

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Hagar Kabua and Maggie Capelle dance a hula at the Kwajalein High School Turkey Bowl on Nov. 26 in the multi-purpose room. For more on the Turkey Bowl, see Page 8.

Photo by Dan Adler

Kwaj Kwirks and our ability to improvise

When you live on a small tropical island in the middle of the Pacific, you quickly discover that it is sometimes necessary to improvise. Common uses for certain items suddenly become not so common here on Kwaj. Kwaj folk have a way of inventing new uses for many items, stretching their definitions and usual purposes to fit our needs here. I will explore the vast possibilities of uses for various items that may seem normal to anyone living on Kwaj, but would most likely turn some heads if they were practiced back in the states.

SHOWER CAP: A plastic covering worn to keep your hair dry while showering. On Kwaj, they are more typically used as bike seat covers.

FLIP FLOPS: A flat, backless shoe or slipper usually made of rubber with

a thong between the first two toes; appropriate footwear for the beach and sunny summer days. On Kwaj, perfect for any special occasion, even your own wedding.

BOARD SHORTS: Short pants worn by men or women while at the beach or in the water. On Kwaj, they serve as athletic shorts, appropriate work attire, or again, wedding apparel.

PAPER TOWELS: Square-shaped absorbent paper good for many household uses. On Kwaj, found in many women's purses to wipe off her bike seat after it rains.

TRASH BAGS: A large plastic bag to store your garbage in. On Kwaj, you can see them used as make-shift ponchos when caught in the rain.

MILK CRATES: Plastic containers used to store and deliver milk

Just my Opinion

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Associate Editor



cartons. On Kwaj, they are more typically used as bicycle baskets.

LAUNDRY BASKET: A large, round or rectangular container used to carry and store clothing. On Kwaj, put some wheels on it and you've got yourself a burley.

SHOPPING CART: A large rectangular basket attached to a frame with wheels and a handle, used to store groceries or other goods while

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Buckminster and Friends by Sabrina Mumma



What's the news?

Do you have news you would like to share about your club, private organization or work department? Do you have an interesting story and photos of a vacation trip? How about a scuba dive with great photos you took? Have you got a good fish story? The Hourglass welcomes submissions of news articles written by members of the community. You can submit articles to the USAKA Public Affair Officer, Vanessa Peeden, at vanessa.peeden@smdck.smdc.army.mil

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Snorkelers Danielle Junker, left, Claire Stepchew and Chelsea Junker join in the scuba club's underwater turkey hunt on Nov. 23

Kwajalein Scuba Club holds its annual underwater turkey hunt at Emon Beach

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Kwajalein Scuba Club held its annual underwater turkey hunt Nov. 23 at Emon Beach.



A rubber chicken is one of the items waiting to be found by participants in the turkey hunt.

The event was organized by John and Tracy Pennington. John is KSC president. Mike Woundy served as divemaster for the participants. The KSC provided two turkeys, two hams, many KSC logo shirts, coffee mugs, hats and koozies for snorkelers and divers to find in the lagoon at Emon Beach.

Tracy thought it would be fun to hide rubber chickens underwater to represent the turkey prizes. John followed suit by using a piggy bank and roasting fork for the ham prizes. The shirts and hats were represented by kitchen utensils while the mugs and koozies were hidden underwater.

After John explained the event and outlined the search areas, Woundy conducted a safety briefing and accountability sign in.

Scuba divers were paired up as dive buddies to search for prizes in the lagoon from 12-24 feet deep while many teams of snorkelers found the other half of the total prizes in six to 10 feet of water. Every participant left with a prize but the biggest winners were Monte Junker's crew and Neil and Frances Dye. Those teams left with both a turkey and a ham certificate, shirts and koozies.

The next KSC event is Dec. 20 when Scuba Santa will arrive at Emon Beach followed by the Kwajalein Yacht Club Parade of Lights.

Visiting singers perform Christmas concert in Island Memorial Chapel

Article and photos by Dan Adler
Media Services Manager

Kwajalein residents enjoyed a holiday treat Sunday evening when visiting music ministry singers Jon and Deanna Ramsay sang traditional Christmas carols and contemporary Christian music full of peace and hope befitting the season.

Speaking with the couple, it seems to have been planned a long time ago that Deanna was going to be a singer.

"I was born to a really musical family," she said. "My mother was a professional pianist and my whole family sang and had a record out before I was born. So it was never really an option for me. I've always loved it. I sang my first solo in front of 2,000 people with a full orchestra when I was 2 and a half years old and started recording when I was six doing children's albums."

During Deanna's high school years and into college she recorded jingles and CD-ROM children's programs in reading and math. She also recorded commercial jingles for companies such as Apple computers and United Parcel Service. In addition to that, she also did live performances of gospel music in churches and at Christian conferences. "My dad was a pastor, so I grew up in the church and singing in the church," she said. "Since day one, that has been a part of my life."

When she went off to college, she took a lot of musical experience with her. She picked Azusa Pacific University near Pasadena, Calif., as the college she wanted to go to. "It has a great music school and that's what drew me there," said Deanna. "I got a lot of training at college and got my degree in music with an emphasis on education. I've also taught voice and



Residents pack the Island Memorial Chapel for the concert by Jon and Deanna Ramsay Sunday.

piano over the years."

During her time in college, she met Jon, to whom she has been married for nine years. They are the parents of two young children.

"We started singing together when we were dating," she said. "We got married nine years ago and started travelling and have been doing it ever since. We sing at all different kinds of venues; churches, conventions and so forth."

Jon's path to music wasn't quite as sure or as certain as Deanna's.

"My story is the complete opposite of hers," he said. "I didn't do anything musical. I was just all sports in middle school and high school. My family was religious, but not really musical. My dad was, but he really didn't get into it until I was in high school. My dad joined a Southern gospel quartet when I was a sophomore in high school. In my senior year of high school, they lost one of their singers and I was asked to join them."

He added, "I had very little music training or any singing experience. But, I was like, 'Sure, why not?'" So for a year, we travelled up and down the west coast almost every weekend doing concerts and that's where I cut my teeth."

