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Members of the Kwajalein High School Marine Science Class head into the Eniwetak jungle to perform a Black Noddy population count Feb.13. The count will help in determining the health of the eco-system of the island. For more, see Page10.

Photo by Dan Adler

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Canvasback doctor thanks those who assisted mission

I want to thank our many new and old friends from Kwajalein for helping the Canvasback orthopedic team during our recent two-week visit to your atoll.

I also want to thank and acknowledge the significant contributions of some of our team members who were not specifically mentioned in last week's Canvasback article in the *Hourglass*.

Dr. Linda Wat-Jacobson, our anesthesiologist, kept patients safe, pain free and comfortable during and after surgery.

Our operating room crew of Debbie Jo Gundlach, Claudia Lockwood, and Don Noel worked many minor miracles to keep the OR cases going.

The hospital OR staff of Lilybeth

Valeria, Carlton Nathan, and Murphy Gold were a joy to work with and crucial to our success.

Kevin Gustafson, our engineer, kept the C-arm working, among many other things. His wife, Julia, our physician's assistant, was the driving force in the clinic, where she worked with Susan Wells, Bonnie Peterson, and Kelly Russell.

Thank you again for your generous and wonderful hospitality!

Sincerely,

— Dr. Steve Peterson
Canvasback Missions



Dr. Linda Wat-Jacobson gives a nerve block to a patient.

Thanks to all who helped with Father/Daughter Dance

A great time was had by all the girls who attended the Father Daughter Dance Monday evening at the MP Room.

A lot of time and work goes into making this an event that the girls look forward to all year. I would like to take the time to thank all the moms and dads who helped to make the event happen.

A personal thank you goes out to Heidi Rowell. Without her artistic ability, the idea never would have gotten off the ground. The Father /Daughter Committee met and brainstormed a theme, "Fairylend Dreams", but none of us admitted to having the ability to seeing it happen. With a little prompting, Heidi took the time to listen to our ideas and suggestions and made it happen. Starting with the gentlemen in Shipping and Receiving, we were able to obtain a large heavy duty cardboard shipping box that became our base for the castle, and other heavy cardboard boxes. From there, we had to scour lightweight cardboard for other parts of the castle.

Next we had to find a place in which we could design and put together this castle. Enter the YYWC, a phone call was placed to Paula Eggert, who allowed us to use

space in their warehouse for a month. Thank you Paula.

A special thank you to Neil Dye and Melissa Dethlefsen for providing their services for music and photography.

To the moms and Dads who came to the MP room early on Sunday, Valentines Day, to help with the decorations. To Jason Daily, John O'Rourke, and James Stepchew for your help stringing all those wonderful lights and yards of white gossamer, a huge thank you. To those of you in the community; Lyn Long, Judy Theriault, Marianne Osterbauer and Julie Lundberg who answered our plea with additional lighting and plants at the last minute, a thank you from all of us on the Committee.

A very special thank you to Talbot and Kendall Westhoff who gave unselfishly of their time on Sunday to do some of the grunt work. Talbot who worked feverishly finding the one white light that was burnt out so that the string of lights worked, and Kendall who made trips to the beach to find the rocks that encircled the swimming swans.

To Cassie Rubly for meeting the Ri-Katak students and their escorts at the dock, escorting them to the MP room,

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Commander meets with RMI workforce

Article and photo by Dan Adler
Media Services Manager

In a continuation of his quarterly town hall meetings Col. Frederick Clarke met with Marshallese workers Wednesday afternoon in Island Memorial Chapel.

The commander began the meeting by saying he had been in Washington, D.C. where it was very cold and snowing and that he was glad to be back on Kwajalein. Clarke told the gathering that he had also gone to Huntsville, Ala., to look at the facilities where remote operations will be located.

The colonel said that during his trip he made the case to superiors that even though some operations will be remoted to Huntsville, there would still be a need for a strong workforce on Kwajalein.

"We know what you do is important and they should too," he said. "We hope they continue to give us the resources we need to continue to make the mission happen."

Clarke stated he was looking into the possibility of obtaining new vessels to replace the aging LCMs for transportation to Ebeye and Enniburr. He said USAKA was partnering with Kwajalein Range Services to look at what vessels may be available that would meet the requirements. The cost of new vessels according to Clarke would run between \$1.5 and \$2 million per vessel and efforts to obtain the funding were underway.

The commander said that even though he only had six months left in his tour on Kwajalein he was still committed to the mission and the community.

"I appreciate you being here [at the meeting] because your ideas will matter more than my ideas," he said. "In six months I'll be turning it over to the next person and it's important for you to let me know what I should be looking at in the next six months so when the new commander comes in I can talk to him about what I think are some of the issues that should be carried on."

The colonel said he would look at what he could do in the next six months to make things better.

The floor was then opened to comments and concerns.

One audience member thanked



Jelton Anjain, RMI Representative to USAKA, left, helps with translations and Col. Frederick Clarke speaks to the audience during the Marshallese workforce town hall meeting Wednesday in Island Memorial Chapel.

Clarke and his staff for the support they have given to the Marshallese workforce. He asked about the possibility of building a causeway from Ebeye to Kwajalein. The colonel said that if the new vessels could be obtained the trip between Ebeye and Kwajalein would be more comfortable and quicker and a causeway project would be unnecessary.

Some labor issues were raised and the commander said labor issues were between the employee and the contractor. He also said that the first meeting of the new Joint Labor Relations Board mandated by the Compact Agreement had been held. The colonel said the JLRB was the proper venue for labor issues and perceived injustices in labor issues to be resolved.

He said the JLRB was there not just to resolve labor issues but to also hear concerns about dignity and respect in the workplace. The colonel said that employees should use all avenues to try to resolve labor issues with the contractor but if no resolution could be reached then the concern should be brought to the JLRB. He encouraged employees to let their concerns be known so attempts to reach resolution could be made.

Another member of the audience expressed concern that some employees, particularly AAFES

employees had not been able to attend the meeting because of work schedules.

The colonel said he would hope all employees who wanted to attend could do so but if they couldn't, there were other avenues for them to present their issues such as contacting the RMI Liaison Office or the USAKA Hotline.

An audience member said she had tried to take four buckets of water on the ferry to Ebeye and the ferry captain told her she could only take two and would have to leave the other two behind and that would leave her family without enough water.

