

## Sign up now for SWC's Native Plant Distribution

The Siuslaw Watershed Council (SWC) gives away thousands of free native plants annually to community members throughout the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes Watersheds. If you have a creek flowing through your back yard, or live along one of our scenic lakes, you may be eligible to receive free native plants next February from SWC.

Native plants help clean the air, clean the water and create habitat for wildlife. We based the choices on feedback from our community: pollinators, coastal forbs and uncommon plants that were once more abundant.

SWC staff can help with your plant list and our field technicians can help prepare your site, plant seedlings, and maintain the site. Visit online at [www.siuslaw.org](http://www.siuslaw.org) and click the "Engage" tab to find the



COURTESY PHOTO FROM 2019

**As it has done in past years (pictured in 2019), Siuslaw Watershed Council is working with riparian residents and community partners to sow native plants across the watershed.**

"NPD Brochure" and "Place Orders" links.

The free native plants will be available for pickup on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021 at multiple locations throughout the area.

COVID safety measures will be in place this year, which may include picking up by appointment. We will follow current guidelines and communicate safety measures

in advance. Support for NPD comes from the Coast Range Stewardship Fund, Three Rivers Foundation and Operation Appleseed.

## Little from 1B

become an art form.

As you watch the initial foul it might look as if the fouled player has been legitimately fouled. Replays show some of these players may not have been contacted nearly as hard as the resulting fall indicates. I even watched a video where soccer players were being instructed how to fall convincingly. The NBA now calls an unsportsmanlike foul for actions the officials deems a flop has occurred.

There are rules for when the clock can be stopped fairly. Calling a time out is the clear way for a coach to use. The

sheer numbers of commercial TV time outs are used strategically by coaches. When the ball goes out of bounds the clock stops. Some sports are trying to shorten the length of the game.

The PGA and MLB are both considering a faster paced game. Golfers may be penalized a stroke for excessive delay on striking their ball; pitchers may be penalized by a ball called on the batter if the pitcher takes too long on the mound.

In tennis, the number of sets players play has been reduced at many tournaments to speed up the matches.

What can be done to players, in football, who are escorted off the field by the trainers only to

reappear all too soon? When I coached football, I told my players if I had to go out on the field to check on their injury they would be done for that game. I know some injuries are sincere, but if a player has a convenient injury perhaps there could be a rule to exclude them for a designated time.

Our society is moving at a much faster pace than ever. People want to be entertained for a limited amount of time. The (not-so-instant) instant replay has slowed down the game enough to push fans away. Getting it right used to be in the hands of the officials; their judgments ruled the game. The game moved along to the fin-

ish in a timely manner.

The next time you watch a sporting event live or on TV, ask yourself who benefits from the clock stopping? Was the stoppage a ploy to disrupt their opponent? Did the offending team just cheat?

As an athlete, I often said to myself, "We did not lose, we just ran out of time or innings!"

## Join the Siuslaw School District Budget Committee

Siuslaw School District has one positions open on the Budget Committee for the school board budget process. Position 2 is open for appointment by the school board.

The Budget Committee includes the Board of Directors and seven volunteer citizens who are appointed to serve three-year terms.

Committee members must be registered voters living within the boundaries of the Siuslaw School District, and cannot be employees, officers or agents of the district.

The school board will consider applications at its next meeting, which can be streamed live via YouTube.

People can fill out an application and return it to the Siuslaw School Board, care of the Siuslaw School District Office at 2111 Oak St., Florence, OR 97439.

For more information about becoming a budget member or information on the budget process, visit [siuslaw.k12.or.us/o/siuslaw-school-district/page/budget-committee-openings](http://siuslaw.k12.or.us/o/siuslaw-school-district/page/budget-committee-openings) and view the links in the column to the left.



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## Whales from 1B

could wash a would-be whale watcher into the ocean or against the rocks.

In addition, maintain distance of at least 6 feet from those not in your group, and wear

a face mask to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

With a little patience, and while following safety measures, the annual migration of grey whales can be enjoyed until the chance to "speak whale" returns next season.



*We invite you to join us.*

**We will be live streaming from Facebook at 11am Sunday mornings.**

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