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Duke's Law: Protecting Hawai'i's Agriculture

Department of Law Enforcement's Commitment to Our Ranches, Farms & Communities

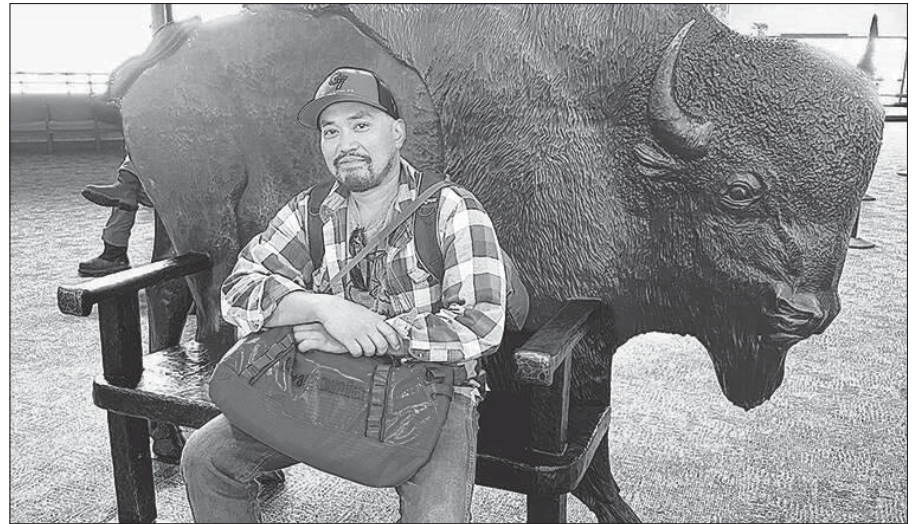
Submitted by Jared K. Redulla,
Deputy Director for Law Enforcement

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) remains committed to protecting Hawai'i's agricultural industry—a cornerstone of our economy, culture and way of life. Over the past year, DLE has focused on learning from the experienc-

es of farmers and ranchers, developing agricultural crime trends, and planning coordinated strategies with county law enforcement to better safeguard crops, livestock and agricultural resources across the islands.

In July, Governor Green signed Act 235 of the 2025 Legislature into law. Act 235 was named "Duke's Law" in honor of Westside rancher Cranston "Duke" Pia who lost his life in a 2024 incident at his ranch in Kea'au. Under Act 235, the DLE was authorized to create an agriculture enforcement pilot program within the DLE to address crimes occurring on agricultural lands and in the agriculture industries. This means that a dedicated law enforcement unit of patrol officers and detectives will be assigned specifically to address crime and law enforcement issues in Hawai'i agriculture.

Agricultural theft including stolen livestock, equipment, and crops poses a major challenge to local ranchers and farmers. In response, the DLE is working to deploy advanced monitoring technologies such as automated license plate readers (ALPRs) and unmanned



Cranston "Duke" Pia

aerials systems ("drones"). The DLE is also coordinating with community groups to deter theft and vandalism. These proactive measures are beginning to lead to successful recoveries of stolen goods and stronger deterrence against repeat offenders.

To stay ahead of evolving challenges, DLE has also embraced technology-driven enforcement tools such as Geographic Information System (GIS)

mapping, data-driven patrol strategies, and real-time reporting systems to allow officers to identify theft "hot spots" and deploy resources more effectively. Pilot projects using surveillance cameras and sensors in high-risk areas have already been mapped out and are hopeful of providing results.

Collaboration will also drive success in combatting agricultural issues. DLE
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HAPPY HALLOWEEN
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Ready to Start or Grow Your Business? Wai'anae Business Incubator: Enrollment Now Open for Cohort 2

Submitted by Shavone Lave

Ready to start or grow your business? Whether you have a fresh idea you're not sure how to launch, or you're already selling something on the side and want to make it official, the Wai'anae Business Incubator is here for you!

Launched by the Wai'anae Economic Development Council (WEDC) this September, the "incubator" is the first program of its kind on the Wai'anae Coast. Participants will receive step-by-step guidance, hands-on workshops, one-on-one coaching and real opportunities to sell at community events at the upcoming "Wai'anae Moku Made." The six month program is designed to help entrepreneurs gain confidence, register their businesses, manage finances, craft a pitch, and grow with the support of a community that understands their challenges and goals.



Wai'anae Business Incubator, Cohort 1 Photo Credit: Carrie Inamasu-Aken (WEDC)

"Local businesses are the heart of our community," said WEDC Program Director Shavone Lave. "This incubator is about more than just business—it's about creating opportunities for families, strengthening our economy, and building pride in the Wai'anae Coast."

