

Ramirez and Donre top Pohnpei's spelling bee

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Pohnpei, FSM—Eighth grader Logan Ramirez won this year's Scripps spelling bee and will represent Pohnpei at the next level spelling bee in Guam.

Sixth grader Aliyah Shae Donre was the runner up. Sixth through eighth graders were eligible to participate. This was the first year for a sixth grader to enter the competition and she very nearly won.

Both Ramirez and Donre are from Awak Elementary School. Organizers say that this is the third time in a row that a student from Awak Elementary School has won the spelling bee.



The spelling bee was a collaborative effort amongst the Pohnpei Rotary Club, the Pohnpei State Department of Education, and the Educational Talent Search Program. Sixth through eighth graders from any elementary school in Pohnpei could participate.

In late November, word lists were distributed to all schools and in February there was a written test. Based on that test, a number of students were selected to participate in individual school oral spelling bees. Each school sent the champion of those individual bees to the spelling bee that took place this morning at Pacific Missionary Fellowship church. 25 candidates were selected, two of whom did not show up.

The bee went 8 rounds, leaving Ramirez and Donre as the last spellers standing.

Cheryl Burkindine of the United States Embassy was the official pronouncer.

United Airlines is once again sponsoring the champion speller with a round trip ticket to Guam.



Governor Elimo pulls Chuuk secession issue off the table for a while

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Weno, Chuuk—Citing shortcomings by the Chuuk State Election Commission on the ability to conduct the plebiscite as scheduled, Chuuk's Governor Johnson Elimo issued Chuuk State Executive Order 02-2015 "severing the Chuuk State Plebiscite from the Chuuk State March 3, 2015 Mid Term election. The order was issued on February 23.

In a press release issued today, President Mori announced that he has "temporarily suspended further efforts and activities of the FSM Task Force on National Unity." The President established the task force by executive order on January 27, 2015. The purpose of the task force was to assist and educate Chuukese voters on the question of whether Chuuk State should or should not secede from the Federation.

"I will be proposing, and calling for a leadership meeting between Chuuk State Government, FSM National Government, and representatives of the United States Government to address the underlying issues raised by Chuuk State during the initiated movement to secede," the President's press release said.

"In the meantime, I congratulate and applaud the Governor of Chuuk State and the entire leadership of Chuuk State Government for postponing this plebiscite. I also wish to thank the Task Force and everyone in Chuuk and abroad, for their diligent and tireless efforts to assist in our educational campaign on National Unity."

According to Governor Elimo's Executive Order, the postponement of the plebiscite issue had nothing to do with reconsideration of the

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Pohnpei's new school buses put into service

Pohnpei, FSM—On the day that we published the last issue of The Kaselehlie Press we received an invitation from the Governor's office to attend a "key handing over" ceremony for Pohnpei's new school buses. The ceremony, held on February 18 at the Governor's conference room, was short and to the point and was broadcast live on V6AH State radio station.

Before leaving the room he told the bus drivers that betel nut would not be allowed aboard the buses and that they must be maintained.

Lt. Governor Marcelo Peterson said that our story that said that the bus program was being put on hold due to some funding difficulties was incorrect. When asked if the funding issues had all been resolved he said only that there were a few minor things to take care of but that they were all being resolved and that there was no problem.

The school buses are now on the streets carrying Pohnpei students.



Community College Executive Leadership Teams participate in high performance team training

American Association of Community Colleges

Washington, DC – Four community college presidents along with their executive leadership team members participated in the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) High Performance Team training, January 18-21, 2015 in Washington, DC.

The AACC High Performance Team (HPT) training, funded by the Lumina Foundation, has been established to assist community college leadership teams with moving into high performance mode or can be used as a way to sustain high performance. The program is a four-day focused training that progresses from individual team assessments to managing the team's performance to implementing change management and assessing institutional health. As part of the training, each team receives a coach to facilitate conversations that take place throughout the four-day program.

away from their college campuses to engage in courageous conversations and participate in activities designed to sustain high performance of their leadership teams," said AACC President and CEO Walter G. Bumphus. "We will monitor team progress toward the goals that they have identified as a result of the training, and we are optimistic that they will achieve them."

The four teams that participated in the January training include Cleveland State Community College (TN), College of Micronesia-FSM (Federated States of Micronesia), Mott Community College (MI), and Seminole State College (OK).

"College of Micronesia-FSM was honored to be selected by AACC to participate in this important training. The college's commitment to student success is evident in our mission and strategic plan. The valuable High Performance Team training served to further reaffirm student success as our priority," said College of Micronesia-FSM President and CEO Joseph M. Daisy, EdD.

"The four college teams are led by very accomplished CEOs. We appreciated them taking time



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Australian Embassy presents two Australian movies for free

Approximately 400 people attended screenings of two Australian made movies at the Pohnpei Cinema on February 13 and 14. Ambassador Dr. Terry Bevins told movie goers that the idea of presenting the movies was to give Pohnpeians a bit of a feel for what life is like in the Australian outback of Western Australia, a place he admitted he had never been before and where the movie "Red Dog" was set. That movie, based on a true story, won several prestigious awards.



