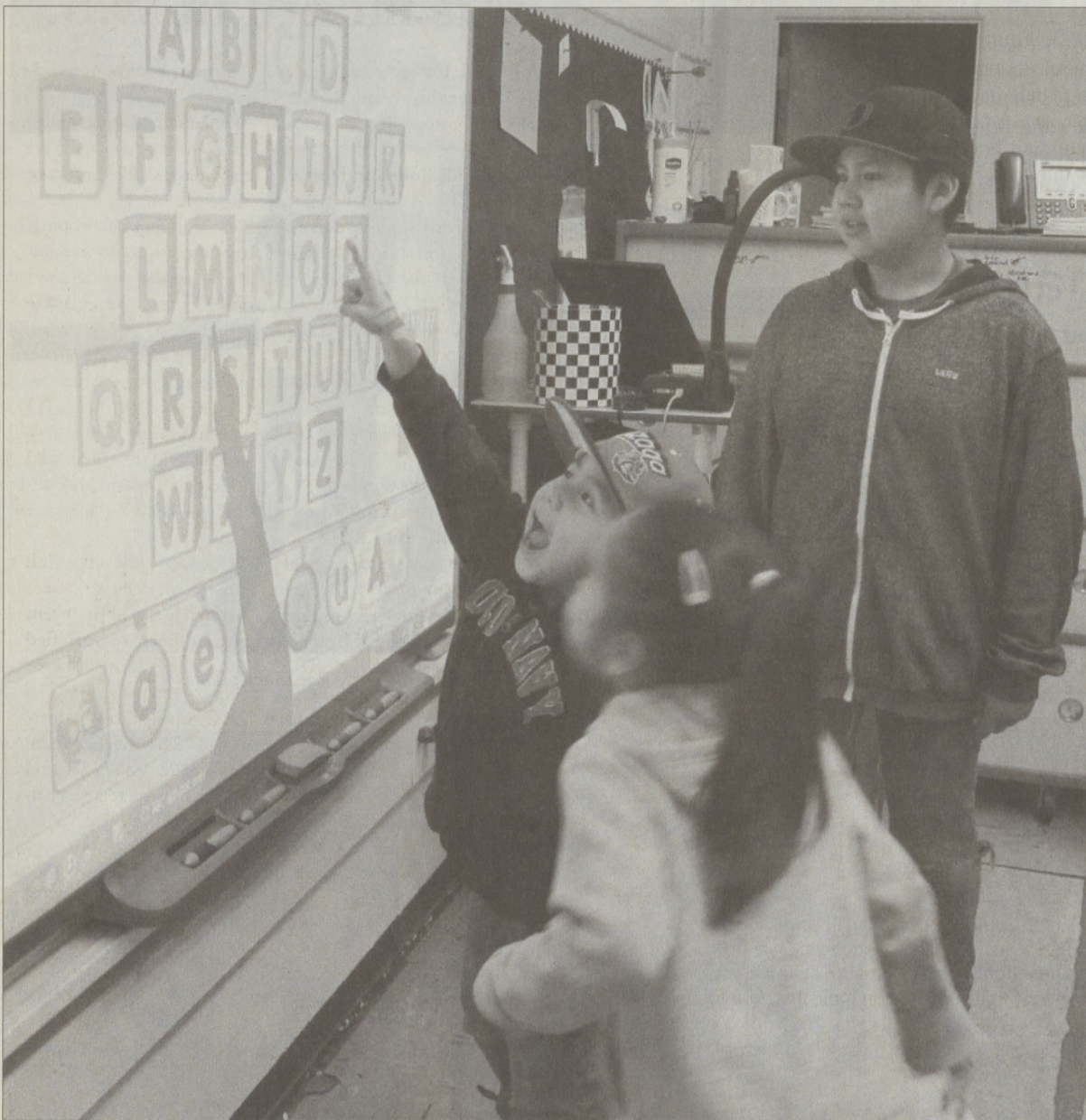


Family Education Night



Yvonne Iverson/Spilyay

Warm Springs Elementary School recently hosted Family Education Night. Students were able to teach their parents and guardians the technology that students use in the classroom. Above, fifth-grader Jeston Leonard, and younger brother Brody and sister Kalyn demonstrate the Smart Board in Ms. Weiser's class.

