

**Siuslaw** from 1B

But back-to-back 3-pointers by Junction City regained the lead for the Tigers, who never trailed for the remainder of the match-up.

A series of six turnovers by the Vikings, coupled with foul troubles, allowed Junction City to take a 26-20 lead to start the third quarter.

The closest Siuslaw got to

the Tigers came mid way through the period, on a 3-pointer from senior Jake Hickson, who sank a 3-pointer to put the Viks within 5 points, 25-30.

But the Tigers pulled away at the charity line for a 10-point lead entering the fourth period, 38-28.

Siuslaw's foul troubles continued, with Brandt and Hickson leaving the hardwood after fouling out with 4 minutes

remaining.

Junior Dylan Wynn, along with sophomore Caleb Hennessee, provided a scoring spark down the stretch, but not enough to overcome the Tigers, who went on to win it, 54-41.

Meanwhile, in Junction City, the Lady Viks (3-11) struggled against the Lady Tigers' offensive firepower and defensive pressure in a 22-58 road loss.

Madison Reynolds and Marika White each scored 4

points to lead Siuslaw in scoring.

Alyssa Richards had 8 rebounds, with Reynolds nabbing 6 and Carreina Greenburg and Lindsey Long each claiming 3 boards.

Last night, Siuslaw kicked off the league season at home against Marshfield (after press deadlines). Tuesday, Siuslaw is on the road at Brookings-Harbor, beginning with the girls at 6 p.m.

**Little** from 1B

playing field for most collegiate sports teams.

There are certain conferences and individual universities that are known for producing championship teams on a regular basis.

Several years ago, the NCAA reduced the number of available scholarships available to Division I programs. That's because they found that some schools offered so many scholarships simply to keep talented players from joining the rosters of their opponents.

With a reduced scholarship count, more talent was spread out.

It has been years since this rule has been in effect, yet some schools continue to win.

How? It has to do with the desire. To win. It. All.

Talented high school players want to go to winning schools regardless of the sport.

Watching the number of underclass players playing Monday night, for both schools, it is no wonder how these two schools made it to the title game.

Colleges have the luxury of recruiting the best players. Players have an opportunity to choose the school of their choice.

But what about high schools?

The OSAA has used size classification as a means of attempting to make leagues competitive. Eugene had to change its transfer rule a few

years back. It discovered that some athletes would participate at a highly successful fall sports school, then transfer to an equally successful winter sports school for that season.

Now, the athlete can only transfer once.

The Oregon City girls' basketball program won nine state titles between 1994 and 2004. They accomplished this feat with talented girls transferring to Oregon City for basketball. On one team, there were seven girls offered Division I scholarships. Of course, parents had to move and establish residency in the district.

Small schools are at a disadvantage for attracting transfer athletes. Sometimes a small school can attract several athletically gifted foreign exchange students to improve their sports teams, but it comes at the expense of smaller league schools.

Also, small towns may not have job opportunities for parents of talented athletes from the region.

The bottom line is, schools that have competitive winning programs will continue to attract talented athletes. These schools will also continue to win titles.

Put another way, the rich get richer and the rest of the schools will do the best they can with what they have.

By the way, Power Five Schools spend millions of dollars on nutrition for their football programs. By comparison, smaller schools generally eat at fast food places.

Go Vikings, and Go Sailors.

**Fishing** from 1B

muddy. Successful anglers will:

1) adjust their gear and tackle for current conditions, and/or

2) be ready to hit the water when water conditions improve — usually once water levels start to drop after a good rain.

Check out the zone reports for your best bets.

**SIUSLAW RIVER:** Steelhead, Chinook

A few winter steelhead are starting to be caught in the lower river.

Fall Chinook fishing has been slowing down, but a few fish are still available. Anglers are reminded that there is no wild coho salmon retention in 2017.

**NORTH COAST LAKES:**

Trout stocking is complete for the year. Cape Meares, Town, Coffenbury, Lost and Sunset lakes were stocked with "trophy" rainbow trout in late September.

Cedar Creek Hatchery has stocked over 160 surplus summer steelhead in Town Lake near Pacific City so far this fall.

These fish get fairly active

in the lake and offer a unique fishing experience. Once in the lake they are considered "trout" and do not require a Combined Angling Tag.

Anglers are reminded, however, that only one trout per day over 20-inches may be retained, and these fish will all be in that size range.

**MID COAST LAKES:**

Olalla Reservoir has been stocked with about 100 surplus summer steelhead this season. These fish get fairly active in the lake and offer a unique fishing experience.

Once in the lake they are considered "trout" and do not require a Combined Angling Tag.

Anglers are reminded, however, that only one trout per day over 20 inches may be retained, and these fish will all be in that size range.

**MID COAST LAKES:**

Mid coast lakes been stocked with trout throughout the spring. Trout stocking has ended for the year but there still should be fish around to catch.

**ALSEA RIVER:** Steelhead, Chinook

Fall Chinook fishing is slow to fair. Anglers are reminded that there is no wild coho salmon retention in 2017.

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starting to be caught in the lower river.

**SALMON RIVER:** Steelhead, Chinook

The Salmon River opened Dec. 1 for wild and hatchery steelhead. Wild winter steelhead can be retained on the Salmon River. Daily and annual bag limit on wild winter steelhead are 1 per day and 3 per year.

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**SILETZ RIVER:** Steelhead, Chinook

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**WILSON RIVER:** Chinook, steelhead

Fall Chinook fishing is slow to fair. There should be fish available throughout the system. Bobber fishing bait, back-bouncing, back-trolling plugs or divers and bait, or casting spinners can all be effective methods.

Anglers are reminded the Wilson River is closed to salmon fishing Aug. 1 to Dec.

31, upstream of Jordan Creek (River Mile 21.9).

The first winter steelhead was reported on the Wilson, but it's still early and fishing is slow. Drift fishing baits or bobber fishing with jigs, beads, or bait are all good techniques.

**YAQUINA RIVER:** Steelhead, Chinook

The Big Elk opened Dec 1 for wild and hatchery steelhead. Wild winter steelhead can be retained on the Big Elk. Daily and annual bag limit on wild winter steelhead are 1 per day and 3 per year.

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**PACIFIC HALIBUT**

All 2017 sport halibut fisheries have concluded.

Allocations for 2018 will be announced in late January 2018.

For more information, see the sport halibut webpage.

**SHORE AND ESTUARY FISHING**

Shore and estuary anglers may fish for surfperch, flatfish species like starry flounder and sanddabs, and baitfish (herring, for example).

**Crab** from 1B

board the Pacific Northwest commercial fishing fleet and recreational crabbers is one of the Coast Guard's top priorities and our safety teams will do everything in our power to hold the fleet to set standards," said Curt Farrell, commercial fishing vessel inspector, Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Portland. "This year I want to encour-

age every commercial crab crew to review their 'Man Overboard' drill. Each fisherman should be confident of the rest of the crews ability to retrieve them from the water should they fall overboard. A recent casualty shows that discussing or simulating man overboard is not enough. Don't just learn to get your buddy out of the water, make sure he/she knows how to get 'you' out of the water. Have a 'practiced plan' that works."

Dungeness crab is a state enforced fishery and the Coast Guard will be assisting the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in protecting the fishery with routine Living Marine Resource patrols via Coast Guard patrol boats and aircraft.

Coast Guard search and rescue crews are always ready to respond to any emergency situation that emerges.

**Bowling** from 1B

Sunday, the Viking boys will be at North Bend to try to avenge their second-place finish

at home to the Bulldogs. The Lady Vikings will travel to Cottage Grove, trying to

continue their winning streak by defeating the Lions

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