



**TIE A YELLOW RIBBON** - On a crusade to tie yellow ribbons around all the trees in Downtown Cave Junction, Roger and Marcia Bradshaw began the effort Tuesday morning, April 1. 'We want to show big support for our troops in Iraq,' the couple said. They also have a ribbon tied around a large oak tree along with a U.S. flag, illuminated with a floodlight, in their front yard. J&M Hobbies and Crafts and Dennis Strayer at the I.V. Visitor Center have donated toward the cause. The couple searched several businesses looking for yellow ribbon without luck. After being sent to Valley Farm & Garden they decided to use yellow construction tape instead of ribbon. The Bradshaws suggested helping the troops overseas by visiting the following Web site: [www.operationmilitarysupport.com](http://www.operationmilitarysupport.com). (Photo by Britt Fairchild)

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**Saturday, April 5 - 8 to 11 a.m.**



**Behold the turtle. He makes progress  
only when he sticks his neck out.**  
- James Bryant Conant -

## Bill would cancel cost-of-living revision

Adjustment in minimum wage measure approved by voters at issue

The House Business, Labor and Consumer Affairs Committee began hearing testimony last month on HB 2624, which would cancel the annual cost-of-living adjustment in the minimum wage that voters approved four months ago.

The bill was introduced by Rep. Bill Garrard (R-Klamath Falls) at the request of the Oregon Restaurant Association and the Oregon Farm Bureau, both of which actively campaigned against Ballot Measure 25.

Despite being outspent more than 2-1, proponents of Measure 25 made their case to voters. Passage of Measure 25 gave Oregon's minimum wage workers their first raise in four years. Measure 25 increased Oregon's minimum wage from \$6.50 per hour to \$6.90, requiring the commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries to calculate an annual cost-of-living adjustment every September for the following calendar year.

The first adjustment is to go into effect Jan. 1, 2004. This adjustment is to be rounded to the nearest 5-cent

increment and be based on any increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous 12 months. If the CPI does not increase, the minimum wage would remain the same.

"Protecting this voter-approved increase is especially critical," said State Labor Commissioner Dan Gardner. "Use of the CPI adjustment fairly addresses the needs of working families living in poverty, promotes purchasing power, and offers businesses the ability to budget more effectively and accurately for increases in response to rising costs.

"Unlike skyrocketing energy prices and health-care costs, which unexpectedly increase the cost of business considerably, indexing provides small and predictable increases for businesses," Gardner said.

"When the minimum wage increases, businesses experience higher profits because workers have more money to spend," he claimed. "Low-wage workers pump every dollar of their pay checks directly into the local

economy by spending their money in their neighborhood stores, pharmacies and corner markets on food, medicine, and clothing for their children."

According to the Oregon Center for Public Policy, 60 percent of minimum wage workers are women; 73 percent are 20 or older; and 25 percent are single parents.

Minimum-wage workers include Oregonians "who take care of our elderly and disabled, provide child-care to our children, work in eating and drinking establishments and harvest the crops that we eat," Gardner said.

"Raising the minimum wage with annual adjustments will by no means eradicate poverty across the state, but it will help tens of thousands of low-wage working families put food on the table, pay rent and cover basic essentials," he said.

"Without this annual adjustment, these families will be forced again to rely on the food banks (whose supplies are quickly diminishing), churches and government programs," stated Gardner.

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Board Meeting	County Building	7:00-9:00PM		4/3/03
Workshop Meeting	County Building	7:00-9:00PM		4/17/03

Committee Meetings (Held throughout the month, subject to change):				
Quality of Life	Family Resource Center	4:30-5:30PM	Thur	4/3
Bus. Dev./Tourism	IVCRT	6:00-7:00PM	Weds	4/9
Coordinating Council	JoCo Court House	6:00-7:30PM	Tues	4/15
Executive Committee	IVCRT Office	5:30-6:30PM	Tues	4/22
Education	Family Resource Center	4:00-5:00PM	Mon	4/28
Infrastructure	IVCRT Office	5:00-6:00PM	Wed	4/30

The Illinois Valley Community Response Team (IVCRT) is a non-profit organization working to build community consensus around projects that aim to improve the quality of life and foster economic and community development in the Illinois Valley. Meetings are open to the public and Illinois Valley residents are encouraged to attend and participate.

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