

School: concrete work done ahead of schedule

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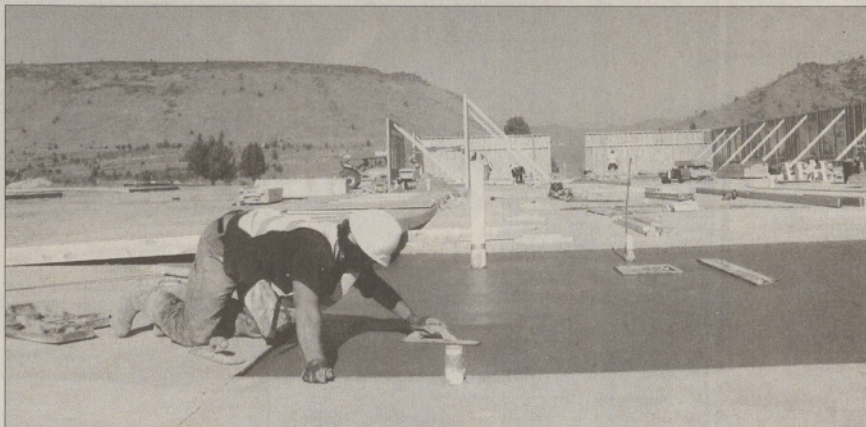
There are between 35 and 40 workers on average at the school site, close to 50 percent being tribal members, other Indians, or married-into-the-tribes.

The workers just finished pouring and finishing the concrete. This was a big project, taking several weeks.

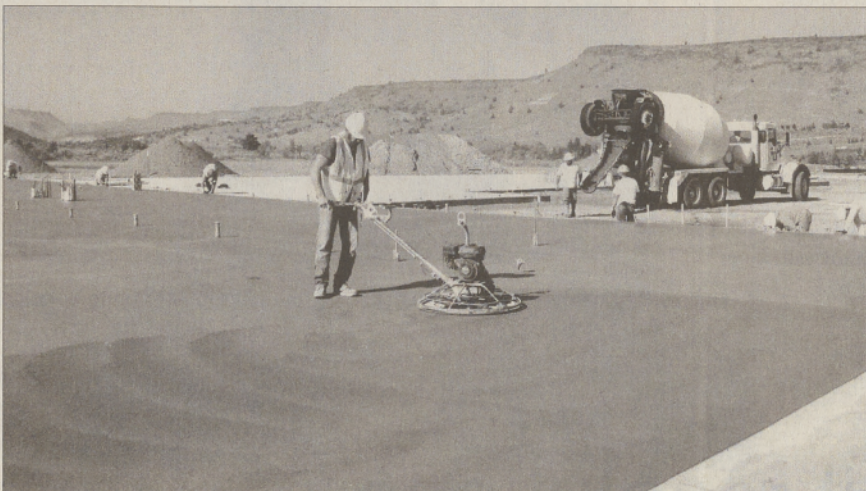
The concrete work came in ahead of schedule by several days, in part because of the excellent weather conditions in early October.

The new school will have an estimated enrollment of 720 students—about 470 elementary school students, and 250 middle school students. To learn about potential employment opportunities at the site, call Job Creation and Development at 541-553-3324.

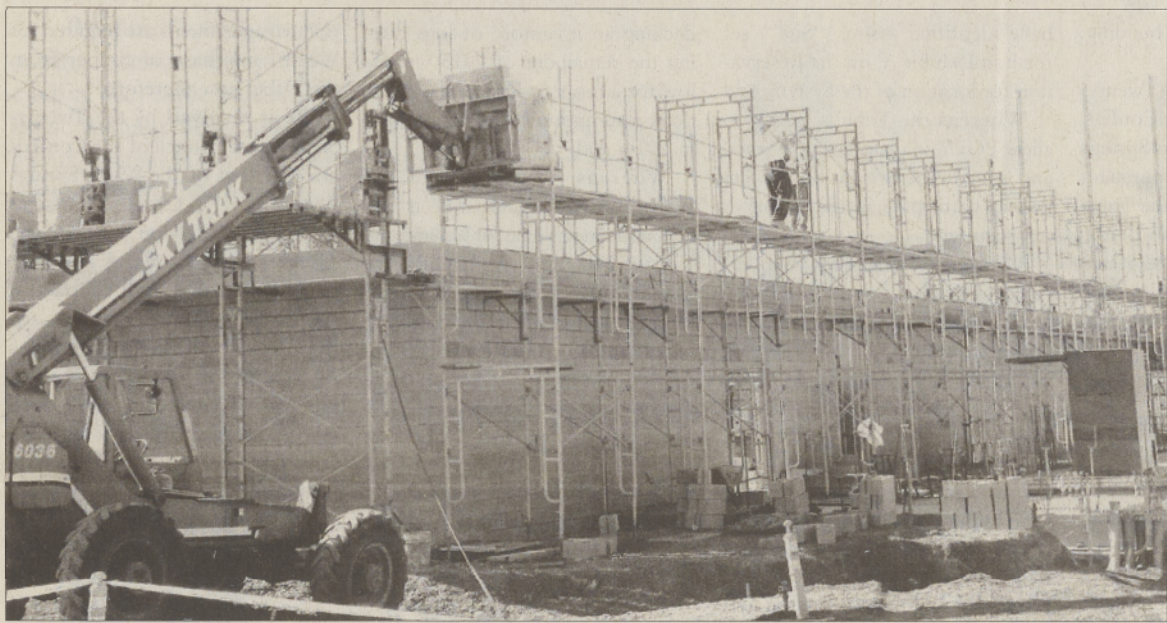
The Warm Springs k-8 Academy will cost an estimated \$20 million to construct, the tribes and district splitting the cost. The district and tribes made a determined effort from start to keep the money local as much as possible.



