

Race director: Thanks for support

To the Editor:

Mark Twain could have been referring to Lovell residents when he stated that "Everyone talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." The ominous forecast in the days leading up to the Lovell 5K Run and parade was consistent and gloomy. That, however, didn't stop almost 100 determined runners as they arrived for the 9:45 start on time. Dave Mason called everyone to the line and the Lovell Old Home Days events were underway.

Top runners Tim Even and Terry Ballou received etched, blown glass awards designed by artist Nathan Macomber of Conway. A noticeable increase in the number of younger and enthusiastic runners bodes well for future races. Chet Rogers and James Monroe received awards in the newly added 70+ age group.

Special thanks to Herman Voigt of the Lovell Fire Department for his help at the start and James Day for closing the roads by the VFW Hall. Getting all of the runners from the start to the finish could not be done without the help of countless volunteers, including the course monitors and finish line workers.

The race's net proceeds are split evenly between the Lovell Recreation Department and Old Home Days Parade. This would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors: Dutton Real Estate, Norway Savings Bank,

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by Rosie's, Wicked Good Store, Ebenezer's Pub, Center Lovell Market and Poland Spring Water. Numerous businesses including New Balance, Cranmore, Kezar Lake Country Club, Maestro's Country Italian Cuisine, the Appalachian Mountain Club, Kezar Lake Marina, the Met, the Frontside Grille, and the Pirate's Cove provided wonderful raffle prizes.

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Brant and Jen McAleer, and Rondi Stearns for working at the hectic registration table, to the Lovell Fire Department for their support, to Cassidy Wilson for the t-shirt design, to the residents of Lovell and to the Old Home Days Committee.

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