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SUMMER SCHOOL enrollment declining in county



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A West Bend teacher in a Lit Camp of fourth-grade students reads aloud before the students discuss the text.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY — While many school districts are witnessing a post-pandemic spike in summer school enrollment after nearly a year of virtual learning, Washington County schools are experiencing the opposite.

West Bend School District Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Laura Jackson said the total participation numbers of the summer school program in both 2019 and 2021 had a 10% decline. This is vastly different from what other school districts, like Milwaukee Public Schools, are experiencing. MPS had nearly 3,000 more students enrolled in summer school this year, according to their summer school academy.

Jackson added that these 2021 numbers are not yet final due to other summer school programs taking place in later months, but they still do not expect any spike or drastic change in enrollment.

"We will have music camps and jump start opportunities which will occur later in the summer, so student numbers are not finalized," Jackson said. "But overall, there was not an increase in summer school."

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Students playing math games during West Bend summer school.



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Russ Sobotta lands in Jamestown, R.I. to conclude his cross-country biking trip.

West Bend man bikes across America

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WEST BEND — Russ Sobotta, 62, decided on a whim to live out his life-long dream of biking across the country. With the support from fellow bikers, close friends and family, Sobotta was able to bike 3,404 miles in just under a year.

"This has been a goal of mine since high school," Sobotta said. "But then college, jobs and starting a family got in the way. It was my wife who really encouraged me to finally do it."

Growing up in western Wisconsin, Sobotta said he was fascinated by the idea of taking his bike from coast to coast. His interest in cross-country biking began in the 1970s when the TransAmerica Bicycle Trail was established for the Bicentennial in 1976 that commemorated the American bicentennial.

The next 40 years brought Sobotta across many other long-distance bicycle trips, including a 2,500 mile trip in Canada and riding across the state of Iowa every summer. Sobotta added that he averages biking 3,000 miles annually.

Given Sobotta's experience and training, riding with about 35 pounds of biking gear and necessities on his person while traveling on his dream cross-country trip was nothing he couldn't handle.



Russ Sobotta stands near a sign for Erie Canalway Trail in New York.

He mapped out his route based on where his family lived. Sobotta's brother lives in Washington and his sister lives in Rhode Island, so he started his journey near Everett, Wash. and ended it in Jamestown, R.I.

"Integrating my family into my trip made it a lot of fun," Sobotta said. "My daughter even joined me for a day in Massachusetts."

Sobotta created a Facebook group called Russ Bikes Across America where nearly 200 members from across the country cheered him on and posted supportive comments on Sobotta's updates throughout the trip.

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West Bend woman dies in Town of Barton crash Tuesday morning

WEST BEND — A 35-year-old West Bend woman passed away following a fatal car crash at the intersection of Highway 144 and Wallace Lake Road in the Town of Barton Tuesday morning, according to a press release from the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

At approximately 8:04 a.m., the Sheriff's Office was notified of a rollover crash at the intersection. The caller advised authorities that a box truck had struck a car, and the car's driver was breathing but not conscious. The caller further advised that there was a child in a safety seat in the back seat of the car.

Squads were dispatched to the scene, along with West Bend Fire & Rescue. An off-duty sheriff's deputy came upon the accident scene and determined the driver was agonal breathing and it did not appear she had been wearing a seatbelt.

When the first on-duty deputy arrived, he assisted Rescue with moving the driver from the vehicle and she was transported to Froedtert Hospital in Wauwatosa. The

child had been in a safety seat behind the driver and the child was transported to Froedtert West Bend.

The driver of the box truck was uninjured and was cooperative during the investigation. The Sheriff's Office Accident Reconstruction Team was called in to assist with the investigation.

The initial investigation showed the car was stopped at the stop sign of Wallace Lake Road and pulled out in front of the box truck, which was traveling north on Highway 144. The box truck struck the car on the driver's side of the vehicle. The department was later notified that the driver of the car passed away due to injuries sustained in the crash.

Highway 144 was closed to traffic for approximately 2.5 hours to facilitate the investigation and removal of the involved vehicles.

The name of the woman who died is not being released. There is no further information being released at this time as this is an active investigation.

