



The second annual CHEWS Triathlon was held at Chase County Schools and Imperial Public Pool on Saturday.

The event was started to promote healthy living in the local communities and is sponsored by the Chase Healthcare Employees Wellness (CHEWS) program at Chase County Community Hospital and the Chase County Hospital Foundation.

The competition consisted of biking, run/walk and swimming. Individual competitors participated in all three activities while teams split the trio of athletic competitions among two or three team members. The biking portion covered four miles, the run/walk 2.2 miles and the swimming involved six laps in the pool.

The Big Dog EMS team consisting of Deb Harmon, Marcie Kelley and Eldon Kuntzelman won the business team division with a time of 38:24. Kuntzelman biked for the team, Harmon ran and Kelley swam. They take home the traveling trophy which was won last year by the team of Julie Levy, Larissa Gerhartz and Dr.



Doug Nicholson of Chase County Community Hospital. If a team wins the trophy for three years in a row, they keep it permanently.

Second place in the business division was earned by the Chase County Community Hospital team Jul Frend Lend team with a time of 45:14. Francisca Morales handled the biking segment, Julie Levy the running and Linda Nelson finished out with swimming.

Third place honors went to another hospital team, The Expendables. Their time was 49:13 and included Dustin Harris on the bike, Jessica Skomp in the run and Heather Shoeholz tackled the pool.

The EMS also fielded another team in the business division calling themselves the Stretcher Fletchers who ended with a time of 56:02 to round out the business team division. Members of the team were Carly Mailander, Sabrina Hayes and Mason Holmes.

There were several other team divisions based on age of participants.

Division A, the youth division, saw two teams compete. The winning team, The 3 Stooges from Stratton took the honors with a time of 44:12. Team members included Eli Fink, Gideon Fink and Matthew Lorens.

Second place in the A division went to Brooklyn Christensen and Ryelee Christensen with a time of 53:14.

Division B saw one team of two comprised of Jim Korth and Kami Kalkowski. They had the second best team time overall with a 40:58.

Ten individuals competed in six different divisions. In the Pee Wee section, Mallie McNair took first place with a time of 47:27. This division was for 8-12 year olds.

In the junior division, Taylin McNair took first place with a time of 44:28.



Two individuals competed in the Adult Male section (19-35 yrs old). Owen Madden of Wauneta took first place with a time of 35:45 and Alex McNair earned second with a time of 47:33. In the Adult Female division, Kristi McNair took home the gold medal with a time of 45:58.

The Senior Male (36-49 yrs) division saw Chad Yaw win first place with a time of 49:58. In the Senior Female division, Kim Lueking won first with a time of 56:50 and Kathy Christensen took second with a time of 57:04.

Overall female winner was Taylin McNair and overall male winner was Owen Madden.

For more information on the CHEWS program, contact Larissa Gerhartz at 882-7243 or Julie Levy at 882-7386. Information can also be found by going to [www.chasecountyhospital.com](http://www.chasecountyhospital.com) and selecting the CHEWS link.