

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



**Kwajalein High School marine science class members, left to right, Leia Klinger, Kelly Grant and Azure Nelson hold a rib bone of a whale on Mann Island May 8. The class was taking a field trip to Mann and to Ninni Islands. For more, see Page 6.**

Photo by Dan Adler

# Students speak out on use of plastic

About 98 percent of the plastic ever manufactured in the world is still on earth. This is because the process for decomposition for plastic takes hundreds of years. Thus, as the United States and other countries continue to produce plastic, it builds up in landfills, staying there for a long period of time, in the ocean, disrupting the marine ecosystem, or on the ground. So, the more we can reduce our consumption of plastic materials, the more we can save the

environment around us.

It's easy to say, "I recycle my plastic, so I will keep using and buying it." Yet, a lot of plastic materials recycled in the home do not actually get recycled when they are collected; they are only "recycled" by the original user and discarded by the collector, and put into landfills. One ton of plastic consumes 7.4 cubic yards of landfill space. Therefore, the less we can use plastic, the more landfill space we save and the more helpful we are

to the environment.

There are several alternatives to plastic. Instead of plastic bags at the store, ask for paper bags or purchase one of the reusable shopping bags available for a decent price. AAFES even offers a five cent reimbursement for each time you utilize your reusable shopping bag. Just think, after only a few trips to the store with your reusable bag, and you've earned yourself a candy bar! Also, plastic products such as plastic cups and bottles

are easily substituted. Paper cups are cheaper and more eco-friendly, and plastic bottles are more and more often being switched to glass and aluminum. When glass and aluminum bottles aren't available, look for those companies who have switched to the "reduced plastic" bottles.

There are simple ways to help our environment; let's not ignore them!

— **Christine Woodburn**  
KHS student

Which is more helpful to our environment? Paper, plastic, or polystyrene (Styrofoam) products? The correct answer is that none of them are very helpful. All of these products are especially dangerous when thrown away in a marine environment.

Here's something to think about... Statistically, plastic is the cheapest product to buy, followed by Styrofoam, and lastly, paper. Paper is biodegradable though, but production can cause twice the amount of CO2 emissions as plastic and polystyrene. Polystyrene is good for insulation, but it's not biodegradable and is made from dangerous materials like benzene. Plastic is recyclable and light. Plastic bags break down into small

toxic bits of waste that contaminates the ground and water. This kills and injures many fish and marine mammals that mistake it for food. Just a fact: "Worldwide, the United Nations Environment Program has calculated there are 13,000 pieces of plastic litter per square kilometer of the world's oceans." That is a lot, and the numbers are not going down. How these bags end up in the ocean is beyond me too? We have recycling for a reason. Obviously, there are pros and cons for each.

I would like to make a suggestion now. Can the stores here on Kwajalein please seriously consider getting rid of their plastic and Styrofoam products to help save the marine environment? This would be very helpful to our marine

environment. Something that can help lower the number of plastic bags used is for people to utilize reusable bags. KRS and Surfway provide paper bags instead of plastic for their groceries, and they encourage people to bring their own reusable bags. AAFES and the Café can do the same thing, buy getting rid of their Styrofoam take-out containers and plastic bags.

At the moment, the best product to use is paper, if people have troubles with reusable stuff, because people seem to have a problem with keeping their trash out of the ocean and in trash cans.

~ **Azure Nelson**  
KHS student

The residents who live here have always known Kwajalein as a beautiful and safe home. However, there is a hidden threat, which if not carefully monitored, could lead to the destruction of many of the places in which we live and play.

Over the many years that people have been living on Kwajalein there has been a huge increase in the amount of trash being thrown into the surrounding marine ecosystem. Certain items such as plastics, and Styrofoam take over a hundred years to dissolve. These products, once in the

water, cause major problems for the reefs and the marine animals who live there.

Turtles often mistake plastic bags for jellyfish, a common food for the sea turtles. Dolphins and whales can get these plastics and Styrofoams caught in their blowholes and eventually suffocate. Even the products that do dissolve can be dangerous. They can poison the corals, the marine animals,

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Catch  
me if you  
can...

*Photos by Sheila Bigelow*

Overall first place finisher John Sholar, 14-years-old, claims victory as he crosses the finish line at the 2010 'Rusty Family Mini Triathlon' held Monday at Emon beach. Sholar finished in 57 minutes and 26 seconds, a personal best.

# Over 150 residents participate in the 2010 Rusty Family Mini-Triathlon



Dawn and Jenna Gray finish the running portion of the Rusty Family Mini Triathlon with smiling faces.

**By Bob Sholar**  
Kwajalein Running Club President

Kwajalein Running Club held the 2010 'Rusty Family swim-bike-run Mini-Triathlon' at 4:30 p.m. on Monday. There was record participation with 60 individuals and 30 teams making for 150 total contestants. The colorful pennant cordoned Emon Beach hub area was swarming with 300 people at the peak including supporters, spectators and race staff.

KRC's 'Mini Tri' includes a 500-yard Lagoon swim, 10-mile bike (two Airfield loops plus out and back to Emon) and a 2-mile run. For the youngest solo contestants this year, six-year-old Kindergarteners Sean Hepler and Trevan Nelson, there was nothing Mini about it. It is daunting and they will likely never forget the experience.