The other movie "Ten Canoes" is the first ever movie filmed entirely in Australian Aboriginal languages. It is set in Australia's Northern Territories and gives a sense of Australian history and aboriginal culture. It won many more prestigious awards than did "Red Dog" but was not attended by nearly as many people in Pohnpei.



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Micronesia Conservation Trust commends FSM action to protect sharks

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, FSM —The Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) passed legislation Feb. 4 to create a shark sanctuary in the country's full exclusive economic zone (EEZ), which covers nearly 3 million square kilometers (1.1 million square miles) in the western Pacific Ocean.

The Micronesia Conservation Trust, which has worked the past four years with The Pew Charitable Trusts and other conservation organizations to advocate for protection of sharks throughout Micronesia, welcomed the legislation. The measure, expected to be signed into law by President Manny Mori, prohibits the commercial fishing and trade of sharks and their parts.

"Our commitment to the Micronesia Challenge includes the protection of the top predators in our ocean," President Mori said. The Micronesia Challenge is a regional declaration of conservation goals to which the nation agreed in 2006. "Our traditional stories say that sharks protect the people. Now the people will protect the sharks."

On a broader scale, passage of the legislation marks the completion of the Micronesia Regional Shark Sanctuary, which already includes the waters of Palau, the Marshall Islands, and the U.S. territories of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. In total, the area of protected shark habitat across the contiguous area is larger than the size of the European Union.

Creation of the FSM sanctuary follows a grassroots effort spearheaded by the Micronesia Conservation Trust, based in Pohnpei. Led by executive director Willy Kostka, the organization built a coalition of conservationists, traditional leaders, and students to advocate for protection of sharks throughout Micronesia. This was a collaborative effort between national and state governments and various stakeholders, including the Office of the President, Senator Singkoro Harper and the FSM National Congress, FSM Department of Justice, FSM R&D, NORMA, National Fisheries Corporation, Caroline Fisheries Corporation, Luen Thai, Pohnpei Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture, and local conservation organizations and partners.

"More than 8,000 students from across the region signed petitions to support these protections," Kostka said. "This is something the people wanted."

Passage of the FSM's law creates the 10th shark sanctuary in the world and cements the country as a global leader in shark conservation. The sanctuary will protect iconic species such as silky and thresher sharks, which are considered near threatened and threatened, respectively, by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Worldwide, an estimated 100 million sharks are killed each year in commercial fisheries. Nearly 30 percent of all known shark species assessed by scientists are threatened with extinction.

"The completion of the Micronesia Regional Shark Sanctuary is truly a landmark action because it joins together a massive swath of the western Pacific as a trans-boundary sanctuary for all the sharks that migrate across this huge ocean region," said Angelo Villagomez, a shark expert with Pew. "We look forward to working with our partners in the FSM to make certain that the implementing regulations ensure strong protections for sharks."

Sharks play an important role in maintaining the health of the entire ocean. As top predators, they regulate the variety and abundance of other species in the food web, including commercially important fish. Sharks help maintain healthy marine habitats, such as coral reefs.

They also are among the foremost species that scuba divers want to see, and their presence helps attract tourists to these islands. By establishing a shark sanctuary, the FSM is acting to strengthen the marine ecosystem, including coral reefs, and helping to secure industries, such as tourism, that depend on a healthy ocean.

MCT and Pew wish to thank the following people, organizations, and government agencies, for whom this sanctuary could not have been completed without:

- Mwoalen Wahu Ileile en wein Pohnpei (Traditional Leadership Council of Pohnpei State)
- Micronesia Traditional Leaders Council
- H.E. President Emmanuel "Manny" Mori
- Micronesia Chief Executives
- Association of Pacific Island Legislatures and Members
- FSM Congress and staff attorney, Alik Jackson
- FSM R&D Secretary Marion Henry and Assistant Secretary Alissa Takesy
- FSM Department of Justice
- FSM Postal Services, Mrs. Ginger Porter-Mida
- Chuuk State Governor, Honorable Mr. Johnson Elimo
- Chuuk State Government
- Chuuk State Fisheries, Resources, and Marine Conservation Agencies
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- National Fisheries Corporation (NFC)
- Caroline Fisheries Corporation (CFC)
- Luen Thai
- The Nature Conservancy
- Chuuk Conservation Society
- Conservation Society of Pohnpei
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Pohnpei EPA environmental surveillance laboratory certified

19 February 2015

Pohnpei – The U.S. Freely Associated States Laboratory Certification Program has re-certified the Pohnpei EPA Environmental Surveillance Laboratory to analyze drinking water under the Colilert® Method and marine and other surface water samples under the Enterolert™ Method.



Laboratory Supervisor

Fermin Scaliem and Lab Analyst Quinton Lawrence were also re-certified as Laboratory Technicians for the Colilert® and Enterolert™ Methods.

The certification audit was done by USEPA Certification Officer Edna Buchan. The certifications are effective until 2017.

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and a practical demonstration of proficiency test. Certification provides assurances that the lab produces scientifically valid and legally defensible data, and that the staff are qualified to analyze water samples for bacterial contamination.

