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Plenty of kids took part in the Lostine River Run 5K.

# Lostine River Run brings in the families

By Kathleen Ellyn  
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The Lostine River Run benefited from beautiful weather to go with the beautiful scenery and drew a crowd of 157 runners this year — many of them kids.

That's only a few more than last year, but the crowd seemed much larger due to the number of families participating with children small enough to be led by the hand, pushed in the stroller or packed on a parent's back.

The 5K run on the scenic and winding road outside of Lostine was by far the favorite event, with 71 entries in the running race and 14 in the walk.

The 10K saw 45 runners, including 12-year-old Bayden Menton of Joseph, 13-year-old Kendra McDaniel of Boise and 16-year-old Sebastian Hobbs of Lostine. All three of those young runners took top male or female in their age division and ended up with amazing overall placings of seventh, 11th and 12th, respectively.

Emily Sheahan, 42, of Enterprise again was the fastest woman in the 10K with a time of 44:37.4. Orion Davidson, 37, of Keizer was top overall male with a time of 36:25.9. Jim Cornelison, 71, of Walla Walla also ran that race, finishing 32nd. He ran it on his "new knee," and he's run the Lostine River Run for five years straight, he said.

"I'm working on marathons in 50 states," Cornelison said. "I've got six states to go if I don't hurt myself in a 10K."

Timothy Vandervlugt, 51, of La Grande — a multiple 10K winner at Lostine — decided to challenge himself with the 5K this year.

"It's more difficult in a lot of ways," Vandervlugt said, "and I plan to run a few more."

Vandervlugt, who coaches track and field in Cove/Union, ran the 5K with students Alex Graffunder, 16, of Cove and Alisa Fox, 14, of La Grande: Graffunder won that event with a time of 16:24.0, with Vandervlugt right behind him for second place.

"This is my third time at Lostine River Run," Graffunder said. "I tend to like the faster courses — fast and cool."

Fourteen other youths braved the shorter run. All finished, including little Lilly Weer, who turned in a time of 36:57.6.

Alisa Fox, Kiah Carlson, Taylor Fox, Andrew Lackey and Brie Stumbo all took firsts in their division for the 5K.



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Braden, 11, and Douglas, 7, of the extended McDaniel tribe of Boise push toward the finish in the 1-mile kids race at the Lostine River Run.

On the other end of the age spectrum, Maria Forsenius, 66, of Goteborg, Sweden, was the oldest female winner in the 5K run, and she also traveled the greatest distance to Lostine. The oldest male was Gary Van Arsdale, 71, of West Richland, Wash.

Top 5K walkers were Larry Miller, 76, of Halfway and Randi Jandt, 56, of Enterprise.

The 1-mile race back at race headquarters saw 27 starters, with top youth honors going to Douglas McDaniel, 7, McKenzie Harguess, 8, Cole Carlson, 7, Della Conway, 6 and 15-year-old Bevin Harbinson.

Many runners made the event part of their extended vacation. A large group from Portland — the Bulloch, Sadler, Williams, Conway and Johnson families — bring their small children and make a weekend of it every year, camping up the Lostine River during their stay.

The Lostine River Run has been held every year since 1982 and is a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Wallowa County. Money raised is contributed to the Memorial Scholarship Fund.

# Huge crowd, great weather grace Wallowa 4th parade

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Wallowa had a blowout Fourth of July this year with what seemed to be a huge crowd.

"Nobody was counting, but I think we have a record crowd," said City Recorder Carol Long.

No list of entries was compiled this year, but there seemed to be plenty of entries.

Grand Marshall Vera Henderson made an elegant appearance in a Model A car, and Little Miss and Mister Fourth of July — Teagan Tillery, 8, and Rawley Melville, 7 — took their positions seriously and themselves lightly, waving and smiling at the crowd.

Parade winners were:

- Henderson Logging for their "oversized load" of Hendersons and logs: City Choice Award and \$200.

- Little Bear Café for the creativity of their walking hamburger and fries along with their patriotic float: First place in the adult division and \$150.

- Community Bank for their huge pink inflatable pig float: second place in the adult division and \$100.

A three-way tie for third place in the adult division saw these \$50 awards:

- The Gentle Family for their hilarious cake with Matriarch Peggy Gentle popping out of the top; Aaron Post's 56 Chev "lead sled" conversion pickup; and the Broncs and Bulls Drill Team.

- Raiden and Avalene Lewis for their horse entry in



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Grand Marshall Vera Henderson made an elegant appearance in a Model A.



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This little guy wants to check the loot he gathered up as the floats threw out candy.

the children's division: first place and \$50.

- Building Healthy Families for their inclusion of over a dozen children: second place and \$30.

- Max Tovar walking with



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This old logging truck was one of the parade entrants.

his kids Mark, 2, and Lilla Tovar, 12, in their patriotic dress: third place and \$20.

- Community Bank's Most

Patriotic Award and \$50 went to Wallowa River RV and their extended line of amazingly decorated vehicles.

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