

BILLE AND DIPPOLD TOP FINISHERS IN LEE FOSTER MEMORIAL 5 MILE RUN

The 30th annual Lee Foster Memorial 5 Mile Run, sponsored by the Elk County Striders, was held Saturday, September 6, in St. Marys.

Drew Bille of St. Marys was the overall winner with a time of 31:12. Tori Dippold of St. Marys was the first female finisher setting a new course record with a time of 31:46. She topped the 25 year old record by 50 seconds. Bille and Dippold were also the first Elk County finishers.

Each year the top Elk County runners have their names placed on a plaque that is in memory of Lee Foster.

There were overcast and warm conditions for the 46 registered participants running this year's race.

There were post race refreshments, awards, and door prizes.

Listed by age group are each runner's name, overall place, and time.

Male division

First overall: Drew Bille, 1, 31:12, (15-19)

14 and under: Matthew Dippold, 3, 32:54; Ben Hoffman, 9, 35:33

15-19: Lucas Knight, 7, 34:06; Andrew Smith, 8, 34:57; Zach Wortman, 11, 36:09; Ben Uberti, 29, 43:03; Samuel Wolfe, 35, 45:34; John Kaul, 38, 46:42; Luke Hoffman, 41, 49:30

20-29: David Bianconi, 14, 36:49; Steve Dellaquila, 16, 37:41

30-39: John Thomas, 6, 33:49

40-49: John DeMore, 4, 33:36; Mark Hoffman, 10, 35:50; Rob Redden, 15, 37:07; Jason Lang, 21, 40:44; Matt Quesenberry, 28, 43:03; Doug Mawn, 31, 43:16; Wee J Fernan, 42, 49:31

50-59: Ken Huey, 18, 39:05; Robert Steffer, 22, 41:18; Ricky Olewnik, 23, 41:22; Tom Hutton, 25, 42:09

60 and over: Tom Gooch, 5, 33:42; Ben Zappa, 39, 47:20

Female division

First overall: Tori Dippold, 2, 31:46 (15-19)

14 and under: Abby Bonfardin, 27, 42:53

15-19: Lauryn Wortman, 26, 42:23; Ellie Pearson, 30, 43:11; Nicole Florio, 32, 43:41

20-29: Frankie Stubber, 36, 45:49

30-39: Mary Dinger, 17, 38:20; Jennifer Tamburlin, 24, 41:52; Julie Lang, 40, 47:45

40-49: Anne Dippold, 12, 36:13; Molly Quesenberry, 13, 36:36; Tina Moore, 19, 39:57; Alana Martin, 33, 43:45; Beth Horning, 34, 44:05; Francie Greenawalt, 44, 51:26

50-59: Pam Jesberger, 20, 40:28; Sara Mercer, 37, 46:13; Amy Poplelski, 43, 50:52; Karen Hutton, 45, 56:54

60 & over: No Entrants

The Elk County Striders also awarded four Triple Crown Champions after this race. Each of these champions had the lowest combined times for the Dahoga Dash 5K, Elk County Classic 5K, and the Lee Foster Memorial 5 Mile Run. This year's champions are:

Male open division (39 and under): John Thomas

Female open division: Mary Dinger

Male masters division (40 and over): Tom Gooch

Female masters division: Molly Quesenberry