Certificates were presented to the Pohnpei EPA Environmental Surveillance Laboratory and to individual technicians at an awards ceremony held at the Pohnpei EPA Office on Thursday 19 February 2015.

During the ceremony, Ms. Buchan

recognized the accomplishments of the lab in maintaining fully certification for both drinking water and marine water. "Acting-Executive Director Henry Susaia and his staff are very deserving of this re-certification, and we are extremely pleased to find that Pohnpei EPA has continued to uphold the highest level of laboratory practice standards since their initial certification in 2008. The laboratory is truly an excellent facility that provides the water quality data necessary to move forward with protection of public health and sustainable economic development in

Pohnpei State."

We, Pohnpei Environmental Protection Agency would like to thank USEPA representative who always willing to help us with the needs and guidance to help us improve our water quality lab. We thank Ms. Buchan for everything and we look forward to 2017, the next re-certification visit.

...Secession

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matter or to any efforts of a Task Force on National Unity. It had to do with a defect in the implementation of the process of voting that the Governor's order places at the feet of the Election Commission.

His order says that the same law that established the Chuuk State Political Status Commission (CSL 11-12-08 as amended by CSL 12-13-08 and CSL 12-14-23) "also directed the Legislature to transmit to the Chuuk State Election Commission the recommended political status to be submitted to the Chuukese people for adoption in a plebiscite..."

The order said that "the same Chuuk State Law also directs the Election Commission to place the political status question" on the same ballot as the one that carries the names of the candidates for the State mid-term election which is scheduled for March 3, 2015.

It said that the Election Commission "failed to print the plebiscite ballot in the manner and quantity provided by law so as to satisfy the established timeline of the Mid Term election process..."

At the time of signing of the order the election was a day over a week away and, according to the Executive Order, the Election Commission was required to "begin transportation of ballot boxes to polling places not less than a week before the election day..." On that day plebiscite ballots had not yet been printed, "...thereby rendering implementation of the plebiscite legally impossible at this time..."

The order said that "the state's political status question as adopted by the Chuuk State Legislature requires legal preservation until final resolution by the people of Chuuk."

For all of the reasons, Governor Elimo postponed voting on the plebiscite issue

"until a time to be provided by law that addresses the defect with the Plebiscite ballot."

"The postponement of the Plebiscite is due, of course, to the Election Commission's inability to deal with the new situation of a regular election and a plebiscite," wrote Chuuk's Attorney General Sabino Asor in an email. Asor also serves as a member of the Chuuk Political Status Commission.

"The(y) knew the Legislature was sending them the Plebiscite...to put on the ballot, but they went ahead and print(ed) the candidate ballot, and when the Plebiscite question was officially submitted to them, they already were out of money to print the 40,000 ballots," he wrote.

He explained that election law requires that for every eight ballots printed, two must be printed as spares.

Asor said that when the Commission realized that they needed more money for printing in order to accommodate the secession issue on the ballot, they started searching for it. He said that the printer would not print if the Election Commission could not make at least a partial payment. The Political Status Commission and the Governor's office "offered to help, but Finance said they could not use money appropriated for other things" in order to pay for ballot printing. The Legislature was not in session to appropriate money to fund the printing. "By the time the Election Commission admitted it had a problem on its hand(s) beyond help, they are already into their statutory periods to start putting ballot in the boxes and transporting (them) to polling places outside Weno."

He wrote that the Commission had already printed 4,000 ballots and had place them in ballot boxes along with the regular candidate's ballots but they didn't have enough money to print enough ballots for the plebiscite issue.

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First Pohnpeian looks at ten years as police officer



The Friend Newspaper

Mitchell Neth, a member of Waipahu UCC, has been spending a lot of time reflecting these days as he nears his tenth anniversary in the Honolulu Police Department (HPD). Mitchell, who came to Hawai'i from Pohnpei in 1990 and earned a master's degree in criminal justice from Chaminda University, was the first person from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) to become an HPD officer.

In 1986, the United States signed the Compact of Free Association (COFA) allowing Micronesians to live in the United States without a visa or green card and to receive government benefits. In the early 1990s, when Mitchell was still in college, the Micronesian population in Hawai'i was small but growing. Today, thirty percent of Micronesian immigrants in America have settled in Hawai'i, and some see Micronesians as a burden and drain on resources.

"I first learned about discrimination in Hawai'i when entering the police department," Mitchell said. "Some officers think all Micronesians are bad. I tell them we only meet Micronesians who commit crimes because that's our job."

While Mitchell has experienced some prejudice at work, he is pleased to report that some of his colleagues no longer negatively stereotype Micronesians. "I've been able to educate the people I work with, and I believe some guys respect me now," he said.

The son of a Pohnpeian pastor, Mitchell has attended church all his life. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Waipahu UCC and volunteers in a food distribution ministry to the elderly. He said he joined a multicultural church so that he may be a cultural ambassador to the wider Christian community. It is one way to overcome his concern that "nobody takes the time to find Micronesians who are doing good things."

