

DANE COUNTY PARKS

INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

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William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park

WINTER RECREATION

Winter offers new ways to play in the Dane County Park System!

Learn about opportunities like cross-country skiing, sledding, snowshoeing, ice fishing, and winter hiking on our winter recreation page. From there, you can access maps, link to ski trail conditions, or purchase a permit for activities that require one.

Please remember that snowshoeing, winter hiking and dogs are **NOT allowed** on groomed cross-country ski trails.

[Learn More](#)



Stewart Lake County Park

Courtesy of Ron Lutz II

SNOW DAY @ SCHUMACHER FARM

The Friends of Schumacher Farm Park invite you to join them at the top of the hill for a snowy afternoon on the farm. Even if there is not much snow, there will still be plenty to explore.

Activities will depend on the weather and snow cover, but possibilities include: a winter scavenger hunt, animal tracking clues, salt painting and frozen bubbles, snowshoes in kids and adult sizes will also be provided to try out.

This is a free event but donations are appreciated.

Date: Sunday, Jan. 30

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

[Learn More](#)



POP-UPS IN THE PARK

Join staff at pop-up events at Dane County Parks this winter! Try out snowshoeing or join us for a walk to listen for owls. These events are open to all ages - advance registration is required so sign up today!

Snowshoeing:

Fri. Feb 11 - Ice Age Junction Hwy PD Unit

Fri. Feb 25 - Festge County Park

** adult and youth snowshoes will be available to borrow for a \$2.00 fee*

Owl Walks:

Wed. Feb 9 - Festge County Parks

Wed. Feb 23 - Lewis Nine Springs E-Way



Nature Notes

from the Lussier Family Heritage Center
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LIL' EXPLORERS

Does your preschooler love to get their hands into everything, run around, and explore? Come help foster that sense of wonder with our Lil' Explorers program at the Lussier Family Heritage Center.

On **Friday, February 11th from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** join staff for a fun program for kids ages 3 - 6. We will play, explore, and have fun!

Signing up in advanced is encouraged to help us plan but drop-ins are welcome as well.

**Guardians are required to stay with their child during the program.*

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PLANT OF THE WEEK!

Yellow Coneflower

Latin name: *Ratibida pinnata*

This plant has stiff and rough-feeling leaves, and showy yellow flowers with petals that droop downward around the stem. It has a grayish central disk that you can still see out in the prairie during the winter (see photo). Many insects are attracted to this plant, including butterflies and bees. It grows from two to four feet tall and blooms from July to early October.

Want to support areas where these plants thrive? Consider volunteering to support our native prairie's and other ecosystems! Find opportunities on our event calendar by clicking below.

[Learn More](#)



Winter Identification

Look for a stem with a grayish, oblong disc. If you find one, try crushing it between your fingers – some people say it smells citrusy!



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JOB OPENING

Our department is hiring! Join our team as a **Conservation Specialist**. This position will:

- Assist in the promotion and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.
- Evaluate natural resource concerns.
- Review agricultural operations for compliance with state standards and enforce soil and water rules and regulations.
- Administer landowner contracts and cost-share funding.
- Develop and implement educational and outreach programming...and more!

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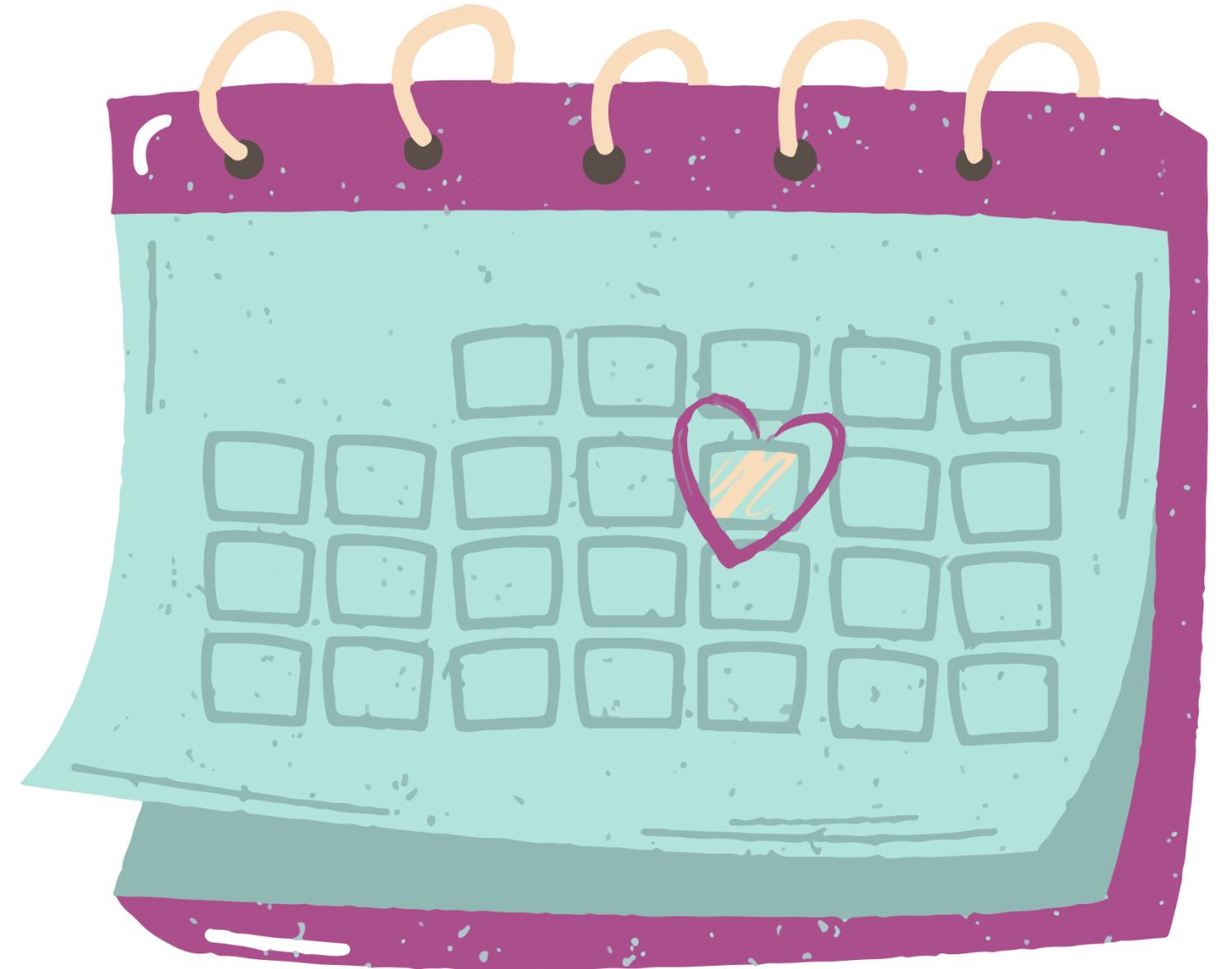


FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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