

The year in review: Beginning of new decade creates...

As we look to the future and contemplate next year's events, Spilyay thought it a good idea to take a look at 1990 and consider the local happenings that shaped our year.

A health status report released in January showed that the average age of death in Warm Springs is 44; heart disease is the leading cause of death among members and the birth rate among tribal teenagers is 3.5 times higher than the state birth rate.

Drug test results from 1988 showed low use among employees. Of 937 tests administered, 105 proved positive.

Howie Patt participated in Drug Abuse Resistance Education training in Arizona in early 1990. He formulated a program for Warm Spring Elementary fifth graders and spends over 10 hours each month delivering the anti-drug message at the school.

The widening project of U.S. Highway 26 on the grade began in February. The perpetual blast-dig-remove cycle continues even now.

A Secretarial Election regarding tribal borrowing authority was held March 6. Voters approved the measure by a narrow margin—143 for and 139 against.

Tribal Court Judges Lola Sohappy, Walter Langnese and Don Costello, and Appellate Court Judges Verbena Greene, Mary Danzuka, Buford Johnson, Ray Calica, Eunice Esquiro, Anita Jackson, Claude Smith, Sr., Hamilton Greeley and George Clements were sworn in during February.

In early February, Tribal Council approved the purchase of the construction license of Bend FM station KIDD. KWSI listeners are still awaiting the airing of the "twin" stations to be simulcast from a new studio in Bend.

Beginning in March, Tribal Group Home reorganization was phased in. The reorganization helped eliminate multiple placement of children, provided more secure living arrangements and created other positive changes.

The new small log mill at WSFPI began operations in early April, a full month ahead of schedule.

Delford and Marita Johnson became the proprietors of the tribal garage and Chevron station in April.

Low turnout by tribal voters for the referendum elections June 5 and July 10 put a stop to a new wellness center and additional housing in Warm Springs. A future election is scheduled, possibly as early as January, concerning the Wellness Center.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held June 3 for the new tribal museum. Hundreds of tribal members, friends and dignitaries gathered at the site for traditional dress parade and other festivities.

4-H Latchkey Club members tended their garden during the summer and distributed vegetables to numerous community groups and individuals.

Extensive blowdown was discovered on McQuinn Strip and on the Warm Springs block during air and ground reconnaissance by BIA forestry crew members in the spring.

The Warm Springs Hot Shot crew joined the ranks of other fire fighters from across the nation to battle large blazes in Arizona, Alaska and Washington.

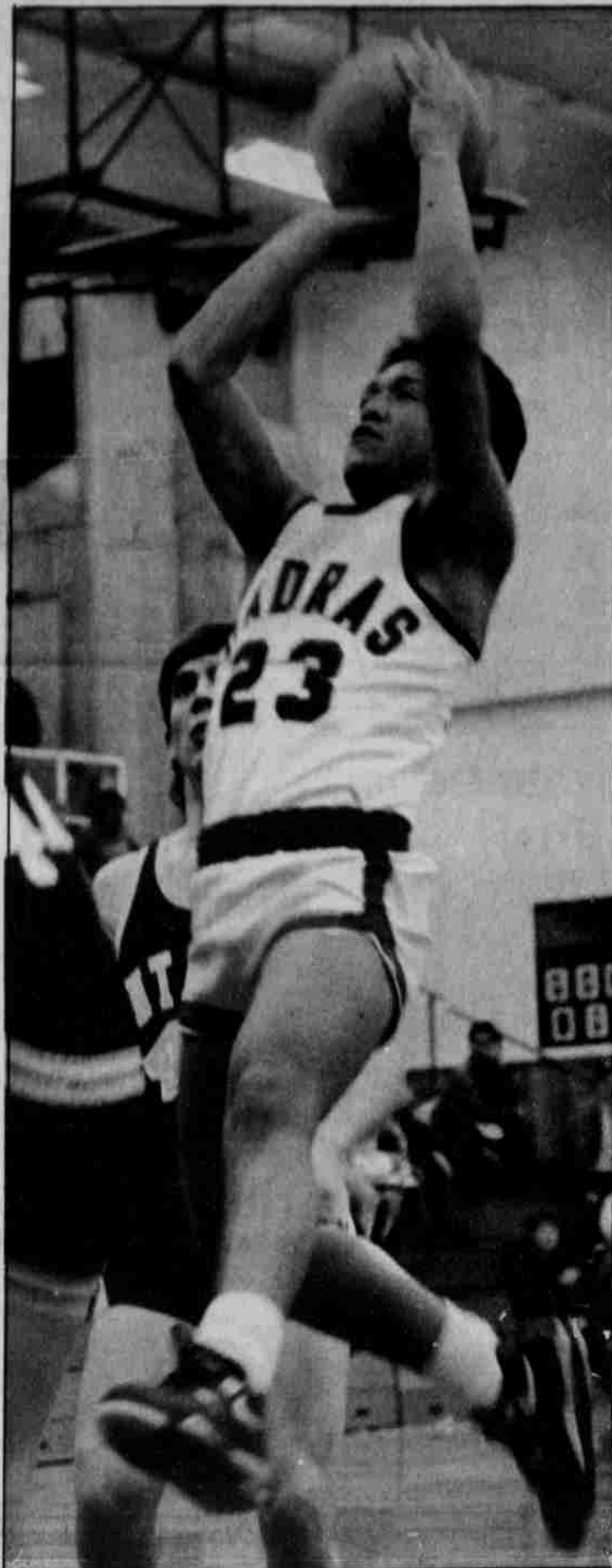
The Confederated Tribes gained a new prosecutor when Jerry Kendrick came to work in May. The native Texan enjoys Warm Springs and finds the tribal law and order code a challenge.

