

March 5-6 Highlights

By Charles Clines

* The largest race Saturday was the **Trinity River Levee Run** in Dallas as 1,365 registered for the 5K. Leading the way was **Craig Ottman**, of Keller with a 16:54 while pushing his son **Cooper** in a stroller. He said it was his first sub-17 stroller run. **Emily Field** of Dallas was the female winner and fourth overall finisher with an 18:15. This is at least five 5K victories for Emily since the first of the year.

* The “old” guys dominated the **Run4Bibles Half Marathon** in Dallas as the top five were 43 to 59 years old. Leading the way was **Froylan Franco**, 47, of McKinney with a 1:49:40.49. Then came **Mark Huteson**, 53, of Irving (2:05:50.74), **Robert Clark**, 43, of Arlington (2:17:45.87), **Ross O’Brien**, 52, of Mansfield (2:26:56.35), and **James Kearby**, 59, of Dallas (2:33:35.99). There were three other Francos who competed in the 5K, including **Alejandro**, 39, and **Kireya Franco**, 39, of with times of 28:50 and 38:40.52, respectively, and **Nallely Franco**, 25.

* Masters runner and our own report contributor **Fiona Green**, 51, of Keller won the female overall award at the **Miles 4 Mission 5K** in Keller with a 23:22.9. While she had few challenges, male winner **Logan Mitchell**, 14, of Keller won only by about seven seconds with his 18:37.1, with **Antonio Lopez**, 32, of Hurst coming in at 18:44.4. Apparently, Antonio pulled double-duty as a runner with the same name and age won the VOWS Bunny Hop in Fort Worth, which had a later morning start. Then he came back Sunday and won the **Burleson Runners Club Back to Basics 5K**. Certainly a rewarding weekend.

* Another masters runner won the male overall award at the **Zonta Zoom 5K** in Burleson. **Juan Mamjaras**, 41, shed **Dell Guy**, 28, of Crowley to win with a 17:01.8. Guy finished with a 17:41.

* At the **Kyle’s Mile & 5K**, 7-year-old **Colton Quesada** of Arlington had an impressive 27:04.64, which placed him 14th overall of 71 finishers. Also, 9-year-old **Grady Jenkins** logged an impressive 23:39.64 to place 11th overall.

* The **McCouls** of Denison cleaned house at the **Spring Clean 5K** in Denison. **Merry McCoul** might have been the oldest overall winner Saturday as she zipped to the finish in front of everyone with a 20:57.5. **John McCoul**, 56, won the male overall award with a 21:37.5.

* Two of the younger overall winners were at the **Get Your Rear in Gear** in Fort Worth. **Omin Miller** of Glen Rose, 14, won the male award with a 20:50:55, and **Jaycee Higgins**, 12, won the female award with a 22:51.

* **Aleksandra Holowka**, 37, of Fort Worth held off 12-year-old **Natalie Nohinek** of Arlington to win the overall female award at the **Warrior Band on the Run 5K** in

Arlington. Holowka crossed the finish line in 22:10:08 and Nohinek was about 13 seconds behind. Masters runner **Billy Tran**, 51, of Arlington was second overall with a 20:21.50, finishing behind Brandon Swinney, 16, of Arlington who won with a 19:50.42.

* The race for female overall was decided by a second at the **Band On The Run 5K** in Sherman. **Lauren Huff**, 18, of Sherman won by a step with a 24:46.6, and **Maria Mendivar** was at 24:47.6. The male overall winner was an even closer decision as both **Michael Urbina**, 14, of Whitesboro and **Max Merlyn**, 15, of Gordonville had 20:20.8 chip times. However, Urbina's gun time of 20:22.0 was .3 faster than Merylyn's.

* Another race decided by maybe a shoelace was at the **VOWS Bunny Hop 5K** in Fort Worth. Battling for the overall female award were **Britta Andrus**, 33, and **Kimberly Wang**, 12, both from Keller. Britta won with a 21:37.33, barely faster than Kimberly's 21:37.96, though the gun time had Britta crossing the finish line about three seconds in front. The male race for the overall award also was relatively close as **Antonio Lopez**, 32, beat **Shane Cross**, 39, to the finish with a 19:18.61 to Shane's 19:28.24.