

Chemirmir, Harp beat the wind at Muenster



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It was time for some great German sausage and sauerkraut at the The Germanfest in Muenster on Sunday (April 27). Many have returned to the Metroplex full of food and maybe a few suds. When the 5K and 15K began at noon, the temperature was about in the mid-50s, it was overcast and windy. The wind over the hilly 15K slowed many of the runners and men's winner Limo Chemirmir, 23, who ran a PR of about 45 minutes last year in Kenya, won the men's race in 53:57 minutes.



Rachel Harp

“It was windy and hilly,” he said.

Rachel Harp, 24, the women's winner, said her time of 1:07:12 was about two minutes slower than last year. "I'm more of a heat runner," she said, noting last year the temperature was near 90 degrees. “And the first two miles were terrible,” she said, noting the strong headwind.

She and others also noted a couple of cows loose on the course. No one, to anyone's knowledge, hitched a ride on one or was chased by one.

Chemirmir, 23, who has been running in the area about two months, said he's trying to find a college to attend as he tries to adjust to the Metroplex humidity. He said his training has not been good during his acclimation period. “When I breathe in (the air) doesn't go in here,” he said, pointing to the lower part of his chest.

In the 5K, Stephen Curry, 17, of Argyle won the men's division in 16:08 and Sheila Natho, 42, of Dallas won the women's division in 19:08.

After the run, most of the runners attended the Germanfest to enjoy the food, drinks and shopping. Those with children had bounce houses and carnival rides, among other things, to enjoy. And it wasn't long before the sun came out to make it a pleasant afternoon.