

DANE COUNTY PARKS

INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 20, 2021

*Lussier Family Heritage Center
Presentations in the Park*

PRESENTATIONS IN THE PARK

Join us for our **Presentations in the Park** events on select Thursdays throughout the summer at our Lussier Family Heritage Center facility in W.G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park. Admission is FREE with a suggested donation of \$10 to support our youth environmental education programming. Advance registration is appreciated but not required. Bring a chair and a ready mind to learn about these great topics!

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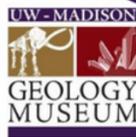
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**Scaly Friends in Your Backyard:
Wisconsin's Native Reptiles**



**Wisconsin
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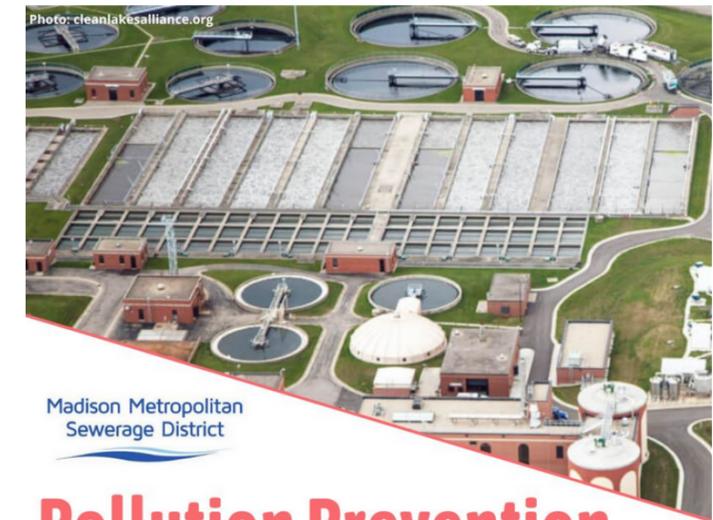


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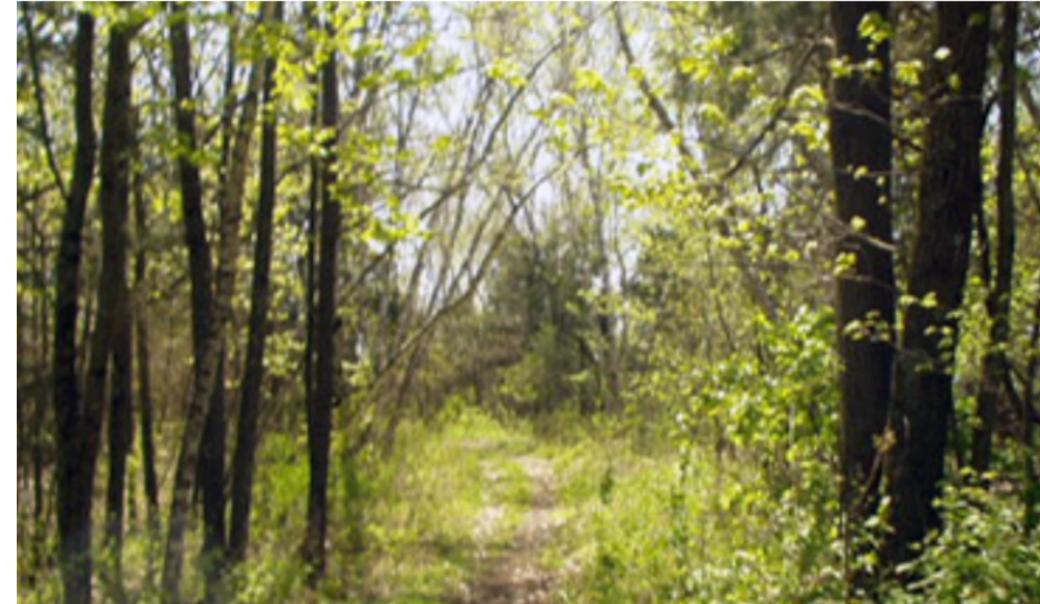
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Restoration Workdays**- Walking Iron County Park hosted by Natural Area Staff the 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. through December.
- **Prairie Stewardship**- Lussier Family Heritage Center hosted by Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area and Madison Area Master Gardener's Association September 3rd, 17th, and October 1st from 9 a.m.-12 p.m..
- **Restoration Workdays**- Oak Trail Woodland and Savanna hosted by Friends of Stewart Park September 19th, October 17th, November 21th, December 19th from 1-3 p.m..

