

April 30-May 1 Highlights

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Runners and walkers were greeted with a cool Saturday (April 30) morning with the temperature about 61 degrees and with some light to moderate breezes. It was somewhat chilly standing around, but almost perfect for running. On Sunday, another cool morning, but more breeze. Yet, a good morning for running, even a half marathon.

* **Emify Field**, 34, of Dallas continues her impressive year by winning at least her 10th overall female award and placing second overall in the Skyline Half Marathon on Sunday (May 1) by racing to a 1:27:37. Only **Alan Rameriz**, a 19-year-old freshman at Texas Wesleyan, finished in front of her as he posted a 1:19:06. Among Field's other victories the past two months include the Trinity River Levee 5K, the Paddy Dash 5K, the Dash Down Greenville 5K and the Fort Worth Zoo Run 5K. A masters runner, **Joe Rodriguez**, 44, of Rowlett won the 10K with a 41:48. A close female duel developed in the 5K as **Kelci Ganley**, 27, of The Colony won with a 48:02 while **Trisha King**, 38, of Dallas finished a few steps behind to finish with a 48:14. In the 10K, Dane Batze, 38, outran Craig Ottman, 33, of Keller to the finish to win the male overall award 35:35 to 35:45. The female race was as close as Katherine Hansen, 36, of Fort Worth won with a 44:02 and runner-up Jenna Heneghan, 22, of Fort Worth came in at 44:45.

* Four males challenged for the overall title at the **Mayfest 5K** in Fort Worth on Saturday (April 30) morning. Emerging from the pack to win by a step was **Damian Smith**, 28, of Fort Worth. Smith, who won the FWRC Einstein 10K in January, crossed the line in 17:58 while **Greg Neill**, 24, just behind at 17:59 and a step ahead of **Benjamin Duenas**, 20, who was timed in 18:00. **Dallton Lawing**, 14, was the other near winner as he finished in 18:03. The female race wasn't so close as **Michelle Krezonoski**, 22, of Wichita Falls won with a 19:39. **Elise Endert**, 25, from Keller was the runner-up with a 20:24. In the 10K, husband-wife **Michael** and **Kristi Deavers** took home the 10K male and female masters trophies. Michael ran a 40:45 and Kristi a 45:39.

* 12-year-old **Gillian Stinson** of Lake Dallas beat the field at the **HFH Denton Run It, Walk It, Build It 5K**. She finished with a 22:34.9. Runner-up and male winner **Chad Weldon**, 48, of Denton was timed with a 22:58.7.

* Another female overall winner was **Hayden Jackson**, 16, at the **Just For J 5K** in Grapevine. The first male finisher was **Bret Bogler**, 47, with a 21:02.

* Male masters runners earned the 5K and 10K overall awards at the **Run Baby Run** in McKinney. Froylan Franco, 48, an almost weekly area competitor and who had won at least three overall titles before adding the 10K award with a 39:41. 17-year-old **Ryan Kroeger** was second with a 42:10. In the 5K, 44-year-old **Larry Anderson** of Trenton led the field with a 19:39 and **Jon Nyberg**, 17, was next at 20:23.

* **Ebenezer Wondafewer**, 21, hadn't won in the area since he was first at the DRC Frigid 10K on Jan. 2, but he pulled ahead to take the overall award at the **Run the Highlands 5K** in Lake Highlands. He finished with a 16:46 while **Phillip Iandella**, 26, came in with a 17:04 and longtime area competitor **Dave Matlack**, 48, finished with a 17:35. **Moeko Wilson**, 33, of Dallas was the first female with a 20:45.

* The male and female overall winners at the **Project Graduation 5K** in Granbury were masters runners. Sergio Hernandez, 41, of Granbury and winner of at least three masters awards this year, including at the Haltom Stampede in February, took the male award with an 18:23. In the female division, **Janelle Vincel**, 41, of Gordon was first with a 22:12.7.

* Cleburne Smith Middle School teammates battled it out at the **Run to London 5K** in Cleburne. **Seth Howard**, 14, raced to the lead to win with a 20:14.1. Following him were **Rylan Light**, 13, (20:32.4), and **Truett Childress**, 14, (20:36.6). **Maci Geltmeier**, 14, another Smith runner, won the female overall award with a 22:04.6. She also had won the Camp Fire Chicken Run on April 1 in Cleburne. with a 21:32.

* Masters runner and CRC contributor **Fiona Green**, 51, of Keller won the female award at the **A Race Against Abuse of Women & Girls** in Grand Prairie and missed winning the whole thing by two seconds to another masters runner and longtime area competitor **Bradley Gardner**. Green finished with a 22:24 and Gardner, 58, was just in front with a 22:22. And the event probably had the oldest competitors with **Gene Brock**, 88, and **Richard Widener**, 89 among the finishers.

* There was a good turnout at **The Vineyard Run** in Grapevine as 838 finished, and many sipped on a mashed grapes afterward. **Amy Roybal**, 26, was the first across the finish line with a 19:19, edging first male finisher **Jonathan Tracy**, 37, by 19 seconds.