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Life stories in salmon eyes

Lenses reveal history, habitats, and meals

Scientists from the University of California have demonstrated they can use isotopic analysis of the eye lenses of freshwater fish — including threatened and endangered salmon — to reveal a fish's life history and what it ate along the way.

They conducted their study, "Advancing diet reconstruction in fish eye lenses" based on field-based experiments in California's Central Valley. Researchers say the study carries implications for managing floodplains, fish and natural resources; prioritizing habitat restoration efforts; and understanding how landscape disturbances impact fish.

habitat.

"It's like a little diet journal the fish keeps for us, which is really nice," Tilcock said.

To uncover that history, researchers perform what Tilcock said is "like peeling the world's tiniest onion." With fine-tipped forceps, they remove layer after layer, revealing a veritable Russian nesting doll of eye lenses. At the end is a tiny ball, like what you'd find in a silica packet, that can shatter like glass. This is the core, where the fish's eyes first began to develop.

Relative to other archival tissue, fish eyeballs are especially rich in protein. The isotopic values in the

"Even the nerdiest fish biologists say, 'You can do what with fish eyes?'"

The technique had previously been used in marine environments, but this is its first use for freshwater fish, many of which are threatened or endangered. Lead author Miranda Bell Tilcock, an assistant specialist with the UC Davis Center for Watershed Sciences, helped pioneer the technique for freshwater fish.

"Even the nerdiest fish biologists say, 'You can do what with fish eyes?'" said co-author and team co-lead Rachel Johnson, a research fisheries biologist with NOAA Fisheries' Southwest Fisheries Science Center and associate with the UC Davis Center for Watershed Sciences. "This is an exciting new tool we can use to measure the value of different habitats and focus conservation work."

Much like tree rings, fish eyeballs are archival. The lenses grow in layers throughout life, recording as chemical signatures the habitats used while each layer was forming and locking in the dietary value of what the fish ate in each

food webs bind to protein in the eye, leaving tell-tale geochemical fingerprints that isotopic analysis can uncover.

The first field-based experiments using the technique for freshwater fish took place on the Yolo Bypass of California's Central Valley. Here, fall-run, juvenile chinook salmon grew in three distinct food webs: river, floodplain and hatchery.

Scientists then conducted stable isotope analyses on the eye lenses of an adult salmon to reveal its diet history from birth to death. Stable isotopes are forms of atoms that don't decay into other elements and are incorporated into a fish's tissue through its diet. They can be used to trace origins, food webs and migratory patterns of species.

Taking the premise of "you are what you eat," the study's authors looked at the chemical crumbs of carbon, nitrogen and sulfur values in the eye lenses to determine which food webs and habitats the

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U of East Anglia

Rich in protein, fish eyeballs create a birth-to-death record of activities ranging from food intake to migratory patterns.

Hearings starting as fire cleanup continues

Legislators hear from victims and locals pitch in over the weekend



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Over 100 volunteers - both locals and others from the Cascade Response Team, the Reach Out World Wide team and area contractors - all pitched in over the weekend to clean up 20 Blue River area lots.

SALEM: "We're here to get a to do list from you and learn how to make you whole," was the way District 21 State Representative Brian Clem opened Monday night's virtual meeting of the Oregon House Special Committee on Wildlife Recovery. "We want to hear how you're doing - unfiltered - from the ground," he added.

The response came in both verbal and written input from people affected by the Beachie Creek, Lionshead, Holiday Farm and Archie Creek Fires that destroyed large tracts of the state this year.

Recovery costs, ranging from getting rid of debris and dead trees to rebuilding, were on the mind of Tish Hathaway of Vida.

She went on to write that, "It seems particularly unjust in the area of timber, where so much of the timber is being provided by this area, and yet those planning to rebuild will not recoup any benefit in purchasing lumber at now extremely inflated costs."

As a solution, Hathaway suggested a rebate for people rebuilding in fire areas so they could buy lumber at pre-fire costs.

Committee members also received input from the other affected areas, including Detroit, Oregon, where many said they were still without running water. Several who lived there were also critical of the low level of public assistance they'd received, often targeting criticisms at the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Both FEMA and the Small Business Administration were of concern to Debi Heller and

her husband. The couple had purchased their land in the 51000 block for their retirement but have been fighting FEMA, the SBA and the Red Cross since September 26 of last year over loan denials.

"Now we have no shop, no RV, no woodshed, no electricity, no water, no anything. It is a total disaster," according to Heller.

"Who exactly is responsible for this big mess we find ourselves in?" she asked. "Does it really matter? The people who have suffered losses from this disaster deserve help from our government. I have paid my taxes on time my whole adult life and never asked for a thing," she added.

