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Students remove the remains of camas ovens in a middle layer of the Flanagan Archeological Site, located near Eugene.

Scientists excavate oldest area artifacts

By PETER SLEETH
Of the Emerald

The oldest evidence of man's existence in the Willamette Valley has been discovered near Eugene, says a University anthropology doctoral student.

Charcoal samples taken from the Flanagan Archeological Site date from 3800 and 3620 B.C., says Kathryn Toepel, an anthropology doctoral student.

"The Flanagan Site is the best documented archeological site in the Upper Willamette Valley," she says.

The exact location of the site, somewhere on a small knoll west of Eugene, is being kept secret to protect the find, Toepel says.

Excavation has revealed three separate levels of use, she says.

In the oldest layer, dart points that predate the use of bows and arrows have been found. Toepel says that during this period "the site was probably a seasonal hunting camp — perhaps a location for hunting waterfowl."

The middle layers of the site contained several camas ovens — large numbers of rocks that were heated by fires and then used to cook camas bulbs to be stored as winter food. Bowls

and pestles, drills and projectile points also were found, she says.

"During the period from about 3,000 to 800 years ago, the site apparently was an important summer and fall camp for food preparation," Toepel says.

The 3000-year-old camas ovens are the oldest evidence of the use of camas in the Willamette Valley.

The top layer of the site contained a large number of projectile points, but no food-processing tools. Toepel says she believes the site was again a hunting camp by this time, but it was used more intensively than during the earlier period. According to Toepel, the heavier use shows a population increase in the valley.

Use of the site is known to have ended before 1700 because no evidence of beads, bracelets or other trade goods has been found during the excavation work.

Toepel says previous discoveries in the Willamette Valley have not been as old as this one. However, one site has been found on the South Santiam River in the Cascade foothills that yields 8,000-year-old evidence.

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