The colonel said there had been a problem in the recent past with children of all ages coming to Kwajalein around noontime every day with buckets and containers to get water to carry back to Ebeye. Clarke said the children were taking up space on the ferries and that workers who needed to get to Kwajalein might not be able to get on the ferry. In addition, having children unattended on the ferries presented a safety hazard. The colonel added that after much discussion about the issue, it was determined that Marshallese employees could take two buckets or containers holding approximately

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Annual Father/Daughter dance transforms multi-purpose room into 'Fairyland Dreams'

Article and photos by Sheila Bigelow
Associate Editor

Some may think that the little girls of Kwajalein stay awake at night and anxiously await December holidays. Or maybe they look forward to birthday parties at the beach. But there is one event unique to Kwajalein that I think takes the cake and is truly the most anticipated event of the year: the annual Father/Daughter dance.

The George Seitz Elementary PTO-sponsored event has been a Kwajalein tradition for at least the past 10 years, if not longer. It is a night dedicated solely to fathers and their daughters. It is a time for dads to put on their best outfits and dancing shoes and take their beautiful daughters on a fairy tale 'date night.' The girls go all out for this event. They dress up like true princesses, putting Cinderella and Snow White to shame.

This year's theme was 'Fairyland

Dreams.' With the artistic direction of Heidi Rowell, the high school MP room was transformed into a stunning castle of dreams. Rowell, with the help of other volunteer mothers, spent over three weeks preparing decorations for the dance. A massive cardboard castle was constructed that spanned the entire length of the stage. The walls were covered in paper that had been hand-sponged to look like a castle's brick walls. In the entrance was a wooden walk bridge surrounded by a 'stream' with swans and rocks. The moment you stepped into the MP room it felt as if you were sent through time and space into a perfect fairy tale story.

Icicle lights and a disco ball lit up the dance floor, which was full of fathers and daughters boogying to fun, upbeat dance music provided by DJ Neil Dye. DJ Dye was sure to slow things down for some loving slow dances, giving fathers plenty of time to embrace and cherish

their little girls. The girls could also send out song dedications to their dads and friends.

The dance is for K-6 grade girls and their fathers. While some dads had the pleasure of escorting more than one lovely daughter all evening, some fathers stepped up and offered to escort daughters whose dads unfortunately were off-island for the dance. While the Father/Daughter dance is obviously an opportune time for fathers to get some intimate alone time with their daughters, it is also meant to give the girls some insight into what a potential future date might be like or what to expect at a high school dance.

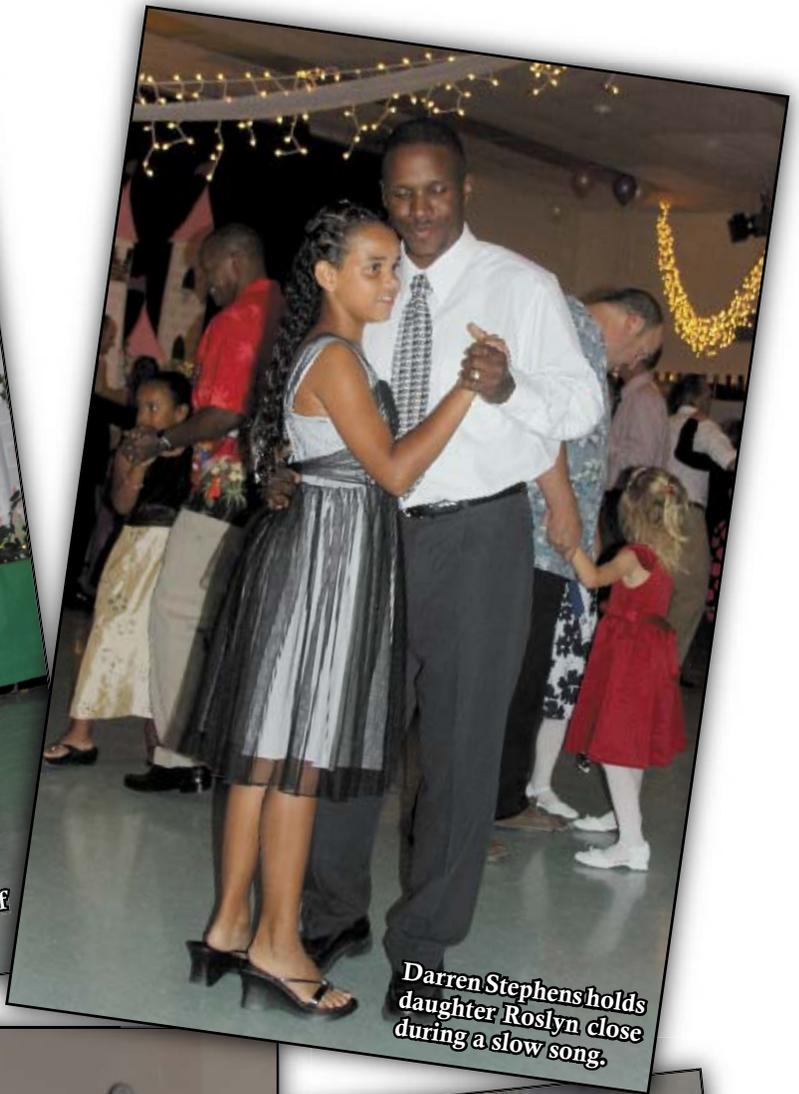
It was a magical evening, as it is every year. What a wonderful way for Kwajalein fathers to spend an evening; I know it truly meant the world to all their little girls who I'm sure are already anxious and looking forward to next year's dance with their dads.



Left to right, Brian Brady with daughter Sasako, Leilani Maika dances with father Anthony Maika, Chantelle Jirokle dances with father Huston Jirokle. Doug Hepler with daughter Dana and Mohamad Qasem with daughter Aamiya at the annual Father/Daughter dance held Monday in the MP room.



Jim and Graeson Cossey show off their best dance moves.



Darren Stephens holds daughter Roslyn close during a slow song.



Mark Long and daughter Ruthie boogie the night away.



Dexter Beals swings daughter Sofia around on the dance floor.



Jim Stepchew shows daughter Claire some of his best dance moves.



Participants gather Monday morning for the Kwajalein Running Club's annual Sweetheart Relay Race.

Kwajalein Running Club holds its Sweetheart Relay Race on Monday

By Bob Sholar
Kwajalein Running Club

The Sweetheart Relay Race is handicapped based on each runner's age and gender.