Nearby, Geri Betz reported she's been busy dealing with bureaucracies as well when trying to replace two manufactured homes that were victims to the Holiday Farm Fire. She has been trying to obtain building permits to replace the dwellings since shortly after the fire.

One home was located within the mapped Floodway of the McKenzie River and was allowed in 1996 because surveying showed it was located above the 100 year flood elevation. Lane County at that time agreed. Now, however, she's being required to go through a \$2,756 Floodway Development Permit process and hire a surveyor to reconfirm that the site is above the 100 year floodplain elevation.

As if that wasn't enough, Betz soon after to get a \$3,946 Earthquake Liquefaction technical report that luckily showed it wasn't a concern for her property.

In addition, both sites require application for a sewage system

inspection at a cost of over \$900 each.

"I am not faulting Lane County for these problems," Betz wrote. "I believe that their hands are tied and that they are unable to do much to expedite the replacement of dwellings under current local, State and Federal rules and regulations. It is essential that the Oregon Legislature adopt regulations that reduce the complications involved in the replacement of our homes and send a message to the Counties and City that they are to be positive and proactive in the help of the victims of the wildfire to allow replacement of their dwellings."

During her testimony, East Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch reminded legislators the recovery process could go on for years. She also pointed out that the McKenzie area's communities are all unincorporated, with many elderly homeowners and many lots that were "non-conforming use properties."

"Things are very different inside and outside cities," Buch cautioned. "Our highest focus is to continue to represent people but we really need your help."

Clem said the February 22nd committee hearing was only the first of what is expected to be several. Written comments are still being accepted until Sunday, February 28th at: House Special Committee on Wildfire Recovery, 900 Court Street NE, Room 453, Salem, OR 97301 or by email at: hwrec.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov.

Letters to the Editor

Rebuilding blues

My home was destroyed in the Holiday Farm fire also much of my 60 acres of timber zoned F2, my shop and our water system. One of 2 rentals was destroyed and the other damaged. Neither rental was insured.

With the help of my two daughters we are diligently trying to replace one of the rentals. This will allow our tenants a young couple with a 9-month-old baby to return to our property and be caretakers for it. Their cabin was located right next to the creek in the riparian zone, because of the lot layout we are unable to relocate it on the lot out of the riparian zone (we strongly feel we need to be farther away from the creek both for water quality and safety purposes) and still meet the criteria for replacement. Because of this we want to place a new mobile home for them on the adjacent lot zoned RR5. The lot in question was purchased from the Oregon Department of Transportation in 1967 for cash. The lot has been taxed

by Lane County for all those years as a developable lot.

Now the county demands that we prove it is a legal lot all over again, saying that it is only a preliminary lot. In 1993 PA: 2398-93 the county confirmed it was a legal lot. They insist we pay \$1,005 and give us 150 days to basically provide them with the exact paperwork they provided us in 1993 to again, prove it's a legal lot. We submitted the cash and paperwork January, 5, 2021. I absolutely do not agree that even with some code changes that this should not have been accepted as a legal lot. Nothing has changed otherwise so why would a legal lot revert to a preliminary legal lot. Someday maybe this year Lane County will let baby Ezmay have a home out of the rain, just maybe.

I have not started on replacing my home yet, I just hope to live long enough to return. With Lane county planning a 91-year-old does not have much of a chance. The application to rebuild my home in F2 zoning is 12 pages

and seems no less complicated or streamlined than their previous forms. One requirement is [A written statement indicating whether a railroad-highway crossing provides or will provide the only access to land that is the subject of an application] there is NO railroad within 30 miles. How in the world can they not know this? It's an example of excessive burden. [Applicant's Burden. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide evidence demonstrating that the application complies with all applicable standards and criteria.] this for a 70-year-old legal home that burned.

This is not grandfathering the rebuild, it is a money making con and a waste of everyone's time.

I have been involved with Land Use planning in Lane County from the beginning. Mostly as an adversary of unwise applications. What started out as a good thing has deteriorated into a horrible money-making bureaucratic mess.

This letter was sent to the Special Committee on Wildfire Recovery, Holiday Farm Fire.

Respectfully yours
James Baker



Salmon eyes

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fish used at various life stages.

They found that fish on the floodplain grew quickly and appeared to grow additional laminae, or layers of lenses, during the 39-day study compared to fish reared in the river or hatchery. Also, the Yolo Bypass is home to rice fields, which decompose to add unique sulfur and carbon values — a strong clue for researchers tracing which habitats fish use.

