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## **Diemer Family of Races Secures Six Bands to Play Along June 9 Race Route**

*Celebrating its 29<sup>th</sup> year, Race continues to grow as a popular West Michigan event*

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.** – The Diemer Family of Races organizers report that six popular Michigan-based bands and musicians have secured spots along the race route as part of the event’s popular Band Battle. The bands will entertain runners and spectators during the June 9<sup>th</sup> race date. This year’s list includes: Big Boss Band, Dune Grass, Plain Jane Glory, Tweeg & the Bounders, Sundry, and The Groove Suns. Adding to the fun, there will be a DJ station at the ¼ mile, Jason Sytsma will be playing the piano during registration/packet pick up on Friday night and Celtic Kilroy will also be providing post-race entertainment.

“We are thrilled to announce our Band Battle line up. Participants and spectators every year look forward to the variety of live music they get along the race route,” said Brian Diemer, Race Namesake and Visionary of The Brian Diemer Family of Races. “The Band Battle celebrates the vibrancy of the Michigan music scene and adds to the excitement and festivities of the day. We are excited to host such an eclectic mix of talent!”

Race organizers came up with the idea of Band Battle in 2015 with the Event hosting 5 bands that year. Since then Band Battle has grown as a much-anticipated event of the day as bands compete to be recognized as the winning band of the day, as selected by race participants and spectators.

The Diemer Family of Races also anticipates raising awareness and significant contributions for several local charities, including The Guiding Light Mission, Pine Rest Foundation Patient Assistance Fund, Safe Haven Ministries, Kids Hope, USA and the local Culterville community. The event has raised more than \$200,000 for the named charities over the past 29 years.

Race organizers report that registration for The Brian Diemer Family of Races is still open. Click [here](#) to register online for a race event. Cost of participant is \$30 per adult; \$8 for the kids races.

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## **About The Brian Diemer Family of Races:**

Now in its 29<sup>th</sup> year, The Brian Diemer Family of Races is named after Brian Diemer, a three time US Olympian, and the 1984 Summer Olympic Bronze Medal Winner of the 3000 Meter Steeplechase. Diemer's mission is to make the event *the best* running experience in Michigan. Held during Cutlerville Days, in Cutlerville, MI, The Diemer Family of Races offers something for everyone: a 5k Run, 5k Walk, 5k Wheelchair/Handcycle Division, 1000 Meter Kids Steeplechase, and a Junior Jog. Offering more than \$9,000 in prize money, six live bands along the course, a comfortably soft race shirt, a flat fast course, and donuts at the finish line, the race is a hometown favorite. The races attract more than 1500 participants and is considered a substantial fundraising event for several local charities, including The Guiding Light Mission, Pine Rest Foundation Patient Assistance Fund, Safe Haven Ministries and Kids Hope, USA. For more information, please visit: [www.diemerrun.com](http://www.diemerrun.com)

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