

DANE COUNTY PARKS

INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 17, 2020



"Never Hand In
Your First Draft"

Lower Yahara River Trail
Courtesy Kadjata Bah_Simpson Street Free Press

JOIN OUR TEAM

Dane County Parks is now hiring a **Deputy Parks Director**.

This position is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the county park system, including visitor services, special events and activities, facility maintenance, and development projects.

Position closes September 25. Click below to learn more!

[Learn More](#)

We are
HIRING



WEAVING AND PAINTING

The Friends of Schumacher Farm Park is hosting some exciting events!

Rag Rug Weaving: September 25 or October 4
Make your own placemat or rug using a loom.
Class fee = \$60, all supplies provided.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Barn Quilt Painting: Oct 17
Paint your own 2x2 foot barn quilt square with EL Barn Quilts.
Class fee = \$120, all supplies provided.

[Purchase Tickets](#)



HARVEST MOON GOES VIRTUAL

The Friends of Capital Springs are taking their popular Harvest Moon Festival virtual this year. There will be free weekend fun for the whole family Oct 2-4.

Online exhibits including Uncle Butzie the Turkey Vulture, nature from UW-Madison Arboretum, birds from Hoo's Woods Raptor Center, nature crafts from Naturing in Madison, training from Wisconsin Bumble Bee Brigade, fall family hikes and cool videos for all ages from Madison Audubon Society. Visit their website to learn more and sign up to participate.

[Learn More](#)



PARTY FOR THE PLANET – CLEAN UP DAY

SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

Earth Day Turned 50 this year - help us celebrate!

Even though we can't all celebrate together we can still make an impact. We have teamed up with the Henry Vilas Zoo to host a "do it on your own" Party for the Planet clean up day. Help us by having your own mini clean-up event right in your own neighborhood! Grab your family or neighbors or head outside on your own to clean up a storm drain on your block.

Learn more, download a data sheet, and find COVID safety tips on the website linked below.

[Learn More](#)

INDIAN LAKE VIRTUAL TRAIL RUN

The Friends of Indian Lake County park are moving their annual trail run into a virtual event. An 8-10 km course will be marked from Oct 2-4. Runners can complete the course any time during this window and submit their times for inclusion in the official results.

Visit the Friends of Indian Lake website for more information and to register.

[Learn More](#)



*Indian Lake County Park
Courtesy Friends of Indian Lake*

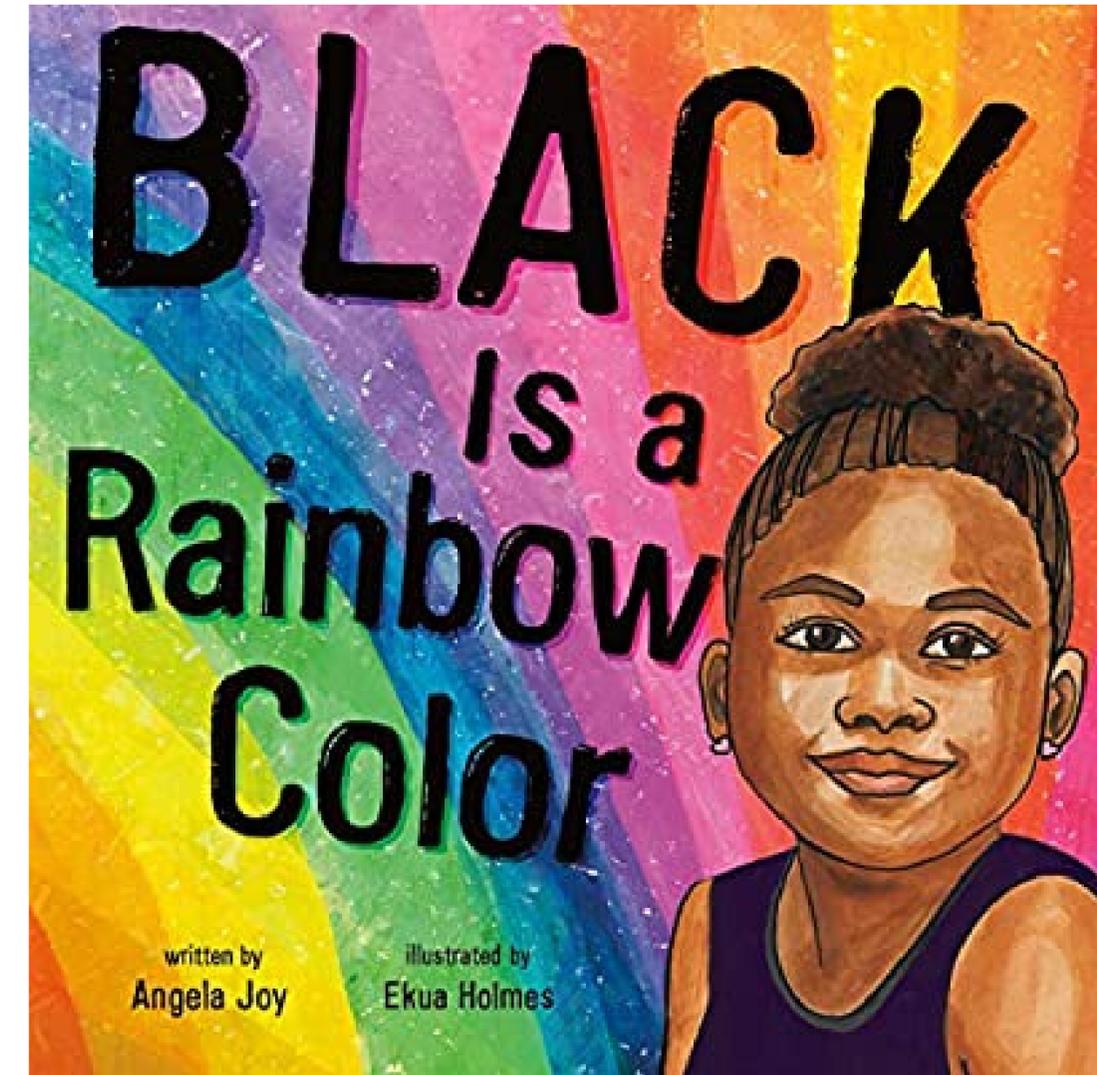
NEW STORYWALK® BOOK

Come out the Lussier Family Heritage Center prairie trails for a self-guided StoryWalk® featuring **Black is a Rainbow Color** by Angela Joy.

