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Siuslaw senior Nick Swift drives into the paint against Pleasant Hill last Friday night.

Siuslaw from 1B

to the Lady Billies a week earlier at the Les Schwab Eagle Booster Club Classic, where Pleasant Hill narrowly beat Siuslaw on a 3-point buzzer beater, 50-48. But Friday night was another story, due in large part to Pleasant Hill sophomores Angeni Yeo and Alexa Ellis, who combined for 44 of the Billies' 71 points. Siuslaw kept things relatively close in the first period, getting a late start offensively but stay-

ing within 4 points for much of the quarter. Sophomore point guard Lindsey Long sank the first Siuslaw bucket, off the glass, to cut the Billies' lead to 3 points, 5-2. Pleasant Hill sank a free throw, but sophomore post Gracie Freudenthal drove for a lay-up to ut Siuslaw within a basket, 6-4. The Billies sank a long 3-pointer against the Vikings' zone, with the two teams trading baskets for the rest of the period as Pleasant Hill held a 13-7 lead. Siuslaw scored eight points in the second period with rebounding from senior Alys-sa Richards, Freudenthal and Long, but turnovers — along with Pleasant Hill free throws — extended the Vikings deficit, 37-15, entering the half. In the second half, Pleasant Hill built on its lead and went on to secure a 71-35 win. The boys were next on the floor, where Siuslaw freshman Braydon Thornton was hot from both sides of the arc, claiming a team-high 16 points against the Billies.

Fishing from 1B

(Siuslaw) and Green Creek (Lake Creek). Fishing should start to pick up soon with each rise in the river levels. Bobber fishing with bait/jigs, drift fishing, and casting lures are good techniques to catch a Siuslaw winter steelhead. Steelhead fishing remains open in the closed Chinook areas of the Siuslaw and Lake Creek. Due to lower than expected returns and conservation concerns, fall Chinook fishing on the Siuslaw remains closed upstream of the Tiernan boat ramp (downstream of Mapleton). Below the deadline the bag

limit for fall Chinook is reduced to one adult Chinook per day and a limit of 3 through the remainder of the season. Chinook fishing continues to be slow in the open area. All wild coho must be released for the 2018 fall salmon season. Lake Creek, a tributary of the Siuslaw River, is closed for the 2018 fall salmon season. Trout fishing in streams will reopen May 22, 2019. ALSEA RIVER: *Fall Chinook, winter steelhead* Winter steelhead fishing has begun on the Alsea River. The popular North Fork Alsea fishery opened on Dec. 1. Fishing has been slow so far, the river is low and clear and water temperatures have dropped with the cold nights

and east winds. During these conditions, the lower Alsea can be good as fish slow their migration and spend more time lower in the system. Expect things to pick up this week with the change in weather and more rain in the forecast. The Alsea still gets a good amount of the early returning stock that peaks in December and January, as well as a later stock that peaks in February and March. Expect more fish to show up with each rise in the river level from now through April. Bobber fishing with jigs/bait, drift fishing, and casting lures are all effective ways to catch these hard fighting fish. Reminder: Winter steelhead fishing remains open in the areas closed to Chinook.

Like the girls' game, Siuslaw kept things close in the opening period, never trailing by more than 5 points thanks to shooting from senior Dylan Wynn, sophomores Jacob Foskett and Liam McClellan, and Thornton. The Billies held a 24-17 lead to start the second quarter, extending it to 15 points by half-time despite solid effort from sophomore Skyler Loomis at point guard and rebounding from Foskett and junior Caleb Hennessee. Siuslaw remained behind by at least 11 points throughout the third period, with Pleasant Hill rubbing salt in the wound on a 3-pointer at the buzzer to end the quarter with a 65-43 lead. The Billies (6-1), ranked No. 8 in the 3A, went on to win it, 74-53. Last night, Siuslaw hosted Stayton in a non-league match-up (after press deadlines) at Glenn Butler Court. Thursday, both Siuslaw teams will kick off the Bandon Dunes Holiday Invitational, which runs through Friday. The Vikings will return to the home hardwood on Dec. 27 to host Reedsport.



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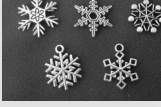
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