

# Watershed to discuss Pacific Lamprey

The Siuslaw Watershed Council will hold a general public meeting, Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 6:30 p.m.

The discussion will be titled: "Introduction to the Life History, Ecological Importance and Current Status of the Pacific Lamprey."

The meeting will be held at the Archie Knowles County Park. Meet in the large grassy area near the entrance of the campground.

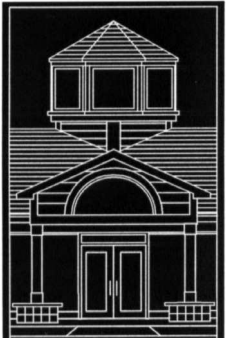
Parking is limited, so carpooling from the SWC office at Mapleton High School or from Pop's Restaurant parking lot is suggested.

Biologist John Schaefer of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw will describe the life history, ecological importance and current status of the Pacific Lamprey.

Work on a lamprey restoration project in the Tenmile Lakes Basin will also be covered.

As always, the SWC Board of Directors and Executive Director will give project updates and announcements of upcoming activities.

## Library Tidings



### News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community.

Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge  
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**Book Review**  
"Six Encounters with Lincoln"  
By Elizabeth Brown Pryor  
In her absorbing book, "Six Encounters with Lincoln," historian Elizabeth Brown Pryor offers new perspectives on our sixteenth president by examining six intriguing, mostly unknown encounters he had with his constituents.

Taken together, they reveal his opinions and character in unexpected ways, illustrating the difficulties of managing a republic and creating a presidency.

While each of these stories shows Lincoln in all his quirky greatness, each is also an invitation to rethink our presumptions about him.

An awkward first meeting with army officers on the eve of the Civil War reflects Lincoln's unease with military culture, giving insight into his erratic management of the Union forces during the war.

A conversation between Lincoln and a fiercely abolitionist cavalry sergeant enables Pryor to probe into how cautiously Lincoln moved on the emancipating issue; it was his ability to inch along the narrow road of consensus that defined his political skill.

Lincoln's meeting with Cherokee chief John Ross leads

to explore how catastrophic the Lincoln administration was for Native Americans — and how poignant, given Lincoln's reputation as a defender of human rights.

And a recounting of a tense exchange with a Confederate businessman in 1865, addresses Lincoln's tortured relationship with the South and the toll it took with him.

Pryor also provides a fascinating discussion of Lincoln's fondness for storytelling and how he used his skills as a raconteur to enhance both his political and his personal power.

Drawing on hundreds of first-hand accounts from reporters, diarists and letter writers that give the narrative great immediacy, "Six Encounters with Lincoln" provides a fresh portrait of Lincoln as a beleaguered politician who was not especially popular, who had to deal with the many critics, naysayers, and dilemmas he faced without always knowing the right answer.

What this book shows most clearly is that greatness was not simply laid on Lincoln's shoulders like a mantle but was won in fits and starts.

### Friends Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will

be holding a book sale this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, in the library's Bromley Room. The hours on Saturday are 9 a.m. for Friends members only (you can buy a membership at the door) and 10 a.m. for non-Friends members, until 4 p.m.

On Sunday, the hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Books come from many donations as well as weeded copies from the library's collection.

Don't miss this great opportunity to get some great books at bargain prices, and help the Friends and the library at the same time!

### Free Concert at Library

The library is pleased to present Four Shillings Short, a Celtic and folk music performing duo, returning to Florence for a concert on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 6 p.m.

Four Shillings Short consists of husband and wife duo Aodh O'Tuama and Christy Martin, performing traditional and original music from the Celtic lands, Medieval and Renaissance Europe, Indiana and the Americas on a fantastic array of instruments.

This concert is free and open to the general public.

## AARP CALLS FOR TAX PREP VOLUNTEERS

AARP has provided free income tax preparation for the citizens of Florence and the surrounding communities for more than 20 years.

In order to continue this valuable service, the Florence site needs additional volunteers

to prepare income tax returns.

Those who enjoy working with people and have experience preparing taxes using software such as TurboTax or H&R Block are encouraged to apply.

Training will be provided

starting the second week of January, and tax preparation begins in early February through April 15.

Those interested should call David Riordan at 510-468-1796.

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