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Finishing work on a concrete pour last week (above). An athletics building (below) next to the area where the gymnasium will be.



Around Indian Country

Meeting between NFL, Redskins critics

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Oneida Indian officials who oppose the Redskins nickname as a slur will meet with NFL officials next week in New York City.

The meeting agreed to by NFL officials earlier this month is scheduled for this Wednesday in New York City, Oneida Indian Nation spokesman Brett Stagnitti said.

The upstate New York tribe and its leader Ray Halbritter became prominent critics of the team's name after funding a "Change the Mascot" radio ad campaign and a symposium in Washington on the

harmful effects of the nickname.

Halbritter, whose tribe runs a large casino resort in Verona in central New York, says the name is degrading and has devastating effects, especially on younger Indians.

The tribe began pushing for a name change recently as the Washington Redskins faced fresh waves of criticism over their nickname. Even President Barack Obama weighed in, saying recently he would "think about changing" the name if he owned the team.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said senior league executives will attend next

week's meeting, but he didn't know if Commissioner Roger Goodell will be among them.

Washington Redskins owner Dan Snyder has said he will never change the team's name and Goodell has said that it is ultimately Snyder's call.

In a letter to season-ticket holders this month, Snyder said he respected the feelings of those offended by the name, but wrote "I hope such individuals also try to respect what the name means, not only for all of us in the extended Washington Redskins family, but among Native Americans too."

Feds offer to mediate Blackfeet dispute

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs is offering to mediate in a dispute that has split the governing body of the Blackfeet Indian tribe into two factions.

The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council fractured this week after Chairman Willie Sharp Jr. unilaterally suspended two members and reinstated two others who had been previously suspended.

The result has been a leadership struggle between the rival factions. One side includes Roger Running Crane, Earl Old Person and the newly suspended council members, state Sen. Shannon Augare and Leonard Guardipee.

The other consists of Sharp, Vice-Chairwoman Forrestina Calf Boss Ribs and the two reinstated council members, Paul McEvers and William Old Chief.

The tribe had been operating with only six of its nine members in a tumultuous year of infighting that included an attempt to overthrow Sharp. The turmoil has resulted in four people, including McEvers and Old Chief, being removed or suspended before this latest round and Sharp declaring an emergency to allow the body to continue operating without a full slate of members.

Births

Craig Eric Tailfeathers Jr. Shasta.

Craig Tailfeathers Sr. and Elsie Tailfeathers of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Craig Eric Tailfeathers Jr., born on October 18, 2013.

Craig Jr. joins brother Clarence; and sisters Janell, Machel, Rochell and

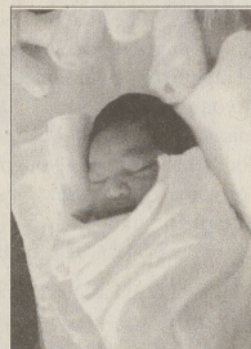
Grandparents on the father's side are Charles and Nancy Tailfeathers, and the late James E. Macy.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Robert and Marella Sam Sr., Harvey and Eliza Jim, and William and Evelyn Wesly Sam.

Angeleah Jasina Eileen Begaye

Rosey Suppah and Steven Begaye of Celilo are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Angeleah Jasina Eileen Begaye, born on October 20, 2013.

Proud grandparents are Bob and Megan Begaye, Lucy Longhouse, the late Big Rat Suppah; and Angie Thomas.



Joaquin Tracy Ray Sam

Tracy Ray Sam and Kaila Ann Wallace are pleased to announce the birth of their son Joaquin Tracy Ray Sam, born on October 10, 2013.

Grandparents on the father's side are Robert Sam Sr. and Marella Sam;

and Eliza Brown Jim and Harvey Jim, great grandparents.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Don Ritthaler and Debbie Ritthaler; and Kathy Wallace. Aunt is Kailynn Ritthaler

Holiday food drive through Dec.

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center Employee Appreciation Committee is having a food drive through December.

There are donation boxes

placed throughout the clinic for anyone who'd like to donate non-perishable food items for the Warm Springs community.

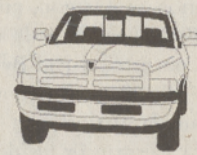
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