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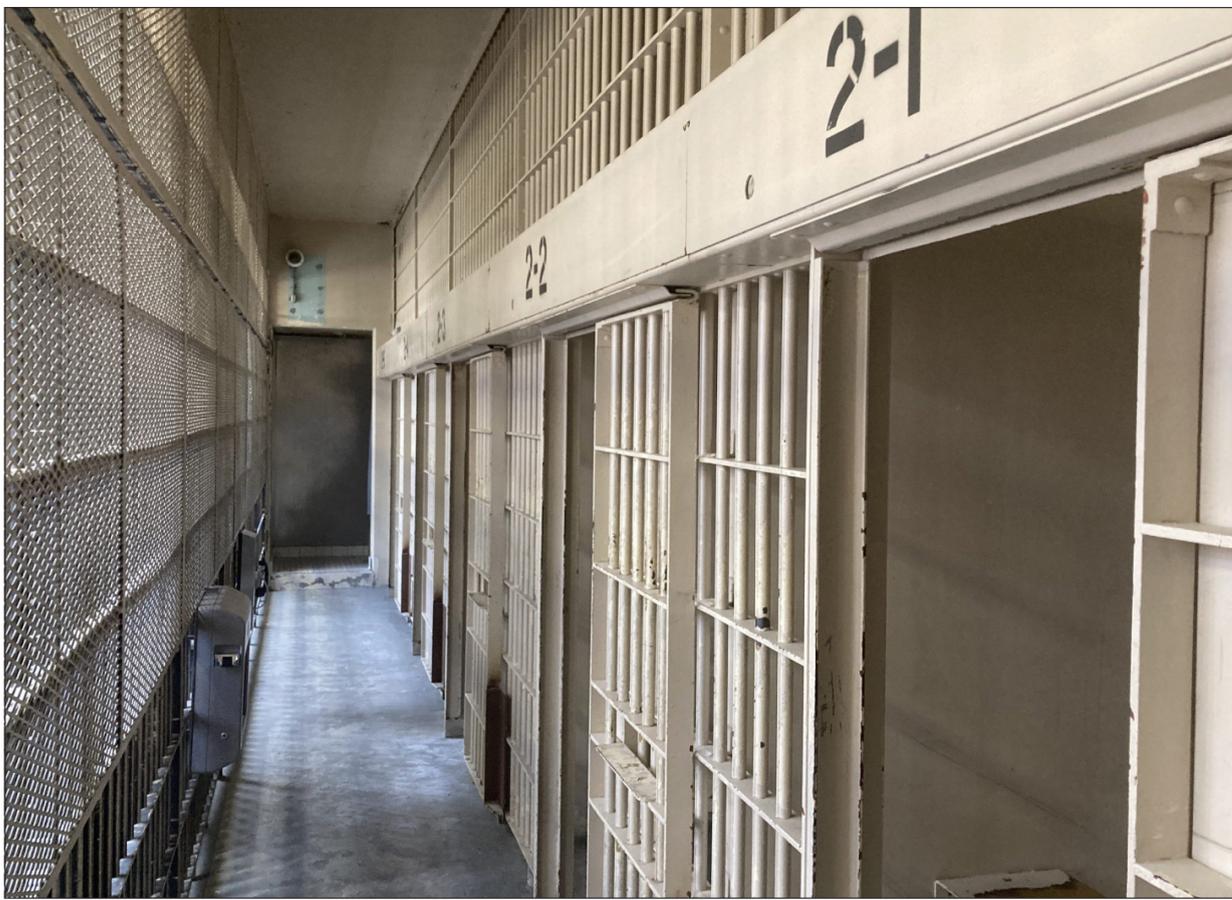
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Get a look at old-school lockup as maximum security jail opens for tours next week



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A cluster of cells in the old, no-longer-used maximum security section of the Macomb County Jail. The common area is where inmates would spend their one hour of "free" time. A shower is located at the end.

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If you want to see what life was like for maximum-security Macomb County Jail inmates for decades in the past, tours of the old facility will be available to the public next week.

The maximum-security building, which will be demolished this summer to make way for a new central-intake and assessment center, will be open to the public at no cost next Wednesday and Thursday, May 15 and 16.

County Executive Mark Hackel and Sheriff Anthony Wickersham conducted a press conference Monday outside the maximum-security to announce the access.

