

## Here, There, & Everywhere

**SPECIAL NEEDS RESPITE** - Parents of children 5 to 13, who have special needs and disabilities, can have a night out Saturday, Jan. 13. For information about guidelines phone Josephine County Lifespan Respite Program at 471-2863.

**TREE-PACKING TIME** - As part of the 15th annual Riparian Tree-Planting Project in Illinois Valley, trees will be packed Wednesday, Jan. 17. The next distribution will be the following Friday and Saturday. For information or to participate, phone 592-4098.

**'ALL ABOUT HOSPICE'** - Lovejoy Hospice is offering an opportunity to learn more about hospice care, and perhaps consider volunteering. Through hospice, a team of professionals provides care for terminally ill patients and their care-givers -- and volunteers are at the heart of the hospice team. "All About Hospice" volunteer training will begin Feb. 10. For more information phone 474-1193.

**RECYCLE PROJECT** - Businesses and individual computer users can recycle used inkjet printer cartridges, laser printer toner cartridges and old cell phones to help support the American Red Cross for free. The Southern Oregon Chapter receives at least \$1 for every item submitted. Proceeds will benefit the chapter's disaster relief program to help local families displaced from a home fire with immediate emergency needs. The program also sets up shelters when summer wildfires threaten homes and when winter road closures strand motorists. People can bring used cartridges and old cell phones to the American Red Cross office at 60 Hawthorne St. in Medford (779-3773) anytime during office hours Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Postage-paid bags and containers also are available for businesses or individuals who prefer to collect and mail their cartridges and cell phones from their locations.

**PARKING FEES** - Josephine County Parks Dept., which does not receive general fund support, relies on camping and day-use fees to pay for park maintenance. And effective Jan. 1, a \$2 day-use fee is required at county parks. Annual day-use passes cost \$25, so more than 12 visits a year cover the cost. Additional passes for the same household are \$10 each. Those with an Oregon Trails card or handicap parking placard can purchase their first pass for \$5, and additional passes for the same household are \$10 each. The annual day-use pass is good for all Jo Co parks and boat ramps. Day-use fees are not required at Rand, Argo, Whitehorse (except the picnic area and shelter), the top of Hog Creek, Matson, Cathedral Hills, and Graves Creek.

**NOTEPAD - A 2007 Harley Davidson FXDWG Dyna Wide Glide motorcycle will be raffled Sept. 3 by Illinois Valley Lions Club. Only 300 tickets for the \$18,440 bike are available at \$100 each. See Steve Lyons at Century 21 Harris & Taylor in Cave Junction ... Cans and bottles can be donated to the I.V. High School Club International fund-raiser at Shop Smart Food Warehouse in CJ Saturday, Jan. 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. ... The officer-in-charge (OIC) post at the I.V. Substation has been eliminated by Josephine County Sheriff's Office to bolster the patrol force. No word yet about the effect on the CJ Security Council, which was begun by Cpl. Sean Rarey, who was the OIC ... The visitor count during November 2005 was 363 and during November 2006 was 323 at Illinois Valley Visitor Center; a decrease of 40, said Dulcie Moore, I.V. Chamber of Commerce office manager ... Did you hear about the woman who would buy anything marked down? Last week she bought an escalator ... Ten free trees will be given each person from Oregon who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January. Visit arborday.org ... Senior bumper stickers: \*At my age, flowers scare me. \*I'm so old that when I eat out, they ask me for money up front. \*Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live. \*It ain't the age; it's the darn mileage.**

**LAST WORDS** - Life is short and we have not much time for gladdening the hearts of others. Be swift to love! Make haste to be kind! (Henri-Frederic Amiel)

## Sheriff, undersheriff saddled up; ready to ride

By SCOTT JORGENSEN  
IVN Staff Writer

New Josephine County Sheriff Gil Gilbertson, sworn in Monday, Jan. 8, said that he would "hit the ground running."

Undersheriff appointee Don Fasching, a Selma resident, began his position Jan. 2. He replaced Brian Anderson, who resigned last year after losing to Gilbertson in the Nov. 7 general election.

Fasching, 57, retired from the San Diego Police Dept. in 2004. He said that his first day on the job was "the fastest eight hours I've spent in a long time."

"After two hours, everything came back," Fasching said. "It's like riding a bike."

Fasching said that he spent most of his first day discussing staffing and budgetary issues; meeting deputies; and setting up his computer and phone systems.

Gilbertson had spent a considerable amount of time at his office prior to being sworn in. He thanked Dave Daniel, immediate past-sheriff, for allowing him the opportunity to do so.

