

# Reagan Run

The Reagan Run began in 2000 as a Dixon Main Street event with major sponsors of the Telegraph and KSB Hospital. The Dixon Athletic Boosters provided the on-course volunteers for the 315 entrants. The objective was to provide a healthy, family oriented running event since there was no longer a running event in the community. When you fast forward to 2018 the Reagan Run Committee sponsored the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Reagan Run with those same major sponsors, Telegraph and KSB Hospital, and wide support from community businesses and participants. The 2018 major sponsors were:

- **Telegraph**
- **KSB Hospital**
- **Dixon YMCA**
- **Ace Hardware**
- **Ken Nelson Auto Group**
- **CliftonLarsonAllen**
- **Chris Hammitt State Farm**
- **US Bank**
- **Subway**
- **Johnson CPA, LLC**
- **Bonnell Truck Equipment**
- **Culver's**
- **Harrison Insurance**
- **Community State Bank**
- **Dixon Ford**
- **Sauk Valley Bank**
- **Dixon Autobody Clinic**
- **Rayovac**
- **Carlson Acupuncture & Chiropractic Clinic**
- **Edward Jones**
- **Mama Cimino's**
- **Supreme Cleaners**
- **Hicks Insurance**
- **Orthopedic and Sports Therapy Institute**
- **Pest Control Consultants**
- **Invenergy**
- **Ag Perspectives Inc.**
- **1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Amboy**
- **Boss Carpet One**
- **Don Knight's Electric, LLC**
- **McDonald's**
- **IMT Insurance**
- **Palmyra Pub & Eatery**
- **Anne's Garden Center**
- **Preston Schilling Funeral Home**
- **Venier Jewelers**
- **Arthur's Deli**
- **Meadows Monster**
- **Dixon Petunia Festival**

Also lending support are the following:

- Dixon Food Center
- City of Dixon
- Advance EMS
- 3-D Sound
- Republic Services
- Oliver's Food Pride
- River Country 101.7/WIXN AM 1460
- Grot Imaging Studio

- Massage Therapists
- Wal-Mart & Wal-Mart Distribution
- Bay Valley Foods
- Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home
- Blackhawk Insurance
- S & D Construction
- Dixon Park District
- Dixon Main Street
- Dixon Police Department
- Dixon Fire Department
- River City Race Management
- Dixon Athletic Boosters
- Dixon Traffic Maintenance Dept.
- Dixon Kiwanis Morning Club
- Destinations Travel Services
- Snyder's
- Crawford Realty
- Wipfli
- Paul Katner
- Russ' Repair
- Arch Vending
- G & M Distributors
- Raynor's
- Holland and Sons
- Rayovac
- Wolber's
- Culligan's
- Rock River Endodontics
- Dixon High School
- Sauk Valley Insurance
- Exceptional Dentistry
- Tucker Painting
- Rockin' Nutrition
- Main Squeeze
- American Leak
- Stone Bridge Running
- Steve Fassler

Due to this tremendous support the entry fees have remained the same (\$20 early entry fee) since 2009 and the participants are provided a high-quality, wicking shirt as well as post-race refreshments.

The committee started gearing up in January and as a result of the actions of a lot of volunteers and support of their generous sponsors puts on one of the finest and most unique road races in Northern Illinois. The participation has increased over time due to the fact that it is a well-run race, has an unconventional course and is a bargain compared to entry fees for other area races.

The 2017 event had 1,537 entrants and 1,391 runners and walkers who crossed the finish line. The 18 Reagan Runs have had 17,524 finishers while the number of wonderful sponsors has grown, as well as in-kind partnerships. The not-for-profit, volunteer Reagan Run Committee has given **\$240,237** back to the community and **\$29,298** this past year to the following organizations:

- Dixon Main Street
- Dixon Athletic Boosters
- Dixon Park District (Used \$ to recently resurface the Lowell Parkway Trail-"Bike Path")
- Dixon YMCA
- Dixon Police Association
- Reagan Boyhood Home
- City of Dixon (Reimbursement for overtime costs incurred for the event)
- Dixon Firefighters Charitable Association
- Dixon High School Athletic Department
- **\$500 Scholarships to Graduating High School Seniors** (2 in 2015, 4 in 2016, 5 - \$600 scholarships awarded in 2017 and expecting to award 6 - \$500 scholarships in 2018)