

Schimmel, Dream in playoffs

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Shoni Schimmel and the Atlanta Dream will play the Chicago Sky in the WNBA Conference playoffs starting this Friday, August 22, at 4:30 p.m.

The Friday game will be in Atlanta, then they play at Chicago on Sunday, August 24. The conference playoffs are a best-of-three series.

Atlanta is the No. 1 seed in the East for the first time in team history.

Strong end of season

Shoni had her best game of the year earlier this month, when it counted the most. The 5-9 rookie guard had 24 points last week against Phoenix, giving Atlanta the top seed.

The Dream won even without their leading scorer Angel McCoughtry, as Shoni stepped up.

Schimmel scored 20 points in the second quarter, as the Dream turned an eight-point first-quarter deficit into a 55-41 halftime lead.

Earlier this season, she scored 29 points in the WNBA All-Star game, earning her MVP honors.

At Seattle

Atlanta played at Seattle earlier this month, and the Key Arena was a near sellout. There were 9,686 fans in attendance, many cheering for the Dream even though Atlanta was the visiting team.

A huge number of the fans were from Northwest Indian Country, including the Warm



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In the recent game at Seattle.

Springs Reservation. Some Native fans traveled from Montana and even Wyoming.

Just before the first quarter, Schimmel was recognized at center court as the All-Star MVP. As she was handed the award, you heard loud screaming and war-hooping from the stands; and they gave her a standing ovation.

In the end Seattle won the game 88-68. Shoni had 14 points, four rebounds and six assists. She played 37 minutes.

This was the first game in three years that Schimmel had played in the Pacific Northwest. The previous time, in December 2011, she was with the Louisville Cardinals.

In early August the Dream were on a West Coast, three-game tour, playing in Phoenix, Seattle and lastly in Los Angeles.

The Phoenix and Los Angeles games also saw many Native fans in the stands, as Shoni is now a national sports figure, renowned across In-

dian Country.

Great rookie season

Shoni's WNBA career has been every bit as spectacular as her time at Louisville.

In her first two games at the pro level, Shoni accumulated 21 assists, setting a Dream franchise record. She also tied the WNBA record for most assists in a two game span, a record that went back to 1998.

At the half-way point through the season, the WNBA announced that Shoni had the number one selling jersey in all of the WNBA.

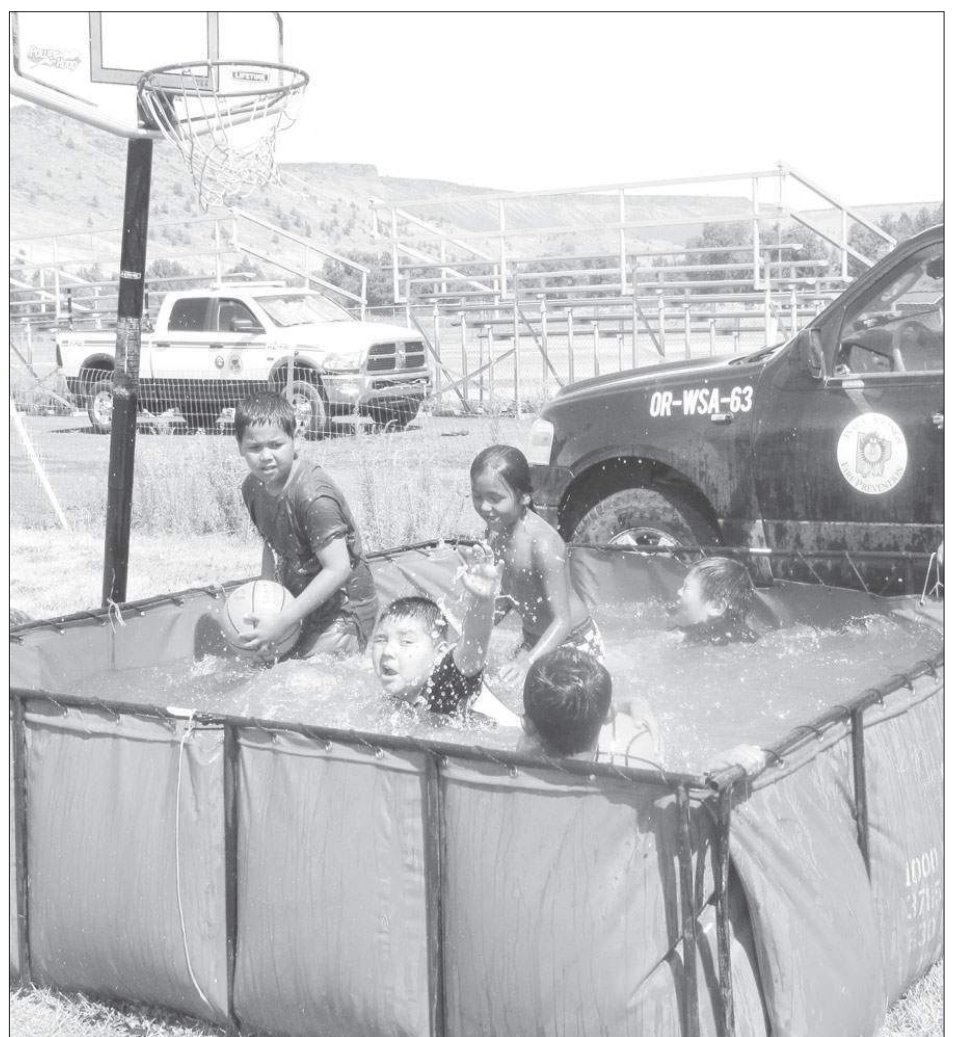
The league also announced that, for the first time in franchise history, the Atlanta Dream was in the number one spot for best-selling team merchandise. This was attributed to Schimmel's popularity.

