GABLER AND ASCHENBRENNER TOP FINISHERS IN LEE FOSTER MEMORIAL 5 MILE RUN

The 31st annual Lee Foster Memorial 5 Mile Run, sponsored by the Elk County Striders, was held Saturday, September 12, in St. Marys.

Rick Gabler of St. Marys was the overall winner with a time of 32:58. Kindra Aschenbrenner of St. Marys was the first female finisher with a time of 35:15. Gabler and Aschenbrenner were also the first Elk County finishers. Each year the top Elk County runners have their names placed on a plaque that is in memory of Lee Foster.

 $\label{eq:All runners} \textbf{All runners in the race are members of the Elk} \\ \textbf{County Striders.}$

There were rainy and cool conditions for the 21 registered participants running this year's race. There were post race refreshments, awards, and door prizes.

Listed by age group are each runner's name, overall place, and time.

Male Division:

First Overall: Rick Gabler, 1, 32:58

14 and Under: Andrew Wolfanger, 9, 42:48

30-39: Joe Blessel, 4, 37:58; West Leithner, 8, 42:19

40-49: Jim Prosper, 10, 44:13

50-59: Tom Hutton, 6, 39:25; Robert Steffer, 7, 40:27; Ken Huey, 13, 44:45; Jim Martin, 14, 48:52

60 and Over: Tom Gooch, 2, 33:11

Female Division:

First Overall: Kindra Aschenbrenner, 3, 35:15

20-29: Krista Woodford, 16, 51:25

40-49: Eugenia Clark, 5, 38:52; Alana Martin, 15, 49:18

50-59: Beth Zwerin, 11, 44:14; Sara Mercer, 12, 44:15; Amy Poplelski, 17, 57:09; Karen Hutton, 18, 57:17

The Elk County Striders also awarded four Triple Crown Champions after this race. Each of these champions had the lowest combined times for the Dahoga Dash 5K, Elk County Classic 5K, and the Lee Foster Memorial 5 Mile Run. This year's champions are:

Male Open Division (39 and under): West Leithner

Female Open Division: Krista Woodford

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Male Masters Division (40 and over): & Rick \\ Gabler \end{tabular}$

Female Masters Division: Beth Zwerin