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## Remembering...



## Hwy. 47 work will again cause delays

Starting June 1, Apply-A-Line Inc., under contract to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will begin in-

stalling durable pavement markings (striping) on Highway 47 from the north side of Vernonia to the U.S. 26 junction.

This is one of the final steps of the paving project completed earlier this year. Weather permitting, the contractor plans to work Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for approximately 4 weeks.

The contractor will start in Vernonia and continue south to U.S. 26 during this month-long project.

In order to reduce traffic delays, striping will occur in 1/2 - 1 mile sections at a time. In active construction zones, traffic will be reduced to one lane with flaggers controlling both directions of travel. A pilot car will be used to safely move motorists through the work zone. Expect delays of up to 10 minutes during work hours. Traffic will be restored to one lane in each direction during non-work hours.

For safety, when entering the highway within a work area, wait for the pilot car in order to travel in the desired direction. It is essential to wait for the pilot car to avoid an unsafe situation to workers and other motorists.

Use caution and drive safely during the construction.

## ODF projects will limit access to Lost Lake, Spruce Run Campground

Public access to a favorite recreation area - Lost Lake and Henry Rierson Spruce Run Campground - will be negatively impacted for three years by road construction and log hauling, according to the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF).

Road projects, timber harvesting and log hauling will cause intermittent delays and road closures for the next few years, through October 2008. Forest management activities are planned for portions of the Lost Lake-August Fire forest road system between Lower Nehalem Road (near Henry Rierson Spruce Run Campground) and U.S. Highway 26 (near mile post 27 at the Quartz Creek forest road).

Road projects designed to improve vehicle access and

safety in the area are scheduled annually from May 1 to October 31.

Log hauling will occur throughout the year. The location, direction and timing of hauling operations will be west via Lost Lake Road in the winter, and east via August Fire Road/Quartz Creek Road year-round. All operations are weather dependent.

Driving conditions during these time periods will be extremely hazardous and drivers should be alert for heavy equipment and truck traffic at all times. Drivers are encouraged to drive slowly and monitor posted Citizens Band radio channels and all road signs.

For up-to-date closure and truck traffic information, contact the ODF Astoria District office at (503) 325-5451.

The poignant sound of Taps filled the air at Memorial Day services in Vernonia.

## County will charge inmates for room, board and materials used

Inmates sentenced to the Columbia County Jail will now have to pay for their sojourn in the slammer.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office has received approval from the Board of Commissioners to charge all sentenced inmates for items and services that are provided while they are incarcerated in the Columbia County Jail, as authorized by state law.

When an inmate is released from the jail, he or she will receive a bill with a boarding fee of \$10 per day. Other items will include a hygiene kit at \$2.15 and a \$1.00 Inmate ID card. There will be charges for hair

cuts, medical/nurse visits, replacement ID Cards, razors, and copies of legal materials. All over-the-counter medications, as well as prescription medications, will be billed to the inmate's commissary account.

The inmate will have 30 days after release to pay the bill or set up a payment plan. If no payment is received within 30 days, the account will be turned over to a collection agency.

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