

## Tribal Youth Keep Busy With Array Of Summer Activities



**Smiles In The Sun** — Local kids were taken out to a night at the ball game on August 21, courtesy of the Tribal Youth Prevention Program, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes. The program aims to promote healthy behavior in teens by giving them activities to be involved in. Friends Katie Phillips, Betty Hoopengamer and Alicia Phillips (left) went to the game, as well as Justine Cotton and Leah Brisbois (above).

Photos by Peta Tinda



### Concentration

— A math camp was held August 19 for Tribal students to help sharpen their math skills. Sylvan Learning Center math teacher Autumn Van Horn (center) helped the kids with math problems. Miranda Ellis (right), age 11, attended the camp, which was held at the Tribal Education Center in Grand Ronde.



## Tribal Member Cuts Album Of His Flute Music

■ Jan Michael Reibach holds CD release party at Spirit Mountain Casino.

By Peta Tinda

The evocative sounds of the Native American flute filled the air during the release party for Tribal member Jan Michael Reibach's first album, "Peaceful Journey." About 40 people attended the show.

At the start of the presentation Reibach got up and thanked everyone for coming, then played the first song off his new album, called "Sunrise," a song comprised of both flute, drum and guitar blended together in contemporary style.

Over the next two hours, Reibach sang, drummed and played the guitar and flute for the captivated audience. Reibach used as many as four different flutes, each with a different sound, during the show.

"We tried to convey the experience of being a Grand Ronde Tribal member and our spirituality in a way people would understand," said Reibach.

Reibach is a local musician who not only plays flute and sings, but he also wrote the lyrics and produced the album himself. Many of the songs have local connotations, and the cd has been selling so well, said Reibach that they've

had to hire a company out of Portland to keep up with production. Cedarfeather has over 30



**First Album** — Tribal member Jan Michael "Looking Wolf" Reibach plays one of his several traditional Native American flutes during the release party for his first album, "Peaceful Journey," which is on his label, Cedarfeather Productions.

retail outlets in Oregon and is currently negotiating with several national distributors.

The release party, held at Spirit Mountain Casino on July 27, was a chance to showcase the tal-

ents of other Native musicians, like Buckley McWilliams, a Klamath-Modoc Tribal member who sings and has played the hand drum for 26 years.

His drum group is called "Antelope Spirit," and he just released his own album, titled "The Call of The Drum," on Reibach's label, "Cedarfeather Productions."

To date, Reibach has signed seven Native artists, all from the Northwest, to the label.

"This is a good chance for Native musicians to get the exposure that we otherwise wouldn't have," said McWilliams.

The goal of Cedarfeather Productions, said Reibach, is to help out other Northwest Native musicians and so far has been successful.

As for Reibach, he said he would continue to go where the music takes him.

"The flute is showing me, leading me," said Reibach. "I just follow its lead." ■

