

Fun Run another success for ninth year in Canby

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A cloudy, but calm sky greeted the runners and volunteers gathered early this past Saturday at Baker Prairie Middle School for the Ninth Annual Canby Community 5K/10K Fun Run.

The run, presented by Canby Area Parks and Recreation District (CAPRD) with major sponsor Canby Telecom raised funds and canned food for Canby Kids and the local food bank.

Designed to attract both serious runners and families looking to play together, this year's Fun Run had more than 100 participants including babies in strollers, middle schoolers, middle agers and active senior citizens.

The Canby School District Middle School Cross Country Team along with coach Brian Huggins participated as a group using the opportunity to build their individual skills and group dynamic.

Seniors Ken and Carolyn Van Kurin enjoyed their brisk walk but also stopped to taste the blackberries along the way. And the youngest participant at 12 days old, Miles Henry Mott, slept soundly in his stroller while his mom, Michelle Dahl and dad, Justin Mott ran the 5K at a steady pace.

The philosophy of the Fun Run, said organizer and CAPRD board member Bill Milne, is that "if you participate, then you are a winner, however, we were pleased that this year we were able to give first-place contenders a \$10 gift certificate provided by Parsons Canby Pharmacy.

First Place Winners include: 10K Adult Female – Vickie Nees at 59.22; 10K Adult Male – Eric Holstrom at 40.27; 10K Youngest Runner – Jorge Vargas at 53.29; 5K Adult Female – Jeanne Bristol at 26.12; 5K Adult Male – Brian Huggins at 23.05; 5K Student Female – Krissy Peterson at 21.30; 5K Student Male - Morgan Webber at 21.31; 5K Senior Female and Male: Carolyn and Ken Van Kurin at 1.0126; 5K youngest participant-Miles Henry Mott at 12 days old.

All these runners hope to be back next year for the 10th annual Canby Fun Run to be held in September 2009.

Both of Henry's parents, who run regularly, said they will be back to run the 10K more competitively.

Pictures of this year's run can be seen at www.olive-photography.com under

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