Prior to this announcement, Shoni was voted as a starter to the WNBA All-Star game. She garnered over 25,000 fan votes, good enough for the third most votes, and highest rookie vote getter for this season.

She became just the third reserve to earn a start in a WNBA All-Star game.

Whether she gets the league's top rookie award or not Shoni's impact on the court and off the court is something that everyone around the league has taken noticed. She has not only earned her right to play in the WNBA she has also earned the right to be respected as one of the up and coming stars of the league.

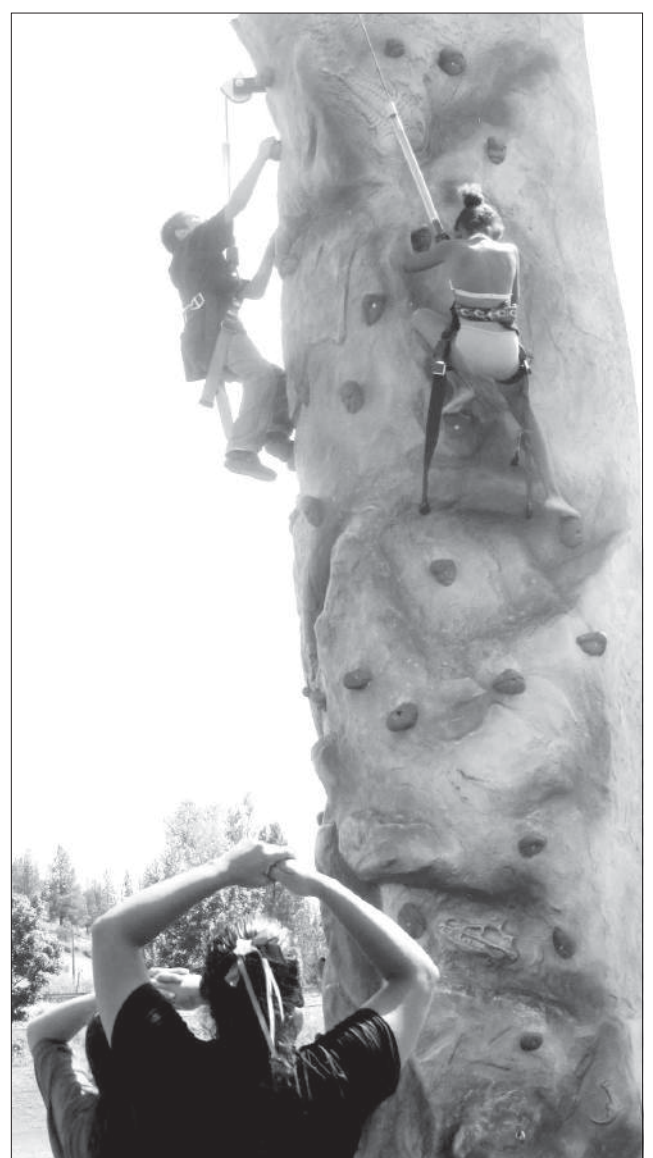
Water Hoops



The Recreation Department's Family Jamboree Day featured swimming pool basketball (above), and rock climbing (right). A big theme at the Jamboree Day was water, as the day was warm. So the water slide (below) was popular.



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Tribal members who graduated high school in 2014 should bring a diploma and transcripts to the Vital Stats office. This is a requirement for Trust Fund disbursements. If you have questions, call 541-553-3252.

Head Start fall schedule

Warm Springs Head Start is closed for pre-service training August 25-Sept. 5. There will be a mandatory open house on Friday, September 5, for all Head Start families.

You'll need to plan on an hour at the open house which will be from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Head Start program resumes for the fall on Monday September 8.

OSU Extension hosting Fruit Loop Tour in Sept.

The Warm Springs OSU Extension Service will host the annual Fruit Loop Tour on Wednesday, Sept. 10. The tour will leave the Education building at 7:30 a.m. sharp, and will return at 5 p.m.

The tour will stop at several orchards on the Fruit Loop, where you can purchase fresh fruits and veg-

etables (some orchards accept the EBT card).

Lunch is not provided. Pack a lunch and bring it with you. The tour will stop at the park in Parkdale to eat.

The following day, Thursday, Sept. 11, one of OSU master food preservers will be teaching food preservation classes that include: Can-

ning, drying and freezing. Join them at the Education building that day to learn how to safely preserve nature's harvest.

Space for the tour is very limited. Sign-ups are required for the tour and the preservation classes. Please call the office at 541-553-3238 to reserve your spot.

Diversity: promoting growth as community

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Overall, Ron asserts, "This is a special community to be part of and I think every distinct part of the community makes it a precious community."

In order to grow as a community, Ron and Jolene also speak of the need for our communities to heal. Specifically, Jolene speaks of her own family.

