

## Schimmel among best young players

Shoni Schimmel, of the Hermiston High School Bulldogs basketball team, had a great basketball season this year.

Schimmel, 15, is a sophomore, and plays point guard for the Bulldogs, who finished second at the state tournament.

Schimmel is among the top girls basketball players in the state, averaging close to 16 points per game. Players like her don't come along very often, Hermiston coach Mike Royer said.

"She's going to go places," he said. Schimmel's accomplishments this year include:

Player of the Year in the Inter-Mountain Conference, First Team All-Tournament in Oregon 5A girls basketball, First Team All-State 5A, and First Team All-Conference in the Inter-Mountain Conference.

Several colleges, including Stanford in the Pac-10, have



Schimmel, shown here with finger roll shot on basket, is known for her free and improvisational style of basketball.

shown interest in recruiting her, said her mother Cecilee Moses, also an outstanding basketball player and coach.

Shoni's father is Rick Schimmel, who played college baseball at Stanford and Portland State University. Shoni's grandfather is Warm Springs tribal member Bobby Eagleheart.

The Hermiston Bulldogs featured four Indian girls this year, including Shoni and Briana Stacona, who transferred last year from Madras to Hermiston. Their friend Sam McCloud, and Shoni's younger sister Jude also played on the varsity team. Jude, who skipped the eighth grade, was an outstanding runner on the Bulldogs varsity cross-country team, said Ceci.

Glenn Nelson, publisher of hoopgurlz.com, writes of Schimmel's basketball skills:

"She is shifty, combos her dribble moves in ways that don't occur to most and has figured out a way to gather herself, then extend in mid-air to extend her hangtime to often-impressive heights. Schimmel also is 5 feet 9 and long enough to be disruptive on defense. If time confers upon her the mass to withstand the physical punishment certain to be meted out by defenses, particularly at the next level, as well as irons out some decision-making quirks, there won't be many, if any, guards better in the 2010 class."

— by Dave McMechan

## University hosts social powwow

The Sixth Annual Social Powwow at Willamette University was held March 8 in honor of the late Rudy Clements and his daughter Trudee. There was a great turnout of hundreds of people for the powwow, said Anna Clements.

The results of the Fancy Shawl Contest in honor of Trudee were:

First place, Zelma Nelson of Toppenish, Wash.; Denelle Stanley of Fife, Wash.; and Kathleen Jackson of Minneapolis, Minn.

Also, Rudy Clements was by the Students of Willamette University Native American Enlightenment Association for his many contributions in Education.

Anna Clements said that she, her granddaughter Shayla and great grandson Jake (Frank) wish to express their thanks and support to the following people:

Jodi and Gavin Begay, Rosie Tom, Cece Whitewolfe, Grant Clements family, and Mike and Maxine Clements. They also wish to thank the Star Horse Drum Group: Kyle Queahpama, Mackie Begay, Preston Tom, Gary Villa Jr., and Cheeks Boise. "We thank them for the wonderful memorial son," said Anna.

She said they also wish to thank all the students of the Willamette University Native American Enlightenment Association for honoring Rudy and Trudee.



Photos courtesy of Anna Clements

Winners of the Fancy Shawl contest, honoring Trudee Clements, are: first place Zelma Nelson (right), second place Denelle Stanley (middle), and third place Kathleen Jackson (left).



Anna Clements (second from right) and Jake Frank (right) wish to thank Cece Whitewolfe (left) and Rosie Tom (second from left) for their support of the family of Rudy and Trudee Clements.

## Culture Camp

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In fact, Johnson said, the culture aspect of the camp will still be the overall focus—they plan to have participants learn about things like traditional foods, crafts, arts and values.

After a community meeting in February, Morford said, "The final decision was to do it during huckleberry season so we could do dried huckleberries there on site."

Other activities will include an evening campfire for families to share stories, as well as things like beading, traditional dances, basket making and much more.

The culturally intensive aspect of the camp is something they hope to be able to emphasize, Morford said, by not allowing outside music, generators, or electronics that might take away from the atmosphere.

"It's just the real outdoor experience in the woods," Johnson said.

They will have teepees available for families to register for, or families can also bring their own camping equipment.

Some cost will be involved, and pre-registration will be required.

The camp will take place from August 11 to August 14 at Peter's Pasture.

In the past, Morford said, the camp has been conducted by 4-H with Culture and Heritage input, or vice versa.

However, she said, "This is the first time in recent years that it has been co-sponsored."

In her opinion, that's something that will only benefit the camp.

"It takes advantage of the strengths of both organizations," Morford said.

"If 4-H was to do this without Culture and Heritage it

would look like every other 4-H camp," Morford added, which she doesn't believe would properly fit in Warm Springs.

According to Johnson, this is something that even other tribes have not experimented with.

But, Morford said, the family camp will not be replacing youth activities. The 4-H program also has many youth activities lined up for the summer.

A community meeting will be held on April 14 at noon in the education building to speak with community members and local departments that will be involved. Lunch will be provided.

Fundraisers for the camp will also be starting soon, and registration packets with cost information will be available in June.

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