

A dandy time

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Is it a weed? Is it a flower? Is it an herb? Whatever you choose to call it, the dandelion was the guest of honor at last Saturday's Dandelion Festival, held at Buckley Park. Sponsored by the good folks at Turtle Lake Refuge, the event celebrated all things dandelion with the bright yellow flower showing up everywhere from dancing and music to libations (yes, there was even a dandelion beer.) The purpose of the annual event is not only to mark the arrival of spring, but also promote chemical free parks. And what better way than to extol the health and versatility of this humble, and oft misunderstood, little harbinger of spring.



The crowd at Rotary Park on Saturday was brought together by the creation of a maypole and the subsequent maypole dance.



Eireland Rayne hulas some hoop to honor the dandelion.



What says "spring time" more than sitting on the grass with friends under the sun?



A communal painting shows off artistic talents of all dandelion souls.