Two long-time Indian Health Service employees, Kathleen Moses and Virginia Forseth, retired in August. A farewell dinner at the Agency Longhouse was held in their honor.

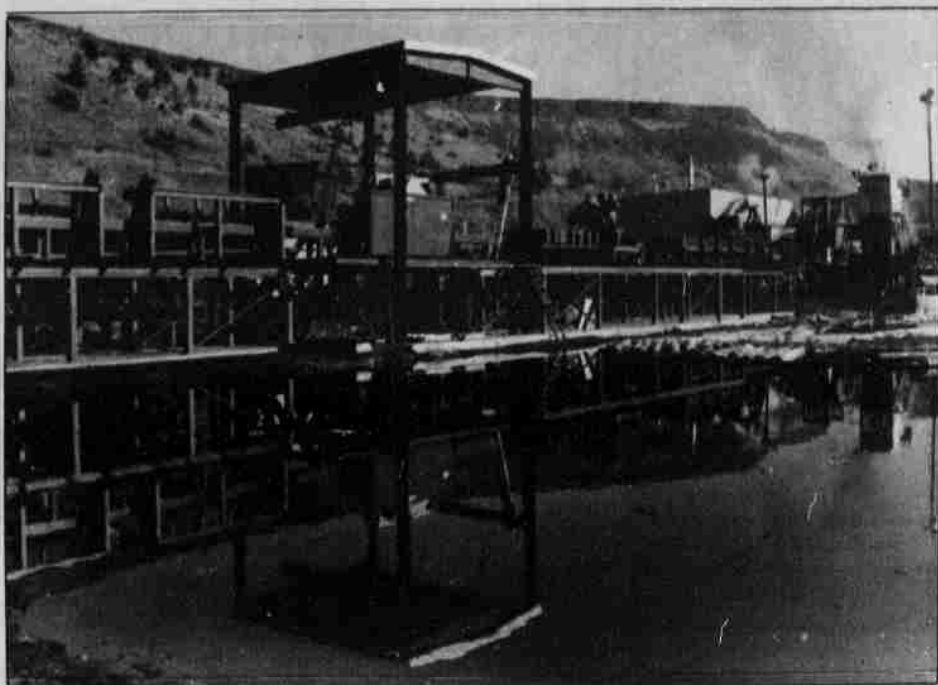
The 509-J School District fell into the state's "safety net" after the failure of the September 18 budget election. It failed by 53 votes among county voters.

The 91 hopeful adoption candidates were put on hold following a review of the first amendment of the tribal Constitution and By-Laws. No date has been set for an adoption election.

In an early October statement, state Highway officials said that the slide on the grade continued to show movement. Crews are currently removing additional materials, allowing for a deeper cut into the hillside.



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