

Clear as Mud

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Need an excuse to slip in the mud without being embarrassed? First National Bank and Purgatory Ski Resort provided a way not only for your friends to not laugh and point at you, but join in on the muddy, mucky, madness. Last Saturday's annual Muck 'n' Mire offered 10k and 5k versions, as well as the ever-popular kid's race. No matter the length, all courses had the requisite hay bales, swampy lake and giant slip and slide to contend with, topped off with a belly crawl through a mud pit. Silliness was encouraged and ridiculousness required.



"The Afro Guy" pulls himself out of the dunk tank with barely a hair out of place.



These poor, clean runners ... not knowing what lies ahead.



Pain is gain, ladies!



The "muck" in "Muck and Mire."



The final stretch of the race, as made "clear" by the mud-covered bodies.