

AUTO RACING

Copp crowned 'King on the Hill'

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PROCTOR — Brandon Copp of Brule ended the weekend in style by winning the King on the Hill 40-lap Modified feature as part of the Advantage RV Modified Tour stop Sunday, June 13, at Halvor Lines Speedway in Proctor.

At Proctor, he made it crystal clear the only race Sunday would be for second as he overcame cautions and restarts by dominating time and again in earning the clean sweep by also winning his heat.

Shane Sabraski and Broking finished second and third, respectively, while Evan Checkalski took his second career feature by winning in Midwest Modifieds.

Stocks) and A.J. House (Hornets) also earned clean sweeps on the night.

The other winners Friday in Superior included Sabraski in Super Stocks, Ryan Savoy in Midwest Modifieds, Jorgensen again in Pure Stocks and Justin Schelitzche in Hornets.

Last Sunday's Feature Results
Advantage RV Modified Tour Modifieds
1. Brandon Copp, 2. Shane Sabraski, 3. Johnny Broking, 4. Ryan Gierke, 5. Don Eischens, 6. Joseph Thomas, 7. Bob Broking, 8. Zach Johnson, 9. Billy Kendall III, 10. Jack Rivord, 11. Jody Bellefeuille, 12. Dave Cain, 13. Tim

Thomas, 14. Parker Anderson, 15. Jeff Tardy, 16. John Topozini, 17. Jeffrey Lien Jr., 18. Mike Klippenstein, 19. Hunter Anderson, 20. Donnie Lofdahl. DNF: Corky Thomas, Duane Dale.

Midwest Modifieds
1. Evan Checkalski, 2. Cody Carlson, 3. McLean Andrews, 4. Paul Ripley, 5. David Simpson, 6. Todd Carlson, 7. Austin Blom, 8. Carter Kinnear, 9. Anthony Gallian. DNF: Taylor Madrinich, Tanner Gehl, Brenden LePage, Matt Sorenson, Adam Shinn.

Pure Stocks
1. Cory Jorgensen, 2. Jake Smith, 3. Aaron Bernick, 4. Tyler Kachinske, 5. Nate Rose, 6. Anthony Woodhull.

Hornets
1. A.J. House, 2. Kyle House, 3. Derek Ament, 4. Casey Fitzpatrick, 5. Caleb Decker, 6. Lucas Lillo, 7. Kristy Marken, 8. Richard Andrews Sr., 9. Noah Rose, 10. Riley Ament. DNF: Kyle LeDoux, Rick Andrews Jr., Eva Lillo, David Pederson.

GONDIK LAW SPEEDWAY
Superior Friday
Meet the Drivers Night, 7 p.m.

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Advantage RV Modified Tour Modifieds
1. Johnny Broking, 2. Brandon Copp, 3. Shane Sabraski, 4. Joseph Thomas, 5. Dave Cain, 6. Don Eischens, 7. Ryan Gierke, 8. Rick Rivord, 9. Bob Broking, 10. Kelly Estey, 11. Jack Rivord, 12. Jody Bellefeuille, 13. Zach Johnson, 14. Billy Kendall III, 15. Parker Anderson, 16. Corky Thomas, 17. Hunter Anderson, 18. Cory Bruggeman, 19. Tyler Luger, 20. Tim Thomas, 21. Mike Klippenstein. DNF: Donnie Lofdahl, John Topozini, Duane Dale, Al Uotinen, Jeffrey Lien Jr.

Super Stocks
1. Shane Sabraski, 2. Kyle Copp, 3. Matt Deragon, 4. D.J. Keeler, 5. Jim Campbell, 6. Randy Graham, 7. Scott Lawrence, 8. Jack Koranda, 9. Rita Anderson, 10. Taylor Madrinich, 11. Dan Peterson, 12. John Garrity. DNF: Brian Carl, Jase Lien. DNS: Chris Johnson.

Midwest Modifieds
1. Ryan Savoy, 2. Cody Carlson, 3. David Simpson, 4. McLean Andrews, 5. Jason VandeKamp, 6. Brady Uotinen, 7. James Vendela, 8. Wyatt

Boym, 9. Zach Benson, 10. Tanner Gehl, 11. Jesse Polson, 12. Dalton Mains, 13. Jason Schill, 14. Eric Gadach, 15. Scott Thompson, 16. Kalan Wagner, 17. Andrew Inman, 18. Evan Checkalski, 19. Austin Blom, 20. Taylor Madrinich, 21. Anthony Gallian. DNF: Jimmy Latvala, Paul Ripley, Jared Akervik, Zach Slayton. DNS: Matt Tollers.

Pure Stocks
1. Cory Jorgensen, 2. Aaron Bernick, 3. Tyler Kachinske, 4. Nate Rose, 5. Anthony Woodhull, 6. Jessie Limberios, 7. Guy Gaskill, 8. Tom Treviranus.

Hornets
1. Justin Schelitzche, 2. Mac Johnston, 3. Paul George, 4. DeJay Jarecki, 5. Carson Gotelaere, 6. Tyler Schramm, 7. Carter Matthews, 8. Casey Fitzpatrick, 9. Ken Hapy, 10. Patrick Passeri, Noah Rose.

HIBBING RACEWAY
Saturday — Race of Champions Qualifier, 6:30 p.m.
GRAND RAPIDS SPEEDWAY
Thursday — Regular Racing, 6:30 p.m.