"If I can make more people believe that there are good Christian Micronesians, then they can help spread the word that not all Micronesians are bad," he said. "The church is also a source of hope for us because all people are equal under God."

Mitchell said the answer to prejudice must be education. He has made it a personal mission to inform people that stereotypes such as Micronesians being "lazy and violent" discount many hard workers and entrepreneurs, and that Micronesians are not the first, but just the latest, immigrant group to face discrimination in Hawai'i.

In HPD, Mitchell is one of only twenty-nine motorcycle officers, as well as only one of two from the FSM. He hopes that his success will be an inspiration for the entire Micronesian community. Through hard work and education, he said others can follow their dreams and eventually help reverse prejudice toward them.

"My goal is to move as far up the chain in the police department as possible, to help other Micronesians by being that good example," he said. "I want to represent where I'm from in a positive light on this island."

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION OFFICER

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Kitti Constitution swim meet

Pohnpei Swim Club

February 20, 2015

Pohnpei, FSM—The Kitti Constitution Day swimming carnival was held on the 20th of February at the Pohnpei Swimming Complex in Kolonia. More than 46 competitors took part in the 28 event program throughout the day.

Events included short 25 meter races for novices up to 100 and 200 meters freestyle for the more experienced swimmers.

The event concluded with the team relays. These are always fun events with much cheering to encourage the competitors in the pool.

The Pohnpei Swimming Club, FSM National Olympic Committee, and the Kitti Sports Council were all proud to be a part of this celebratory meet by helping with the organization and running of the day.

Mike Roberts, Director of Swimming at the Pohnpei Swimming Pool congratulated all competitors for having a try, “You don’t have to come in first to be a champion and we saw plenty of champions in the pool at this meet. Well done to all,” he exclaimed.

The event was attended by several dignitaries including Kitti’s royalty.



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Ahi Mour, Ahi Pwukoah!

A campaign to save Pohnpei's Watersheds and Reef Fisheries



Pohnpei State Local Council Government Summit group



On January 25, 2015, the Pohnpei Fisheries Management Working Group kicked off a campaign to save Pohnpei State's watersheds and fisheries during a special session of the Mwoahl en Wahu Ileile en Wein Pohnpei (The Paramount Chiefs Council of Pohnpei Island). The Group, composed of government and non-government organizations, along with Pohnpei fishers and farmers, appeared before the Council with the Nature Conservancy's Pacific Director, Bill Raynor. Mr Raynor thanked the island's Paramount Chiefs for 35 years of hospitality and respect during which time they made him the first American village "talking" chief (Pelien Dahl).

He urged the Traditional Leaders to take control of the Pohnpei Watershed Forest Reserve and the Marine Protected Areas work around the state in order to realize the vision of those who began these partnerships 29 years ago. The vision remains to protect Pohnpei's rich natural resources in order to secure and improve the quality of life for the people of Pohnpei as they depend on these resources for their livelihoods and survival. The Paramount Chiefs Council unanimously agreed to take the lead in this effort and to ensure that the campaign message: Ahi Mour, Ahi Pwukoah (My life. My community. My reef. My responsibility), reaches all the citizens and residents of Pohnpei.



Soukinsehnle declares his support to use natural resources in a sustainable way

Following this commitment, and at the invitation of the Soukinsehnle (Paramount Chief of the municipality of Kitti), the Group was able to present on the rapidly decreasing areas of intact forests and depleting reef fish stocks in Pohnpei at the gathering of the traditional leaders of Kitti municipality on February 14, 2015. Nahnsahuririn Madolenihmw, Mr. Pius Hadley, who is also the Director of the Pohnpei Department of Land & Natural Resources, headed the campaign at the meeting in the community of Enipein Pah, Kitti and continued pushing the message shared by Bill Raynor. At the assembly, Soukinsehnle strongly declared (Poahngoak) that he will no longer allow any illegal, undersized and threatened species in traditional events. The threatened species include turtles, bump-head parrotfish(kemeik) and Napoleon wrasse (Merer). He instructed all the section chiefs of Kitti (Soumas) to do the same in their respective village (Kousapw) feasts and ceremonies. He further instructed the Kitti municipal government to ensure that his message (Poahngoak) is heard and observed by all the residents of Kitti Municipality.



Chief Magistrate (Luhk en Moanlap) Antonio Sarapio, and Senator McGarry Mikel stand with the Pohnpei Fisheries Working Group in support of the campaign.



AHI PWUKOAH
MY REEF. MY COMMUNITY. MY LIFE. MY RESPONSIBILITY

The campaign continued to progress at a gathering of over 100 local government council members, during the Pohnpei State local government Council

Summit on February 19, 2015. A highlight included Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture Administrator Joseph Saimon's response to a question on the need for stronger penalties for fishers; "the best law is the responsibility we take for ourselves", he said. Another highlight was a remark from Council Woman, Yuko Nakasone, who said that she found the presentation 'very enlightening' - she would not have known the gravity and urgency of the problem were it not for the presentation that Executive Director of CSP, Eugene Joseph, delivered at the gathering.



