

# Ken Gavlik likes aiding fellow man

(Continued from page 1)

enough of my abilities," said Gavlik. "Now I just need to live up to them."

"There are a lot of behind-the-scenes responsibilities that don't end when the day is over," he said. "I would say volunteers in this valley are a special breed of people. It takes more than volunteering."

"The easy part is doing the actual volunteer work. The hard part is doing all the additional training when everyone else is eating supper, watching television or going to a movie."

Gavlik's duties include running the training every Tuesday night for the two stations; checking the equipment and vehicles; teaching classes that train new recruits how to drive fire rigs; handling all the paperwork from calls; and being the designated duty officer one weekend a month.

"That means we have to stay in the valley and be available to answer calls any time," he said.

"We also have a designated duty officer every night of the week," he said.

While on calls, Pearlene is always an asset, he said.

"Pearlene is an EMT Basic, so she plays an important role," Ken added.

When they're not busy fighting fires, extricating people from wrecked vehicles or administering medical care, Ken and Pearlene are busy working at home.

"I have my own cabinet shop," he said. "I do everything from kitchens to bathrooms to entertainment centers and much more. We also started a print reproduction business."

Two years ago, they started doing print reproductions for local artists. The process they use is Giclee, a French term meaning to spray the ink onto the paper.

"My wife is an artist, so that's how we got the idea. The prints are usually limited editions," Ken explained.

So far, they have done prints for 11 local artists and one for a Grants Pass artist.

Ken also dabbles with designing Web sites.

His wife's paintings have been featured in galleries around the area, and she has been a featured artist during Second Friday Art Walk in Cave Junction.

Balancing time is of great importance to Ken and Pearlene, but answering emergency calls usually means putting their personal and business lives on hold.

"Because we're self-employed, it was a prime opportunity for us to volunteer, but we still have to work for a living, so some-

times I find it hard to make myself work," said Ken, "especially when I've been out on calls and haven't slept for a few nights."

"Getting calls at 3 a.m., gearing up, and rushing to the scene seems to run in the family, too."

"Our son, Michael, is a full-time firefighter for the city of Rogue River; and our son, Jeff, is staff deputy chief for I.V. Fire District," Ken said.

However, he noted, they all got their starts volunteering at Station 2 in Selma.

Ken and Pearlene moved to Illinois valley from New Hampshire nearly 15 years ago.

"There were very long winters, heavy snow, and it was very cold," said Ken. "Sometimes it would get to 25 below zero, and there'd be 3 feet of snow. We got pretty tired of all that snow

and all that cold."

According to Ken, anyone interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter should see a training officer and fill out an application.

"Once we get enough interested people," he said, "we will host an academy to let people know what it takes to volunteer. Because we don't have fires every day, it takes another year or two to get a new rookie fully trained."

"Not only do we do fire-fighting, we do motor vehicle accidents, so they have to learn extrication skills. It's an extensive two years on-and-off training," Ken said.

For more information on volunteering, phone 592-2225 or stop by the fire district administration office at 28195 Redwood Hwy, the former location of Fire Mountain Gems.

# RCC board OKs audit

During a recent meeting, Rogue Community College directors approved the 2003-04 audit conducted by Kenneth Kuhns & Co. of Salem.

The report gave RCC's financial statements "a clean audit" and commended the RCC Budget and Finance staff for its assistance and cooperation.

In other matters the board:

\*Certified the Nov. 4 general election results on Measure 17-3, a \$24 million bond to finance the development of RCC campuses in Jackson County. The measure passed, 50,310-43,633.

\*Accepted Pat Fahey's resignation from the RCC Advisory Committee.

Fahey, who operates Southern Oregon Sanitation, has been an advisory committee member since 1998 and was chairman for the past six years. His term will expire in January.

\*Reappointed John Anhorn to the RCC Advisory Committee. Anhorn is a Jackson County representative. His current term will expire in January; his new appointment is through January 2008.

\*Approved board member Jim Dole's participation in an Oregon School Board Association workshop on bonds and ballots, set for Jan. 13-14. Dole has volunteered to lead an RCC bond campaign in Josephine County in 2006.

# Cop justified for gunshot

Deputy Michael Burke, placed on administrative leave after firing one shot at a man with a flashlight, has been reinstated to active duty by Josephine County Sheriff Dave Daniel.

Burke fired a single shot at Anthony J. Slovick around 2:41 a.m. Dec. 12 in Cave Junction. Slovick had refused to stop his vehicle, and then fled on foot after a pursuit.

He turned, and the deputy saw a metallic object in his hand. Burke's reinstatement is a result of an internal investigation by the sheriff's office.

# U.S. Army site fined by DEQ

The agent for the U.S. Army's Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in Eastern Oregon has been fined \$2,400 for hazardous waste violations.

Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality levied two penalties of \$1,200 each. The facility is operated by Washington Demilitarization Co.

The firm was cited for not properly labeling all containers of hazardous waste generated at the site, and for failure to properly date some of the containers.

# Art's Red Garter Steak House & Saloon

## HOUSE SPECIALS DAILY

Fish Chicken Steak



'BEST hamburgers in town!'

Open 5 to 9 p.m. - Restaurant parking in rear 126 S. Redwood Hwy., CJ 592-4222 or 592-2892

# Happy New Year

'Tis the season to be jolly! Here's hoping a bright and happy Christmas was had by all our fine patrons and their families. Your support has been wonderful.

From all of us at



135 S. Redwood Hwy., C.J. Deer Creek Plaza, Selma



# Give the gift that keeps on ringing.

# Unlimited CALL ME minutes.

No charge for incoming calls.



FREE Kyocera® SoHo color screen phone (after \$30 mail-in rebate)

GREAT HOLIDAY OFFER: 1000 Anytime Minutes for \$39.95 a month.

- Unlimited CALL ME minutes
• FREE Kyocera® SoHo color screen phone
• Ask about Nights & Weekends starting at 7p.m.



Put our network to the test with our 30-Day Guarantee.

# C.J. Video Mart & Radio Shack

145 N. Redwood Hwy., Cave Junction 592-2233 Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fri. 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sun. 11 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Promotional Rate Plans available to new customers... U.S. Cellular AUTHORIZED AGENT

Evergreen Elementary School Lunch Menu. Sponsored by 'Illinois Valley News'. 321 S. Redwood Hwy. 592-2541. THURSDAY, DEC. 30 \*Christmas break. FRIDAY, DEC. 31 \*Christmas break. MONDAY, JAN. 3 \*Chicken nuggets, hamburger, cheese pizza, delicious deli decisions. TUESDAY, JAN. 4 \*Burrito, cheeseburger, pepperoni pizza, delicious deli decisions. WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5 \*Hot diggity dog, hamburger, cheese pizza, delicious deli decisions.

The Strip Restaurant has five beers on tap! Red Hook ESB \* Heineken \* Fat Tire Kona Longboard Lager \* Busch

SUNDAY MORNING/AFTERNOON TV schedule table for JANUARY 2, 2005. Columns show time slots from 6:00 to 5:30. Rows list various programs like Major League II, Grocodile Dundee, Analyze This, The Whole Nine Yards, Beverly Hills Ninja, etc.