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The diversity of the contestants makes this event unusual in the world of Triathlon; hard charging Jr-Sr High students mixed with a larger number of George Seitz Elementary students, the younger ones on kids bikes with little 16-to-18 inch wheels.

Then there are the 'family mélange' teams with Moms and Dads escorting, or toting, toddlers and even a few babies, mixing it up over the segments to get it done as a family.

What was remarkable about this year was the Nelson family participated in a capacity never seen before in 30 years of the Family Mini Tri at Kwajalein. Aliya, Annalee, Aspen, Alexis, Azure, Trevan and their parents Jon & Jennifer all completed the entire event as solo entries and crossed the finish line together in just under two hours!

Other entire families participated also. The Burnley family formed two teams and two solo entries to get all six members in the race. Other entire family participations were the Stepchews, Ereksens, Sylvesters, Rowells, Yurovchaks, Ansleys, Doerries, Jahnkes, Lundbergs, Westhoffs, Grays, Crawfords, Coynes, Skinners and Jones'.

Finally, solo adults who might aspire to the longer RustMan distances some day (1K-swim, 42K-bike and 10K-run), sometimes give the Mini a tryout.

With such diversity in age and bike equipment it becomes hard to make performance comparisons, but someone has to finish first. For the boys, it was 8th grader John Sholar in a personal best of 57 minutes and 26 seconds.

For the girls, adult first timer Brianne McDonald



Brianne McDonald flies through the finish line as the women's first place contestant at the Rusty Family Mini Triathlon. McDonald finished the race in 1:10:37.



Heidi Rowell finishes strong with daughter Elaina relaxing in her stroller during the Rusty Family Mini Triathlon.



Chris Sanborn helps his tired kids finish the bike portion while they catch a cool breeze in their burley.

finished in 1:10:37, about a minute ahead of 9th grader Mary McPhatter in a personal best of 1:11:29.

The first grade school students were Sam Jahnke, 1:13:40, and Jillian DeCoster, 1:28:29.

The first team was the resident portion of the Stepchew family, with 5th grader Claire swimming, Dad Jim biking and Mom Sarah running in 59:37. Their chosen name was "Rachael, where are you?" Well, long time member of this family team, Rachael, is away at college.

It was the busiest finish line for any KRC Triathlon ever, but an

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Jenna Lundberg swims with her boogie board during the first leg of the race.



Jesse Chapman joyfully finishes the last leg of the Rusty Family with his sweaty shirt on his head.



Doug Hepler cruises with daughter Kayla during the biking leg of the Rusty Family Mini Triathlon on Monday.



A group of youngsters, some on their own, and some with boogie boards and flippers, swim towards Emon beach during the first leg of the Rusty Family on Monday.



The first leg of swimmers race up the beach to either continue on to the biking leg or to tag their waiting partners during the Rusty Family Mini Triathlon held Monday at Emon Beach.

# The World's Greatest Classroom



There are very few classrooms in the world where students can take an exuberant dive into the ocean near a tropical island. Ryan DeCoster does so during the Kwajalein High School marine science class trip to Mann and Ninni on May 8.

## Marine science class travels to Mann and Ninni on field trip



Article and photos by Dan Adler  
Media Services Manager

Members of the Kwajalein High School marine science class traveled to the islands of Mann and Ninni May 8 for their last field trip of the school year with the courtesy and cooperation of the Kwajalein Marine Police.

The purpose of the trip was to measure the bones of a whale skeleton thought to have been an adult sperm whale to determine its original size. The swells around Mann were high and the surf was fairly rough. The students took a rubber dinghy from the SAR boat for a bumpy ride into the shore.

Besides measuring the bones, the students also took tissue samples from the whale carcass for study and research.

Kwajalein High School marine science class students return to the SAR boat from Mann Island during their field trip on May 8. Jeff Booty helps guide them in.



Student CC Brady and teacher Jeff Griswold clean up trash on Mann Island during a field trip on May 8.

An abundant number of stingrays was also seen in the inland lagoon on the island. There were so many in fact, that while walking through the shallow water the students did the 'stingray shuffle,' dragging their feet along the bottom so the rays would move out of the way and not be stepped on. Before leaving Mann, the students cleaned the shoreline and some inland areas as best they could. It was an unpleasant surprise to see how much trash was on the island.

From Mann, the group went to Ninni to experience a salt pond and how the environmental conditions are similar to an estuary (a partly enclosed coastal body of water with rivers or streams flowing into it and a connection to the open sea). The students studied how organisms adapt to those extreme conditions. During the students' field trips throughout the year, they have performed population studies of birds, marine life and plants in the waters around Enewetak and on the island itself. Those studies help in judging the health of the eco-system in the Marshall Islands.

The high school's marine science class taught by teacher Jeff Griswold is a valuable resource and provides assistance to the environmental departments of USAKA, Kwajalein Range Services and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

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Kwajalein High School teacher Jeff Griswold shows his marine science class students whale bones on Mann Island May 8.



Students Will McPhatter, left, and Jake Villarreal take on the unpleasant and smelly task of getting tissue samples from the whale carcass on Mann Island May 8.



