

Chip seal planned on Hwy. 207 from Ruggs to Hwy. 19

Beginning June 5, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be chip sealing 41 miles of the Heppner-Spray Highway (OR 207C). The project will run from milepost 41 at the junction of Oregon Highway 19, 2.5 miles east of Spray, to milepost zero at the junction of OR 206 (at Ruggs).

The work is expected to be completed around June 22. All dates are dependent on weather conditions that may impact the project start and end times.

A chip seal consists of embedding rock chips into a layer of emulsified oil to help preserve and extend the useful life of existing pavement surfaces.

Travelers on the highways should expect up to 20-minute delays, reduced speeds, loose rock on the

roadway, flaggers and pilot cars directing single lane traffic through the work zones. Minor delays can be expected during nighttime/early morning hours for road sweeping.

Drivers are asked to reduce speeds and watch for construction activities in the area. Plan extra travel time and slow down to prevent loose rock from flying onto other vehicles. Crews will sweep the roadway, but some loose rock will be present for several days after chip seal.

Bicycle riders should be prepared for traveling on rock chip covered highway sections behind a pilot car with no usable shoulders. Use alternate routes or delay travel to avoid the chip seal work zone. Pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will be provided

access through or around the work zone.

Ranchers, farmers and property owners are asked to keep farm equipment off the impacted highway sections during and up to two days after the chip sealing. Also, adjust irrigation pivots and lawn sprinklers to keep water off the roadway. If you have plans for moving livestock on these highway sections, please advise the ODOT contacts listed below for this project.

For more information on this project, contact Bob Greisen at 541-972-1770 or robert.greisen@odotoregon.gov, or Justin Reed at 541-612-2605 or justin.d.reed@odot.oregon.gov.

For updated road conditions check TripCheck.com or call 511, or 800-977-6368.

Chip seal project to begin on OR 11, finish on U.S. 730

The chip seal project planned to begin on U.S. 730 this week has been rescheduled to the week of June 12. Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) had originally planned to begin work on Hwy. 730 June 5 before moving on to OR 11. Work is now beginning on OR 11 before moving to Hwy. 730 next week.

Work will begin at the Oregon/Washington state line June 8. Work from the Umatilla River Bridge to Irrigon is scheduled for June 13, with work from Irrigon to the I-84 junction on June 14.

Travelers can expect flaggers and pilot cars directing single lane traffic through work zones, delays up to 20 minutes, reduced speeds, loose rock on the roadway, and minor delays during nighttime/early morning hours for road sweeping.

Travelers should plan extra travel time, reduce speed and watch for construction crews and equipment. Crews will sweep the roadway, but drivers should expect some loose rock to be present for several days after chip seal.

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be prepared for traveling on rock-chip covered highway sections behind a pilot car with no usable shoulders. Pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will be provided access through or

around the work zone. If possible, use alternate routes or delay travel to avoid work zones. The schedule is subject to change and may adjust from day to day.

Heppner Christian plans VBS

Heppner Christian Church is set to host Vacation Bible School July 17-21 this year, catering to pre-k through sixth-grade children. The program will

run from 9:30 a.m. to noon each day. Interested participants can register at <https://hcc-1.mycokesburyvbs.com>. For more information, call or text 541-256-0958.

Corrections

Last week's article, "CCS writer, artist team up to publish children's book," incorrectly stated that Leilani Faber obtained a master's in criminal psychology and has worked at Community Counsel-

ing Solutions for 11 years. Faber earned her master's degree in clinical psychology. She has been a therapist for 11 years but has worked at CCS for one and a half years. The editor apologizes for the errors.

Last week's article "Restored WWII memorial plaque." Tench B. Aldrich's name was spelled wrong. We apologize.

Don't forget the director...

After publication last week, we realized that the story "Audiences 'Enchanted' by student play" failed to mention drama club teacher

and play director Alaina Lemon. The editor apologizes for leaving out such a pivotal performance.

South Morrow Farm Crawl presents corn hole competition

The South Morrow Farm Crawl and Community Event is set to host a corn hole competition on June 17 at 5 p.m. Teams of two are invited to participate in this tournament, with prizes awaiting the top three teams.

The tournament is open to all ages. Teams can register for a \$10 buy-in (\$5 per person) to compete for prizes. Early registration is encouraged to secure spots in the event.

"The South Morrow Farm Crawl is dedicated to fostering community spirit and celebrating our local agriculture," said Julie Baker, representative of the OSU Extension. "We're happy to bring this engaging event to the community and provide a chance for participants to show off their corn hole abilities and have some fun."

The Grow 'em and Show 'em 4-H Club will run the event as a commu-

nity service fundraiser, and funds raised will benefit the club.

Register at southmorrowfarmcrawl.com. Contact Kacey Lathrop at lathropkc@gmail.com or Julie Baker at julie.baker@oregonstate.edu for more information or call OSU Extension at 541-676-9642.

Not ready to compete? Come out and support your favorite teams or enjoy the festivities as a spectator.

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