

EELS

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Both sexes of Pacific lamprey build a nest in sandy gravel via body vibrations and by moving small rocks with their mouth.



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An adult lamprey uses its suckling mouth to attach to river cobble prior to spawning.

Lampreys the size of a small garter snake emerge from their burrow and begin a lengthy, danger-fraught journey to the Pacific Ocean under the cover of spring freshets.

Adult Pacific lamprey have no value to sport anglers (except for use as sturgeon bait). However, they are part of the food web for sea lion, white sturgeon and fish-eating birds.

going lamprey contribute ocean-derived nutrients to tributary streams.

Coincident with hydroelectric dam development in the Columbia River, numbers of adult lampreys migrating over Bonneville Dam declined from 350,000 in the 1960s to 22,000 in 1997.

1960s. Loss of critical tributary habitat from poor irrigation practices, deforestation, grazing, and treatment with rotenone to poison "trash fish" added to the toll.

Regional Indian tribes and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lead conserva-

tion efforts to restore runs of Pacific lamprey populations. Lampreys dried in the sun or roasted over wood coals are considered a delicacy by tribal elders.

bers of returning fish have been large enough to support a modest subsistence fishery for tribal members.

The anthropologist Eugene Hunn wrote how Sahaptin-speaking peoples from the mid-Columbia intercepted a spawning run of "eels" during a 19th century spring root-gathering excursion up the John Day River.

The Wanapum Tribe tells of an important fishery near Pasco, Washington, a location referred to as Kosith or "at the point of land."

The Snake River near Asotin, Washington, was another traditional harvest location for Indian fishers.

Commission described the occurrence of this revered "three-toothed" lamprey as far upriver as Lower Salmon Falls.

Dark clouds loom overhead. Behind me, on a shoreline lined with brush willow, a redwing blackbird struggles to balance on a branch that sways with each gust of wind.

The ancient night eel has survived against all odds for thousands of years. Bearing witness to their return assures the circle of life is not broken.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022 YOUR BIRTHDAY by Stella Wilder Born today, you are a born explorer, a curious type who is always looking behind doors and under carpets to see what's lurking about out of sight and, usually, out of mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Your native intelligence always serves you well, but take care that you are also allowing your heart to play a part. How do you feel today? VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You may have to come up with a reason for something that had none when you did it -- because today you're likely to be asked for an explanation.

Someone you know and love is likely going through a hard time, and it's going to be up to you today to reach out and express concern. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Morning activities may be scrutinized by the powers that be, but what you do in the afternoon will not be studied so closely. Enjoy yourself! PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) -- You may be recognized for a recent contribution that you had no idea was quite so important or noteworthy. Can you repeat yourself? ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- You and someone you know quite well may not understand each other for a time today -- until you realize and eliminate what's causing confusion. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You can give someone new an honest critique without hurting any feelings today. When this is done, you may want to join in the effort yourself.

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104 Community Calendar

VFW POST 460 Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm. Corner of Main at Birch in Union

LA GRANDE LIONS CLUB Meets 2nd & 4th Monday of each month @ 12 PM Union County Senior Center 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande

PINOCHLE Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Senior Center 2810 Cedar St., Baker City Public is welcome

Baker County United "freedom rallies" 3rd Thursday each month 6 p.m. at the Sunridge 1 Sunridge Lane. The public is invited

KEY OF DAVID Saturdays - 2PM Baker County Library Taught by: Gary Robinson & Blaine McKnight

Kiwanis Club of Baker City Tuesday at 12:00 PM Sunridge Inn Restaurant 1 Sunridge Lane For more information call: (541) 523-6027

ROTARY CLUB of Baker City Meets every Monday Noon - 1 PM Baker Towers Meeting Room

POWDER RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB Meets 1st Tuesday of every month 8th & Broadway, Baker City 6 PM - Pistolettes 7 PM - Regular Membership

114 Group Meetings

AA MEETINGS - La Grande Wednesday Nights, 7-8:15pm. Fort Union Grange Hall, corner of McAlister & Gekeler Lanes. For more info, call 541-786-1222

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LA GRANDE GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS Every Friday Night @ 5pm, 2107 Gekeler Ln, LG, Church of Christ basement. For more info please call 971-219-8411

Someone's drinking a problem? AL-ANON Meetings are available by phone Info for Baker City Meetings Call: 541-239-7323

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Go in! Straight Group Meetings: Mon., Tues. Thurs. & Fri. Start at 8 PM Episcopal Church Basement 2177 1st Street, Baker City

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS Would you like to stop compulsive eating? For Information Call 541-523-5128 Leave a Message Email: ecapoa@live.com

PEOPLE with PARKINSON'S Caregivers, Family, Friends SUPPORT GROUP Contact: 541-963-1486 Now meeting at GR Hospital first Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. education@grh.org

BAKER COUNTY AA MEETINGS BAKER CITY

MONDAYS Survivor's Group 12 - 1:00 pm Baker Presbyterian Church 1995 4th St. (4th & Court, Side Door)

WEDNESDAYS Survivor's Group 12:05 pm Baker Presbyterian Church 1995 4th St. (4th & Court, Side Door)

THURSDAYS Survivor's Group 12:00 pm Baker Presbyterian Church 1995 4th St. (4th & Court, Side Door)

SATURDAYS As Bill Sees It Group 10:00 am 2970 Walnut (Corner of "D" & Grove St.) Grove Apts. Community Rm

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SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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DOWN

- 39 Razor-sharp 41 Rookie surfer 42 Solemn watch 45 Rotating part 46 Ernesto Guevara 47 Job seeker 53 Spoil 54 European alliance 55 Egyptian god 56 Luxury resort 57 Kind of race 58 Revival setting 1 Hope or Newhart 2 Miscellany 3 " -- take forever!" 4 Partner of bacon and lettuce 5 Pound on the door 6 Absent 7 "No seats" 8 Bishop's law

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Grid for crossword puzzle answer: DRAB JEAN BEA YELL OAHU ARI ELSA ER BOARD KELP BB LAMER EYELET HBO GINS YORE ABOUT NAP STAN SONY CENT USO ATTILA UNSER NY EDGE CORGI EE HOPE AVE NIKE ROSE WAS GIST UPTO

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