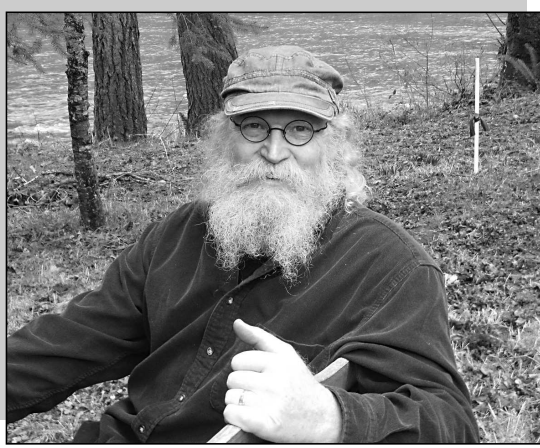


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# Opinion

## VIEW FROM UPRIVER



## Cooperative efforts

WESLEY VOTH  
 For the Siuslaw News

On the lower river, people are beginning to look for salmon. By “look for” I mean seriously fishing for them. That several species of these iconic fish still come up our beloved Siuslaw is no accident. It is expected that this year will be good for the return of Chinook, not so good for Coho, but no one really knows until they’ve come. Although there will be no wild Coho season in the Siuslaw River itself this year, there will be in Siltcoos and Tahkenitch Lakes, considered part of the Siuslaw watershed and under the restoration efforts of the Siuslaw Watershed Council (SWC). Therefore this is one of the few places south of Alaska where it is legal and possible to catch and eat wild salmon. Siuslaw Watershed is a large area extending from headwaters in Lorane, Badger Pass beyond Walton on Highway 126, LoPass above Triangle Lake on Highway 36, Cape Mountain on Highway 101 North and Siltcoos Lake and inlet on Highway 101 South. It includes the near ocean waters as well. Although watershed councils were made pos-

sible by the Oregon Legislature 20 years ago to provide a structure for balanced and local input into natural resource management and aquatic restoration, many people are unclear about what these councils do and don’t do. I have heard SWC referred to as a club; it is not. It is also not regulatory; it does not enforce rules. But it has had a significant impact on protecting and improving local salmon habitat in its 20-year existence, and a role in monitoring water quality. SWC has its offices in Mapleton. Originally this was because the Forest Service district offices were here. When the latter moved their offices completely out of this area, SWC stayed in Mapleton where it rents office and meeting space from Mapleton Schools, with whom it has a close working relationship. SWC has a board of directors of nine, drawn from a leadership body of some 35 stakeholder groups, including the Confederated Tribes, the Forest Service and BLM, Lane County, City of Florence, Port of Siuslaw, Soil and Water Conservation District, Industrial Timber, commercial fishermen, sports fishermen, small woodlot owners and landowner representatives from many basin areas such as North Fork, Indian Creek, Lake Creek and Wildcat. In a miracle of cooperation in these contentious times, SWC makes its decisions by consensus. It works to resolve issues outside the

courts, fosters varying partnerships across many entities to develop and carry out large and small scale projects, and secures funding from many sources that brings between half and a million dollars a year to the economic vitality of this community. It also carries out educational and other programs frequently pictured and described in the pages of this newspaper. SWC raises a small amount of seed money locally each year, mostly through a fundraiser called Celebrate Siuslaw Salmon, this year at Florence Events Center on Sept. 18. This money funds the grant writing that in turn brings in the funds for its programs. It is a way that anyone can help contribute to keeping the programs and cooperative work of the council going. The best description I have ever read of the Siuslaw region, its scope and history, is available on SWC’s webpage, the last link on the list on the left titled “Watershed Assessment.” I especially appreciate its concluding statement, “Lastly, no one (to our knowledge) has ever restored a 500,000-acre river basin to health. For the past 130 years, we, our parents, and grandparents have altered the habitat of the Siuslaw to a point where the aquatic system is in trouble. This was not done deliberately, but rather out of ignorance of how the system works. We are still fairly ignorant. Thus we must view all of our efforts with humility, need to methodically build in experimentation, and be willing to abandon efforts that are not working in favor of those that have a better chance. This is known as ‘adaptive’ management. It requires a commitment to continued monitoring and learning.”

## YESTERDAY’S NEWS

### MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

- On Sept. 4, 476 A.D., Romulus Augustus, the last emperor of the Western Roman Empire, is deposed by Odoacer, a German barbarian, who proclaims himself king of Italy. Although Roman rule continued in the East, it marked the end of the original Roman Empire.
- On Aug. 29, 1533, Atahualpa, the 13th and last emperor of the Incas, dies by strangulation at the hands of Francisco Pizarro’s Spanish conquistadors. The execution of the last free reigning emperor ended 300 years of Inca civilization.
- On Aug. 31, 1897, Thomas Edison receives a patent for his movie camera, the Kinetograph, which used celluloid film. In 1898, Edison sued Biograph Pictures, claiming patent infringement. However, in 1902, the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that Edison only owned rights to the sprocket system that moved perforated film through the camera.
- On Sept. 2, 1959, Henry Ford II introduces his company’s newest car, the Falcon. The compact car was an overnight success. In just one day, dealers had snapped up every one of the 97,000 cars in the first production run.
- On Aug. 30, 1967, Thurgood Marshall becomes the first black American to be confirmed as a Supreme Court justice. He would serve for 24 years before retiring for health reasons, leaving a legacy of upholding the rights of the individual.

