

Hoop Shoot winners



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Elks Hoop Shoot Winners with Exalted Ruler Dan Dulaney: Jalen Graybael, Austin Rauschenburg, Rosie Suppah, Edward Zacaris, Jasmyn Reese and Kianna Rodriguez (from left).

Dietician joins IHS health and nutrition department

Natalie McBride has joined the team at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center.

She began working as a dietician in the public health and nutrition department at the end of November.

McBride works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in order to keep the department fully staffed.

She has a four-year-old son, and her husband works as a helicopter pilot in Redmond.

McBride obtained a bachelor's degree and completed a dietetic internship at Idaho State University.

She has worked at Provi-



Natalie McBride

dence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland as a clinical dietician, where her main focuses were heart disease, stroke, diabetes and cancer.

McBride said she enjoys outdoor activities, cooking, playing the piano and spending time with her family.

Upper Skagit tribal leader dies at 71

MOUNT VERNON, Wash. (AP) — Imogene Bowen, who overcame poverty and alcoholism to become a leader in her American Indian tribe and a prominent Democratic party activist, is dead at 71.

Bowen, former chairwoman of the Skagit County Democrats, president of the Washington State Rainbow Coalition and a member of former Gov. Mike Lowry's "Citizen Cabinet," died Jan. 5 at her home, friends and relatives told The Seattle Times.

"Imogene was one of a half-dozen people you had to talk to if you were a politician headed to north-west Washington," Lowry said.

At her funeral last Tuesday, her son, Joe, a lawyer in Mount Vernon, recalled how former President Bill Clinton went to greet her after he finished a speech she attended in Seattle in 1994, standing just behind the rope line.

"I'll always remember his people guiding him toward my mother, saying, 'That's her right there,'" he said.

Bowen was born in Sauk and at age 10, her son said, was taken from her family to a government boarding school in Oregon where tribal customs and language were banned, her son said.

Bush signs fishing legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — President Bush last week signed into law a measure that overhauls management of marine fisheries and strengthens protections against the further depletion of dwindling stocks.

The bill reauthorizes through 2013 the Magnuson-Stevens

Fishery Conservation and Management Act, a 30-year-old law that guides fishery management in waters between three miles and 200 miles offshore.

The act works to end overfishing in America by 2011, uses market-based incentives to replenish fish stocks and strengthens enforcement of

fishing laws.

Supporters said the measure strengthens current law by requiring an end to overfishing, science-based management of U.S. fisheries and penalties for illegal fishing in international waters.

When Congress passed the measure, the Natural Resources Defense Council said the world's oceans are in serious trouble and the legislation would help reverse their decline.

Environmentalists hailed a provision that sets overall limits on the number of fish that can be caught, while allowing fishermen flexibility in how they divide shares of the total catch.

At the insistence of West Coast lawmakers, the bill includes language to speed recovery of Klamath River salmon stocks in California and Oregon.

For fishermen adversely affected by recent closures aimed at protecting threatened fish, there would be disaster relief programs.

Bison hunt off to slow start

GARDINER, Mont. (AP) — A bitterly cold Saturday morning made for a slow start to the Nez Perce Indian Tribe's newly expanded bison and elk hunt.

A handful of trucks carrying tribal members cruised the roads in the Jardine area north-east of here, but nobody seemed to be hunting very energetically, the Bozeman Daily Chronicle reported.

The hunters were primarily interested in bison, according to Cpl. April Skahan, of Nez Perce Fisheries Conservation Enforcement, which enforces the tribe's fishing and hunting laws.

But there weren't many bison around, except for a group of 40 grazing on the Gardiner High School football field, where they are off limits to any type of hunting.

Few bison have left Yellowstone National Park so far this winter.

The group of hunters have been issued tribal tags good for six bison and five elk.

According to an 1855 treaty, the tribe has hunting rights on "open and unclaimed" land near Yellowstone, which means they can hunt on national forest land, but not on state or private property.

Tribal hunters took six bison last winter, the first time in mod-

ern history the tribe exerted its hunting rights here. All of those animals were killed close to roads, making the processing of the giant beasts relatively easy.

Elk are secondary targets, Skahan told the Chronicle.

"If they're going to drive this far, they want a buffalo," she said. "Some of them might take an elk. But we've got elk at home."

However, it is the tribe's claim on species other than bison that have wildlife managers here concerned.

Tribal Executive Committee Chairman Rebecca Miles said in a Jan. 9 letter to Montana officials that the tribe intends to issue tags this winter for 50 to 70 bison, plus 50 tags each for elk, bighorn sheep, moose, antelope and mountain goats.

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