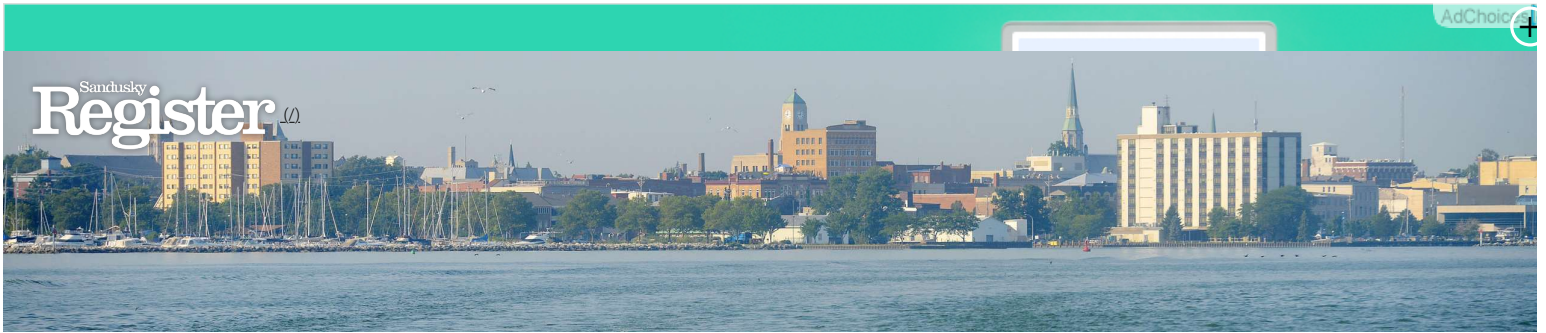


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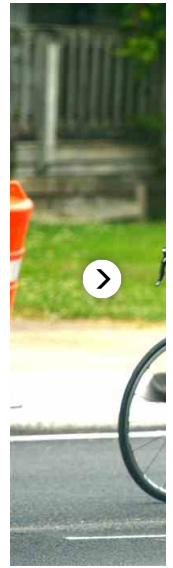


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1 / 8 Upon arriving to escort the Dads Honor Ride team out of Perkins Township, Officer Bill Henderly is honored with a Great Dads Coin by rider David Hirsch on Tuesday, June 14, 2016.



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SANDUSKY – After riding 57 miles along Lake Erie from Cleveland to Sandusky on Monday, the Dads Honor Ride crew stopped in town to rest overnight before continuing to Toledo. The group is on an estimated 1,500 mile journey (<http://honor-ride.21stcenturydads.org/>) from Boston to Chicago to raise awareness about children

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“I always say that mothers are important but I think people under emphasize the importance of fathers in children’s lives,” said rider and Sandusky native Dernard Newell. “When a father is absent, it’s felt on many levels.”

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In addition to advocating for the 24 million kids without dads in the United States, the ride honors fathers along the route by presenting them with Great Dads Coins. These coins are meant to be a keepsake for men to carry around daily or display at home or work.

“This is a unique way to honor dads,” said rider David Hirsch, founder of the Illinois Fatherhood Initiative.

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Update: Sandusky County sheriff's Captain Sean P. O'Connell was put on paid administrative leave last week, Chief Deputy Bruce Hirt confirmed late...

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The riders have traveled 943 miles since leaving left Boston on May 30 and plans to arrive in Chicago on Fathers Day this Sunday.