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[Find these volunteer opportunities and more on our event calendar](#)



Walking Iron County Park

Lussier Family Heritage Center



MOVIES IN THE PARK

Join us **Thursday, August 26th** at our Lussier Family Heritage Center facility for a family-friendly outdoor Movie in the Park! Next week's movie is **Disney Nature Wings of Life**. Come with a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the free movie that starts at 8pm! A suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated.

This movie is sponsored by Festival Foods. Karben 4 Brewing will be on site at 7 p.m. selling popcorn and refreshments and donating 10% back to our outdoor youth programs.

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CELEBRATE DARREN MARSH



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Come celebrate Darren Marsh's 28 year legacy on **Thursday, September 9th** with a celebration hosted by the Dane County Parks Foundation. Join us in recognizing his many accomplishments and the impact he has made on our county park system as well as the partners that will assist us moving forward.

- **When: September 9, 2021 from 4-7 p.m.**
- **Where: William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park, Shelter #2**

"Darren would be the first to remind us that these accomplishments are not his alone but those of countless volunteers, staff and partners whose passion and dedication nurture our parks every day," said Foundation President Bill Lunney.

SUNDAYS IN THE PARK

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ART IN THE PARK

- **Aug 22** - [Busy Bee Buzz](#)
- **Sept 5** - [White Heron](#)
- **Sept 26** - [Bandit the Raccoon](#)

Join us for Art in the Park the Solar Shelter next to the W.G. Lunney Lake Farm Campground. Artists from Wine & Design will guide you to complete your very own take home masterpiece. Don't forget to BYOB and sip while you paint! Class runs 2 hrs. and costs is \$42/person.



YOGA IN THE PARK

- **Aug 29 @ 4:30-5:30 p.m.**
- **Sept 12 @ 4:30-5:30 p.m.**
- **Sept 26 @ 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

Join us for an outdoor yoga class with Wishing Tree Yoga Studio at the Lussier Family Heritage Center's new Solar Shelter! \$10/person, \$15 for two, and \$25/family.



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FOLKS FAMILY FESTIVAL

Come join the Friends of Lake Kegonsa Society (FOLKS) for a free day of fun for the entire family on **Saturday, August 21st!** There will be educational events along with a wide range of activities. Prior registration for the event is appreciated.

- Morning Yoga – Classes at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
- Kids Games – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Fishing Tourney – Weigh in your catch at 11:00 a.m.
- Mad-City Ski Team Water Show – 1:30 p.m.; Watch from near the boat launch
- Beverages and food available for purchase at food trucks
- Music

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MONSTER DASH

Friday: October 15th, 5:30 – 9:30 P.M.

Join us at sunset for 5K run, walk, or roll along the Lower Yahara River Trail and through our haunted prairie and forest. CAUTION! Monsters may be lurking along the trail. If you survive, your reward will be a bonfire with s'mores, beverages, and food available for purchase from Delta Brew Lab and the Vegan Pa'Ka food truck and an outdoor movie (Beetlejuice) once the sun has set. Costumes are heavily encouraged! Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and the race starts at 6:00 p.m. This is a fun-run style event so the race itself is not timed. Early Bird registration ends on September 1st.

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RESTORATION BENEFITS

The Friends of Stewart Lake County Park planted 686 native plants in their rain garden in 2020. The garden is now in full bloom and welcomes visitors as they arrive at the park. Volunteers recently spotted a unique visitor in the garden! A rusty patched bumble bee, an endangered species, was seen visiting one of the Mountain Mint plants in the rain garden. Thank you to the Friends of Stewart Lake County Park and all of our Friends groups that install and maintain native gardens to support our pollinator populations!



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BUMBLEBEE BRIGADE

Come learn how to take a bumble bee survey by using photos of bumble bees found in blooming prairie. Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area naturalist Clare will lead surveys in different locations in the Capital Springs Recreation Area. Children are welcome if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

- 8/24 @ W.G. Lunney Lake Farm Park, shelter 3, Libby Rd, 9 a. m.
- 9/8 @ Lussier Family Heritage Center, 9 a.m.
- 9/21 @ Lewis E-Way parking area, Moorland Rd, 9 a.m.
- 10/6 @ W.G. Lunney Lake Farm Park, shelter 3, Libby Rd, 9 a.m.

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*Prairie
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HERITAGE FEST

Join the Friends of Schumacher Farm Park for a fun Heritage Festival on **Sunday, September 12th from 12-5 p.m.**! Come see demonstrations of steam-powered antique threshing machines and 1920-30s harvesting techniques. Throughout the farm, guests are invited to participate in cooking in the farm's kitchen and petting small farm animals. Come try your hands at woodworking, weaving, knitting, spinning, cider making, and many other crafts. House tours, music and old-fashioned games will be going on all day so bring the whole family!

