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Bulldog Race raises money for uniforms

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With 179 registrants, The Bulldog Race raised enough money to purchase 200 track singlets and possibly shorts for the MSJHS track and cross country athletes.

"First year races normally have 50 to 80 participants," said Bulldog race organizer and assistant track coach Kelly Bails. "The fact that we had 180

registrants shows that our community really supported the event."

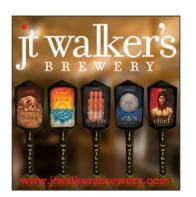
MSJHS track and cross country members have worn the same uniforms for 20 years.

A few years ago MSJHS purchased enough shorts to dress the entire cross country team, but these shorts only dressed the Sectional track team.

"Now we'll be able to dress the entire track team in matching uniforms from the start of the season," Bails said. "Last year, athletes wore their gym shorts for regular season meets, and only the athletes that were going to sectionals were able to wear the team shorts."









Many registrants gave more than the registration fee. One donor donated 10 times the registration amount to the program.

Mahomet Landscapes, Mahomet Family Dentistry and Owen's Funeral Home sponsored the event at the Gold Level. There were also six silver level, eight bronze level and several individual donors. Sponsorships helped cover the upfront costs of the race such as port-a-potties, chip timing and medals.

After the uniforms are purchased, track and cross country coaches will determine where money can be used to support the runners.

The track program currently has a set of six hurdles made by PVC. Hurdlers jump 10 hurdles in a competition, so they could use a set of 10 hurdles for practice. One hurdle costs approximately \$100. The team also needs new runway mats for long jump and pole vault pits. Each mat costs over \$600.

MSJHS hosts track meets at MSHS. They are also allowed to use the equipment for the meets.

Bails said the high school also lets the junior high athletes practice on the blocks before school. The high school team uses the blocks after school.

In order to supply the track and cross country teams with their needs, The Bulldog Race will be an annual event.

Race Results by age group can be found here.



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