Council women Josepha Pelep, Adorfine John, and Yuko Nakasone



Pohnpei Marine Advisory Council Representative

On 21 February 2014, the message was then shared at a meeting of the Catholic Deacons in Pohnpei. Following discussions among the Deacons and the Working Group, Father Julio Angken and the Deacons affirmed that they would all support and spread the awareness campaign amongst their respective parishes. "The campaign is very much in alignment with our spiritual values. We must be grateful for the gifts in natural resources that God has given us and it is our responsibility to take care of them", said Father Julio Angken.



Catholic Deacons, together in spirit, to help save Pohnpei State's reef fisheries



Mother and daughter in Kitti

The Working Group will continue to campaign in all the municipalities in Pohnpei and with other stakeholder groups. The Working Group is also collaborating with the Pohnpei Women's Council, which has adopted the Ahi Mour, Ahi Pwukoah theme for this year's International Women's Day celebrations on March 13, 2015.

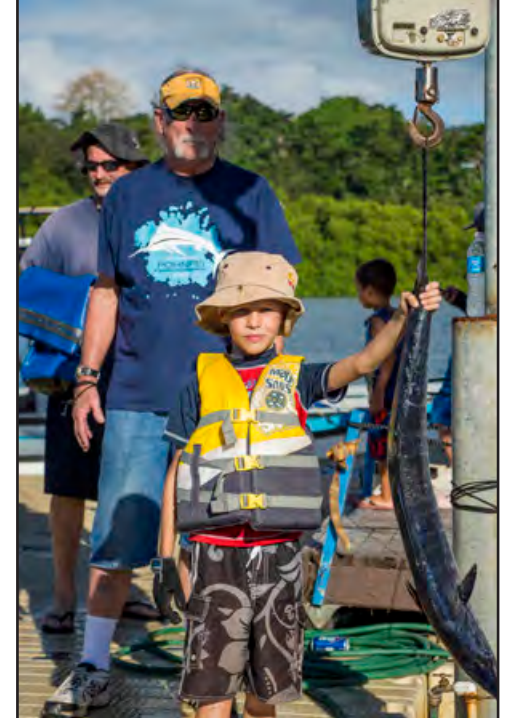


Allois Malfitani takes 96 pound marlin for biggest fish in "Kolonia Klassic" tournament

Pohnpei Fishing Club

February 21, 2015
Pohnpei, FSM—The weather service said that the temperature was 86 degrees on Saturday but that it felt like 111. Just the same 16 boats participated in the Kolonia Klassic fishing tournament sponsored by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission. Fishers landed several very nice fish and a lot of sunburns.

The prizes were all cash and there were some happy anglers out there. The following is the listing of all anglers and prizes.



CATEGORY	BOAT NAME	ANGLER	SPECIES	
1ST BIGGEST FISH \$400.00	Pohnpei Surf Club	Allois Malfitani	Marlin	96lb.
2ND BIGGEST FISH \$300.00	Salt Addiction	Tommy Reiher	Marlin	58lb.
3RD BIGGEST FISH \$150.00	Team Cupid	Andy Musrasik	Wahoo	20.5lb.
BIGGEST SPECIES:				
BIGGEST YELLOWFIN \$100.00	Black Sand	Rodney Phillip	Yellowfin	8lb.
BIGGEST MAHI MAHI \$100.00	Poahwoahwoa Boat	Welber Davd	Mahi Mahi	19.5lb.
BIGGEST SKIP JACK \$100.00		Mary Tretnoff	Skip Jack	15lb.
BIGGEST WAHOO \$100.00	Bavaria I	Konrad Englberger	Wahoo	19lb.
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Many thanks to the Tuna Commission for sponsoring the tournament. We had a great turnout at the weigh in. Also many thanks to Mangrove Bay, for hosting the weigh-in and also donating a sunset cruise that was raffled off. Sam Taufao won the cruise.

The proceeds of the barbecue and the sunset cruise raffle went to the Pohnpei Public Library.

Many thanks to the people who helped out, Tina, Praise, Bill, Paul and Kumer's guys on the boom truck, along with Uta and Sandy manning the hot dog and raffle booth for the Library.

The club also has 2015 t-shirts for sale. Also since this is a new year it's time to renew memberships if you have not signed up yet.

The next fishing tournament is March 21. Get ready for a lot more fishing this year.



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So what would happen if we had ebola in FSM?

As the Ebola crisis in West Africa continues into its 12th month, with well over 9000 deaths and in excess of 20,000 cases one can't help but wonder what would happen if we had a case in FSM?

Ebola virus diseases is a severe often fatal illness. On average, in West Africa, about half the people with this disease die. The initial symptoms can include sudden illness, intense weakness, muscle pain and a sore throat. Similar symptoms occur in a number of other diseases such as malaria, typhoid fever, shigellosis, cholera, leptospirosis and hepatitis.

Ebola is highly infectious. The virus is spread by direct contact with blood or bodily fluids of infected persons. The incubation period: the time from when a patient has been exposed to the virus until the time symptoms and disease appears ranges from 2-21 days. Patients however, only become infectious when they are sick. The risk of Ebola reaching the FSM is very low. There are very few travellers from Ebola affected areas of West Africa to the FSM. People who have been in contact with patients with Ebola are restricted from travel until 21 days after their last contact. Any person entering the FSM must first travel through Guam or Honolulu, and may have gone through several customs and immigration screenings, where it is hoped that any potential cases may have already been picked up.

