

# Westside Stories

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## Na Keiki O Ka Mō'i Canoe Club Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Submitted by *Kaui Ka'aekuahiwi*

"I ka wā ma mua, I ka wā ma hope. — The future is in the past." 'Ōlelo No'ēau #6 (MKP)

This shows the importance of preserving traditional wisdom. Through generations, Hawaiians have often transferred their wisdom from elders to

new generation.

Hitting a 50-year milestone is massive. All these years, Ka Mō'i has been sharing their knowledge and traditions of Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling to the Wai'anae community, from keiki to kupuna, allowing families to participate in the same sport together, to learn together and grow together. Club founder Rona Ka'aekuahiwi, who passed away in 2005, left a legacy to fulfill. To carry on his legacy is massive as you are not just carrying on a name, you are carrying expectations, memories, an entire community's respect and the pressure of wondering if you are enough to keep it alive and to keep paddling on the same waters he did.

Daughter and Head Coach, Lisa Ka'aekuahiwi, is carrying on that legacy of her father, along with the support of her older brother Danon (former co-head coach), sister Nalei, and younger brother Dude, both former coaches. Today, there are four generations of Ka'aekuahiwi paddlers. Their mom, Shannon, has also dedicated forty-five years to the club as manager and more.

It is the goal of Ka Mō'i and its members is to make a difference not only

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Starting line-up of the Long Distance Memorial Race



Ka Moi Canoe Club founder, the late Rona Ka'aekuahiwi



Junior U19 Women Crew, fundraising for the world sprints in Singapore! Row 1: Teisha Sagapolutele and Kalena Mckeague. Row 2: Micah Kalae Tactay Teixeira, Kaiulu Polite, Dyllen Kaauiwai and Kalena Cueto.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST



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## WHS Lady Seariders Flag Football Team Wins 2026 OIA D1 Championship

Submitted by *WHS Athletic Department and Mae Oshiro*

Congratulations to the Wai'anae High School Lady Seariders Flag Football Team who became the 2026 OIA District 1 Champions on May 5. Coming off an undefeated regular season, (8-0-2), the Lady Seariders faced another undefeated powerhouse, the Moanalua's Na Menehune, and delivered a championship performance!

Wai'anae struck first and led 6-0 after the first quarter before the two teams battled to a 12-12 halftime tie. Moanalua carried a 25-

12 lead into the fourth quarter, but the Lady Seariders remained resilient and continued to fight. With just over two

minutes remaining in the game, Lady Searider Quarterback Kawena-Lynn

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Lady Seariders Flag Football Team and their coaches



# From the Publisher

By Steve Olbrich

Please visit our Facebook page for updated events that are happening throughout the month here on our Westside



Congratulations to all the recent graduates! How amazing to hear that so many graduates from our Westside high schools have received early acceptance into college or their Associates of Arts degree already and can move on to the next phase of their college career.

This year's legislative sessions ended on May 8 with several bills that affect our Westside awaiting the Governor's signature. You can also visit [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov) for more information.

The Hawai'i State Department of Education announced that 74 public schools will offer free summer meals to children ages 18 and younger, starting June 9 through July 17. Meals are available Monday through Friday through the USDA's Seamless Summer Option (SSO) program. Children do not need to be enrolled in a public school to participate. Breakfasts will be served from 7:15 to 8:45 a.m. and lunches from 10:30 a.m. to noon. There will be no meal service on June 11 (Kamehameha Day) and July 3 (Independence Day ob-

served). Parents may call their nearest participating school directly for details. All meals must be eaten on campus — no grab-and-go options are available. Children do not have to be enrolled at a participating school to be served, and meals will consist of solid foods. For special diet accommodations, email [specialdiets@k12.hi.us](mailto:specialdiets@k12.hi.us) with as much detail as possible. Westside school's participating in the SSO program are: Leihökū, Mā'ili, Mākaha, Nānāikapono, Nānākuli Elementary, Nānākuli High & Intermediate, Wai'anae High and Wai'anae Intermediate. In addition, Kahumana will be offering Kaukau 4 Keiki program in which keiki may be eligible to receive a weekly box of breakfast and lunches. For more information, see page 11.

Hurricane season begins on June 1 and runs through November 30. Forecasters with NOAA's National Weather Service are predicting an above-normal hurricane season for the central Pacific basin this year and forecasting a total

# THE WESTSIDE WHEN



Once again, we return to the "thrilling days of yesteryear" in showing this photo of U.S. Navy Tracks near Lualualei Naval Ammunition Dump's Engine House (often call "NAD" by old-timers). Even though it was before our time, it's easy to recognize the background. Does anyone know if those tracks are still up there? The person that sent this in wasn't sure of the year, but it was definitely during WWII. *Photo by John Knaus*

of 5-13 tropical cyclones across the central Pacific when a near-normal season has 4 or 5 tropical cyclones. Tropical cyclones include tropical depressions, tropical storms and hurricanes. With all the recent weather oddities that we have had recently, start your prepara-

tions now.

So nice to see many public schools and organizations holding summer school classes or education-based workshops this summer for the keiki and 'ōpio. Make sure you check those

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## ?? Nīele ??

In our April edition, the question was asked, "I went by Wai'anae Library on Friday and was surprised to see Community Court being held in their meeting room. What is Community Court and what types of cases are being adjudicated there?"

The Community Outreach Court (COC) was formally established in 2017 to improve accessibility for its target participants — specifically, nonviolent misdemeanor offenders who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. It supports individuals facing homelessness and related challenges such as mental health or substance use issues. It focuses on resolving minor criminal and traffic cases that could otherwise create barriers to employment, housing or main-

taining licenses. Instead of jail time or fines, participants may complete community service and gain immediate access to social services such as housing assistance, food support, healthcare and help obtaining vital documents.

Now for this month's nīele question, "Do you know why there are wastewater pumping trucks that hook up long hoses that seem to be dumping raw sewage in the manhole in the ground oceanside by the stoplight at Kaukama Road in Mā'ili? If they are dumping wastewater, is it sanitized before they pump it out?"

If you know the answer or want to ask a nīele question, e-mail us at [wss@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:wss@hawaii.rr.com) and we'll try to feature in an upcoming issue.