The age range was remarkably broad ranging from six-years-old to SSE (Social Security Eligible). The start is staggered based on each team's total handicap. The team with the greatest handicap gets to start first. All others start at computed delays.

This year's start window came out to 11 minutes and eight seconds. There was the expected general convergence of teams, as the

later starters attempted to chase down the higher handicapped teams over four repeated one-mile loops.

At the end, just 11 seconds separated Ben Bartyzel and Peter Schulz, the anchor runners for teams finishing first and second, creating an exciting final half mile for the spectators to witness looking across Dally and Brandon fields.

Congratulations to Jayne Caven-der for the lowest net mile: 3:54

Congratulations to Jack Carey for the lowest net mile for the boys: 4:37 (just better than Peter Schulz's 4:39)

Congratulations go out to Jeffrey Fluhrer for the lowest gross mile: 5:42.

Congratulations to Lisa Ansley for the girls low gross mile: 6:41 (a statistical tie with Jen Yezeks's 6:42)

Many other notable age adjusted performances are visible in the Excel file.

Peter Schulz wins cleverest team name with: 'Yes, we real threat,' an anagram of 'Sweetheart Relay'.

Why would anyone name their team 'Big Daddy Rat and the Hack-saws'? Well, there's a personal Kwaj story amongst the team members involving real rat catching.

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and staying with them until the start of the dance.

For the time that Lisa Ansley spent working on designing the gifts the girls received, and the time spent by Jennifer Nelson, Mercedes Washburn, and Julie Lundberg who helped her at the last minute tying ribbon to the gifts.

I'd like to thank Lynne Elkin for overseeing the kitchen, food and food tables, an outstanding job.

To all the dads, who stayed at the end of the evening, to all the moms who came at the end of the dance to help with the breakdown and stowing of the tables, the sweeping of the floor and the dismantling of the lights

and gossamer. A huge, huge thank you. All of your help was greatly appreciated.

To all of you that I have missed, I thank you also. Again, it is with the help of all of you that the elementary school girls were able to enjoy this event that they all look forward to.

— Stacey O'Rourke



If it isn't moving, it shouldn't be running

Vehicle engines left idling waste fuel and money and could create a safety hazard. If vehicles are not being driven, engines should be shut off.



Directing traffic

Through the years America has existed, the American military's men and women have always had the ability to find humor in grim situations. As this photo indicates, that ability continues in the desert of Iraq. The photo was sent to the *Hourglass* by a friend who wishes to be anonymous.

five gallons of water each to Ebeye and that was deemed to be a fair amount. The colonel said the situation would be looked into to see if the amount of water allowed needed to be reconsidered.

Another concern voiced was that the lines to get through the Dock Security Checkpoint scanner were too long and causing employees to be late getting to their jobs and they are getting in trouble for it. The same applied if the ferries were running late.

The colonel said the situation would be looked into at the DSC for ways to shorten the lines and the waiting time.

Dave Norwood, Kwajalein Range Services President, said that managers and supervisors were notified by the Marine Department if the ferries were running late and managers and supervisors should take that into account for employee tardiness.

The colonel agreed saying that employees should not be held responsible if the ferries are late.

Questions about bonuses and pay raises were asked.

The colonel responded that at one time it looked as though 300 Marshallese might lose their jobs at USAKA due to tightened budgets.

"That didn't happen," he said. "We were able to think about ways to be savvy and intelligent with the money we received and in the end we lost very few Marshallese employees. I think it was less than one percent which is a lot better than the 15 or 17 percent we had expected to lose."

The colonel said the command had been able to scrape by but not without sacrifice. He mentioned the furloughs without pay which all American and Marshallese employees had to take.

"That was just to get by and not have to fire anybody," he said. "When I got the budget, I knew it was going to be a hard year."

A question about advancement in the work place for Marshallese was asked. The colonel said, "I have requested from all of our contractors to continue to find ways to promote Marshallese to positions of authority within their organizations. I do that because it's good business. It's good for the island and it's good for you. It's a more economical way to do business. You don't have to bring

families all the way from the United States when you have Marshallese workers who can do the job."

The colonel added that although it has been a sometimes slow process, obstacles have been overcome and promotions for Marshallese have happened. He also said that AAFES has sent several Marshallese to different locations for managerial training. He pledged to continue to look for ways to do business in such a manner.

A question was asked about transportation from the airport to the DSC for Air Marshall Island flights. The colonel responded that an agreement arising out of a JLRB meeting had been signed recently which will allow AMI to bring a vehicle to Kwajalein to transport passengers and luggage from the airport to the DSC. He also said that until AMI brings the vehicle here that the Quality of Life vehicles could be rented and that five more scooters should be on island shortly. The issue of C-Badge workers not being able to rent vehicles was raised. The colonel said he was unaware of that situation and would look into it.

An audience member asked if a small committee of Marshallese workers on Kwajalein could be formed to interact with the JLRB.

The colonel responded that he would speak to the chief secretary of the RMI and ask if that would be possible. He said a representative for USAKA Marshallese workers had not been nominated to the JLRB yet.

A question concerning perceived inequities in salary was raised.

Kris Kovas, Kwajalein AAFES Manager said that employees might be paid different wages for doing the same job but the employee making more money has been rewarded for doing a good job and receiving good evaluations while the employee making less has not performed as well.

Norwood said that [KRS] jobs are offered at a certain pay rate and if a job is accepted then that pay rate is what the employee will make even if the employee has more skills than the job calls for or is 'over' qualified. The employee does not have to take the job if he or she deems the pay too low. Merit raises might be given based on an employee's performance and yearly evaluations.

Norwood further explained that

although there was no merit raise 'pool' this year for all employees, some workers may get a raise in conjunction with a promotion.

The colonel thanked the audience for coming and sharing their thoughts and concerns.

"They are important and we need to look into all the issues whether it's a promotion issue or why C-Badge workers can't rent a vehicle," he said.

He assured the workers that all of their issues are looked into but not all can be resolved as they would like. "Sometimes we can only resolve one, two or three of those issues, but it's better than nothing," said the colonel.

He reminded the audience that safety was important, not only on the job but at home as well. He asked the workers to use common sense when drinking alcohol and if they saw someone drinking to excess or to the point where they may get in trouble to stop them before they get to that point.

