

Blue Bolt Beats The Rain

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Colton Gibson

Storm clouds descended on Granbury Saturday (April 9) but not before the successful completion of this year's Blue Bolt 5K, 10K and Color Fun Run. Temperatures were ideal and many participants were very pleased with their times for the event. The race benefits the Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center. It was the fourth year that this event has been held.



Many runners participated in both the fun run and one of the other races. Yours truly chose to stay away from the powders involved. The 10K was won by 24 year old Cameron Singleton and 35 year old Crystal Chavez who finished in 38:12 and 44:54. Thomas Rogers (36) was 2nd in 41:54 and Daniel Myers (45) was 3rd in 45:41. For the ladies, Shanna Shelton (28) was 2nd in 47:42 and Gina Mordica (45) was 3rd in 47:56.

Forty-one-year old Matthew Mills was the 5K winner in 21:13. Second place (and first overall female) was 14-year-old Laura Ogletree, 44 seconds behind Matthew. Second and third places were tight with 52- year-old Joel Stamp nipping an anonymous 33-year-old by three seconds in 21:59 and 10-year-old Emery Kirby besting 33-year-old Kaci Whitten by four seconds in 25:08.

The Running Bear Running Club of Granbury was well represented as most members placed in the top three of their age group for whatever race they participated in. I happened to come in first in my age group for the 5K and felt quite good after completing my first marathon two weeks ago. Pictured are 11-year-old Colton Gibson who placed first in the 10-14 male division for the 5K and Thomas Rogers, the second place finisher for the 10K.