When Jon went to college, his music journey was still a rough road. "I went to college and joined the choir, but I couldn't read music. I almost quit the first day because everyone else was like Deanna's story — music from in the womb."

Music had never been a big part of his plan for life. "I was a marketing major when I started college. That's what I wanted to do, go into marketing and own my own company at some point."

But during the summer of 1995, a turning point occurred in his life. He was on a singing tour with some of the other college students. They were in Indiana and he said he felt like he had never felt before.

"I believed God was calling me to be in music and a

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Singers Jon and Deanna Ramsay sing traditional Christmas carols and contemporary Christian music Sunday evening at Island Memorial Chapel.

Five servicemembers die in Iraq, Afghanistan

Sgt. Jason A. McLeod, 22, of Crystal Lake, Ill., died Nov. 23, west of Pashmul, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with mortar fire. He was assigned to the 704th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo.

Two Soldiers died Nov. 21 in Kandahar province, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when enemy forces attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device. They were assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. Killed were: **Sgt. James M. Nolen**, 25, of Alvin, Texas and **Pfc. Marcus A. Tynes**, 19, of Moreno Valley, Calif.

Staff Sgt. Matthew A. Pucino, 34, of Cockeysville, Md., died Nov. 23 in Pashay Kala, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when enemy



forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group of the Maryland Army National Guard in Glen Arm, Md.

Pfc. Michael A. Rogers, 23, of White Sulphur Springs, Mont., died

Nov. 27, at Forward Operating Base Hammer, east of Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 210th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

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music ministry.”

He admits it wasn't something he readily accepted. "I didn't want to change my life plan that I had laid out for myself — business and marketing and structure and security. There's maybe five people who have transferred from a marketing degree to a music major. If you have a music major, you can work at McDonald's or Taco Bell. There's not a lot out there for musicians. But I felt it was an undeniable thing that God was calling me. I ran from it for a semester, but then I finally just said, 'I'll do what God is calling me to do.'"

Because of that change in his life, he met his wife of nine years and the mother of his two children.

"We would have never met if I had not changed my plans to do what God wanted me to do," Jon said. "Everything happened after that. I loved practicing six hours a day on an instrument. Everything in music really started in college."

To obtain music degrees, both Deanna and Jon had to learn every instrument in the orchestra. "We learned trumpet, trombone, violin, clarinet, drums, guitar and piano. That's pretty consistent with music majors at any college," said Deanna.

Jon added, "It wasn't the easiest thing in the world, but I loved what I was doing. Things just began to progress with music naturally."

Apparently, they couldn't have picked a much better college to prepare them for a music ministry. According to Jon, "The Azusa music school is renowned on a par with USC."

Besides traveling and giving concerts, Jon's full-time job is as a licensed pastor for the Mariner's church in Mission Viejo in southern California. The church's headquarters is in Irvine, Calif. and has 15,000 mem-

bers. It has several locations of which Mission Viejo is one. Jon leads the music ministry among other duties. The couple currently lives in San Diego. As far as concerts and traveling go, Deanna said, "We get phone calls. We don't do any marketing. We just made a commitment that whenever we get called, we'll go. We travel 30-50 days each year and we were doing much more before the children came."

Expenses for their trips are paid by whoever has invited them to perform. They have performed at several military bases in Europe through the chaplaincy program. They have also gone to Europe for the Military Community Youth Ministry where they performed for American high school students. They were in Europe in 2001 and 2002. They are in partnership with World Vision as artist associates and although they have toured Europe, they do most of their traveling in the United States.

The Ramsays came to Kwajalein for the Christmas concert through the efforts of Jared Johnson and Pastor Rick Funk. Johnson went to high school with Jon and he and his wife knew the Ramsays before coming to Kwajalein. The Johnsons have been on Kwajalein for five months.

"They moved out here and they are dear friends of ours from San Diego," said Deanna. "We never thought we'd get an opportunity to come see their new home. We were doing a conference in Hawaii and Jared called and asked if we could come to Kwajalein. It worked out with our schedule and we were so excited to come out."

Besides giving the concert on Kwajalein Nov. 29, they also performed on Roi-Namur Wednesday. The Ramsays departed for home on Friday.

Strategy can reverse enemy gains quickly

By John J. Kruzal
American Forces Press Service

A new U.S. strategy for Afghanistan that entails adding 30,000 more troops by summer enables commanders there to take the lead within a year, the military's top officer said Wednesday.

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the Senate Armed Services Committee the strategy provides sufficient resources for Army Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, commander of U.S. and international forces in Afghanistan, to reverse gains insurgent groups have made in recent years.

"It gets the most U.S. force into the fight as quickly as possible, giving General McChrystal everything he needs in 2010 to gain the initiative," the chairman said.

President Barack Obama articulated the new approach to Afghanistan and Pakistan Wednesday night in a speech at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. The strategy, which culminates months of deliberation with senior advisors, considered input from every military leader in the chain of command, Mullen said.

The goals Obama outlined in the speech include reversing momentum the Taliban have made in past years and securing key population centers in Afghanistan, especially in the contentious southern and eastern regions.

The added troops will bring the total number of U.S. forces to nearly 100,000, in addition to a complement of roughly 42,000 allied troops – a number which senior administration officials said they expect to increase with additional contributions from NATO allies.

"We now have the force of strategy more appropriately matched to the situation on the ground in

Afghanistan and resources matched more appropriately to that strategy, particularly with regard to reversing the insurgency's momentum in 2010," Mullen told senators.

The additional U.S. troops likely will comprise two or three more brigade combat teams and a brigade-sized element committed to embedding with and training their Afghan counterparts, which represents a key component undergirding the transfer of responsibility to Afghanistan, expected to begin in July.

Mullen said the strategy provides commanders "discrete objectives" and offers better guidance about how to employ their forces. While the goals of thwarting al-Qaida, preventing Afghanistan from becoming a terrorist safe haven and employing a counterinsurgency approach are unchanged, the strategy engenders a more defined scope, he said.

"Now, they will tailor this campaign and those operations by focusing on key population areas, by increasing pressure on al-Qaida's leadership, by more effectively working to degrade the Taliban's influence and by streamlining and accelerating the growth of competent Afghan national security forces," Mullen said.

