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Nānākuli Youth Win \$10,000 in Farm Tank Challenge

Submitted by Kumu Michelle Pieper

Two seniors from Nānākuli are shifting the narrative of the Wai'anae Coast on a national stage. Khiara Kaleiwahea and Jeremiah Magallones traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to compete in the nationally recognized "Farm Tank Challenge" hosted by Big Green.

Competing against four other sustainability-focused teams from across the country, Khiara and Jeremiah were the only youth-led team in the competition—and they came out on top, winning the \$10,000 grand prize!

Representing their nonprofit organization, Hanai Kai'ulu, the students presented their innovative "Sustainable Saturday" initiative—a circular economy model grounded in mālama 'āina and community exchange. The project diverts cardboard from landfills by shredding it into nutrient-rich mulch for local farmers. In return, farmers provide fresh produce that is distributed back to community members who donate cardboard. This model addresses landfill overcapacity, soil regeneration, food access, and youth workforce development—while strengthening relationships between farmers, families, and students. "We wanted to show that solutions already exist in communities like ours," said Jeremiah. Khiara added, "Our community shows up. They shred, they plant, they give. This win belongs to Nānākuli."

The \$10,000 award will now serve a
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Jeremiah Magallones and Khiara Kaleiwahea with Big Green's President Madeleine Nelson (center)

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NPAC Staging *The Little Mermaid*

Submitted by Robin Kitsu

The Nānākuli High and Intermediate Performing Arts Center (NPAC) invites the community to journey under the sea as it presents Disney's *The Little Mermaid* in six performances this spring at the Nānākuli High & Intermediate School Multi-Purpose Café.

This production features thirty-five students in grades 3 through 12, representing multiple schools and coming together as one cast. For many, it is not just about singing and acting, but about building confidence, leadership and teamwork across grade levels.

"This show represents what NPAC is all about," said Robin Kitsu, co-director of NPAC. "I want the audience to feel the joy and pride in seeing the stu-

dents bring this musical to life on stage. I want them to appreciate the hard work the students have put in learning their characters and applying performance

skills, and to have the audience be taken under the sea for two and a half hours."

Known for its vibrant costumes and
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Ariel (Haley Sakakida – far right) might want to be part of that world, but first she has to face the music. King Triton (Dezarar Weatherholtz – holding the trident) is not holding back, Sebastian (Jude Yen) has opinions, Flounder (Nelianna Kamalii) looks worried and her sister (Genisty Rulloda) is definitely adding to the lecture



From the Publisher

By Steve Olbrich

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



March is shaping up to be a very busy month here on our Westside with lots of programs, activities and more. Make sure you check out “What’s Up on the Westside” on page 13 to see the many activities and community assets that are available to our residents.

Last month’s windstorm caught many of us by surprise. Winds in some areas on our Westside were clocked at 70 mph and knocked down trees, power poles and power and phone lines. It’s a reminder that we should always be prepared for sudden storms. Please load the HNL Alert app hnlalert.gov to your cell phone or mobile device to stay informed. Kudos to Hawaiian Electric, Hawaiian Tel and Spectrum for being out there day and night trying to get services up and running.

The 2026 Legislative session is already at the half-way point. Make sure you stay informed on legislative bills that are important to you and your ‘ohana as well as those that affect our Westside. If you can’t make the various hearings in person, you can submit testimony online. Visit www.capitol.hawaii.gov for information.

Congratulations to the Keaulana ‘ohana and all the many friends, supporters and volunteers who helped make the recent 49th annual Buffalo Big Board Surfing Classic a huge success.

Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center will be hosting a blood drive on March 5 from 6 am to 1:30 pm at the lower level of the main campus at the center. Blood is at a critical low again so if you can donate, please contact Eva Galariada-Rosa at 808-220-2842.

March 17 is St. Patrick’s Day, a day when everyone is a wee bit of “Irish-At-Heart.” Please remember to have a designated leprechaun drive you home if you have too many green beers with your corned beef and cabbage.

Spring break for our Westside public school students is March 16 through March 20. Several organizations are planning activities for students so make sure you check with them to keep those keiki occupied during the week.

