

# DANE COUNTY PARKS

INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

JULY 8, 2021



*Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area*

# MONSTER DASH 5K

Join us at sunset for 5K run along the Lower Yahara River Trail and through our haunted prairie and forest. **CAUTION!** Monsters may be lurking along the trail. After your run enjoy a bonfire with s'mores, drinks, and food and an outdoor movie (you can [help us pick the movie!](#)).

Early bird registration: \$20 (before September 1st)

Learn more and register using the link below **...if you dare!**

[Learn More](#)



**Nature Notes**

from the Lussier Family Heritage Center  
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# GOATS!

This summer we have two unusual volunteers! Two goats are currently hard at work combating invasive species in our wildlife areas. A single goat can eat 8 pounds of vegetation a day including brush and leafy greens making them super stars at clearing out thick invasive species in rocky areas that cannot be managed with mowing.

Biological controls, such as goats, are one management option among many used to control invasive species. When managing invasive species, our staff use a mix of management options combined with seeding or planting native plants after the invasives are removed. This combination provides the most successful and longest lasting benefits. Learn more about how we manage invasive species on our website!

[Learn More](#)



# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

We have had a number of volunteer groups recently helping out in our parks! A few are highlighted below:



Madison Missions helped remove invasive Japanese Hedge Parsley from Lake View Hill County park. Hedge Parsley can grow several feet tall and produce many clasp seeds that stick to fur and fabric, spreading far and wide.

[Learn More](#)



Volunteers joined staff at Schumacher Farm Park to help collect Spiderwort seeds. Spiderwort is an early bloomer, making it very important for pollinators. The seed is dried, cleaned and included in seed mixes for restoration projects across the county.

# 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.



**July 8**

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**July 15**

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# MOVIES IN THE PARK

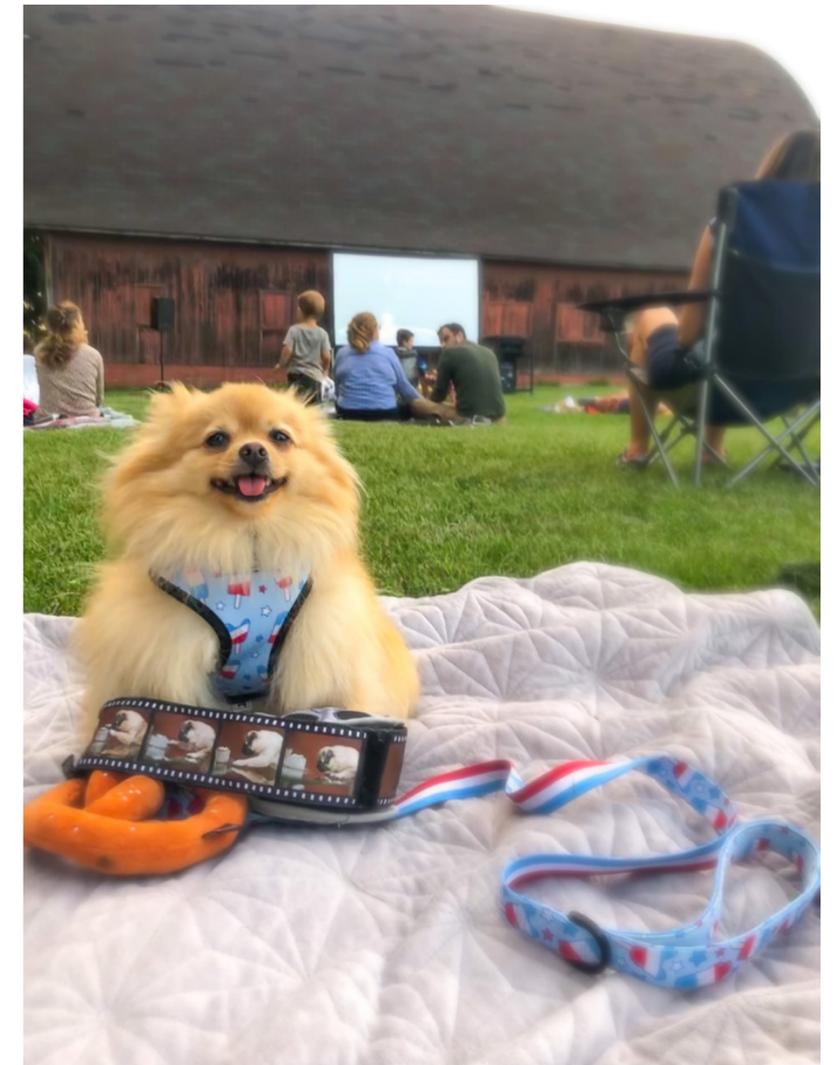
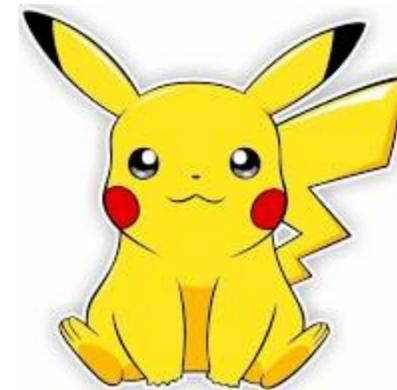
This summer our Lussier Family Heritage Center facility is offering a wide variety of events for individuals and families. Join us for a family-friendly **Movie in the Park!** Movies are free with a suggested donation of \$5/person and preregistration is appreciated but not required.

