

Two Sheridan County bridges to be replaced, traffic rerouted

A project to replace two bridges about eight miles east of Hoxie on U.S. 24 in Sheridan County will begin as early as today. Both span the South Fork of the Solomon River. The project includes grading, bridge reconstruction and resurfacing. Once the reconstruction phase starts, traffic will be directed onto temporary 'shoofly' detours along the south side of each bridge.

"These two projects will be constructed at the same time, with approximately the same starting and completion dates," said Construction Engineer Nick Rogers, of the Kansas Department of Transportation's Hays office.

The speed limit will be reduced to 55 mph within through both work zones. The department advises drivers to plan on brief delays and slow down through the area.

Both construction contracts — combined totaling \$3,773,771 — were awarded to King Construction Inc. of Hesston. Subcontractors on the job include Advanced Land Surveying and Drafting, construction staking, Hays; Road-safe Traffic Systems, traffic control, El Dorado; Cahoj Earthmoving Inc., grading, Atwood; Fulsom Brothers, guardrail, Cedar Vale; Gary A. Crain, bridge deck grooving, Prague, Okla.; McCormick

Excavation and Paving, asphalt paving, Stratton, Colo.; HWA Davis Construction and Supply, concrete paving, Newton; and Dickhut Seed Co., erosion control and seeding, Scott City.

Weather permitting, the projects will be complete by fall 2014. For questions, contact Rogers at (785) 625-9718 or nrorgers@ksdot.org in Hays, or Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

Tax institute to hold training here

The 65th Annual Kansas Income Tax Institute, designed to provide information, will be in Colby on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 6 and 7, at the Comfort Inn, 2227 S. Range.

The institute, sponsored by K-State Research and Extension, is coordinated by Kansas State University's Department of Agricultural Economics.

"This year's program will review recent cases and rulings and key legislation," said Extension agricultural economist Rich Llewelyn. "It will cover newly

enacted regulations and procedures critical to tax practitioners, and practical information to facilitate the filing of individual, small business and farm tax returns."

Presenters will include Roger McEowen, director of the Iowa State University Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation, and speakers representing the Internal Revenue Service and the Kansas Department of Revenue.

The training will be held in eight locations statewide. Other trainings include:

- Garden City — Nov. 5 to 6, Clarion Inn, 1911 E. Kansas Ave.
 - Hays — Nov. 7 to 8, Ft. Hays State University, Memorial Union Ballroom, 600 Park St.
- Continuing-education credits for accountants, lawyers, real estate agents and tax professionals are available. The fee is \$250 for the full conference, or \$200 for one day. Detailed information is available at www.agmanager.info/events/Tax%20Institute/2013.asp or by contacting Llewelyn at (785) 532-1504 or rvl@ksu.edu.


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