

Pierce goes short; wins again



Keith Pierce, winner of the past three Cowtown Marathons, dropped down to a 5K on April 25 and ran a speedy 15:04 to win the Run The Highlands race in Dallas. There was some pretty stiff competition with the likes of Chris Strait and Dave Matlack, but they were more than a minute behind. Wendy Ragle of Fort Worth won the women's race in 18:52. Good times also were logged at the Run For The Riders 5K in Fort Worth as Clint Bell of Dallas won with a 16:03.4, beating Amarillo resident Mark Hillers 47 seconds. Fiona Green of Keller won the women's division with a 20:43.8. Afterward, she hopped on a steer (pictured) to get into the spirit of the event (don't think she rode it during the race). Fiona, a masters runner (44) beat another masters runner, Ruthie Tate (44) for the overall title by about 12 seconds. At the Hound Dog Hustle in Grapevine, Flower Mound runner Connor Adams finished 29 seconds in front of masters runner Ken Hall. In the women's division, masters runner Leana Sloan won in 20:29 with Laura Nelson finishing second in 21:22.

At the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon on Sunday, April 26, Mark Miller of Carrollton was 10th among the 1,472 finishers with a 2:55:33. Other top area finishers included Loc Ly of Fort Worth (3:13:05), Markku Toiviainen of Flower Mound (3:13:17), Dave Emerson of Coppell (3:15:04), Chris Kraft of Dallas (3:17:44), Tanner Gardner of Dallas (3:18:51), and Gary Anderson of Benbrook, who won the first Fort Worth Marathon in 2008, (3:19:28).