

# Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)

Letters to the Editor



## "Spilyay Speaks"



Should the minimum wage be increased, or leave it as it is? There are so many theories floating around out there both pro and con.

Some say to leave the wage as it is, because for one thing, it has created thousands and thousands of jobs which is in favor of the minority group. There are many students who benefit from the present wage for part time jobs to help with their expenses while in school. This also helps to keep the small businessmen going, being able to hire extra help which usually is from the minority group. In other words it prevents the mom and dad operation like gas stations, small cafes or small grocery stores. This gives the whole family a chance to work in the minority group. If the minimum wage were to be increased this could force many small operations out of business because of not being able to hire extra help and doing the work themselves. It's the minority group who benefit the most from the minimum wage as it is.



In the meantime, the argument that a higher minimum wage would cost many jobs? Hog Wash!! It has been said this action was used to scare the working people and has no bases of reality, according to some legislators. By increasing the minimum wage, it would increase the buying power of the broader section of people where this would stimulate the economy and create more jobs. It has been said that while the minimum wage has remained unchanged, the gap between the rich and the poor has expanded tremendously. The industry has been unable to operate at full capacity because wealth has been too concentrated at the top. If wealth were more equitably distributed the demands for consumer products would increase because more people would have the ability to buy the products. This would allow industry to operate at a higher capacity. A healthy economy distributes wealth equitably.

Well, there are some who feel that keeping the wages as they are, do believe it gives the minority group a better chance to earn a living. Some say there should be a starting point used by the present minimum wage and after experience is gained than they should be placed in another category with a higher wage for the experience gained during the break-in period. The base for this would be the beginning wage as a starting point.

Then there are the money hungry people who would rip-off their mom or dads for an extra buck, who stop at nothing to get more money, even if it would break uncle or whomever.

Well, who's to say which is the best way for the minimum wage to go. Think about it and you decide one way or the other, What is the best solution??

## Ignorance, no excuse

The term of, "I didn't know what I was signing when I signed the petition," really stupid! One of these days someone will have you sign everything you own over to them because you didn't know what you were signing. "Good, you deserve that!!"

Ah! got that off of my chest. The issue that is coming up...the apportionment...is a serious matter and you should understand and back up what you believe in, no matter if it is pro or con.

Each tribal member has received a packet with all the material enclosed, EXPLAINING everything that is involved. So Ignorance should be no excuse when election time is here on May 31, 1989.

## Youth rally set for May 9-13

To the Editor,

First of all, we would like to thank the Lord for providing the needs that had to be met for the Youth Rally. Also, thank to those who helped out last year, you were not forgotten. Your help was very much appreciated.

This year, we would like to thank everybody who donated their time and labor. We thank those who donated clothes for the rummage sales. We especially thank every one who came to the feed and rummages. Your support is very much appreciated.

At this time we would like to invite everyone to come to the Youth Rally which will be at the Full Gospel Church, May 9 to 13,

1989. Services will start at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Meals will be served. Come and listen to the Young people's testimonies. Who, with God's help, have changed their lives from alcohol and drugs.

Warm Springs Full Gospel Choir

## Marriage announced

Sarah Jean Frank and Curtis Lee Thompson would like to announce their marriage that took place Sunday, April 30 at the Warm Springs Baptist Church. Special thanks to J'Dean for her song, and to Gail Frank and Julie Barney for their help.

## Sponsors make participation possible All invited to memorial

To the OGPL sponsors:

I would like to thank all of the people who sponsored the four boys who went to the State meet on April 1. We would like to thank the following people: Delford Johnson

and family, Evaline Patt and family, Deschutes Crossing, and Zane Jackson. Also a big thank you to Tribal Council, V.F.W. and the senior citizens for use of their van. Thank all of you and God bless.

Sincerely, the parents of Albert Stahi-Eva & Floyd Stahi Nikiya and Steven Courtney-Steve and Sheryl Courtney Bradford Courtney-son of Don and Ellen Courtney

To our Friends and Family,

Our family would like to invite everyone to a memorial dinner. It will be held at the Wapato Longhouse Friday, June 16 beginning at noon. There will be a giveaway in memory of Philip Wayne Selam. Wally and Darla Selam, Romagene and Vincent Joe, Lois Ann (Knight) Selam, Charles Vincent Selam and Winter Night Selam are all putting the dinner and memorial on.

There will be a stick-game memorial tournament on Saturday, June 17 in White Swan. The tournament will begin at noon. Lois and the family will be selling raffle tickets for trophy and prize money. The raffle items are unknown at this time. We hope everyone will make time to come and We hope to see you all there.

