

HELP WANTED

Make a difference in your community! Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance is hiring for a full-time Advocate. Great salary and benefits! Position is open until filled but please apply early to be included in the first round of interviews. For job description contact Iris Loewen c/o IVSHA, 535 E. River Street, Cave Junction, OR 97523. Phone: 541-592-4147 x 318. Fax: 541-592-6744. Email: devcoor@frontiernet.net. Send resume and cover letter to Iris at contact info. above. Equal opportunity employer. All applications welcome.

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Sat. 9-5 Sun 9-3
Admission \$5
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MEETING NOTICE

Illinois Valley Fire District Board of Directors

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MEETING NOTICE

KERBY WATER DISTRICT MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17 at 6:00 p.m. at RCC Kerby Belt Building
Open to the Public
We encourage your participation in this community effort.
Progress Reports
Questions & Answers

CLASS

Children react to domestic violence in many ways. To learn tools that will help you to identify the effects of living with the violence and how to help your child to heal, phone today.
Weekly classes begin Jan. 22, 2007. Pre-registration is required.
Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance
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Sexual Assault Support Group
Are you dealing with the effects of childhood sexual abuse? Are you a survivor of sexual assault as an adult? IV Safe House Alliance is offering a support group that can help. This group will be supportive and safe. For more information, phone Diana at 592-2515.
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How? Exchange old habits for friendly support at TOPS Confidential weigh-ins from 5-500 pounds. Meeting each Thursday from 10:30 a.m. at Methodist Church. Phone 592-4477.
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DRINKING PROBLEM ? AA CAN HELP
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CJ Meetings: **Immanuel Methodist Church**
Thurs 7 p.m.
Sat 10 a.m. Women
Sat 7 p.m.
Sun 8 p.m.
St. Matthias Church
Tues 7 p.m.
Wed 7 p.m. Men
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Oregon’s \$7.80 seen helping families

The 30-cent per hour cost-of-living adjustment to Oregon’s minimum wage that took effect on New Year’s Day will help low-wage working families keep up with the cost of living without dampening job growth, according to an analysis by the Oregon Center for Public Policy (OCPPE).

The minimum wage increased to \$7.80 on Jan. 1 under the state’s annual automatic adjustment. According to the Silverton-based research institute, Oregon has added jobs more rapidly than 39 other states since the voter approved minimum wage increase first took effect in January 2003.

“The annual cost-of-living adjustment in the state minimum wage is good for Oregon and good for Oregon’s low-wage, working families,” said Michael Leachman, policy analyst at OCPPE. Oregon’s job growth has outpaced most other states since the minimum wage was first increased four years ago.”

Measure 25, adopted by voters in 2002, increased Oregon’s minimum wage to \$6.90 on Jan. 1, 2003 and established annual adjustments based on official cost-of-living calculations. On New Year’s Day, the annual adjustment gives full-time workers in Oregon an extra \$52 a month they can use to meet their basic needs.

At \$7.80 per hour a full-time worker will gross \$16,224 during the course of the year, or \$1,352 a month in 2007, compared to \$1,300 a month under the past law.

“Contrary to the doomsday predictions of minimum wage opponents, Oregon’s small annual cost-of-living adjustments in the minimum wage have been compatible with solid job growth,” said Leachman. When Oregon voters were considering Measure 25 in 2002, the Oregon Restaurant Association claimed that Oregon could lose 30,000 jobs.

“The Restaurant Association overcooked its political arguments,” added Leachman.

According to OCPPE, Oregon added 137,700 jobs between December 2002, the month before the minimum wage was first increased following voter approval of Measure 25, and November 2006. Oregon’s percentage growth in jobs during this period is the nation’s 11th fastest.

OCPPE analysis also indicates that restaurants have seen particularly rapid job growth since the passage of Measure 25. Restaurant jobs have increased by 13.5 percent since 2002 compared to an 8.0 percent gain for overall nonfarm payroll employment. Restaurant industry lobbyists have been outspoken critics of the annual inflation adjustments in the minimum wage, and the industry has a large concentration of minimum-wage workers.

