

# Annual 5K race a challenge

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MILLERSBURG — Rolling hills, beautiful scenery — such a lovely place to take a stroll on a Saturday morning in the fall.

Holmes County Antique Festival co-organizer Wendy Brown could be a pretty shrewd salesperson with catchlines like that.

But what Brown is trying to sell is the annual Antique Festival 5K race, which can be pretty difficult once competitors take a look at the hilly Millersburg landscape.

“There’s not too many places where the course is flat,” said Brown, who’s run the event since 2000. “Usually we have repeat runners who come because they like the challenge. Then we have others who come for the first time and say there’s just too many hills.”

This year’s event will be held on Saturday at 9 a.m.

Competitors will start the race in front of the courthouse and head east, turning right onto Port Washington Street. They’ll proceed into the park toward Rodhe’s IGA, circle back around to Port Washington, cross School Street and finish on Adams Street behind the courthouse.

This year’s sponsors for the event are

the Community and Savings Bank and Rodhe’s IGA.

“I probably run four or five 5Ks a year and this one is definitely the hardest,” said Eric Strouse of Millersburg. “Nowhere else has hills like this. I think a lot of people are used to running on the trail, which is just up and back, and it’s flat. But here you actually start by going up a hill, and then coming back up the hill to the cemetery is tough. You really have to plug up that last hill.”

Competitors can pre-register for the event through today (Tuesday). Cost for pre-registration is \$10.

Runners can also register the day of the event from 7:30-8:30 a.m., cost is \$12.

To pre-register, call (330) 231-6484.

All runners who pre-register will receive a T-shirt, while runners who register the day of the event will receive shirts on a first-come, first-served basis.

Awards are given to first-place male and female in the race, as well as the top three placers in each age group.

Age groups include U-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-59 and 60 and older.

There will also be giveaways from area merchants following the race.

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