The Prince Kūhiō Holiday is on March 26, and the Wai‘anae Coast Community Foundation will host their 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Celebration on March 21 from 3 to 9 pm at



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Kalania‘ole Beach Park. (see page 10). The Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole Parade is on March 28 from 5 to 8 pm in Kapolei.

Have you thought about furthering your education? Well, Leeward Community College Wai‘anae Moku is having an Open House on March 27 from 5 to 8 pm. Bring the ‘ohana and enjoy an evening of entertainment, food and

student showcases.

Waianae Coast Rotary Club is kicking off their “96792 Pride” Amateur Photo Contest starting this month through June 30. Get out those cameras and start taking photos of what makes you proud of our Westside (Kahe Pt to Ka‘ena Pt). (See ad on page 3). Your photo may be selected for their upcoming 2027 calendar.

Waianae High School Alumni & Community Foundation Scholarships

Waianae High School Alumni & Community Foundation (WHSACF) is offering student scholarship applications to all WHS Seniors and Graduating Juniors at the school’s College & Career Center. **Deadline is March 13, 2026**

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January’s question was, “In December’s issue, there was an article about abandoned/neglected homes and some of the reasons why folks abandon or neglect them. Are there any city or state programs or agencies that can help folks (especially kupuna) with repairs or yard services?”

No one from the city or state agencies reached out to us, but several churches and civic clubs did say they have volunteers who could help with handy-

man-type jobs. If you are in need of such services, reach out to your local church or civic organization.


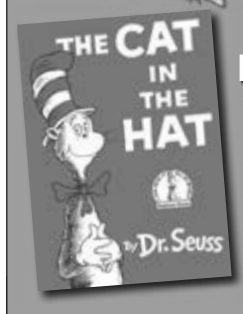

Now for this month’s nīele question, “I’m a visiting kupuna and am looking for light exercise program and a social-type group for crafts or just socializing here during the day.”

If you know the answer or want to ask a nīele 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:

Louvinia Acosta, Tammy Cabral, Kat Cadirao, Kaiwiola Coakley, Kelsey Domingo, Elsie Foster, Sally Ford, Lei‘a Haff, Nikki Kiliona, Robin Kitsu, Kimie Korenaga, Lisa Ontai, Michelle Pieper, Maile Shimabukuro, Kelly Stinefelt, Patty Teruya, Deborah Thierbach, Karen Young and Beth Washburn

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.

F.O.W.L.

Friends Of Wai‘anae Library

We will be featuring Remarkable women, pets, and Dr. Seuss. Reminder: we accept gently used donations of books and DVDs on Fridays from 9:00 until 11:00.

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Shinyei Nakamine & 100th Infantry Battalion Memorial Park Dedication



Please join us for a special community celebration as Wai'anae District Park is officially renamed Shinyei Nakamine & 100th Infantry Battalion Memorial Park on April 11 at 10 am. This dedication honors Shinyei Nakamine, a proud Wai'anae son and Medal of Honor recipient who gave his life in service to our country during World War II, as well as the brave soldiers of the 100th Infantry Battalion, one of the most highly decorated units in U.S. military history.

This event is open to the public and all are welcome as we come together to honor the enduring legacy of our Wai'anae community.

Waianae Coast Rotary Club Scholarship Program

Applications for the Waianae Coast Rotary Club (WCRC) 2026 scholarships applications for graduating high school seniors who live in or attend school within zip code 96792 are still available including a \$2,500 one-year award for a student attending an in-state Hawai'i four-year college or university; \$2,500 one-year award for a student

attending an accredited vocational or trade school, in-state or out-of-state; \$1,250 one-year award for a student attending an in-state Hawai'i two-year community college.

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Legislatively Speaking



Representative
**Darius
Kila**

House District 44
Mā'ili, Nānākuli,
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As we approach the halfway point of the 2026 legislative session, many bills are now moving through their final committees before crossing over to the opposite chamber.

This is a pivotal stage in the process when the proposals shaped by community input are tested, refined and prepared for broader consideration.

