



It's sew great!

Waan Aelon in Majel (WAM) staff and students were happy to receive two new sewing machines, maintenance tools, sail-cloth, and other materials donated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS) last month. The machines, which are valued at \$1800, were donated by Church's Humanitarian Aid group, which aims to help the WAM program reach its sustainable development goals. WAM is now ready to provide service to fix sails for yachts and canoes. Photo: Isaac Marty.

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Sandusky holds up bus tires

Bus service for more than 500 Ebeye students who attend high school on Gugeegue Island has been problematic for several years because of washouts and generally poor condition of the Ebeye-Gugeegue causeway.

Last week, however, Ebeye public school administrators ran into an unexpected roadblock from the US Army that further delayed returning a bus to service — and prompted a call for a meeting between Ebeye-based educators and the Army commander.

Kwajalein Atoll High School Principal Julian Riklon and a school mechanic went to the US Army Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA) base on October 23 to buy tires for their school buses. They completed required paperwork through the appropriate agencies, including USAKA, producing a requisition and a bill of sale that were approved.

Kwajalein Atoll High School urgently needed the tires to put



The view of Ebeye from the causeway.

There was a Kwaj boss named Sandusky
Who had a big voice that was husky
He shouted commands, like an Emir on Sands
And was told not to be such a Klutsky.
He answered all quickly enough
Slapping tire thieves firm with a cuff
“Don't try to go round me,
or all that you will see
Is me acting thoughtless and rough!”

back into service one of their three buses. At the time, only two of KAHS' buses were working for the more than 400 students who need daily transportation to Gugeegue and back.

“With only two school buses

running, their schedule is profoundly impacted,” said Gary Elaisha, Principal of Fr. Hacker High School, which experiences similar problems with its buses, but has a smaller student body needing transportation.

The KAHS tires were ready to be picked up and boated over to Ebeye, but USAKA “Harbor Control prevented Julian and his mechanic from loading the boat they chartered to bring the eight tires to Ebeye,” said Elaisha.

Ebeye officials say the tires could have been transported safely to Ebeye on the chartered boat. The tires are said to be under 50 pounds each and can be loaded by one person.

“Most importantly USAKA had approved Julian's request to pick up the tires and bring the tires back to Ebeye from USAKA — yet the harbor control's directive superseded USAKA approval,” Elaisha said. The development prompted

Elaisha to ask: “Is (Guy Sandusky of) Harbor Control subject to the USAKA Commander or is USAKA Commander subject to the Harbor Control?” He said it was obvious some flexibility is needed for urgent Education needs such as the tires.

In response to this incident, the Kwajalein Education Association, a group representing schools around the atoll, requested at meeting with USAKA commander Col. Channon Boehm to discuss education issues, including the recent tire incident.

The educators hope that Col. Boehm can assist in resolving important issues affecting the Kwajalein-Ebeye relationship as it relates to schools.

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Good luck aolep, im jiban Majuro Day Committee eo an 2013

Kwaj missile test a success



The US Missile Defense Agency said it hit four out of five targets in its biggest, most complicated missile defense test involving interceptor rockets launched from Kwajalein.

One was not shot down successfully, MDA said.

The live-fire demonstration (left) was conducted at the US Army's Kwajalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site in Hawaii and surrounding areas in the western Pacific and tested the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD), Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD), and PATRIOT weapon systems, according to a Reuters report. The THAAD system successfully intercepted its first Medium Range Ballistic target in history, the MDA said.

THAAD is a US Army system designed to shoot down short-, medium- and intermediate-range ballistic missiles with an interceptor that slams into its target, and first began field testing in the late 1990s at Kwajalein.