this link: <http://boonecountyfairia.com/images/2011%20Fairbook%20Open%20Class.pdf>

Co-Sponsoring Herdsmanship Award

The Boone County Landfill is co-sponsoring The Herdsmanship Award at the 2011 Boone County Fair. The Herdsmanship Division is designed to help young people practice good principles with the animals and public. This results in humane treatment of animals, care of their welfare, and the development of an ethic of responsible (non-abusive) interaction between youth and animals. Herdsmanship has an additional benefit of providing neat, attractive exhibits for public viewing.



Each 4-H club is scored daily in 4 areas. One area: cleanliness of alleys, stalls and pens accounts for 50% of their daily score. We feel that “Character Counts” and we encourage youth to foster these “responsible” practices in all aspects of their life.

RAGBRAI

The Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa will be in Boone Tuesday, July 26th. The Boone County Landfill will be providing recycling containers and trash containers when our guests are staying in town. **Help Spread the Word...** so we can *Keep Boone County Beautiful while our guests are with us.*

For more information please visit:

<http://www.boonegov.com/RAGBRAI/>



Help Spread the Word!

Our KBCB newsletter is **ONLY** available online or by email.

We are “going green” so our KBCB newsletter is now only available online or by email. This change will allow us to provide you with updated information in a more **timely manner**. *Please provide us with your email so that we can send you the newsletter directly to help you stay in touch with our activities.*

Send email address to lisaa@boonecounty.iowa.gov Or call the Boone County Landfill at 515-433-0591

Visit www.boonecounty.iowa.gov for the newsletter

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