The chairman said Obama's strategy takes into account Afghanistan's regional context, calling for stronger cooperation with neighboring Pakistan – a necessary component for eliminating terrorist safe havens.

"His is a more balanced, more flexible and more achievable strategy than we've had in the past, one based on pragmatism and real possibilities," Mullen said. "And speaking for the 2.2 million men and women who must execute it, and who, with their families, have borne the brunt of the stress and the strain of eight years of constant combat, I support his decision and appreciate his leadership."



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, testify before the Senate Armed Services Committee at the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C., Dec. 2, 2009. The testimony focused on President Barack Obama's decision to send an additional 30,000 troops to the war in Afghanistan.

DoD photo by U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Chad J. McNeeley

School Advisory Council members for 2009-2010

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Kwajalein schools would like to announce the School Advisory Council members for the 2009-2010 school year.

The SAC meets on the third Wednesday of every month. They are a parent-run group

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that makes recommendations to the Colonel about school policies and rules. Representatives are available from each company for you to contact with any issues or concerns to be brought up at monthly meetings.

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also welcome to attend monthly SAC meetings to bring up any issues or concerns. Look for announcements in the *Hourglass* and the Roller for meeting dates, times and location.

If you have any questions regarding the SAC, call the high school office at 52011.

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shopping in stores. On Kwaj, they are useful to drag behind your bike or to push home to cart packages back from the post office.

HANDS: The terminal, prehensile part of the arm in humans and higher primates, consisting of the wrist, metacarpals, fingers and thumb. On Kwaj, they are often used as fly swatters, especially while eating anywhere, even inside.

BUNGEE CORDS: An elasticized cord, typically with a hook at each end, used chiefly as a fastener. The main use for them on Kwaj is to secure as much junk as possible on top of your bike so you only need to make one trip.

BIKE TIRE TUBES: Rubber tube on the inside of a bicycle tire. For all you fisherman on Kwaj, you may use this on your fishing hand lines to set the hook.

PVC PIPE: Polyvinyl chloride pipe, used mostly for water lines. On Kwaj, it is fashioned into a bike accessory, holding fishing poles in your bike basket or your burley.

GOLF BALL: A small, dimpled ball with a tough cover and a resilient core of rubber, used in playing golf. On Kwaj, they are stuck onto the bottom of your bike kick stand to keep the stand from sinking into the ground, thereby keeping your bike from falling over.

SHOPPING BAGS: A plastic bag with handles, used to carry purchases or belongings. On Kwaj, they are sometimes used as a cooler. Just throw some ice and beverages in there and head to the beach. They can also be seen used as a purse, or as a bag to put your purse in, to keep your belongings dry.

METAL SADDLEBAG BASKETS: A common type of bike basket on Kwaj used to haul and/or cart (usually too many) objects on your bike. MacGyver-type Kwaj residents use them as beverage bottle openers.

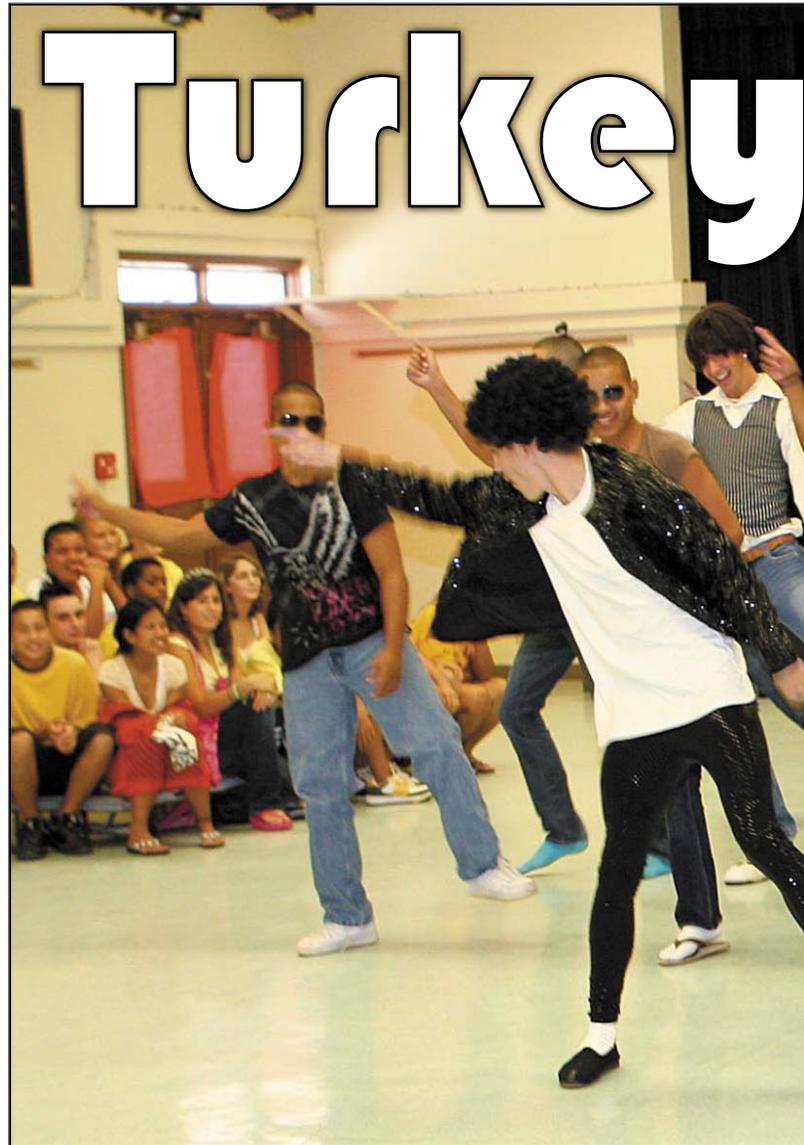
RUBBER BAND: A narrow, circular or oblong band of rubber, used for holding papers or other things together. Useful on Kwaj to wrap around your pant leg, near your ankle, to keep your pants from getting caught in your bike chain.

GOLF CARTS: An electric vehicle typically used on golf courses to transport golfers and their gear. On Kwaj, however, the golf course is actually one of the places where you are prohibited from driving them.

