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DON'T MISS GETTING YOUR KICKS AT THE 9TH ANNUAL GET YOUR 6.6 ON ROUTE 66!

McLean, IL – Participants can get their kicks on Route 66 in this much-anticipated 6.6k (4.1-mile) run/walk from Funks Grove to McLean on Saturday, August 27, 2022, now back with all of the favorite features of years past! Registrants receive a super-soft cotton t-shirt with this year's unique design, brunch and drink tickets, a commemorative shot glass, and other gifts from sponsors.

Participants are shuttled by First Student and Olympia C.U.S.D. #16 buses from McLean to Funks Grove Pure Maple Sirup for sign-in, where they are invited to take a complimentary shot of maple sirup for a quick boost of energy for their journey down the Mother Road! Runners and walkers take off at 8 am on the USATF-certified course with water stations every mile, making their way to the finish line just off the McLean village square. There they can pick up their swag, which includes this year's t-shirts designed by McLean resident artist Grace Springer and printed by Sew Personal Embroidery in Atlanta, and can also check out the new park full of native plants under the old water tower, made possible by proceeds from the run/walk in cooperation with the Village of McLean.

"From the pre-race shot of sirup (I had two) to the post-race party to the people honking at us from I-55 to the great bag of swag and t-shirt, this was one really good race," commented David Joens of Springfield, Ill. "My one claim to fame as a runner is that I have run a race in each of Illinois' 102 counties. So I know a little bit about races and this one was a really good one."

First- and second-place finishers in 11 age groups (male and female) will receive awards in the pavilion on the McLean village square, where participants and the general public can enjoy a delicious brunch and drinks tent provided by Chubby's Bar and Grill. Other festivities on the square will last from 8 am to 12 noon and include music, a custom photo backdrop to prove that you "got your 6.6!" hosted by race photographer Diane Greene, adoptable dogs and a silent auction provided by Ruby's Rescue & Retreat, and a classic car show by Mid State Cruisers. The Mt. Hope-Funks Grove Library will hold children's activities during the event, and Evergreen FS will have bags games available to play, making this a great day to bring the family out to McLean!

"I have run several races and this was right up at the top in terms of organization and extremely well run," says Randi Krehbiel of Hopedale, Ill. "What a fun day!"

This 6.6k (4.1-mile) run/walk, which raises funds for projects in the community of McLean, is organized by the CORE of McLean, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization comprising a small group of volunteers, with the generous help and support of those mentioned above as well as the McLean Depot, The Atlanta National Bank, and the Village of McLean.

**For details and to register for the run/walk, go to
www.mclean-il.com/get-your-6-6-on-route-66.**

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