



Gorneault, Guerrette capture blossom festival 5-mile road race victories

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FORT FAIRFIELD, Maine — PJ Gorneault and Tracy Guerrette were the fastest runners in The Maine Potato Blossom Festival 5-Miler held Saturday, July 21, on one of the most challenging courses in the Ironwood County road racing scene.
The 39-year-old Gorneault, who is from Caribou, captured overall honors with a time of 27 minutes and 4 seconds. He was 2:38 ahead of runner-up Evan Deacon, also from Caribou, who logged a time of 29:23. In 10th place was Caleb Stevens of Hersey, whose time was 38:02, while Daniel Stevens of Jersey placed fourth in 39:14.

Guerrette, 22, was impressive in defending her title in the women's division and placing 10th overall in the field of 53 runners. The Bangor resident and former Wisdom High School and University of Maine basketball standout finished in 39:48. Being second in female was clinically wheeler of Lew-Isledeau, whose time of 38:55 was good for sixth place in the standings.



STEPHANIC HEADLEY of Fort Fairfield was the fastest walker, turning in a time of 56:42. Bill Fairclough of Fort Fairfield was the first male to complete the course, doing so in 59:28.

Claiming the seventh through 10th positions in the running race were former Caribou High School runner Bryan Lamoineau (31:17), recent Presque Isle High School graduate Max Bartley (33:48), former CTS runner Caleb Chapman (35:19) and Brian Lockwood of Hersey (36:25).
Age 45-50-year-old winners were 14 and under male, Luke Strick; 14 and under female, Karley Bell; 15-18 male, Deonwood; 15-18 female, Abigail Stevens; 19-29 male, Daniel Stevens; 30-39 female, Janelle Humphrey; 40-49 male, Laramie; 50-59 female, Wheeler; 60-69 male, George H. Fernald; 60-69 female, Ellen Berens; 50-59 male, Chris Stevens; 50-59 female, Anna Bernard; 60-69 male, Ed Makroc; 60-69 female, George MacAllister; and 70 and over male, Bruce Alexander.



Race director Rob Langner presents Tracy Guerrette an award for being the fastest female runner at the Maine Potato Blossom Festival 5-Miler held Saturday in Fort Fairfield. (Contributed photo/Wesley McKernan)



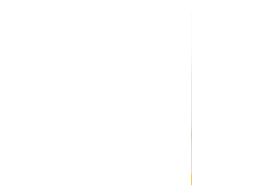
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Competitors take off at the start of the July 21 Maine Potato Blossom Festival 5-Miler held in Fort Fairfield. (Courtesy of Kate Forrester)



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