### Contributors to this Month's Issue:

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who contributed to their community newspaper and we invite everyone to do the same.

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### From the Publisher

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out as many are listed on our Facebook page. Don't forget about the public library's Summer Reading Challenge which starts on June 1 and runs to July 31 and is open to all keiki, 'ōpio, makua and kupuna. This summer's theme is "E Heluhelu Kākou – 'Umeke Kā'eo" is a calabash full to the brim and promises to fill your summer with "spam-tastic" programs, niu-knowledge and lots of literary adventures. Our Westside public libraries will be celebrating with many programs and activities (see pages 14 & 16). For more information, visit [librarieshawaii.org/summerreading](http://librarieshawaii.org/summerreading)

The King Kamehameha holiday is on June 11 with all City & County and State offices being closed. The celebrations will begin with the Statue Lei Draping at Ali'iōlani Hale on June 12 at 2:30 pm and the 109th King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade from Iolani Palace to Kapi'olani Park on June 13 beginning

at 9 am followed by a celebration at Kapiolani Park from 11am to 5pm.

June 19 is the Juneteenth National Independence Day Federal holiday with all federal offices, banks, credit unions and post office being closed.

June 21 is Father's Day and don't forget about "dear old Dad" or whoever was the father figure in your life. It could have been your grandfather, uncle, a close male friend or your mom who pulled "double duty" and who influenced you and helped mold you into what you have become today. Make sure you give him a call, stop by for a visit, or take him out for breakfast or lunch. It will mean a lot!

Last chance to enter the Waianae Coast Rotary Club's 2026 "96792" Pride Amateur Photo Contest. Make sure you don't just focus on just our beautiful ocean and sunsets, get up into the valleys and look for unique settings. Don't forget about events that are also unique to our Westside. Send them in quickly as the contest ends on June 30!

### E Kala Mai Ia 'U

Some of the newspapers in our May 2026 edition had some printing issues with black streaks and smudges. Fortunately, it was caught and corrected by our printer but some of the newspapers were missed by their proofers and were mailed out. If you received a newspaper that had a printing problem, e-mail us at [wss@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:wss@hawaii.rr.com) and we will send you a digital copy. Also, we are a bit late coming out to you in the mail this month due to holiday scheduling. We apologize for any inconvenience we have caused.



Our very own, Sylvia "Elsie" Foster, is proud to be among the Class of 2026, earning her BA with honors at the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu, proving it's never too late. Congratulations, Elsie!



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Announcing the **ROTARY 2027** "96792 PRIDE" CALENDAR AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST!

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DEADLINE for receiving photos is June 30, 2026.  
Winning photos will be featured in the 2027 "96792 Pride" Calendar  
For more information, please visit: [www.waianaeastrotary.org](http://www.waianaeastrotary.org)

**Last Chance to get your entries into Rotary for the 2027 "96792 Pride" Calendar Contest!**

- 1) Photos must be taken from anywhere between Kahe Point to Ka'ena Point - Any place in the 96792 zip code area.
- 2) No more than 3 entries per person.
- 3) Entrants must be amateurs — *no professionals please!*
- 4) Original photos only.
- 5) E-mail us your digital photos in high resolution (*landscape format please*).
- 6) Include in your e-mail: a) your name; b) your address; c) phone number; d) e-mail address; e) title of photo; f) location where photo was taken.

Email photos to: [96792pride@waianaeastrotary.org](mailto:96792pride@waianaeastrotary.org)

# Bringing Real Results, From the Capitol to the Coast.

## Capital Improvement Projects in the 2026 State Budget

- \$48,400,000 Wai'anae Coast Farrington Highway Improvements**  
Provides funding to extend the fifth lane, advance a future parallel route, and support additional traffic safety, roadway preservation, and congestion relief projects.
- \$2,500,000 Nānākuli Homesteads**  
Provides funding to plan, design, and construct infrastructure improvements for 15 vacant lots along Ulei Loop, in the Nānākuli Homestead community.
- \$4,690,000 Nānākuli High and Intermediate School**  
Supports baseball field improvements (\$3.7 million) As well as facility upgrades including driveway resurfacing, parking lot improvements, kitchen ceiling fan installation, and replacement of a roll-up door and gate (\$990,000.)
- \$1,897,000 Nānākuli Elementary School**  
Provides funding for air conditioning replacement, parking lot lighting repairs, playground improvements, and staff restroom renovations.
- \$1,048,000 Mā'ili Elementary School**  
Provides funding for parking lot improvements, rear fence relocation, and other general ground and site upgrades.
- \$5,000,000 Pa'ākea Road**  
To improve emergency access, evacuation capabilities, and overall transportation resilience for West O'ahu communities during major traffic incidents, natural disasters, or roadway closures along Farrington Highway.
- \$40,000,000 Lump Sum Repair and Maintenance - Hawaiian Home Lands Existing Infrastructure; Statewide**  
Provides funding over two fiscal years for the repair, maintenance, and improvement of existing infrastructure across Hawaiian Home Lands communities statewide.

## District 44 Grant-in-Aid Funding

- \$500,000 - Institute for Native Pacific Education & Culture, Nānākuli
- \$600,000 - Nā Kama Kai, Wai'anae Coast
- \$50,000 - Hawaiian Council (Formerly CNHA), Kapolei
- \$20,000 - Wai'anae Wags, Wai'anae
- \$400,000 - Adult Friends for Youth, Operations in Leeward Schools



Rep. Kila attended the Leeward Community College Wai'anae Moku campus graduation alongside his intern, Akamu, and 'ohana. Congratulations Akamu!



Rep. Kila joined the Hawai'i Department of Transportation for a site visit at Pa'ākea Road to discuss and plan potential roadway improvements.



Rep. Kila at the 2026 Prince Kūhiō Parade

## Aloha mai kākou,

As the 2026 Legislative Session officially comes to a close, I want to extend my deepest mahalo to our community for your continued trust, engagement, and advocacy throughout another busy and impactful year at the Hawai'i State Capitol.

