

## County's runners make mark in Houston

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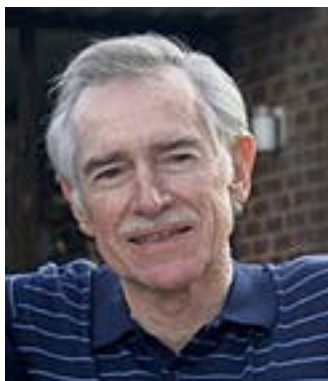
Congratulations to the 143 area runners who lined up and finished the three races in Houston on Jan. 13 — 43 marathoners, 75 half-marathoners and 26 5K finishers.

Showing that the running life begins at 40, the 40- to 49-year-olds ruled with a total of 33 percent of the participants. The 30- to 39-year-olds were second with 27 percent and the 50- to 59-year-olds were third with 13 percent. Two runners in their 70s finished the 13.1-mile, half-marathon distance: Lavern Lippman, 72, and Orville Kremmer, 75, both of Lake Jackson. Lippman finished in 2:36:06, an 11:55 pace, and Kremmer finished in 1:59:59, an amazing 9:10 pace.

Seven area male runners finished in the top 1,000 in the marathon. Kevin Regis, 48, of Lake Jackson had the fastest time, 2:51:42, a 6:33-mile pace. He was the 48th male to cross the line and won second in the 45-49 age division. Britt Dixon, 40, finished 254th in 3:18:31, a 7:34 pace; Phillip Athey, 45, finished 301st in 3:21:21, a 7:41 pace; Lenord Burns, 61, finished 344th in 3:24:26, a 7:48 pace; Tommy Penders, 36, finished

380th in 3:27:06, a 7:54 pace; Dax Studebaker finished 539th in 3:34:10, an 8:19 pace; and Steward Crouch, 46, finished 765th in 3:43:46, an 8:32 pace. Athey is from Lake Jackson, Dixon and Studebaker from Rosharon, and Burns, Penders and Crouch from Angleton.

Five area female runners finished in the top 1,000 in their gender. Kelly Colosimo of Lake Jackson finished 252nd in 3:51:09, an 8:49 pace. Abigail Artley finished 260th in 3:51:33, an 8:50 pace; Kelly McClendon finished 616th in 4:17:30, a 9:50



pace, Noriko Chandler finished 843rd in 4:30:28, a 10:19 pace; and Mary Griffith finished 919th in 4:34:17, a 10:28 pace. Artley and McClendon hail from Lake Jackson, Chandler and Griffith from Rosharon.

Jason Johns of Clute, 32, led area male locals and finished 42nd overall in the 13.1-mile distance and sixth in his age group in 1:11:40, a 5:29 race pace. Raul Barriga, 39, of Lake Jackson finished 115th in 1:26:39, a 6:37 pace; and Evan Rogers, 16, of Angleton finished 149th in 1:29:24, a 6:50 pace.

Mary Williams, 17, of Lake Jackson led area females by finishing the half marathon 125th overall in her gender and fifth in her age group in 1:42:30, a 7:50 pace. Paula Hart, 47, of Lake Jackson finished 158th in 1:45:11,

an 8:02 pace; and Liz Hertenberger, 39, of Rosharon finished 195th in 1:47:22, an 8:12 pace.

Lauren Smith, 16, of Lake Jackson finished 36th overall and third in the female competition in the EP 5K race. Smith romped the distance in 18:48, a 6:03 pace. Julius Arias, 18, of Clute was the top local male finisher, 39th overall, in 18:55, a 6:06 pace.

Lake Jackson fielded the most runners, 62 out of 142 (43 percent). Angleton fielded 26.6 percent and Rosharon fielded 14 percent. Runners 40-49 made up 33 percent of the participants; age 30-39, 27 percent; age 50-59, 13 percent; age 20-29, 12 percent; age 19 and younger, 9 percent; age 60-69, 4 percent; and age 70 and older, 2 percent.

I don't have enough column space to recognize all the Houston races finishers, but I shall post the area runners' results on my Web site, [www.billshawsite.net](http://www.billshawsite.net). If I have made a mistake or overlooked you or someone you know who finished the races, e-mail me at [runwriter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:runwriter@sbcglobal.net).

The 2008 area race season begins Saturday in Angleton with the Spectacle Spectacular 5K/10K races with packet pickup and late registration beginning at 6:30 a.m. and simultaneous race starts at 8 a.m. Call (979) 849-8752 or e-mail [phenry@angletonisd.net](mailto:phenry@angletonisd.net) for information.

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