In the unlikely event that a suspected or actual case of Ebola Virus Disease entered the FSM, what would our health workers and rapid response teams do? With the training provided by the World Health Organization (WHO) Ebola experts from February 9-11 at the Pohnpei State Hospital training room, health care workers are much better equipped to answer this question. Dr Angela Merinos a Public Health Clinician from WHO Suva Office and Nurse Danielle Ballantyne, Head Nurse from Medicins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders) Ebola treatment Centre in Liberia, led teams of isolation ward staff through a series of lectures and exercises. In a role play held at the end of the training the team was given the scenario of a 46 year old male Policeman who had been recently working in Liberia going to the Kitti dispensary. He arrived in Pohnpei by plane a few days earlier. He complained of feeling unwell, had a fever and was vomiting. He has some abdominal pain but was alert and able to walk.

In the role play, the hospital was alerted right away and the ambulance was directed to take the patient to the special entrance to the isolation unit. As the ambulance neared the hospital the dedicated isolation staff gathered their Ebola containment suits and helped each other to get dressed. The ambulance attendant handed over the 'patient' to the hospital staff, where they placed him into one of the 4 isolation rooms in the 'red zone'. The doctor and nurse examined the patient and took a blood sample to check for Ebola. A lab tech waited in the yellow zone to receive the specimen; packed it up according to International Dangerous Goods Transport Regulations and

alerted the CDC lab in Atlanta of the date and time to expect the specimen.

Once the patient was settled the red zone the staff then began the arduous task of decontaminating themselves and safely removing their 'space-man' suits. The suits are much the same as seen on CNN when footage of Ebola is shown: yellow coveralls with hood, rubber boots, gloves, mask, and visors. As can be imagined these suits are very hot and uncomfortable, Staff wearing the suits complained that their movement was restricted and vision reduced. Nurse Danielle recommended that staff can only safely work in these suits for one hour. Longer than that they may become dehydrated and very tired.

The dressing up in the suits was performed in pairs and followed a strict sequence. Staff had to stretch and bend and check in mirrors that every inch of their skin was covered, and that the suits had not been damaged.

Removing the suits was very much harder. The removal of the suits required trained pairs of health workers. One worker carried a decon spray pack on their back and sprayed the worker with dilute bleach (It was comforting to learn that bleach kills the Ebola virus.) and watched with 'eagle eyes' to make sure the person removing their suit didn't touch the contaminated outside of the suit. This required quite some dexterity on the part of the person wearing the suit. They had to contort themselves and jump and jiggle around as if trying to remove a tarantula from their backs. After each little step the worker had to wash their gloved hands in dilute bleach. The final step of spraying their boots with bleach enabled them to step back into the relative freedom of the yellow zone.

The trainer's verdict on the state of the isolation rooms; 'not too bad, in fact

better than a lot I have seen'. With just a few modifications to accommodate the mandated red, yellow and green zones the unit could be declared ready to receive a 'person under investigation' or anyone with a highly infectious disease that was spread by direct contact.

What about treatment for Ebola patients? The recommendation from WHO is supportive care only, and not to perform procedures that spread blood and body fluids about. This basically means pain and fever meds and making sure the patient is well hydrated.

What about those people suspected of having Ebola but who don't actually have it? Well that is a bit of a problem. Patients must have two separate blood specimens confirmed negative for Ebola before they can leave isolation. The infrequent and long flights to Atlanta, where the Ebola reference lab is located, means the patient may have to be in isolation for a week or two.

What about handling the deceased? This has been a big concern in Africa, and would probably be very upsetting for Micronesians as well. Human remains must be removed by space-man suited rapid response teams and placed in heavy duty leak-proof body bags. The outside of the bag must be decontaminated before placing inside a coffin. To prevent the spread of infection a strict rule of no handling of or washing the body must be enforced.

FSM has a small stock of space-man suits, a core team of trained isolation unit staff and there are isolation units in each FSM hospital. Let's hope that Ebola never reaches FSM, but if it does we have a tested response plan.

Lisa Kohler
*Emergency Preparedness Program
FSM Department Health & Social Affairs*



Nurse Sam of Chuuk , helps Dr Masao from Kosrae check her 'space-man' suit.

CES and EFNEP distributed recipe calendar for 2015



JICA

The population of obese and overweight people in the Federated States of Micronesia has increased since 1980. Now, the FSM is one of seven countries in the world where the prevalence of obesity exceeds 50% among women. Furthermore, the increase of obesity-related diseases is becoming a serious problem.

Cooperative Extension Service (CES) and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) made the Recipe Calendar to encourage members of the community to consume more fruits and vegetables. We hope that eating more fruits and vegetables will make people eat less carbohydrates and fatty food. We also hope balanced meals improve people's health and decrease the rate of obesity and other non-communicable diseases

The calendar shows 12 recipes using a lot of local foods and methods which are also described with many pictures.