This session, our office remained focused on the issues that matter most to West O'ahu and communities across Hawai'i: transportation and traffic safety, housing affordability, public safety, Native Hawaiian advancement, healthcare access, consumer protections, infrastructure investment, disaster preparedness, and support for our kūpuna and working families.

Serving as Chair of the House Committee on Transportation, I was proud to help move forward meaningful legislation while ensuring that the voices of our communities remained represented throughout the legislative process.

While session may have officially adjourned, the work continues. I remain committed to being accessible, responsive, and present for our communities as we continue pushing forward on the issues that matter most to the Wai'anae Coast and West O'ahu. Mahalo again for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving as your State Representative.

## Mahalo nui,



## Hawai'i State Representative Darius K. Kila

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# CLASS OF 2026

# Congratulations from the Ark

The Ark of Safety family would like to congratulate all the graduates of 2026.

We pray favor and success upon all your future endeavors.





Club members kōkua Na Kama Kai at Kaiāulu Healing Paddle Out in remembrance of loved ones that have passed

## Na Keiki O Ka Mōʻī

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in Waiʻanae but the entire Westside by keeping strong community interest and support in this tradition. It stresses discipline, hard work, dedication to training and develops character and

values required for success, not just at paddling, but in life. To succeed requires teamwork and both family and community support and commitment to these values keeps the club and the community strong. The club has over 200 members, half of them make up future leaders.

On May 6, Kahu Kaleo Patterson held a Hawaiian blessing and ceremony at the canoe halau for the club, the canoes, the equipment, the paddlers and their 'ohana, and a special blessing for our new wa'a (canoe) named "Keaohou," which means a new or fresh beginning and a hopeful look toward the future.

On May 9, Ka Mōʻī hosted the "Rona Ka'aequahiwi Memorial Long-Distance Race" at Pōka'i Bay — the first time since 2017. Over 50 crews from Hui Wa'a community participated and the lineup was a sight to see, as they all took off at the same time, whether it was to Mākaha for the short course, or to Mā'ili then Mākaha and back for the long course.

Big mahalo to our sponsors — Waiakea Water, 4K Sanitation and Genesis Trucking, LLC and Wai'anae High School Searider Culinary Program who topped it off with their hospitality and ono Hawaiian bento for all our paddlers.

On May 17, Ka Mōʻī was honored to join Na Kama Kai to participate in the Kaiāulu Healing Paddle Out with two wa'a and flowers to scatter in honor and remembrance of those we love and miss.

Regatta season is here with the first race held on May 30 at Ke'ehi Lagoon and hosted by Kalihi Kai Canoe Club. Ka Mōʻī will be hosting their annual regatta at Mā'ili Beach Park on June 27.

Ka Mōʻī paddlers have been training since April and others year-round as they prepare for post-season long-distance races as well as the world sprints in Singapore, in mid-August. The club will be strongly represented by two of our mana wahine crews; Masters 50 Women and Junior U19 Women, both gold medal winners in prior long-distance races.

Remember — You Don't Have to Carry the Whole Canoe Alone. In a six-person canoe, no single paddler lifts the entire boat, whether it is on the trailer, on the sand, or in the water. The weight is shared. The legacy belongs to the entire club!

# Legislative Wrap Up



Representative  
CHRISTOPHER  
**Muraoka**

House District 45  
Wai'anae, Mākaha  
Mākuā



As the 2026 Legislative Session comes to a close and we reflect on the past two years serving the people of District 45, we want to take a moment to sincerely mahalo our West O'ahu community for your continued support, trust, and partnership. Serving our district has been an incredible honor, and we are deeply grateful for every opportunity to work alongside the people and organizations who make our community so special.

Over the course of this term, we have had the privilege of meeting countless residents, supporting community initiatives, advocating for local needs, and helping families navigate challenges big and small. From workforce development opportunities for our youth and community members, to advocating for safer roads, infrastructure improvements, housing concerns, and access to essential services, our office has remained committed to being present, responsive, and accessible to the people we serve.

What continues to inspire us most is the heart of our community. Time and time again, we have seen neighbors helping neighbors, organizations stepping up for families in need, and individuals working tirelessly to create better opportunities for future generations. The strength, resilience, and aloha spirit of the Westside is something truly special, and it is what motivates us every day.

While there is always more work to be done, we remain committed to continuing to advocate for resources, opportunities, and meaningful solutions that strengthen our communities and uplift our families. The relationships built over these past two years have been invaluable, and we are thankful for the trust our community has placed in us.

Please feel free to contact our office at 808-586-8460 if we can ever be of assistance. Stay engaged by following our office on social media - and visiting our website at RepMuraoka.com.

Mahalo again for allowing us the privilege to serve District 45. It has truly been a blessing to work alongside this community.

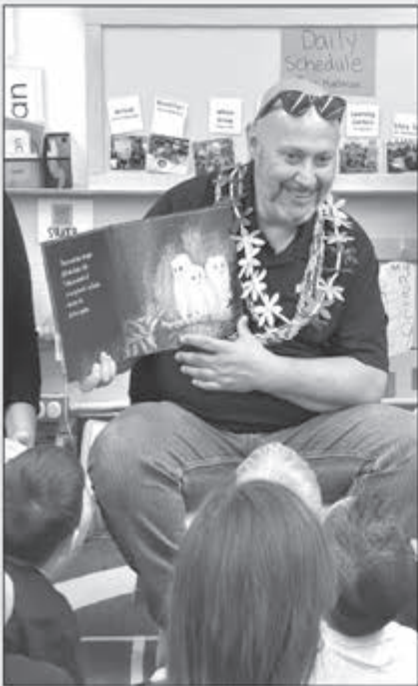
With gratitude, Representative  
Chris Muraoka State House District 45



Rep Muraoka, with Youth Challenge Clean Up at Wai'anae Boat Harbor.



Representative Muraoka with Adrian Silva and Daniel "Pumpkin" Peterson at Wai'anae High School Field Blessing



Representative Muraoka reading to Mākaha Elementary Preschool, Read to Keiki.



Representative Muraoka with Leihoku Elementary 2nd Class

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## WHSACF Scholarships 2026 Honors Twelve Students

Submitted by Kat Cadirao

The Waianae High School Alumni & Community Foundation (WHSACF) was fortunate this year to be able to bless twelve graduation WHS seniors with a total of forty-four scholarships (students obtained multiple scholarships) for college.

