



(Staff photo by Larry Funk)

Ken Sallee, representing the soil and conservation service, hands a cup of water at the halfway point to competitor Larry Erbert during the 10-K portion of the Conservation Run along the Clinton Parkway.

Race backers get Reagan message

About 120 people took part in a rainy 5-kilometer and 10-kilometer Run for Conservation here Saturday, and President Ronald Reagan took note of the the Lawrence event Monday with a telegram.

The "run" was sponsored by the Douglas County Conservation District to celebrate the 50th year of the national soil and water conservation movement. Don Palmateer, chairman for the conservation district, Monday received the following telegram from President Reagan.

"I am delighted to extend my greetings to all those in the Douglas County Conservation District who gathered for a run for conservation. I have long believed that our nation has a God-given responsibility to preserve and protect our natural resource heritage, our physical health, our social happiness . . . our economic well-being will be sustained only to the extent

that we act as thoughtful stewards of our abundant natural resources.

"I believe that with love for our natural heritage and a firm resolve to preserve it with wisdom and care, we can and will give an America to our children not impaired but enhanced. And in doing this, we will honor the great and loving God who gave us this land in the first place. Nancy (Mrs. Reagan) joins me in wishing you a joyous celebration."

The route of the Lawrence races was along Clinton Parkway, beginning and ending at Holcom Park. The categories, winners and times as announced by the county conservation office:

10-K Male: Age 20-29 — 1. Paul Wolf, 34:43; 2. David Wheaton; 3. F. Sherman Everhart. Age 30-39 — 1. Larry Spray, 34:16; 2. Daniel Baumert; 3. Greg Samples. Age 40-49 — 1. E. Lynn Wren, 41:33; 2. Charles Blomberg; 3. Robert Manning. 50 and over — 1. Ray Mansfield, 43:07; 2. Robert Whipple.

5-K Male: Age 13 and under — 1. Joel Crider, 22:57; 2. Matthew Erwin; 3. Matthew Roberts. Age 14-19 — 1. Allen Levine, 21:24; 2. Garrett Cochran, 21:25. Age 20-29 — 1. Leonard Gorman, 16:46; 2. Brian Morray; 3. R. Thomas Wolf. Age 30-39 — 1. John Reinhart, 17:13; 2. Gene Wee; 3. David Mannering. Age 40-49 — 1. Lester Crider, 21:26; 2. Keith Balzer; 3. A. Dean Warner. 50 and over — 1. Pete Finney, 18:59.

10-K Female: Age 30-39 — 1. Diana Swob, 54:07; 2. Catherine Hopkins.

Age 20-29 — 1. Ann Rouse, 45:19; 2. Darlene Parish; 3. Nancy Black.

5-K Female: Age 14-19 — 1. Sylvia Sanders, 25:42; 2. Susie Sterk. Age 20-29 — 1. Gloria Prother, 23:07; 2. Bunnie Watkins; Lynda Kiefer. Age 30-39 — 1. Dee Boeck, 20:11; 2. Joanie Starks; 3. Vanessa Mock. Age 40-49 — 1. Sondra McCoy, 24:22; 2. Dede Dresser; 3. Barbara Henderson. Age 50 and over — 1. Ginny Neis, 28:46.

Overall winners receiving plaques: 5-K Male, Leonard Gorman, 16:46; 5-K Female, Dee Boeck, 20:11; 10-K Male, Larry Spray, 34:16; 10-K Female, Ann Rouse, 45:19.