The colonel said he was very happy with the way the community was taking care of the island and how nice it was looking. He said it was the command's goal to make Kwajalein a great place to work.

Clarke again said he would spend the next six months attempting to do what he could to make things better.

He also told the audience that being a military installation, USAKA reacts to world events and that might mean tighter security and tighter restrictions. He asked the audience to bear with the security measures as they are meant to ensure everyone's safety. He told the workers that if the measures caused them a great hardship to let him know so he could see if there might be a better way to secure the installation and carry out the mission.

Clarke said that sometimes mistakes are made, but decisions are made with the best information he has. He promised that if mistakes are made over the next six months, he will do his best to correct them.

The commander also held town halls with Roi residents and the Kwajalein community on Feb. 19 and with high school teens on Feb. 20. Coverage of those meetings will be in the Feb. 27 issue.

Anglers set new record for tournament

Article and photos by Trudy Butler
Kwajalein Atoll International Sport Fishing Club

Anglers from Kwajalein and Roi-Namur participating in the Anglers Challenge fishing tournament held this past weekend made a total fish catch that weighed in excess of 4,100 pounds.

That weight set a new record for total pounds of fish caught in a Kwajalein Atoll fishing tournament. The fishing was fantastic. All boats returned to Kwajalein and Roi-Namur harbors with at least one cooler full of fish. A total of fourteen boats participated in the tournament, eleven teams from Kwajalein and three teams from Roi-Namur.

Anglers trolled waters surrounding Kwajalein & Roi looking to land the biggest wahoo, ahi, and mahi-mahi. Wahoo and mahi had to weigh a minimum of 15 pounds to be eligible for tournament prize monies, Ahi tuna had to weigh a minimum of 25 pounds to be eligible for tournament prize monies. Also included in the tournament was a total aggregate weight category awarding prize monies to the team with the highest total weight of fish caught.

Captain Joe Coleman and crew Danny Nabu and

Waston Aneo captured the wahoo category with a whopping 40-pound wahoo. James Chong-Gum and crew members Tony Maika, Yoshi Kemem, Robert Herring and Akino Lippwe landed a 24-pound mahi-mahi running away with the mahi-mahi category.

Capt. April Simon and crew members Russell Leon, Aikner Rubon and Kobar Langbata weighed in a total 609 pounds of fish.

Capt. Simon and crew also landed a beautiful 23-pound ahi, however, it was just not quite heavy enough to be eligible for prize monies for the ahi category.

Since no ahi were brought in weighing 25 pounds or more, prize monies for that category will be split among the three other tournament categories.

The tournament also included a side pot category for largest fish which will be awarded to Capt. Scott Davis and crew Russell Leon and Derik Davis for their 138-pound marlin.

A total of \$2,400 will be awarded to winning teams. Honorable mention for this tournament goes to Capt. Tish Kuskulis and crew for landing 557 pounds of fish on Roi-Namur and Capt. Dalbert Delacruz and crew for landing 532 pounds of fish at Kwajalein. Great job all anglers. Until next time, "Fish On!"



Capt. John Ysaguirre filets day's catch.



Curtis Childress assists with weighing tournament fish



Capt. Dalbert Delacruz smiles happily about his teams catch of 532 pounds of fish.

For the Birds



Left to right, Senior Azure Nelson, Kwajalein High School teacher Jeff Griswold, Kwajalein Range Services Environmental Scientist senior Kelly Grant look for Black Noddy nests on Eniwetak Feb. 13 to count the population indicating the health of the eco-system on the



A black Noddy sits on a tree branch near its nest on Eniwetak.

Kwajalein High School marine science class conducts Black Noddy count on Eniwetak

Article and photos by Dan Adler
Media Services Manager

The island of Eniwetak was designated as a conservation area by the Republic of the Marshall Islands several years ago. It is used as a bird sanctuary and preserve. Marine life species in the water near the island, some of the plants on the island and nesting birds are protected from harvest or any other use.

Periodically during the school year, the Kwajalein High School marine science class travels to Eniwetak to assist in assessing the environmental and eco-system health of the island. Doing so helps USAKA, Kwajalein Range Services and RMI environmental engineers gauge the status of the eco-system of the entire Mar-

shall Islands.

On Feb. 13, eight members of the class went to Eniwetak to count the Black Noddy population. They traveled on the search and rescue boat courtesy of the Kwajalein Marine Police and Lt. Mike Herrington.

After reaching the island, the students, accompanied by KRS Environmental Scientist Mike Eder and marine science teacher Jeff Griswold, headed into the jungle of trees and the thick, tangled underbrush to find and count the Black Noddys.

Eder and Griswold explained to the students that they were to count nesting birds only. They also told the students that birds sitting on eggs assumed a certain 'posture' and that is what they were to look for.

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Mike Eder and
the island.

Although the Black Noddy is not an endangered species, the number of nesting birds is an indication of the health of the eco-system. The Black Noddy is a prevalent tropical bird and more birds means the environment and the habitat are doing well. Griswold explained the protected status of the island to the students. "Not only the island but the coral out to 1,000 feet around the island is protected. Nobody is allowed on this island unless they have permission. If you decide to get a boat tomorrow and come up here, it's not allowed. It's a privilege to be here. Last time we got to see the aquatic part during the conch count and now we're going to do a different thing."

He continued, "There are three things here. One is the coral preservation and we help participate in that with the conch count. Secondly is the turtle nesting sites because they are an endangered species. The third is a hardwood tree which is a nesting ground for these birds. So we're going in to do some sampling to see how many there are."

As the group traveled deeper into the green-canopied interior, sharp-eyed students began counting the birds in their nests. Looking up into the thick trees, the nests were hard to see, but young eyes had no problem picking them out. It soon became evident that birds were abundant on the island. Not

only were there many nests, but the sky was filled with birds in flight as well.

According to Griswold, "Such research is valuable to USAKA, KRS and RMI environmental officials. The students gain valuable education and knowledge of how scientific research is done."

Senior Kelly Grant agreed, "I thought it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience because you'll never get to go visit all these islands and see turtle nestings, whale sightings and dolphins in the United States. So I thought it would be a great experience to take the class. You can't do this just anywhere."

Azure Nelson, also a senior said, "I agree with Kelly. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. You don't get to do this back in the states. I'm from Utah and you don't get to see much of the ocean there."

