Treat yourself this Valentine’s Day

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Valentine’s Day is this week, and that means exploitation of red and pink, flowers and hearts and sappy love songs on the radio. For some people, Valentine’s Day is a great way to celebrate their significant other. For others, it may be a pain in the butt. If you’re looking to find something fun to do on Valentine’s Day, whether it’s with your significant other, friends, or that guy on Tinder you wiped right for, La Crose has plenty of options.

For those seeking some adventure, there are free outdoor ice skating rinks in La Crose. One is located in Copeland Park on Copeland Park Drive, and the other is Pouge Park on Food Street. If that’s not enough, you can also go skating on Mount La Crosse. A day, or even night, of skating could either get you in the Valentine’s spirit or distract you from the chocolate heart and flowers filled day. There are even discount rates for students.

So you love Valentine’s Day and are looking for something more romantic to do with your partner? You could go to the traditional dinner and a movie, but maybe mix it up a little bit. Pick a Restaurant is a great place to get dinner, whether you’re looking for just a sandwich or something fancier. Instead of going out to a movie theater and shell out more money, head home and set up your living room with candy, Feb. 4, and an opening area. Netflix has some great romantic comedies out right now, like Sleepless in Seattle, Notting Hill and Shakespeare in Love that will definitely set the mood. Not feeling a rom com? Try something completely different like Anchorman 2 or Cabin in the Woods.

If you want to have some fun with friends or by yourself, a great way to treat yourself is a manicure, a pedicure or both because you deserve it. If that’s not your thing, try visiting the Children’s Museum. The exhibits meant for children will make you laugh and make you feel like a kid again.

If you’re looking to have fun on Valentine’s Day on a budget, spend the evening baking, with your friends or your sweetheart. There will be plenty of easy to make V-day themed cookies if baking isn’t your forte. If you’re a pro baker, challenge yourself and your date. Even if it ends up tasting disgusting, you still have had fun making it and a new funny story to tell each other.

Even if you really hate the holiday, there’s something for you. This Valentine’s Day, why not check out Anti-Valentine’s Day on Google. The Huffington Post has pages of hilarious stories about Valentine’s Day gone wrong and ways to oppose the holiday, and there are thousands of other sites dedicated to finding you the perfect Anti-Valentine’s Day.

So whether or not you’re a fan of Valentine’s Day, there are plenty of ways to make it a magical evening, single or in a relationship. All you have to do is open yourself up to new opportunities and have some fun!

“Down to Earth”

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Guest Reporter

Welcome to the first edition of “Down to Earth”! The Racquet’s new, weekly sustainability column! This column will be brought to you by the Students for Sustainability (SFS) and other community members who want to educate, and update the UW-L community about sustainability efforts here on campus, and in the surrounding area.

Green Tip of the Week:

Put your work desk near a window. It’s amazing how much natural light can illuminate research! Research has also shown that being exposed to nature even the slightest bit can give you a psychological boost.

Why sustainability you ask? Sustainability is defined by our university “as being both a local and global interaction between economy, environment, and society.” Essentially, this means that sustainability affects all of us, and understanding why it is important, and how to get involved is an fundamental responsibility.

A little background about SFS: We are a group of passionate students who strive for a sustainable world. Our members consist of students from across campus with a shared love for the outdoors, and we meet regularly to discuss ways to promote a “greener” campus. We organize events to educate the student body on a broad range of environmental issues and how we can make a great difference in our time in college. We also have fun outings (canoeing, caving, hiking, etc.) to keep close connection with our members and community.

So what can you expect from this column? Each week will include a highlight article as well as an update about ways to get involved, important events in that week, and a green tip of the week. Stay tuned for some great information! If you have any ideas you would like to see featured here, or more details about how you can get involved, please contact us at studentsforustainability@uwla.edu.

What’s Happening This Week:

• SFS Meetings Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Centennial 2214
• Night on the Slopes, Feb. 13
• Linked to the Land-Sweetheart Snowshoe Hike, Feb. 14
• Your Credit Score: It’s Worth Knowing, Feb. 17 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Cartwright Center
• Summer and Part Time Job Fair, Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Valhalla

A DIY approach to Valentine’s Day

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Love is in the air, and we all know what that means: chocolates, flowers and a romantic evening with that special someone. Or maybe your evening will consist of watching Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams, “I want all of you, forever, you and me and the kids. Even if you’re wishing your life was like The Notebook.” Either way, this year for Valentine’s Day, do something special for your friends, family or significant other—maybe make their gifts or cards. Homemade gifts are always appreciated because that person knows it’s coming from the heart.

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Now, it’s time for the candy. Anyone can buy a box of chocolates and a ribbon on top, but it’s way more fun to decorate your own containers and fill them with the cards or gifts you’ve created. What you’ll need are mason jars, ribbon, cardboard, markers, stickers, and roses seem too cliché.

For when chocolates, stuffed teddy bears, and roses seem too cliché

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Happy Valentine’s Day from The Racquet staff to you!

Let us know what you can do to make you love The Racquet even more!

Send us an email at editor@theracquet.net

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