Speading Christmas cheer

More than two dozen Ursa Minor Elementary School students from Karen Allen's fourth-grade class visited the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Richardson headquarters office Tuesday to sing Christmas carols. The students then wandered through Building 600 singing carols and spreading Christmas cheer. (Photo by Bob Hall/Fort Richardson PAO)

Ongoing

Road conditions

Plan for longer commute times if road conditions degrade due to snowfall or freezing rain.

Call 384-INFO(4636) to check road conditions status.

Some callers are experiencing difficulty connecting to the Fort Richardson Information Line (384-INFO). An alternate number has been established; 384-6071.

In either case, callers experiencing difficulties connecting to 384-INFO or 384-6071 should refer this Web address: *www.usarak.army.mil/pao/citv.*

Christmas tree permits

Permits to cut down Christmas trees are available from the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Resources Office, Room 200, Building 724.

Permits are free and will be issued Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tree cutting is permitted anytime during daylight hours, providing Range Control has declared the area open. A four-wheel drive vehicle to reach the area is recommended.

Permit holders are required to stop at the Visitors Center at the Main Gate to obtain a recreational access permit.

For questions, call Environmental at 384-3041 or 384-3174.

Thrift Shop closure

The Fort Richardson Thrift Shop will temporarily close its doors to sales, donations and consignments for restructuring and renovations beginning Wednesday.

Consignors have been asked to remove their property by the closure date.

Donations should be taken to the Elmendorf Air Force Base Thrift Shop or to a thrift store in town.

A date for reopening has not yet been determined.

Afternoon at the movies

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will host movies at 2p.m. at the Post Theater beginning Monday.

All movies are free to the post community. Bring your own popcorn.

Children younger than 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Monday: Ice Age 3; Tuesday: Land of the Lost; Dec. 28, Aliens in the Attic; Dec. 29: Transformers 2.

Flu shots available

Seasonal flu vaccine is available at the 3rd Medical Group Immunization Clinic Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The clinic is closed from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month for training.

The flu vaccine is available for all beneficiaries.

The Immunization Clinic is a walk-in clinic, so appointments are not needed.

Call 580-5812 for information.

AER scholarships

Army Emergency Relief is offering scholarships for family members of active, retired or deceased Soldiers.

The application for the 2010-2011 academic year is available and will be due by March 1, 2010.

For more information, please visit *www.aerhq.org* or contact Mrs. Salafai Ieremia at 384-7478.

SMCP scholarships

The Scholarships for Military Children Program can help with a $1,500 scholarship.

Applications are available with an application deadline of Feb. 17, 2010.

For more information, contact the commissary at 580-4425, an Anchorage area school guidance counselor or visit the program Web site at *www.militaryscholar.org.*

Christmas services

Christmas Eve services include a 5 p.m. Catholic Mass and a 7 p.m. Protestant service in the Post Chapel.

A Catholic Mass is also scheduled for 9 a.m. Christmas Day.

For Fort Richardson chapel program information, call 384-1461.

Upcoming

Dec. 25

Movie on Christmas

The Post Theater will be showing the movie, "A Christmas Carol" on Christmas day at 7 p.m.

This movie is rated PG. The doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are $4 for adults and $2 for children.

Trash pickup

Trash will not be picked up today in the Fort Richardson housing areas. Dumpster and curb-side trash pickup this week is schedule for Dec. 26.

Jan. 20

Military and Career Fair

The Lee Reserve Center will host the 2010 Military and Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Employers from the Anchorage, Fort Richardson and Elmendorf Air Force Base communities will speak with all military ID card holders about prospective jobs.

Post Chapel

Sunday services
9 a.m. — Roman Catholic Mass
10 a.m. — Anglican Eucharist
11 a.m. — Protestant Worship
5 p.m. — Roman Catholic Mass
Weekday services
11:40 a.m. — Daily Mass
Religious education
Sun. 10:30 a.m. — CCD
Sun. 5 p.m. — Lifeteen
Mon. 7 p.m. — Roman Catholic Confirmation
Wed. 6:30 p.m. — Protestant
Womens' Groups
Protestant Women of the Chapel
(meets Tue. 9:30 a.m.)
Military Council of Catholic Women (meets Tue. 9:30 a.m.)

For more information, visit the Post Chapel (Bldg. 3), or call 384-1461.

Births

Dec. 11

A son, Dominic Feliciano Beltran, was born to Pfc. Nanette Ramirez, 725th Brigade Support Battalion, and Isaac Beltran.

Dec. 14

A daughter, Autumn Elizabeth, was born to Lisa and Staff Sgt. Michael Koch, 725th Brigade Support Battalion.

Movies at the Post Theater

Building 2, Richardson Drive

Today, 7 p.m. Michael Jackson: This is it (PG)

Saturday, 7 p.m. The Box (PG-13)

Sunday, 6 p.m. The Box (PG-13)