"If I came from these families of leaders for hundreds, even thousands, of years of leadership, then today my family is basically broken. I had to ask myself at one point: what happened to this great heritage?"

She adds, "I live it every day. I think the thing that has been distinguished for our family, and a lot of families, is the breaking of the people from their land and [therefore] being lost. The reservation is one thing, but I know this is not where we really come from. I know where we come from and that is on the Columbia and the Snake rivers.

"So for me, going back there gives me that sense of who I am and that wholeness again. It took me a lot of

years to accept that this is where we were put and this is where most of my family now lives. I'm working on restoring all of that healing in the family. It's going to be an inter-generational healing process."

She says, "Our healing as Native American people is very different than other communities. It starts with our family, then our ancestors before them and the connection they have to the land, and then as kind of the last thing—the individual. So, now I'm beginning to be educated about who are, the original people from each area, and then getting to grieve for them. Now it's a regular practice and a teaching. That's the first thing you do, respect the place, the land, and the ancestors that were there."

"Healing is a huge process, not only with myself and my family, but with the whole

community."

Ron echoes Jolene's words. "We aren't just healed and then we're done and take the rest of our lives off. It is an ongoing experience and training and equipping. But it is very much community. It's family; it is not just the individual. I think that's important. There are two sides to that. There's being culturally relevant but also recognizing that there are things for me to understand. It is within the community that we long to see healing. We want to see wholeness and health and happiness for our community."

As Co-Chairs of the Let's Talk Diversity Coalition, Ron and Jolene are working towards just that: the healing of past and present wounds and building stronger relationships and community in Jefferson County and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

A Look Back



Courtesy photo.

Recognize any of these players, from the Madras basketball some years back? Answer in the next paper.

The Warm Springs Library is offering Summer Science Events on Fridays. This is for Youth 17 and under. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a guardian. This Friday they will learn about why kites fly and everyone can build a kite from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This is a free activity for you at the Warm Springs Library in the Family Resource Center. For more information call 553-1078.