Cohort 1 has already begun their journey, and now it's your turn. Enroll-

ment is open for Cohort 2, starting October 21. Entrepreneurs from Wai'anae and surrounding communities are encouraged to apply. Don't let your idea stay an idea. With the right support, you can launch with confidence and create something lasting for you and your 'ohana. Register today at wedc.myflodesk.com/waianaebusinessincubator or visit www.thewedc.com

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From the Publisher

By Steve Olbrich

Many of us were not prepared for Hurricane Kiko which was approaching our state earlier this month. Fortunately, it "fizzled" before reaching us but it was a reminder that we are still in the midst of hurricane season which began on June 1 and runs through November 30. Make sure you are ready and have your "Hurricane Kit" prepared (14-day supply for every family member) as well as shelter locations identified.

It is hard to believe that fall inter-session for public schools is coming up starting October 6. Many schools and organizations are having day-long events for the keiki and 'ōpio throughout the week, so make sure you check them out!

October 13 is the Columbus Day/ Discovers Day holiday. It's a federal holiday only so the post office and all banks and credit unions will be closed. All state and city and county offices and schools will remain open.

Homecoming week is coming up for both of our Westside schools. Wai'anae High will have various activities

throughout the first week of October with Searider Grub on October 3 and ending with football game on October 4. Nānākuli High and Intermediate will have their Homecoming parade on October 16 starting at 4 pm followed by the football game on October 17. Make sure you check out the various activities and support our local schools! #paapono96792

Mark your calendars for December 13 as the Waianae Coast Rotary Club will be holding the annual parade starting at 10 pm. Get your entry form early (see page 5). Christmas on the Avenue starts at 4 pm and there will be great food booths, entertainment, craft booths and more! (See page 4)

Don't forget that Halloween is on October 31. There will be lots of keiki out, so please pay attention and drive carefully.

Sadly, as we were going to press, we learned of the passing of Doug Westbrook. Our thoughts and prayers are with his 'ohana at this sad time and offer our deepest condolences.

THE WESTSIDE WHEN

One of our readers sent in this photo he discovered while cleaning out old photos from his parents — a surf meet at Mākaha Surfing Beach in 1953 (based on the writing on photo). Not sure if name "Joe Quigg" was the photographer or not.

Check out the reviewing/judges stand and the old cars in the background. This was way before the "Buffalo Surf Classic" held annually in February, but Buffalo was possibly one of the surfers who competed.

Mahalo for sending in your old photos and keep sending them! We'll feature them whenever we have space available.



Niele???

Last month's question was, "I keep seeing banners and sign that say 'Pa'a Pono' through the Westside. What does this mean and what is it all about?"

In October 2024, the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC), in collaboration with WCCHC's Kupuna Council, inaugurated the Pa'a Pono initiative which means "unity in righteousness" in Hawaiian, with the goal is to embody a cultural and strategic effort to restore both the mental and emotional health of a community struggling under the weight of trauma. It was felt that our Westside is not just dealing with the direct impacts of violence but also the secondary effects, such as trauma, heightened anxiety and the erosion of community morale. As this grassroots campaign emerged, it was quickly embraced by

schools, churches and community groups and is showcasing the solutions already happening and that continue to happen in our Westside community. Organizers are inviting residents to check out the hashtag #PaaPono96792 and use it to contribute to the growing archive of content that they say shows the true story of the community and good work occurring almost daily along the Westside.

Now for this month's "Niele" question, "With economics the way they are and many folks losing their EBT and SNAP benefits, is anyone organizing a food drive for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday?"

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

Contributors to this Month's Issue:

Kelsey Domingo, Sally Ford, Elsie Foster,
 Carrie Inamasu-Aken, Shavone Lave, Sheryl Lynch,
 Sharlette Poe, Jared K. Redulla

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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Wai'anae Moku Community Energy Plan v1

Submitted by Sharlette Poe

The energy landscape of Hawai'i is rapidly evolving, with government, utilities, and organizations shaping the state's energy future. Here on O'ahu's leeward coast, our community has stepped forward with our own voice in this transition by creating the "Wai'anae Moku Community Energy Plan, Version 1."

This plan highlights the community's priorities, outlining what residents want—and don't want—in pursuit of an affordable, reliable and resilient energy future. Developed through over two years of general informational sessions and another year of weekly planning sessions, workshops and stakeholder meetings, the plan represents the collective vision and goals of the Wai'anae community.

