

Ewan to present AFN Citizen award

Roy Ewan of Copper Center, president of Ahtna, Inc. was named AFN Citizen of the Year at the Tundra Times banquet last year.

Ewan was born February 25, 1935 in Copper Center where he grew up. Later he left to attend high school at Mt. Edgecumbe. After receiving his high school diploma he served in the Army from 1953-55. He continued his education and eventually received a diploma from Anchorage Community College.

Ewan has a consistent track record of serving his people. In 1967 he began working for the Rural Alaska Community Action Program as a field representative. Later he work-

ed with the Alaska Native Foundation, then became executive director of his Native corporation, Ahtna, which has recorded a profit every year since its creation. Ewan has been Ahtna's president since replacing Herb Smelcer several years ago.

Ahtna and its non-profit arm, Copper River Native Association, nominated Ewan to be AFN's Citizen of the Year. This year, Ewan will assist in the presentation of the award.

Before approximately 1,200 people at the Tundra Times banquet, Ewan said he was honored to be named AFN Citizen of the Year."



Roy Ewan was AFN's Citizen of the Year for 1985.