"This tool is not just unique to salmon in the Central Valley," Tilcock said. "There are many migratory species all over the world that need freshwater habitat. If you can isolate their habitat and value for diet, you can quantify it for long-term success."

For example, co-author and team co-leader Carson Jeffres, field and lab director at UC Davis' Center for Watershed Science, used the technique recently on fish in Brazil to look at changes in the food web there following a dam's construction.

Tilcock, Johnson and Jeffres are part of an "Eyes and Ears" project at UC Davis funded by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The project studies fish life history through eye lenses and otoliths, which are found within a fish's ears.

"You use the otolith to trace the river or hatchery where a fish was born based on the unique geology and water chemistry of the tributaries in the San Francisco Bay watershed," Johnson said. "Then you have the eye lens, which tells you where it's eating to help identify floodplain habitats."

"They really work together to present a fuller picture of how salmon move and what they eat as they use different mosaics of habitats across the landscape over their lifetime" said Jeffres. "Now we have the tool we have been looking for to link juvenile floodplain benefits across the salmon life cycle to adulthood. It's the holy grail of measuring restoration success."



2001 Eagle Boys Basketball Season Was A Dogfight

"It's not the size of the dog in the fight. It's the size of the fight in the dog."

Mark Twain.

Twain's insightful adage well describes the team first year McKenzie Head Coach Mike Wiley inherited in 2000-01. Long time (22 seasons at that time) Eagle Head Coach Galen Scrivner decided to hand the reins of the McKenzie Boys Basketball team over to one of his past players. Indeed, Coach Wiley had played for 'Coach Scriv' back in the late 70's, graduating in 1980.

Scrivner didn't step aside and leave an empty cupboard for his protégé. The 1999-2000 Eagle Varsity Boys Basketball team posted a fine 16-8 overall record, including a Trico League 10-5 record, good for a third place tie with Lowell. The Eagle Boys also finished 11-2 that season at home. Five talented seniors graduated from the 2000 team, Jason Young, Andrew Jones, Curt Edwards, Daniel DuBell, and Nick Parazoo, which was almost half of the team, some decent height and a lot of game experience.

Incoming, however, was a freshman foursome that had forged a very successful middle school experience and had yet to learn how to respect their elder players. These freshmen, Devin Banks, Garrett Cline, Jacob Egan, and Todd Richardson, were not tall but they were quick and loved

to run, mix it up and learn different aspects of their game. They stepped on the court with an attitude and would push their older teammates.

To their credit the older McKenzie players embraced the new system Coach Wiley introduced, the new discipline that came with putting on the Eagle uniform, and the insolence of those younger players. It was the right formula for a fresh basketball era at McKenzie.

Proof in the new pudding didn't become evident right away, however. As in many things, change takes time. Following several weeks of pre-season practice, the 2001 Eagle boys opened with a non-league game at home against Triangle Lake, and lost 52-56, despite holding a 7 point half-time lead, and senior Casey Cline dropping in 24 points.

McKenzie quickly re-grouped at the Harrisburg Tournament, defeating both Warrenton in overtime, 61-52, and host Harrisburg in the Championship game, 54-48. Senior Jared Woods led his Eagle teammates against Warrenton with 19 points and fellow senior David Fenley added 17 pts. Fenley would literally unload against Harrisburg, scoring 31 pts. to lead all scorers.

Still on the road during the pre-season, the Eagles traveled to Oregon's south coast for the Pacific Tournament. In the first game of the tournament, Powers, led by Jeremy Mowe's 18 pts (Mowe's sister, Jenny, starred at the University of Oregon), defeated the Eagles 57-46. Woods led the Eagles with 21 pts. and Casey Cline added 15 pts. McKenzie came back to claim third place in the tournament with a 82-19 victory over Camas Valley. Five Eagles

scored in double figures in that game, Fenley, Casey Cline, and Jacob Egan with 11 pts., and Jared Woods and Ryan Spiro chipping in 10 pts.

The Boys from the Mohawk were the next scheduled opponent and arrived at Finn Rock with a whole lot of swagger of their own. Led by Thurston transfer Jimmy Craig and coached by Bart Rothenberger, Mohawk turned a 21-21-half-time lockup into a 48-32 wallop of the home team. Craig scored 14 pts. and John Ness helped him with 12 pts. Woods with 11 pts. and Fenley with 10 pts. led the Eagle effort.

Mohawk out rebounded their hosts 35-22 and Eagle turnovers coming from the intense Mohawk defense doomed McKenzie. Coach Wiley at the time lamented, "We were sloppy with the ball. We got fatigued and that's no excuse."