At its core, the plan serves 2 purposes:

1) For policymakers, utilities, and de-

velopers, it provides clear community direction as a companion to broader state and county plans, such as the Wai'anae Sustainable Communities Plan and

2) For community members, it builds ownership and offers a roadmap to guide decision-making, strengthen resilience, and inspire projects for current and future generations.

Version 1 is only a starting point. The planning team, convened by the Leeward Empowerment Initiatives (LEI) Foundation, will continue working with the community to refine and implement the plan and interested parties can find Version 1 hosted on the Hawai'i State Energy Office's website at hawaiienergy.com

For more information, please contact leifoundation808@gmail.com or to get started at info@hipawa.com

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Representative Darius Kila
House District 44
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Listening, Learning, and Moving Forward with Our Hometown Healthcare

Not long ago, Sita walked into the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center's (WCCHC) emergency room. What she experienced was difficult enough that she chose to speak out publicly. Sharing a story like that is never

easy but it's how change begins.

Recently I sat down with WCCHC leadership for a candid conversation. They cleared their calendars to listen directly to Sita's experience and to the concerns carried by many in our community. It wasn't an easy meeting, but it was necessary. The message was clear: they can, they must, and they will do better.

Even the strongest institutions sometimes fall short. What matters most is how they respond. In healthcare, that means listening, adapting and constantly improving, and it starts with patient feedback.

If you've received care at WCCHC

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Representative CHRISTOPHER Muraoka
House District 45
Wai'anae, Mākaha Mākua

Over the past several weeks, my team and I traveled across O'ahu, visiting five cities as part of our "Listening Tour." These gatherings were an invaluable opportunity to sit down with community members, "talk story" and better understand the issues that matter most to you and your families. From traffic concerns and education to community safety and opportunities for our youth, the conversations we shared provided meaningful insight and direction as we prepare for the work ahead.

This summer has been an especially busy one for my office. Beyond the "Listening Tour," we have been actively engaging with community groups, supporting local events, and connecting with residents throughout the district. I am deeply grateful for the continued partnership and aloha from our community. Your voices and perspectives guide my work at the Legislature, and I remain committed to ensuring that our district's priorities are heard and rep-

resented.

Looking forward, I invite you to join me at our next "Talk Story Friday" on October 24, from 7 to 9 pm at Ka-maile Academy (85-180 Ala Akau St., Wai'anae, HI 96792). These gatherings provide another opportunity for us to connect face-to-face, share ideas and work together on ways to improve our community. I encourage you to attend and bring a friend or neighbor along.

As always, my Wai'anae Office is open daily to serve you. To schedule an appointment, please call us at (808) 586-8460 or visit RepMuraoka.com. You can also follow me on Instagram and Facebook for updates on district news and upcoming events. Finally, I want to remind everyone—if you see something, say something. Together, we can continue to keep our community safe, thriving and strong!



Pictured here are: Cheryl Kozai, Chief Nursing Officer; Rich Bettini, WCCHC President and CEO; Ginger Fuata, WCCHC Board President; Sita; Rep. Darius Kila and Leinaala Kanana, WCCHC VP.



Representative Muraoka talks story with a guest during the recent "Listening Tour" held at Ark of Safety



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"Real" Talk

By Sylvia "Elsie" Foster R, CRB, CRS, GRI, SFR / License No. RB-15721

First Time Landlords: Expect the Unexpected

There are several things that first-time landlords often don't consider when they buy a rental property. Take John, for example. He bought his first rental property thinking it would be simple: collect the rent each month, pay the mortgage and pocket the rest. For the first few months, things went smoothly. But then the tenant lost his job, moved out early and left the place a mess and without paying the last month's rent. John spent his weekends cleaning up, only to have the water heater give out the next week. To make matters worse, his HOA sent him notice that maintenance fees were increasing by \$100 a month.

