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Fuel additive could be catalyst for valley growth

Results for mileage, emissions indicate potential worldwide use, recognition; I.V. employment

Tremendous mileage could be gained -- in more ways than one -- from a new product, Fuel Catalyst, with proven results that could bring worldwide recognition to Illinois Valley.

The product from Kleen Fossils Fuels Inc. has so far gained rave recommendations, based on field tests, by organizations including the Dept. of the Army in South Carolina, Illinois Valley Fire District, and the Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad.

Some private individuals in Illinois Valley also are using it, and have nothing

but high praise.

In addition, its use -- based on continued success in increasing mileage, reducing carbon buildup and other advantages -- is strongly supported by Oregon Congressman Greg Walden. He is urging the U.S. Dept. of Energy to evaluate Fuel Catalyst.

Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden also is urging that the product be utilized in testing with an eye toward putting it into overall use, not only by the military but by the civilian population, once its success is determined.

Developed by Cave Junction resident Dr. Bob Kurko, continued recognition of the product's beneficial effects means that the Illinois Valley community is balanced on the precipice of worldwide recognition.

"This is not snake oil," he said. "We have developed a product that works, and that could mean the end of smog. In fact, I have spoken to some environmental and health groups that, once they see it's a bona fide product, shy from it because it would put them out of business."

Test results continue to show that the product is wholly effective, with "outstanding" results.

For example, the Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad reported a 16 percent savings in fuel consumption. In addition, emissions were reduced by 45 percent.

Similar results were reported after tests using one military Humvee, a 2.5-ton truck, and a 5-ton truck. Included in the results were that fact that turbochargers began working again because of Fuel Catalyst.

Also, "heat signatures"

were reduced 30 percent.

And besides reducing emissions, the product has shown a consistent ability to clean up carbon-encrusted combustion chambers and exhaust systems.

Fuel Catalyst, based on test results and in actual use, eliminates 99.99 percent particulates and reduces carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, smoke and odor.

Kurko, founder of Fuel Science Institute, has major plans in mind, once word about Fuel Catalyst hits the mainstream. His initial plans include the following possibilities:

And that, said Kurko, would just be the beginning.

"We would be a worldwide model," he said. "We are certain that we can reduce our dependence on foreign oil imports while helping to purify our air;

*A blending plant that would employ up to 100 people on three shifts.

*A manufacturing facility that could employ up to 300 people.

*A railroad line to the Illinois Valley Industrial Park.

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I.V. Fire Plan public meet topic Jan. 4

Copies of the draft Illinois Valley Fire Plan are available in preparation for a community meeting Tuesday, Jan. 4 at 6 p.m.

The meeting, to review the plan and receive public comment, questions and concerns, will be held at the Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) Administrative Center, 28195 Redwood Hwy.

In connection with the plan, various methods to reduce hazards to property in case of wildfire, have been under way in Selma since early November.

Copies of the draft are available at the I.V. Branch Library, Dome School, O'Brien Country Store,

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BATTALION CHIEF KEN GAVLIK



Ken Gavlik likes aiding fellow man

By CHRISTINA HILL
Correspondent

If there's a fire alarm in the middle of the night...

If a person needs medical assistance...

Or if there's been a motor vehicle accident, people count on receiving prompt assistance.

And people count on Ken Gavlik, among others.

Selma residents Gavlik and his wife, Pearlene, have been answering Illinois Valley Rural Fire Protection District calls for help nearly nine years.

They are volunteer firefighters, and while they don't receive compensation for sometimes putting their lives on the line, they always "find it rewarding to

go out and volunteer for the community," he said.

Promoted earlier this year from captain to battalion chief of Fire Station 2 in Selma and Fire Station 5 at Dryden, he "was surprised at his promotion."

"I'm pleased that the chief (Harry Rich) thought

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HOLIDAY SCENES - Santa Claus was a busy dude this Christmas season. At True Value (bottom right) he listened to one boy's wishes, and did the same for a youngster at Shop Smart Food Warehouse (top left). St. Nick was especially busy Christmas Day Eve (remainder of photos, by Dale Sandberg), as I.V. Bikers and friends from I.V. Senior Center distributed gifts at the center from the annual Toy Run. He also provided toys and other gifts to those attending the Christmas morning breakfast by CJ Cares in Jubilee Park.



Reserve deputy wounded by shotgun blast recovering at home

A reserve sheriff's deputy is recovering at home after being wounded by a shotgun blast in rural Grants Pass Thursday night, Dec. 23, said Josephine County Sheriff Dave Daniel.

It is thought to be the first incident of a deputy being wounded in the line of duty in county history.

Wounded in one arm and one side (whether left or right was not specified) was Tim Cockrum, a reservist for three years. His age was

not available, and he was home on Christmas Day.

Arrested was Richard Dean Dalessio, 44, of 322 Sleepy Hollow Loop. He is charged with two counts of attempted murder, and one count of first-degree assault, according to a report.

Daniel said that the incident began at approximately 9:38 p.m. when Cockrum and an unidentified regular patrol officer responded to a report of a domestic distur-

bance.

As Cockrum and the other officer, plus another regular officer with a trainee, left their patrol cars, approximately seven shotgun blasts were fired at them from the residence, Daniel said. Cockrum was struck and fell to the ground.

Daniel said that the other deputies were able to remove the wounded officer to safety, and that he was taken by American Medical Response to Three Rivers

Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

Both patrol cars incurred damage.

In all, approximately 10 lawmen, including deputies, Oregon State Police troopers and Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety officers, responded to the scene.

They surrounded the home, and after about two hours were able to get the suspect to come out. Officers fired no shots, said OSP, which investigated the

incident with sheriff's detectives.

The suspect was the only person at the home, said OSP.

The agency added that Dalessio may have been suicidal and hoping that deputies would shoot back.

The suspect apparently was behind some vehicles in front of his house when officers first arrived, said OSP. After Cockrum was wounded, the deputies took cover behind a nearby fence.

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, Dec. 29

Chance of showers, Snow possible late High--45, Low--32.



Thursday, Dec. 30

Mostly cloudy, Evening rain & sleet High--43, Low--31.



Friday, Dec. 31

Mostly cloudy, Possible snow late High--43, Low--29.



Saturday, Jan. 1

Scattered showers, Evening rain & sleet High--43, Low--29.



Sunday, Jan. 2

Snow & sleet, Evening clearing High--41, Low--23.



Monday, Jan. 3

Mostly cloudy, Chilly evening High--38, Low--20.



Tuesday, Jan. 4

Mostly cloudy, Cold evening High--37, Low--20.