Student CC Brady, left, and teacher Jeff Griswold measure the jawbone of a whale on Mann Island.



Students Kelly Grant, left, and CC brady take measurements on a whale rib bone.



Kwajalein High School marine science class members, back row, left to right, Kelly Grant, Ryan DeCoster, Devin Vinlaun, Troy Walter, Leia Klinger and Azure Nelson. Front row, left to right, Will McPhatter, teacher Jeff Griswold, Jake Villarreal, Joshua deBrum, Christine Woodburn and CC Brady.

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The class held a session Tuesday afternoon during regular school hours to discuss their findings and talk about the trip.

During the session, the students reflected upon what taking the marine science class this year has meant to them and what they will take away from it.

Senior Ryan Decoster said, "It's been an adventure every time we go out. Seeing those whale bones was neat. I think everything we've seen was pretty cool."

Will McPhatter added, "I know when I go to college, I'm probably never going to do this again so I'm going to treasure these moments."

Junior Leia Klinger chimed in, "Every time I've gotten to go on a trip it's been pretty awesome. Mr. Griswold has shown us some really cool things."

Devin Vinluan said, "I'm really glad I got to do this class. Nothing in the states can ever compare to what we have out here. I really enjoyed seeing the whale bones on Mann because where else would you ever get the chance to do that. Just about everything about this class has been cool."

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and even the humans who accidentally eat a poisoned fish.

"Well what can I do?" you might ask. Many people feel that just because they recycle that they are making a difference. Well guess what; we've been recycling and yet we still have

this problem. If we want to preserve Kwajalein and the beauty of our ecosystem, we're going to have to work a little bit harder than putting a few glass bottles in a recycle bin twice a week.

We, as Kwajalein residents, need to strive towards stopping the distribution of all plastic and Styrofoam products. No more plastic bags at AAFES. No

more Styrofoam cups or even take out boxes. Surfway has already stopped handing out plastic bags at the check-out counter. If they can do it so can every one else. Let's try to keep Kwajalein a beautiful and safe place for a long time to come.

— Jake Villarreal  
KHS student

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Senior Troy Walter reflected, "I think this class has been amazing. The experiences are crazy awesome. We'll never be able to experience anything like this again more than likely. I thought it was awesome to see the whale bones. Knowing that it was an actual whale and it had been a living thing kind of blew my mind. Working with animals has been a great life experience because my passion is to work with animals. Working with turtles and knowing the biology of whales has really intrigued me."

Senior Christine Woodburn added to the conversation. "I like the turtles [in the turtle pond]. They're very majestic creatures. One cool thing about this year was that I got to go to a lot of new places. Before this class I'd only been on Ebeye, Bigej and Kwajalein. But now I've been to Enewetak, Mann, Omelek and Ninni. It's been a really cool experience for me and it's really broadened my horizons."

Junior Jake Villarreal said, "I've been around the water my entire life, but this class has really changed my perspective about the ocean. I'm an avid spear fisherman, but this class has shown me things that I've been on boats a hundred times and still never saw. I'd never seen whales here, but when we go out with Mr. Griswold, we see whales. We got to go handle the turtles in the turtle pond; if we did that without Mr. Griswold, we'd get thrown off the island. We get to go to outer islands that are out of B-boat range. That wouldn't be possible without Mr. Griswold. Thanks to this class I've had the



Students investigate a salt pond on Ninni Island during a field trip on May 8.

opportunity to do many different things."

Senior Kelly Grant shared her thoughts. "I would say this class has been a unique once-in-a-lifetime experience. I can almost guarantee nobody where I'm going to college in New York has ever picked up sea turtles or seen four whales right next to their boat. Because of this class I'm no longer scared of snorkeling and I'm not scared of coral or sharks. That never would have happened without this class."

Senior Azure Nelson said, "I'm really glad to have taken this class because I just moved out here this year and living in Utah, you don't live near the ocean. I've been able to go to the islands and see different animals. So I'm really happy for this opportunity."

CC Brady, also a senior said, "I really enjoyed working with the turtles. I thought that was interesting. I really liked snorkeling at Enewetak and seeing all the giant clams."

Griswold addressed his class saying, "There are things that teaching does for me as an individual. When I was your age, the things I remember were the field trips. So I have tried to provide those experiences for you. This year's class was the largest one ever — twice as big as any other year. You guys were really into it and many of you are very strong swimmers. But it's been incredible to see those of you not having been in the water much becoming unafraid of it. It's neat for me to see that progression and see you enjoy the experiences. Hopefully, you will take away an appreciation of the marine life and the other life you have seen. I know some of you have expressed a desire to work with animals in some form or another. You know now how you might save a whale by picking up plastic off a beach. I hope you share these experiences and what I have tried to instill in you."

All of the students agreed that Griswold has shown them the wonders of the marine world and the riches it has to offer and that they will carry it with them the rest of their lives. After all, they've studied in the greatest classroom in the world.



Teacher Jeff Griswold leads marine science class students into the interior of Ninni Island during a field trip on May 8.

experienced team of eight ladies recorded swim, bike and run segment times for everyone. Recognized are Stephanie Los, Jayne Cavender, Linn Ezell, AnnElise Peterson, Jennifer Dupuy, Anne Alrick, Paige Singleton and Deanna Cain. The results were fed into an Excel sheet operated by Dupuy under the main pavilion and transferred on to certificates handed out at an awards ceremony at 7:15 p.m. Also distributed were custom T-shirts designed by Heidi Rowell.

