

Schimmel goes eighth to Atlanta

Shoni Schimmel now plays for the Atlanta Dream of the WNBA.

She was taken with the eighth selection in the first round of the 2014 WNBA draft.

Shoni is the third Native American woman to be drafted in the WNBA. She is the highest drafted Native American woman in the history of the draft.

Shoni is a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla.

She has family and friends in Warm Springs. Some are already planning to watch her play in Seattle in August, when the Dream play the Storm.

During the 2013-14 season, Shoni performed her best in all statistical categories, out of her four year career at the University of Louisville. The overall performance was enough to make her a high first-round WNBA draft choice.



At the draft, WNBA president Laurel J. Richie presents Shoni with the Atlanta Dream jersey.

At Louisville Shoni led the Cardinals in scoring with 17.1 points per game, and she led the Cardinals in assists with 3.8 per game. She also became the second player in school history to score 2,000

career points. Shoni currently ranks second on Louisville's all-time scoring list with 2,143 points. Other career totals include a career 596 assists and pulled down 547 career rebounds.

Also this past season, Schimmel was named to the USBWA All-American team, and named a second team ESPNW All-American.

She was a WBCA All-Region I selection, named a first team All-American Athletic Conference, and earned all-tournament honors. She was also named a Naismith semi-finalist and named to the Wooden ballot.

Known mainly as a 3 point shooter, Schimmel also became a great distributor of the ball this season. She got her teammates involved, and that is what she will be expected to do at the next level.

Shoni said, "Its definitely a blessing to be able to be in the WNBA...I definitely think I can bring a little flavor to the league"

On draft evening, Shoni was supported by her parents, Rick and Ceci Schimmel and her sister Jude Schimmel, who will be a senior next fall for the Louisville Cardinals.

Let 'er buck at Tygh Ridge Rodeo

The Eighteenth Annual Tygh Ridge All-Indian Rodeo is Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18. This is a Scott and Squiemphen Family Memorial rodeo.

The action begins at 1 p.m. daily. Admission is \$5 (6 and under free). The rodeo grounds are located 21 miles south of The Dalles, eight miles north of the old Tygh Valley rodeo grounds on Highway 197.

Special events include junior steer riding, junior barrels, junior breakaway, mutton bustin', wild colt race, wild horse race, senior team roping, and senior breakaway. For the wild horse race there is \$1,200 added by Kevin, Kelly and Anthony Blueback.

Main events:
Saddle bronc, bareback, bull riding, ladies barrels, calf roping, ladies breakaway, bull doggin', team roping.

Salmon feed following Saturday performance. For more information please contact Mike or Kitty Filbin at 541-467-2415, evenings after 6 p.m. or weekends.

3-on-3 tourney supports MHS girls hoops program

The Madras Midnight Mayhem 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament is coming up in May.

This tournament is intended to bring the community together one evening, and show support for the Madras High School girls basketball program. All proceeds from this event go toward the girls team.

The tourney is set for Saturday, May 17. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and games start at 6 p.m. Pre-registration fee (before May 9) is \$30 team. Late registration is \$45 per team.

Divisions: boys, 25 and

under; girls, open division. Up to 15 teams per division. Three-point contest: two divisions, men and women; one-minute shoot-out—two highest scores will have a shoot-out for the championship. Register on the day of the 3-on-3 tournament.

Concessions: pizza, drinks, popcorn. Contact Butch David at 541-475-7253 ext. 508 or email: bdavid@509j.net Or Brett Whipple at: bwhipple@509j.net Or Zach Lillebo at 541-475-7253 ext. 515. Email: zlillebo@509j.net

Root Feast Rodeo



Wild Colt Race at the Root Feast Rodeo.



Let Them Swim Home

Fish conference looks at restoring passage

Salmon swimming above Grand Coulee Dam is either a dream or a memory, depending upon your age.

A two-day conference in Portland last week brought together innovators, scientists, and government officials to explore the real possibilities of restoring salmon above previously impassable dams—something long dismissed as being technically impossible, politically unachievable, or both.

The 2014 Future of Our Salmon Conference focused on restoring fish passage that would allow salmon, lamprey, sturgeon, bull trout, and other migratory and resident species to return to their historical range throughout the Columbia and Snake river systems.

Conference attendees delved into various case studies that have successfully developed fish passage projects throughout the Columbia River system; explored the economics of fish passage projects; and discussed engineering strategies and experimental designs and discuss the cultural and legal perspectives on fish passage to all historical locations.

The conference was hosted by the Canadian Columbia River Intertribal Fisheries Commission, the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC),



Grand Coulee Dam has blocked all fish passage into the Upper Columbia since it was completed in 1941.

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Okanagan Nation Alliance, Upper Columbia United Tribes and Upper Snake River Tribes.

This international coalition included many tribes from areas where salmon can longer return due to dams that lack fish passage.

Leading up to the conference, a technical workshop was held in March to review recent advances in passage technology, identify passage obstacles, and explore viable

fish passage solutions. The technical workshop presentations are available at bit.ly/FOOSTechnical.

The Future of Our Salmon Conference was sponsored by 29 different organizations and agencies including: Columbia Basin Trust, Okanagan Nation Alliance, Ktunaxa Nation Council, Secwepemc Nation, Pacific Salmon Foundation, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Northwest Power and Conservation

Council, Columbia Power Corporation, and the Center for Coastal Margin Observation and Prediction.

For more information on the conference or to register visit: critfc.org/future.

Panther Prowl at Toppenish

The Panther Prowl Shootout is for May 16-18 at the Toppenish Community Center.

Entry fee is \$150 per team for boys and girls grades up to sixth. There is also a 7-and-under co-ed division (entry fee \$100).

Early entries are due by May 9 (extra \$25 after that date). Awards in all categories. Call to save your spot. Larena VanPelt, 509-930-0520; Shawn VanPelt, 509-969-4112 or 509-930-7371. Or email: stevensl@heritage.edu

May Madness tournament

The May Madness Native Hoops Youth Tournament will be held May 16-18 in Grand Ronde. It's a boys and girls 14 and under, boys 16

and under and boys and girls 18 and under tourney. For information contact Gloria Raynor 509-910-6886.

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