We have already distributed them to many agencies, such as hospitals, dispensaries and in the College of Micronesia FSM campus etc.



Recipe Calendar

Puzzles



- 47 Works for actors
- 49 Rough and outspoken
- 51 Fought for air
- 54 Not our
- 56 Diffusion through a membrane
- 58 For fun
- 62 One of these
- 63 Uninteresting
- 65 Danny DeVito's "Taxi" role
- 66 "Women and Love" author
- 67 Tel _
- 68 Touch of color
- 69 Rushed
- 70 Computer command
- 71 Readily available

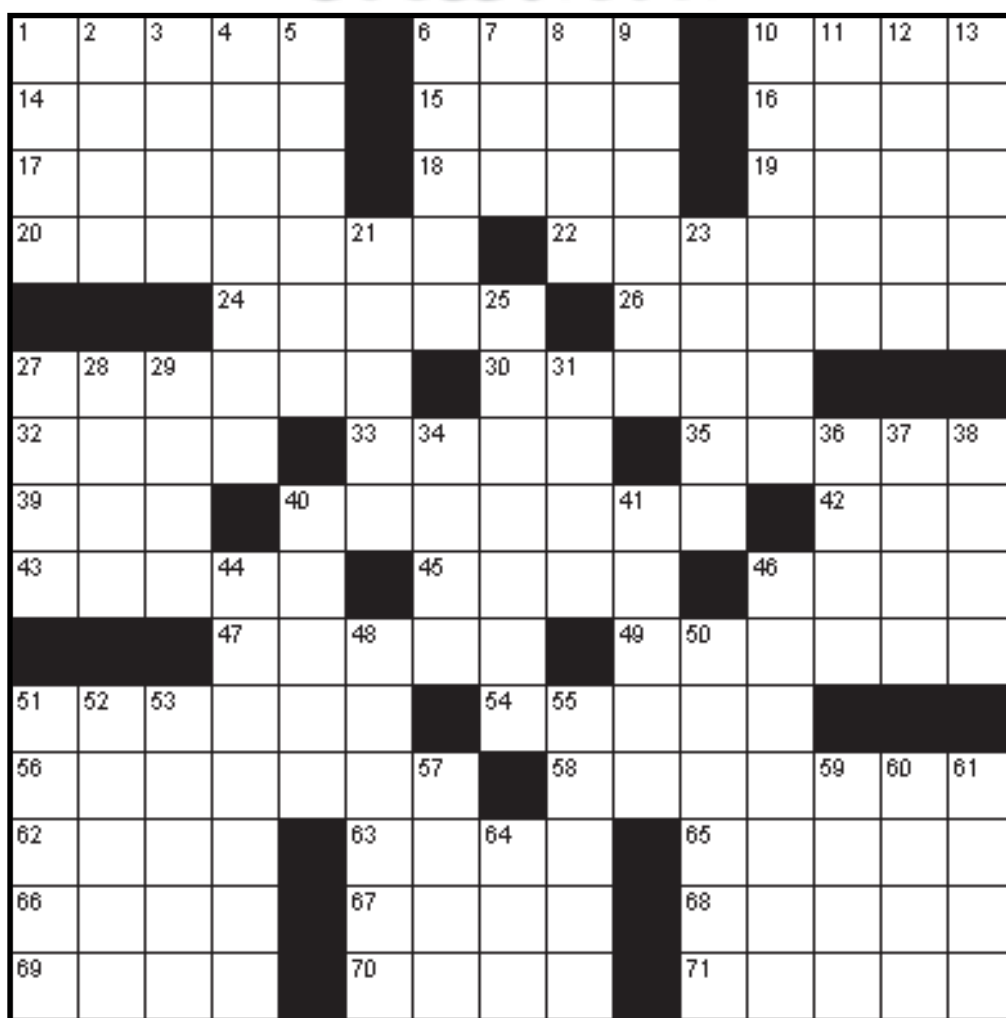
Across

- 1 Lights
- 6 Thomas _ Edison
- 10 Actor Lugosi
- 14 Banish
- 15 Great Trek participant
- 16 Berserk
- 17 Funny man Woody
- 18 "Touched _ Angel"
- 19 Persian fairy
- 20 Must
- 22 Speaker's spot
- 24 Billy, Nanny and the kids?
- 26 English counties
- 27 Heraldic dragon
- 30 Orbital point
- 32 Weeding tools
- 33 Commotion
- 35 D-day beach
- 39 Like some vbs.
- 40 Checkpoint sites
- 42 Yang's opposite
- 43 Words of agreement
- 45 "I _ Kick Out Of You"
- 46 Hang in the balance

Down

- 1 "Ryan's Daughter" director
- 2 Wheel support
- 3 Race distance
- 4 Promises
- 5 It picks up readings
- 6 Monks' head
- 7 Frequent Powell co-star
- 8 Calf's flesh
- 9 TV's "Gunsmoke" star
- 10 Christening
- 11 Mideast prince
- 12 Mr Moto portrayer Peter
- 13 Actor Claude
- 21 So much, to Solti
- 23 Aegean island
- 25 Most pathetic
- 27 Caprice