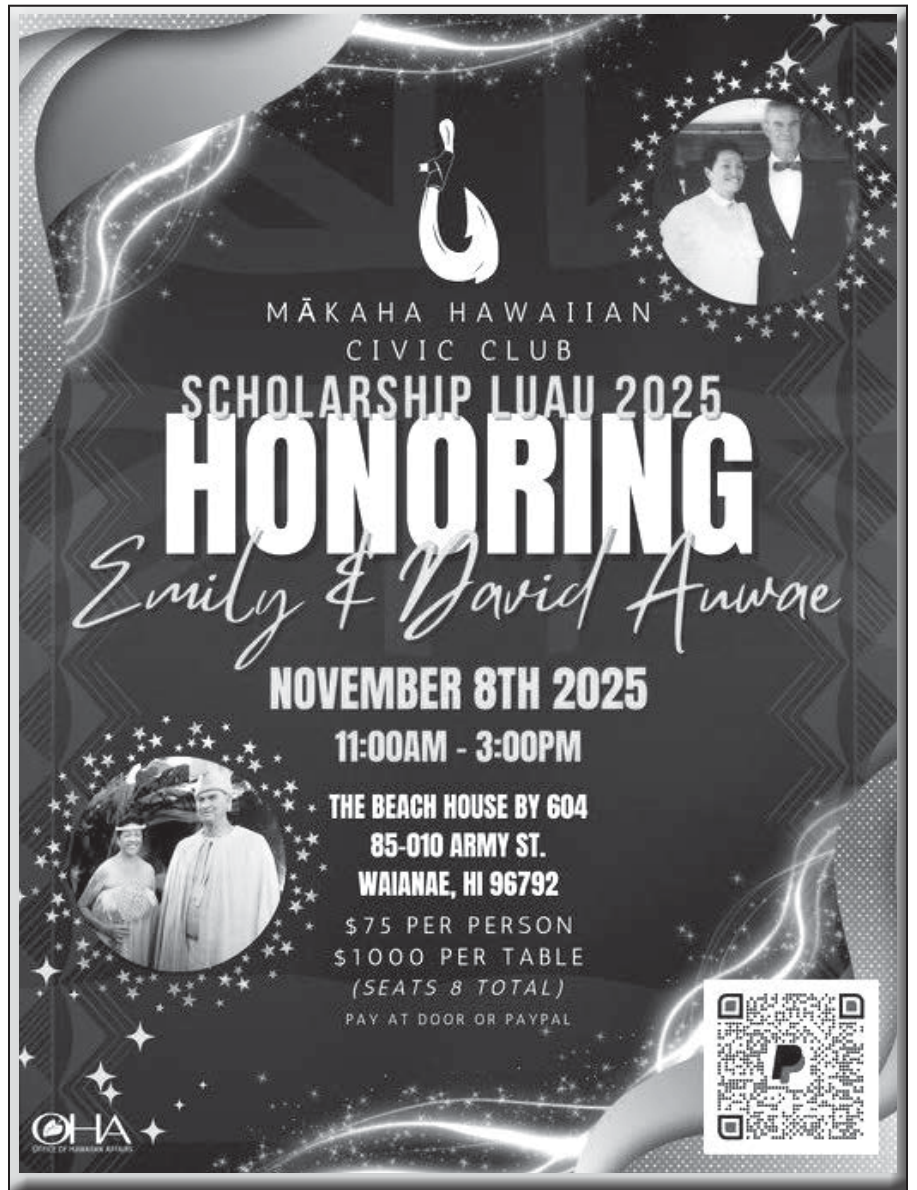
Unfortunately, John's story isn't unusual. Here are some ideas for aspiring landlords.

No matter how strong the rental market seems, there will always be downtime between tenants. Smart landlords plan for one to two months of vacancy every year, so they're not blindsided when the rent stops coming in. Maintenance fees, property taxes, and insurance rarely stay the same. Landlord insurance costs more than a standard homeowner's policy, and it's important to build these

