

Skier Chaffee sees Olympic possibilities

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Snow may not be falling yet, but it isn't too early for people to plan—including former Olympic skier Suzy Chaffee, a recent visitor in Warm Springs.

Chaffee, along with Warm Springs resident Susan Guerin, is working to make sure that tribal members have a chance to hit the slopes in a big way.

Both are serving as chairpersons on the Native American Olympic Steering Committee (NAOSC).

The committee is gathering a cross-cultural team of Olympic sponsors to win the Olympic bid and develop Native American teams to compete in the 2008 China Summer Olympics and the tribal-oriented 2010 Vancouver Olympics under the umbrella of Native Voices Foundation (NVF).

After meeting with officials at Timberline Lodge, Chaffee and Guerin have also managed to create local opportunities.

Next spring, Timberline Lodge will host a "Warm Springs Ski and Salmon Feast," inviting all the Pacific Northwest tribes and other visitors to benefits the

Native American Olympic Teams.

"We had always wanted to start a native ski program at Mount Hood," Chaffee said. "We were able to get a ski day at Mount Hood and form this wonderful relationship with the leaders there."

"Having those opportunities could do wonders for motivation and health, and lift your tribe into a leadership position in Indian country," Chaffee explained.

Chaffee believes that becoming involved in skiing—or any sport—directly impacts tribal communities in a positive way.

"All Indian country has struggled with all these youth epidemics," Chaffee said, like methamphetamine and alcohol abuse.

On other reservations, she said, the link between skiing and healthy lifestyles is apparent.

For instance, Chaffee said, members of the Apache tribe started two ski areas thirty years ago. Now, she added, "They have the highest employment rate of all the tribes in America."

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when Guerin coordinated the trip for Warm Springs residents to the 2006 Indigenous Games in Denver, Colo.

Guerin, a mother of three and vice-president of Guerin Logging, Inc., is also president of the Native American Sports Association.

Chaffee is a longtime supporter of the mission to form Native American Olympic teams.

Currently the teams are still in the planning process, but Chaffee's enthusiasm is evident when she rattles off the names of future coaches and fellow athletes.

Right now, she said, "We're looking for Olympic tribal sponsors to work together to give these kids this opportunity to

win the Olympic bid and to develop the teams."

The teams have received enormous support from Prince Albert of Monaco, she said—especially because Prince Albert was adopted by the Lakota tribes.

"He and the French Princess Caroline Murat are spearheading the Olympic effort on behalf of our tribes," she said. "We are so blessed."

Chaffee was a member of the Olympic ski team in 1968.

She later went on to star in several films focusing on skiing and in a series of "Suzy Chapstick" lip balm commercials.

Sports Illustrated named Chaffee one of the 50 greatest sports figures of the century.

During her time in Warm Springs, Chaffee had the opportunity to tour the Museum at Warm Springs as well as speak with several groups—including the Diabetes Prevention Program, who she spoke to about a healthy sugar supplement made by NuNaturals Inc., one of many sponsors of the Native American Olympic teams.

Births

Stephanie Marie Sobappy

Joshua D. Sohapp and S. JoAndi McCloud are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Stephanie Marie Sohapp, born August 25, 2006.

Stephanie joins brothers Devere, Hakela and Damian. The father's parents are Corinna Sohapp and Archie Caldera. The mother's parents are the late Joanne Marie Casey, and Andrew McCloud III.

Kenyon Hopi Gabriel Aguilar

Joseph G. Aguilar and Amanda Tom are proud to announce the birth of their son, Kenyon Hopi Gabriel Aguilar on August 17, 2006. He was born at 1:46 p.m., five pounds 15 ounces and 18 inches long. Joseph's parents are Ralph G. Aguilar Sr. and Etta R. Arthur. His grandparents from his father's side are Ella Aguilar of the Ute tribe, George W. Aguilar Sr. of Warm Springs. His grandparents from his mother's side are Irene Cloud of Yakima and Larry Arthur of Warm Springs. Amanda's parents are Marie Tom of Warm Springs and Eldon Tom of Warm Springs. Great grandmother is Evelyn Sam.

Page Dakota Maricia Greene

Ramon and Plyza Greene are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Page Dakota Maricia Greene, born August 24, 2006. She joins brother Jake Frank of Warm Springs, and two sisters Verbena and Lawrenca Greene of Crow Agency, Mont. Her grandmother is Ramona Baez of Warm Springs, and her grandparents are Christine and Pat Big Lake of Crow Agency.

Matthew Miles Smith

Louis Smith and Angeledith Kalama are pleased to announce the birth of their son Matthew Miles Smith, born on September 7, 2006.

Trustin Chance Otter

John Joseph Otter and Kimberly Jan Binder are pleased to announce the birth of their son Trustin Chance Otter, born September 9, 2006. Trustin joins brother Austin, 9. The father's parents are Mary Crockett and George Otter of Madras. The mother's parents are Ann Seyler of Warm Springs, and Donald Binder of Walla Walla.

