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Eight teams and six individuals gathered at the Holyoke Swimming Pool to bike, run and swim their way through the ninth annual Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation Amateur Triathlon Saturday, July 13.

Participants began the challenging event with a four-mile bike ride, followed with a run/walk of two miles and swimming six laps.

A.J. Brandt, Danielle Brandt and Issac Brandt nabbed the top spot in the team division, finishing in 36:39.



Teams and individuals who placed at the Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation Amateur Triathlon are pictured, from left, front row, Tara Krueger, Nicole Brandt, Peggi Davidson, Danielle Brandt and Brenda Krueger; and back row, Wade Warren, A.J. Brandt, Jerry Brandt, Issac Brandt and Luke Thomas. □ □

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Finishing in second were Anna Jelden and Emily Jelden with a time of 41:03 and Kat Shafer and Tara Krueger secured third with a time of 41:14.

Other teams competing included Carol Deslauriers, Dustin Harris and Jessica Skomp, 42:12; Heather Schoenholz, Janet Tomky and Carol Cornelius, 42:23; Julie Levy, Jordan Hammerlun and Larissa Gerhartz, 42:28; Chole Einspahr, Adam Einspahr and Emilee Fish, 45:57; and Dixie Ishee, Brook Coyne and John Durbin, 46:37.

Six participants completed the triathlon individually. Nicole Brandt and Luke Thomas both competed in the adult division while Jerry Brandt, Wade Warren, Brenda Krueger and Peggi Davidson each completed the triathlon in the senior division.

Individual winners were as follows:

—Adults 19-44 age division, male: Thomas, first, 42:04.

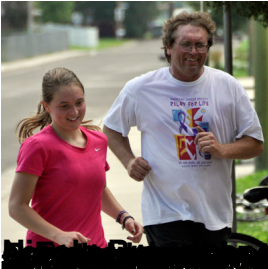
—Adults 19-44 age division, female: Nicole Brandt, first, 54:36.

—Seniors 45-54 age division, male: Wade Warren, first, 45:00; and Jerry Brandt, second, 58:29.

—Seniors 45-54 age division, female: Brenda Krueger, first, 55:05; and Davidson, second, 58:29.

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strongly encourage people to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The health department is also offering COVID-19 testing at the Holyoke Community Center, 100 State St., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call 417-532-2222 or visit the Holyoke Health Department website at www.holyokehealth.com.

Big Spring School of Sales has reached its first stretch of the year.