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Jumping frogs galore and more

Dousman Derby Days returned on Saturday

DOUSMAN — On Saturday, the 68th Dousman Derby Days brought fun for the whole family, including the famous frog jumping competition, carnival rides and food, kids' activities, and music by The Toys during the evening.



Kids take turns climbing the Adventure Rock Wall.



Aristotle Seaman makes his game face with his frog Bowser after having just completed his turn in the contest.

126,580 attended '23 Waukesha County Fair

4-H sells over 1,000 cream puffs; Kiwanis pancake breakfast breaks record

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WAUKESHA — The Waukesha County Fair reported a total of 126,580 people attended the event that ran from July 19 through July 23 on the Waukesha County Expo Grounds. The overall attendance in 2022 was 128,085.

The fair's mission is "To provide a quality family event which preserves our rural heritage and is dedicated to education and entertaining all ages in Waukesha County and surrounding communities."

Daily attendance breakdown for the 2023 Waukesha County Fair:

- Wednesday, July 19: 20,468
- Thursday, July 20: 18,152
- Friday, July 21: 27,669
- Saturday, July 22: 34,764
- Sunday, July 23: 25,528

"The 181st Anniversary of the Waukesha County Fair encompassed this year's theme 'Seeing Is Believing' bringing more special events and integrations than ever before! As we continue to showcase the rich history, we also work to connect with our invaluable partners to bring in new and exciting components — turning moments into memories, embracing traditions and creating even more fair stories to share for years to come," said Chrissy Gluege, the fair's executive director.

By the numbers

The fair had its second largest Classic Car Show turnout for its 12th anniversary with 95 vehicles present. The fair's midway, North American Midway Entertainment, brought 25 rides including two new ones, Disk'O and Raptor Run. Disk'O was one of the top 10 most-riden rides, with the Century (Ferris) Wheel being the most popular.

The 4-H kitchen, run and operated by the 4-H exhibitors and volunteers, sold 1,000 cream puffs and over 600 grilled cheeses over the five-day run. The Waukesha Noon Kiwanis 44th annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast witnessed a record number of attendees Saturday morning, capping at over 1,000 fairgoers partaking in the annual tradition of all-you-can-eat pancakes.

For adult beverages, close to 6,000 seltzers were sold with an exact total of 5,739 cans along with 184 kegs of beer. The fair also held the best County Executive Jr. Livestock Auction on record July 21, supporting 70 youth exhibitors showcasing a variety of species across multiple organizations, including 4-H and FFA.

The fair hosted three nights of national entertainment, consisting of LOCASH, Puddle of Mudd, P.O.D., Winger and Warrant. Skid Row canceled their July 22 concert at the Waukesha County Fair due to illness.

"Due to circumstances outside of the Waukesha County Fair's control, Skid Row will no longer be performing on Saturday, July 22 due to illness. Winger and Warrant will still perform on Saturday with a start time of 6:30 p.m.," the fair said in a statement.

The Waukesha County Fair Board tried to find a replacement act for Skid Row but were unsuccessful with the short notice provided to the fair about

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Tania Khasria cheers in excitement as she rounds the motorcycle ride to see her parents looking on.



Vivian Lang goes down the Fun Slide with her mother, Michelle.



Nehemiah Rasmussen removes the container keeping his frog in place as it makes its first leap off the jump pad.

When competitors don't bring their own frogs, a rental frog can be chosen from the table as they enter the jump arena.



The Toys performing for the evening's entertainment.

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