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KDOT assists as the Eisenhower Marathon takes place in Dickinson County

Saturday, April 14, 2012, beginning at 7 a.m. the annual Eisenhower Marathon will once again take place in Dickinson County. The race, hosted by the R. H. Viola Family with assistance from the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, begins on south Buckeye in Abilene between the Catholic Church and the Eisenhower Center, travels south to 2000 Ave., east through Brown's Park, then south on Hawk Road to 1900 Ave., and back west to K-15. Once on K-15 runners will travel south to 1400 Ave., and then west 2.2 miles to the turnaround point, returning to Abilene running the same course in reverse.

The Kansas Department of Transportation will set up barricades clearing the path for the runners while providing a detour for area traffic. The detour will take north bound K-15 traffic east on 1400 Ave., beginning at the Rural Center School house east to Jeep Road, then north on Jeep Road to 2200 Ave., then west on 2200 Ave., back to K-15 in the city of Abilene. The south bound K-15 traffic will follow the same route first going east on 2200 Ave., and then south on Jeep Road. K-15 traffic will be diverted beginning at 6:30 a.m. Saturday and will reopen to normal traffic at 1 p.m. Area traffic control will be provided by the Kansas Highway Patrol, the Dickinson County Sheriff's Dept. and the Abilene Police Dept.

More than 950 runners coming from 40 states and from several foreign countries are expected to participate. Additional races include the half-marathon, 10K, 5K and Community Walk (2 miles).

Proceeds from the marathon will go to nearly two dozen area nonprofits that are helping families in need in Dickinson County.

Inquiries can be sent to June De Weese, Event Coordinator at eisenhowermarathon@yahoo.com. For more information go to www.eisenhowermarathon.com.

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