<u>Clarke, Masopust Take Titles As Runners Help</u> <u>Raise \$250 For Seussical The Musical</u>

ROXBURY – Brady Clarke and Alison Masopust were the respective male and female champions Saturday, March 12, at the Roxbury Road Race Series as the runners helped raise \$250 for an upcoming musical production at Shepaug Valley High School-Washington.

Clarke, 18, of New Milford covered the 3.52-mile layout, which included a trip down the long hill on Hemlock Road, in 20-minutes, 25-seconds – a 5:48-per-mile pace.

Sean Parker, 17, who runs for Shepaug Valley, placed second with a clocking of 20:35.

Masopust, 31, of Morris was ninth overall in 23:45. It was her second victory this season in the female division at the weekly series.

The race was dedicated to Seussical The Musical, a production that will be performed April 1, 2, 8 and 9 at Shepaug Valley. Cathy Racz, who placed 53rd at the race, coordinated the fund-raising by selling Dr. Seuss merchandise each of the last two races at Roxbury and collecting optional entry fees at this week's run and concurrent 1.8-mile walk.

Racz contacted the runners last December about holding the event.

The series will resume Saturday, March 19, at 8:30 a.m. with a run over the same 3.52-mile loop, except in the opposite direction. There will be no entry fee.

The races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish at the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

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