Runners spirits shine through overcast skies

This year's 57 walkers/runners in the Rolling Hills Run were considerably fewer than last year's 194 entrants, but lack of numbers and overcast skies didn't dampen enthusiasm. Runners and walkers crossed the starting line at Heppner Elementary School and wound their way along the 5k and 10k routes.

Al Beck, Heppner, crossed the 10k finish line just 33:35 after the run began. Becky Muck of Portland finished the 10k in 46:07. Each received a plaque for a first-place overall finish.

Mack Temple of Echo and Faye Seitz of Heppner were the oldest finishers in the sixth annual run. Each received a plaque for his efforts.

A post-run breakfast was an added attraction at the June 20 event. Proceeds from both the run and the breakfast ($725) will go toward the purchase of a Lifepak 5 portable defibrillator for the Heppner ambulance. South Morrow County Emergency Medical Technicians who sponsored this year's event have earned $1700 so far toward the purchase of the $8,000 unit.

Names of male finishers in the 10k, by age division, follow:

Age 14-19: Steve Pilldillce, Hermiston.

Age 20-29: first-Mark Temple, Pendleton; second-Larry Palmer, Heppner; third-Allen Williams, Pendleton.

Age 30-39: first-Randy Stillman, Troutdale; second-Cliff Elliott, Bend; third-Mark Miller, Heppner.

Age 40-49: first-Al Beck, Heppner; second-Ron Esselstyn; third-Bill Miller.

Age 50-59: Mack Temple of Echo.

Women finishers in the 10k were:

Age 20-29: first-Becky Muck, Portland; second-Delia Robinson, Heppner.

Age 30-39: first-Barb Stillman, Troutdale; second-Linda Dunaway.

Age 40-49: first-Karen Beck, Heppner; second-Kathy Grissom, Heppner;-third-Peggy Brittner, Heppner.

Male finishers in the 5k included:

Age seven and under: Paul Lauritsen.

Age 8-10: first-Tyler Burt, Condon; second-Joe Healy, Heppner; third-Tony Becket, Heppner.

Age 11-13: first-Leonard Brittner, Heppner; second-Daniel Beck, Heppner.

Age 14-19: Marion McMillan, Lexington.

Age 20-29: first-Pat Hayworth, Hermiston; second-Charles Van NewKirk, Pendleton.

Age 30-39: first-Doug DeBok, Pilot Rock; second-Danny Oglesbee, Heppner; third-Alvin Vinson, Heppner.

Age 40-49: first-Bill Ledbetter, Pendleton; second-Michael Tolar, Boardman; third-Dennis Miller.

Age 50-59: Gene Van NewKirk, Pendleton.

Female 5k finishers were:

Age 8-10: Kim Miller, Pendleton.

Age 11-13: Chrissy Pullins, Condon.

Age 14-19: Michelle Beck, Heppner.

Age 30-39: first Teri Burt, Condon; second-Jean Healy, Portland; third-Susan Tolar, Boardman.

Age 40-49: first-Virginia Miller, Pendleton; second-J. Marias Wood, Richland, Washington; third-Darlene Hams, Elgin.

Age 50-59: Faye Seitz, Heppner.

Heppner Mayor Cara Costa (left) and Ione Mayor Judy Osmin (far right) present Rolling Hills Run plaques to the first finishers int he 10k run held June 20. Al Beck of Heppner was the first man to cross the 10k finish line. His time was 33.35. Becky Muck was the first woman from among all age divisions to finish the 10k. Her time was 46:87.

Cara Costa presents a Rolling Hills Run plaque to Faye Seitz, the oldest female to finish the June 20 run. Judy Osmin presents a plaque to Mack Temple, the oldest male finisher in the 10k.

Wins trivia contest

Rus Brannon of Heppner was last week's winner of the Heppner Gazette-Times/Charlie's Pizza Trivia Contest.

Rus won a large pizza and pitcher of pop for correctly answering that "Venus is the planet located between Earth and Mercury. Rus' was the first correct entry drawn.