This year, with my colleagues, we introduced measures that would help secure stable funding for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, modernize our local DMV systems and expand workforce pathways for our youth. These include proposals to create clearer routes for our youth to obtain commercial driver's license

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Representative
**CHRISTOPHER
Muraoka**

House District 45
Wai'anae, Mākaha
Mākua

The 2026 Legislative Session is underway, and committee hearings have officially begun at the State Capitol. This phase of session is where bills are heard publicly, testimony is submitted, and important discussions take place that directly impact our Westside community.

We are pleased to share that two

of our measures, HB2356 HD1 and HB2480, have successfully passed out of their first reading. While this is only the first step in a long legislative process, it reflects our continued commitment to advancing policies that support our families, small businesses, kūpuna and keiki. There is still much work ahead, and we remain focused on ensuring that Westside priorities are part of the conversation at every level.

Community engagement remains one of the most important parts of this process. We strongly encourage everyone to stay involved. Whether it is submitting testimony, attending hearings, or reaching out to share your mana'o,

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Standing together to promote safe driving for communities! Representative Darius Kila joined with the Mahelona 'ohana, the Honolulu Police Department and the Hawai'i Department of Transportation at the recent Safe Driving sign-waving event on the Westside.



Representative Muraoka met with Wai'anae students during their visit to the Capitol for the Secondary Student Conference

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Nānākuli youth win \$10,000 in Farm Tank Challenge.

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Khiara Kaleiwahea and Jeremiah Magallones at their presentation of "Sustainable Saturday" Initiative

deeper purpose. Funds will help launch Hanai Kaiāulu's newest initiative: The Sua Stevens Foundation which was created by the youth in honor of Sua Stevens, who tragically passed away last June. Sua played a pivotal role in the founding of Hanai Kai'ulu and mentored countless youth over the years. His guidance, heart for the communi-

ty and belief in young people laid the foundation for much of the organization's success. Through the foundation, Hanai Kaiāulu will carry forward the things Sua loved most—offering surf lessons, supporting canoe paddling registrations, and expanding tree planting efforts throughout the community. The initiative aims to provide youth with healthy outlets, cultural connections and meaningful mentorship rooted in ʻāina and kai. "This foundation is our way of saying mahalo," said Khiara Kaleiwahea, youth board member of Hanai Kaiāulu. "Uncle Sua believed in us before we believed in ourselves. We will continue that work."

For Nānākuli, this victory is more than a financial award—it is a testament to resilience, leadership and the power of youth rooted in culture and community.

For more information, contact Michelle Pieper at hanaikaiaulu@gmail.com



Sua Stevens Foundation members

Rep. Kila

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training, establish maritime career pathways through our community colleges and invest in the skills our keiki need to succeed here at home.

We also advanced legislation to establish a clear regulatory framework for electric bicycles, improve roadway safety, harden and secure areas around our schools and close loopholes that have allowed individuals with revoked licenses to regain driving privileges improperly. When a license is revoked for

safety reasons, it should remain revoked until the law is satisfied.

Each of these efforts reflects the priorities we hear every day from Westside families who want safer roads, better services and more opportunities for the next generation. As these bills move forward, your testimony and engagement continue to guide this work.

Mahalo for allowing me to serve District 44. Together, we will keep pushing for advanced sweeping and robust legislation that strengthens our community and builds a safer, more secure future for our Westside 'ohana.

Rep. Muraoka

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your voice helps shape better policy and stronger outcomes for our community.

Our Wai'anae office is open daily and available to assist with state-related matters, provide updates, or answer any questions. Please feel free to stop by or contact our team — we are here to serve you!

We also invite you to join us for our

next Talk Story session on March 20 from 7 to 8:30 pm at Ark of Safety Center in Wai'anae Mall. These gatherings are centered on open dialogue and community connection. We want to hear directly from you!

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

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Under the updated rules, agents working directly with buyers must have a written agreement in place prior to conducting private showings including virtual tours. These agreements outline the scope of services, the length of the relationship, and how compensation will be handled. Compensation is fully negotiable and may be structured in different ways, such as a percentage, flat fee or another agreed-upon arrangement. Open Houses remain an exception, allowing buyers to attend without signing an agreement.