It was an important wake-up call for the Eagles and they would make the necessary adjustments, right after a second loss to the Lakers of Triangle Lake. That loss, played at Junction City in a four-team tournament, was followed by a 62-49 win over the Junction City Junior Varsity team.

McKenzie's pre-season record wasn't glitzy, culminating at 4-4. But the team began to take notes and learn from their new coaching staff. The lessons learned (and continually so) began to bear fruit.

The 2A Trico League season began with the ever-dangerous Central Linn Cobras. Harrisburg would be the pre-season favorite, but Lowell, Monroe, and Oakridge all intended to make their mark. The pre-season schedule had been a bone to chew on.

It was time for the dogfight. It was time to show the size of the fight in the dog!!

Ski Report

February 23, 2021

The Hoodoo Ski Area reported on Tuesday that an inch of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 113 inches at mid-mountain. Predictions called for crisp, wintery Tuesday along with moderate winds but with gusts up to 50 mph. Seven out of 15 lifts were open, along with 108 of the 117 trails. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported tempera-

tures of 18 degree at the base and 14 degrees at mid-mountain on Tuesday. An inch of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 113 inches at mid-mountain. Predictions called for crisp, wintery Tuesday along with moderate winds but with gusts up to 50 mph. Seven out of 15 lifts were open, along with 108 of the 117 trails. For more information call 541-382-7888.

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Friday 2/26				Saturday 2/27				Sunday 2/28			
McKenzie Valley		Santiam Pass		McKenzie Valley		Santiam Pass		McKenzie Valley		Santiam Pass	
Rain	Snow	AM Rain/Snow Shwrs	Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy							
90% chance precip	90% chance precip	30% chance precip	35% chance precip	25% chance precip	20% chance precip						
High: 45 Low: 36	High: 29 Low: 21	High: 49 Low: 35	High: 33 Low: 21	High: 55 Low: 38	High: 39 Low: 26	High: 55 Low: 38	High: 39 Low: 26	High: 55 Low: 38	High: 39 Low: 26	High: 55 Low: 38	High: 39 Low: 26

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
2/16	51	43	0.50	350 cfs	2/16	48	40	0.49	8,820 cfs
2/17	52	40	0.16	370 cfs	2/17	48	37	0.18	7,270 cfs
2/18	47	41	1.73	370 cfs	2/18	51	37	0	6,290 cfs
2/19	49	41	0.86	370 cfs	2/19	47	41	1.19	9,400 cfs
2/20	47	40	0.39	370 cfs	2/20	47	38	0.65	8,970 cfs
2/21	45	42	0.12	380 cfs	2/21	51	39	0.10	7,780 cfs
2/22	44	42	0.07	370 cfs	2/22	44	40	0.08	7,050 cfs

Mariner survived shipwreck by being trapped inside

By Finn J.D. John

It was the dark early-morning hours of Feb. 13, 1911, and off the north coast of Oregon the gasoline-powered motor schooner Oshkosh was in serious trouble.

The Oshkosh was a coastwise cargo ship, but it wasn't much bigger than a large yacht. It was 89 feet long and rated at just 145 tons. It was also nearly brand new, built in 1909 at the Kruse and Banks Shipyard in North Bend.

The little freighter was only about a year and a half old. It would not see two.

The Oshkosh had left Tillamook Bay a day before, headed for the Umpqua River. In twenty-four hours of pounding abuse, its twin 100-horsepower gasoline engines roaring the whole time, it had made no headway against the 75-knot southwest wind; in fact, it had been blown back up the coast until it was just off the Columbia Bar. Also, one of the very first big waves to hit the ship had torn its lifeboat loose and crammed it into the deckhouse, destroying the galley and broaching the fresh water tanks, which quickly were topped off with seawater.

In desperation, Captain Thomas Latham turned the tiny ship around shoreward for a desperate gamble: A run across the Columbia River Bar in the midst of what amounted to a hurricane.

This was like playing Russian

roulette, only with four or five shells in the revolver rather than just one. If the tide was ebbing and the Oshkosh managed by sheer luck to avoid the shoal sands, it just might make it. But it was a desperate gamble, and the fact that a seasoned schooner skipper like Latham would even consider it speaks volumes about the trouble the Oshkosh was in.

They didn't get far before Latham lost the bet. As it struggled to make headway against the outbound current, the underpowered schooner was blown out of the channel and into the breakers at the side of the bar. A colossal comber came down on the tiny ship with a sublime and terrible finality.

