

# DANE COUNTY PARKS

## INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

JULY 27, 2020



*Indian Lake County Park*  
*Courtesy Liz Boyd*

# BIKE COLLECTION

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone that donated bikes for our summer youth **Get Outside** program and to our amazing interns, Jenny and Starr, who cleaned up the bikes and got them ready to ride. The bikes are helping youth (ages 7-14) from local community centers get around and explore our parks this summer.



*Lower Yahara River Trail Bridge  
Get Outside Program*

# IN WITH THE NEW (ROOF)!



*Lussier Family Heritage Center*

Our **Lussier Family Heritage Center** facility now has a new metal roof! The roof was replaced as the first step of a solar installation project. By the end of 2020 we hope to be using 100% renewable energy at that site.

The facility can be rented for private events and hosts a variety of public nature-based programs, including our Get Outside youth program.

[Facility info](#)

# NOW HIRING



*Lussier Family Heritage Center  
Historic Oak Tree*

The **Lussier Family Heritage Center** is now hiring a part-time year round Attendant. If you enjoy a mix of indoor and outdoor work along with public outreach, this might be the job for you. Click below to learn more!

[More info](#)

# CONSERVATION CORNER

All Episodes

Stay connected with our weekly conservation corner series! New episodes posted each Friday on our social media sites. Watch the latest episodes below to learn more about the history of Dane County Parks and how we manage our natural areas.



# LIMITED ACCESS ARCHERY PERMITS



*North Mendota Prairie Wildlife Area*

The 2020 **Limited Access Archery Permit** application period is currently open. Applications will be accepted online through Tuesday, August 18, 2020. The first lottery drawing will be Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

More information is available on our website.

[More info](#)

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



*Dave (left) and Adam (right) with Ben at an adaptive tree climbing event.*

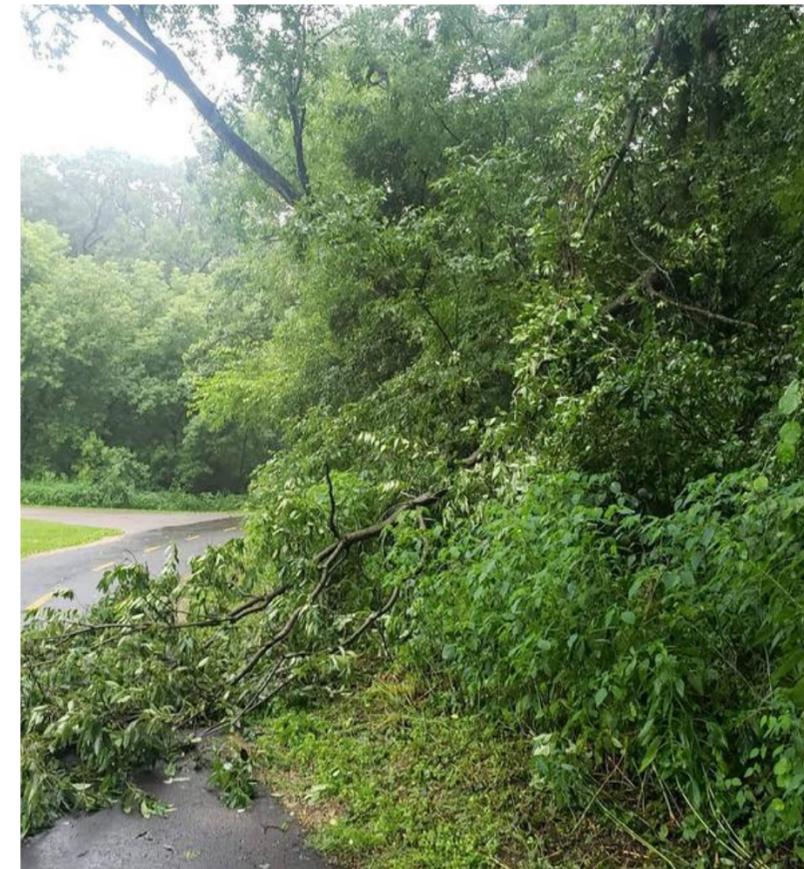
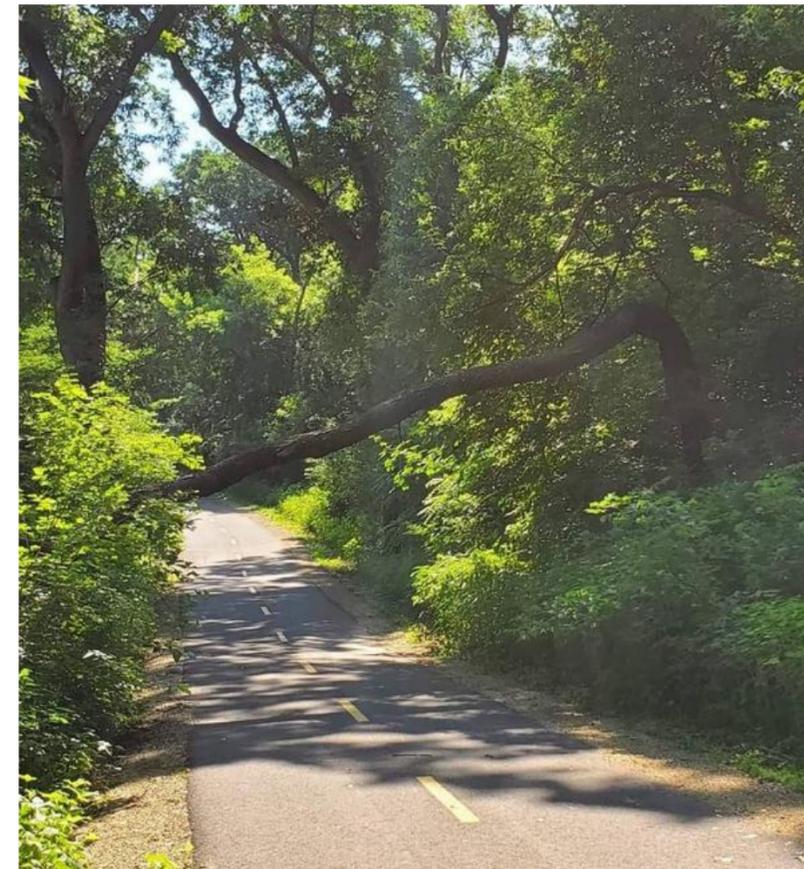
## **Dave Haag** (Arborist) & **Adam Alves** (Forester Specialist)

