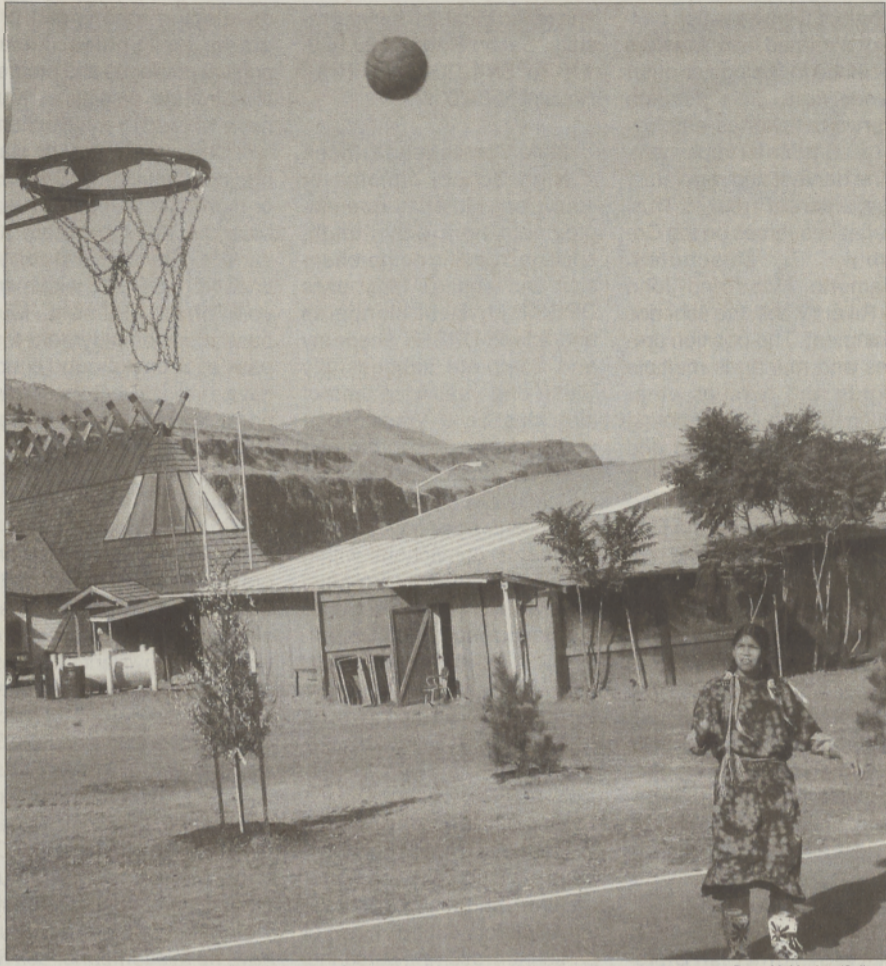


# Celilo restoration



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Wendy Whitford of Celilo plays basketball at the new half-court that was constructed there recently, as part of the Celilo Restoration project.

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The Wy-Am board continued working with the Corps of Engineers and federal legislators in order to get the U.S. government to honor its word and rebuild the village.

Finally, funding for the restoration project came through in 2004. The many years of delay made the village residents believe nothing would ever be done, but they finally were convinced when work started on the new longhouse.

The new homes, roads and a water system followed. Last week, tribal leaders, the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Indian Affairs, Celilo residents and guests gathered

at Celilo Village for an official dedication of the restoration project.

The official action was the transfer of project authority from the Corps of Engineers to the BIA, represented by regional director Stan Speaks.

"When something happens at Celilo, it is an historic occasion," said Speaks, "because this place is historic."

Reuben Henry of Warm Springs, member of the Wy-Am board, said that tribal members miss the Celilo Falls. Many of the elders who lived there, he said, moved away when the dams were built because their hearts were broken.

Of the restoration project, he said, "We appreciate the work the Corps has done." He men-

tioned the new school-administration building, housing, roads and water as needed improvements to the village.

Warm Springs Chief Delvis said, "The people of Warm Springs have always been at Celilo." People who moved to the reservation, he said, came back to every spring.

Chairman Suppah said, "I would like to thank the Corps of Engineers, and (Portland District project manager) George Miller and his staff in particular, for working with the tribes and Washington D.C. to get this done. And I would like to thank the villagers for their patience."

# Online education program expanding

(AP) - Annalsia Miller wasn't sure if she would graduate from Madras High School. The 17-year-old was falling behind. Then she enrolled in Jefferson County School District's online alternative program.

