Bend museum plays role in fish recovery

BEND (AP) — Two Pacific lampreys have been released back into the Umatilla River after spending months at the High Desert Museum in Bend.

The Bulletin reports the museum housed the fish in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, which is trying to prevent the lamprey from becoming an endangered species.

Associate curator Jessica Stewart says the museum plans to regularly house and release lampreys, making them a consistent attraction. She says their presence has helped educate the public about fish that are a critical part of the ecosystem.

Pacific lampreys were historically abundant in the Upper Deschutes watershed, but their population has declined because of dams.

Through the work of the tribes, more have made it upstream this year. The tribes collect lampreys at Willamette Falls and Bonneville Dam, and drive them to rivers and streams in Eastern Oregon.

Book store to host authors in July

Paulina Springs Books is serving up a full slate of author visits in July.

On Wednesday, July 5 at 4 p.m. local author Marie Boswick will read from and sign her newest book, "The Promise Girls." The novel shares the story of three sisters whose deep bond is rooted in an unconventional past. Their mother, bestselling author Minerva Promise, claims her three "test-tube" daughters were engineered and molded to be geniuses. Now in adulthood the three sisters find their lives have fallen short of their mother's grand ambitions.

On Thursday, July 6, at 4 p.m. local author Jane Kirkpatrick will read from and sign her most recently released book, "This Road We Traveled." The Brown-Pringle clan is making their way from Missouri to Oregon on the Oregon Trail. Tabby Brown, the matriarch of her family, is excited when her son, Orus, returns from Oregon with news that the family will be making the trip out west. The trials they face along the way will severely test her faith, courage, and ability to hope.

What she couldn't know was how this frightening journey would impact how she understood her own life — and the greater part she had to play in history.

On Friday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m., local author Kim Cooper Findling will share a slide show of her book, "Bend, Oregon Daycations: Day Trips for Curious Families." Curious about the exciting destinations that surround this beautiful region of Central Oregon? Learn what to take, where to go, and what not to miss on 19 Oregon day trips within a two-hour radius of

Bend. Along the McKenzie River learn about the river's unique hydrology as you walk on a lava flow in the beautiful forest, or in Camp Sherman see a river spring from the ground. Join us to learn of Kim's first-hand knowledge and love of the area combined with her knack for candid reflection and laugh-out-loud storytelling.

For the complete schedule of events at Paulina Springs Books visit www.paulina springs.com or call 541-549-0866.

Paulina Springs Books located at 252 W. Hood Ave.

13-year-old drowns in river

SALEM (AP) — Divers recovered the body a 13-year-old boy who drowned in the Little North Santiam River.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office said Kendall Alexander of Tigard was swept downriver Sunday afternoon while swimming with friends at the Elkhorn Valley Campground near the unincorporated community of Mehama. Adults tried to reach him, but were unsuccessful.

The Statesman Journal reports two people have drowned in the Little North this spring, and nine have drowned there since 1999.

The water is high, swift, and cold after heavy precipitation and chilly temperatures in the first of the half of the year.





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