Dave and Adam are responsible for managing the trees on all county owned lands including the 12,000+ acres managed by Dane County Parks. You may see them out after a storm, removing trees and branches that are blocking trails. They also monitor the trees for diseases, pest, and possible public safety hazards. Last year they worked with friends and partner groups to plant over 4,000 trees and native shrubs, expanding species diversity in our parks and including a number of orchards where the public can forage for fruit.

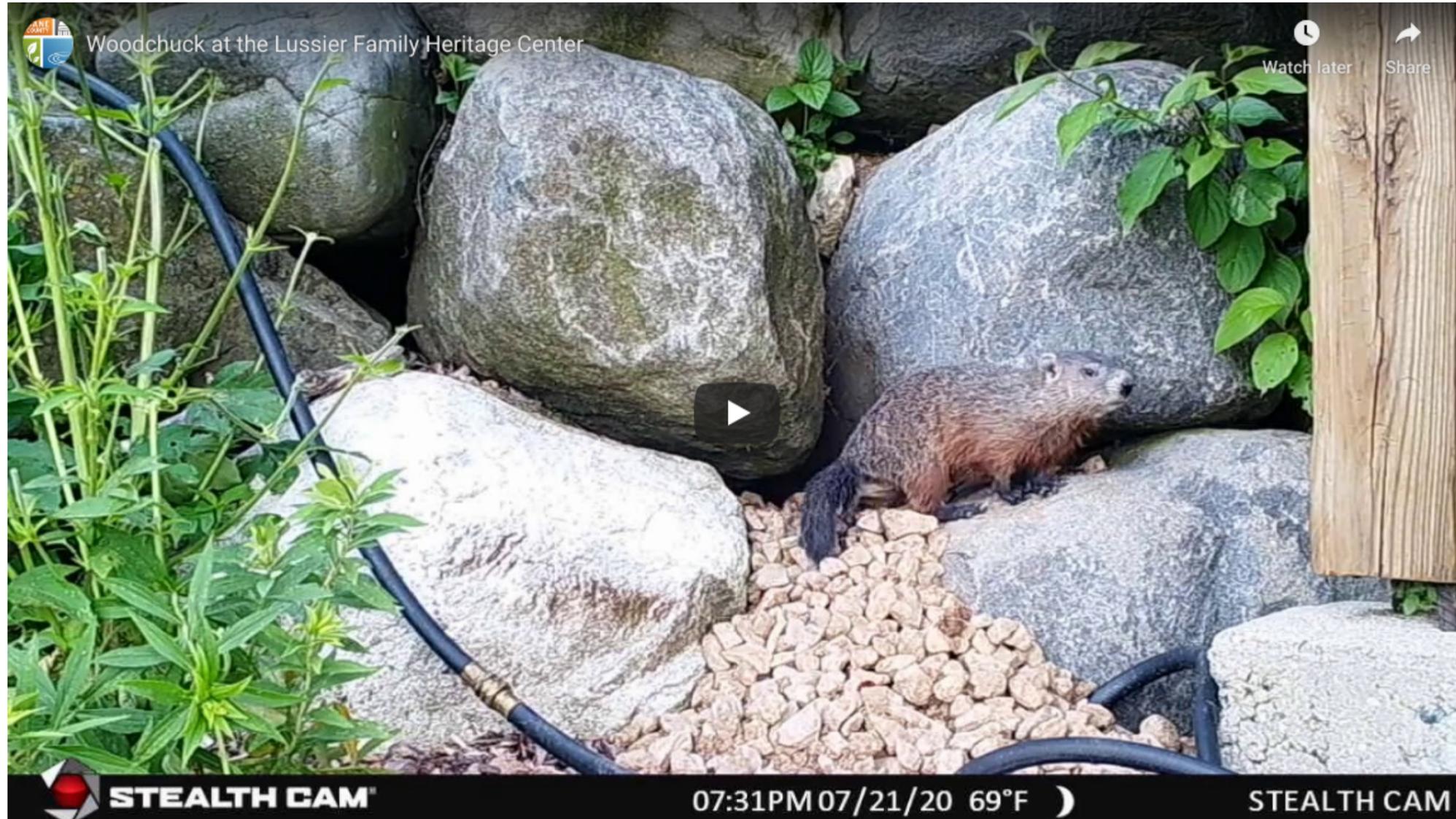
Dave and Adam also host a number of volunteer workdays and educational events, such as Arbor Fairs and adaptive climbing events so youth of all abilities can learn about and climb trees. One of these adaptive events is a Dream Night program for terminally ill and critically ill children and their families. This event gives the kids a fun outdoor experience and a day away from the hospital.

