

6th Annual Fall Festival 5K

The Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Young Leaders and the Warren County Prime Beef Festival co-sponsored their 6th annual Fall Festival 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, September 7th. The race started at Bayer Research Center outside Monmouth and all along the countryside course signs with agriculture facts and jokes were posted.

A crisp early fall morning coupled with sunshine made for a great morning for a run or a walk! Thank you to the sixty participants who signed up for this year's event, the winner of the Men's Division was Drew Lozier of Kirkwood, IL with a time of 27:59 and the winner of the Women's Division was Stephanie McVey of Monmouth, IL with a time of 28:25. Each received a gift card to County Market and an Illinois Farm Bureau tumbler.

This event would not have been possible without the sponsors and contributors of this fundraiser: A.C. McCartney, COUNTRY Financial, Raritan State Bank, STINE Seed-Jacob Baker, West Central FS, Culligan Water, Cameron Grain Corporation, Consolidated Grain & Barge, Ed Baker Trucking, Kirkwood Crates, Land Management Partners, Roseville Veterinary Service, Security Savings Bank, Stone Seed-Taylor Huston & Josh Oaks, and County Market. A big thank you goes out to Colleen Noel and all of Bayer Research Center for letting us host the event at their facilities.

Proceeds will go toward the Prime Beef Festival & Ag-in-the-Classroom and Scholarship programs in Henderson and Warren counties. Additionally, W-HFB will be donating \$5 per registration toward a mental health organization. Stay tuned for the follow-up to see what happens with these donated funds!

Photo captions:

Race winners Drew Lozier and Stephanie McVey pose for a photo with Young Leader animals Justin Allaman and Gayle Baker at the Fall Festival 5K on September 7th.

Landon Burns and Ada Kunkle, the fastest kids of the morning, smile for the camera after finishing the 5K outside Monmouth.