Join us **Saturday, July 17** for [Detective Pikachu!](#)

Gates open at 7:00 p.m. and movie starts at 8:00 p.m.

Come early for a Pokemon scavenger hunt and win a prize if you catch them all.

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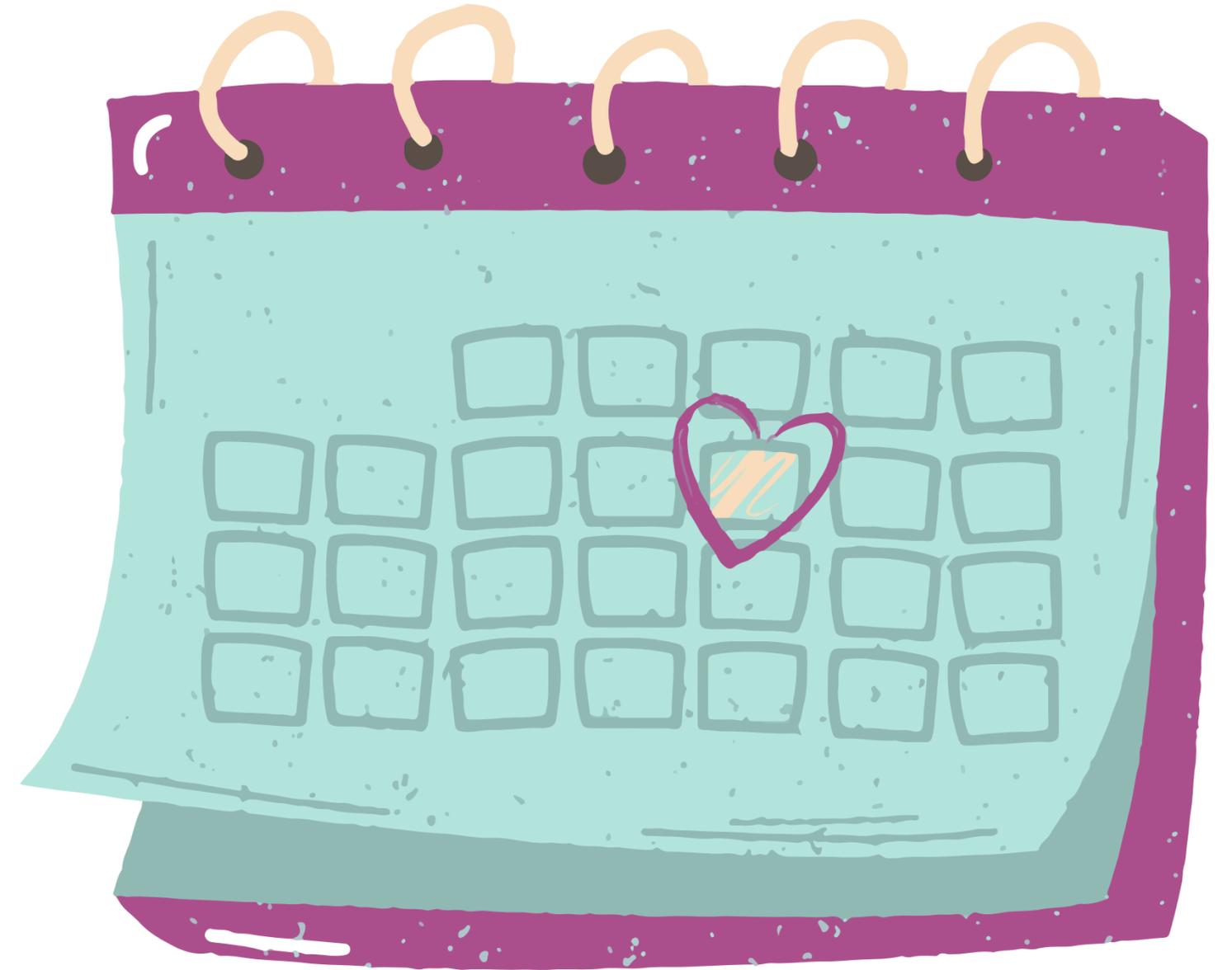
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# FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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