# STORM CLEANUP

Our forestry crew has been working hard all week to clean up damage from recent storms. They are removing downed or damaged trees and branches on trails, disc golf courses, campgrounds, and other park areas. In addition to blocking access, downed or damaged trees can create a safety hazard for park visitors. If you see our forestry staff out in the parks, make sure to give them space and don't pass into any areas where they have set up caution tape.



# WILDLIFE SPOTLIGHT



Our **Lussier Family Heritage Center** facility had a new visitor this week! This groundhog made it's den in the rocks under the building. Staff will be relocating her to another area in the park for her safety and the safety of our visitors but for now she is fun to watch.

Follow the Heritage Center for more fun wildlife posts and to learn about future educational events!



# SOCIAL SPOTLIGHT



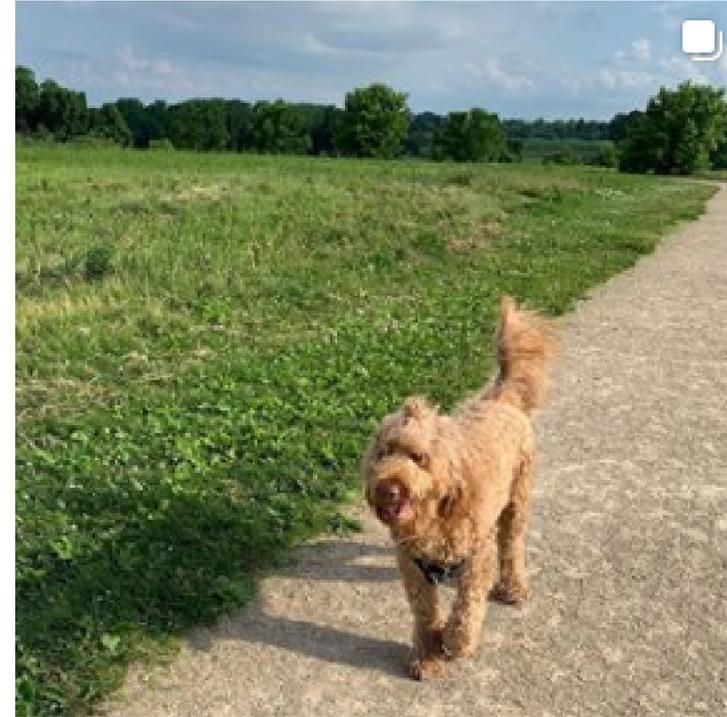
**Indian Lake County Park**

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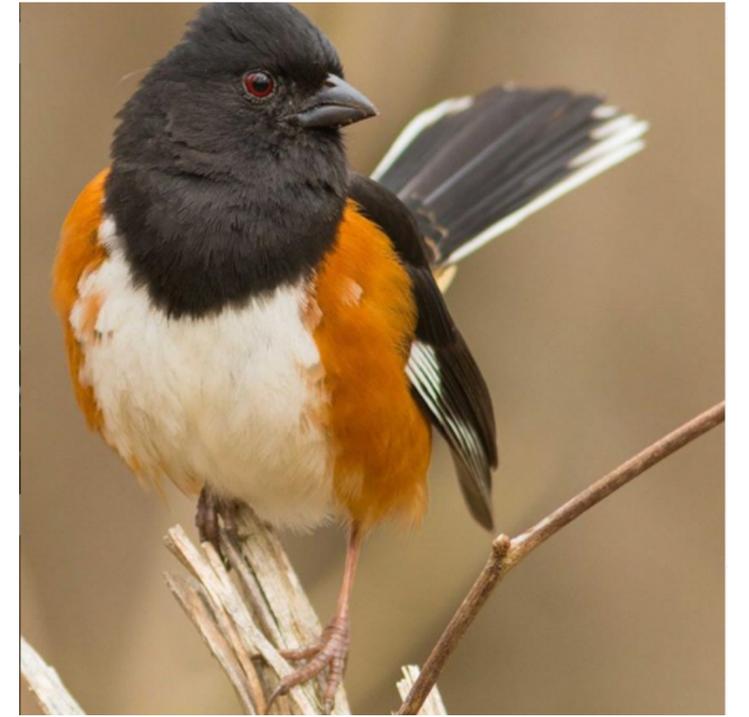
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