

23 compete in MMHF triathlon

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- Competing in biking, running and swimming, 23 people gathered for the annual Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation Amateur Triathlon on Saturday, May 16.
- Cherrie Brown, MMHF executive director, was present to start the event, and participants lined up to bike four miles, run two miles and swim six laps.
- The triathlon could be completed by individuals, or the three events could be split up among a team.
- With this year's fastest time, Kurt Rumold claimed first place in the adult individual category clocking in at 34:24. Kelvin Haidle finished second with a time of 37:09.
- In the senior individual category, Jerry Brandt finished first at 50:48 while Erin Vieselmeyer and Molly Brandt tied for first in the junior individual category with a time of 55 minutes.
- In the team division, groups of two or three competed in categories based on the combined age of team members.
- The team of Issac, Dani and Becca Brandt took first in the 0-50 group with a time of 43:06.
- In the 51-100 age category, Jared Anderson and LeAnne McWilliams clocked in at 35:09 earning first place honors. "The Home Team" with members Tom Bennett, Amy Krogmeier and Brandi Helgoth claimed second with a time of 45 minutes while the team of Tara Krueger, Deb Blakeman and Krista Blakeman finished third at 48:30.
- Competing for the HHS—Happily Hardy Snails team, Kevin Asbury and Tanisha Bules earned first place honors in the 101+ division with a time of 35:23. Second place finishers were Jennifer Kral and Brenda Krueger coming in at 47:40, and the Jumpin' Jacks team of Rhonda Moore, Henry Moore and Cherrie Brown finished at third with a time of 57:15.

Six-week challenge

- Saturday's triathlon was the conclusion of a six-week challenge also sponsored by MMHF. Participants are challenged to complete the distances of a real one-day triathlon in a six-week period.
- Competitors were recognized for special achievements in the six-week challenge at Saturday's triathlon award ceremony. Awards were as follows:
 - —Team with highest average total miles: HHS—Happily Hardy Snails (466.1).
 - —Family with highest average total miles: Rd's Wild Bunch.
 - —Business with highest average total miles: Tele Tubs.
 - —Biggest natural weight loss: Amanda Houghtelling.

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- Most cumulative team body fat loss: The B.A.B.'s.
- Oldest individual with most miles: Johnny Bonner.
- Youngest individual with most miles: Tara Krueger.
- Individual event most miles: Tara Krueger, swim (182); Kevin Asbury, run (180); and Pete Markle, bike (135.75).