Down below, in the engine room, the Oshkosh's engineer, George May, was struggling to keep the ship's twin 100-horsepower engines happy, coaxing as much power out of them as he could, when it happened. The engine room lifted high, like an elevator car shooting up, then abruptly lurched to one side, slamming May into a bulkhead like a bean being shaken in a box. Loose furniture crashed into him. A big drawer full of steel bolts, pipes and spare parts shot out of its cabinet and made for May like a cruise missile; he somehow managed to get out of its way before it pounded into the bulkhead beside

him with crushing force.

Then he realized he was lying on the ceiling. The ship had turned turtle.

He reached for the steel-caged light bulb as it faded to a dull glow and then left him in darkness. The two engines roared, spinning the screws in the air, before shutting down, starved of fuel and air. May was left in absolute blackness, feeling seawater starting to rise.

It didn't rise very far, though. Although May had the companionway hatch open, the engine room was airtight, and formed a bubble.

The ship continued to be muscled around by the storm and the breakers, although it presented a much lower profile to the wind and the surface waves now that it was upside down. The water on the engine room overhead was now several inches deep, and May had to cling to bulkhead fittings as the ship was tossed around.

Finally, hours later, the motion of the ship slowed to a gentle swaying.

Then May thought he saw a light. Just the faintest hint of a glow, coming from out of the blackness at his feet — and then nothing. Then it was back, a little brighter this time.

Then he felt the ship bump on something and realized it was the beach. The glow was sunlight reflected on the sandy bottom, seen

through the open companionway.

May fought the urge to claw his way out into the light. He knew the water out there was bone-chillingly cold, and he was plenty chilly already from the oily water in the engine room. The ship was also on the move, and there was a chance he'd get pinned by it as he tried to swim out, temporarily blinded by the saltwater.

He waited. The ship bumped again, and again. The light came and went, more bright and more frequent. And then, finally, with an unusually heavy thump, the ship stuck.

The tide gradually receded, and May was free.

He was the only one of the crew that made it. Had he not been spared, the fate of the Oshkosh would have gone down as another Oregon Coast maritime mystery — one of the upside-down hulls that occasionally floated ashore, empty and lifeless, the story of their final moments unknown and unknowable.

(Sources: Marshall, Don. *Oregon Shipwrecks*. Portland: Binford, 1984; Gibbs, James Jr. *Pacific Graveyard*. Portland: Binford, 1950; *shipbuildinghistory.com*)

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By Slim Randles

If you didn't know what time of the year it was, or what the weather was like, you could tell simply by eavesdropping at the philosophy counter of the Mule Barn coffee shop. Let's give it a try.

"Good to see you here, Doc," said Herb Collins. "That warm water on the battery trick work for you?"

"Thanks, Herb. Yep. I tried it this morning. What's that you got there?"

"Travel thingie. You know it's more than 80 degrees in Guatemala ... right now?"

"Saw a deal on TV," Dud said. "They're water skiing in Florida. You can go fishing down there all year round."

"You going to Guatemala, Herb?" said Doc.

"Maybe. Been thinking about it. I don't know much Spanish, though."

"All you need to know," said Dud, "is 'Hace mucho calor,' Herb."

"What's that mean?"

"Sure is hot!"

"I was just thinking yesterday," said Doc, "of the unsung beauty of sweat. You know, we take sweat for granted in summer. Heck, we even dislike it and go swimming to wash it off."

"That's a fact," Dud said.

"But I think it would be kinda fun to sweat right now. You know, just sit in a hot sun and bask like an

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GENERATIONS OF TREES

GENERATIONS OF FAMILY



Long ago, there was a great forest fire. The mice in the forest were unable to outrun the fierce flames but the mighty Douglas Fir offered protection. Today, if you look closely at the cones of a Douglas Fir, you can still see the tiny feet and tails of the mice peeking out from the cones' scales.

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Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber (www.rick-steber.com)

February 25 - Gilliam County, located in Eastern Oregon, was created February 25, 1885. The county was named in honor of Colonel Cornelius Gilliam. He was a native of North Carolina, fought in the Black Hawk Indian War, served as the sheriff of Clay County, Missouri and led a wagon train to Oregon in 1844. Three years later, Colonel Gilliam was made commander of the forces of the Oregon Provisional Government sent to punish the Cayuse Indians after the Whitman Massacre. It was near the end of this campaign when Colonel Gilliam reached into a wagon to retrieve a rope. The rope caught the hammer of a rifle and it discharged, killing him instantly. A monument to his memory was erected along the Oregon Trail at Wells Springs.

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Fire Alarm.
14:10: 43000 blk, McK. Hwy.