Jake Villarreal, a junior, said he took the class because, "I love swimming and everything about the ocean. I like going out and snorkeling and spearfishing. I think it's cool to learn about why everything is how it is in the marine eco-system. I would like to be a marine biologist for the military."

Junior Leia Klinger said, "I didn't think I would like it at first because of the water. But once I actually started to get into it I really had a lot of fun. I didn't realize how important the ocean is to us. We've

learned about animals I didn't even know existed. I thought fish are fish but there are many different types and that's what I wanted to know. There's not a lot of times you can go on field trips on Kwaj, so being able to be one of the few classes to go on field trips, especially to different islands that are really secluded and places where not a lot of people ever get to go is neat. I almost feel like a VIP sometimes."

After the students had covered the entire island, the total count was 117 nesting birds. According to Griswold and Eder, that is the highest number of birds ever counted since the island was placed in protective status. Using that as a measure, one can assume the habitat is in good condition.

Although Eniwetak has a protected status, that doesn't always keep people off the island. Whenever the students visit Eniwetak, they clean the beaches of any trash left by unauthorized visitors or items that have washed up on the beach which could interfere with the Hawksbill turtle nesting sites.

After the work at Eniwetak was finished, the students traveled to Mann Island to see a whale carcass. They got more than that when four adult sperm whales and one baby were spotted in the water near Mann. The whales put on a great show for the group. All-in-all, it was a very successful day.



Three Black Noddies sit on eggs in their nests on Eniwetak Feb. 13.



A Black Noddy hatchling indicates a healthy habitat for the birds on Eniwetak.



Four large adult sperm whales and one baby were seen near Mann Island Feb. 13.



The prayer labyrinth outside the Religious Education Building is meant to help residents to reflect and prepare for season of Lent.

Following prayer labyrinth helps to prepare spiritually for season of Lent

By Rick Funk
Protestant Chaplain

If you are starting an exercise routine, it's best to stretch your muscles before you start, especially if you are as old as I am. If you are about to perform on a musical instrument, you should do warm-up so that your mind and body are in sync before you start. The same is true with spiritual muscles; we should take some time to prepare before we begin.

Feb. 17 marked Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Christian season of Lent which is a time of preparation for Easter. Many different denominations and traditions use methods of getting ready for this all important celebration.

Most Catholics will spend Friday evenings rehearsing the Stations of

the Cross. Some groups will meet on Wednesdays for lunch and reflection. Of course, many people (even those with no religious beliefs) love to join in Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) parties as sort of last chance to let loose before the restrictions of Lent.

Another ancient tradition involves walking a Prayer Labyrinth. Some of you may have noticed a series of roped circles north of Island Memorial Chapel and have wondered if we have been invaded by aliens or has Pastor Rick lost his mind. I don't believe either are true. The Prayer Labyrinth is used in many locations including Chartres Cathedral in France and Grace Cathedral in San Francisco.

What you will notice is a path that leads you winding back and forth into the center of a circle.

This is not a maze, there is nothing to figure out. You simply walk in, pause in the middle, and follow the same path out. The purpose of a Prayer Labyrinth is to guide you through a time of prayer and meditation.

As you walk towards the center, think about who you are and your relationship with God. This is a time of introspection. As you walk out, think about how you may serve others. This is a time of extroversion. The overall idea is to use this time as preparation for your spiritual muscle.

The Prayer Labyrinth is open to everyone in the community at any time of day. I hope that it will be of benefit to you and I'd love to answer your questions about it. Please enjoy this sacred space and time.

Softball
Season



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Tuesday, Feb. 9

MEN'S 'A' LEAGUE

Podunkers vs. Guppies: 10-2

Thursday, Feb. 11

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Spartans I Girls vs. Thumbs Up: 13-3

MEN'S 'A' LEAGUE

Criminals vs. Guppies: 13-9

Podunkers vs. Sunrise: 14-5

MEN'S 'B' LEAGUE

USAKA vs. Spartans II Boys: 14-5

Wednesday, Feb. 10

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Good Times vs. Spartans II Girls: 9-6

MEN'S 'B' LEAGUE

Wx Rats vs. JDs: 7-5

Friday, Feb. 12

MEN'S 'A' LEAGUE

Sunrise vs. Criminals: 6-3

MEN'S 'B' LEAGUE

Spartans I Boys vs. Rf Hazards: 14-1

Team Standings

(as of Feb. 12)

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

MEN'S 'A' LEAGUE

Good Times:	4-0	Sunrise:	5-1
Spartans I Girls:	3-1	Podunkers:	5-1
Thumbs Up:	1-3	Guppies:	1-5
Spartans II Girls:	0-4	Criminals:	1-5

Team Standings

(as of Feb. 12)

MEN'S 'B' LEAGUE

USAKA:	4-0	Wx Rats:	2-3
Spartans I Boys:	4-0	JDs:	0-3
Lallop:	2-1	Rf Hazards:	0-3
Spartans II Boys:	2-2		



Photo by Sheila Bigelow

Armed Forces Entertainment presented jazz musician Jeffery Smith Sunday at Emon beach. Smith wowed the crowd with his skills at playing over 30 instruments. Smith is a strong supporter of our troops and the military community and performs regularly at military bases throughout the world.

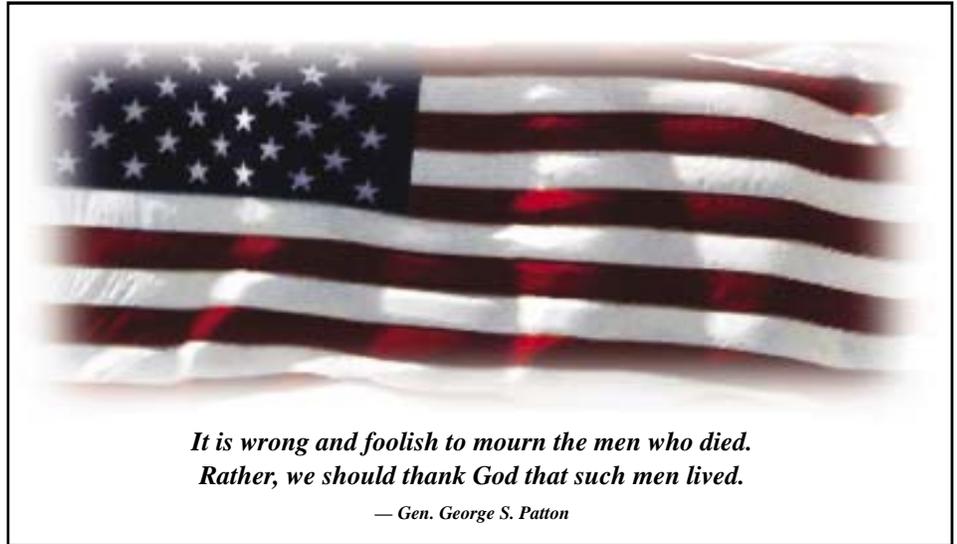
Five servicemembers die in Iraq, Afghanistan

