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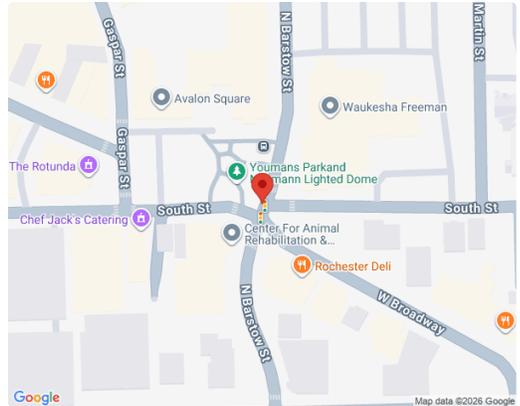
The first weekend also includes geocaching, skating, and activities at Retzer Nature Center and the planetarium. Throughout the 10 days of JanBoree, participants can download the Goosechase Scavenger Hunt app to play along on their phones. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams, and one lucky winner will receive a diamond necklace valued at more than $4,000, courtesy of Costa's Fine Jewelry.

Weekday events include Synchronized Skating, a Zumba Glow Party, a Milan 2026 Preview, Cookie Decorating, Family Painting, and more. Participants are encouraged to register for the free Learn to Moonwalk class and join the Galaxy Glow Walk. The first week wraps up with Blast Off at the YMCA.

The second weekend is packed with events such as the Frosty 5K, an ice sculpting competition and Out of This World Family Fun. The Waukesha Public Library will help visitors prepare for "Your Mars Vacation," while Minooka Park hosts Ice Fishing and the Alaskan Malamute Weight Pull.

Families can enjoy hands-on fun at Waukesha County Museum Making History. Learn how the sun drives severe weather at the CBS 58 Solar Force Weather Show with Chief Meteorologist Drew Burgoyne at the Schuetze Rec Center. Kids won't want to miss the Penguin Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Waukesha Sunrise Rotary Club, where they can search the snow for candy-filled eggs left behind by Lil' Chill. The festival concludes with a Candlelight Hike at Minooka Park and an Out of This World Concert and Instrument Petting Zoo.

For a complete schedule of events, visit JanBoree.org.

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