Life on Kwaj has proved to me that it is in our human nature to adapt. There isn't a Super Wal-Mart around the corner to service our every need, but we figure out a way to use our limited tools and supplies around us to make do. And as always, it leaves me saying, "Only on Kwaj."



The beautiful and talented Miss Shanequa Quagmire, aka teacher Christi Davis-Cardillo, graces the multi-purpose room at the Turkey Bowl.



Michael Jackson (Kyle Cassiday) and his backup dancers make an appearance.

Kwajalein High School Thanksgiving break

By Kaitlynn Phillips and Coleen Engvall
Media Specialists

Students gathered in the Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School multi-purpose room Nov. 26 for the annual Turkey Bowl assembly. The MP room was filled with posters created by each class for Turkey Bowl points. Turkey Bowl assembly is the equivalent of homecoming to high schools in the states.

Al Robinson, Kwajalein Schools Superintendent, started the assembly with introductions and noted that the senior class seemed to be missing from the crowd. Moments later, to blaring techno music, the Senior Class of 2010 made their grand entrance to the gathering.

Before introducing the Masters of Ceremony for the assembly, junior Daniel Valles and sophomore Justin



The debonair and sophisticated Jay Sean, aka teacher Ric Fullerton, shows off his smooth moves for the audience.

Bowl Rocks!



...dance at the Kwajalein High School Turkey Bowl held Nov. 26, in the multi-purpose room.

Photos by Dan Adler

...ool holds the annual celebration Nov. 26

Furgeson, Robinson had each class present their class cheer.

After each class tried to out do each other with cheers, Valles and Furgeson announced the winners of the poster contest. Third place went to the juniors, second place was taken by the seniors and the eighth graders came in first. For the class cheers, the juniors came in third, the seventh graders placed second and first place went to the seniors.

The traditional senior salutes were then read by Leimamo Wase, Melisa Schilling, and Alyssa Ammons. As the three girls read little poems which were created for each senior, the seniors lined up on stage for the presentation of the class of 2010.

John Sholar and Scott Davis then shared some of
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Three 'single guys,' aka teachers Phil Lindert, Jon Jahnke and Doug Hepler, wow the crowd.

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their information on the high school's Christmas on Carlos event, in which students raise money to buy supplies for the residents on Carlos. Shortly after was the much anticipated teacher skit.

Shanequa Quagmire, aka teacher Christi Davis-Cardillo, introduced performers she brought with her. Among these performers were Jay Sean (teacher Ric Fullerton), Lady Gaga (Barbara Bicanich) and three 'single men' (teachers Phil Lindert, Doug Hepler and Jon Jahnke) who danced to popular songs.

Ryan Decoster, Daniel Valles and Tiffany Scofield provided the first student act and played *21 Guns* by Green Day. A beautiful hula dance was then performed by Maggie Cappel and Hagar Kabua.

After the hula dance, each grade had two representatives who performed in the improv skits. Each person was given a character and a setting and situation which they had to act out in one minute for the crowd.

While the judges tallied the points from the skits, Robin Loek, Jonathan Anjin, Luke Langmos, Nakoli



The Class of 2010 wins the class cheer contest at the 2009 Turkey Bowl on Nov. 26.



A rock star (Shawn Brady) drives the crowd wild.

Sakaio, and Maggie Cappelle wowed the crowd with an arrangement of various songs.

The winners of the improv skits were then announced. Third place went to the seventh grade, second place was taken by the juniors and the seniors came in first.

Another hula routine was then performed by Yomoko Kemem, Eltina John, Cortelia Bill, Roanna Zackrass, Angela Kendrick and Mamolyn Anni.

For the finale, a large group of students lead by Kyle Cassiday performed a mix of skits including mini-dance routines, the Blue Man Group and the Jonas Brothers. It all ended with the whole group dancing to Michael Jackson's *Thriller*.

At the conclusion of the assembly, the students went home for lunch and then reconvened at Coral Sands at 12:45 p.m. for more fun and class-to-class competition. The beach activities included a sand castle building contest, obstacle course and a tug-of-war. Each activity awarded points to the winning class. The results of the beach activities were as follows.

In the sand castle building, the freshmen were third, the juniors were second and first place was claimed by the seniors.

The obstacle course event saw the seventh grade take third, the seniors took second and first place was a tie between the freshmen and the juniors.

In the tug-of-war, the seniors were third, the sophomores were second and first place went to the juniors. The final results for Turkey Bowl 2009 were the seventh grade in third, the juniors were second and the Turkey Bowl 2009 Champions were the seniors.

The Turkey Bowl success took a lot of work and planning behind the scenes. The committee was headed by Kaitlynn Phillips and included Justin Furgeson, Daniel Valles, America Wrobel, Alyssa Ammons, Aubrey Sanborn, Kelly Grant and Michelle Fore. Al Robinson and Annelise Peterson were the faculty advisors.



Mary Dorries, left, and Natasha Tomas put on an improv skit at the Turkey Bowl. Students were given characters and situations that they had to act out in one minute for the audience.



Students pack the multi-purpose room for the Turkey Bowl assembly as Al Robinson, School Superintendent, gets the fun going.

KFD gives tips for a safe holiday season

Hourglass Reports

Christmas trees and lights are of particular concern when it comes to fire safety. Christmas tree fires move horrifically fast. A tree can become engulfed in flames in less than five seconds from initial contact with fire and the entire room can be on fire in well under a minute.

You can see why these are among the deadliest types of home fires and you'll want to make sure your Christmas tree is safe.

The best way to prevent Christmas tree fires, of course, is to have an artificial tree; they're not flammable. But for many people, it just wouldn't be a real Christmas with an artificial tree. It's been a family tradition to go purchase a live tree and bring it home. For some, the scent of the evergreen adds to the holiday atmosphere too. That's understandable and there's no need to have an artificial tree if you're careful about fire hazards with your real tree.

If you prefer a real tree, then make sure you keep it well watered. The drying

out process is what really increases the susceptibility | U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll.



of Christmas trees to fire. Add water every day and always keep an eye on the water levels.