Pfc. Adriana Alvarez, 20, of San Benito, Texas, died Feb. 10 in Baghdad, of injuries sustained while supporting combat operations. She was assigned to the 504th Military Police Battalion, 42nd Military Police Brigade, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

Sgt. Adam J. Ray, 23, of Louisville, Ky., died Feb. 9 in southern Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Cpl. Jacob H. Turbett, 21, of Canton, Mich., died Feb. 13 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Pfc. Jason H. Estopinal, 21,



of Dallas, Ga., died Feb. 15 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Lance Cpl. Noah M. Pier, 25, of Charlotte, N.C., died Feb. 16 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Community Bank presents check to Kwaj schools to further educational purposes

By Sheila Bigelow
Associate Editor

Military Saves is an initiative by the Department of Defense to help service members save and invest in their financial futures. It provides support and counseling for various financial matters and the DoD Community Bank here in Kwajalein helps to support the program.

On Wednesday, Nan-Joo Kim, DoD Community Bank Branch Manager here in Kwajalein presented a check to Al Robinson, Superintendent of Kwajalein schools, from the Military Saves program.

“Military Saves is for educational purposes,” said Kim. “It helps you understand about savings and to develop the ideas about how to save and how to invest your money for a better future.”

Kim continued, “I am here to participate in the Military Saves campaign. From part of the program, we (Community Bank) are given money and we want to donate \$150 to school programs for educational purposes.”

The \$150 donated by DoD Community Bank will be split up among three different educational areas within Kwajalein schools. One third of the money will go towards School Aged Services. Another third will go to the Music department and the other third will go towards to Ri-Katak program.



Nan-Joo Kim, DoD Community Bank Branch Manager, left, presents Dennis Heath with a check for Kwajalein schools during the School Advisory Council meeting Wednesday evening.

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.

CUSTOMER SERVICE Representative, Community Bank, part-time, 30 hours per week. Please submit application through www.dodcomunitybank.com

WANTED

HAWAIIAN SLING. Call 55024.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DONATING sports equipment to youth teams on Ebeye? Teams are asking for volleyballs, softballs and a basketball net with hooks. Youth softball teams are also looking for bats, gloves and cleats for girls aged 11 to 14 and boys aged 14 to 16. Your donation would be greatly appreciated. Drop off equipment at Community Activities, building

Religious Services

Catholic

5:30 p.m., Saturday, in Island Memorial chapel.

9:15 a.m., Sunday, in Island Memorial Chapel.

4:45 p.m., Monday & Friday, in Island Memorial Chapel.

7 a.m., Tuesday & Thursday, in Island Memorial Chapel.

11:40 a.m., Wednesday, in Island Memorial Chapel.

Reconciliation half hour before all masses or by appointment with Fr. Poole at 5-3579/5-3767.

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.

805. For more information, contact 53438.

I AM MAKING a quilt for the YYWC Silent Auction Fall 2010. If you have a new t-shirt from a Kwaj organization you would like to donate, please contact Cindy at 52370.

LOST

BACKPACK, black, yellow and gray with goggles, towel and shorts left in cubby hole at Adult Pool. If you have seen it or have any information, please call 53438.

FOUND

GOLD MEDAL, Dr. Eugene Clark Library "Sail Away with Books," Summer 2007. Call 52319.

PATIO SALE

MONDAY, 8 a.m., quarters 216-B. Multi-family sale.

FOR SALE

KITE BOARDING complete package: four-line Naish 13.5-meter (flat area) AR5 kite that holds air in all bladders and flies great. Package includes kite, bar, lines, new harness with spreader bar, new board with bindings and travel bag; Showcase Humidor 125 count including numerous accessories and cigars. Call 52525 and leave a message.

SOCCER CLEATS, two pairs, used, size five, good condition, \$15 each; baseball cleats, two pairs, brand new, size six, never used, \$25 each and carpet, 5x7.5 feet, light blue design, \$25. Call 52544 or 50798.

SKI BOAT that needs a loving boat shack, 20 foot Malibu with trailer 305 inboard engine needs completion, all parts are available, \$1,500. Call 52625 or 58989.

ROSEWOOD FURNITURE tables, folding bar, cabinets, curio, tables, chairs, chest, Lazy boy sofa, mirror, antique gold frame, Korean desk and stands. Call 53329 after 5 p.m.

SONY TRINITRON color TV, 27 inch, \$250; Sony color TV, 52 inch, \$350 and two speaker stands, \$20. Call 54784 or 58454.

SAILBOAT, 19 foot Cape Dory, in sailing condition, \$1,500 or best offer. Call 52319.

TWO PIECE SOFA sectional with recliner in each piece, beige with strips, very clean, \$400; Canon 3ccd video camera GL1 with underwater housing, includes battery with charger, red underwater filter, wide angle lens, all in excellent condition, \$1500; Scuba tanks, XS Worthington, 120 steel, two for sale, \$600 for both or \$350 each; leather recliner, excellent condition, very large, \$500; microwave, \$50; toaster, \$20 and coffee maker, \$20. Call 56725.

GIRLS CLOTHES, size 14-16, \$1; men's and women's clothes, \$2; kids Wii games, \$10; board games, \$2; men's electric razor, \$5; ice cream maker, \$10; shaved ice machine, \$10; popcorn maker, \$10; blender, \$5 and two green decorative pillows, \$10. Call 50165 or stop by dome 165 after 3:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CAFÉ PACIFIC WILL BE offering an African American Heritage Picnic Brunch on Feb. 21. Our chefs will be preparing a variety of delicious entrees including maple glazed carved ham, crab benedict, Cajun riblets, vegetarian beans in broth, country fried chicken and biscuits with old fashioned gravy, macaroni and cheese, corn on the cob, potato salad and coleslaw. The brunch station will be open as well for those who would like eggs and omelets cooked to order. Brunch will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Menu is subject to change due to availability.