Federal government data for jobs and

hours worked in agriculture are available only for Washington and Oregon combined. Because both states have high minimum wages that adjust for inflation each year, the combined data is useful for evaluating the effect of high minimum wages on agricultural jobs. Washington’s minimum wage is \$7.63 and went to \$7.93 on Jan. 1.

Agricultural jobs in Oregon and Washington are up nearly 1 percent since 2002 during a period when agricultural jobs nationally have declined by 15 percent. Moreover, agricultural workers in Oregon and Washington have seen their average hours worked per week rise by 1.6 hours since 2002, more than double the increase nationally.

Federal government data on average hourly wages for agricultural workers are available for Oregon specifically. These data indicate that average hourly wages for agricultural workers in Oregon are up 0.8 percent above inflation since 2002. Wages for agricultural workers nationally are flat relative to inflation over the same time period.

“Despite complaints from farm and nursery operators, agricultural jobs in Oregon have performed well,” added Leachman. “The data on jobs, hours worked, and average hourly wages suggest that the minimum wage has been good for agricultural workers,” he concluded.

Leachman emphasized that the annual cost-of-living adjustments are important to Oregon’s working families, who must cope with rising costs of health care, fuel, housing, and other basic necessities. “Minimum wage workers may still be working for poverty wages to support their families,” he said, “but at least they won’t fall further behind during 2007 as their costs for basic necessities continue to escalate.”

Despite Oregon’s adjustments to the minimum wage, a full-time minimum wage employee supporting a family of three or more still does not earn enough to escape poverty. A full-time minimum wage worker in 2006 made \$15,600, which is \$1,000 below the 2006 poverty line for a family of three.

Because the poverty line, like Oregon’s minimum wage, is adjusted annually for inflation, a three-person family with one minimum wage worker will still remain in poverty during 2007. The poverty line for 2007 will be set early in the year by the federal government.

Leachman noted that the cost of covering “basic family needs” in Oregon is much higher than the poverty line suggests. A 2005 study by the Economic Policy Institute found that a parent with two children living in the Portland metro area would need \$38,112, or more than \$18 per hour, to cover the necessary costs of a modest lifestyle.

A Look Back

On Jan. 14, 1784, Congress ratified the peace treaty wherein Britain recognized America’s independence ... Jan. 8, 1815, some 5,300 British soldiers, unaware of the peace treaty, attacked U.S. entrenchments near New Orleans; the British sustained more than 2,000 casualties, and the Americans lost 71 ... Jan. 10, 1901, Texas had its first significant oil strike ... Jan. 8, 1918, President Wilson set out his 14 Points as a basis for peace ... Jan. 12, 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt asked for another hike in the defense budget ... Jan. 11-14, 1973, five of seven defendants in the Watergate break-in trial pleaded guilty ... Jan. 8, 1982, the 13-year-old lawsuit against AT&T by the Justice Dept. was settled; AT&T agreed to give up the 22 Bell System companies and was allowed to expand ... Jan. 8, 1987, Dow Jones closed above 2,000 for the first time ...Jan. 10, 2000, America Online Inc. announced that it would buy Time Warner Inc., in the largest merger to date ... Jan. 11, 2001, the AOL-Time Warner merger was completed ... Jan. 11, 2002, Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters captured in Afghanistan were flown to a U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, with the first 20 arriving on this date ... Jan. 10-11, 2003, a few days before leaving office, Gov. George Ryan (R-Ill.) spared the lives of 171 convicts sentenced to death ... Jan. 10, 2003, North Korea said that it was withdrawing from the 1980 Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, claiming it was acting in self-defense against the United States, which it accused of hostile intentions ... Jan. 11, 2003, After three days of unofficial meetings with two North Korean diplomats, Gov. Bill Richardson (D-N.M.), a former U.S. ambassador to the U.N., said the North Koreans wanted better relations with the United States. ... Jan. 12, 2003, Steve Case, founder of America Online, announced that he was resigning as AOL chairman.