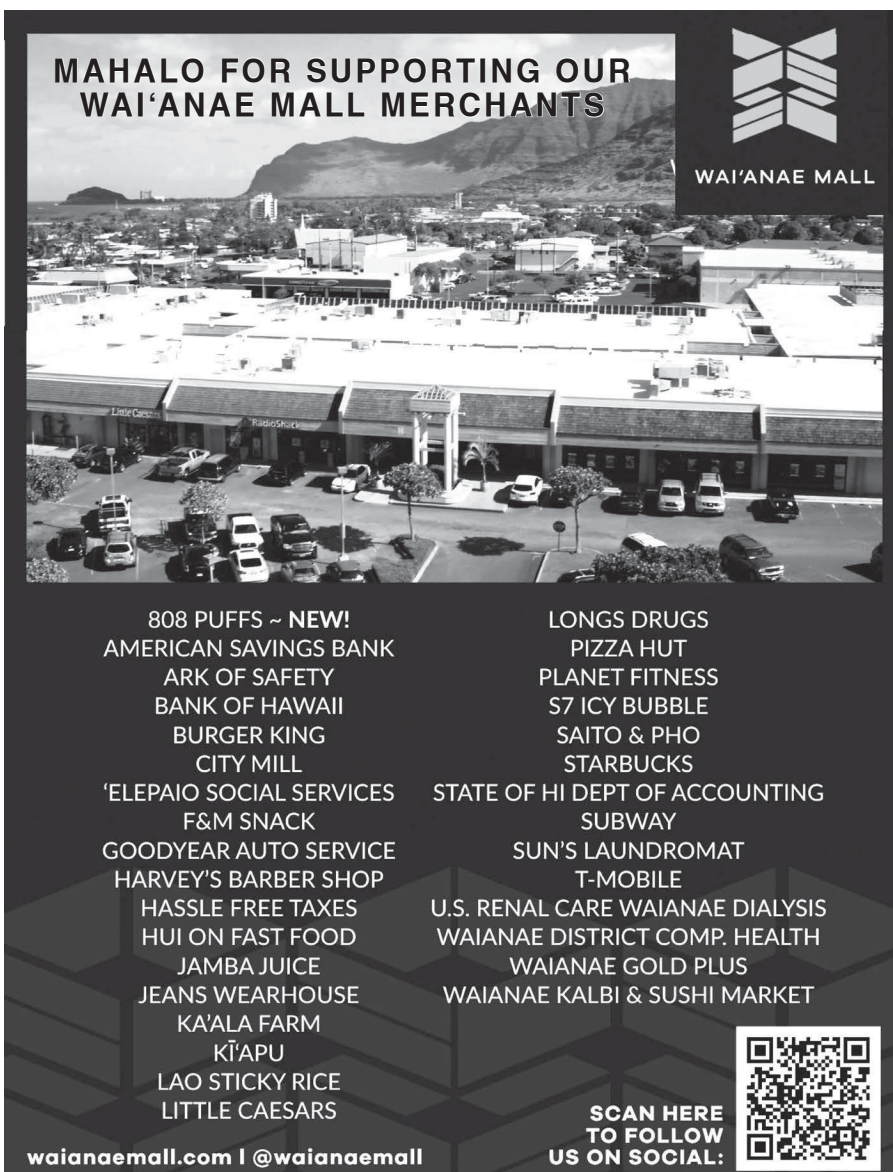
rising expenses into your budget. Plumbing leaks, broken appliances, pest infestations — these are inevitable. Our salty air and humidity only speed up the wear and tear on properties. And then there are the big-ticket items: roofs, windows, or even foundation issues. A good rule of thumb is to set aside about 10% of the rent each month for repairs and maintenance. Even the best tenants don't always return a property in "move-in ready" condition. Repainting, landscaping, and other turnover costs are part of the cycle.

New landlords sometimes forget to budget for general excise taxes (4.5% of the rent to the State of Hawaii) and for professional services. From property managers to accountants to attorneys, having the right team can save you money in the long run.

Landlords who succeed aren't just collecting checks; they're running a small business. The key is to expect the unexpected by planning for vacancies, rising costs, repairs, and turnover. If you budget wisely, set aside reserves, and treat your property like an investment instead of a gamble, you'll be far more likely to enjoy the financial rewards.

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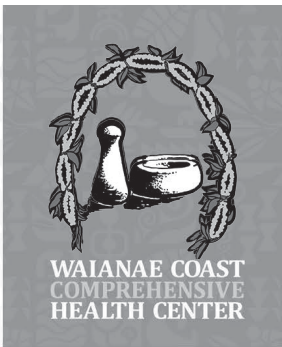
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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to reflect on the impact of this disease and the importance of early detection. Breast cancer remains one of the most common cancers among women, and while many believe family history is the primary risk factor, the reality is that most women diagnosed, nearly 3 out of 4, do not have a family history. This makes routine screenings essential for everyone, not just those considered high risk.

Early detection of breast cancer

saves lives and mammograms remain the most effective screening tool. Mammograms can identify cancers long before symptoms appear. This early detection often makes treatment less invasive and leads to more positive outcomes. For women age 40 and older, screening mammograms once a year are strongly recommended.

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your life. To make it even easier, WCCHC is offering appointments throughout the week, and every patient who receives a mammogram with us this month will receive a small gift of appreciation.



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L-R Front Row: Juanita Nalani Benioni, Kamaki Kanahele

In September, WCCHC welcomed members of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Tribal Advisory Committee (VA TAC) during their visit to Hawai'i. The Committee, which advises the VA Secretary on issues impacting tribal and Native veterans, came to Wai'anae to learn more about the unique health needs of Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander veterans and to see how WCCHC integrates Western medicine and Native Hawaiian traditional healing.

