

RECREATION Center

FOURTH ANNUAL FARMINGTON FOUNDERS FESTIVAL FOUR-MILE RUN (Saturday, July 27)

BOY'S 17 AND UNDER	
Rob Black	21:39
Charlie Stamboulis	24:07
Ryan Scheldie	28:58
Aaron Scheldie	27:29
Michael Ehridge	27:48
Ede Phelps	27:56
Bill Smith	28:02
Andrew Kameron	28:30



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Off and running: The fourth annual Farmington Founders Festival four-mile run attracted another strong field.

MEN'S OPEN	
Tom Priesa	21:29
Tom Stamboulis	22:08
Thomas Dew	22:29
Dwight Vantayl	22:47
Utaas Loeffler	23:01
Alan Feecey	23:14
Kevin Afterbaugh	23:31
Mark Middaugh	24:20
David Peterson	24:29
Kevin Sherwood	24:31
Andy Hatesand	26:39
Thomas Linden	27:08
Chris Knoll	27:51
Jeff Hartung	27:52
Brian Tyler	28:06
Ben Studley	28:07
Frank Montgomery	28:40
Michael Connolly	28:53
Bob Zwald	29:01
Mike Delorosa	29:07
Tony Backa	30:14
Jeff Franklin	30:22
Herman Smith	32:13
Pat McGlin	32:22
John Hanba	33:07
Martin Madria	33:24
Joel Lekarish	33:28
Brian Gasterline	34:07
Don Engler	34:28
Jeff Winkler	35:33
Sheldon Fineman	39:01
Andrew Renaud	41:49
Bill Simons	42:29

MEN'S 40 AND OVER	
Terry Elsey	21:57
Michael Frank	23:18
Chris Turner	24:29
Rick Strach	25:32
Naury Dean	26:01
Phillip Beckelmeier	28:18
Darryl Parsh	28:40
Rick Detallas	28:57
Doug Bopp	27:29
Bill Preininger	28:10
Kent Mason	29:07
Jeff Wiegand	29:14
Kan Pettibone	30:15
Bill Smith	30:28
Rick Pawlowski	30:29
Michael Denclaur	30:32
Jim Dore	31:34
Gary Hanafie	31:38
Richard Waldecker	31:39
Cliff Vantayl	31:46
Sam Skeegan	32:10
Rob Rodick	32:29
David Mulligan	33:12
Phillip Zimmerman	34:11
Alan Osterman	34:14

BOY'S 17 AND UNDER	
Ray Mota	35:12
Art Abruzzo	35:14
Don Afterbaugh	35:38
John Clinegerman	36:48
Al David	37:03
Tom Thompson	38:33
Tony Valino	39:03
Alex Johnson	39:50
Arthur Zindenberg	40:13
Andrew Aljain	40:22
Robert Litty	40:50
David Parnetta	41:00
Richard Camp	41:57
Sam Root	41:58
Bob Lahr	47:24
Dan Holgen	1:02:49

GIRL'S 17 AND UNDER	
Katherine Adams	27:46
Elizabeth Fernandez	29:37
Lindsay Jackson	31:20
Laura Luckacheiter	33:10
Natalie Dawson	33:52
Betsy Luckacheiter	33:53
Julia Power	36:28
Jenny Ruff	36:29
Katie Lynn Mason	36:30
Andrea Miller	38:45
Shirley Tom	38:46
Monique Bush	39:06

WOMEN'S OPEN	
Jodi Buck	24:37
Brigitte Dery	25:34
Mary Beth Tacy	30:21
Leanna Vicarelli	31:08
Dawn Anderson	31:23
Heide Lindenberg	32:03
Amy Montgomery	32:50
Julie Dean	33:10
Susan Granotto	34:19
Martha Ramadell	34:32
Sheri Alalado	34:53
Beverly Rambach	34:54
Jennifer Franklin	35:17
Brenda Salas	35:18
Suzanne McKinley	35:18
Elizabeth Medium	39:11
Kerri Finlayson	39:15
Tracy Sheridan	39:51
Vida Rakka	39:53
Callie Strathern	40:03
Patty Zafarona	41:10
Alice Parks	41:11
Lisa Chase	41:45
Catherine Young	41:56
Mary Hish	47:02

WOMEN'S 40 AND OVER	
Martha Ritchie	30:58
Grace Toos	34:49
Pat Root	36:04
Barb Skelton	36:05

WHAT'S AHEAD

The Just Zoo 10K Run and 1.5-mile walk

When Saturday, Aug. 9

What a family-oriented opportunity to promote awareness of organ donation and transplantation, featuring a five-kilometer run held on a loop course adjacent to the Detroit Zoo in Huntington Woods and Royal Oak and a timed fun walk through the Zoo for non-runners.

Participants: People of all ages and athletic abilities are encouraged to compete in the 10K run, 1.5-mile walk. No pet, roller blades, baby strollers or baby joggers are allowed.

Time: Run starts at 9 a.m. Fun walk begins at 9:10 a.m.

Awards: Awards will be presented to the top five overall 10K finishers and top 10K male and female finishers in each age group. A special awards ceremony will also take place at the Zoo's Picnic Grove area following the conclusion of the race.

Zoo admission: Participants receive free admission to the Zoo for the day. You must be wearing your registration wristband for admission. Bring your family. Additional discounted tickets may be purchased in advance at a cost of \$5. All children 12 years and under receive free admission tickets to the Zoo prior to 10 a.m. on race day, courtesy of the Michigan Coalition on Donation.