Lois Anne Selam  
Charles Vincent Selam  
Winter Night Selam



Team members, coaches and support group for the Warm Springs representation to the Oregon Games for the Physically Limited include: (left to right, top row) Margaret Buckland, Eva Stahi, Ellen Courtney, Carla Buckland, Sheryl Courtney, (middle row) Albert Stahi, Bradford Courtney, assistant coaches Johnathan and Shawn Courtney, (front row) Sheena and Steven Courtney.

## Support in time of loss appreciated

To the Warm Springs Community,

It's hard to find the words to express the tremendous gratitude we feel for the help and support we received from our friends and relatives during the most tragic time in our lives, the loss of our son and brother. We would not have been able to cope with this tragedy if we hadn't have had these wonderful people helping us.

Special thanks go out to Tina and Easton for their warmth and love as our two families came

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## Class of '69 to hold reunion

The Madras High School graduating class of 1969 will hold its 20th class reunion August 4 and 5. Anyone interested in working on the reunion plans is encouraged to attend meetings that are announced in the community events column in the Madras Pioneer. Addresses of classmates are also needed. Names of those people whose whereabouts are unknown will appear in future issues of Spilyay and the Madras Pioneer.

## Happy 1st Birthday Truman



Love, Mom and Dad, Benita and Adrienne Merrifield

## Ike family descendants of treaty signer

To the Editor,

After years of deliberations and informal discussions on seeking a male person to the Wasco war bonnet, we decided on Yash-Wikt (Lucas Ike). The person to fulfill this great duty must accept many responsibilities. Our reason for choosing Lucas are listed below.

Tahysemt was one of three negotiating chiefs for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Lucas is a descendant of a treaty signer.

Tahysemt had one daughter, Daisy Tahysemt. Daisy had four daughters, three of whom died, and one son. The son had special problems and nothing was done to pursue the bonnet. The surviving daughter, LaVena Bernice Towash, had five daughters, two of whom died, and three sons, all of whom died. It was after LaVena had two grandsons by Daisy Ike, Freddie Ike, Jr. and Lucas Ike, that LaVena could see that the family could pursue the war bonnet.

After agreeing with other Wascos at a dinner at LaVena's home on July 31, 1958, it was decided that Freddie would be the future grandson to place the war bonnet. Should something happen that would prevent Fred, Jr. from sitting, then Lucas would be delegated. Another brother, Tyrone, who was born after LaVena died, would also be considered.

Fred, Jr. and his family have obligations, jobs, etc. and couldn't move at the present time, so the elders felt we should name a young man now. The choice was Lucas Caleb Ike, Yash-Wikt. Discussions with Lucas and his wife were held and they decided to accept the responsibility needed for the war bonnet. They are both fairly young and willing to learn, listen and be

of as much help to the people as possible. They will keep the peoples' best interests in mind and will serve to the best of their abilities.

Sincerely,  
Daisy Ike family and friends



Lucas Ike received the Wasco war bonnet from his mother Daisy.

## They never quit

by Tony "Big Rat" Suppah

The team has come a long ways this past couple years. At first they were just someone to beat, but other teams. They felt a lot of frustration feeling they were not good enough to compete. After each loss we'd have a team discussion on the game. It helped them learn from their mistakes and started to get stronger as time went along. I told them not to give up and quit, that's the easy way out, and a very bad habit to break, once they start.

This was a very tough tournament, with a lot of good teams getting eliminated. They never quit and took it a game at a time. Their a fantastic group of kids to work

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## Tribal Council Agenda

Monday, May 8 through Friday, May 12 Tribal Council will be attending a workshop: "Governing Indian Country in the 1990s"

Monday, May 15—Tribal Council meeting

9 a.m.—Business  
9:30 a.m.—Agency Superintendent's Report  
10:30 a.m.—1991 Indian Priority System  
1:30 p.m.—Conference Call/Mark Phillips  
2 p.m.—Committee Selections

Tuesday, May 16—Tribal Council Meeting

9 a.m.—Business  
9:30 a.m.—Overview Economic Development Plan  
11 a.m.—Police Public Relations Report  
1:30 p.m.—Museum: Site recommendation and update on fund raising project efforts

VOTE!! Tribal Referendum on Early Childhood Education Center

Wednesday, May 17—Tribal Council Meeting

9 a.m.—Business  
9:30 a.m.—Election Results  
10 a.m.—Indian Health Services/Lee Loomis  
1:30 p.m.—509-J/Darryl Wright  
2:30 p.m.—Education Committee

Thursday, May 18—Finance Workshop in Bend—9 a.m.

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