In addition, if you use lights on your Christmas tree, make sure that you turn them off before going to bed. That will greatly reduce the risk of fire, especially at the most vulnerable time – when everyone's asleep. Make sure the bulbs and wires of your tree lights are in good working order. If not, don't use them.

Also, make sure that you don't have too many lights drawing power from the same outlet. Both of these rules also apply to any outdoor lighting you might be using. Beautiful house and yard lighting displays are a tradition in America and usually they're very safe. But if not done properly, they can be hazardous.

So play it safe. Check all bulbs and cords for wear and damage, and don't overload circuits. Again, just as with candles and trees, it's best to turn off the displays before retiring at night.

Remember, real trees are not allowed in the bachelor quarters or any assembly area here at

*Volleyball
Season*



2009

Friday, Nov. 20

'B' LEAGUE

On Vacation vs. Hospital Scrubs: 25-13, 25-6

MIT vs. 7th graders: 25-16, 25-8

Volley Tears vs. V8 Splash: 25-12, 25-17

Tuesday, Nov. 24

'A' LEAGUE

Tip Drill vs. Nice Sets: 25-16, 15-25, 15-11

Wednesday, Nov. 25

'B' LEAGUE

Volley Tears vs. MIT: 25-14, 20-25, 15-10

Troubled Ladies vs. 9th graders: 25-20, 25-10

Team Standings

(as of Nov. 25)

'A' LEAGUE

Tip Drill:	4-0	I'm on a Boat:	2-1
Nice Sets:	2-2	12th graders:	1-2
11th graders:	2-1	Just for Fun:	0-3
10th graders:	2-1	9th graders:	0-3

Team Standings

(as of Nov. 25)

'B' LEAGUE

On Vacation:	4-0	9th graders:	1-3
Troubled Ladies:	3-0	V8 Splash:	1-2
Hospital Scrubs:	2-1	7th graders:	1-3
Volley Tears:	2-3	MIT:	1-3



**Child, Youth & School Services
Rate Adjustment in SAS Program Fees
Hourglass Article for Patron Notification**

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For Immediate Release

CYSS SAS Rate Adjustment Coming January 2010

Child, Youth & School Services announced Thursday that a rate adjustment in its School Age Services (SAS) program fees is necessary to bring Kwajalein into compliance with the Army CYSS fee policy. Implementation of this rate adjustment will occur in January 2010, according to Cheri Malloy, CYSS Coordinator.

SAS fees for the combined before and after school child care option and the after school only care option will be adjusted as follows:

	SAS Before school only (avg 10 hrs/wk)	SAS After school only (avg 13 hrs/wk)	SAS Before & After school (avg 22 hrs/wk)
Income category	Current rate/Adjusted rate	Current rate/Adjusted rate	Current rate/Adjusted rate
Cat I	\$ 26 / \$26	\$ 26 / \$ 46	\$ 50 / \$ 88
Cat II	\$ 51 / \$ 51	\$ 51 / \$ 60	\$ 76 / \$ 115
Cat III	\$ 61 / \$ 61	\$ 61 / \$ 74	\$ 92 / \$ 138
Cat IV	\$ 71 / \$ 71	\$ 71 / \$ 88	\$ 112 / \$ 161
Cat V	\$ 81 / \$ 81	\$ 81 / \$ 97	\$ 121 / \$ 184
Cat VI	\$ 92 / \$ 92	\$ 92 / \$ 112	\$ 137 / \$ 208

There will be no change in the SAS before school only care option, and fees in the Child Development Center (CDC) program will not be adjusted because they are already in line with the Army fee policy.

“According to the Army fee policy, we are required to notify patrons of a future rate increase at least 30 days prior to the increase,” said Malloy. In addition to this article, a letter was distributed directly to CYSS patrons this week and other communication efforts such as flyers and newsletter notifications are being disseminated.

An informational SAS parent meeting about the rate adjustment is planned for Wednesday, 9 December in the SAS Classroom (Room 7) at the elementary school at 6:30 pm. At this meeting, Malloy will present more detailed information about the Army fee policy that CYSS is required to comply with and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Malloy encourages anyone with questions about the SAS rate adjustment to contact her by email at Cheri.Malloy.ctr@smdck.smdc.army.mil or phone at 5-3606.

HELP WANTED

KRS and CMSI Job Listings for On-Island Positions will be available at the Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Ebeye Dock Security Check Point bulletin boards, the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office, the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board and at Human Resources in Building 700. Job Listings for Contract Positions will be available at www.krsjv.com, on the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office and on the Roi-Namur/Post Office bulletin board. Full job descriptions and requirements for Contract openings are located online at www.krsjv.com.

NEED EXTRA MONEY? KRS employment applications are continually accepted for Casual Positions in the Community Services Departments, Medical Department and the HR Temp Pool. Some of the Casual positions are: Recreation Aides, Medical Office, Media Services Specialist, Substitute Teacher, and HR Temp Pool Office Support. Questions? Call 54916.

IT'S OFFICIAL, WE NEED YOU! Community Activities is hiring paid officials, scorekeepers and gear locker attendants for the upcoming 2010 softball season. If you are interested, please contact Jen Yezek at 53331 or jennifer.yezek@smdck.smdc.army.mil, or go directly to HR and fill out a part-time/casual hire employment form. No experience necessary.

WANTED

WORLDTEACH VOLUNTEER seeking sponsor so I can access post office, Anthony's and store. Asking for once or twice a month, mid-week, after school, two hours tops. Please contact Bill at wbridgeford3@gmail.com.

FOUND

SNORKELING GEAR, on Lagoon Road in front of Coral bachelors quarters. Call Billy at 54840 or 55269 to ID and claim.

LOST

CABELA'S DRY-PLUS Ultra rainpants, black, please call 52868.

PATIO SALE

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., quarters 451-A. Books, computer games, lawn chairs, dehumidifier, girls 16 inch bike and beach toys. No early birds. Call 54125 and leave a message to come buy before the sale.

MONDAY, 8-10 a.m., outside Sands bachelor quarters on Ocean side, across street. Christmas gifts, jewelry, sarongs, baskets, toys, cards, decorations, beads, craft supplies, clothes, household items and more. Rain cancels.