FASCINATING OLD LETTERS

As I read letters handwritten written by Uncle Martin (Mother's great uncle) from his travels during 1849-1866, I wonder how many people in future years will be able to hold in their hands and read letters we write today. Because few people today write letters, much less hand written ones.

In the current world of texting, emails, and social media's cryptic messages, very few people take time to write letters or even postcards. Many don't even know how to write and read handwriting. Some don't even know how to sign their name!

Uncle Martin's Travels

Uncle Martin grew up in Milan and Rhinebeck, New York State and later was a diamond merchant in New York City. His travels took him to California, Panama and Lima, Peru. After his marriage to opera singer Madame Anna Bishop, he accompanied her on worldwide tours and wrote home about their travels.

Although I haven't found any of his letters about their being shipwrecked on Wake Island and Guam in the Pacific in 1866, I discovered he had related their travels as they continued her tour to Singapore, Hong Kong and India.

Saving Letters

In those days, families saved letters, even ones written by relatives and friends in an adjoining town, to share and reread. My dad's mother saved letters written to her and her mother from uncles in the Civil War, those written to my grandfather from a niece in a neighboring state telling about her daily life.

From these we learn the history of their lives and times seen through their eyes and experienced by them. My mother saved letters I wrote to her when my husband was in the Air Force and we lived in different parts of the country. I read them and recall experiences I'd forgotten.

Will we lose portions of our

family history because we no longer write letters?

Family Recipes

As I've mentioned previously, my daughter is trying to compile and save family recipes and their stories. I'm relating to her my recollections of recipes my mother served.

POTATO CAKES or POTATO PANCAKES - this is a simple way to use leftover mashed potatoes, often served for supper since, on the farm, our main meal was the noon one.

Mother simply formed cakes from the leftover potatoes, then fried them in a skillet. She might serve fried eggs, ham, sausage or bacon with them.

Some people added a beaten egg to 2 cups of leftover mashed potatoes, along with 2 tablespoons of flour. Mix well, form into patties, and fry.

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(Mary Emma Allen writes from her NH home.)

Quote of the Week

"OK, so what's the speed of dark?"

Steven Wright

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14:38: McK. Acres Dr./Camp Creek Rd. Water Rescue. False Alarm.

Feb. 20: 17:55: 49000 blk, McKenzie Highway Smoke Check. Warming fire only.

Feb. 21: 8:59: 88000 blk, Keola Ct Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

21:04: 36000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

22:12: 38000 blk, Flowerdale Dr Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly virtual board of directors meeting on Monday; March 15th. Check the web site www.mckenziefire.com for meeting log-in/call-in information. Information will be posted the week prior to the meeting. Anyone coming to the district offices needs to make an appointment and should observe public guidelines by wearing, at minimum, gloves and a mask.

Sheriff's Report

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12:01 p.m: Theft - 91600 blk, Alma Dr.

2:21 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Cash Creek Rd. Mp. 02.

5:37 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 47900 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:23 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Hwy. 126, Mp. 45.

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Community Notes

Relief Centers change

The Blue River Center at the McKenzie Community School, has closed.

The Rainbow Relief Center at the Upper McKenzie Community Center in Rainbow is operating. Its hours are: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is closed on Thursday & Friday. The Rainbow Center will close on Tuesday, March 12th.

The Vida Relief Center, at the McKenzie River Discovery Center, on Leaburg Lake, is open from 10 am to 4 pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. It is closed on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. It's last day of operation: will be this Saturday, February 27th. The facility will remain open as an information center for the community.

Starting on March 2nd there will be a weekly food distribution every Tuesday organized by the McKenzie River Food Pantry in Blue River. The McKenzie Bible Fellowship will continue to run its monthly food pantry on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, and there are discussions about offering a weekly pantry.

People donating non-food items are encouraged to send them to St. Vincent de Paul's. For more information please contact contact Madison Kleiner at 541.514.6309

Debris dump over

Strube Flats, below Cougar Reservoir, is no longer be accepting organic yard debris from McKenzie River residents for disposal. This service was temporary in nature and was set up to benefit community cleanup efforts after the Holiday Farm Fire.

"Free organic debris disposal was a service to the community that was a small cost to residents

and partners with a big benefit to those affected by the fire," said McKenzie River District Ranger Darren Cross. "We are starting the process of chipping the debris and staging additional danger trees from the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) phase two cleanup of Highway 126."

The Strube Flats area has multiple piles and large log decks. Large log volumes are anticipated to arrive and depart daily with a lot of heavy equipment traffic. People are asked to avoid the 1900-410 Road and the Strube Flats area.