Thanks to twenty-two generous donors, WHSACF was able to award \$27,350 in scholarships. This year's scholarship donors included WHS Alumni Classes of 1965, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980 and 1983, as well as the WHS 60th Anniversary Scholarship, Ralph Onzuka Memorial Scholarships, Aila 'Ohana Scholarship, Delacruz/Robinson 'Ohana in Memoriam of Linda Richardson class of 1970 and Cynthia Richarson class of 1972, Darlene U. Kay Scholarship, In Memory of Cherell L. Keamo Scholarship, In Memory of Peter & Jean Mayeshiro Scholarship,

George Omura Memorial Scholarship, Kiyoshi Oshiro Memorial Scholarship, The Former Teachers Scholarship & the WHSACF Scholarships. This year there was a new scholarship in memory of Verna Landford-Bright, one of the founding members of WHSACF and a graduate of the class of 1969.

Scholarship recipients were: Skai Carman, Ariaht Colt, Benaiah Jury, Dazmin Koa-Balles, Makakoa Leapaga, Kirsten Magsayo, Shawdan Pacheco, Emily Revilla, Cayzen Rice, Salain-aoloa Tuimavave, Ry-n Uyeda, and Caitlyn Yamada.

We would like to thank all of them for investing in our newest alumni and encouraging other classes and families to sponsor a scholarship for next year. Congratulations to the Class of 2026 and all of the scholarship awardees. Follow your heart and make all your dreams come true!

## Wai'anae STEM Teacher Selected for Prestigious Earthwatch Teach Earth Fellowship



Wai'anae Elementary School STEM teacher Donna Soriano has been selected for the highly competitive Earthwatch Institute Teach Earth Fellowship, a national professional development program that places educators alongside scientists conducting real-world environmental research.

Soriano will travel this summer to the southwestern United States to participate in the expedition "Following Forest Owls in the Western U.S." where she will work directly with researchers studying small forest owls and the impacts of climate change on their habitats. The expedition will take place in Arizona, where Soriano will stay at the renowned Southwestern Research Station, a field station nestled in the

Chiricahua Mountains. There, she will spend an entire week fully immersed in hands-on scientific research—surveying owl populations, measuring habitats, and assisting with data collection both during the day and at night.

"I am incredibly honored and excited for this opportunity," said Soriano. "To work alongside scientists in the field, contribute to real research, and experience science in such an authentic way is truly inspiring. I can't wait to bring these experiences back to my students in Wai'anae."

The Teach Earth Fellowship is a nationally recognized program that provides educators with immersive field research experiences lasting 7–14 days. Teachers collaborate with Ph.D. level scientists, learn research protocols and collect data that contributes to ongoing environmental studies. Fellows then translate their experiences into engaging classroom lessons, helping students connect with real-world science.

During the expedition, Soriano will assist scientists in studying owl ecology, including nesting behavior, habitat availability, and how environmental changes—such as climate shifts and loss of tree cavities—are affecting wildlife populations. The research contributes to a broader understanding of ecosystem health and conservation strategies.

As part of the fellowship, Soriano will also document her journey through blog posts, sharing insights, discoveries, and reflections from the field with her school community and beyond.

Soriano has served as a STEM teacher at Wai'anae Elementary School for over a decade, working with hundreds of students each year through hands-on engineering, coding, and maker-based learning experiences. She is passionate about creating opportunities for her students—many from underserved communities—to engage in meaningful, real-world STEM learning.

"This experience is not just for me—it's for my students and our entire Wai'anae community," Soriano added. "I'm excited to bring back new knowledge, real research stories, and authentic science experiences that will inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers, and problem-solvers right here at home."

# Hot Kūpuna Nights

# E hele mai kākou!

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### New Eviction Law

Hawaii's Act 278 went into effect on February 5, 2026, in an attempt to help prevent evictions and reduce court congestion. It is a two-year pilot program designed specifically to address evictions based on non-payment of rent, shifting how these cases are handled by encouraging early resolution before they reach the courts.

At its core, Act 278 creates a required pre-eviction process for non-payment situations. Before a landlord can file an eviction for unpaid rent, they must provide a formal notice that includes information about mediation services and available resources. Tenants are given an opportunity to respond and potentially resolve the issue, often through

payment plans or other agreements, before a lawsuit can be filed.

It is important to note that Act 278 does not apply to other lease violations. Evictions based on issues such as unauthorized occupants, property damage, illegal activity, or other lease breaches can still proceed through the standard legal process without the additional pre-eviction requirements. This distinction is critical for property owners and managers navigating the enforcement of lease terms. Proper notice delivery, documentation, and timing are now more important than ever. Missing a required step could delay the eviction process or result in dismissal, increasing holding costs and financial

strain.

From a practical standpoint, Act 278 emphasizes communication and documentation. Early outreach to tenants, clear records of rent balances, and a willingness to engage in resolution efforts may help avoid prolonged vacancies and legal expenses. As this two-year pilot program unfolds, its success will depend on how effectively both landlords and tenants utilize the tools provided. Landlords and Property Managers should review their internal procedures and train staff to ensure full compliance, while tenants should take advantage of available resources to address issues promptly and avoid further escalation.

### WHS Lady Seariders

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Kaluna ('28) connected with Shyzelle Baron-Riveira ('29) to cut the deficit to 25-18! After several key defensive stops on Moanalua's next possession, Wai'anae had a final opportunity. Kaluna connected with Makayla Gaston ('27) on a 59-yard touchdown pass with 1:19 remaining in the game and Kaluna then powered through on the extra-point run to tie the game 25-25 and force overtime.

In overtime, the Searider defense came up with another huge stop before the offense took the field. After being held on their first few downs, the Lady Seariders persevered as Kaluna connected with Cheylen-Brooke Beebe-Lee ('26) on a 14-yard touchdown

pass to secure the OIA DI Championship title!!

