

Confederated Tribes hires new CFO



Rawleigh White

June was an eventful month for the Finance branch. Rawleigh White's first day on the job as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) was June 1. On June 22, the branch held a honoring and birthday party for long-time employee and Director of Finance Norma Smith.

White fills a void that has been felt since Norma was placed on long-term disability. Norma's last day at work was February 26, 1999. Norma, one of the first tribal member women to graduate from college, has been battling health problems and has been in and out of the hospital numerous times. Previous to White's hiring, Lisa Sledge was the "acting" Director of Finance.

Rawleigh White grew up in Burns, Oregon. After attending the University of Oregon for a year, he transferred to Eastern New Mexico University where he graduated in 1989 with a BBA in accounting and finance.

Prior to coming to Warm Springs, Rawleigh White was employed by Pioneer Natural Resources in Dallas, Texas. He was the Director of Corporate and International Accounting. The soft-spoken White said his job entailed a lot of traveling. "Mainly to Argentina, South Africa and Canada."

When asked about moving to a small community in Central Oregon, White said, "I'm excited about coming to Warm Springs for many reasons. The reputation of Warm Springs outside of Indian Coun-

try...a reputation of being a very progressive Organization to work for." White went on to say that Warm Springs is a good location. "I wanted to move back to Eastern Oregon, and this gave us an opportunity to do this." White has a brother in Prineville, a brother in Seattle and a brother and sister and parents in Burns.

Rawleigh and his wife Gretchen have a 2 year-old daughter, Cora Leigh.

"My style is to have a positive attitude," an optimistic White said. "I look at the Finance Branch as a partner and communications tool in working with the entire Organization." The new CFO developed his style while acquiring an extensive background in international finance. From 1994 to 1997 he was the Assistant Manager for Financial Reporting for ConAgra (Lamb-Weston), in Tri-Cities, Washington. His job took him to Turkey and the Netherlands where he set up accounting systems for subsidiaries of ConAgra.

White has been the Senior Accountant for Arthur Andersen and Company of Boise, Idaho and also for KPMG Peat Marwick in Ama-

riilo, Texas.

Although his career has been in the private sector and has dealt with the international business accounting scene, White feels it has provided a good background for him to be able to assist the Confederated Tribes. "The perception may be that private enterprise and government are different, however I think that the language may be the only difference," White said. "We still deal with the same types of issues. I may bring a few new ideas, or bring a different way of doing things to the table, but we'll be addressing the same issues." When asked about the financial challenges facing the Organization, White said, "We will have to become more efficient.... More efficiently use the Tribal resources."

White will face challenges in his new position. However, the International business experience he brings from the private sector may be a valuable tool in help solve some of the current financial challenges faced by Tribal Government. One of the immediate rewards the new CFO will experience is being close to his family and old friends.

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Wash., called the "send-in-the-Army" comment nonsense.

But Gorton said he understands the frustrations of some non-Native Americans who live on or near reservations. He clashes regularly with Native Americans on the issue of tribal sovereignty, but he said terminating tribal governments is not a solution.

The Coalition for Human Dignity declared last year that anti-sovereignty efforts are racist.

"It's become a major program issue for us, because there are increasing attacks on tribal sovereignty throughout the Northwest," said Executive Director Terre Rybovich.

Tribal sovereignty is the concept that Native American tribes are self-governing entities, a status that is upheld by treaties with the U.S. government and Constitution.

Based on federal court decisions that date back to the 1800s, states cannot interfere with tribal rights, although Congress can override a tribal nation's authority.

"The whole concept of tribal government has run its course," said state Sen. Harold Hochstatter of Moses Lake, who is seeking the GOP nomination for governor. "We ought to treat everybody the same. I'm not for hyphenated Americans."

Hochstatter said he's not sure about Fleming's suggestion to use military force, if necessary, to end tribal governments.

Tim Coulter, executive director of the American Indian Law Center in Helena, Montana, says that Washington state has had a strong undercurrent of anti-Native American sentiment for decades, stemming from disputes over tribal fishing rights.

"It's virulent and appalling, but it's like periodic outbreaks of the flu," he said. "it recedes in a few days or weeks."

