

Kudos to locals in recent runs

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The Facts

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Congratulations to the 154 southern Brazoria County runners who finished the Chevron Houston Marathon, the Aramco Half Marathon and the El Paso 5K on Jan. 18.

Twenty-six men and nine women from our area finished the 26.2-mile distance. Five men finished in the top 1,000 marathoners and three women placed in the top 1,000.

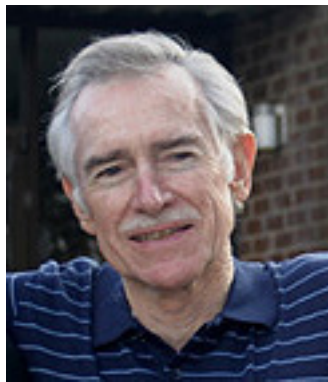
Kevin Regis, 50, of Lake Jackson finished 101st overall in 2:57:37 to lead all locals in the marathon for the fourth consecutive year. He finished 25 seconds faster than last year and 86th in the male competition. Britt Dixon, 42, of Rosharon finished 175th overall in 3:08:48.

Melissa Hurta-Crites, 46, of Jones Creek finished 47th among women in 3:20:02 and was the third area resident to finish the distance. Hurta was the top local woman in last year's contest at 3:26:57.

Suzanne Chivari, 47, of Lake Jackson finished 672nd in 4:16:09, and Kelly Colosimo, 43, also of Lake Jackson, finished 760th in 4:21:14. Chivari improved her time by 11:51 in this year's race.

Other finishers in the top 1,000 men were Donnie Artley, 40, and Willem Maas, 53, of Lake Jackson, who finished 418th and 619th at 3:24:37 and 3:34:02, respectively.

Eighty-two locals — 47 women and 35 men — finished the 13.1-mile, half marathon distance. Stewart Crouch, 48, of Angleton took top local honors with in 1:28:59. Abbie Artley, 34, of Lake Jackson took top female honors finish in 1:34:13.



Other local runners who finished in the top 1,000 were Greg Jones, 34, of Richwood in 1:44:42; Dan Williams, 66, of Clute in 1:49:23; and Wes Heinlein, of Clute at 1:50:35.

Thirty-seven Brazosport runners finished the EP 5K (3.1 miles). Among 17 area men, the top three were Donald Barnett, 32, of West Columbia in 21:27; Brazoswood track and cross country coach Devin Theriot, 45, of Richwood in 21:28; and close on his dad's heels, Cam Theriot, 12, finished at 24:10.

Hayley Creveling, 16, of Lake Jackson finished in 25:23 to claim bragging rights as the fastest local woman among 20 in the race. Celia Castillo, 38, also of Lake Jackson, finished in 25:47. Emily Stanzel, 14, of Angleton finished in 30:21 to round out the top three local 5K finishers.

Lake Jackson fielded the most runners in all three races:

cumulatively (men and women) 48 percent of the finishers in the marathon, 39 percent in the half marathon and 32 percent in the 5K. Rosharon was second in the marathon with 22 percent and Angleton third with 20 percent. Angleton was second in the 5K with 24 percent; Rosharon third with 13.5 percent.

The average age for local marathoners was 43, the median age 42. The average age for the half-marathoner was 41, the median 40. The average age for the 5K runner was 33, the median 34. The median time for locals in the marathon was 4:38:39, a 10:38 mile pace. The median time for the half marathon was 2:22:44, a 10:54 mile pace, and the average for the 5K was 21:27, a 6:55 mile pace.

The gender split of local finishers was almost even, 76 percent were women, 78 percent men.

Finally, a caveat. When you read this column, remember that I am an English major, and it is indeed a perilous enterprise for an English major to play with numbers and statistics. Therefore if you detect errors or omissions in these race results, consider the source. Because of limited space, I cannot list all the local finishers. For a complete list of finishers, see the official race site at www.houstonmarathon.com.