Race logistics and course safety operations included leaders Stephanie Los, Mark Long, Ben Bartyzel, Henry McElreath and Jack Carey.

Key support was provided by KRS Recreation Services staff including Kim Yarnes, Mandy Morris and that ever hard working Mr. Asmond Arelong.

Jim Bishop led the BBQ-ing of 80 pounds of hamburgers and hot dogs for hungry finishers and staff.

Adding the 150 contestants to the 88 at RustMan (two weeks earlier) gives us 238 total contestants, with a few overlaps. Regardless of which population numbers heard on the Kwajalein streets are correct, I think it is safe to say that one of every eight-or-so residents did some Triathlon this year.



**Stephanie Crawford takes off with son Alex in the back seat and her six-month-old son relaxing comfortably in the burley during the biking leg of the Rusty Family Mini Triathlon on Monday.**



*Photo by David Martin*

**Torrey Landers encourages daughter Khiana during the biking leg of the Rusty Family Mini Triathlon on Monday.**



**Kwajalein Running Club President Bob Sholar finishes the Rusty Family with his daughter Julia on Monday afternoon.**



**Master Sgt. Charles George races his son Matthew to the finish line as they end the Rusty Family Mini Triathlon together.**

# Local Kwajalein residents work together to rescue stranded turtle

By Sheila Bigelow  
Associate Editor

Local Kwajalein resident Charlie Kuzy was beach combing around 1 p.m. on May 3, behind the Family Pool, when she noticed a large pile of netting between the shore and the drop-off during low tide. Then she saw that something was moving inside the netting and went to get her husband, Chuck, to help her. When they returned to the beach, Chuck waded out to the pile of netting to find a large turtle wrapped up and caught in the netting, fighting to get out.

Chuck, knowing that there must be some sort of Environmental protocol for this, went up to the Family Pool to call Kwajalein Police Department. KPD then tried to reach Terri Hibberts, Environmental Supervisor, at her home. Before long, Terri and her husband Glenn made their way down to the beach, along with Safety Specialist Don Swanby and members of KPD.

Once they all arrived at the beach and assessed the situation, they realized that the turtle was unable to move in the netting since it was so heavy and was being hit by the waves coming into the shore and being drug across the reef. At that time, they waded out to the turtle and tried to prop him up on top of the netting pile, and pulled him closer into shore where he



*Photos by Charlie Kuzy*

**Chuck Kuzy keeps a stranded turtle wet and comfortable until Environmental and KPD personnel could assist in its rescue May 3.**

was more protected.

The turtle seemed to rest a while once he was out of the direct waves, but got antsy as more people showed up and started to examine his condition. While the turtle did not seem severely injured by the ordeal, his shell did seem to have some damaged areas from the rope and his left flipper had an abrasion on it. Other than that, he seemed perfectly healthy.

The decision was made to cut the turtle loose and see if he was strong enough to make it back into open water. They cut the netting from the back, freeing the turtle's rear flippers and then moving around to the front. As soon as the turtle was fully freed from the netting, he made his way as quickly as a little turtle could go, back towards the water. They tried to urge it to go towards one of the pools where he could rest and recover, but he made his way back into the open ocean instead.

Once the turtle was rescued, the next question was how to get the heavy netting out of the water to prevent other wildlife from getting caught and potentially hurt. They were able to get help from nearby heavy equipment workers to drag the netting completely out of the water and out of harm's way for ocean dwelling creatures.

Great job to all involved; it is a wonderful thing when we can help preserve the life of an animal, especially endangered ones like this.



**Local Kwajalein residents cut a stranded turtle free from heavy netting on May 3 behind the Family Pool.**

# Vets' Hall more than a Saturday night hangout

By Jennifer Senner

"We have an American Legion post on Kwaj?" is often the first response of people when they are queried as to whether they would like to become a part of the organization.

There is definitely an active post here on island. One that in fact, has several hundred members comprised of current island residents, residents of days past, and transiting active duty military personnel. The 'Vet's Hall' is the home of American Legion Post 44, our small island's contribution to the nation's largest veterans service organization. The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 and is committed to advocating patriotism and honor, mentoring and youth programs, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans. It is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization that depends entirely on active membership, participation, and volunteerism.

The American Legion's Family Support Network provides immediate assistance to service personnel and families whose lives have been affected by Operation Iraqi Freedom and America's war on terror. The National Emergency Fund is used to assist service members get their homes and lives back to 'normal' after natural disasters. As of 2008 the Fund has provided over six million dollars in direct financial assistance to family members and posts. In addition, the American Legion is a partner to other causes such as Operation Comfort Warrior, Ride to Recovery, and Veterans of Valor. Externally, the Legion partner's with the Children's Organ Transplant Association and Opera-

tion: Military Kids. COTA provides fundraising assistance and support to families with children who need or have had life-saving organ transplants. Operation: Military Kids is a U.S. Army initiative that supports children and youth affected by a parent's deployment.

