

# Elks Hoop Shoot brings out the best



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**Elks Hoop Shoot 12-13-year old boys, left to right:** Parker Neault, runner-up; Jayden Winegar, second place; Devon Stokes, first place; Enrique Vidriolandin, third place; Thomas Kreamier, runner-up; Jesse Douglass, runner-up.



**Elks Hoop Shoot 8-9-year old boys, left to right:** Eli Speth, first place; Charles Kreamier, second; Ethan Thompson, third; Jayce Hatley, runner-up.



**Elks Hoop Shoot 12-13-year old girls, left to right:** Hallie Rhoda, runner-up; Soren Caudill, runner-up; Abby Lusco, third place; Dorothea Johnson, second place; and Samantha Workman, first place.



**Elks Hoop Shoot: 8-9-year old girls, left to right,** Alexys Hull, first place; Lexi McKrola, second place; Reece Jacobs, third place.

## Kids go from air balls to 'swish'

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

CANYON CITY — Free throws were the name of the game Dec. 5 at Humbolt Elementary School as the Elks Lodge No. 1824 hosted a Hoop Shoot contest for Grant County youth.

There were 26 participants with girls and boys, ages 8-13, from six schools taking 25 shots each.

Students from Humbolt, Seneca, Prairie City, Dayville, Monument and Long Creek

schools competed.

The winners in the various categories will advance to the Jan. 23 southeast district contest in Prineville.

From there, winners can compete in state, regional and national hoop shoots.

Bob Van Voorhis, lodge secretary and Hoop Shoot coordinator, said the event went well with good participation from all the schools.

"I enjoy working with these kids," he said. "I see them come back, and they'll get to where they don't throw air balls and everything goes 'swish, swish, swish.' I'm happy to provide this for the kids because it's fun."



**Elks Hoop Shoot: 10-11-year old boys, left to right:** Gauge Jenks, runner-up; Wes Voigt, third place; Michael Martin, second place; Talon Van Cleave, first place.



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**Elks Hoop Shoot: 10-11-year old girls, left to right:** Hannah Dial, third place; Betty Ann Wilson, second place; Lauren Wenger, first place; Connie Coghill, runner-up; and Katelyn Chouinard Barker, runner-up.

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**DAKOTA EMERSON**

School: Monument  
Grade: 12  
Parents: Dan and Kristi Emerson  
Sport: Basketball

Position: Guard/Wing

*What I like best about my sport:* "Being with my teammates and out there having fun."

*Coach's Comment:* "He is showing good leadership and is taking his senior role very serious, and leading by example. He is a wonderful young man to coach."

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Head coach Taylor Schmedeka said his team stepped it up in their second game for the win. "That win will be helpful going into the Union Tournament this weekend," he said.

Tiger Skylar Powell was named to the All Tournament team. Grant Union Prospector boys split wins at the Weston-McEwen Tournament with a 59-46 win over the TigerScots and a 69-66 loss to Sherman.

Grant Union girls defeated Weston-McEwen 59-34 and took a 56-43 loss to Touchet, Wash.

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