

Tribal member Kenny Lewis joins Sol Seed

**Band performs free show
April 29 at Tribal gym**

By Dean Rhodes
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Tribal member Kenny Lewis has packed a lot of living in his first 20 years.

He's a black belt in martial arts.

He's won a Native American Music Award as lead guitarist of the Jan Michael Looking Wolf Band and starred in the "Breakin' Free" videos that can be seen on YouTube.com.

And now he's the lead guitarist of Sol Seed, a foursome who describe their music as psychedelic reggae rock with hints of jazz, blues, swing, funk, folk, Latin and hip-hop styles blended into the musical mix. Think Jack Johnson meets Bob Marley with a dose of vintage Cat Stevens thrown in for good measure.

"It's a good vibes feeling that all types of audiences enjoy," the band's Web site says. "And in the midst of this music fusion is a message of unconditional love, universal acceptance, and an urge to reach across social, spiritual and cultural boundaries."

Lewis, who is the son of Tribal member and Commercial Real Estate Manager Ann Lewis and

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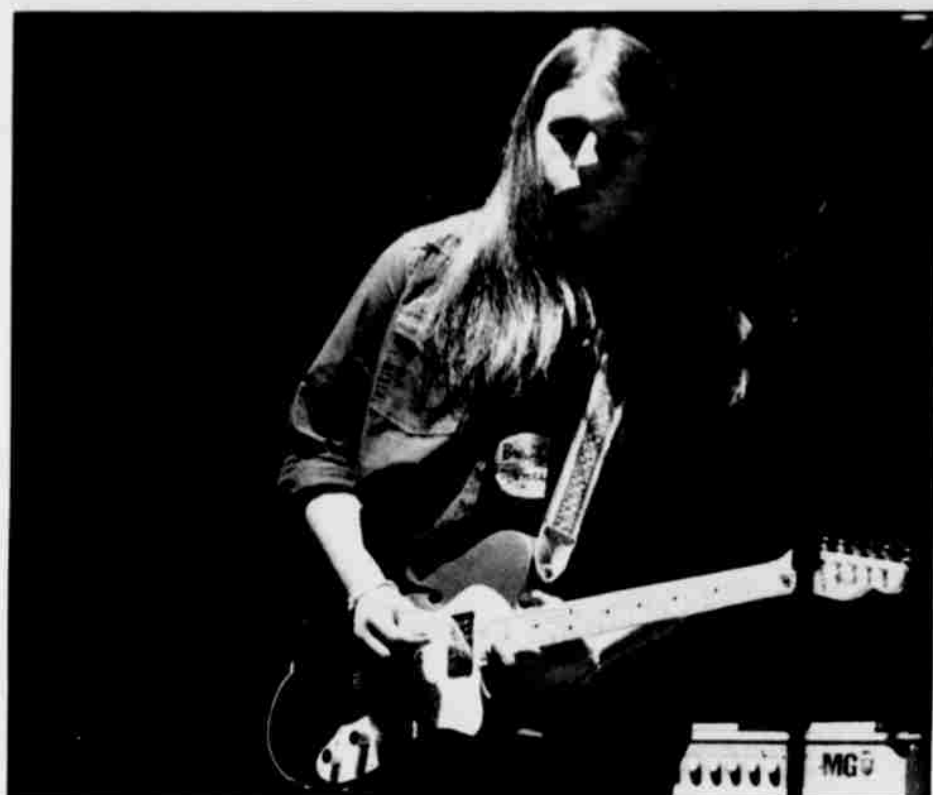
Sol Seed in concert
When: 7 p.m. Friday, April 29; dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.
Where: Tribal gym
Cost: Free admission; open to the public
More info: solseedmusic.com

her husband, Ken, joined Sol Seed in early 2010 as his work with the Jan Michael Looking Wolf Band was winding down. The other three members of the band are singer and guitarist Michael Lennon, percussionist Michael Sorensen and bassist Benny Pezzano.

Lennon and Sorensen are the principal songwriters, but all four members participate in the creation and development of the songs.