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Mostly sunny
High 76 / Low 61

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Allenton Lions Club brings back annual car show July 4

Club nears \$1 million in funds raised

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ALLENTON — The Allenton Lions Club is gearing up for the return of its 38th Annual Car Show on Sunday from 6 a.m.-4 p.m. in Veteran's Memorial Park. As the club prepares to host the event, they are also getting ready to reach \$1 million in total donations raised, all of which goes to help individuals and organizations in the community.

Over 40 vehicles are already preregistered for the event, but more are expected to arrive that day. The event features hot rods and classics. The Lions Club also removed the 25-year or older classification, but vehicles should meet car show standards.

The car show was canceled last year due to COVID-19 precautions, but this year, the show will go on rain or shine.

Entrance to the car show is \$3 for adults and free for children under 12 years old with an adult.

Car show winners will receive \$50. Six names will be announced at 11

a.m. and 3 p.m. and show car winners must be present to win.

Day-of registrations are \$10. To preregister, contact Stu Mueller at 262-224-7557. Preregistration is \$5.

In the morning, there will be a pancake breakfast beginning at 6:30 a.m. for \$7 and a flea market with space for hundreds of vendors.

The event includes cash door prizes, food and refreshments and family entertainment. Live music is provided by the Star Fire Family.

Money from the events will go to benefit the community.

First Vice President-Lion Brenda Rumppe said all of the money they receive from individuals and fundraisers goes right back into the community. In the 40 years of the club's operation, they have raised more than \$900,000 and are nearing the \$1 million mark.

"I think it's incredible that people donate so well to our club because they know we're helping others. It's overwhelming how much we've raised. We couldn't do it without the community helping us," said Rumppe.

With the hundreds of thousands of dollars raised, the club has supported the St. Lawrence and Kohlsville fire departments. They also help send children with different abilities to a week-long summer camp, Wisconsin Lions Camp, in Rosholt. Each week, the camp hosts children with various conditions, including camps for those with cognitive disabilities, blindness and diabetes.

Club members also help out at Allenton Area Advancement Association events, Slinger and Allenton schools and vision screenings in schools, as well as assist community members when needed. They run an ongoing eyeglass recycling program accepting used or broken eyeglasses and helped plant trees by Allenton Elementary School when a new playground was installed.

The club hosts drive-thru brat fries as well. The next event is scheduled for September.

For more information about the show and preregistration for vehicles and vendor tents, visit the "Allenton Lions Annual Car Show" Facebook page.



File photo

Several communities across Washington County are celebrating the 4th of July with fireworks displays, parades, live music and special events throughout the weekend.

Celebrating the Fourth

County communities get ready for annual parades, fireworks displays, more

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WASHINGTON COUNTY — Several communities across Washington County are celebrating Independence Day throughout the weekend with live music, parades, special events, and, of course, fireworks.

West Bend is hosting various activities throughout the 4th of July in celebration. The city's celebrations kick off at 9:30 a.m. with a parade sponsored by area veterans groups and the city. Everyone is encouraged to participate and no pre-registration is required.

The lineup will be on Main Street in front of Badger Middle School, 727 S. 6th Ave. The parade will travel north on Main Street through downtown, turn on Seventh Avenue crossing Washington Street (Highway 33) to North Main Street and ending at Regner Park, 800 N. Main St., West Bend. The route is about 1 mile long.

There will be free live music in Regner Park from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. in Regner Park, as well as free root beer floats for kids from 10:30 a.m.-noon, and food and beverages from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

At 11 a.m., the Kiwanis

Duck Derby kicks off at the Regner Park Creek near the tennis courts. There will be a sand castle building contest from 1-3 p.m. at the Regner Park Beach.

A free DJ and dancing begins at 7 p.m., as well as subs, snacks and treats, at Riverside Park, 700 Kilbourn Ave.

The Horicon Bank Fireworks display begins at 9:45 p.m. at Riverside Park.

Hartford

Hartford's 4th of July festivities begin with a 2 p.m. parade on Main Street to Veterans Park, 777 S. Main St. There will be entertainment, games and live music at the park.

Fireworks begin at dusk. The Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce is organizing the events.

Germantown

The Germantown Kiwanis Club is bringing back the village's 4th of July celebrations.

A parade begins at 3 p.m. at the Germantown Post Office, W156-N11301 Pilgrim Road, and travel down Pilgrim Road to Main Street. It will then turn on Park Street and end at Firemen's Park, W162-N11870 Park Ave.