Little Eagles is reconnecting

The Littlest Eagles' early childhood family meet-up will be Zooming from 10 -10:30a.m. each Wednesday. The sessions will include a half hour of games, verses and songs, sharing and dancing. This is geared towards families from the McKenzie community with children under 6 years old, though everyone is invited. If you know a child would feel supported by seeing you "there," please come. People are welcome you to jump on or off according to their family's needs. Zoom Link: shorturl.at/ghxFH

MEF Wildfire Relief Fund

The McKenzie Education Foundation (MEF) is a small non-profit group dedicated to inspiring learning and enhancing educational opportunities in the McKenzie School District #68 and the McKenzie Community School. Recently the group has received generous donations to assist students and whose lives have been disrupted by the Holiday Farm Wildfire.

If you are the parent or guardian of a student who is currently

enrolled in the McKenzie School, you can apply for up to \$200 to support the student's learning. To apply, send your name, phone number, the name of the student(s) who are enrolled, a few sentences about how you will use the money, and the amount you need to mckedfound@gmail.com.

Donations are still being accepted at MEF, PO Box 274, Blue River, OR 97413 or online at www.mckedfound.org. If you like the mission of MEF and want to learn more, please contact them at mckedfound@gmail.com

Home Country

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old lizard and sip iced tea..."

"... and wear dark glasses," said Herb.

"... and watch girls in bikinis," said Dud.

They looked at him.

"Around here?"

"Well, no. I mean, Guatemala or Florida, you know."

"Yeah," said Herb.

"Guatemala."

About that time Loretta came up. "You boys want your coffees topped off, or should I just turn the hose on you?"

They shoved their cups forward and grinned.

"Sale on snow shovels down at the hardware store," said Doc.

"Heard that," said Dud.

Brought to you by Dogsled: A True Tale of the North, by Slim Randles. Available at Amazon.com.

Monitoring and protecting culverts



Culverts may not be the first thing to think about after a fire, but they can have some significant impacts on water quality and erosion as well as cause localized flooding.

Following a fire, sediment and woody debris can be mobilized by flowing water and travel down creeks and drainage ways. Small and medium sized culverts can easily become obstructed by debris and sediment, increasing the risk of localized erosion, road damage, and culvert failure. Protecting and maintaining culverts will help maintain stream flow, reduce erosion risk, and help maintain access to upstream habitat for fish and wildlife.

Here are a few recommendations for landowners:

- Monitor culverts and remove accumulated material on a regular basis, especially before and after rain storms. Small and moderate size debris can be removed by hand. Large wood debris may need to be cut or even removed mechanically.
- In areas with significant erosion, Check Dams (mini-dams) built with logs or rocks, can help slow water and trap sediment.

Check Dams should only be used in low gradient areas and can be fish passage barriers if not carefully installed and monitored closely.

Many culverts on small creeks are undersized and unable to accommodate large storm events and debris flows. In these cases, replacing the culvert with a larger diameter culvert is the desirable longer-term option. Residents may be able to receive technical and funding assistance for culvert replacement from local organizations.

The Pure Water Partners (PWP)

program is assessing risk to culverts as part of an integrated approach to erosion management on private properties impacted by the Holiday Farm Fire. If you are interested in assistance with erosion control, riparian restoration, or more information on culvert replacement, please sign up for a PWP site assessment by visiting www.purewaterpartners.org.

For more information on different types of erosion control measures, visit: <http://alturl.com/2dftx>



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Direct Answers

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Rushing a Deadline

After a decade-long marriage, I finally got the courage to leave. It ended a year after our child was born. Two years later I met someone I had immediate chemistry with.

She was everything I looked for in a woman, or at least that is what I felt at the time. We lived near each other and it was so easy, except that she wanted to get married and have a child. I was struggling with the ex and being a part-time father, and I was nowhere near ready to take that on again.

I was afraid it would ruin what we had. She was persistent about having a child, and it became a big issue. I just wanted her to give me time. Of course, time is the one thing a woman of 33 doesn't have.

After 15 exciting months of lovemaking, she asked to move in. Her friends needed a place to stay—they were having a house built—and she thought it would be a good test for us. Looking back, I realize she was giving me seven months to make up my mind.

When I still wasn't able to decide, she moved back home. I thought things would go back to the way they had been, but unfortunately it didn't turn out that way.

She made excuses for not getting together and picked fights. During one fight, she asked if I wanted to continue the relationship. I was so

frustrated I said, "No!" Three days later I called and said I missed her and wanted to see her. She said, "No!"