Reyn Keaka Kaupiko, the Committee's Native Hawaiian

representative, called the visit "an excellent opportunity to demonstrate a world class whole health care facility in the heart of our largest Native Hawaiian community." He noted that the welcoming protocol, cultural healing practices, and community-first mindset resonated strongly with the visiting leaders.

WCCHC's Kupuna Council administrator Aunty Nalani Benioni said the group was especially interested in hearing directly from the Council. "They asked us what we want them to do for us, and I

could see they were truly listening," she reflected. "They were impressed not only by our clinical services for Native Hawaiians and other Indigenous people, but also by how WCCHC continues to sustain and finance traditional healing. Too often there is a deficit of infrastructure to support this work, so it meant a lot for them to see it thriving here."

The visit also gave WCCHC staff an opportunity to learn. There were important takeaways and insights for how WCCHC can better serve our veteran population.

WELCOME OUR PROVIDER: VICTORIA TUTTLE, DO I PAIN MANAGEMENT

We're excited to welcome Dr. Victoria Tuttle, DO, to our Pain Management team!

Originally from Denver, Colorado, Dr. Tuttle brings a compassionate and patient-centered approach to serving West O'ahu. She earned her undergraduate degree from Columbia University and her medical degree from the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine. She went on to complete her

residency at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx, NY, specializing in Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine.

When asked why she chose WCCHC, Dr. Tuttle said: "I have always been drawn to service and providing healthcare to communities that are traditionally underserved. WCCHC offers me that opportunity and I am so excited to be a part of it."

Dr. Tuttle has a special interest in using osteopathic manipulative medicine to help patients manage pain and improve quality of life. Outside of the clinic, she enjoys yoga, knitting, going to the beach, and reading. Dr. Tuttle is currently accepting new patients at our Pain Management Clinic.

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Pauahi Foundation scholarships support haumāna at every stage of their educational journey, cultivating a strong sense of agency and purpose in ‘ōiwi leaders who are shaping the future of our lāhui.

Scholarships previously managed separately by Kamehameha Schools and the Pauahi Foundation have been consolidated under a unified program to streamline and strengthen our ability to support ‘ōiwi leaders in their learning journeys.

Note: The college scholarships application window is earlier than in previous years.

Learn more at
ksbe.edu/legacy and **pauahi.org/apply-for-a-scholarship**

Kamehameha Schools Preschools APPLICATION WINDOW: AUG. 15 TO OCT. 31, 2025

Our 30 preschools across the pae ‘āina nurture our haumāna, grounding them in culture and inspiring a lifelong love of learning.

Note: The preschool application deadline is earlier than in previous years.



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Kamehameha Schools' admissions policy is to give preference to applicants of Hawaiian ancestry to the extent permitted by law.
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What's Up" on the Westside

OCTOBER 2025 Calendar of Events

October 3
5 to 9 pm — **Searider Grub** at Wai'anae High School

October 4
5 pm — Wai'anae High School Homecoming Football Game

October 6 — October 10
Fall break — No school for public school students

October 13
Columbus/Discover's Day Federal Holiday
5 pm — **Family Movie Night** "Hocus Pocus" at Nānākuli Public Library

October 16
4 pm — Nānākuli High's Homecoming Parade

October 17
5 pm — Nānākuli High's Homecoming Football Game

October 18
10 am — **Slime Time** at Wai'anae Public Library

October 23
6 am to 1:30 pm — **Blood Drive** at WCCHC
6 pm — **Live History Theatre** with Emma Nakuina at Nānākuli Public Library

October 24
7 to 9 pm — Rep. Muraoka's "Talk Story Fridays" at Kamaile Academy

October 30
5 to 9 pm — "Taste of Mākaha" at Mākaha Valley Country Club
6 pm — Mr Kneel "**Monster Mash Dance**" for kids at Nānākuli Public Library

October 31
HALLOWEEN
2 pm — "**Halloween Hullabaloo**" at Nānākuli Public Library

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

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).
Call Patrick Maher at 808-545-6003.

Aerobics (Low Impact)
4 to 5 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Wai'anae District Park. For more information, contact Flo Pell at 808-696-2776.

Aikido
Daily classes, morning, afternoon and evening for children, teens and adults.
Call 808.202.6171 or 808.462-1118.

B&GClub Hawai'i
— **Wai'anae Clubhouse**
Afterschool programs for youth & teens
Grades 2nd thru 12th. Register at: membership.bgch.com or call 808-696-2754.