MODAY, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Pacific Club. Sponsored by the Kwajalein Scuba Club, tables are free and limited, if you wish to sell it, bring it. For more information contact Bill Williamson at 53068.

FOR SALE

WII ACCESSORIES and games; men's watches, two Seiko Kinetics, \$50 each and one Eberle Automatic, \$300, all in great condition; Igloo cooler, small, \$2; electric clock, new, \$12; CD alarm clock, 10; Crown

Royal chalkboard, \$5; digital camera with SD card, \$25 and 26 inch rear wheel with Shimano Nexus 3-speed coaster brake and shifter cable, like new, \$120. Call Jeremy at 52525.

KITE BOARDING complete package: four-line Naish 13.5-meter AR5 kite that holds air in all bladders and flies great. Package includes kite, bar, lines, never used harness with spreader bar, never used board with bindings and board bag to carry everything, \$900 for all. Call Jeremy at 52525.

JVC TV, 32 INCH, \$250. Call 51704.

EPSON 820 photo printer, \$20; 5.1 surround sound receiver, \$40 and Angel, the complete TV series, \$80. Call 52243.

RECLINER, Embassy model, \$120. Call 52376 after 5 p.m.

SHAKESPEARE GALAXY 5230 14 foot VHF boat antenna, \$125; Japanese glass floats 13 inch diameter, \$40 and up and five-inch Porter-Cable random orbital sander, top of the line, brand new, \$125. Call Dennis at work, 51850, or at home, 54489.

STORAGE CONTAINERS, heavy plastic, see-through, excellent condition, 35x1"x6 inches, fits under bed, \$5.each. Please call 55945.

PEAVY DRUM set, \$650 or best offer; Bushnell telescope, \$40; dehumidifier, \$50; girls' 16 inch bike, free; plants, \$10 each; beach toys, \$10 for all; mosquito zipper, \$25 and lawn chairs, folding and plastic, \$15 each. Call 54125 and leave a message.

ROCKER/GLIDER with ottoman, excellent shape, \$50 or best offer; toddler's table and chairs, \$20; Krups Café Duomo, brews coffee, lattes and cappichino, \$35; ride-on toy police motorcycle for toddler, \$25. Call 53244.

WOOD DECK, side rails on two sides, 12x14 feet, located behind Dome 176. Call 55176.

FRESH WATER fish tank, \$25 or best offer. Call Lora Kendrick at 54186.

TREK LIME LADIES bike, all aluminum, three-speed, auto shift, excellent condition, \$300. Call Peter, 54879.

THERMOS 'Grill To Go' portable propane grill, includes a griddle plate, \$50; Canon PIXMA MP460 printer/scanner/copier with extra ink, \$75; Uniden Dect 6.0 cordless phone with answering machine and three handsets, available Dec. 20, \$75; LCD flat panel TV with built-in DVD player, 32 inch, 720p, two HDMI ports, available Dec. 20, \$500. Call Michelle at 52222 after 4:30 p.m.

SEASONS 1-5 DVD's of HBO's Entourage and Seasons 1-4 DVD's of HBO's Weeds, \$5 per DVD. You can have all seasons of both shows for less than \$50. Call 53438.

JVC 42 INCH HDTV flat screen with IPod station, couple months old, \$1,000; stereo, includes Technics 150 watt stereo receiver with surround sound, KLH speakers with 15 inch woofers, KLH power amplified 8 inch subwoofer and set of KLH surround sound speakers, \$450; World Tour Rock Band for Wii game system, \$175; TV, 36 inch, \$275 and plants, \$5-\$40. Call 50167.

COLUMBIA SAILBOAT, 26 feet, in the water on new mooring, very clean, dinghy and 5HP motor, boat shack,

Religious Services

Catholic
Saturday Mass, 5:30 p.m., in the small chapel.

Protestant
Sunday
8 and 10:45 a.m., on Kwaj and Roi-Namur service at 4 p.m.

Baptist
9:40 a.m., Sunday, in elementary school music room.

Latter-day Saints
10 a.m., Sunday, in
Corlett Recreation Center, Room 3.

Jewish services
Last Friday of the month in the Religious Education Building. Times will vary. Contact the Chaplain's office, 53505, for more information.

trailer, five sails in excellent condition, new head sail, CD, radio, Ipod, stereo, new '09 10HP Honda, toilet, sink, VHF radio, life sling, all new lines, new cabin zip off cushion covers, 406 EPIRB, BQ grill, new tiller, sleeps four, everything works and is a great boat, selling for a bigger boat, \$16,000. Call Ryan Vahle at 52222, 52590.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KWAJALEIN COMMUNITY Band Christmas Carol Concert will be tonight, following the Tree Lighting Ceremony, at the mini-mall. Enjoy your favorite holiday melodies and carols.

THE DOWNTOWN KWAJ area will be under event construction (tents, tables, chairs, bleachers, portable stage) until Dec. 7. Please use caution while in the area.

IN PREPARATION OF THE Tree Lighting ceremony, bike racks will be moved out of the downtown area this morning and the entire downtown area will be closed to bike traffic as of 1 p.m. Your cooperation is appreciated.

THE MIC SHOP will be open 6-8 p.m., tonight, during the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Come check out new arrival of baskets, carvings and other handicrafts for everyone on your holiday shopping list.

THE YYWC BARGAIN BAZAAR is hosting a Christmas Toy Drive for Ebeye residents to shop, just in time for Christmas! Please leave gently used, unwrapped toys (no board games please), children's books and children's clothing at Commander's Quarters Carport, 241 Ocean Drive beginning Dec. 1. All proceeds go to the education grant fund for Ebeye schools.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Annual Ornament Exchange will be at 5:30 p.m., Dec. 6, in the Religious Education Building. Dinner will be provided. Bring a wrapped ornament for exchanging, we will be playing White Elephant. For more information, contact Mindy Cantrell at 54252.