Sol Seed will perform a free concert in the Tribal gym on Friday, April 29. It will not be their first performance there; they played the 2011 Tribal Jam on March 12. A video of that performance can be seen on the Tribal Web site, www.grandronde.org, under the Video page. (Their performance starts at the 51:30 mark of the video.)

Sol Seed also is being featured on Salem cable TV project "Salem



Smoke Signals file photo

Tribal member Kenny Lewis performs during the Jan Michael Looking Wolf Band's free concert in the Tribal gymnasium on February 2010. Lewis is now the lead guitarist of Sol Seed and the band will be giving a free concert in the Tribal gymnasium on Friday, April 29.

Rocks." 22 at 8:30 p.m. Fridays, April 15, 22
"Episode 1 - This Is Sol Seed, Part and 29, and 11:30 p.m. Saturdays
1" airs on Comcast Cable channel April 16, 23 and 30. ■

Saddle Club open

The Grand Ronde Saddle Club is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday near the former Grand Ronde Food Bank west of Grand Ronde Road.

The Saddle Club is closed on Thursday and Sunday.

Everyone is invited to visit the horses and go for a ride.

For more information, contact Tribal member Clint Folden at 503-559-1977. ■

Tribe seeking 2011-12 Hatfield Fellow applicants

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is accepting applications for the Mark O. Hatfield Congressional Fellowship.

Each year, a Hatfield Fellow serves as an intern for a member of Oregon's congressional delegation. The fellow is selected from adult Native American applicants who are enrolled members of a federally recognized Tribe in Oregon.

If there are no qualified applicants from Oregon, enrolled members of federally recognized Tribes in Washington, Idaho and Montana will be considered.

The selected candidate will intern in Washington, D.C., for nine months beginning in November and will receive a monthly stipend, relocation and travel expenses, and tuition for the American Political Science Association orientation.

Again in 2011, applications will be accepted and submitted through an electronic Web-based process only at www.thecommunityfund.com/hatfield-fellowship.

Videos providing an overview of the Hatfield Fellowship program and interviews with previous fellows can be viewed at Spirit Mountain Community Fund's Web site.

Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Friday, April 29. Applicants will be notified in May if they qualify for interviews. Late applications will not be accepted.

For more information, contact Program Coordinator Louis King at Spirit Mountain Community Fund at 503-879-1462, e-mail at louis.king@thecommunityfund.com or by mail at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

The fellowship honors Mark Hatfield for his accomplishments as a U.S. senator, former Oregon governor and for his mentorship of many community leaders. ■

Youth prom scheduled

Native Network will be presenting the first Native Youth Prom on Saturday, May 28, for Native youth who live in the Portland metro area, including Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington counties in Oregon and Clark County in Washington.

The network also will be having an ongoing prom dress, tuxedo and accessories drive to collect items for students in need, and also will be having a Native American art exhibit and silent auction fundraiser to help with the costs of the event, which will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1441 N.E. Second Ave., Portland.

For more information on becoming a sponsor or donating, contact Cassandra Belgard at 971-998-4567 or Nicholas Belgard at 503-758-2019, or visit www.NativeYouthProm.com. ■

Matthew Hofenbredl finishes middle school wrestling career

By Ron Karten

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Tribal member Matthew Hofenbredl, a LaCreole (Dallas) Middle School eighth-grader and wrestler with the Dallas Mat Club, has concluded another wrestling season as first in the state in the 95-pound weight class of the Oregon Wrestling Association, said his father, Tribal member Leland Hofenbredl.

The finals took place in March.

Toward the end of March, during spring break, Matthew and his father traveled to Illinois to wrestle on the Oregon National team. He won "a couple of matches," said Leland, but suffered with a broken hand that happened "fooling around" the day before they left.

"I had his hand wrapped up for these matches," Leland said.

"Both Oregon teams finished in Gold Division, the top division," said Leland. "This was Matthew's third trip to nationals," for sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

"He's the only kid so far to do that."

They came home for a week, and then headed south to Nevada for the Reno World Tournament, where Matthew made it to the semi-finals in the 89-pound bracket.

"He was fourth overall, out of 39 kids," said Leland.

By then, the hand was all healed, and the experience, Matthew said, was "good."

He'll continue to wrestle, he said, next year at Dallas High School. ■