

## 43rd Annual Butte American Legion Veterans' Day Race

**Tuesday, 11 November 1980– Butte Central Alum Returns Victoriously** as recapped by Pat Kearney



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**Bill Kearney (shown in both photos) returned home from college and charged victoriously through the partly snow-covered streets of Butte.**

Once again the name Kearney topped the list at the Veterans' Day Race. Bill Kearney, a student at Montana State University, won the race for the second time. He previously took top honors in the 1976 event. This time he made it to the line first in a clocking of 24:20. He beat his first cousin, Glenn Metz, to the line by thirty seconds. Bill's older brother, Marty, was fifth in the race. Kearney's father, Martin, won the race in 1940, uncle James Kearney took top place in 1937 and Bill's sister, Linda, was the girls winner in 14 and under in 1978.

Meanwhile history was made in the ladies' race when Liza Merrifield became the first four-time women's winner. She crossed the line in a time of 32:01. Liza had previously won the race in 1973, 1974 and 1975.

The first place winner in the fourteen and under boys' race was Bill Sage. His victorious time was 14:50.

The girls' winner was Rhonda Ferkovich in a clocking of 16:38.

### **2.5 Mile Girls:**

**0-14:** 1, Rhonda Ferkovich, Butte, 16:38; 2, Karlyn Borsheim, 17:28; 3, Kim Powers, 17:49; 4, Elaine Cyr, Butte, 18:03; 5, Kelly Peck, 18:47; 6, Sherrill Eide, 18:54; 7, LeAnn Scott, 19:16; 8, Kathe Lacey, 19:23; 9, Lynn Chenoweth, 19:36; 10, Sherrie Reid, 19:42; 11, Lara

Chamberlin, 19:42; 12, Gina Lewis, 20:01; 13, Sharon Shurte, 22:09; 14, Jennifer Dysinger, 23:33; 15 (tie), Dorothy Murphy and Connie Cook, 23:35; 17, Lisa Atkins, 28:49; 18, Enna Horton, 28:49; 19, Cheryl Cyr (4 years old!), Butte, 35:09.

Finishers	2.5 M	4.5 M	Total
Female	19	20	40
Male	18	42	59
Total	37	62	99

### **2.5 Mile Boys:**

**0-14:** 1, Bill Sage, Butte, 14:50; 2, Tracy Caldwell, 14:57; 3, George Reid, 15:09; 4, Chuck Merrifield, Butte, 15:23; 5, Mark Noctor, Butte, 15:40; 6, Bob Whelan, Butte, 15:47; 7, Hank Sitton, 15:51; 8, Jim O'Neill, Butte, 15:58; 9, Rod Cyr, Butte, 16:09; 10, Kurt Hales, 16:10; 11, Vaughn Norbury, 17:18; 12, Dean Drew, 17:47; 13, Pat Walsh, 18:02; 14, Mark Eide, 18:07; 15, Keith Graham, 18:09; 16, Brian Noctor, Butte, 18:17; 17, Steve Ashby, 19:35; 18, Brian Cyr, Butte, 23:09.

**4.5 Mile Females Overall:** 1, Liza Merrifield, 32:01; 2, Marie Cook, 32:10; 3, Mary Whelan, 32:50.

**15-18:** 1, Margie O'Connor, 34:55; 2, Priscilla Eide, 35:51; 3, Joyce Storrud, Butte, 36:53; 4, Lori Merrifield, Butte, 37:06; 5, Marion Driscoll, 40:15; 6, Holly Suemnick, 40:42; 7, Betty Brown, 43:04; 8, Lori Harper, 43:35; 9, Tina Miller, 43:40; 10, Teri Henderson, 43:50; 11, Susan Martinez, 45:09; 12, Wanda Arneson, 45:10.

**19-25:** 1, Liza Merrifield, Butte, 32:01; 2, Mary Whelan, Butte, 32:50.

**26-34:** 1, Deidre Caughlan, Butte, 32:56; 2, Lanor Kaney, Anaconda, 44:00; 3, Diane Black, 46:24.

**35-44:** 1, Marie Cook, Butte, 32:10; 2, Rita Drain, Butte, 35:51; 3, Sheila Cyr, Butte, 37:32.

**4.5 Mile Males Overall:** 1, Bill Kearney, 24:20; 2, Glenn Metz, 24:50; 3, Matt Storrud, 25:30.

**15-18:** 1, Tristan Quinn, 25:33; 2, Dave Silk, Butte, 26:27; 3 (tie), Joel Temple and Scott Fitzpatrick, 26:31; 5, Steve Noctor, Butte, 27:46; 6, Mike Kearney, Butte, 27:47; 7, Dean Mitchell, 27:59; 8, Craig Padbury, 28:12; 9, Bud Markovich, 29:13; 10, Jeff Richards, 29:24; 11, Joe Micheletti, Butte, 29:27; 12, Mark Blomstrom, Butte, 30:10; 13, Pat Garcia, 30:22; 14, Greg Redfern, 30:56; 15, Leroy Gerry, 31:39; 16, Terry Jackson, 32:07; 17, Tony Taft, 36:39; 18, Tony Pagliero, 45:16; 19, Joe Harrington, 45:21.

**19-25:** 1, Bill Kearney, Bozeman, 24:20; 2, Glenn Metz, 24:50; 3, Matt Storrud, Butte, 25:30; 4, Chuck Slaughter, Butte, 28:35; 5, Tim Rivers, 34:40; 6, Dave Mitchell, 39:33.

**26-34:** 1, Marty Kearney, 26:18; 2, Randy Hansen, 27:53; 3, James Kaney, Anaconda, 29:30.

**35-44:** 1, Dean Hersey, Boulder, 26:43; 2, Myron Currie, 27:59; 3 (tie), Jim Lester, Butte, and Ken Erickson, 28:55; 5, Don Peoples, Butte, 31:43; 6, Norm Hermsmeyer, 34:50; 7, Jack Ritter, 35:35; 8, John Connole, 36:38; 9, Frank Quilici, 37:04.

**45-54:** 1, Warren Swager, Sheridan, 29:29; 2, Jim Konen, Butte, 33:27.

**55+:** 1, Bill Horn, 33:57; 2, Phillip Zamudio, Anaconda, 34:05; 3, Luke McKeon, Anaconda, 41:37.