VET'S HALL APPRECIATION Party sponsored by the Insane Gecko Posse will be Feb. 21. Band starts at 9 p.m. Male and female Horseshoe Tournament, sign-up at 7 p.m., contest begins at 8 p.m. with a \$50 prize for first place. Male and female Baggo Tournament. Free hamburgers served at 8 p.m. Outside bar with Ice-Luge shots. Goal is to set a record for the most chips given away for a single bell ring.

KWAJALEIN SCUBA CLUB work party and BBQ lunch will be from 8 a.m. to early afternoon, Feb. 22, at Pacific Club. Volunteers needed for the Pacific Club facility work party. Come paint, hammer, pull staples, sweep, clean or any other talent you have. A BBQ lunch will be served for folks who pitch in and help for at least an hour or two. Wear old clothes and close toed shoes. Please sign up so we know how many to cook



NO NEED

TO SPEED

Kwajalein Police Department would like to remind residents and workers that driving on USAKA is a privilege and a responsibility. Please obey all posted speed limits, which are strictly enforced. Per USAKA Regulation 190-5, penalties for speeding are generally:

- **1-10 mph** over the posted speed limit: 3 points on your USAKA license
- **10-14 mph** over the posted speed limit: 4 points on your USAKA license
- **15-19 mph** over the posted speed limit: 5 points on your USAKA license
- **20 or more mph** over the posted speed limit: 6 points on your USAKA license.

This is in addition to possible other adverse actions. Questions, call 5-4445.

GSE PTO is in need of help sorting the donated books for our Used Book Fair. We will be sorting books in the Coconut Room at:

- 6 p.m., Feb. 20
- 12:30 p.m., Feb. 21
- 1 p.m., Feb. 22

We have many books that need to be separated into categories. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.



EOD/LAUNCH ORDNANCE personnel will be conducting explosive disposal operations from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb 25, on Illeginni. A horizontal and vertical safety exclusion area of 4,000 feet (surface to air) is off-limits to all unauthorized personnel during the operation. Questions regarding this operation should be directed to the EOD/Launch Ordnance office at 51433.

for. Call Ron Smith at 52046 or John Pennington at 53290.

CYSS OPEN RECREATION event Tennis will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Feb. 23. Register at CYSS Central Registration Office between Feb. 11-18. Space is limited. Open Recreation Events are open to all K-6th graders with a current CYSS registration. For more information call Micah at the Central Registration office, 52158.

CYSS START SMART Tee Ball 2010 is open to boys and girls ages three to five (Pre-K). Registration is open Feb. 23-March 20. Program dates are April 7-May 12. Call 52158 for registration information, building 356 and 53796 for program information.

MANDATORY ISLAND ORIENTATION begins at 12:45-4:30 p.m., Feb. 24, in CAC room six, building 365. It is required for all new island arrivals. The island orientation is not recommended for dependent children under the age of 10. Questions, call KRS ES&H at 51134.

THE KPD SMALL ARMS range will be in operation from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 24, Feb. 25 and Feb. 27. Please be aware of red flag hazard areas.

LITTLE STEPS...BIG DIFFERENCE Wellness Seminar "Heart Healthy Living" will be at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 26, in the elementary school Coconut Room. This event is worth five points.

A CDC PARENT ADVISORY Committee meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Feb. 26, at the CYSS Central Registration Office in Fac. 356. Parents with children enrolled in the Child Development Center are encouraged to attend and share their thoughts and ideas about the CDC program. Contact Aimee Pang at 50730 with questions.

KWAJALEIN ATOLL International Sportfishing Club monthly meeting will be held Feb. 26 at the Pacific Club. Food and beverages will be served at 6:30 p.m., meeting will commence at 7 p.m. All anglers are welcome to attend. Questions, contact Joe Coleman.

KYC COMMODORE'S BALL "Island Style" will be held on Feb. 28 at the Kwajalein Country Club. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. and a buffet dinner of chicken or beef is at 7 p.m. Entertainment by *Pure Polynesia*. Bus service will be available. Ticket prices are \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. For tickets,

contact Mark at 53244, Bruce at 52379, Jim at 53500, Denise at 53018 or Jennifer at 52965.

KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB February meeting will be Feb. 27 at the Yacht Club. Happy Hour starts at 5:30 p.m., meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Lasagna will be provided, please bring a side dish to share. Questions, call Mark at 53244.

GSE PTO WOULD LIKE TO invite the public to our Used Book Fair to be held from 5-8 p.m., March 5, in the elementary school Coconut Room. We have all types of books available. Please stop in and browse.

PLEASE COME IN TO PAY your 2010 boat

Café Pacific

Sunday Carved maple glazed ham Country fried chicken Cajun riblets Grill: Brunch station open	Monday Broiled hamburger steak Sweet & sour pork Noodles romanoff Grill: Brunch station open	Tuesday Spaghetti Whole wheat pasta Chicken/broccoli stir-fry Grill: Italian burger	Wednesday Roast turkey Sage stuffing Pork pimento Grill: N/A	Thursday Mambo pork roast Jerk chicken wings Sesame tofu Grill: Ham stackers	Friday Corned beef/cabbage Irish lamb stew Tuna casserole Grill: Grilled cheese	Feb. 27 Meatloaf Chicken/peapod stir-fry Mashed potatoes Grill: Mush/swiss burger
Tonight Southern fried chicken Short rib stew Vegetarian beans	Sunday Sliced roast beef Chicken divan Vegetarian tofu	Monday BYO tostadas Beef pot pie Ono casino	Tuesday Braised swiss steak Chicken & dumplings Vegetarian lentils	Wednesday Carved top sirloin Chicken casablanca Baked potatoes	Thursday Herb chicken Beef stew Vegetable quesadilla	Friday BYO pizza Spaghetti Eggplant parmesan



QUIT SMOKING CLINIC for Roi residents will be held March 10-April 7. Classes will meet at 10 a.m., every Wednesday, in the KEAMS room. This is a free clinic that also provided free Quit Smoking Aides. There is a limited class size. If you plan to attend this clinic, please call the Dispensary at 56223 and schedule your free physician's appointment prior to the first class. For sign-up and/or questions, call Marion at 55362.