"Heroes to Hometowns" is a transition program for severely injured service members returning home from OEF/OIF. It establishes a support network for those service members to include temporary financial assistance, pro-bono financial planning, housing assistance, home and vehicle adaption, Government claims assistance, and family support.

The most recognizable act of the American Legion occurred in 1944 when the GI Bill was ushered into law. Since then, millions of veterans have received free or discounted higher education benefits. In 2008, the Post-9/11 GI Bill was implemented, which included the elimination of the 1,200 dollar "buy-in" and extended the time span a veteran has to use the benefit.

Over the years Post 44 has sent care packages to troops and donated thousands of dollars to the Fisher House (homes built on the grounds of military installations or VA medical centers that enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful times - during the hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury). On a Kwaj-specific note, our island has had residents deploy to hostile territory one and sometimes two times. When this occurs Post 44 rallies to take care of the family left behind, making sure they've got everything they need. Our local post also awards scholarships to high

school seniors who will soon begin their college careers.

The Veteran's Hall, as it is commonly known, is Post 44's headquarters. There is much more to the building than the outside patio, deck, and bar. Behind the scenes there's a flurry of activity. The rifle squad is preparing for the various military ceremonies that they're involved in. Boxes of goodies are being taped up for their voyages across to Afghanistan. Phone cards are being mailed to Iraq. Members are on the phone inquiring about an island resident's son/daughter who was injured in a car accident stateside. Others are cooking up some good stuff on the grill and in the kitchen. A band is practicing in a spare room and a promotion party is being held in the back room for an active duty member. These things would not happen without the support of the membership.

Through volunteer help the hall has been making great leaps in the overall appearance of the building. Some members and the occasional non-members have donated hundreds of hours to remodel the kitchen and paint the interior rooms and hallways. When the trailers were phased out, a friendly volunteer donated his deck, plants, and two horseshoe pits. The Vet's Hall is non-smoking and there is now a dedicated area for diners and/or parties.

Post 44 is holding a Mongolian BBQ fundraiser for the Legion at 5:30 p.m., May 23. Families are welcome. Tickets are currently on sale: adults 40 dollars, children 20 dollars. The *Insane Gecko Posse* will begin playing at 9 p.m. All monies go directly towards the above mentioned Legion causes, both on a national and local level.

## BOATING SAFETY TIPS

- Keep an eye out for changing weather conditions and be prepared to act when water or weather conditions require. It is important that you take the time to continually observe your environment. Strong tradewinds can cause steep waves in SAR pass, plan accordingly.
- Use your common sense! This means operating at a safe speed at all times, especially in crowded areas. Be alert at all times, and steer clear of large vessels and watercrafts that can be restricted in their ability to stop or turn. Also be respectful of buoys and other navigational aids.
- Make sure that your crew knows your day's float plan and that there is someone on board confident enough to run the boat, should you

not be able to.

- Check your boat for all required safety equipment such as life jackets, fire extinguishers, radios, gas tanks, ladder, dive flags, first aid/safety kit, etc.
- Consider the size of your boat, the number of passengers and the amount of extra equipment that will be on-board. DON'T OVERLOAD THE BOAT!
- Leave your alcohol behind. Work to increase your safety, not increase your risks!
- Fill out a float plan at the Small Boat Marina (SBM) before departure. Private boats that will be on the water outside the SBM hours of operations must file their float plan with Harbor Control.
- Take a Boating Course. Beginning boaters and experienced experts alike need to be familiar with boating safety rules of operation.



# Eleven servicemembers die in Iraq, Afghanistan

**Master Sgt. Mark W. Coleman**, 40, of Centerville, Wash., died May 2 at Khakrez, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

**1st Lt. Brandon A. Barrett**, 27, of Marion, Ind., died May 5 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Spc. Eric M. Finniginam**, 26, of Colonia, Federated States of Micronesia, died May 1 at Forward Operating Base Blessing, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using indirect fire. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo.

**Spc. Wade A. Slack**, 21, of Waterville, Maine, died May 6 at Jaghatu, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using indirect fire. He was assigned to the 707th Ordnance Company (Explosive Ordnance Disposal), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

**Lance Cpl. Richard R. Penny**,

21, of Fayetteville, Ark., died May 6 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Staff Sgt. Esau S.A. Gonzales**, 30, of White Deer, Texas, died May 3 in Mosul, Iraq, of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 38th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, Fort Stewart, Ga.

**Lance Cpl. Joshua M. Davis**, 19, of Perry, Iowa, died May 7 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Lance Cpl. Christopher Rangel**, 22, of San Antonio, Texas, died May 6 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Capt. Kyle A. Comfort**, 27, of Jacksonville, Ala., died May 8 in Helmand province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents



attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga.

**Cpl. Kurt S. Shea**, 21, of Frederick, Md., died May 10 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. This incident is under investigation.

**Spc. Jeremy L. Brown**, 20, of McMinnville, Tenn., died May 9 at Contingency Outpost Zerok, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.



## Making allies

U.S. Army 1st Lt. Nicholas Eidemiller of 1st Platoon, Able Company, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173 Airborne Brigade Combat Team shakes hands with a member of the Afghan National Army in the Noorgal district, Kunar province, Afghanistan, on May 1. This was part of a community development council meeting.