GRANDMA'S MARATHON

What's changed and what's new in 2022

By Matt Wellens
Duluth News Tribune

DULUTH — For the first time since 2017, Grandma's Marathon will return to its traditional route along Superior Street in downtown Duluth.

Due to construction along Superior Street the previous four summers — it was originally supposed to only take three summers — the route for Grandma's Marathon and the Garry Bjorklund Half Marathon had to be altered by a block. Since 2018, runners have been taking a left just past Fourth Avenue East onto Michigan Street. They would then turn left again once hitting Fifth Avenue West to make their way toward the DECC and Amsoil Arena.

Once again, runners will continue straight down Superior Street right through the heart of downtown Duluth until they hit Fifth Avenue East, just as the race did from 1977-2017. No word on whether the bands and belly dancers will be returning downtown as well.

While the Michigan Street course was certified by USA Track & Field for official record-keeping and prize money, it was not ideal for spectators. A section between Fourth Avenue East and Lake Avenue had to be blocked off for the safety of runners due to how narrow the street gets.

The fastest men's time on the Michigan Street course was 2 hours, 10 minutes, 6 seconds by Elisha Barno in 2018 when he won his fourth-straight Grandma's Marathon after picking up the first three on the Superior Street course. The event record of 2:09:06, set on the Superior Street course in 2014, belongs to Dominic Ondoro.

Kellyn Taylor owns the women's Michigan Street course record and women's Grandma's Marathon event record of 2:24:28, set in 2018. The fastest time on the Superior Street course is the 2:26:32 that Sarah Kiptoo posted in 2013.

More fun for the kids

Grandma's Marathon weekend will include expanded activities for kids on Friday



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Runners, including Greta Stults of Arlington, Virginia, reach for sponges and water from volunteers stationed near Superior Street and Fourth Avenue West during Grandma's Marathon in June 2017.

with the first Young Athletes Foundation Festival for Kids at Bayfront Festival Park from noon-4 p.m. The festival will include the annual Whipper Snapper Races for Kids — registration and check-in starts at noon, racing at 1 p.m.

In addition to the Whipper Snapper Races, the Festival for Kids will include the Minnesota Vikings mascot, Victor, and Vikings cheerleaders; live animals from the Lake Superior Zoo and Great Lakes Aquarium; a climbing wall; a "Turtle Trot" at 1:45 p.m. and ventriloquist comedian at 2 p.m., among other things.

Food and beverages will be available throughout courtesy of the Black Woods Group and King Of Creams.

The Festival for Kids, which is free and open to the public, leads into Day 1 of Rock the Bayfront at 5 p.m. (also free and open to the public), followed by the 29th William A. Irvin 5K at 6 p.m. at Bayfront.

What else is new in 2022?

The Essentia Health Fitness Expo at the DECC (free and



Duluth community belly dancers perform for Grandma's Marathon runners on Superior Street in downtown Duluth in June of 2017.

open to the public) will feature a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Roundtable at 2 p.m. in Paulucci Hall. It precedes the Grandma's Marathon Pre-Race Talk Show, scheduled for 4 p.m.

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Roundtable is new to Grandma's Marathon weekend this year. Panelists scheduled to appear include Ed Walton of Black Men Run, Katia Lopez-

Petrovich of Latinas on the Move, Alicia Kozlowski of the Indigenous women's running community KwePack, and Jake Fedorowski of the LGBTQIA+ running and walking club Seattle Fronrunners.

Other changes and additions for Grandma's Marathon weekend to note:

► In addition to Grandma's Marathon and the Garry Bjorklund Half Marathon, the

course for the William A. Irvin 5K has also been altered. The start line has been moved from Bayfront Festival Park to behind the DECC on Harbor Drive. The race will still finish at Bayfront.

► For the first time, there will be separate gun starts for the men's and women's elite marathon runners this year. The elite men will start at 7:40 a.m., followed by the elite women at 7:45 a.m. Citizen runners will then begin the race behind the women's elite runners, which is bad news for anyone hoping to pull a "Boniface Kongin" and win the men's marathon with a numbered bib, as the 2019 champion did.

► The water station of Mile 9 of Grandma's Marathon will feature reusable cups, provided by the service Hiccup. Runners are to not take the cups with them. Just toss the cup to the side of the road when done. Grandma's Marathon hopes to prevent 26,000 cups from winding up in a landfill.

► Some aid stations along the Grandma's Marathon route on Saturday will feature fresh fruit. Then there's the station near Mile 17. That one will feature packets of Pure Fuel, which is 100% pure maple syrup. You can down it there, or save it to go with any other breakfast food you encounter along the course.

► Not new for 2022, but new for anyone who hasn't run the half or full marathon since before the pandemic is there is no access for drop-offs or any parking near the start lines. Runners must take a bus from one of six locations (DECC, Miller Hill Mall, Kirby Drive at the University of Minnesota Duluth, Sport & Event Center in Proctor, Yellowjacket Union at University of Wisconsin-Superior, and Super One Foods in Two Harbors). Marathon runners can also take the North Shore Scenic Railroad train from downtown Duluth to the start.

► Half marathon runners must drop off their gear bag at the bus loading location prior to boarding. Gear bags will not be allowed on buses or accepted at the starting area.

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