Some Republican candidates said they were dismayed by the resolution and don't think they are bound by it.

John Carlson, the GOP's other major candidate for governor, is speaking out against the resolution.

"It's absolutely the reverse of what Republican principles stand for, to protect all rights and to uphold the integrity and honor of this nation and all of the commitments it makes," said Ron Allen, a Republican who is chairman of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe in Western Washington and vice president of

the National Congress of American Indians.

The resolution adopted at the party convention in Spokane on June 17, comes amid growing controversy over reservation rules affecting non-Indians, ranging from hunting privileges to liquor sales.

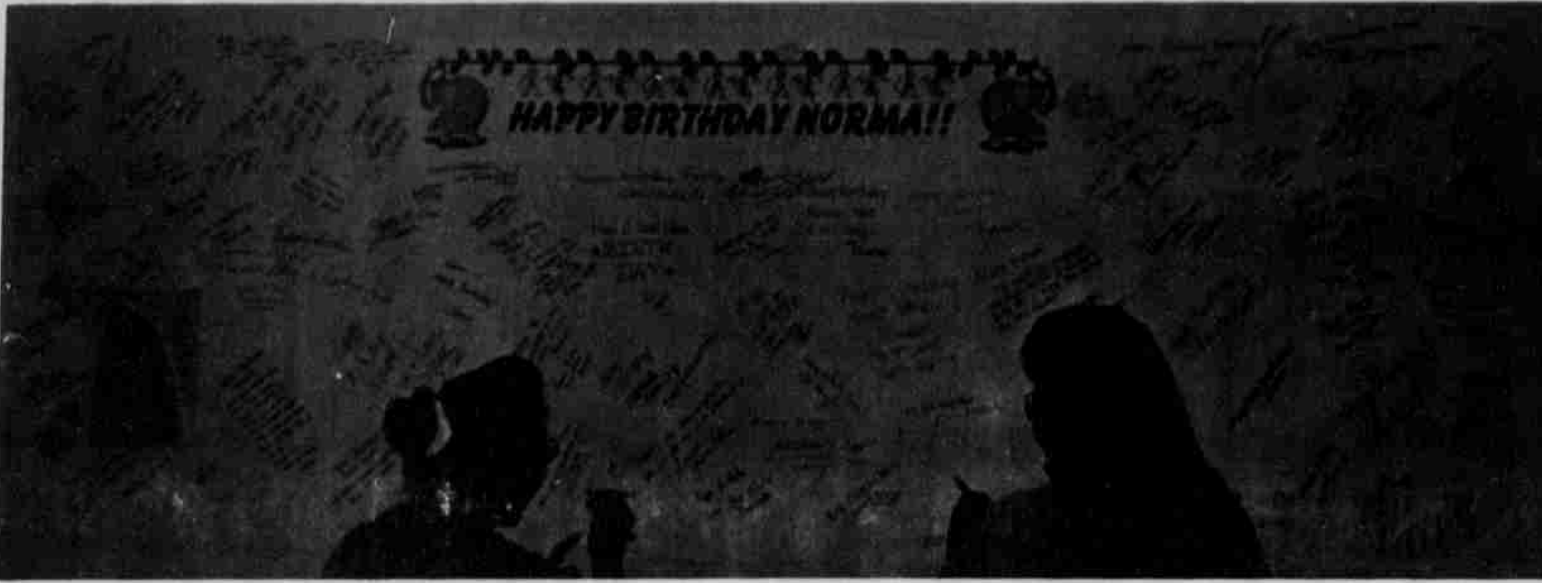
U.S. Rep. George Nethercutt, R-Wash., said he has been working with the tribes to find more funding for the Indian Health Service and other federal programs in Eastern Washington. The resolution drives a wedge into efforts like that, he said.

"I don't think (Fleming) speaks for the Republican Party," he said.

Nethercutt's GOP primary opponent, Richard Clear, supports the resolution's call to change the way reservations operate. The tribes shouldn't have sovereign nation status and receive federal funds, he contends.

Although Fleming said he's like to have the resolution introduced at the GOP national convention later this month, Republicans and Democrats doubt that will happen.

Birthday potluck held for Norma



Happy Birthday Norma. A card signed by her many friends.

