

Looking Wolf videos on YouTube

'Breakin' Free' project combats alcohol, drug use among Tribal youth nationwide

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Two videos that are part of Tribal member Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach's anti-drug/alcohol project "Breakin' Free" can be viewed on the popular video-sharing Web site YouTube.

The music videos "Addiction" and "You're Not Alone," filmed in early December in Salem at the Historic Grand Theatre, can be viewed at YouTube.com/Justicevideo1.

Reibach, the Tribe's Lands Manager and 2009 Native American Music Awards Artist of the Year, shot the videos as part of "Breakin' Free," a compact disc and DVD project that supports Native youth drug and alcohol prevention.

Reibach's band includes Tribal member Kenny Sequoia Lewis II, the son of Tribal member and Tribal Realty Specialist Ann Lewis, on lead guitar. Other band members are Nathan Myers, Pat McDermott and Ledhead Ned.

Kenny is featured in the "Addiction" video, which tells the story of a Native youth who declines an offer to hang out and drink and do drugs, instead opting to help a homeless man and find inspiration

in playing music.

Reibach hired Shawn Justice, owner of Justice Pictures in Vancouver, Wash., to film and edit the videos. Justice filmed and edited the Tribe's 25th Restoration video, as well as a video for the Tribe's Social Services Department.

Also featured on YouTube are behind-the-scenes footage of the video shoot and concert footage from an Oct. 23 concert Reibach performed in Salem.

The Jan Michael Looking Wolf Band will be performing a free concert at the Tribal gymnasium on Friday, Feb. 19. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Since 1994, Reibach has recorded 15 compact discs and two DVDs and received 39 national awards for his music, which has run the stylistic gamut from traditional Native flute to blues to rock 'n' roll.

In January, he distributed more than 800 "Breakin' Free" DVDs, compact discs and anti-drug posters to every Native reservation in the country.

"After winning the award, I wanted to try and give something back," Reibach said about the Artist of the Year honors. "The Native American Music Awards have become a healing force to Native communities across the nation by providing recognition of Native artists and through their programs that outreach to some impoverished



A screen shot of Tribal member Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach's anti-drug/alcohol project "Breakin' Free" can be viewed on the popular video-sharing Web site YouTube.

reservations."

Through his Breakin' Free non-profit project, Reibach is also planning to offer three college scholarships for Native youth with

drug abuse backgrounds and award grants to Native American musicians to present concerts on reservations for drug and alcohol prevention. ■

Recycle center moves

The Recycle Center has been moved temporarily to 9675 Grand Ronde Road. (The Curl Property next to Procurement). We will leave it open every day, as long as there isn't any personal garbage or other materials (couches, mattresses, etc.) dumped there. For more information, contact Tribal Facilities Manager Michael J. Larsen at 503-879-2407. ■

2010 Community Meetings Schedule

3/7 Grand Ronde - at the Gym

10:00 General Council followed by the Community Meeting after lunch

9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347

3/28 Tacoma - at the LaQuinta Inn & Suites (same ballroom as last time)

12:30 Lunch and then the Community Meeting

1425 E. 27th Street, Tacoma, Washington 98421

4/11 Eugene - at the Holiday Inn (same ballroom as last year)

10:00 General Council followed by the Community Meeting after lunch

919 Kruse Way, Springfield, Oregon 97477

4/25 Yakima - at the Red Lion (same ballroom as last year)

12:00 Lunch and then the Community Meeting

607 East Yakima Ave., Yakima, Washington 98901

5/23 Bend - at the Riverhouse Inn (same ballroom as last year)

12:00 Lunch and then the Community Meeting

3075 N. Highway 97, Bend, Oregon 97701