Kaleidoscope of Music will be held on March 7. Performers are needed! Please sign up by contacting Janet Golly at 55519 or email joyfulljo@hotmail.com no later than March 1. Kaleidoscope of Music is an evening showcasing the musical talent of Kwajalein, hosted by the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club. Proceeds enable the YYWC to provide scholarships for graduating seniors in recognition of outstanding community service. Tickets are \$15 which covers admission and the refreshments at intermission. Tickets will be sold on the AAFES porch from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Mondays, Feb. 8-March 1.

registration at the Small Boat Marina through March 8, keeping in mind we are closed most Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Each boat, including smaller boats like dinghies and kayaks, are still \$25 for the annual fee.

CYSS YOUTH baseball, softball, tee-ball league registration open Feb. 9-March 13. Open to boys and girls in grades K-6. League dates are March 23-May 22. Volunteer coaching opportunities! Contact 52158 for registration information, building 356. Call 53796 for sports program information.

H1N1 vaccine for children 6 months to 4 years is in our pharmacy. It is available to Kwajalein residents in that age group. Reminder: children 9 and under need a second H1N1 vaccine 28 days after the initial.



Operation Security is everyone's responsibility

Be sure all classified documents and offices containing classified materials are secure. Practice good OPSEC.



Limited supply of H1N1 vaccine available

Hourglass Reports

The hospital has received a limited quantity of H1N1 vaccine that is now available. Vaccination times are: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Vaccines will be sent to Roi-Namur for distribution there through the dispensary. The shelf life of the H1N1 vaccine that Kwajalein Hospital has on hand expires in about 60 days, so it is important that those who want to be vaccinated do so promptly. There is no charge for vacci-

nation. All vaccine received is the injectable type. It is safe and effective for all persons four years and older. The vaccine is available for all USAKA/RTS residents and USAKA/RTS work force [including RMI C Badge and domestic workers]. Pregnant women, household contacts of infants younger than six months [including domestics and childcare workers], health care and emergency services personnel, and those aged 25 years or older with underlying conditions that put them at high risk of complications from influenza are especially encouraged to be vaccinated.



H1N1 flu shots ...Get them now!

Nurses will have tables set up, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 18, 19, 24 and 25, on the AAFES porch.



Honor Roll

for first semester ending Jan. 22



High honor roll (3.6667 and higher) Grade 7: Mereille Bishop*, Daniel Grimes, Jordan Hadley, Ashley Kutac, Molly Premo and Khaila Ramey-Collier*; Grade 8: Lindsay Cochran, Elizabeth Elkin, Maddy Greene, Jennifer Hibberts, Stephanie Hibberts, John Sholar*, Andrea Tiffany and Shenandoah Wrobel; Grade 9: Kori Dowell, Megan George, Alexis Nelson and Eva Seelye; Grade 10: Jonathan Bishop*, Jacob Jahnke, Graham Kirchner and Colby McGlenn*; Grade 11: Melissa Peacock* and Aaron Mathieson; Grade 12: Coleen Engvall, Julianne Kirchner, Azure Nelson, Kaitlynn Phillips, Christine Woodburn and Alexis Yurovchak.

Honor roll (3.5 - 3.7) Grade 7: Reab deBrum; Grade 9: Mary Doerries, Ashlee Skinner and Shannon Wilkinson; Grade 10: Jarem Erekson and Tiffany Scofield; Grade 11: Cayley Corrado, Leimamo Wase and Carrie West; Grade 12: Clarissa Brady.

Merit roll (3.0 - 3.49) Grade 7: Dave Bonham, Annalee Nelson and Roanna Zackhras; Grade 8: Leightyn Cossey, Anne-Marie Hepler, Eltina John, Kauluwehiokala Kaluhiokalani, Bokean Kemem, Mason Malloy, Christopher Sanborn, Donald Swanby, Jefferson Wase and Rosalynn Ysawa; Grade 9: Malkie Loeak, Mary McPhatter, Mariah Moore-deVille, Mekailah Stephens and Natasha Tomas; Grade 10: Shawn Brady, Tyler DeCoster, Michelle Fore, Maggie Fronzak, Connor Malloy and Alex Shotts; Grade 11: Julie Alves, Alyssa Ammons, Kyle Cassidy, Coty Davis, Shelby Hadley, Tyler Stepchew and America Wrobel; Grade 12: Ryan DeCoster, Kitlang Kabua and Emma Peacock.

* 4.0 grade average

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Sunday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: ENE at 15-20 knots.
Monday: Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: ENE-E at 17-22 knots.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-E at 15-20 knots.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-E at 17-22 knots.
Thursday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. Winds: NE-E at 17-22 knots.
Friday: Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-E at 15-20 knots.

Annual total: 5.91 inches
Annual deviation: -1.47 inches

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

Sunrise/set Moonrise/set High Tide Low Tide

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Sunday	7:10 a.m./6:52 p.m.	11:33 p.m./10:49 a.m.	10:13 a.m., 2.8'	2:59 a.m., 1.0'
			10:40 p.m., 1.8'	5:40 p.m., 1.5'
Monday	7:10 a.m./6:52 p.m.	11:36 a.m.	12:40 a.m., 2.8'	4:34 a.m., 1.3'
				8:21 p.m., 1.1'
Tuesday	7:10 a.m./6:53 p.m.	12:27 a.m./12:25 p.m.	2:08 a.m., 1.9'	7:20 a.m., 1.3'
			2:09 p.m., 3.1'	9:03 p.m., 0.7'
Wednesday	7:09 a.m./6:53 p.m.	1:22 a.m./1:15 p.m.	2:57 a.m., 2.3'	8:27 a.m., 0.9'
			2:54 p.m., 3.5'	9:30 p.m., 0.3'
Thursday	7:09 a.m./6:54 p.m.	2:15 a.m./2:06 p.m.	3:26 a.m., 2.7'	9:07 a.m., 0.5'
			3:27 a.m., 3.9'	9:54 p.m., 0.0'
Friday	7:08 a.m./6:54 p.m.	3:08 a.m./2:58 p.m.	3:51 a.m., 3.1'	9:38 p.m., 0.1'
			3:55 p.m., 4.2'	10:17 p.m., -0.3'
Feb. 27	7:08 a.m./6:54 p.m.	3:50 a.m./3:59 p.m.	4:15 a.m., 3.5'	10:07 p.m., -0.2'
			4:22 a.m., 4.4'	10:45 p.m., -0.5'