This week's trivia question is about movies. If you can correctly answer: Who won the Oscar for best actor in the 1951 movie "The African Queen", you might be next week's winner.

Enter either at Charlie's Pizza, or the Heppner Gazette-Times.

Rolling Hills Run undergoes changes; still raises money for local projects

Heppner's Rolling Hills Run saw some changes this year. Nearly two months later than in previous years, an outdoor breakfast was added to the event, and it's sponsorship shifted from the Morrow County Education Association to the South county Emergency Medical Technicians. Each year, the event has raised money for a local project.

The Rolling Hills Run began in 1982 as a fundraiser for the solar heating project at the Heppner Pool. Morrow County Education Association and the Heppner Lions Club sponsored the mid-April event. They emphasized the necessity of exercising to promote good health and wellness and downplayed the importance of "winning" a race. 300 men, women and children (and even one family dog) entered that year's event. First-place 10k finishers were Dean Erhard (32:08) of Heppner and Dotty Welch (44:51) of Pendleton.

The second annual run drew an all-time high 406 walkers/runners. The same sponsors donated the year's proceeds to the Willow Creek Little League. First-place 10k winners were Dean Erhard (33:55) and Nancy Jepsen (44:23) of Hermiston.

Participation decreased in 1984 with only 350 runners and walkers turning out. The MCEA sponsored the event alone this year. Proceeds went to benefit the solar heating project at the Heppner Pool. Winners of the 10k were Greg Barrett of Walla Walla and Susan McNerney of Irrigon.

The fourth walk/run had 230 participants. Scott Hayes of Colton, and Susan McNerney won the 10k. Proceeds were donated to the little league.

Last year's run had 194 participants. Mike King and Susan McNerney won the 10k. The MCEA donated proceeds toward training school counselors in methods of drug and alcohol abuse detection and prevention.

South Morrow County EMTs sponsored this year's run. Because all were studying for certification exams in April, the walk/run was postponed until June 20. Heppner firefighters also helped with the event. Breakfast was served to most runners and nearly 100 community members following the run. Veteran runner Al Beck who finished second or third overall each of the previous years captured the elusive first place finish with a time of 33:35. Becky Muck (47:07) was the first place female finisher. Only 57 walkers/runners entered the 1987 event.

State garden club awards local contest winners

Helen Martin and Jane Rawlins represented the Ione and Heppner Garden Clubs at the 60th annual convention of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs June 14-17 in Salem. Rawlins, along with 16 other district directors, was ratified as Director of Blue Mountain District No 10. She was elected at the Spring District Meeting in Milton-Freewater last month.

Many State awards were achieved by District No. 10 clubs including Ione Garden Club which received a first place for their yearbook. Brenda Holtz, class K-2 in the Woodsy Owl Environmental poster contest received first in the State and second in Regional. In the Conservation Poster Contest, Justin Miller of Ione received a first and $15 and Ryan Halvorsen received third and $5 in the fifth-sixth grade class. The posters were on display at the convention. In the Wildflower Slide Contest, Helen Martin received two firsts, two seconds, two thirds, and one honorable mention. The winning slides were shown on Wednesday afternoon.

Justin Miller (left) Ryan Halvorsen, Helen Martin and Brenda Holtz.

Elaine Belts, past District No. 10 Director and member of the Dirt Dabblers and Pendleton Garden Clubs, was elected second Vice President of the State Federation for a two year term. She was installed by the visiting National Council President, Carroll O. Griffin of Orlando, Florida.

It was announced that the Oregon Legislature passed a bill making the first full week in June the Oregon Garden Week.

EOSC names honor students

Eastern Oregon State College officials have announced the names of 260 students who made the Spring Quarter Honor Roll.

To qualify for the Honor Roll, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on 12 graded credits that term. Of the 260 students 101 have a 4.0 or a straight A average.

The following local students are named:

Heppner-Keith A. Kenison; Trina L. Palmer, 4.0.

Ione-Margaret A. Doherty, 4.0.

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