

10th annual Elks' Hoop Shoot Contest to be held Sat.

The Heppner and Ione competition for the tenth annual Elks Hoop Shoot, the national free throw shooting contest for youngsters age eight through thirteen, will be held at Heppner and Ione on December 12 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Local winners will compete against other contestants in the district event at Hermiston, January 9. Names of the national winners will be inscribed on the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" plaque, on permanent display in the

Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts. Winners also receive trophies.

The program began as a local Elks activity for young boys in Corvallis in 1946. Within 12 years, support for the event had grown enough for the Elks Oregon State Association to take it to the state level. And in 1972, the "Elks Hoop Shoot" was expanded to include contestants from 19 states. By 1974, girls were added to the competition, and the program has continued to grow ever since, he added.

Winners advance through four tiers of competition—the local, district, state and regional semi-finals—until only 36 boys and 36 girls remain.

From this final group, one boy and one girl emerge as national champions in each category.

Families of finalists on the state, regional and national levels attend the competition as guests of the Elks, and are encouraged to play an active part throughout the contest.

One girl from LaGrande has gone to the national finals two times, winning all the marbles one year and she came in second the next year. It is possible for anyone to win, the spokesperson said.

"Please come to Ione or Heppner December 12, Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. and watch our young people compete," said Ione coordinator, Jim Swanson.

This is Swanson's seventh year to help with the annual Elks' Hoop Shoot. When Jim was in the seventh grade he was a winner in the hoop shoot contest, he went on to finish fourth at the state competition at OSU in Corvallis.

Dale Holland will be in charge of the Heppner competition.

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A wide variety of hand crafted items were on display at the Heppner pavilion

Retirement dinner to honor Crowell

A retirement potluck dinner will be held in honor of Howard Crowell on Thursday, Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Crowell is retiring from his custodial position at Ione schools after 14 years of employment.

Everyone is invited to attend.

BMCC plans Christmas dinner

The dinner traditionally features a turkey and dressing menu, complete with pumpkin pie. Donations from residents

Plans are currently being developed for the eleventh annual Christmas Eve dinner sponsored by the students at Blue Mountain Community College. It was stated in a recent news release



Tina Schiller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schiller, Echo, enjoys a piece of pie.

of the college district make the annual dinner possible, according to GeneAnn McLean, student activities director at the college. The students invite anyone to attend the dinner, especially those who would otherwise be alone at this special time, Mrs. McLean added. There is no charge for the dinner. Financial contributions to the dinner activity are tax deductible and checks should be made out to BMCC-Christmas 1981. Checks may be sent to the college in care of the Counseling Center at P.O. Box 100, Pendleton, Oregon 97801.

Besides the festive dinner, the evening also features presents for the guests, musical entertainment and singing of carols around the Christmas tree. Last year, 450 people were served in the college union.

ROAD REPORT

The Morrow County Public Works Dept. has released the following Work Report for the week ending December 5:

The Division Street Bridge in Irrigon is now open for traffic. The detour was removed and guard rails will be installed this week.

Gravel was spread on O. Peterson Road, J. Doherty Road, Brenner Canyon, Carlson, Milton Morgan Road, Bergevin Road, Bergstrom and Keck Canyon.

Roads bladed were: Strawberry East, Homestead, Irrigon-Ordance, McEligott, P. Tews and D.O. Nelson.

On Upper Rhea Creek banded tires was used to stabilize a bank.

Greg Close was hired to work in the Irrigon area as a helper under Ken Evans.

The Morrow County Road Crew has gone back to working eight hours a day, five days a week. During summer months they worked four days a week ten hours a day.

On Saturday December 5, Morrow County held a sealed bid auction to dispose of some obsolete equipment.

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