"If you ever thought about — 'Wow, what does it look like in



Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel and Sheriff Anthony Wickersham spend some "timeout" in a cell in the old maximum security section of the jail.

there? — we're giving the community the opportunity to come through before the wrecking

ball knocks it down," Wickersham said.

The facility was built in 1970

and has the characteristics of old-style prisons like Alcatraz in California, said Hackel, who served as the county sheriff for 10 years.

"It's very unique. It's something you would see in movies or television," Hackel said. "It kind of looks like an Alcatraz."

Jails are no longer built in that manner.

"It's part of our rich history," he said. "We thought it would be very unique for people to see what we used to do when it comes to the mindset in dealing with how you house prisoners. That concept is not being built anymore. It's a great opportunity. You need to check it out because once it's all gone, you won't have the opportunity again."

Virtually all of the county's
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MIDDLE EAST

Hamas accepts deal as Israel hits Rafah

War Cabinet says it'll still mull cease-fire

By Sam Mednick, Josef Federman and Bassem Mroue
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM » Hamas announced its acceptance Monday of an Egyptian-Qatari cease-fire proposal, but Israel said the deal did not meet its "core demands" and that it was pushing ahead with an assault on the southern Gaza town of Rafah. Still, Israel said it would continue negotiations.

The high-stakes diplomatic moves and military brinkmanship left a glimmer of hope alive — but only barely — for an accord that could bring at least a pause in the 7-month-old war that has devastated the Gaza Strip. Hanging over the wrangling was the threat of an all-out Israeli assault on Rafah, a move the United States strongly opposes and that aid groups warn will be disastrous for some 1.4 million Palestinians taking refuge there.

Hamas' abrupt acceptance of the cease-fire deal came hours after Israel ordered an evacuation of some 100,000 Palestinians from eastern neighborhoods of Rafah, signaling an invasion was imminent.

Israel's War Cabinet decided to continue the Rafah operation, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said. At the same time, it said that while the proposal Hamas agreed to "is far from meeting Israel's core demands," it would send negotiators to Egypt to work on a deal.

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Teen driver fails to stop, crashes into patrol vehicle

Drugs, alcohol unlikely factor in I-94 collision

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A Macomb County Sheriff's deputy lost his ride early Monday when an oncoming motorist failed to stop in time to avoid crashing into the back of his patrol car on Interstate 94.

Both vehicles were badly damaged in the 12:30 a.m. crash, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Authorities said Deputy Lukas Gjelij had responded to the area of westbound I-94 and Little Mack Avenue to assist the Clinton Township Police Department in shutting down the freeway due to a separate crash.

Deputy Gjelij parked his patrol vehicle, with overhead lights activated, in the far left lane of the freeway east of the 324B Exit. He was placing flares onto the roadway to divert traffic on to the Harper Avenue North Exit (234B), when he noticed a white vehicle traveling toward him at a high rate of speed.

"Realizing the vehicle was not going to stop, Deputy Gjelij dove out of the way," the Sheriff's Office said in a news release. "The white Kia Sorento collided with the rear of the patrol vehicle, totaling both vehicles."

Investigators said the driver and passenger of the Sorento, males ages 18 and 19, from Port Huron were both transported to an area hospital for medical follow-up. The driver did not show signs of impairment, authorities

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Made in Michigan show returns this weekend

Two-day event kicks off spring festival season

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Just in time for Mother's Day, downtown Mount Clemens will host the Made in Michigan show this weekend.

Now in its 12th year, the Made in Michigan Show is the city's first outdoor event of the spring. The festival not only features dozens of vendors from around the Great Lakes State but also has free live entertainment, unique gifts just in time for Mother's Day, and a Kids' Business Fair.

The two-day festival, which runs Saturday-Sunday, is one of the most popular events on the Downtown Mount Clemens schedule, according to

Michelle Weiss of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

"The timing of the Mount Clemens Made in Michigan Show makes the event a wonderful opportunity to shop for locally made gifts for mom this Mother's Day," Weiss said. "Take your mother for brunch or lunch at one of the many downtown restaurants followed by gift shopping through the downtown."

Among this year's 150-plus vendors will be:

- Falecki Farms — honey, maple syrup, salves and massage oils
- Muddee Hands Clay Art — ceramic clay products

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Another harbinger of spring comes Friday with the opening of the annual Made in Michigan Artisan and Vendor Show.

