

Ongoing

Burn notice

The Army, in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management's Alaska Fire Service, is initiating several prescribed burns on Fort Richardson training ranges now through the end of May, when weather conditions are favorable for burning and adequate smoke dispersal.

The primary objectives of the prescribed burns are to decrease surface fuels, primarily dead grass, in several training ranges. Removing the burnable vegetation helps increase the number of available training days for the Army. The burns will also help reduce the chance of catastrophic fires in the future.

During the burns, which include areas within the 272-acre Three Ranges facility and the 46-acre Fort Richardson Small Arms Complex, smoke lasting several days can be expected. Firefighting personnel, fire vehicles and other equipment will be in the area to monitor the burns.

Smoke from the debris burn will be visible in the Anchorage area but is expected to dissipate quickly.

For more information about the prescribed fire on Fort Richardson, contact Elmendorf Fire Dispatch at 552-2801 or the BLM Alaska Fire Service Dispatch in Fairbanks at 356-5554.

Free motorcycle training

Military personnel and Department of the Army civilian employees are required to complete an Army-approved motorcycle safety course to operate a motorcycle on military installations. This applies to military personnel on or off post and on or off duty.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course and the Experienced Rider Course are acceptable for meeting this requirement.

The Fort Richardson Safety Office has coordinated with Alaska Bikers Advocating Training and Education of Alaska Inc. to provide this required training. Priority for training will be given to active-duty military, guardsmen, reservists, DA civilians, family members and retirees in that order.

The BRC requires no previous riding experience, and motorcycles will be provided at the training site. Participants in the ERC must provide their own motorcycles.