DoD photo by Spc. Lorenzo Ware, U.S. Army. (Released)

**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](http://www.krsjv.com), on the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office and on the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board. Full job descriptions and requirements for Contract openings are located online at [www.krsjv.com](http://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.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS are needed at the school. If interested fill out an application and submit it through Human Resources Office Building 700.

**LOST**

MAUI JIM LAGOON SERIES sunglasses on May 1. If found call Mike at 58865.

IPOD, 5TH GENERATION, hot pink, between Ivy Gym and Lincoln in new housing. Reward. Call 53244.

**PATIO SALE**

MONDAY, 7-9 a.m., quarters 418-A. Multi-family yard sale, adult clothes and household goods.

**FOR SALE**

HUGE PCS SALE at quarters 126-A. Everything has a price; bedrooms, living room and bathroom things.



THE KWAJALEIN GOLF Association presents the 42nd Annual Coral Open May 23-24 and May 30-31. Cost is \$100 for KGa members, \$130 for non-members, price includes entry fee, dinner for one, drinks provided on the course, and a t-shirt. Dinner for KGa Members is \$35 and for non-members is \$40, T-shirts \$15. Banquet to be held at 7 p.m., June 1, at Emon Beach. Please submit payment to KGa, PO Box 116, APO, AP 96555. Contact Jim Bishop at [jimbishop1@gmail.com](mailto:jimbishop1@gmail.com) for sign-ups and tickets for dinner.

Also selling two bikes and a burley. Please come by or call 52640 all week long. Come by quick before it's all gone.

DESK CHAIR, lilac, on rollers, \$10; TV table, black/tan, with two adjustable shelves, \$25; typing table, \$10; woodgrain TV table with shelf and storage with doors, \$30; small side table with pullout shelf, \$10; plastic three-drawer storage unit, \$10 and Sisco Protector Anti-Theft steel safe, model 1071, with key and combo lock, \$50. Call 54538 after work and 50936 during the day.

WEBER CHARCOAL GRILL, 22 inch, with weather cover, used, but in very good condition, \$35. Please call 52608.

KITEBOARD PACKAGE, includes kite, board, bar, lines and bag, \$750 and instant pop-up two-person tent, \$75. Call 52525.

COUCH AND RECLINERS. Call 55176.

SEADOO, 2002, red, and boat shack, lot #30, Ryan Wagner's old shack, \$3,000; 7'2" Surfboard with bag, \$250 and Lamborghini bike, female, \$75. Call 52279 or 54488.

SCHWINN ADULT TRIKE, 26 inch, top of the line, 3-speed, only used 45 days while mother visited, \$500. Call Dennis at work, 51850, or home, 54489.

PIANO, very good condition, \$300 or best offer; cherry TV cabinet, \$25; computer desk with hutch, \$35; large computer desk armoire, \$30; black floor lamp, \$10; two hanging porch chairs, \$20 each; bookcase, tall and thin for paper backs or CD's, \$10; two white shoe racks, \$5 each; 25' carpet runner, \$10; carpet, blue, 5x7, \$15; whirlpool microwave, \$50; dishwasher, \$200 or best offer. Call Lynne at 51580.

DISHWASHER, \$150; small dresser, \$30; tall book shelf, \$25; two wood storage cabinets, \$25 each; small kitchen sink with countertop, \$75; metal and glass computer desk, \$30; elevated/loft bed frames, queen, standard and two twin sizes, \$30-40; ceiling fan, \$15

and glass top patio table, \$20. Call 51444.

FLAT SCREEN TV, 47 inch, \$800 and TV stand, \$50. Call 52713 and leave a message.

THREE GREEN ASTRO-TURF sections for outdoor ground cover, one 12'x8', one 8'x9' and one 4'x9', \$40 or best offer and plants, \$5 each. Call 58121 or stop by quarters 121-B.

SUN BIKE, \$100; Huffy bike, great for spare parts, \$20; TV stand, \$20 and lawn mower, \$75. If you are interested please call 51035. All prices are negotiable.

COMPUTER, ready to connect to your HDTV or Monitor, 3.2GHz, 2GB-RAM 500GB of Storage, two DVD-RWs, HD Audio, Dual Gigabit LAN, USB2.0, Firewire, RAID, SATA II, eSATA, new case and power supply, very quiet, WindowsXP Media Center 2005, Microsoft Office 2003 and Antivirus, \$400. Call Bob at 50937 or 50165.

FOUR-PIECE SECTIONAL, microfiber, scotch guarded, with two recliners and a chase and a full four-piece canopy style bedroom set. Please call 52640 for details

PULSE NITROUS KICK-N-GO scooter, four-months-old, in great shape, pearl white, \$40. Call 52642 to test ride.

ALUMINUM PATIO CANOPY to cover L-shaped patio, includes silver sunshade 20'x10' canopy and bungees, \$250. Call 54586.

JIFFY STEAMER, industrial model, can be used for clothing, upholstery, draperies, linens, crafts, hats, wigs, can be used in place of dry cleaner services, \$25. Call 55945.

