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UMPQUA

MOLALLA

ROGUE RIVER

KALAPUYA

CHASTA



Photo by Siobhan Taylor

On Saturday, February 17, 2007 the Watoto Children's Choir from Kampala, Uganda, brought a concert of traditional spiritual music and dance to the Tribal Gymnasium in Grand Ronde for a free show. Since 1994, they have toured the U.S., Canada and Great Britain. STORY AND MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 3.

## Elders' Luncheon In Portland



Photo by Siobhan Taylor

Tribal Elders and Tribal Council got together for a visit on Monday, February 12 at the Tribe's Portland Satellite Office. The Portland staff prepared a meal. STORY AND MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 3.

## 2007 ATNI Pushes Northwest Indian Issues

■ Three dominate for Northwest Tribes.



Photo by Ron Karten

Tribal Vice Chair Angie Blackwell speaks at the 2007 Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) conference held in Portland in February.

Ernie Stensgar (Coeur d'Alene). Stensgar spoke at the group's 2007 Winter Conference held in Portland in mid-February.

More than 300 overall and more than 20 from the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde alone participated in workshops to move existing projects forward, and explanations for events and projects underway across the Northwest.

He also said that Indian nations have a lot of work to do to educate the rest of America "as to who we are and why we do what we do."

He called on Tribes to elect Indian legislators.

Montana presently has 10, he said. Washington state has four and Idaho has none. Oregon also has

By Ron Karten

Indian health care, trust reform and funding for education top the list of issues pursued this year by the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, said ATNI President

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