Jessie Dean Stwyer-Bobb

Corwin Michael Bobb and Brandi Jo Stwyer are pleased to announce the birth of their son Jessie Dean Stwyer-Bobb, born September 8, 2006.

Big turnout at back-to-school barbecue

Just before school started, students and their families attended the annual Back-to-School Barbecue and ate 900 hamburgers and hotdogs; picked up 389 backpacks filled with school supplies; and received 240 pairs of shoes.

Teachers attended and were introduced by school administrators. The DJ played oldies while announcing raffle winners.

The weather was perfect, burgers sizzled on the grill, and summers last days were enjoyed by all.

The Youth Activities Coordination Crew raised \$8,750 and recruited help from numerous volunteers. The crew consists of staff from the tribal youth work program, K-12 Education, Family Health, KWSO, Community Center, Boys & Girls

Club, Juvenile Court, and Human Services.

Many thanks for donations and assistance received from:

Tribal Council, the Secretary-Treasurer and the Chief Operations Officer, Jefferson County School District, the Community Health Education Team, Juvenile Court, Family Health, Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, Human Services, Com-

munity Counseling, and Warm Springs Composite Products.

Based on the increased turnout of the last two years at the Barbecue, projected need is expected to be greater for next year.

If you would like to assist with this annual event, please contact Julie Quaid at 553-3438. It's never too early to start planning for next year.

Thanks from Soaring Butterflies-Warrior Spirit

A thank-you is goes to the following people for their help in making the recent Soaring Butterflies-Warrior Spirit events at HeHe a great success:

Myra Johnson, who talked to the 11 Soaring Butterflies about Rights of Passage. Myra shared some personal experiences and the girls responded positively. Myra allowed the girls to do some self-reflection.

Carol Allison, who has been key in the implementation and planning of the Soar-

ing Butterfly-Warrior Spirit event for the past three years. Carol has shared stories that Elders have shared with her. Carol has lived in the Warm Springs area for over 50 years and has a wealth of information to share. Carol is the "Royal Butterfly."

Austin Greene, who supports Warrior Spirit and Soaring Butterflies by allowing Carol time to participate, and by transporting children to HeHe.

JoDe Goudy, who talked to the Warrior Spirits about becom-

ing a man and taught them the basics of the sweathouse.

David Belgarde Sr., who assisted JoDe with the sweathouse and coordinated hiking activity for Warrior Spirit in the afternoon.

Joni Wallulatum, who assisted with both Soaring Butterflies in the morning and Warrior Spirit in the afternoon. Joni also assisted with food preparation.

J'Dean Kalama, for the collage craft with Soaring Butterflies.

Liz, who played a card game with both the Warrior Spirit and

Soaring Butterflies. One card read, "What would you do if your boyfriend dumped you before a party?"

There were many answers. After all questions were answered Liz reviewed their answers with them, allowing them to decide what was a good response and what was not a good response. Good job Liz!

Sincerely, *Soaring Butterflies and Warrior Spirit.*



Search team at the Deschutes last week.

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Drowning: sixth this year on Deschutes

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The divers, Miller said, are two of the best swift water divers in the state.

"It takes a special skill and a special talent to work in swift water," he explained.

Professional photographers were working when the accident occurred, and managed to get photos of the

accident from three different angles—something that helped during rescue efforts, Miller added.

Santos is the sixth drowning victim due to rafting accidents on the Deschutes River this year.

None of the accidents have involved professional river guides, while all of the

drownings in the Wapinitia area have involved the lack of lifejackets or improper use of lifejackets.

Miller said the number of deaths this year is astounding.

"This year the Deschutes has been a tragedy all summer," he added.

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Support group meetings

Warm Springs support groups/AA/NA meetings are at the following times on these days of the week:

Monday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.: Aftercare support group meeting at the Community Counseling Center. Wednesday from noon to 1:30 p.m.: AA meeting at the Community Counseling Center.

Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.: AA/NA meeting at the Community Counseling Center.

Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m.: Talking Circle at the Community Counseling Center. Saturday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.: AA/NA meeting at the Community Counseling Center.

Basketball tourney in October

The Let's Get It Started Basketball Tournament will be Oct. 27-29 at Nespelem Community Center in Nespelem, Wash.

The tourney will include a high school co-ed division (9th-12th grades); seventh-grade girls and seventh-grade boys divisions; and 6th-grade and under

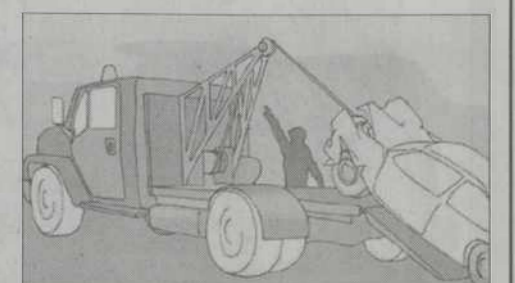
co-ed division.

Entry fee is due by Oct. 6. High school division fee is \$250; 7th-grade and 6th-grade divisions, \$200.

For more information contact Camille or Peewee Pleasants at 509-633-0543.

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