Cobell Update

Appeals could delay payments

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Pres. Obama signed the Cobell Settlement Agreement legislation on December 8, 2010, approving the authorization of \$3.4 billion in funds. Since then, several key dates have expired.

The deadline for an individual to exclude themselves as a potential participant, the deadline to object or comment, and the notice of intent to appear and speak at the fairness hearing have all expired.

The fairness hearing was approved for June 20, 2011. This was followed by the deadline to file a claim or register to participate.

The last press release from the Cobell website said appeals are being planned in the settlement. Attorneys are asking the judge to order that challengers each put up an \$8.3 million bond.

A member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate nation, Kimberly Craven, has filed a notice in federal court that she would like to appeal the Cobell approval. A separate notice to appeal has been filed by a nonprofit group called the Harvest Institute Freedmen Federation.

An appeal could delay disbursement of Cobell payments to plaintiffs by more than a year.

On January 4, 2012, the Court issued an order scheduling oral arguments for the second consolidated appeal. This hearing will take place on May 15, 2012.

At this time, there is no set date when Cobell payments will begin. Payments will be distributed in two phases once all appeals have been resolved.

Historical Class payments will be mailed after appeals have been resolved. Trust Administration Class payments will be made after the court has granted permission to distribute those funds.

The Cobell website reminds class members that no payment is required to participate. If a person claiming to be from the Indian Trust Settlement asks any class member for funds, do not send money.

Although the claim filing deadline has passed, identified class members were not required to file a claim form. If you believe you may be a class member, please visit the website: indiantrust.com

Elouise Cobell passed away in October 2011. She was 65.

2013 timber sale assessment released

The Resource Management Interdisciplinary Team has just released a draft project assessment for public review. The draft document provides an environmental analysis of the 2013 Metolius Timber Sale.

The team (RMIDT) also approved four small project assessments (SPAs).

The SPAs provide assessments for a fuels reduction project near Tenino Valley, spring burning activities, an overlay of roads in the campus area, and for slope improvements at the Pelton tailrace.

The 2013 timber sale document was prepared by the

Project Interdisciplinary Team to provide options for timber harvest in the Upper Metolius, Jefferson Creek and Whitewater watersheds.

Two alternatives were formulated and numerous logging methods were considered for this project, taking into account present resource conditions, forest health and public input. The 2013 Metolius Timber Sale is expected to yield approximately 30 million board feet of timber.

The document is divided into sections explaining the purpose and need for action, resource-based indicators used to help the technical staff analyze and miti-

gate environmental impacts, and details of the alternatives. There are maps showing the harvest blocks, quick reference tables to compare the alternatives, a list of measures needed to mitigate environmental consequences, and the Project Interdisciplinary Team's recommended alternative.

The goal of Alternative A is to continue current management. Activities such as hunting, recreation and cultural food gathering would continue as in the past. The only harvest proposed under Alternative A would be through conventional salvage operations. Alternative B

is designed to harvest volume approximating the allowable cut for this planning area. The 2013 sale would include a treatment area of 3,917 acres.

The alternatives would have varying impacts on water, fish, wildlife, cultural, timber, range, soil and economic resources and there would also be changes to the transportation system.

For more information or copies of the document contact Vernon Wolf (553-8227) or Ryan Singleton (553-8226) in the Forestry Department. Tribal members have 30 days to comment on the proposed sale.

Diabetes program giving tours at W.S. Market

Linda Porter, Warm Springs Tribal Nutritionist, and Jeri Kollen, IHS Diabetes Nurse Educator, will be giving tours of education health tours at the Warm Springs Market.

The tours will be at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, April 13, and Friday, April 27. This is a chance to learn

about what foods will help or hurt diabetes, and how to help prevent diabetes with good food choices.

Please call 553-2478, stop by the IHS Diabetes Program, or Warm Springs Tribal Nutrition department to sign up for a tour. Drop-ins at the store during the Friday tours are welcome.

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