



From left, the winners of the Elks Hoops Shoot 8-9 year old girls division: Emmalynn Northway and Addison Hatley, fourth place; Colbie Howard, third place; Ciera Mabe, second place; and Payton Girvin, first place.



From left, the winners of the Elks Hoops Shoot 8-9 year old boys division: Josh Thomas, fourth place; Tyler Thompson, third place; Samuel Smith, second place; and Landyn Beil, first place.



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From left, the winners of the Elks Hoops Shoot 10-11 year old girls division: Kynlee Pettyjohn, third place; Alexys Hull, second place; and Savannah Watterson, first place.



From left, the winners of the Elks Hoops Shoot 12-13 year old girls division: Madisyn Propeck, fifth place; Traleigh Knight, fourth place; Katelyn Barker, third place; Aubrianna Osborne, second place; and Betty Ann Wilson, first place.

County kids aim high at the Elks Hoop Shoot

Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant County grade school hoopsters participated in the annual Elks Kids Hoop Shoot Saturday, Dec. 9, at Humbolt Elementary School in Canyon City.

Out of a pool of 297 participants, ages 8 to 13, in the preliminaries,

32 competed at Humbolt. Sinking the most free-throw shots were six winners, who will advance to the Jan. 20 district championships at Barnes Butte Grade School in Prineville.

The John Day Elks Lodge No. 1824 sponsored the event.

"It was very successful," said Elks

Hoop Shoot chairman Dan Driscoll.

He said several volunteers supported the event, helping with judging and score keeping. Humbolt hosted the event and provided the gym and all the equipment and supplies, he said.

Advancing in the competition for the girls are Paytin Girvin of Seneca

School in the age 8-9 division, Savannah Watterson of Humbolt Elementary (10-11) and Betty Ann Wilson of Prairie City School (12-13).

For the boys, Landyn Beil of Humbolt in the 8-9 division, Cliff Bice of Prairie City (10-11) and Talon Van Cleave of Humbolt (12-13) will advance.

Successful shooters at the district competition will continue on to the regional contest in Portland, and nationals are held in Chicago.

"The Elks Lodge has held the competition annually for many years," Driscoll said, adding he appreciated the Grant County PE teachers' efforts and enthusiasm.



From left, the winners of the Elks Hoops Shoot 10-11 year old boys division: Jayce Hatley, sixth place; Tucker Wright, fifth place; Charles Kreamier, fourth place; Ethan Thompson, third place; Ryland Beil, second place; Cliff Bice, first place.



From left, the winners of the Elks Hoops Shoot 12-13 year old boys division: Dolan Poole, sixth place; Gauge Jenks and Bridger Walker, fifth place; Andrew Hunt, fourth place; Doyal Lawrence, third place; Michael Martin, second place; and Talon Van Cleave, first place.

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