We are incredibly proud of the perseverance, tenacity, and grit these girls displayed throughout the season and especially during the championship battle. Congratulations to Head Coach Kenny Joseph and his staff for their outstanding dedication and commitment to providing the best possible opportunities for our student-athletes. Coach Joseph consistently sets a high standard for the program, challenges his athletes to work hard, and is deeply committed to the growth and success of the team. We are extremely proud of our Lady Seariders and the historic season they accomplished together! Congratulations Lady Seariders — we are all so proud of you! I Mua Team Wai'anae!

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<b>8:00 - 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Regatta Racing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Featuring Wai'a Koa</li> <li>• Enjoy local foods, and shop from local vendors</li> <li>• Music and Performances</li> </ul>
<b>4:00 - 4:30 PM</b>	<b>Awards Ceremony</b> Top 3 Clubs from each race division are called up to the podium for their Trophies
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## CONGRATULATIONS 2026 CHUCK WOTHKE HEALTH CAREER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center proudly congratulates the recipients of the 2026 Chuck Wothke Health Career Scholarship. This annual scholarship honors the memory of Chuck Wothke, a founding member of the Health Center and a dedicated WCCHC Board Member.

Chuck was a passionate advocate for education and healthcare training opportunities for Wai'anae Coast residents. To date, more than 150 college-bound residents have benefited from the financial support provided by the Chuck Wothke Scholarship, which aids students pursuing health career programs both in Hawai'i and on the mainland.

<b>GABRIELLE BROWN</b>	<b>KIANA CUETO</b>	<b>CAITLIN CUSACK</b>	<b>ZOEY DEBUTIACO</b>	<b>NIKOLE ANN JOSE</b>	<b>KEALANI KAALOUAHI</b>	<b>SHANAI KOLI</b>	<b>JHENELYN LACARA</b>
Lellehua High School C/O 2014 Kapiolani Community College Practical Nursing	Damien Memorial School C/O 2024 Bellevue College Diagnostic Ultrasound	Connetquot High School C/O 2009 University of West Florida Family Nurse Practitioner	Waianae High School C/O 2026 California Baptist University Pre-Radiological Sciences/Diagnostic Medical Sonography	Nanakuli High School C/O 2004 UH West Oahu Public Health / Healthcare Administration	Kamehameha Schools C/O 2025 Hawaii Pacific University Pre-Nursing	Waipahu High School C/O 2023 UH Hilo College of Pharmacy Pharmacy	Waianae High School C/O 2024 UH West Oahu Pre-Nursing
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## WCCHC PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF COLLEEN HANABUSA



On May 7, 2026, staff and board members from the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC) attended a public remembrance for former Congresswoman and former Senate President Colleen Hanabusa held at the Hawai'i State Senate chamber in recognition of her life and legacy. The gathering provided an opportunity to honor her lasting connection to the Wai'anae Coast community and recognize the impact she had on the people and communities of West O'ahu and across Hawai'i.

As a Wai'anae resident, Colleen remained deeply connected to the community throughout her life and was a valued supporter of WCCHC, sharing in the vision of improving access to healthcare and strengthening opportunities for future generations in West O'ahu. Her advocacy supported WCCHC's mission of improving the health and well-being of our community and expanding pathways that strengthen healthcare access and workforce development. One meaningful connection to WCCHC was her support of efforts that helped advance medical education opportunities in Hawai'i, including support for clinical training opportunities involving our medical school partnership with A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (ATSU-SOMA), which has long been a part of WCCHC's commitment to growing and training future physicians within our community.

As we joined others across Hawai'i in celebrating her life and contributions, we reflected on the impact she had on our community and the many

lives she touched through her dedication and service. We extend our heartfelt condolences to her family, loved ones, and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Mahalo, Colleen, for your support, partnership, and commitment to serving our community. Your legacy and dedication to helping others will continue to be remembered and appreciated for generations to come.





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## 2026 WCCHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center's May 19 Board of Directors' meeting, Executive Committee members were confirmed. Executive Committee members will serve from May 2026 to April 2027.



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## EXPANDED WALK-IN CARE NOW AVAILABLE IN WAI'ANAE AND KAPOLEI

Access to convenient, same-day care is now even easier for our community. Our walk-in clinics at Waiola Clinic, located in the Wai'anae Mall and West O'ahu Community Health Clinic, located in the Kapolei Medical Park have expanded their hours to better serve patients and families across West O'ahu.

Both locations now offer extended hours:

- Monday-Friday: 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM
- Saturday: 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Our walk-in clinics provide timely care for a wide range of non-emergency health needs—no appointment necessary. Services include evaluation and treatment of minor illnesses

and injuries such as colds, flu, sore throat, ear infections, rashes, minor cuts, sprains, and more. Our team can also assist patients with establishing primary care services to support ongoing health needs.

In addition to walk-in services, primary care is available at both locations, ensuring continuity of care for patients in our community who need ongoing management of chronic conditions, routine check-ups, and preventive health services.

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## Congratulations



### 2026 Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Graduates

(L-R) Kalena Spinola, Darian Finley, Keahealailani Takushi-Coffey & Sarah Thompson.  
(Not Pictured) Chakameh Akhavan, Michelle Balshin, Brooke Chmiel, Kirsten Jin, Elise Rivera & Michael McGinnis.



## Congratulations



### 2026 Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduates

(TOP L-R) Pili Kekipi-Nuuanu, Jaelyn Kelly-Lozada, Kyrcee Christensen, Cynthia Carino-Bocoboc, Angelica Adameczek, Serena Carter & Chantel Molina.  
(Bottom L-R) Lori Amina & Kody-Ryan Tactacan.



## Congratulations



### 2026 Spring Medical Assistant Graduates

(L-R) Ariyana Sopi, Jayde Nansen-Kon, Mia-Rae Nansen, Ainell Kalaola-Meyer, Nathan Daniel Melendres, Porscha Corpuz & Nasha Kahoonci-Awai.





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# Out and About with Lei'a By Lei'a Haff Lei'a.vhaff@gmail.com

## In the Wake of the Kona Low

The Kona low brought heavy rain, flooding, runoff and debris that impacted communities across O'ahu, and the Wai'anae Coast felt it deeply. From Nānākuli to Ka'ena Point, the storm left its mark not only on roads and neighborhoods but along the shoreline, where branches, trash, and debris washed ashore and remained long after the skies began to clear. It was a painful reminder that storms do not simply pass. Their effects settle into the places we love and into the lives of the people who call this coast home.

