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BISHOPS WINS MOSQUITO MEANDER, TWO PENNSYLVANIANS MEET UP FOR A CAUSE

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FAIRBANKS-The 22nd Mosquito Meander was at Pioneer Park this morning. Hundreds of runners, walkers, and people on wheels participated in the 5K with beautiful conditions.

Always a good turnout for this race but someone had to finish first among the competitors and that was Andrew Bishop. He ran across the finish in 18:17 unofficially.

There was something else of note at this year's race. Jeff Fazio and Deanne Gerber, coworkers from a Pennsylvania school came all the way to the Interior for the Meander.

Fazio is running for Gerber who suffers from a form of Muscular Dystrophy. It's the Run For Those Who Can't-4D5K, which benefits the MD Association. Fazio is running 5Ks in all 50 states and Alaska is the 49th. He also ran for the Fairbanks Family Counseling Center.

He'll run in Hawaii next Sunday to complete a 5K in all 50 states in a year's time. But the Meander was special for both of them because it's the first time Gerber was able to see Alaska and to see Fazio run.

"That was incredible. I was just hyped up waiting for him and to see him cross was just incredible," Gerber said. "It's an amazing feeling knowing that there's someone out there who is willing to take the initiative and the determination and the will to go out and continue do this. You know to raise awareness for muscular dystrophy."

"Dee's always had it on her bucket list to make to Alaska so why not this be the one she gets to see?" Fazio said.

"Definitely feeling tired today but it was extra inspiration knowing she was out there-needed to get to that finish

line and we're here. So 49 done in a year."

For information on 4D4K and the Muscular Dystrophy Association visit--<http://www.4d5k.org/>

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