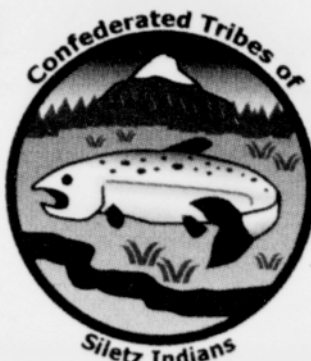


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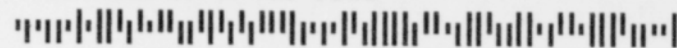
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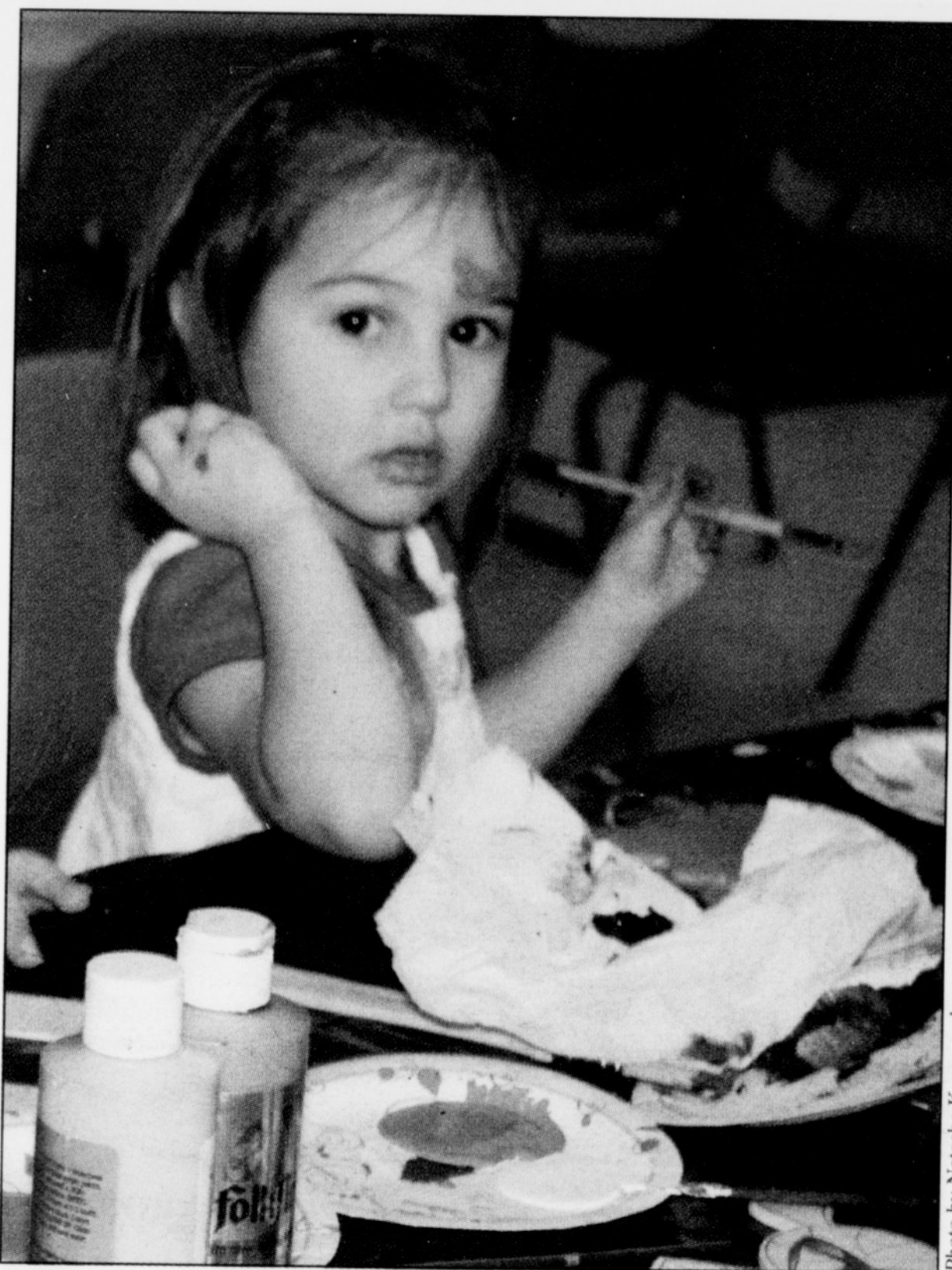


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The Youth Services Team sponsored several Siletz Tribal youth activities during the week of Christmas, including Elka Fisher who kept busy making a gift.



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Cova St. Onge watches her daughter Shee-Ne decorate cookies and taste the frosting.

Settlement Reached in Cobell Indian Trust Management Lawsuit

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and Attorney General Eric Holder announced in December a settlement of the long-running and highly contentious Cobell class-action lawsuit regarding the U.S. government's trust management and accounting of more than 300,000 individual American Indian trust accounts.

"This is an historic, positive development for Indian country and a major step on the road to reconciliation following years of acrimonious litigation between trust beneficiaries and the United States," Salazar said. "Resolving this issue has been a top priority of President Obama and this administration has worked in good faith to reach a settlement that is both honorable and responsible. This historic step will allow Interior to move forward and address the educational, law enforcement and economic development challenges we face in Indian Country."

"Over the past 13 years, the parties have tried to settle this case many, many times, each time unsuccessfully," said Holder. "But today we turn the page. This settlement is fair to the plaintiffs, responsible for the United States and provides a path forward for the future."

Under the negotiated agreement, litigation will end regarding the Department of Interior's performance of an historical accounting for trust accounts maintained by the United States on behalf of more than 300,000 individual Indians. A fund totaling \$1.4 billion will be distributed to class members to compensate them for their historical accounting claims and to resolve potential claims that prior U.S. officials mismanaged the administration of trust assets.

In addition, in order to address the continued proliferation of thousands of new trust accounts caused by the "fractionation" of land interests through succeeding generations, the settlement establishes a \$2 billion fund for the voluntary buy-back

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Join CEDARR in Finalizing Strategic Plan for Drug-Free Grant Application

By Natasha Kavanaugh

At the CEDARR meeting in December, coalition members discussed the community assessment and strategic planning for the application for the Drug-Free Communities grant. At that time, Stephanie Soares Pump, a grant writer for CEDARR (Community Efforts Demonstrating the Ability to Rebuild and Restore) on a contract funded by Lincoln County's Drug-Free Communities grant, requested a full day to meet and come up with a strategic plan.

The focus of the grant is to reduce alcohol and other drug use, especially among youth, through community coalition work. This is a five-year grant for \$100,000 per year and most grantees are awarded an additional five years.

One of the principles of community is unity – there is strength in unity. When we are together, we are powerful and strong.

"We need your input! This is an opportunity to affect real change in the com-

munity for youth. It is possible that we could write in a goal to help get grants in all three area offices in following years, so area office involvement in planning would be very valuable," said Janet Wicklund, Siletz Tribal A&D director.

Pump brings experience in writing these difficult grants as well as directing programs that have received them. Some benefits of this grant can include changes in adult attitudes about underage use; less

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