These changes do not mean buyers

are automatically required to pay their agent out of pocket, nor do they require long-term contracts in every situation. Instead, the intent is to encourage clear conversations early in the process and eliminate confusion about representation. Sellers may, and usually do, choose to offer concessions that help cover buyer representation costs, but compensation details are now negotiated directly rather than displayed in MLS systems.

For both agents and consumers, the



WHSACF 22nd Annual Report to Members Meeting & Golden Searider Social Honoring Class of 1976

The Waianae High School Alumni and Community Foundation (WHSACF) will be holding their annual meeting on March 14 at Wai'anae High School's Cafeteria beginning at 5:30pm. Following the meeting, there will be a social party to honor the Class of 1976 who are celebrating their 50th anniversary. Cost is \$5 for the social except for members of the Class of 1976. Come join us!

—Submitted by Nikki Kiliona—

biggest adjustment is the timing of the conversation. Buyers may notice more paperwork upfront, but the benefit is greater clarity and fewer surprises later in the transaction. As the industry

evolves, these updated practices are designed to foster transparency, set expectations early, and create stronger working relationships between buyers and their real estate professionals.




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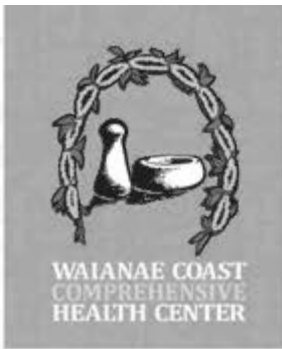
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WCCHC WELCOMES HONOLULU EMS EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) - LEEWARD ACADEMY RECRUITS



On Friday, February 27, 2026, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC) hosted a welcome event for the first cohort of the Honolulu Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) - Leeward Coast Academy, the first program of its kind rooted in West O'ahu. Community leaders, families, and partners gathered to celebrate the launch of an innovative program designed to strengthen emergency response capacity while

creating meaningful career pathways for local residents. Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi was in attendance, along with Honolulu EMS leadership and WCCHC leadership.

The academy was developed through a partnership between the City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC), which serves as the primary training site. Classroom instruction and hands-on training are hosted in WCCHC's newly renovated training classroom and coordinated through Ka 'Ike Ola, WCCHC's Education and Training Program Department. Upon successful completion, recruits will meet all requirements for licensure as an Emergency Medical Technician - Basic (EMT-B) with the State of Hawai'i.

For the first time, West O'ahu residents have a direct pathway to become Emergency Medical Technicians with little need to leave their community for training. For recruits in this first round, this eliminates the long commute to urban Honolulu that has historically been required to access this career pathway.



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APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 3, 2026 or delivered in person by 4:30pm on April 3, 2026.

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MAHALO & A HUI HOU: NICHOLAS HUGHEY, EVP, HONORED FOR 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center extends our sincere mahalo to Nicholas Hughey for more than a decade of dedicated service and leadership.

Over the past ten years, Nicholas has played a central role in strengthening the operational and clinical foundation of WCCHC, the oldest and largest federally qualified health center in Hawai'i. Serving more than 36,000 patients annually across West O'ahu, from Wai'anae to Waipahu, our health center depends on strong systems, disciplined execution, and thoughtful leadership. Nicholas consistently delivered all three.

Throughout his tenure, Nicholas advanced from Chief of Clinical Operations to Chief Operating Officer to Executive Vice President. In each role, he led the development of accountable, scalable systems that supported high-quality patient care and aligned clinical operations with organizational strategy. He helped establish clinic-level leadership structures, including Clinical Operations Managers and Clinical Managers, and supported the creation of an Ambulatory Care Registered Nurse role to improve care coordination, oversight, and operational consistency across service lines.

