

World-record marathoners make stop in Bryan

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The idea of completing seven marathons in seven states in seven days might seem crazy to some people.

But for those participating in the Mainly Marathons Heartland Series — which began Monday in Bryan — completing marathons is a way of life.

A total of 110 people from all over the United States — and around the world — participated in the Bryan marathon. The race featured multiple Guinness World Record holders. Forty-three of the competitors plan to complete the seven marathons in seven days in seven states challenge.

“The vast majority of our runners are trying to get a marathon or a half-marathon in every state. So these races are real popular with them,” said Mainly Marathons race director Clint Burleson, who also participated in the marathon.

“Before we did that, you could go out and maybe get a double on a weekend some place. It was expensive and took a long time to reach that goal. So we’ve made it a little more convenient. Some people say we’ve made it easier, but not if you try doing five marathons in a row. Nothing’s easy about



(Staff photo by Jennifer J. Hellard)
World-record marathoners Larry Macon, left, and Parvaneh Moayedi participate in the Mainly Marathons Heartland Series that made a stop in Bryan on Monday.



(Staff photo by Jennifer J. Hellard)
David Bayley, of the United Kingdom, takes a much-needed rest after finishing first in the Mainly Marathons Heartland Series 26.2-mile race in Rec Park on Monday.

it. But it has changed the dynamics of it a lot.”

The marathon had its start/finish line at MacDonal-

Ruff Ice Arena and featured a 1.63-mile loop on Rec Park’s Horton Trail.

The marathon consisted

of 16 laps around the trail for the official distance of 26.2 miles. Some participants in the marathon walked while



(Staff photo Jennifer J. Hellard)
Bryan residents, from left, Sandy Link, Bonnie Kimpling-Kelly and Timo Lehtonen completed a half marathon Monday as part of the Mainly Marathons Heartland Series in Rec Park.

others ran. Others on Monday who were not looking to complete a marathon did half marathons and 5K distances.

Among the recordholders in Bryan were Larry Macon and Parvaneh Moayedi, both current residents of San Antonio, Texas.

Macon holds the Guinness World Record for

most marathons in a single year with a mind-blowing total of 255 marathons in a calendar year.

“I really like it,” Macon said during the marathon, before adding of Bryan, “I love this town. It’s a really pretty town.”

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