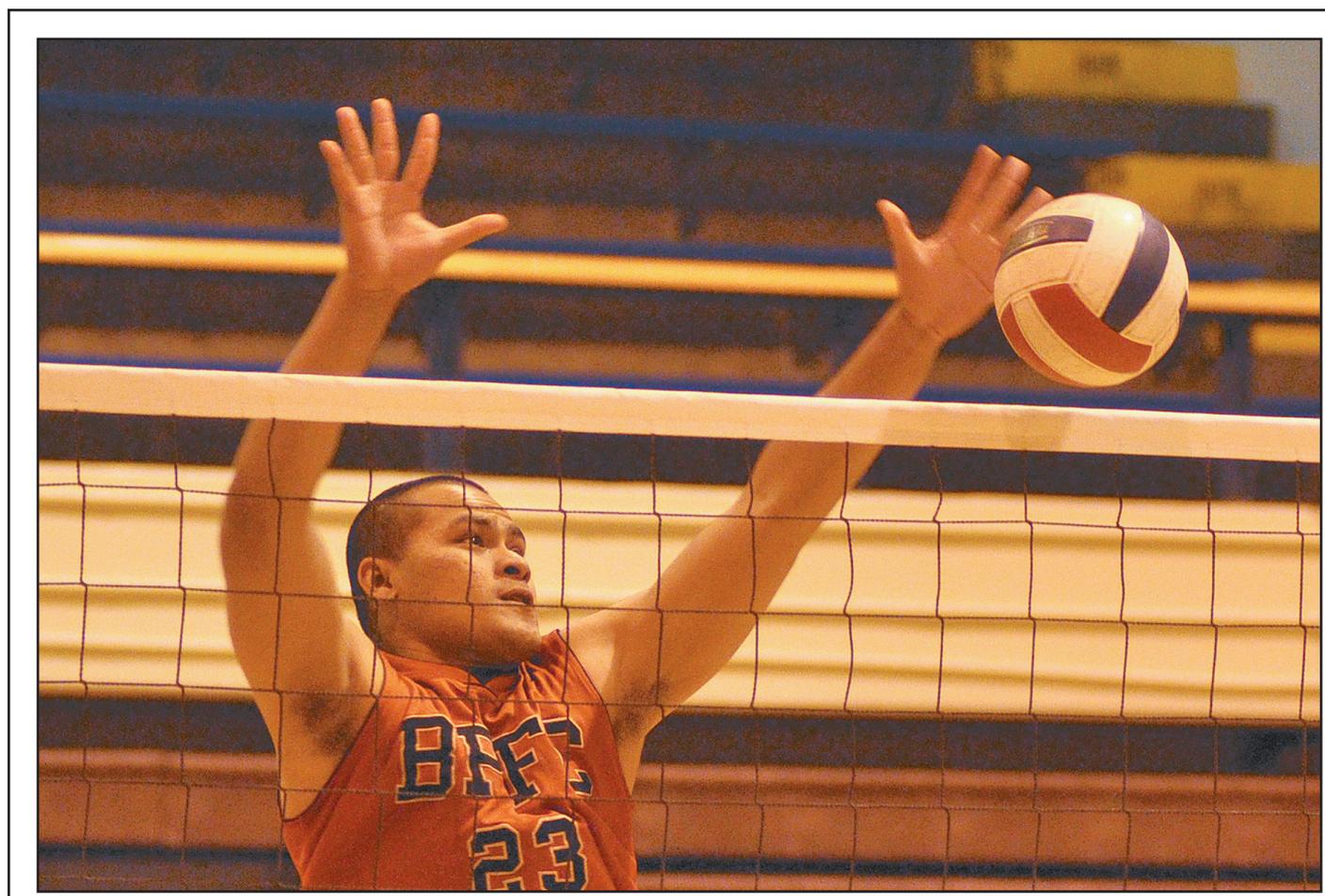


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Denied

Branson Amyda, 95th Chemical Company, deflects a shot in intramural volleyball tournament action against the team from the Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Brevard Noncommissioned Officers Academy Tuesday night at the Buckner Physical Fitness Center. Amyda and his teammates beat the NCOA in two out of three games to advance to the championship game Wednesday night. See next week's *Alaska Post* for final tournament results.

vide their own motorcycles.

Training is subsidized by the Army for active-duty personnel of all components, Department of Defense civilians and family members, when space is available. To obtain a voucher for the cost of either course, stop by the Fort Richardson Garrison Safety Office in Building 600, Room B345.

For more information, call 384-2383 or 384-2382.

Education hours cut

To accommodate reduced staffing, the Education Center Office will be open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. The Testing Center, FAST classes, and Learning Center will continue with their normal hours. For more information, call 384-0970.

This week

TODAY THROUGH SUNDAY Shoot some skeet

The Alaska Armed Forces Skeet Shooting Championships are set for this weekend at the Fort Richardson Skeet Range. The event is open to all service members and civilians are eligible to compete in the standard National Skeet Shooting Association classes. For more information, call Matt Palmer at 384-2199, or the skeet range at 384-1480.

TUESDAY

Joint Base town hall

A town hall meeting to answer Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson questions is scheduled for 6 to 7 p.m. at the Post Theater.

All Fort Richardson and Elmendorf Air Force Base personnel are invited to attend.

WEDNESDAY

Are you ready to buy?

Elmendorf Air Force Base's Housing Flight is offering a home

purchasing seminar at the Housing Office, 6346 Arctic Warrior Drive at 1 p.m. today and May 20. Call the Housing Flight at 552-4439 or 552-4328 for reservations; seating is limited.

Upcoming

MAY 8

VA briefings

A representative from the Regional Veterans Affairs Office in Muskogee, Okla., will be at the Education Center to cover general VA benefits as well as the new Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Briefings will be in Room 230 at 9 and 11 a.m., as well as 1 and 3 p.m. Call 384-0970 for more information.

MAY 9

Stuff for sale

The Fort Richardson mayors are having a postwide yard sale today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 428-0126 or e-mail kodiak.housing@gmail.com.

Early education

An Early Childhood Mini Conference and Information Fair will be May 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Susitna Club on Elmendorf Air Force Base.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, e-mail mary.barkley@elmendorf.af.mil or chelley.correa@elmendorf.af.mil.

MAY 15

Talk back

The Health Consumers Advisory Council is convening at 2 p.m. May 15 at the Elmendorf Air Force Base Family Readiness Center.

Col. Paul Friedrichs, 3rd Medical Group commander, invites all 3rd Wing, Fort Richardson and civilian organizations to send a representative to attend.

This forum is an opportunity for

representatives from all organizations to articulate views and concerns about the medical group and to afford medical group representatives the opportunity to inform beneficiaries about offered services and programs.

Questions may be directed to Kimberly McClendon at 580-1072.

MAY 27

Let's do lunch

Tickets are now on sale for the 41st Annual Outstanding Federal Employee of the Year Luncheon. The event will be May 27 at 11:30 a.m. at the Hotel Captain Cook at 939 W. 5th Ave. in Anchorage.

Advanced tickets are available for \$11 through May 15. Tickets will only be available for purchase at the door following May 15 for \$15.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Robert Elzy at 384-1973 or Sgt. Maj. Derrick Crawford at 384-2062.

JUNE 5

Army birthday bash

The U.S. Army Alaska Army Birthday Ball will begin with a 6 p.m. cocktail hour at the Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage. Ticket prices are \$50 for privates through staff sergeants, \$60 for sergeants first class through second lieutenants, \$70 for captains and higher ranks, and \$75 for civilians.

There are a limited number of free tickets available. For more ticket information, see your chain of command.

Births

APRIL 20

A daughter, Krystal Anne, was born to Tracy and Sgt. Brian Frink, C Company, 1st Battalion, 297th Cavalry Regiment, Alaska Army National Guard.

Movies at the Post Theater

Building 2 on Richardson Drive.
428-1200

Today, 7 p.m.
Coraline
(PG)

Saturday, 7 p.m.
Coraline
(PG)

Sunday, 6 p.m.
Duplicity
(PG-13)