PATIO COVER UMBRELLA for your entire patio furniture, brand new from Target, bought it new for \$400, selling new for \$250. Call 52640.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

THE KWAJ RUNNING CLUB is holding its final Fun

**Religious Services**

Catholic

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

*Café Pacific*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	May 22
Carved top round	Grilled pork chops	Beef stroganoff	Char siu roast pork	Swiss steak	Tostada bar	Savory pot roast
Vegetable ragu	Herb roast chicken	Egg noodles	Chicken katsu	Chicken/peapod stir-fry	Kalua pork/cabbage	Turkey tetrazzini
Chicken ala orange	Ham marco polo	Chicken picatta	Crab chow fun	Tuna casserole	Cheeseburger mac	Beans in broth
Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Sloppy Joes	Grill: Teriyaki burger	Grill: Sicilian hoagies	Grill: N/A	Grill: Chili dog
Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BBQ meatballs	Cantonese pork loin	Hamburger steak	Kwaj fried chicken	Carved london broil	Ham steak Hawaiian	BYO pizza
Cajun chicken wings	Tandouri chicken	Turkey/peapod stir-fry	Honey lime mahi	Garlic roast chicken	Shoyu chicken	Chicken cacciatore
Meat/cheese pizza	Fried eggplant	Collard greens	Chopped steak	Baked potatoes	Turkey white bean chili	Tortellini carbonara

Run on at 5:30 p.m., May 17, in front of the library. Distances are 1/2, 2 and 4 miles. Bring the entire family; strollers and walkers are welcome. Let's make this last Fun Run of the season a blow-out event!!

BUMPER BUDDIES BOWLING 12-3 p.m., May 16 at the bowling center. Families come enjoy bowling without gutter balls. All ages welcome. \$2.25 per game, \$1.50 for shoes. Bounce House from 12-2 p.m.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL meeting is at 7 p.m., May 19, in the Elementary School Coconut Room. The public is invited to attend. Your input is always appreciated.

JR/SR ART SHOW will be from 6-7 p.m., May 20, in the Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room, before the JR/SR High Choir and Band Concert. Art work will be available for viewing after the concert as well.

JR/SR HIGH CHOIR and Band Concert is at 7 p.m., May 20, in the Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room, featuring Concert Band, Choir, Junior Band and Stage Band.

PASSPORT PHOTOS will be taken from 3-4 p.m., May 20, in building 730, room 124, USAKA TOC Bldg, behind the Post Office. Cost is \$10 per set. Passport applications are available outside the USAKA Legal Office entrance. Questions, call Nelda Reynolds at 53417.

BINGO NIGHT at the Pacific Club is May 20. Card sales begin at 5:30 p.m., Bingo play begins at 6:30 p.m. Blackout completion at 58 numbers \$1,800.00 payout. Windfall completion at 27 numbers \$1,700.00 payout. Must be 21 to enter and play, bring your ID. Questions, Call Erik Wills at 53338.

KWAJALEIN DRUM CIRCLE, 6:30 p.m., May 28, at Emon Beach. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun as we "Drum Down the Sun" on this full moon night at the beach. Bring your drum, cowbell, tambourine, or water bucket to join in on a fun. You don't have to be a drummer to join the fun, just bring something to beat on. Beach chairs recommended, dancers welcome. For more information contact Bill Williamson at 54103.

ZOMBIE PROM at the Vet's Hall! Welcome to the Prom of the living dead! This can be a truly fun party, everyone dresses as a zombie at Prom! Come celebrate a night of fun and excitement as Stephanie turns 24! The party starts at 7 p.m., May 29, at the Vet's Hall. Halloween all over again and if you're a lucky little undead couple, you might win the zombie prom king and queen costume competition after some "bloodthirsty" libations on the drink special menu.

DINNER ON EMON BEACH May 29. Menu to include Tender Filet Mignon with roasted red potato, vegetable du jour, fresh garden salad, shrimp cocktail and key lime pie for dessert. Dinner is \$35 for meal card holders and \$40 for non-meal card holders. Gratuity is included, seating is limited. For Payment see Belle Dribo, 58228, at Retail Service Office, building 805, next to the Bowling Center.

GOLF FEES ARE DUE. Golfers, look for your six-month greens fee and locker renewal letter in the mail.

# KASH for KAPAHU Variety Show

## Music, dance, skits and more!

7 p.m., May 16, in the MP Room

- Presented by the Keystone Club
- 100% of proceeds to benefit Kapahu family
- \$10 tickets available at the door

Fees will be accepted without late penalty until May 31 at the Community Activities office or through the mail.

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION will begin at noon, May 31, at Emon beach. Schedule of events to include Pick-up Volleyball Games, Lei making, Face Painting, Inflatables, Limbo Contest, Kayak Rides, Piñatas for the kids, Fish Toss game and Bocce Ball Tourney. Check *Hourglass* and AFN Roller for more detailed information soon.

PEST CONTROL will be doing island wide night spray operations through the month of May. Spray operations will only give temporary relief at best from flies and mosquitoes. Please dispose of all trash properly in sealed trash bags. If you live in the housing

area clean out your trash container regularly. Dump all standing water around your home and work place. It takes everyone's efforts to keep flies and mosquitoes from becoming a problem. If you have any questions on how you can do your part please call the Pest Control office at 54738.