"I would still be attending high school if the (alternative program) wasn't there. Or I would have dropped out," said Miller.

Now, she's a high school graduate, holding down a job she loves at The Museum At Warm Springs and waiting to learn if she is accepted to IIT Technical Institute.

Until recently, the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council ran the school district's alternative online program, which offers students a chance to work at their own pace.

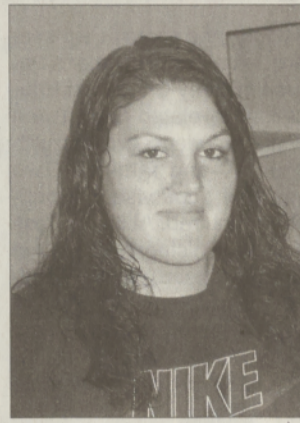
When Jefferson County School District took over last year, it lifted a 30-student limit on the program and watched as it exploded to 80 students.

This year, officials are opening a building for the alternative school on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation and hoping to expand the Madras-area program.

District officials have also dedicated to the program a full-time teacher and a staff member to serve as director.

"We realize there is a definite need out there in our community, and we found great success in the program last year," Superintendent Rick Molitor said.

"At one point, we had over



Annalsia Miller graduated through the alternative education program.

80 students enrolled in the program and 20 graduated from the program.... Those are great numbers, and we felt there were more students out there we could capture, and we want to put a priority on doing that."

This year, Molitor hopes the enrollment tops 100 students. The alternative high school program allows students to take the classes at their own pace, either from home or at a building where the district provides computers and a teacher to help. The teacher will split her time between Madras High School and Warm Springs, according to Molitor.

The hope is that students who don't do well in the mainstream high school will find a way to succeed and graduate through the alternative program. Students have to meet the same state and federal requirements to

receive their degrees. The idea behind the school is simple.

"Our goal is to get kids graduated from high school," said Marlys Alger, who is the new alternative education and home school director.

Alger will also be responsible for reaching out to the district's 60 or 70 home-schooled students. The district hopes to support parents who home-school their children and provide more options through online curriculum.

Molitor said the district's goal is to reach out to as many students as possible.

"The theory is we would like to reach out to those parents (for whom) the traditional public school setting isn't fitting their needs," Molitor said. "I see that being a common goal for both programs."

Miller, who graduated last school year, said she's hoping to get a degree in criminal justice and thinking about a future as a police officer. She hopes to keep her job at the museum and take online courses through IIT Technical Institute. After taking classes online for high school, it's less daunting to take them online next year.

"The (alternative program) has helped me a lot," Miller said. "Going there is a lot quieter. ... You don't have to worry about teachers not paying attention to you, or not answering questions. I don't like being in a big class, and I like going at my own pace."

# Howkak Tichum

Kathleen Delores Wilson Gordon, (shaw'shwiinan' may), 1936-2009

Kathleen Delores Wilson Gordon, (shaw'shwiinan' may) a resident of Pendleton, died Thursday, August 20, 2009 in St. Mary Medical Center of Walla Walla, Wash., after her courageous struggle with kidney failure.

A dressing, Rosary and Waashat were held on Friday, August 21, 2009. A mass of Christian Burial were conducted Saturday, August 22, 2009 at the St. Andrews Catholic Church, Mission, followed by burial at the St. Andrews Cemetery.

"Katty" was born June 9, 1936 to Lowell and Mary "Louise" Wilson in her grandmother's home located in at the foothills of the Blue Mountains on the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Her grandparents on her father's side were Charlie Wilson



who participated in the Hudson Bay Fur Trading Company and Marguerite Pambrun. On her mothers side was her grandmother Ip-Na-Tum-Te-Uht and her grandfather Toi-Slapse.

Kathleen married her first husband Leonard Dave in 1951, and six children were born to that marriage; Diane, Leon, Randy, Sandie, Marie and James.

After that marriage ended, she met Robert Gordon in 1960 and married in 1963. They had four children, Marguerite, Robert, Jeanine and Martina. Surviving is her ten children, her first husband Leonard Dave, many grandchildren, great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

In the 1970s she began her lifelong career working for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Her employment included the BIA, the BOT, JTPA, Yellowhawk and the language Program. She continued to work with Tamastlikt and the Umatilla Language Program until her passing.

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**Lyle Treaty Fishing Access Site:** 13' lt green Silver Craft V-hull boat on a lt blue trailer OR

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