Music and entertainment follow the parade from 4:30-9:30 p.m. until the fireworks display begins. Food and beverages are available at the park from a limited number of vendors.

Kewaskum

Kewaskum is hosting its Independence Day celebration on July 3 with fireworks at River Hill Park, 1150 Parkview Drive.

Shut the Front Door, a cover band that plays rock, pop, dance and country, will begin playing at 7 p.m.

By the numbers: Washington/Ozaukee County COVID-19 cases

Confirmed cases

- Current: 23,125
- Washington County: 14,847
- Ozaukee County: 8,278

Deaths

- Washington County: 171
- Ozaukee County: 95

Cases per 100,000 population

- Washington County: 11,039.8
- Ozaukee County: 9,368.5
- State average: 10,599

Case fatality percentage

- Washington County: 1.2%
- Ozaukee County: 1.1%
- State average fatality percentage: 1.2%

Wisconsin

- Deaths: 7,306
- Positive tests: 612,732
- Negative tests: 2,984,793

Source: Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Blue Lotus to offer programming for seniors

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WEST BEND — Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center is finding new ways for people to enjoy the center and all that it offers, so the farm is planning on having several days dedicated for seniors and their families or caregivers to visit 64 acres of their land.

The Blue Lotus Days for seniors, their family, and caregivers are July 14; Aug. 1, 13, and 30; and Sept. 12 and 27.

On each Blue Lotus Day for seniors, individuals can enjoy the grounds including strolling on the boardwalks, boating and fishing, swimming in the in-ground pool, hiking, and picnicking.

July 14 at 10:30 a.m. will

have an opportunity for attendees to take part in Chair Yoga taught by Takako Willden. Participants will be guided through gentle yoga movements using a chair as support in Blue Lotus's Pavilion. The class will focus on breathing, stretching, improving balance, and strengthening muscles.

According to the press release, the farm will be

limiting the number of individuals, so everyone can practice social distancing and still enjoy the center. Fully vaccinated participants are not required to wear a mask.

Advance registration is required and the cost is \$5 per person. Individuals can view the available dates and sign up online at bluelotusfarm.org/events or call 262-675-2473.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation getting grant to combat impaired driving

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WISCONSIN — Wisconsin's efforts to stop impaired driving received a boost in the form of a grant from the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) and the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility. The \$45,000 grant will fund law enforcement training to identify drug-impaired

drivers through the state's Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program.

"This is a direct investment in the safety of Wisconsin highways," Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary-designee Craig Thompson said in a press release. "Training law enforcement personnel is an important step in keeping our highways and communities

safe." The goal is to have at least one DRE in every county and currently 50 of the state's 72 counties have at least one expert, according to the press release.

DREs are highly skilled and trained experts in detecting the influence of psychoactive drugs on individuals. They are also trained in documenting and testifying in court to support their evaluation.

This program is 100% federally funded. Individual law enforcement agencies cover the trainees' time, meals, and transportation. These experts also must recertify every year.

Germantown hosting free movie showing

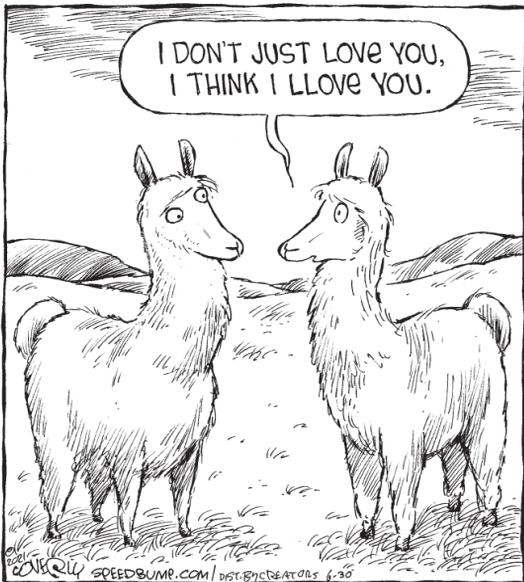
GERMANTOWN — Join Germantown Parks & Recreation for a free movie in Fireman's Park, Park Avenue, on July 16 at 8:30 p.m. They will be showing "Tom & Jerry — The Movie."

Bring chairs and blankets and settle in for an evening of free entertainment.

No pre-registration is required. Teen volunteers are also needed for the event.

The event is sponsored by Bank Five Nine.

Speedbump



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