THE DENTIST WILL BE OFF-ISLAND from June 13 to July 14. The Dental Clinic will remain open for hygiene appointments. In the event of a Dental Emergency, please call the Hospital at 52224.

CORAL SANDS PAVILION has reopened. Repairs have been completed and it is deemed safe for use. For safety questions with the facility, please contact ES&H at 51134.

### Café Roi

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	May 22
London broil	Roast chicken	Italian sausage hoagies	Grilled cheese	Chicken and pesto	Grilled Rubeen sandwich	Chicken sandwich
Smokey mountain chicken	Beans and sausage	Chicken cacciatore	Beef stroganoff	Cheddar meat loaf	Café Roi beef stew	Brisket with gravy
Individual veggie frittata	Crab cake benedict	Onion rings	Mushroom stroganoff	Pasta primavera	Mac and cheese	Black beans
Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage & peppers	Seafood pasta	Carved roast beef	BBQ pork ribs	Charcoal grilled steak	Roi fried chicken	Panda X-press Nite
Chicken parmesan	Cabbage rolls	Chef's special entree	Panko fish fillets	Huli huli chicken	Baked eggplant	Orange chicken
Pasta & marinara	Eggplant parmesan	Corn on the cob	Mashed potatoes	Pasta del giorno	Cole slaw	Mongolian beef

# Former Kwaj Kid Marcy Peterson receives outstanding undergraduate academic award

## Berry College Press Release

Marcy Peterson graduated from Berry College in December with an impressive list of accomplishments on her resume. Now she can add one more — the Martha Berry Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement.

Peterson, who now lives in Colorado, was recognized in absentia during Berry's 2010 Honors Convocation. In his remarks, President Steve Briggs shared fond memories of the student who came to Berry from the Marshall Islands, some 7,000 miles away in the South Pacific, and actually learned to drive while living on the world's largest college campus.

"There was no need for an automobile on her home island," he explained.

Peterson's accomplishments went far beyond her ability to drive a car. Academically, she was a standout, graduating with a double major in economics and French. Outside the classroom, she was equally successful, exhibiting excellence as a tutor, leader, athlete and student worker.

The winner of the 2009 Miss Berry competition, Peterson served as president of the Lambda Sigma sophomore honor society and also distinguished herself as an orientation leader and mentor for



Former Kwaj Kid and Kwajalein High School graduate Marcy Peterson has received the Martha Berry Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement from Berry College.

Berry's newest students. She was a member of the Omicron Delta Epsilon economics honor society, which she represented in student government, and Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society. She also served on the planning committee for Berry's annual homecoming carnival.

Peterson worked for three years as a research assistant in the Campbell School of Business, where she was a Cage Scholar.

Dr. John Grout, the Campbell School dean, lauded her commitment, noting that she worked "harder than any paid research assistant I have ever hired." She also spent a year studying abroad in France.

"Martha Berry was dedicated to the education of the whole person: head, heart and hands," President Briggs stated. "Marcy Peterson demonstrated excellence in each of these areas as she used her time at Berry well to prepare herself for a life in service to others."

## Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Sunday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: ENE at 15-20 knots.  
 Monday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-ENE at 16-22 knots.  
 Tuesday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. Winds: NE-ENE at 15-20 knots.  
 Wednesday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. Winds: NE-ENE at 13-18 knots.  
 Thursday: Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: ENE-E at 13-18 knots.  
 Friday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: ENE at 12-17 knots.

Annual total: 12.44 inches  
 Annual deviation: -11.20 inches

Call 54700 for updated forecasts or visit [www.rts-wx.com](http://www.rts-wx.com).

### Sunrise/set Moonrise/set High Tide Low Tide

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Sunday	6:30 a.m./7:01 p.m.	8:04 a.m./9:07 p.m.	5:20 a.m., 4.7' 5:45 p.m., 3.4'	11:48 a.m., -0.6' 11:35 p.m., -0.5'
Monday	6:30 a.m./7:01 p.m.	9:04 a.m./10:05 p.m.	5:59 a.m., 4.6' 6:27 p.m., 3.2'	12:30 a.m., -0.6'
Tuesday	6:30 a.m./7:02 p.m.	10:05 a.m./11:00 p.m.	6:42 a.m., 4.4' 7:15 a.m., 3.4'	12:15 a.m., 0.0' 1:17 p.m., 0.0'
Wednesday	6:29 a.m./7:02 p.m.	11:04 a.m./11:52 p.m.	7:31 a.m., 4.1' 8:14 p.m., 2.8'	1:01 a.m., 0.1' 2:12 a.m., 0.2'
Thursday	6:29 a.m./7:02 p.m.	12:01 a.m.	8:31 a.m., 3.7' 9:30 a.m., 2.7'	1:59 a.m., 0.4' 3:19 p.m., 0.4'
Friday	6:29 a.m./7:02 p.m.	12:56 a.m./12:41 p.m.	9:47 a.m., 3.4' 11:01 a.m., 2.8'	3:17 p.m. 0.6' 4:37 p.m., 0.4'
May 22	6:29 a.m./7:02 p.m.	1:34 p.m./1:27 a.m.	11:14 a.m., 3.2' 9:30 a.m., 2.7'	4:56 p.m., 1.0' 5:53 p.m., 0.2'