

STARS AND STRIPES 5K AND 1-MILE KIDS RUN RESULTS



Lacy Garrison photo
William Hutchison, left, and Owen Mills ran the Stars and Stripes 5K along with their group of buddies with the goal to finish under 30 minutes. Owen said he finished in 28:10 so he was more than happy with his time, especially considering the heat and humidity.

OPEN WINNERS

- Ray Bishop 18:35
- Anne Hunter Myers 21:30

MASTERS WINNERS

- Blaine Wilcher 21:50
- Heather Stovall 21:55

5K RESULTS

MALE 12 AND UNDER

- 1. Mitchell Caten 30:18
- 3. Aiden van Vuuren 40:11
- 3. Emory Stefanick 40:40

MALE 13-19

- 1. Brad Caten 23:42
- 2. Tony Curtis 24:13
- 3. Gunter Pitts 24:59

MALE 20-24

- 1. Logan McCormack 23:03
- 2. Terry Miller 30:36
- 3. Garrison Holmes 31:39

MALE 25-29

- 1. Zach Youngblood 43:02
- 2. Johnathan Slamer 58:02

MALE 30-34

- 1. Wayne House 22:44
- 2. Ross Garrison 28:56
- 3. Ivan Verdel 29:17

MALE 35-39

- 1. Daren Oakley 21:42

- 2. Fernando Greene 22:02
- 3. Christopher Jones 32:39

MALE 40-44

- 1. Pieter van Vuuren 25:04
- 2. Jarvis Johnson 25:06
- 3. Chris Cope 26:50

MALE 45-49

- 1. Chris Panter 23:34
- 2. Scott Reagen 26:51
- 3. David Stinson 33:35

MALE 50-54

- 1. Kevin Key 25:40
- 2. Bobby Kirby 31:06
- 3. Rick Hayes 45:44

MALE 55-59

- 1. Tommy Kell 24:14
- 2. Freddy Hoover 24:44
- 3. Jim Carden 35:15

MALE 60-69

- 1. Richard Evans 28:03
- 2. Jim Duvall 31:02
- 3. Steve Raffandi 40:51

MALE 70+

- 1. Bob Sauer 43:48
- 2. Mike Galligan 49:18
- 3. David Bratcher 49:39

FEMALE 12 AND UNDER

- 1. Carmen Verdel 28:51

- 2. Lola Wells 39:55
- 3. Mary Myers 42:05

FEMALE 13-19

- 1. Kelsey Gross 28:05
- 2. Tabatha LeClaire 32:08
- 3. Ashlyn Fults 33:22

FEMALE 20-24

- 1. Megan Miller 30:33
- 2. Lola Terrazas 33:56
- 3. Chelsi George 35:38

FEMALE 25-29

- 1. Miranda Strong 31:28
- 2. Angelica Terrazas 33:57
- 3. Aysha Cagle 34:40

FEMALE 30-34

- 1. Tia Medley 24:54
- 2. Heather Lawson 32:37
- 3. Becky Clark 34:50

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- 2. Miranda Furbee 29:15
- 3. Cayce Taylor 31:27

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- 1. Karen Rich 26:13
- 2. Katie Smartt 29:16
- 3. Emily Hennessee 30:26

FEMALE 45-49

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FEMALE 50-54

- 1. Paige Northcutt 30:37
- 2. Rachel Kirby 31:01
- 3. Jaime Wynne 31:41

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- 3. Wanda Nunley 44:51

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WINNERS OF THE 1-MILE KIDS FUN RUN

BOYS

- 1. Campbell Sutton
- 2. Jacob Graves
- 3. Wyatt Elkins

GIRLS

- 1. Natalie Payne
- 2. Emory McDonald
- 3. Olivia Stefanick

Calling it like he sees it

Hill reflects on two decades of umpiring in Midway

BY JAMES CLARK
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 (McMinnville, Tennessee)

Jeff Hill has been all over the Southeast umpiring world tournament softball games.

But for the last 20 years or so, Hill has traded those interstate miles for the cozy confines of Midway where he's settled in as a fixture behind the plate.

"People will probably tell you I'm blind and can't see," said Hill, 56, when asked about being

a softball umpire. "I tell them I have a 50-50 chance of getting it right."

Hill has seen it all, and heard it all, when it comes to his 30 years of umpiring experience. He says parents of young children tend to be the most vocal.

"It's usually during a T-ball game when grandma or granddad will get a little crazy over a call," said Hill. "But I've been out here long enough most people treat me with respect. I call it like I see it, which might not be

the same way as you see it. I'm not the kind of ump who thinks I never make a bad call. If I make a bad call and you ask me about it, I'll tell you I did. We can't be perfect all the time. If we were, there would be a home run hit every at-bat."

While T-ball parents can be the rowdiest, Hill says that's probably the most enjoyable league to officiate.

"The senior boys league is the easiest to umpire, but T-ball is the most fun," said Hill. "They

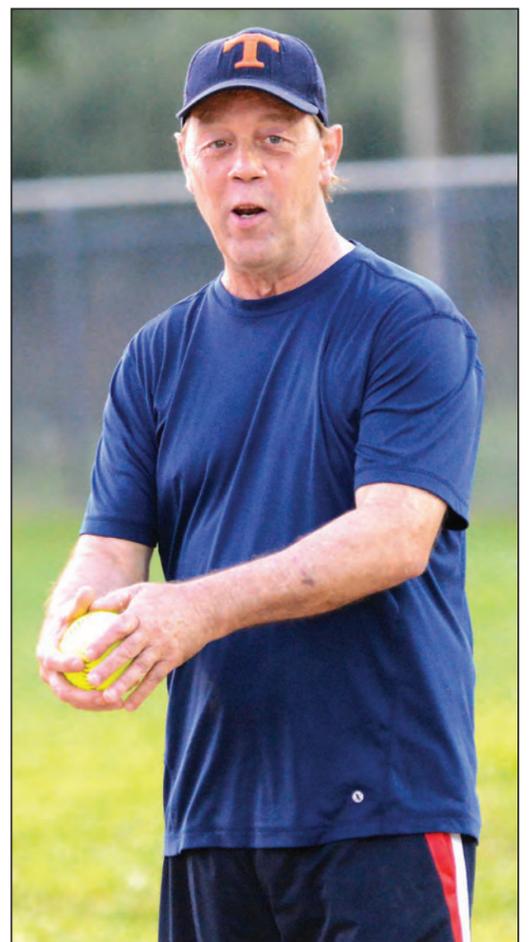
will put sand in my pockets and throw sand around the field."

Since he's been focusing his efforts in Midway for the past two decades, Hill has enjoyed seeing children grow up before his eyes. He's seen some of them return with children of their own who play in the league.

"I've had the opportunity to see some really good players come through here and some good teams too," said Hill. "People don't think it can happen in Midway but we've had teams from here that have gone on to win state tournaments."

When he's not working to make the right call, Hill is working to save lives. He works for the EMS departments of Warren County and Van Buren County governments. Holding two jobs makes for a hectic schedule, especially when he's at the ballpark nearly every night over the summer.

"I always say it might be my last year, but every summer I'm back," said Hill. "I don't know what I'd do without it. And I still get a chance to play every once in a while. I enjoy that too."



Jeff Hill has been a softball umpire for 30 years, including about 20 years at Midway. When asked about making the right calls, Hill said, "I have a 50-50 chance."

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