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Best Turnout Ever for the Chattahoochee Smoochie 5K Run/Walk

CHATTAHOOCHEE, February 15, 2016 – A record crowd turned out to begin their Valentine's Day celebration by participating in the 4th annual Chattahoochee Smoochie 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Run hosted by Chattahoochee Main Street on Saturday, February 13.

Most running courses in the Big Bend are flat with a few minor hilly features. For the record, we defy any regional course to measure up to the vertical challenges of the Chattahoochee Smoochie. The race started and finished at the Chattahoochee Landing. All who participated, finished the race and all deserve to be medalists for accepting and braving the obstacle-filled route!

Over 60 participants battled the challenging course that included navigating off-road dirt trails through the RV campground, the daunting 175-foot vertical climb to the historic downtown, the serene and beautiful ancient oak-lined canopy on Marion Street, the backstretch through the downtown and then the more forgiving downhill finale to the receding flood waters of the Apalachicola River.

Chattahoochee Main Street congratulates all our winners and everyone who came out and participated. The following lists all the winners by category and their course times...naturally, the ladies are listed first!

5K Winners (Overall)

Female Overall: Carla Elliott (25:24)

Male Overall: Caleb Forehand (21:22)

Winning Couple: Danielle Zemola & Vince Molosky (26:06)

5K Winners (1st, 2nd, & 3rd place by age group & gender)

Under 14: Female – Maison Fulton (35:11), Charleigh McKenna (38:02), and Shelbi Rabon (47:32).

Male: Joseph McKenna (28:40), Jaiden Briggs (35:11), and Samuel McKenna (37:45)

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15-19: Female – Elizabeth Goodman (39:36) and Rachel Sinclair (40:45)
Male – Caleb Forehand (21:22) and Josh Cook (37:44)

20-24: Female – Katy Parker (50:24) and Alexa Dickson (60:09)
Male – Michael Newsome (28:39)

25-29: Female – No Entries.
Male – Brandon Ashberry (50:12)

30-34: Female – Katie Barrentine (31:00)
Male – No Entries.

35-39: Female – Danielle Zemola (26:06), Melissa Potter (28:31), and Jana Barfield (31:48)
Male – Vince Molosky (26:06)

40-44: Female – Amy McKenna (37:19), Jaime Cook (41:48), and Hallie Prince (50:42)
Male – Tony Barfield (31:48), Eric Miller (36:38), and Abdul Lightfoot (47:18)

45-49: Female – Monica Purvis (44:10), Deb Horst (45:16), and Ida Walker (48:27)
Male – David Henry (23:37), Greg Skinner (24:07), and Stan Horst (45:16)

50-54: Female – Carla Elliott (25:24), Nancy Glaser (41:46), and Grace Camley (43:14)
Male – Jeff Starks (32:37) and Gary Purvis (44:10)

55-59: Female – Lynn Skelton (34:07), Diana Wright (47:54), and Jennifer Webster (50:24)
Male – Brad Skelton (49:15)

60-64: Female – Ruthann Eberly (29:49), Shirley Whatsitt (41:42), and Diane Webb (41:47)
Male – Jimmy Sims (25:41) and Donald Bowling (26:19)

65-69: Female – Betty Worrell (48:38) and Judy Kinnion (52:01)
Male – John Bacon (26:19)

70+: Female – Ginger Holloway (48:42)



Male – Bobby Carmichael (46:18)

1 Mile Fun Run Winners

1st – Joseph McKenna

2nd – Jaiden Briggs

3rd – Hannah & Jonathan Chandler (Tie)

Chattahoochee Main Street wishes to thank, and we ask that you please visit and support, the wonderful sponsors of the Chattahoochee Smoochie 2016 5K Run/Walk: AAA Auto, Allen Sports Quincy, Aramark, Badcock Home Furniture & More, CFO Today – Ledger Plus, City of Chattahoochee, Chattahoochee Auto Parts, Dawkins Salvage Hauling & Towing, Hairworks Design & Nails by Tori, FOCUS Credit Union, Hardee's of Chattahoochee, Johnson's Heating & Cooling, McDaniel's Piggly Wiggly, Dr. James Melzner – Family Dentistry, Milton's Tax Service, M.R. Butler Co. – Commercial & Residential Contractor (FL, GA, & AL), Northside Seafood Restaurant, Pippins Service Center, Rutabaga Café & Soiree Catering, State Farm Insurance (Eric Taylor), The Grocery Store, Three Rivers Animal Clinic, Twin City News, and WB's Sports Bar & Grill. The support of these amazing and faithful sponsors made this event a success!

Special thanks to Cindy Bass McPhaul Photography and Kathy Johnson (Twin City News) for photographing and covering the event and many, many thanks to our treasured volunteers who made the event run without a hitch.

Chattahoochee Main Street recognizes that the Chattahoochee Smoochie would not be possible without the support of Mayor Jerry Wynn and the City Council and the dedicated work directed by City Manager, Lee Garner, and the City of Chattahoochee's Public Works crew to provide clean up from the recent river flooding and the necessary road grating to provide a first class running course. Thank you also to the City of Chattahoochee's Recreation Department for supplying the needed equipment to facilitate the event and to the City of Chattahoochee's Police Department for ensuring the safety of all the participants.

Our organization also wishes to express our deepest gratitude to Edna and Tony Reed for graciously lending their expertise to ensure that the race logistics were managed with the utmost professional standard of care and we want to extend a very special thanks to Jim Folds for operating and monitoring the accuracy of the race clock.

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To view pictures from race day, please visit Chattahoochee Main Street's Facebook page. This was an exciting and extremely fun event for everyone who participated. Please join us next year!

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