The Museum at Warm Springs was the site of a special celebration on June 22nd. The Finance branch sponsored a potluck lunch that was held outside on the museum grounds from 12 noon until 2 pm. The event was organized to wish Norma Smith a happy birthday, and to honor her life-long service to the Tribal Organization.

Norma graduated from Lewis and Clark in 1963. She and Pat Courtney Gold both graduated in 1963 becoming the 2nd & 3rd tribal member women to graduate from college. Norma made history on September 2, 1997, when Secretary/Treasurer Raymond Calica promoted her to Director of Finance. Norma became the first woman to serve in that capacity for the Tribe.

In 1998, Norma began suffering health problems that eventually demanded more and more of her time. After many stays in the hospital, she was placed on long-term disability. Her last day on the job was February 26, 1999.

The event attracted over 100 people, including people who are now retired, but worked with Norma in the past. The large crowd gathered to share in a potluck lunch, reminisce, and just let Norma know how they feel about her. Many more people let her know how they felt about her by signing a banner that was presented to her.

Norma's family held a birthday party for her that evening at Norma's home on Upper Dry Creek.



Norma at the potluck held in her honor.

Farm Service Agency news...

Lamb meat adjustment assistance program (LMAAP)

The Clinton Administration has announced a three year \$30 million program called lamb meat adjustment assistance program (LMAAP).

During the first year of the program July 22, 1999, to September 30, 2000, payment may be made for rams, sheep improvement and facility improvement. Payment on rams are \$100 each not to exceed \$2,500. Rams must have been 90 days of age at purchase and be held for 90 days. Sheep enrolled in a sheep improvement program will get \$.50 per head not to exceed \$500. Eligible facility improvement such as feedlots, lambing sheds, shearing sheds, etc. may be eligible for 20% cost share not to exceed \$2,500.

For years two and three, farmers are eligible for payment of \$3.00 for feeder lamb, \$5.00 for each slaughter lamb, and \$8.00 for each slaughter lamb marketed during the June 1-July 31 period. There will be no maximum payments or herd limits during years two and three of the program.

Sign up for year one begins June 19, 2000, and ends October 13,

2000. Eligible producers may file an application for benefits at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office any time during this sign-up period. For more information call FSA at 541-923-4358 extension 2 or on the website at <http://www/fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd>.

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Added feature: Advance your filleting technique to get better, nicer-looking cuts of fish.

Certificates will be awarded to those who participate.

Date: July 14-15, 2000

(2-day requirement)

Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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2114 W. 6th St.

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Lunch provided both days

CRITFC will cover fee valued as \$250 per person

Class size limited to 30.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Scherri Satamish or Jon Matthews at (503) 238-0667.

Living Traditions on display July 16, 2000

Traditions are often thought of as antiquated archaic, or of the past. In fact traditions are a vital part of many people's contemporary lives. They forge a link between past and present, carrying the history and stories of people, countries, tribes and places into the present, preserving them for the future. A new exhibit, Living Traditions, opening at the Oregon History Center on July 16, 2000, focuses on the process of preserving these cultural traditions and the numerous skills this entails. Living Traditions showcases the 1999-2000 Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program (TAAP), an annual program of the Oregon Historical Society Folklife Program, displaying the work of ten master traditional artists and their apprentices.

Living Traditions contains original works of art, photographs, and musical instruments, along with insights into the artistry, background and unique skills involved in passing on each cultural life of a community, taught from one person to another over time and space. Because knowledge and skills of these art forms are passed down through oral tradition, each artist shares a deep commitment to sharing what they know to ensure these traditions will be carried on by future generations.

Since 1989, the Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program has supported the work of traditional artists within their community by funding artist to teach their skills and knowledge to less experienced ap-

Seeking stories from veterans

The publisher of the popular Chicken Soup for the Soul book series is seeking submissions from veterans for a new book Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul.

Stories from all wars and branches of services are welcome. Topic ideas include heroism, camaraderie, laughter, sense of duty and reunions. Submissions should be a true story

that has a moment or event that can bring awareness to readers. Submissions as long as 1,200 words will be accepted and money will be offered for selected stories. Deadlines for submissions is August 1, 2000. The book is scheduled for release August 13, 2001.

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