

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.

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|--------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|---|-------|
| OPEN WINNERS | | 2. Fernando Greene | 22:02 | 2. Lola Wells | 39:55 | 2. Summer Smith | 30:39 |
| Ray Bishop | 18:35 | 3. Christopher Jones | 32:39 | 3. Mary Myers | 42:05 | 3. Tammy Panter | 32:44 |
| Anne Hunter Myers | 21:30 | MALE 40-44 | | FEMALE 13-19 | | FEMALE 50-54 | |
| MASTERS WINNERS | | 1. Pieter van Vuuren | 25:04 | 1. Kelsey Gross | 28:05 | 1. Paige Northcutt | 30:37 |
| Blaine Wilcher | 21:50 | 2. Jarvis Johnson | 25:06 | 2. Tabatha LeClaire | 32:08 | 2. Rachel Kirby | 31:01 |
| Heather Stovall | 21:55 | 3. Chris Cope | 26:50 | 3. Ashlyn Fults | 33:22 | 3. Jaime Wynne | 31:41 |
| 5K RESULTS | | MALE 45-49 | | FEMALE 20-24 | | FEMALE 55-59 | |
| MALE 12 AND UNDER | | 1. Chris Panter | 23:34 | 1. Megan Miller | 30:33 | 1. Leslie Hoover | 31:04 |
| 1. Mitchell Caten | 30:18 | 2. Scott Reagen | 26:51 | 2. Lola Terrazas | 33:56 | 2. Rhonda Galligan | 32:01 |
| 3. Aiden van Vuuren | 40:11 | 3. David Stinson | 33:35 | 3. Chelsi George | 35:38 | 3. Anita Nunley | 39:15 |
| 3. Emory Stefanick | 40:40 | MALE 50-54 | | FEMALE 25-29 | | FEMALE 60-69 | |
| MALE 13-19 | | 1. Kevin Key | 25:40 | 1. Miranda Strong | 31:28 | 1. Betty Troop | 34:33 |
| 1. Brad Caten | 23:42 | 2. Bobby Kirby | 31:06 | 2. Angelica Terrazas | 33:57 | 2. Carlene Brown | 40:14 |
| 2. Tony Curtis | 24:13 | 3. Rick Hayes | 45:44 | 3. Aysha Cagle | 34:40 | 3. Wanda Nunley | 44:51 |
| 3. Gunter Pitts | 24:59 | MALE 55-59 | | FEMALE 30-34 | | FEMALE 70+ | |
| MALE 20-24 | | 1. Tommy Kell | 24:14 | 1. Tia Medley | 24:54 | 1. Leslie Sauer | 43:16 |
| 1. Logan McCormack | 23:03 | 2. Freddy Hoover | 24:44 | 2. Heather Lawson | 32:37 | 2. Linda Holder | 44:40 |
| 2. Terry Miller | 30:36 | 3. Jim Carden | 35:15 | 3. Becky Clark | 34:50 | WINNERS OF THE 1-MILE KIDS FUN RUN | |
| 3. Garrison Holmes | 31:39 | MALE 60 - 69 | | FEMALE 35-39 | | BOYS | |
| MALE 25-29 | | 1. Richard Evans | 28:03 | 1. Stephanie Johnson | 27:55 | 1. Campbell Sutton | |
| 1. Zach Youngblood | 43:02 | 2. Jim Duvall | 31:02 | 2. Miranda Furbee | 29:15 | 2. Jacob Graves | |
| 2. Johnathan Slamer | 58:02 | 3. Steve Raffandi | 40:51 | 3. Cayce Taylor | 31:27 | 3. Wyatt Elkins | |
| MALE 30-34 | | MALE 70+ | | FEMALE 40-44 | | GIRLS | |
| 1. Wayne House | 22:44 | 1. Bob Sauer | 43:48 | 1. Karen Rich | 26:13 | 1. Natalie Payne | |
| 2. Ross Garrison | 28:56 | 2. Mike Galligan | 49:18 | 2. Katie Smartt | 29:16 | 2. Emory McDonald | |
| 3. Ivan Verdel | 29:17 | 3. David Bratcher | 49:39 | 3. Emily Hennessee | 30:26 | 3. Olivia Stefanick | |
| MALE 35-39 | | FEMALE 12 AND UNDER | | FEMALE 45-49 | | | |
| 1. Daren Oakley | 21:42 | 1. Carmen Verdel | 28:51 | 1. Monica Moore | 23:48 | | |

Calling it like he sees it

Hill reflects on two decades of umpiring in Midway

BY JAMES CLARK
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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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