

Native owned business of the year awarded

Everett, Washington — An awards ceremony was held Tuesday, November 11 in Seattle during the ATNI (Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians) Economic Summit Meeting to honor some outstanding achievements. ANTI and ONABEN honored the 1st Annual "Native Owned Business of the Year" and "Tribal Enterprise of the Year." Quannah Stamps, Assistant Administrator of the Office of Native American Affairs, Small Business Administration, was the guest speaker who had the honor of handing the awards and certificates out to the winners.

The winner of the 1997 Native Owned Business of the Year award was **Dr. Ted L. Forcum**. Dr. Forcum is the owner of *Back In Motion Chiropractic* located in Beaverton, Oregon which was established in 1989. *Back In Motion* is a progressive clinic dedicated to the treatment of biomechanical and physiological sports injuries using manipulative therapy, orthotics and supports, physiotherapy, exercise, diet and nutrition. The goal of his practice was to focus on the biomechanical treatment of athletes and those patients who have failed other therapeutic interventions. Because of Mr. Forcum's expertise in biomechanics, he has been consulted by such companies as Nike, Avia, and Adidas corporations to assist in product testing and research. Dr. Forcum played an integral role in the *Travel to Treat Physicians Bill*, which allows physicians to travel and treat in the state of Oregon temporarily for special events. This was impor-

tant in the effects to coordinate medical care at the 1996 Olympics at Atlanta.

Dr. Forcum is a frequent national and international lecturer and professor of biomechanical evaluation. He also continues to participate in education by providing internship rotations through his office. He has actively encouraged the advancement of Native Americans. He supported two Native American employees as they opened their own businesses. A third Native American employee advanced to work for a professional football team.

Ms. Meredith P. "Meri" Heilman, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the *Makah Forestry Enterprise (MFE)* in Neah Bay, Washington was the winner of the 1997 Tribal Enterprise of the Year award. As the CEO and Chair of the Board of Directors of the MFE, Meri has done an excellent job in managing the overall business operations, as well as, provide management oversight to the overall forest resources of the Makah Tribe. Her dedicated service to her people has resulted in numerous benefits to the Makah Tribe, one of which is the successful manner in which she manages the *Makah Forestry Enterprise*. The Makah Tribal Council has been confident and proud of her representation on the Executive Board of Directors of the Intertribal Timber Council since 1991.

Since the MFE has been in business, it has completed all timber sale contracts it has entered into with the Makah

Tribe. MFE has provided a high level, stable flow of dollar and non-dollar benefits; managed the Makah Tribe's overall forest resource program; requested and scored very well on an independent third-party review of operations; provided employment and other education opportunities to community members. It has also acquired nearly 2,000 acres of land to the south of the Makah Tribe's reservation boundaries; returned over 4 million dollars in cash and non-cash dividends to the Tribe. This clearly demonstrates the diversity and scope of accomplishments.

The *Makah Forestry Enterprise* is highly regarded on the Olympic Peninsula as an excellent company in which to do business with and has become over the years, one of the key players in the timber business. MFE's reputation for adhering to values which place fairness and honesty in its dealings, as well as, reliability and market-savvy are well placed.

The winners of the 1997 Native Owned Business or Tribal Enterprise of the Year received: Microsoft Small Business Package; a Prestigious Plaque and certificate; a room for two nights' accommodations at the Cavanaugh's Inn in Seattle; pre-paid registration fee and two round trip tickets to Seattle for the ATNI Economic Summit and Awards Ceremony.

This was a wonderful ceremony that honored two outstanding achievements, "Native Owned Business of the Year" and "Tribal Enterprise of the Year."

Community pride lights up the holidays



Have you noticed the Grand Ronde holiday decorations located on the Highway 18 at "All Thru the House" Antiques? Thank you to all the community members and non-community participants who volunteered their time in the heavy rain. The money raised to purchase these decorations came from the "Walk for Santa," a six-mile pledge to walk from Willamina to Sheridan which took place in September. A special thank you to the people who signed the pledge sheets and to the walkers who walked for the community.

With the Casino named one of the top tourist attractions in Oregon, many visitors travel through Grand Ronde from

Portland to the coast --- we would like to show these visitors that we are proud of our community. Grand Ronde is now involved with the local Chamber of Commerce. Our next project planned is to place signs welcoming people to Grand Ronde at both ends of the Grand Ronde community. (For example: Willamina has the three logs displayed and welcoming you to Timbertown USA.) Creative suggestions and participation are needed to design these signs for Grand Ronde. Maybe wood carvings or painted signs.

For creative suggestions and interested artists, please call Sheila Herber at Small Business Development at 879-2492 or 1-800-422-0232.

Daily morning call program underway

Are you an elderly or disabled Yamhill County resident who might need a daily phone call to make sure you're doing all right? Would you like to volunteer to provide this service? The Yamhill County Sheriff's Office "Sheriff's Morning Call" program wants to hear from you.

The Sheriff's Morning Call is intended to be a reassurance call for residents who live alone and are homebound due to age or health problems. At an agreed upon daily time (seven days a week), volunteers will telephone a Sheriff's Morning Call client. If there is no answer, the volunteer will then contact a previously designated person or social service agency to personally check the client's residence to make sure they are not in need of emergency assistance. If the client still cannot make contact on that visit, local police or the Sheriff's Office will then be dispatched to the clients residence.

There is no cost to eligible clients for the Sheriff's Morning Call service. **The Sheriff's Morning Call is not intended to replace services which automatically summon aid in an emergency. The Morning Call is meant to assist those residents who do not have persons to check their status or who cannot afford other programs.**

The Sheriff's Morning Call needs volunteers to make these important daily calls, and also needs to hear from residents who might benefit from receiving a daily phone call. To become involved with the Sheriff's Morning Call, contact Bet Brockman at 472-0011 or 538-1222; the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office at 434-7506, ext. 4601.