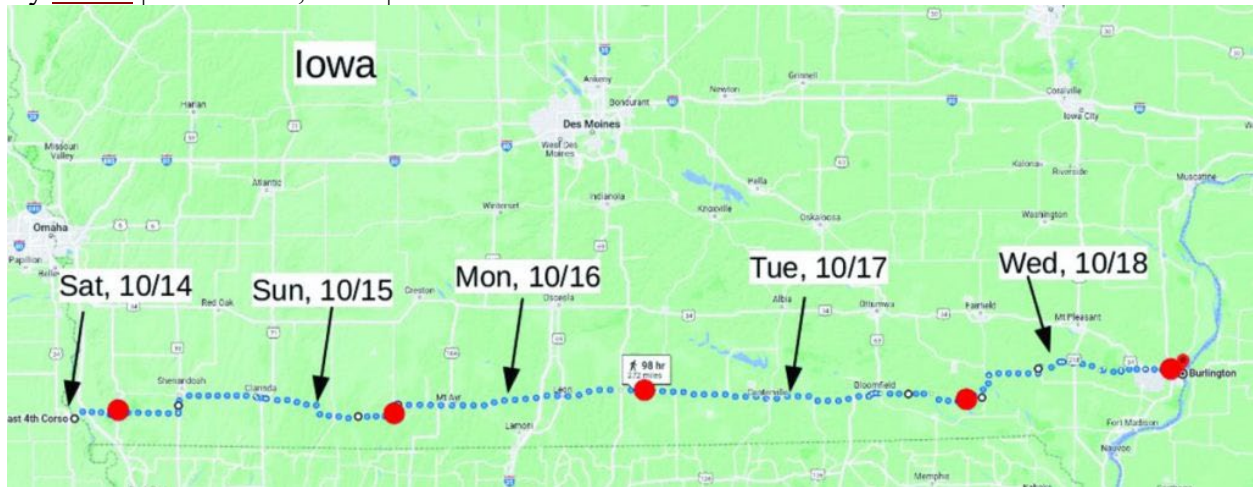


<https://www.mtayrnews.com/2023/10/18/run-jenny-run/>

Mount Ayr Record News

RUN, JENNY, RUN

By [Editor](#) | October 18, 2023 |



Passing through Iowa on State Highway 2, Jennifer Hoffman is running to break the Guinness world record time across the USA.

Jenny ran through Ringgold County on day 31. She started the day at 4:51 a.m. just east of Tay-Gold Ave/Hwy 25, passed through Mount Ayr at roughly 7:30 a.m., and Kellerton around 9:30 a.m. Jenny surpassed 1500 miles, the approximate half-way point between San Francisco and New York City on day 25.

Crew members, Jill Yeomans and Yan Teng, try to stay ahead of Jenny and meet up with her every three minutes to provide water, sustenance and moral support along the way.

Jill was quick to respond to a request for crew members, as she and her family have spent their summers together in Keene Valley, NY. "I'm retired, I'll do it," Jill exclaimed.

Hoffman began her second transcontinental run from Los Angeles to New York on September 17, 2023. When she first tried to run across the country in 2019, her knee suddenly gave out in Akron, Ohio after running just over 2500 miles in 42 days.

"I have visualized this journey every single day for the last 4 years," Jenny stated as she prepared to begin her journey. "I am excited and nervous and 100% determined."

Day after day, Jenny wakes up at 3:15 a.m., climbs out of the RV by 4 a.m., and manages to run an average of 60-65 miles per day. She ran day 28 in memory of her father, Edward Louis

Hoffman, Jr., who had a great appreciation for the natural world. Beginning in 1984, Jennifer spent many happy summers at the Ausable Club near Keene Valley with her parents. Her father taught her to work hard, to seek the best, to believe in herself, to give frequent compliments to others, and to love chocolate (when he walked into any restaurant, the first thing he always said to the staff was “save me 2 pieces of your best chocolate cake”).

Jenny’s father had a special love for the Adirondack Mountains in upstate New York where Jenny trained all summer for this journey across the U.S. “My father supported my every effort and firmly believed that I could do anything I set out my mind to do. He approached everything in life with unstoppable enthusiasm and determination.”

“It’s simultaneously exciting and terrifying,” Jenny says of the journey. “No matter how close I am to the finish line, it’s not over until the very last step,” Jenny remarked in a facebook update.

You can track her progress live via this garmin page: <https://share.garmin.com/runjennyrun>



Her crew members are chief Jill Yeomans (r) and Yanting Teng (l) flanking Hoffman between Mount Ayr and Kellerton Monday. Crew members coordinate logistics and drive the RV throughout the journey.