

78th annual Butte American Legion Veterans' Day Race



Helena runners Evan Eck (front) and Peter Dan Sullivan went into an early lead, with Eck pulling away for a 1:20 margin of victory with a time of 31:24.



Butte Central junior Abby McGee paced herself behind race veteran Susan Kaluza before finishing strong to claim the female overall title by 5 seconds with a time of 40:47.



Wednesday, 11 November 2015 – Evan Eck of Helena and Abby McGee of Butte claimed overall titles

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Finishers	2.5 M	5.2 M	Total
Female	1	9	10
Male	0	22	22
Total	1	31	32

Evan Eck, who is deaf, finished the icy 5.2-mile course in 31:34

to win his first Veterans Day Race. Two-time champion Peter Dan Sullivan of Helena placed second, crossing in 32:44. Butte runner Don Foley took third overall, clocking in with a time of 33:51.

Butte High senior Seth Grant took home the boys' high school title in 40:42.

Butte Central junior Abby McGee finished strong to claim the female overall title. Two years ago McGee won the 2.5-mile race. Wednesday she claimed her first female overall title in the long race. The Butte Central junior finished the 5.2-mile course in 40:47 for the victory. Butte's Susan Kaluza placed a close second at 40:52.

During the awards ceremony, long-time race timer Betty Merrifield was presented with the John "Scotty" Wulf Lifetime Achievement Award.

2.5 Mile Females 50-59: 1, Jane Foster, 31:40.

5.2 Mile Females Overall: 1, Abby McGee, Butte, 40:47; 2, Susan Kaluza, Butte, 40:52; 3, Renee Schmidt, 41:11.

High School: 1, Abby McGee, 40:47.

20-29: 1, Renee Schmidt, 41:11.

30-39: 1, Erinn Guzik, 56:19.

40-49: 1, Cyndie Lockett, 41:18; 2, Dana Cotton, 53:47.

50-59: 1, Susan Kaluza, 40:52; 2, Liz McGuff, 43:28; 3, Cheryl Peterslie, 1:21:33.

60-69: 1, Eddie Walker, 52:02.

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30-39: 1, Thomas Jodoin, 35:09; 2, Dan Kachmarik, 41:40.

40-49: 1, Don Foley, 33:51; 2, Daniel McGee, 38:05; 3, Bob Whelan, 43:05; 4, David Romer, 44:04.

50-59: 1, Peter Dan Sullivan, 32:44; 2, Pat O'Connor, 36:59; 3, Bill Kearney, 40:36; 4, Greg DeWitt, 41:00; 5, Kurt Kuchi, 41:10; 6, Scott Craigle, 43:31; 7, Don Grinsell, 46:29; 8, Paul Riley, 46:40; 9, Mike Kearney, 51:08.

60-69: 1, Tom Hayes, 40:48; 2, Tim Johnston, 48:40; 3, Vern Roberts, 49:35; 4, Dave Mueller, 52:14; 5, Tom McGuire, 58:57.