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Johnston, Danay Capture Coveted Wood Medallions At Sandifer Run

ROXBURY – A teen-ager and a Generation Z entrant were the respective winners at a race that honored a 12-time season champion in the Roxbury Road Runners Club series.

Caleb Johnston, 14, of Northfield was clocked in 25-minutes, 46-seconds – a 6:36-per-mile pace – on Saturday, June 10, as he won the Ed Sandifer 3.9-mile race.

Mark Andrejczyk, 50, of Shelton placed second overall in 27:09.

Kateri Danay, 25, of Waterbury was the first female finisher and took 11th overall with a time of 31:09 over the loop, which included a trip up the Horrigan Trail.

The top six male and top six female finishers were awarded wood medallions created by Dave Harvey, a longtime friend of Sandifer's and a former season champion in the weekly series.

Sandifer of Newtown, who died in 2022, began running in the series in 1986. The longtime Math professor at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury completed the Boston Marathon every year from 1973 through 2009.

The runners presented his wife, Theresa Sandifer, with a plaque following the race. Then the Sandifer family provided a T-shirt for each runner and later hosted a breakfast in the Edward Went Room at the Roxbury Town Hall.

The series will continue with a 4.2-mile event on Saturday, June 17, at 8:30 a.m. It will include a trip down the incline on Ranney Hill Road and up the steep hill on Chalybes Road.

Runners can participate through the \$25 season membership. They also can enter by completing the weekly waiver form. If they have a timing chip, the fee is \$2. If they do not have a timing chip, the cost is \$5. Youth entrants and former or current military personnel or first responders can participate for free after completing the weekly waiver form.

The races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish near the Everett B. Hurlburt Community Park.

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