Café Pacific

Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 12
Carved top round	Stuffed pork chops	Grilled minute steak	Greek chicken breast	Whole wheat spaghetti	Seafood enchiladas	Swedish meatballs
Oven fried chicken	Lemon basil chicken	Turkey/broccoli stir-fry	Lentils	Marinara/Clam sauce	Burritos/tacos	Fish sandwich
Oriental stir-fry	Huevos rancheros	Mac and cheese	Liver and onions	Italian baked chicken	Nacho chips/cheese	Turkey stir-fry
Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Pizza burger	Grill: Grilled cheese	Grill: Pasta Bar	Grill: Mexican Fiesta	Grill: Grilled ham/cheese

Dinner

Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grilled shortribs	BBQ pork butt	Salisbury steak	Kwaj fried chicken	Carved top sirloin	Stir-fry to order	Pot roast with gravy
Broiled fajita chicken	Chicken supreme	Tuna casserole	Grilled Mahi	Whole roast chicken	Charisiu spareribs	Chicken adobo
Tex-mex stir-fry	Baked tofu	Pork pimento	Beef/broccoli stir-fry	Ratatouille casserole	Sesame noodles	Chef's choice entree

GIRL SCOUT BAKE and Craft Sale will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Dec. 7, on the AAFES BX Porch. This is a great holiday gift exchange idea!

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY display will be on Dec. 7 in the REB. Setup starts at 3 p.m. and the display begins at 5 p.m. Come share your nativity sets and stories with us and see unique sets from around the world. Music and refreshments too. Questions, call Erika at 59815.

CYSS YOUTH SOCCER league registration is Dec. 8-Jan. 9. League dates are Jan. 21-Mar. 13. Open to boys and girls in grades K-6. Volunteer coaching opportunities available. START SMART soccer program registration is Dec. 8-Jan. 9. Program dates are Jan. 27-Mar. 3. Open to boys and girls ages 3-5. Contact 52158 for registration information, building 356, sports program information call 53796.

Kwajalein SCUBA Club (KSC) Meeting will be on Dec. 9 at the Pacific Club. The SCUBY-Snacks will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the formal meeting starting at 7 p.m. Come early to see the new shirts, mugs and other items in the dive locker, then stay for the special feature after the meeting where desserts & beverages will be served before the presentation. Questions? Contact John Pennington at 5-3290.

PASSPORT PHOTOS will be taken 3-4 p.m., Dec. 11, in Building 730, room 124, USAKA TOC Bldg, behind the Post Office. Cost is \$10 per set. Passport applications are available at the Legal Office, Room 102. Questions? Call Nelda Reynolds at 53417.

Open Recreation Events are back for all CYS registered youth, K-6th grade. Dinner Around The World will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Dec. 12, in SAS rooms 6 and 7. Registration Dates are Dec 1-5. To find out how to register for CYS and sign your children up for an event, call Micah at the Central Registration office at 52158.

TURKEY BOWL DVD'S will be presold in the High School office. Bring \$10 into the office and you will be put on the list. Sales end Dec. 12. Delivery of the DVD's will be within this time frame also. Questions, call the High School office at 2011.

PCS PARTY for Michelle Barnett will be from 6-9 p.m., Dec. 12, at the big Emon Beach pavilion. Come say goodbye, good luck, or good riddance! Hotdogs, brats and some drinks will be provided. Please bring something to share and your own drinks. Any questions, contact Michelle.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL meeting at 7 p.m., Dec. 16, in the Elementary School Library. The public is invited to attend, your input is always appreciated.

THE WATER PLANT will be flushing the potable water system's main line on Kwajalein through Dec. 15. No interruption of service is expected. However, due to sediment in the line being stirred up, you may notice some discoloring of your water. If you experience brown or off-colored potable water, flush the service for several minutes until the water runs clear. If problem persists call the water plant at 52155 for assistance.

SANTA'S ELVES will be collecting letters to Santa through Dec. 19. Children wanting to send Santa a wish list should drop their letters off in Santa's mailbox located in front of the Post Office. Envelopes should include the child's first and last name and PO Box #. Santa wants to ensure each child receives a response before Christmas.

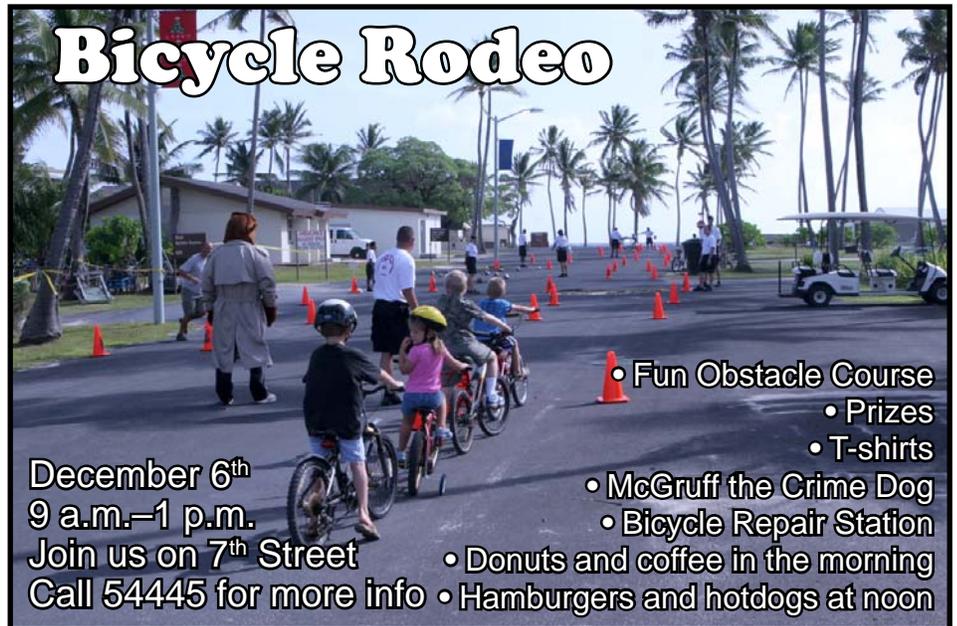
QUARTERLY 401(K) OPEN ENROLLMENT. Make retirement saving a part of your New Year's resolution. Your 401(k) plan at Chugach can be a great place to start. If you are interested in enrolling or currently contributing to the plan and wish to increase your deferral percentage, open enrollment is now occurring thru Dec. 22, and any changes will be effective for January 1, 2010. Contact Prescilla at 50788 for more information

ROI RESIDENTS, if you are interested in participating in an 8-week quit smoking class beginning in January, 2010, call Marion Ruffing at 55362 for sign-up

COMPUTER SECURITY NOTICE: During the past week we've received an increased level of virus detections. Most of the alerts are being generated from a variant of the Koobface.worm. Koobface spreads by delivering Facebook messages, via email, to people who are 'friends' of a Facebook user whose computer has already been infected. The email messages contain a link to the friend's photos, videos, etc. To help ensure the continued security of our network, don't access Facebook by following links in emails.