La Kōkua Ka'ala Farm
9 am to 12 noon on the 2nd Saturday of each month to mālama 'āina, lo'i and weeding. All are welcomed! Call 808.696.4954 or check out website www.kaalafarm.org

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 or visit our Instagram: @lualualeihcc808 or Facebook: Lualualei Hawaiian Civic Club

Mākaha Bridge Club
10 am on Wednesdays at Lilikoi Lounge (Mākaha Valley Country Club).
10 am on Saturdays at "Beach House by 604" (Piliāau Army Rec Center). For more information, call Kay Smith at 808-695-7844.

Mākaha Red Hatters
2nd Monday of each month at various restaurants along the Westside. If you would like to join this club, call "Queen" Gerry Ottinger at 808-399-2594.

Mai Jongg (American style)
Tuesdays at 11 am at "Beach House by 604" (Army Rest Camp) Call Coco at 808-330-4765 for more information. *Beginners welcomed!*

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

St John the Baptist Church Thrift Shop
Wednesdays. from 9am-1pm
Thursday 1pm-5pm Stop by for great bargains! To volunteer, please email revjazybostock@gmail.com

Veterans of Foreign Wars
VFW Post 849 (Leeward Coast) monthly membership meetings at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at "Beach House by 604" (Piliāau Army Rest Camp). Our mission is to serve our veterans,

the military, and our community.
For more information, contact Steve Mayoral at 310-365-7048.

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

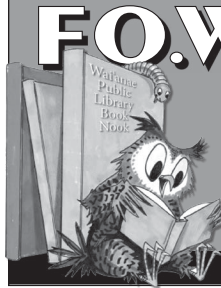
Waianae Coast Rotary Club
12 noon on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at "Beach House by 604" (PARC) Piliāau Army Rec. Center (Rest Camp). For more information, contact: waianae coastrotary.org or Craig Alvarado at craigal@bhhshawaii.com

Wai'anae Farmer's Market
Mākeke 'Iki 9am to 12 Noon every Tuesday at WCCHC Main Campus.
Mākeke Wai'anae 8 am to 12 noon every Saturday at Wai'anae Mall.
Formore information call 808-697-3709.

Wai'anae Hawaiian Civic Club
6 to 8pm on the 2nd Tuesdays of each month. Come learn about our culture and civic kuleana. Contact waianae hawaiiancivicclub.org for more information.

Women of Wai'anae
For more information visit womenofwaianae.org or call Karen Young at 808-388-8828.
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activity, ensuring that everyone plays a role in protecting the food supply.

If you see suspicious activity near farms or agricultural lands, please report it immediately to the DLE's tip and reporting line. Crimes in agriculture are underreported. Consequently, the DLE is asking the agriculture community and the public to report agriculture

crimes to its agriculture crime tip line at 808-427-3323 or the DLE's website at law.hawaii.gov.

As Hawai'i faces increasing pressures from organized theft, environmental risks and invasive threats, the DLE will continue to strengthen partnerships, invest in technology, and expand its agricultural enforcement presence

statewide. Together, we can protect Hawai'i's farmers and preserve our agricultural heritage.

Rep. Kila

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that didn't meet the standard you deserve, I encourage you to speak up. Call 808-697-3585 or email compliance@wcchc.com This compliance line reports directly to WCCHC's Board of Directors, independent of administration, ensuring concerns are reviewed fairly. They need to hear from you, and our community benefits when they do. Please save and share this information for future reference.

WCCHC is more than a clinic, it's our hometown provider. For decades, they've filled gaps and cared for our families close to home. I mahalo them for that commitment, and I mahalo our community for never shying away from dialogue or solutions.

The path forward is not about blame — it's about partnership, patients willing to speak out and providers willing to listen. Together, we can ensure every Westside resident receives care that is respectful, responsive, and rooted in aloha.

If you ever have concerns or ideas you'd like to share, please reach out to me directly at repkila@capitol.hawaii.gov or call (808) 586-8460. I'm here to listen, and to work alongside you.



Ark of Safety
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Happy Pastor Appreciation Month!

In honor of Pastors' appreciation month we the members of Ark of Safety Christian Fellowship would like to send a special mahalo nui loa to our Apostle Jay & Executive Pastor Geri Amina. We thank God for your love and prayers, but most of all for allowing God to use you to be a blessing to us; our families and to the Wai'anae community. May God bless you richly and continue to allow His favor to abound towards you and your family in every area of your lives.