To make a long story shorter, three months later she found someone. I believe she started seeing him before we broke up, but she denied it. I mean, she works with the guy. Please!

The following year was hard on me. She left many things at my place. Finally, one day I gathered them all up and called her. She wanted to come by and get them, but I told her I would drop them off while she was at work. I could not bear to see her.

Now I am finally over it and she is calling me. The first call was last year. She told me she and her boyfriend got married. A year later she called again. This time she is pregnant. She made both calls sound like she was just calling to say "hi." When I asked how things were going, she dropped both bombs on me.

She asked if I was seeing anyone, and I told her I'm starting to get serious about someone. Then she asked if I made up my mind about children. Her tone was negative. It's almost like she was hoping my new relationship will fail.

What does she want from me? I mean, why call? She made it clear after she started the relationship with her current husband that we could never hang out, because he was jealous of me.

Robert
Robert, she called the first time to tell you she got her wedding. She called the second time to tell you she got her baby. If you had said, "I'm engaged, my girlfriend is pregnant, and we are really happy," she would have kicked herself for not waiting for you.

She wanted to know if you wanted a child. You act as if you didn't have an answer, but you did. The answer was no.

The excuse you gave dealt with a previous woman, not her. Still, you want to blame her for saying No to you after you said No to her. You also want to think, without evidence, that she jumped the gun with the other man.

You appear to be upset and sulking over the loss of a sex partner. What do you mention most enthusiastically? The good times in the bedroom. You don't say she was the sweetest person I ever met and I loved her with all my heart.

She is angry with what she feels you did to her. A happy woman doesn't call a bad boyfriend. She calls the boyfriend she hasn't gotten over.

There is an ongoing injury here, on both sides, because the two of you didn't understand you weren't right for each other.

Perhaps it is slowly dawning on her that she put the cart before the horse. Her goal was to have a child. She got that. She also got a husband who didn't put you out of her mind.

Wayne & Tamara
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American Life in Poetry

I suspect that one thing some people have against reading poems is that they are so often so serious, so devoid of joy, as if we poets spend all our time brooding about mutability and death and never having any fun. Here Cornelius Eady, who lives and teaches in Indiana, offers us a poem of pure pleasure.

Editor's Note: This column (197) is a reprint from the American Life in Poetry archive as we bid farewell to Ted Kooser, and work to finalize the new website and forthcoming columns curated by Kwame Dawes.

A Small Moment

I walk into the bakery next door To my apartment. They are about To pull some sort of toast with cheese From the oven. When I ask: What's that smell? I am being A poet, I am asking

What everyone else in the shop Wanted to ask, but somehow couldn't; I am speaking on behalf of two other Customers who wanted to buy the Name of it. I ask the woman Behind the counter for a percentage Of her sale. Am I flirting? Am I happy because the days Are longer? Here's what

She does: She takes her time Choosing the slices. "I am picking Out the good ones," she tells me. It's April 14th. Spring, with five to ten Degrees to go. Some days, I feel my duty; Some days, I love my work.

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If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours. AA Group meets Wednesday 6:00pm-7:00pm and Sunday 5:00-6:00pm at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church, 88393 Watterville Loop, a block from the Watterville Shopping Center. N/c-sub

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HOLIDAY FARM FIRE CLEANUP UPDATE



DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 1 YOU MAY SEE TREE FALLERS WORKING BETWEEN MILEPOSTS 36-38 AND 40-42.

Weather conditions or other issues may cause changes. Travelers are advised to stay alert near crews and follow traffic directions carefully.

Expect traffic delays on weekdays and Saturdays. Traffic control will be provided by flaggers or a portable traffic signal.

I signed a Right-of-Entry agreement for cleanup. After the hazard trees are removed from my property when will the ash and debris cleanup start?

You will be notified before crews begin ash and debris cleanup on your property. Once hazard trees are removed, your property is ready for cleanup. For those who opted into the cleanup program, visit wildfire.oregon.gov/cleanup to access the interactive map to track the status of your property. Type in your unique access ID in the address lookup map to see the status of your property. If you need assistance, call the hotline at 503-934-1700.

How is the Northern Spotted Owl being affected?

The Debris Management Task Force (DMTF) is aware of historical Northern Spotted Owl nesting areas within the hazard tree removal area. All work within a half-mile of those nesting areas is prioritized for completion before the nesting season gets underway. An initial environmental evaluation of the habitat in the Holiday Farm Fire area indicated that any nesting centers were likely destroyed by the fire; however, if an active nest is found it will change the schedule of tree removal in that area in order to protect the owls.

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