But on the Wai'anae Coast, the story did not end with damage — it continued with its people.

In the days that followed, cleanup efforts began to take shape as residents, families, volunteers, community groups, and local leaders stepped forward to care for the damaged roads, flooded homes and shelters and the shoreline. From all over O'ahu, people answered the call with urgency, compassion and love for place.

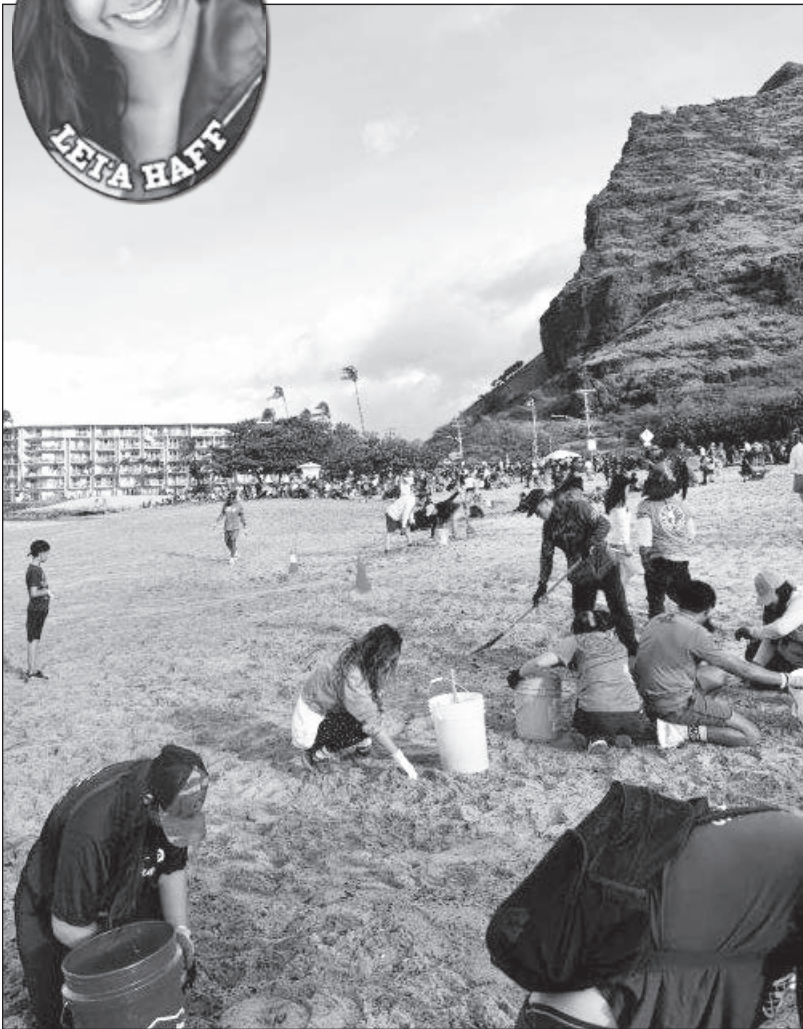
By late March, Mākaha Beach became one of the clearest examples of that response. What could have remained only a scene of storm damage became something far more powerful. It became a place where people stood shoulder to shoulder in service of the 'āina and of one another. Community members and supporters came together with a shared purpose to restore the shoreline and care for a place that has cared for generations.

And that is the part of this story that deserves to be remembered most. Yes, the storm left behind debris. Yes, the damage was real. But so was the response.

From Nānākuli to Mākaha, residents did not wait for someone else to take responsibility. They stepped forward with willing hands, open hearts and a deep sense of kuleana. They came as neighbors, as families, as youth, as kūpuna, as leaders, and as everyday people who understand that caring for the coast is not somebody else's job. It belongs to all of us. What happened along the shoreline and on other parts of the Westside was about more than cleanup. It was about pride in where we come from. Every branch lifted, every bag filled, every donated delivery and every hour given became an expression of something larger than service. It became a reflection of the values that have always lived on this coast: resilience, humility, responsibility, generosity, and endless aloha.

The Wai'anae Coast has always carried a strength that cannot be measured only in headlines or hard times. It lives in the people. It lives in the way this community rises for one another. It lives in the quiet understanding that when something we love is hurting, we do not turn away. We come closer. We help. We restore. We stand together.

In the wake of the Kona low, the coast did what it has always done in difficult moments: it came together. #PaaPono 96792



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# WHS Class of 1976 Celebrates 50 Years



Remembering the "good old days" at WHS' Raymond Torii Field

Submitted by Eva Galariada-Rosa

On March 13, Wai'anae High School's (WHS) Class of 1976 started their three-day celebration of their 50th class reunion from March 13-15 at various locations along the Westside.

Despite the weather (Kona Low), the weekend kicked off on Friday night with over eighty classmates and friends at Beach House By 604 reminiscing, talking story, raffles and auctions for scholarship money and lots of food. Due to our generous class, we ended up raising enough money to give six scholarships to this year's senior class at WHS through the Wai'anae High School Alumni & Community Foundation.

In spite of the continuing storm from the Kona Low, on Saturday we were honored by the Wai'anae High School

Alumni & Community Foundation at an event at WHS Cafeteria. There were alumni from many different classes, and we all enjoyed each other's company with singing, dancing and talking story.

Sunday was our last day together and we all met at WHS' Raymond Torii Field (football field) and remembering the days "way back when" and celebrated the brand-new football field. Some of the former players ran around the field like they were still teenagers. Following those reminiscens, we journeyed to Lili'oi Lounge at Mākaha Valley Country Club for lunch and closed evening and our weekend at the Willings 'ohana's hale.

Time has passed on and many of us are lucky that even after fifty years, we are still friends and classmates and



Celebrating at Beach House by 604

remain so since that day we graduated. Sad to say we have lost forty-three classmates but remembered them in a special ceremony and memoriam photo frame.

Thank you again to all who donated to the scholarship fund and who came out to celebrate and made the long journey back to Wai'anae in spite of the crazy weather.