The book starts just past the Prairie Learning Center sign (behind the Pollinator Garden). In the book, a child reflects on the meaning of being Black in this moving and powerful anthem about a people, a culture, a history, and a legacy that lives on.

The book will be on display until October 14. Every month the StoryWalk® book will change. Visit the website to learn more and see upcoming book titles.

[Learn More](#)



Nature Notes

from the Lussier Family Heritage Center
a Dane County Parks Facility

ART IN THE PARK

Join **Wine & Design** at the Lussier Family Heritage Center this Sunday to take in the majestic grounds and paint the landscape. They will guide you step by step to complete your very own take home masterpiece of the historic oak tree on an 8x 10 canvas. No artistic talent needed, just the desire to have fun!

Sign up and bring a beverage of your choice. The event is outside so please dress accordingly. Easels will be set up 6 feet apart and other COVID precautions will be taken.

The cost is \$35. Wine & Design will donate a percentage of the proceeds to the Lussier Family Heritage Center's environmental education program. Learn more and register online:

[Learn More](#)



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STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Frank Fosdal

Park Maintenance Technician

Next time you are at one of our parks and see a freshly painted building or sign, you will know Frank was there. He has been busy recently repairing park entrance signs that have been getting damaged from birds. Frank also does a number of other projects to help keep our parks beautiful and safe for visitors.

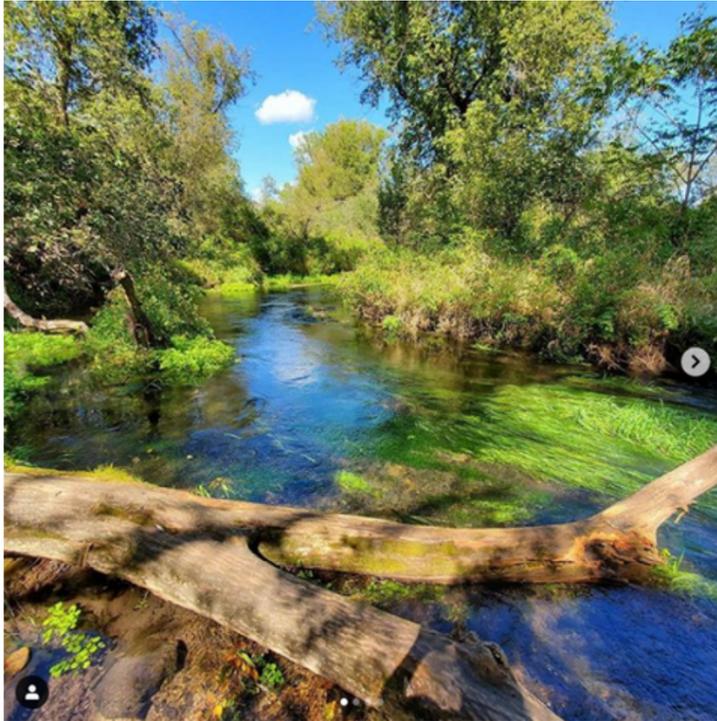


Lacie McMannis

Park Ranger

Lacie is our newest Park Ranger. She covers Capital Springs, William G Lunney Lake Farm Park and the Southern portion of the county. She is busy on the weekends overseeing summer staff as well as monitoring the parks and doing enforcement when needed to make sure they are safe for all.

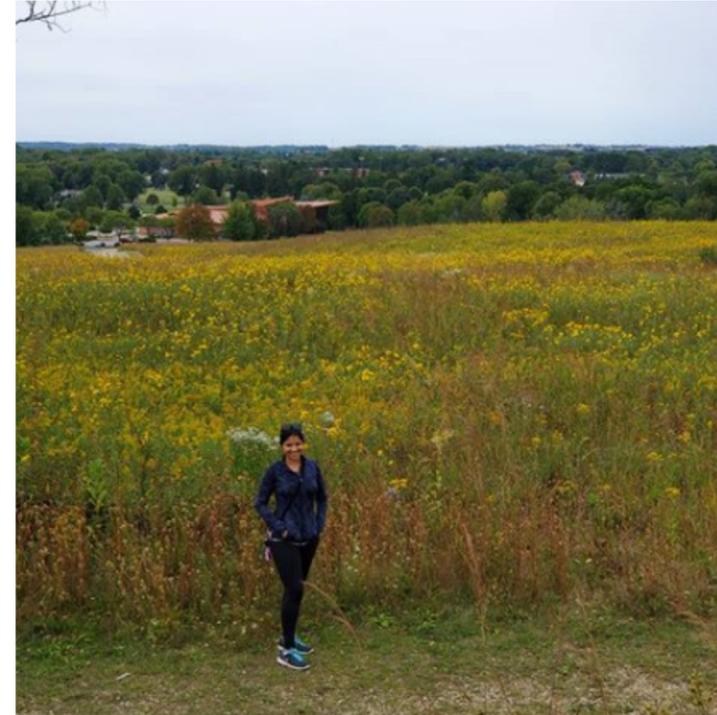
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Badger Prairie County Park
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