

Bear Seen In West Salem

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A very interesting spectator showed up at the La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway this morning....though racing does not start for 2 more weeks. A black bear was spotted roaming the grandstands inside the track, according to track Marketing Director, Dave Noelke. The 100 pound or so bear, was trapped by the hospitality area after a while, and track officials opened a gate to let it back into the wild. The DNR was called, but the bear was long gone by the time they showed up. They, along with a wildlife biologist, were tracking the bear around 12:40pm today, near Elm Street and West Ave. The West Salem High School was placed on lock down for the time being.