"Since the election, I've had my nose to the grindstone looking into things," Gilbertson said.

Fasching said that JCSO's long-term goal is to re-establish three substations in rural parts of the county.

"The plan that's going to be presented is we're going to try and staff the Murphy substation, the Cave Junction county building and one in Merlin, if we meet staffing levels," Fasching said.

However, such a move would depend on the passage of a May law enforcement levy, Fasching said. That levy would fund the sheriff's office, freeing general fund revenues for other county operations.

Gilbertson said that his top priorities are to establish a line of succession within JCSO, for the sake of institutional continuity, and placing greater emphasis on deputy training.

"That has to be an integral part of the work schedule," Gilbertson said, adding that he would like to see all deputies get one training day per month.

Fasching said that al-

### Club & Organization Notes

#### Diabetes Support Group

Valerie Katz, from Asante Diabetes Care Centers, will speak beginning at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 at Illinois Valley Senior Center.

Her topics will include nutrition. There will be a question-and-answer time.

#### Siskiyou Field Institute

A winter ecology program is set for Feb. 16 and 17 at Mt. Ashland.

Participants will explore the winter world of Mt. Ashland with naturalist Kristi Mergenthaler. She will lead attendees in discovering the ingenious ways plants and animals adapt to a life in cold and snow.

There will be an initial indoor presentation, followed by a trip to the snow. Winter plant identification will be studied, and participants will learn how to interpret animal signs.

The program will include "moderately strenuous snowshoeing," and beginners can attend. There is a fee. Phone 597-8530 or visit [www.thesfi.org](http://www.thesfi.org) to sign up.



Sheriff Gil Gilbertson and Undersheriff Don Fasching, of Selma, had breakfast after Gilbertson's swearing in. (Scott Jorgensen photo)

though he has gotten "a lot of positive feedback" from deputies so far, many are still worried about the possibility of future layoffs.

"We don't have answers for them. I wish we did," Fasching said. "But the sheriff and I are committed to keeping their jobs."

The new sheriff recently said that he did not anticipate deputy layoffs, if any, until perhaps June.

"We are funded through the end of the fiscal year," said Gilbertson, "and we have vacancies, so I don't see us losing anyone through layoffs until later."

Funding is the major issue, and with the loss of federal O&C monies, layoffs are a likely possibility.

A letter to employees from the county board of commissioners notes that, "Because the greatest portion of discretionary general fund monies are allocated to law enforcement, we anticipate the great impacts will be there, but significant reductions will be made

### New attitude for response

By SCOTT JORGENSEN  
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An inquiry into delayed law enforcement response to a vandalism incident reported in Downtown Cave Junction will be undertaken by Sheriff Gil Gilbertson, of Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO).

On Friday night, Dec. 29, multiple juvenile persons were caught red-handed after they allegedly smashed a car windshield on the Nacho Mamas parking lot around 10 p.m. Owner Andrea Thomas and dishwasher Angie Herde chased the suspects, who appeared to be preparing to smash more windows at a business nearby, and phoned 911.

As has become typical, deputies did not respond to the incident that evening. But witnesses were able to

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widely across county operations.

"The board has begun and will continue to make every effort to utilize funds available, and secure additional funding by way of a

"I want to exude professionalism from the top down," Gilbertson said. "The public is going to see a considerable change in professionalism, as well as service to our customers."

tax levy. Wherever possible, as funds allow, county services will be restored and employees returned to work," the letter states. Meanwhile, Gilbertson said that residents soon will notice a difference in how the sheriff's office operates, and that he plans to lead by example.

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### Farming with Confidence: A Risk Management Course for New Specialty Crop Growers

**Dates:** Mondays, February 5th-March 12th, 4-8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** OSU Extension, Central Point, OR  
**Cost:** \$105. Cost includes catered dinners and materials.

#### Topics:

- \*setting goals and values
- \*assessing resources
- \*direct marketing strategies
- \*enterprise budgeting
- \*managing production risk
- \*whole farm planning

#### OSU Extension Small Farms Program

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### Helping Children Exposed to Batterers A 16-Week Class for Parents and Community Partners

This weekly class will help parents understand the impact of domestic violence on their children and themselves and help them learn to talk to and listen to their children about experiences of violence. Children's resiliency will be encouraged and parents will be supported in strengthening their relationships with their children.

Facilitated by :  
Grace Auzenne and Diana Amble

**Begins January 22nd 2007 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM 535 East River Street (River Room)**

- Registration Required
- No Fee

For further information and/or to register contact: Grace Auzenne  
541.592.2515

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Research is clear that the best healing advantage for children exposed to batterers is a strong relationship with their mothers.



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