## Upholding the vision of our ali'i

On June 11, we honor Kamehameha Pai'ea, our namesake and the visionary 'Ōiwi leader whose strength and intelligence unified the Hawaiian Islands and shaped a lasting future for our lāhui.

We carry forward his legacy alongside that of our founder, Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, through the haumāna we nurture, the communities we uplift, and the 'āina we steward across Hawai'i.

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Ke Kula 'o Kamehameha



# “What's Up” on the Westside

**\*\* Please visit our Facebook page for updated events that are happening throughout the month here on our Westside\*\***

## JUNE 2026 Calendar of Events

**June 3**  
6 to 7 pm — Rainbow Limeade demo at Wai'anae Public Library

**June 10**  
5 to 7 pm — 'Ulu Poke With 'Elepaio cooking demo at Wai'anae Public Library

**Thursday, June 11th**  
**King Kamehameha Day**



**June 13**  
10 to 11 am — Messy Playtime at Nānākuli Library

10 am to 2 pm — West O'ahu Kūpuna Resource Fair at WCCHC's Dining Pavilion

**June 15**  
5:30 to 6:30 pm — Slime Time at Nānākuli Library

**June 19**  
**Juneteenth Federal Holiday**

**June 20**  
5:30 pm — Hot Kūpuna Nights with Kuuipo Kumukahi & Friends at Kahumana

**Sunday, June 21st**  
**Father's Day**

7 am to 5 pm — Leeward Kai Canoe Club's Father's Day Regatta at Kalaniana'ole Beach Park

**June 27**  
7 am to 5 pm — Ka Mō'i Canoe Club's Regatta at Mā'ili Beach Park

**June 30**  
Deadline to enter Wai'anae Coast Rotary's 2026 Photo Contest



### CLUBS, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

**AARP Chapter 4936 of Wai'anae**  
9:30 am on the first Friday of each month at the Wai'anae Community Center (Satellite City Hall).  
Contact Tim Thornton (404) 272-4225.

**Aerobics (Low Impact)**  
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**Lualualei Hawaiian Civic Club**  
3rd Thursday of every month at 6 pm and held both in-person and virtually via zoom at KS Learning Center in Mā'ili. For more information, Email: [lualualeihcc808@gmail.com](mailto:lualualeihcc808@gmail.com) or visit our Instagram: [@lualualeihcc808](https://www.instagram.com/lualualeihcc808) or Facebook: Lualualei Hawaiian Civic Club

**Mākaha Bridge Club**  
10 am on Wednesdays and Saturdays at Liikoi Lounge (Mākaha Valley Country Club). Call Kay Smith at 808-695-7844 for more information.

**Mākaha Red Hatters**  
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**Nānākuli-Mā'ili Neighborhood Board #36**  
7 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at Nānākuli Public Library's meeting room. Call Neighborhood Commission Office at 808-768-3710 for more information or visit [honolulu.gov/nco](http://honolulu.gov/nco)

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**Wai'anae Coast Neighborhood Board #24**  
6:30 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Wai'anae Public Library. For more information, contact Neighborhood Commission Office at 808-768-3710 or visit [honolulu.gov/nco](http://honolulu.gov/nco)

**Wai'anae Coast Rotary Club**  
12 noon on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at "Beach House by 604" (PARC) Pili'au Army Rec. Center (Rest Camp). For more information, contact: [waianaecoastro.org](http://waianaecoastro.org) or Craig Alvarado at [craigal@bhshawaii.com](mailto:craigal@bhshawaii.com)

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**Wai'anae Hawaiian Civic Club**  
5:30 to 7:30 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month at the KS Learning Center in Mā'ili. Contact [waianaehawaiiancivicclub.org](http://waianaehawaiiancivicclub.org) for more information..

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# ClimbHI to Hold 2nd Nānākuli — Wai‘anae Exposure Fair and Hiring Blitz

Submitted by Jennifer Sudick

On May 5, more than 350 students attended a Leeward workforce de-



Students learn about careers with Honolulu Fire Department.

velopment event hosted by nonprofit ClimbHI in partnership with State Rep. Christopher Muraoka and Hui Huliau at the Ark of Safety Community Center in Wai‘anae Mall.

Leeward O‘ahu intermediate and high schools, along with dozens of local businesses and organizations, participated in the event, which was designed to link students up with career paths that offer economic self-sufficiency with a clear progression plan.

“After reaching hundreds of students in our first-ever Leeward event in December, we are continuing to strengthen those connections as students look toward graduation, summer internships and next steps,” said Julie Morikawa,

President of ClimbHI. “Students are actively building their pathways to high-quality careers, progression plans, requirements and the experience needed to begin their path to success.”

Exposure Fairs help engage students throughout middle and high school, so they have the tools and connections to select career pathways that help them reach economic self-sufficiency and achieve their dreams. The events offer hand-selected businesses and organizations the ability to present to students in short “speed-dating” style segments, as well as more informal Q&A sessions.

Hiring Blitz events helps to expedite the hiring process for high school juniors and seniors by connecting them with available opportunities with nearly forty businesses and organizations participating, representing a variety of industries. Students from Wai‘anae High School, Wai‘anae Intermediate School, Nānākuli High & Intermediate School, Kamaile Academy and Ka Waihona o Ka Na‘auao Public Charter School attended the event.

“At Hui Huliau, we’re committed to supporting our Westside ‘ohana by making sure our youth have real oppor-

tunities to learn, grow, and see what’s possible for their future,” said Adrian Silva, Chairman of Hui Huliau. “Events like this help expose students to a wide range of careers across Hawaii and give them a better sense of the many pathways available to them.”

ClimbHI is inviting teachers, businesses, associations and nonprofit organizations to sign up for the free ClimbHI Bridge online portal for workforce development and classroom engagement opportunities, volunteer hour tracking and communication tools, and more.

For more, visit [climbhi.org](http://climbhi.org)



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Hawai‘i State Public Library System  
June 2026

The library will be closed June 11 for King Kamehameha Day.