Crossword



- 28 Days gone by
- 29 Green, in heraldry
- 31 Longfellow, e.g.
- 34 Wild party
- 36 Passing remarks?
- 37 Helpful suggestion
- 38 Capp of comics
- 40 Tree trunks
- 41 Track events
- 44 Anti
- 46 Filch
- 48 Gymwear name
- 50 Commercial area of Venice
- 51 Ancient invaders
- 52 On board
- 53 Afflict
- 55 Reduce by 50 percent
- 57 Fiji's capital
- 59 Female relative
- 60 Baltic port
- 61 Retain
- 64 Actress Ullmann

Word Search - Soon -

- Buffoonery
- Burlesque
- Clowning
- Comedy
- Drollery
- Farce
- Gags
- Japes
- Jests
- Jocularly
- Jokes
- Nonsense
- Parody
- Puns
- Raillery
- Satire
- Slapstick
- Wisecracks
- Witticism



“Showers of blessings” for the Sekere community

Japan provides grant for multi-purpose community center

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

February 25, 2015

Pohnpei, FSM—Big things have been happening in Sekere, Pohnpei during the last few weeks. This morning’s ceremony was a portent of even bigger things to come for the sometimes maligned community. During that ceremony, the Ambassador of Japan to the FSM, His Excellency Masaki Sakai signed over a grant of \$194,628 to the Department of Education of Pohnpei on behalf of the Sekere Community Youth Association in order to build a new multi-purpose community center on the property of Sekere Elementary School.

On any given afternoon motorists driving by Sekere Elementary School can see hoards of young people on the concrete slab there playing volleyball, shooting the one remaining hoop, or just hanging out, rain or shine. Sure enough, rain brought this afternoon’s ceremony to an unceremonious close as students and other participants scrambled for shelter. Ambassador Sakai was heard to say, “This shows why the center is needed.”

According to Pohnpei wisdom, rain brings a blessing of better things to come. Sekere is long overdue for that kind of blessing.

Recently the Sekere Community Youth Association (SCYA) received a grant from what they called “Global Greengrant Funds”. SYCA President, Nixon Ludwig said that Willy Kostka of the Micronesia Conservation Trust helped them to get the grant. The \$5000 they received has helped them to begin to implement a calendar of community wide cleanup campaigns.

On February 14, members of the community began a river cleanup campaign. Many members of the community, including Lepen Sekere Senator Rensper Liwy and his family participated in that cleanup which will recommence on Saturday, February 28. On February 21 members met at the Sekere Elementary School playground. After a short ceremony, approximately 100 members of the community hit the streets for a roadside cleanup campaign.

The idea for the multi-purpose community center is not a new one. When the SCYA held a ceremony in 2012 to celebrate their establishment, organizers then told the Kaselehlie Press that they had dreams of a community center/gym where people in the community could safely come together. That dream will soon be a reality.

An SCYA spokesperson said that the group approached the Japanese Embassy about the possibility of a grant for the project under Japan’s grassroots program. He said that SCYA was encouraged by the Ambassador’s interest in the idea. SCYA said that shortly thereafter, Ambassador Sakai contacted Governor Ehsa to see if Japan and Pohnpei could work together on a government to government arrangement in order to provide the facility.

During his speech today, Governor Ehsa said that Shirly Ligoer was tasked to fill out the applications for the grants for Sekere and a similar project for Nett Elementary, which





were submitted on September 23 of last year. On December 16 the Governor sent a letter to the Ambassador re-affirming the government's commitment to shoulder any costs for the projects in excess of the grant. He said that on February 18 he received official confirmation from the Embassy of Japan of Japan's approval of the grant for the Sekere School multi-purpose building.

The SCYA spokesperson said that Elmer Cuasay drew up plans for the building that were included in the application package. The plans include a stage, locker rooms, a gymnasium floor and a scoreboard, amongst other amenities. SCYA said that the cost of bleachers was prohibitive and so were trimmed from the plan.

It seems that with the elimination of the bleachers, the Japanese Government's funding should be able to cover the total cost of the new facility without any further funding requirements.

David Syne is the Chair of the SCYA board. Lorian Martin is the Vice Chair. Members are Midaro Simina and Hinden Alexander. Advisors are Lepen Sekere Senator Rensper Liwy, and Wehns Billens. The President of SCYA is Nixon Ludwig. Vice President is Perez Amaraich. The Treasurer is Anthony Eliam and the Secretary is Jessica Habuchmai.

Shirley Ligohr said that Pohnpei State is expecting to put the project out for bids very soon. Work on the project should be underway within a matter of



weeks.

Governor Ehsa said that the project is a collaboration of the Sekere Youth Community Association, the Pohnpei Department of Education, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Department of Finance.

The community center was the brain child of the people of Sekere who are all rallied behind it. "We couldn't be more thankful to the Government of Japan," said SCYA President Ludwig. The fact that the grant went to Pohnpei's Department of Education didn't bother him at all. "It's better this way," he said with a smile.



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