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24, 31

KEIKI STORYTIME
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OCT
23

LIVE HISTORY
THEATRE: EMMA
NAKUINA
6PM-7PM



OCT
4

MESSY PLAYTIME
10AM-11AM



OCT
27

'OHANA GAME
NIGHT
5PM - 7PM



OCT
7

LEGO TIME
2:30PM - 3:30PM



OCT
30

MR. KNEEL
MONSTER MASH
DANCE FOR KIDS
6PM - 7PM



OCT
13

HOCUS POCUS
MOVIE NIGHT
5PM - 7PM



OCT
31

AFTER SCHOOL
HALLOWEEN
HULLABALOO
2PM - 4PM




OCT
21

PERLER PARTY
2:30PM - 3:30 PM



For more info visit librarieshawaii.org/events



Wai'anae Public Library

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Family Storytime

Saturdays @ 10:00

Keiki and their ohana are invited for a fun-filled storytime where we read books, sing and dance, and make crafts. This story-time is aimed at ages 3-5, but all ages are welcome.

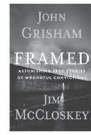
Toddler Time Tue @ 9:30

Oct. 21 and 28

Toddler Time helps keiki learn important pre-reading skills. Keiki ages 0-3 can listen to books being read aloud, sing songs, do fingerplays, participate in flannel board activities, and play with toys. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Book Club 3rd Wed. Oct 15 @ 6:00


The library book club meets on the 3rd Wednesday each month online via Zoom. Contact the library for more information or to get on the book club list. Reminders are sent out monthly to book club members on our email list.



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Medicare 101

**Tue. Oct 14
10:00am**



Whether you're enrolling in Medicare for the first time or continuing to work, this program will help you make a confident, informed decision. Where to sign up, when to sign up and why to sign up for Medicare.

Slime Time

**Sat. Oct 18
10:00-12:00**

Join us for a fun 2-hour parent and keiki slime making and bookmaking experience! This program is aimed at keiki ages 4 and up and their families. The program is sponsored by the Hawai'i Positive Engagement Project.

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Dreams can come true

\$23 million performing arts center planned for NHIS

Nānākuli High and Intermediate School is on track to receive a long-awaited addition: a \$23 million performing arts center that could open within the next four to six years. For more than three decades, the school's program has persevered without a proper stage, practicing and presenting performances in the cafeteria.

The new facility will seat nearly 500 people and serve as a cultural gathering place for the entire West O'ahu

region, where large entertainment venues are scarce.

The school's Performing Arts Center has been training students from Wai'anae Coast schools for 35 years.



Learning from the best

Students in the Nānākuli High & Intermediate School's Performing Arts Center theater program had the opportunity to work with Alex Durrant as part of the school's Early College Program. Durrant is a senior lecturer at Windward Community College and has performed in leading roles in West End and European touring productions of *Cats*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Godspell*, *The Fantasticks*, and many others.

This marks the ninth year that NHIS has offered college-level theater classes in partnership with WCC—a program that gives students the chance to earn credits toward a college degree, build skills, and grow as performers and creators while still in high school.

PVT is proud to be a supporter of NPAC and is grateful for the opportunities it provides students on the westside.



35 Years in the Making—Currently, the NHIS performing arts program rehearses and stages its productions in the school cafeteria.

Every week is education week at Nānākuli

The Hawai'i State Legislature celebrated its annual Education Week at the Hawai'i State Capitol earlier this year to recognize the outstanding achievements of educators, students, staff, and administrators in education.

We're happy to report that members of the Nānākuli High & Intermediate School robotics program were there to represent the school and its CTE/STEM program. Earning CTE/STEM honors at Nānākuli requires completing

4 credits of math, 4 credits of science, and successfully completing a STEM Capstone Project in an approved ACCN course (a high school course that is authorized by the Hawai'i Department of Education and aligned with college-level learning standards).

Awardees were recognized during Senate and House floor sessions as part of the celebration.



Capitol Achievement—Instructor Richard Enright and members of the Nanakuli High & Intermediate School robotics program stand to be recognized during the legislature's annual Education Week.



Gather Around—Alex Durrant speaks to Nānākuli Performing Arts students who participate in the school's Early College Program.

Turning waste into hope

Waste management and recycling are something we know well at PVT.

So does Michelle Pieper, a teacher at Nānākuli High and Intermediate School. She received a student success grant from the National Education Association that will help expand her student-led initiative called "Waste to Hope," a project that transforms shredded cardboard into sleeping mats, pillows, and insulation

wraps for houseless individuals in the community.

The project is a spinoff from the school's Sustainable Saturday program, where students collect discarded cardboard from the community, shred it, and exchange it with local farmers for fresh produce. Now, they're going a step further by repurposing the cardboard into usable items for the houseless population.



Pillow Talk—A student holds up a pillow made of recycled materials as part of the NHIS Waste to Hope Program.



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