Tickets available day of the event; \$10/adult, \$3/children ages 3 & over, or \$20/family

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**Schumacher
Farm Park**
Heritage Fest

CLOSURES

Fish Camp County Park - Kayak/Canoe Launch CLOSED on Saturday, August 21st

- The FOLKS Family Festival will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the park. The kayak/canoe launch area will be closed during the event. Paddlers are directed to use the improved boat launch site for the day. The boat launch will remain open for motorized boats.

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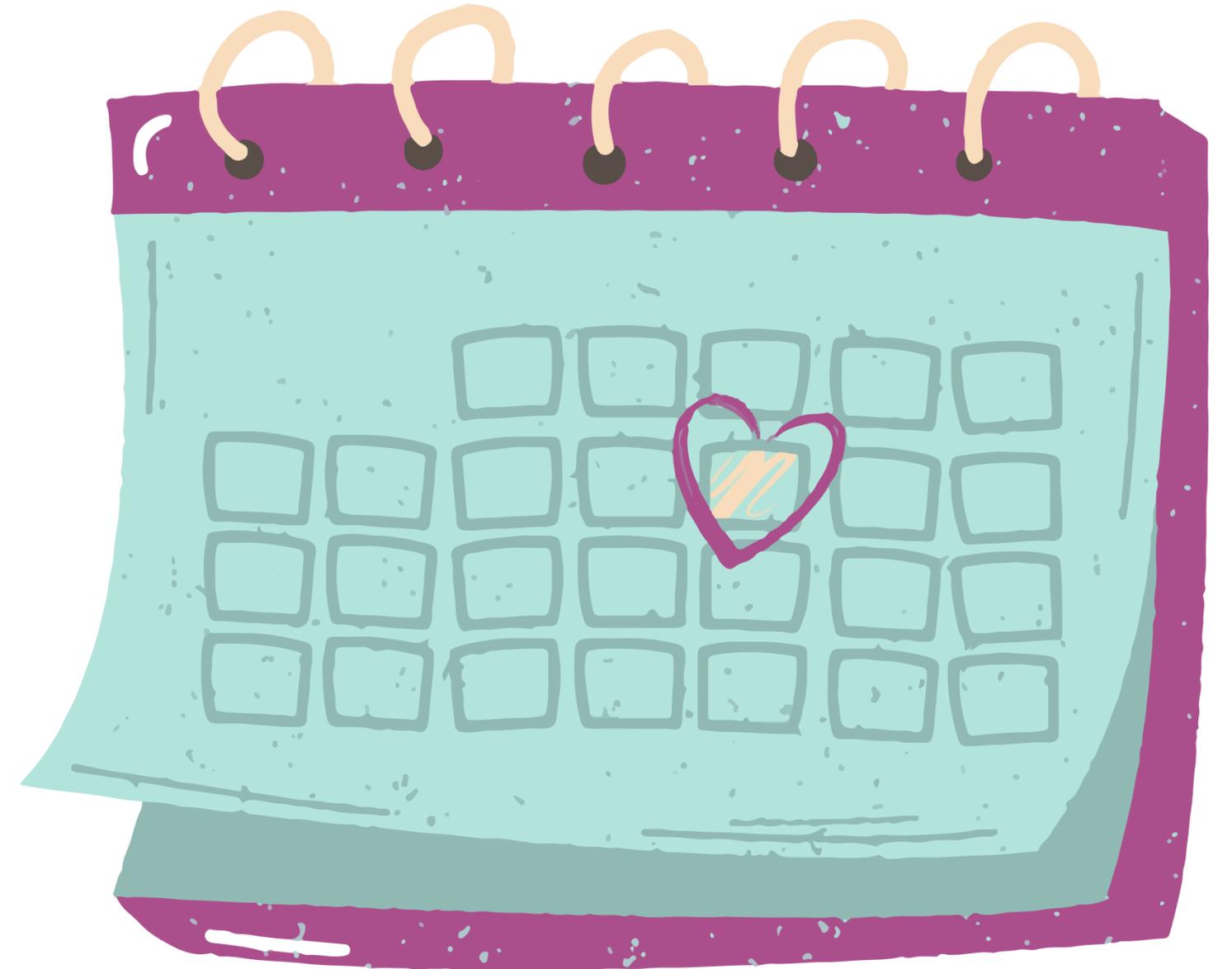
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FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For more event listings, check out the event calendar on our website. Events include:

- Youth Adventure Days
- Volunteer Workdays
- Music and craft events hosted by friends groups
- and more!

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