**Book Club**  
3rd Wednesdays, May 27 @ 6:00  
Join us for our in-person book club on the 3rd Wednesday of each month! The book that we will be discussing in this meeting is to be determined, so please call and ask what it is after May 27.

**Writing Group**  
Monday, Jun 15 and 29 @ 1:00  
Join us for a new self-guided writing circle that is a small safe place to practice your writing skills, learn from others, and share your own work, thoughts, and dreams.

**Summer Reading Challenge**  
The Summer Reading Challenge is officially starting! This year's theme is 'Umeke Kā'eo or "Filled Calabash". Join the challenge on Beanstack and rack up those minutes or books to win fabulous prizes. We'll have lots of fun food related activities and a bingo where every bingo you get gives you a chance to win cool raffle prizes.

**Family Storytime**  
Saturdays @ 10:00  
June 6, 13, 20, 27

**Toddler Time**  
Tuesdays @ 9:30  
June 9, 16, 23, 30

Get 1-On-1 Tech Help with a **Digital Navigator**. Book your appointment for Monday morning or Saturday afternoon. Call the library for more information.

Wai‘anae Public Library is located at 85-625 Farrington Hwy. 96792 808-697-7868  
Email: [owncirc@librarieshawaii.org](mailto:owncirc@librarieshawaii.org)

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- Cash
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Mackenzie Agustin  
Nānākuli



Saeota Fanuaea  
Nānākuli



Richard K. Chun  
Nānākuli



Isabella Gonzales  
Nānākuli (no photo)



Haysten Jesus  
Nānākuli



Khiara Kaleiwahea  
Nānākuli

## Nānākuli, Wai'anae, Kamaile Seniors Earn 2026 PVT Scholarships

Every year, PVT Land Company awards college scholarships to 21 Wai'anae Coast high school seniors. This year, ten graduates from Wai'anae and Nānākuli high schools, and one from Kamaile Academy, received the \$4,000 awards.

Since 2005, PVT has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to nearly 400 students from the Wai'anae Coast.



Nevaeh Agmata  
Wai'anae



Benaiah Jury  
Wai'anae



Trevor Chase  
Wai'anae



Ekekela Nahulu  
Nānākuli



Ku'ulei Na'auao  
Kamaile Academy



Ariaeh E. Colt  
Wai'anae



Skai Carman  
Wai'anae



Lia'ina Kea  
Nānākuli (no photo)



Nehemiah Thompson  
Nānākuli



Lynx Louis-Panui  
Wai'anae



Shawdan Pacheco  
Wai'anae



Lindsey Takahashi  
Nānākuli



Jaylum R. K. Pelen  
Wai'anae



Ry-N Uyeda  
Wai'anae



Caitlynn Yamada  
Wai'anae

# BGCH Wai'anae Clubhouse Project Hope

Submitted by Michelle Park

More than two hundred community members gathered at the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii's Wai'anae Clubhouse on April 25 for a powerful youth-led

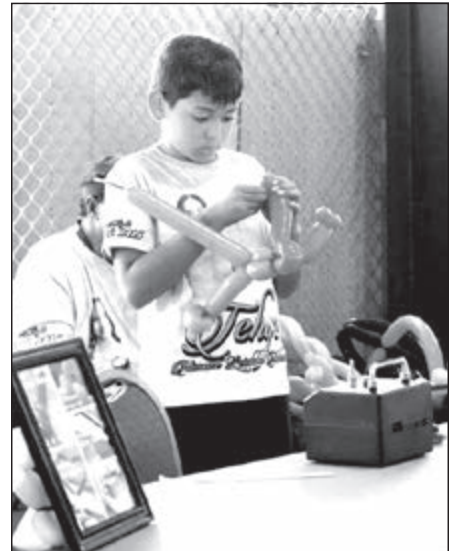
event. Project Hope, an initiative created by Boys & Girls Club kids and teens in response to rising violence in their neighborhood, brought together keiki, parents, and community members to

address safety, resilience and community pride along the Wai'anae Coast.

Interactive games, youth entrepreneurs and entertainment were held throughout the day. In addition, youth presented a community mapping project identifying safe and unsafe areas in Wai'anae and shared personal stories about their experiences and hopes for the future. Honolulu Police Department was also on hand to share their mana'o with the youth and community members that attended.

"I was nervous as it felt different to have people from the community attend to listen to us, as it was different from what we do at the Club with just our teens," said Titus T., a participating youth.

This story highlights something we



Showing off skills by making balloon animals.

don't often see — youth not just reacting to challenges, but working towards solutions for their community.



Students share their community mapping project.



HPD officers share their mana'o on safe spaces for youth.

## NĀNĀKULI PUBLIC LIBRARY JUNE 2026 PROGRAMS

<b>FRI</b> 5, 12, 19, 26	<b>KEIKI STORYTIME</b> EVERY FRIDAY 11:30AM	<b>MON</b> 15	<b>SLIME TIME</b> 5:30PM-6:30PM
<b>MON</b> 1	<b>HUI LEI</b> 5:30PM-7PM	<b>TUE</b> 23	<b>PERLER PARTY</b> 2:30PM-3:30PM
<b>TUE</b> 9	<b>LEGO TIME</b> 2:30PM-3:30PM	<b>MON</b> 29	<b>'OHANA GAME NIGHT</b> 5PM-7PM
<b>THUR</b> 11	<b>LIBRARY CLOSED: KING KAMEHAMEHA DAY</b>		
<b>SAT</b> 13	<b>MESSY PLAYTIME</b> 10AM-11AM		

For more info visit [librarieshawaii.org/events](http://librarieshawaii.org/events)

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# JUNE

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<b>Rainbow Lemonade</b> Wed. June 3 6:00 PM Make a colorful layered drink! All ages welcome	<b>FARM TO KEIKI</b> Saturdays at 1:00 pm June 7, 14, 21, 28 This series of storytimes are about Hawaiian crops. Call to register. Ages 0-6.

**Toddler Time**  
Tuesdays @ 9:30  
June 3, 10, 17

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity should contact library staff as soon as possible. Advance requests 48 hours or more before the event are encouraged but not required. All programs are subject to change. See a schedule of upcoming events at [librarieshawaii.org/events](http://librarieshawaii.org/events).