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IT'S SHAMROCKS & SNOWFLAKES AT 2026 SAINT FENNESSY 4K

Curley, Kyes Crowned Men's, Women's Champions in Hermantown

(HERMANTOWN, MINN.) --- The luck of the Irish was in full effect on Saturday morning, with this year's Saint Fennessy 4K fitting perfectly in between two significant snowstorms across northern Minnesota.

John Curley, from Duluth, Minn., was as happy as anyone the race could continue, as he raced his way to a third straight victory and fourth in five years at the St. Patrick's Day-themed event.

Curley's finishing time of 12:12 that was one second off his personal best from a year ago, and he's still the only men's runner to win multiple times at the Saint Fennessy 4K. Joey Gustafson was the men's runner-up, finishing just under a minute behind Curley in 13:08.

Elizabeth Kyes, from Duluth, Minn., was the women's champion on Saturday, finishing in 15:09 and more than a minute ahead of runner-up Cassie Wirth. It's the first Saint Fennessy 4K title for Kyes, who is a former University of Minnesota Duluth cross country and track and field runner.

A record 858 people registered for this year's Saint Fennessy 4K, including 321 youth 18 & under. There were 645 total finishers in the 4K run, and another 48 in the 2K run.

For any questions or interview requests, please contact Marketing & Public Relations Director Zach Schneider via phone at (218) 343-9874 or via email at zach@grandmasmarathon.com.

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YOUNG ATHLETES FOUNDATION

The mission of the Young Athletes Foundation (YAF) is to assist in the promotion, development, and growth of youth athletics and activities that encourage physical fitness, mental, and emotional well-being.

Since its inception in 1990, the YAF has contributed more than \$1.8 million of community support through our grant program, running shoe program, and both the Eleanor Rynda and Steve & Carolyn Mather scholarships. The organization also hosts several kids' events throughout the year including our Wednesday Night & Saturday Morning at the Races series.

The YAF's mission is helped and funded by various road races throughout the year --- KP Challenge, Saint Fennessy 4K, Fitger's 5K, Park Point 5-Miler, Minnesota Mile, and Superior Nightmare 5K.