The Status of Forces Agreement [Article VIII] and USAKA/RTS Reg. 190-10 Section 3.2.1 prohibits the importation and possession of firearms, ammunition and explosives at U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll by persons not specifically authorized in writing. Violators of this regulation will face adverse administrative action.

A weapons amnesty period is open until Dec. 30 All prohibited items may be turned in to Kwajalein Police. Examples of prohibited items are pistols, rifles, paintball guns, air soft guns, and BB guns. Residents may drop off these items at the Central Police Station, Roi-Namur Police Station, or call KPD at 54445 (56445 on Roi-Namur) to have the item picked up. Additionally residents may call the KPD tip line at 50966 to report items anonymously.



Bicycle Rodeo

December 6th
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Join us on 7th Street
Call 54445 for more info

- Fun Obstacle Course
- Prizes
- T-shirts
- McGruff the Crime Dog
- Bicycle Repair Station
- Donuts and coffee in the morning
- Hamburgers and hotdogs at noon

Café Roi menu not available this week. Apologies for any inconvenience

Community Band Christmas Carol Concert: Tonight, following the Tree Lighting, at the mini-mall.

Jr/Sr High Choir and Band Holiday Concert: 7 p.m., Dec. 10, in the MP Room.

Elementary Choir and Band Holiday Concert: 7 p.m., Dec. 15, in the MP Room.

THE SENSING BOARD would like your opinion on key areas defined in the Sensing Charter which include health, retail, recreation, education, and food services topics. Polling the community to increase the committee's understanding of what is important to your life on Kwajalein is an improvement which resulted from the Reduction of Employee Turnover PIP. The survey is anonymous. The link can be found at www.kwajalein.com.

PER USAKA REGULATION 420-1, exterior Christmas and New Year's holiday electrical consuming decorations shall not be operated before Dec. 1 or after Jan. 3 of each year. All other exterior holiday electrical

consuming decorations may be operated within seven days before and after the date of the holiday. All exterior holiday electrical consuming fixtures must be turned off at midnight each night during the allowed dates of operation.

ARMED FORCES ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS

MLS SOCCER STARS

FOUR HEADERS ARE BETTER THAN ONE

Four of the brightest stars in MLS will be here to meet, greet and conduct a series of fun-packed soccer boot camps for kids. Join Devon McTavish and Marc Burch of D.C. United and Bobby Boswell and Mike Chabala of Houston Dynamo for a rousing display of fancy footwork.

Dec. 8 Clinic at Brandon Field
4:30-6 p.m.: 7-12th grade

Dec. 9 Clinic at Brandon Field
4:30-6 p.m.: K-6th grade
7-8:30 p.m.: Adult Clinic

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Annual Tree Lighting Tonight

Schedule of events:

- **5-5:15 p.m.:** Santa's plane arrives on the tarmac.
- **5:15-5:30 p.m.:** Greet Santa and the well-wishers at the airport.
- **5:30-6 p.m.:** Santa's parade travels to the portable stage set up in downtown Kwajalein.
- **6:15 p.m.:** Ceremony begins. Performers to include Alison Kickhofel's dancers, Masina McCollum's hula group, the Community Band and more.
- **7-7:15 p.m.:** Official tree lighting followed by a Block Party, including the Bounce House, Craft Tent and food by Retail Services.

Visit with Santa

12:30-3 p.m., Dec. 6, at the Grace Sherwood Library.

Enjoy a visit with Santa, holiday crafts and more! Parents, please remember to bring your own camera.

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Sunday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: ENE-E at 14-18 knots.
Monday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-ENE at 12-18 knots.
Tuesday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. Winds: NE-E at 11-17 knots.
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent showers. Winds: ENE-E at 10-18 knots.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-E at 15-20 knots.
Friday: Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: ENE-E at 12-16 knots.

Annual total: 69.24 inches
Annual deviation: -23.73 inches

Call 54700 for updated forecasts or visit www.rts-ux.com.

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Sunday	6:41 a.m./6:29 p.m.	11:25 p.m./ 11:13 a.m.	6:43 a.m., 3.3' 6:58 a.m., 4.5'	12:46 p.m., -0.5' 12:30 p.m., 0.0'
Monday	6:42 a.m./6:30 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	7:35 a.m., 3.1' 7:39 a.m., 4.0'	1:35 p.m., -0.2' 1:20 p.m., 0.3'
Tuesday	6:42 a.m./6:30 p.m.	1:10 a.m./1:28 p.m.	8:36 a.m., 2.9' 8:48 a.m., 3.6'	2:30 p.m., 0.2' 2:22 p.m., 0.7'
Wednesday	6:43 a.m./6:30 p.m.	2:01 a.m./2:11 p.m.	9:53 a.m., 2.8' 10:02 a.m., 3.2'	3:33 p.m., 0.4' 3:44 p.m., 1.1
Thursday	6:53 a.m./6:31 p.m.	2:52 a.m./2:55 p.m.	11:21 a.m., 2.9' 11:29 a.m., 2.9'	4:46 p.m., 0.6' 5:27 p.m., 1.1'
Friday	6:54 a.m./6:31 p.m.	3:44 a.m./3:42 p.m.	12:38 a.m., 3.2'	5:58 p.m. 0.6' 6:58 p.m., 0.9'
Dec. 12	6:54 a.m./6:32 p.m.	4:37 a.m./4:31 p.m.	12:51 a.m., 2.8' 1:36 a.m., 3.6'	7:00 p.m., 0.5' 8:04 p.m., 0.6'