Getting to the Zoo: Please arrive early. The 1,696 service drive will be closed at 8:15 a.m. until the race is finished. After it is closed you must use the Woodward Avenue Zoo entrance. Limited parking will be available at the Zoo.

Entry fee: \$10. Race-day registration starts from 7 a.m.-8:30 a.m. and participants are encouraged to register early. Call (248) 544-0099 before 9 p.m. for specific registration information or additional race details.

Ascending to new heights

Ripmaster conquers Alaskan adventure

BY CHRIS MAYER
STAFF WRITER

To say the least, Pete Ripmaster's month-long mountaineering expedition was unforgettable.

Surrounded by majestic sights and breathtaking views, Ripmaster recently embarked on an Alaskan climbing adventure set in the beautiful, glacier-filled Chugach Range. The region is considered an Alpinists dream, offering extraordinary mountaineering, backcountry-skiing and touring opportunities, and Ripmaster can attest to that.

"It really was an eye-opening experience," said Ripmaster, a Bloomfield Hills resident and 1995 Birmingham Seaholm graduate. "We were about 45 miles outside Anchorage and it was so remote out there if something happened the only way to get out would be by helicopter."

Arranged in part through the Wyoming-based National Outdoor Leadership School, this particular mountaineering trip included 12 people and four guides. Ripmaster, 20, was the lone representative from Michigan, while some of the climbers came from as far away as Australia and Germany.

Ripmaster, a multisport athlete at Seaholm who boasts four years of overall climbing experience, heard about the tour through a family friend and discovered he could earn college credit by participating. (Ripmaster heads to the University of Kansas later this summer for his junior year of college.)

Ripmaster arrived June 2 in Anchorage and arrived home on the fourth of July. The time spent in between involved ice climbing on the Chugach Range's countless glaciers and rock climbing.

"We did more ice climbing than rock climbing. There were a lot of glaciers and (ice climbing) made up about 85 percent of the trip," Ripmaster said. "I've been ice climbing for about two years now, and on this trip we climbed things like frozen waterfalls and vertical ice."

As breathtaking and exhilarating as the excursion was, however, the element of danger was never far behind.

The group was within one day from summoning the range's biggest peak before being forced off by a menacing snowstorm that forced the members to seek shelter in caves dug out of the snow.

Ripmaster also encountered a frightening situation of his own near the end of the trip. While wading across a raging river, he slipped under the water.

"We had to make this river crossing coming off the glacier," Ripmaster said. "We were wading in raging water up to your chest and I'm six-foot-one. I had an 83-pound backpack on and I went under with the backpack on top of me. Someone barely got a hand to me or I would have been in trouble."

Ripmaster will continue to climb, and he offers the following advice to those interested in partaking on this type of adventure: "The best thing I could say is try to be in great shape. Three months before I started doing things like hiking and working out on the treadmill with a heavy backpack on. And it helped a lot."



A sight to behold: Alaska's Chugach Range supplies a breathtaking view as Pete Ripmaster takes a break during his memorable mountaineering trip.

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Ripmaster admits it's been difficult adjusting to life in Michigan after spending so many memorable days in picturesque Alaska.

"I got used to living off the land and it's been tough to come back to civilization," he said. "I didn't see a dime all the time I was out there - and I liked that - and it's been real hard to return to the everyday grind where everything seems to be money-driven."

"I've always loved the outdoors and I really consider this my best accomplishment in life, one of them at least."

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DIAMOND PERSONAL BANKING

REC Roundup

HIGH ROLLERS

After starting the season with a victory, the High Rollers men's in-hockey team suffered a second straight defeat. The Hawks built a 5-1 half-time and rolled to a 7-1 triumph at U.S. Blades in West Bloomfield.

Dan Havlin scored the lone goal and Mike Havlin had an assist for High Rollers, which slipped to 1-2 in the USA Hockey In-Line men's 20-24 league.

Through three games, Dan Havlin leads the team in scoring with four goals. Phil Stewart and Robert Hake each have two goals, while Mike Havlin has a goal and an assist.

WMGA

The Women's Metropolitan Golf Association took to the fairways and greens at Bogie Lake last Wednesday. West Bloomfield's Sophia Kang earned championship-flight honors with a 77. Com-

plete results follow.

Championship Flight

Low Gross — Kathy Arrowsmith (Highland), 38-38-78; Second — Sophia Kang (West Bloomfield), 39-38-77; Low Net — Carol Turnham (Troy), 81-14-67.

Low Gross — Sandra Hirschfield (Dearborn), 40-43-83; Second — Judy Figa (West Bloomfield), 42-42-84; Low Net — Judy O'Brien (Rochester), 88-18-69 and Rose Devine (Farmington), 87-18-89.

2nd Flight
Low Gross — Doris Rudd (Clinton Township), 46-44-90; Second — Pat Johnston (South Lyon), 44-48-92; Low Net — Rita Parrott (Sterling Heights), 93-21-72.

3rd Flight
Low Gross — Margaret Fowler (Clinton Township), 44-50-94; Second — Julia Cova (Howell), 45-51-98 and Gwen Shopshire (Royal Oak), 47-49-96; Low Net — Toni Saltarelli (Clinton Township), 101-32-69.

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