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Several new features will greet runners and walkers at the 2013 Chase County Fair Fun Run as it celebrates its 35th anniversary.

Most noticeable is the location for the start and finish for the Saturday, Aug. 17, events.

Jonathan Beverly, editor-in-chief of Running Times magazine, who organizes and co-sponsors the race with Brad and Jill Moline of Super Foods, said the start and finish will be at Chase County Schools this year.

While the start and finish are moving to the school from the fairgrounds, Beverly said the course will be pretty much the same as previous years.

“This new course, however, avoids all the traffic around the car show and barbecue at 7th and Wellington Sts.,” he said.

Plus, the school will provide a more open starting place and more parking, he noted.

All race events will be the same again this year—a 10K, 5K, one mile run/walk and a kids’ half-mile run.

The 10k, 5K and mile will start in front of the school, but due to the growth of the kids’ half-mile, that will also see a change this year.

Plans are to move the kids’ race to the nearby school track and organizers have it scheduled later in the morning, after completion of the mile, 5K and 10K races, and before the awards ceremony, he said.

Fun Run founder Pat McNair of Imperial will be returning in a new role this year, as well, Beverly said, and will sponsor and direct the kids’ run.

Participants this year will receive hats with a 35th year logo, instead of t-shirts.

More on details of the Fair Fun Run will be out in the coming weeks.