## LETTERS

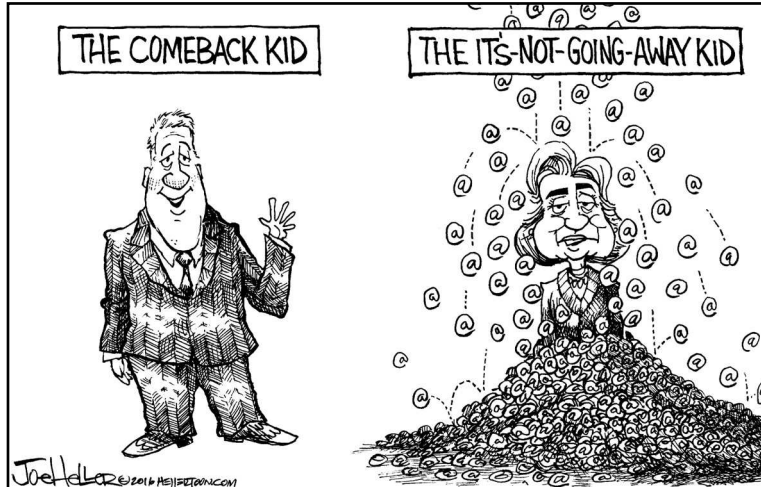
### Ice cream social

The Friends of Florence would like to thank the community for their continued support of the Van Fans ice cream social, which takes place every year in July. BJ’s ice cream donated the ice cream as they have graciously done for several years. Their generosity has been one of the reasons the Friends of Florence bus continues to thrive. The social is the Van Fans major fundraiser each year, and without the support of many door prize donors, pie bakers, bake sale donors, SHS cheerleaders and other participants, the success of this endeavor would greatly diminish. The Friends of Florence is again looking to purchase a new bus and hope to be taking possession of one sometime in 2017. All the volunteers, including the Van Fans, the drivers and the Friends of Florence board, want the public to know that we appreciate you all.

Tom Grove  
 Friends of Florence Board Chair

### Comparing healthcare

I attended the PeaceHealth information session on Aug. 18 and, along with many others, submitted a question to the panel. It was never read or answered even though Mayor Henry claimed that all those submitted had been addressed. The question was: “How does the total compensation package for physicians, physicians assistants and nurse practitioners in Florence compare with those offered in other, similar healthcare markets?” I asked it because many in the



community believe that the shortage of medical professionals here is, at least in part, a function of non-competitive compensation. I know that at least one of the physicians who left recently did so, again at least in part, because the retirement benefit was inadequate. Granted that there is a nationwide shortage of healthcare professionals resulting in stiff competition for their services and that Florence, as a rural area, is disadvantaged in that environment. It is exactly for that reason that total compensation looms large in recruiting and retaining qualified individuals here. There is little the local facility or PeaceHealth can do about the labor supply and nothing at all about the location, but compensation is an aspect that could mitigate other factors. I don’t know why my question was not answered at the meeting. I hope it was simply an oversight. I and others, however, would still like an answer. Perhaps PeaceHealth will put together and publish a comparison of compensation packages at a number of comparable facilities. It would shed some light on

the local predicament and might put to rest the suspicion that a contributing cause is excessive parsimony — or not. Dennis W. Dickinson  
 Florence

**Editor’s Note:** In the front-page article, “PeaceHealth Working to Recruit More Doctors,” Aug. 3, hospital officials said salary has not been an issue for the recent departures, though comparisons to similar healthcare markets’ compensation packages were not given.

**The facts are out there**

Jim Selby, in claiming that Hillary Clinton wants to raise taxes on the middle class, suggests that, on the contrary, “A reduction in taxes will bring untold wealth to the treasury ... The facts are out there ... all you have to do is research” (“Clinton Doesn’t ‘Have Our Backs,’” Aug. 24). Actually, research reveals that Clinton calls for a tax cut for low- and middle-income families. Her proposed \$1.1 trillion in tax increases — a 4 percent surcharge on all

income over \$5 million; requiring people earning more than \$1 million annually to pay at least a 30 percent tax rate; tightening loopholes used by the wealthy; and reducing the estate tax threshold from \$5.5 million to \$3.5 million — are hardly aimed at the middle class. Mr. Selby says that simply lowering taxes will bring “untold wealth to the treasury.” It’s the argument that taxes are such a burden on the economy that lowering them allows the revenue from the larger economy to offset the revenue lost from the lower tax rates. If only it were that simple. A bit of research indicates that economists see tax rates as just one piece of a complex policy puzzle. Standing alone, Mr. Selby’s assertion is deceptively misleading. If Mr. Selby is looking for increased tax revenues, they can be found by increasing tax rates, reducing tax breaks, improving enforcement and levying new taxes. But, the effects are short-lived. It is policies that increase economic activity and long-term economic growth that “will bring untold wealth to the treasury,” not the Trump tax proposal to significantly reduce marginal tax rates and increase standard deduction amounts with the largest benefits going to highest income households. That, according to the Tax Policy Center, would reduce federal revenues \$9.5 trillion over its first decade. The ultimate goal of any economic policy is not to maximize government revenue, it’s to maximize long-term economic growth. The facts are out there ... all you have to do is research. Arnold Buchman  
 Florence

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