His commitment to operational excellence extended beyond daily management. Nicholas championed the creation of a Chief Nursing Officer role to strengthen clinical governance and stronger alignment across clinical and operational teams. He also supported the sustainability and compliance of WCCHC's 340B program through the development of the proprietary DelveRx system, enhancing

inventory oversight, regulatory integrity, and financial stewardship.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Nicholas served as Incident Commander, providing steady and decisive leadership through a once-in-a-century public health crisis. Nicholas was also instrumental in advancing workforce development initiatives that strengthened long-term organizational stability. He championed WCCHC's first Medical Assistant training program, creating meaningful career pathways and building a reliable frontline clinical support staffing pipeline. He supported state-level advocacy to secure after-hours emergency department funding, ensuring continued access to critical services for the Waianae Coast.

Working closely with Board Member Anthony Guerrero, Nicholas helped implement the Kina'ole Staff Engagement and Recognition Program, reinforcing a culture of appreciation, acknowledgment, and organizational pride. He was intentional in recruiting and mentoring emerging leaders and young professionals, helping to build leadership pipelines, support succession planning, and ensure long-term organizational sustainability.

Recognizing growing safety challenges, Nicholas established WCCHC's Safety and Security Committee and led a coordinated effort to strengthen safety across all campuses through policy development, staff training, standardized protocols, technology investments, and secured funding. This included substantial security upgrades to the Emergency Department and WCCHC's campus and clinics.

Beyond operations, Nicholas helped enhance WCCHC's internal and external communications, branding, and public presence by supporting the creation of the organization's first Communications Team and implementing standardized branding initiatives that reinforced professionalism and unity across campuses.

In February, Nicholas was recognized by U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono during a Board of Directors and Leadership visit to Washington, D.C., for the NACHC Policy & Issues Forum, where he received a Letter of Recognition and Commendation from the United States Senate in acknowledgment of his service and leadership to community health centers.

We thank Nicholas for his service, his leadership, and his lasting impact on our organization and community. We wish him continued success in his next chapter.



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Out and About with Lei'a *By Lei'a Haff* *Leia.vhaff@gmail.com* Angel Ibanez Brings Kōnane Home to the Westside

Angel Ibanez's story begins on the Westside of O'ahu, where he was raised in Wai'anae Valley homestead and grew up surrounded by the places and people that shaped his sense of identity and responsibility. A graduate of Kamaile Academy, he describes Wai'anae as a community that gave him room to grow through local events, programs,

and work opportunities along the coast. Those experiences helped build relationships with others who share the same values and commitment to community.

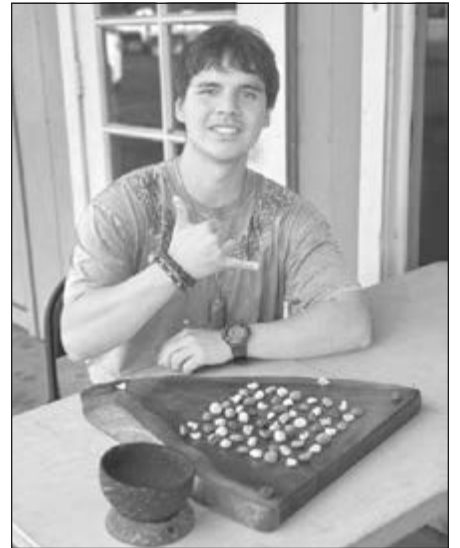
Much of his upbringing was rooted in places that hold deep meaning across generations, including Ka'ala Farms and Pōka'i Bay. Seeing the beauty of Wai'anae from mauka to makai became more than a description of the landscape, it became a way of understanding connection, culture and kuleana and over the years, as he was influenced by many people in the community, describing their growth as the result of countless small moments of guidance and encouragement. One of the strongest cultural foundations came through time spent at Ka'ala Farms with Uncle Butch, who helped shape his Hawaiian mindset, grounding and patience.

Angel was introduced to kōnane in high school, when his kumu, Isaiah Pule, started a makahiki team at Kamaile Academy so students could compete against other charter schools at Ka O'ahu Makahiki. What began as a school opportunity quickly turned into a passion. Angel connected with the game early on, not because of size or speed, but because the strategy made sense in a way that felt natural. "I wasn't the biggest or the fastest, but I was able to figure out kōnane from the start," he

said. Often compared to chess or "Go" in the way it develops strategic thinking, kōnane holds a distinct place as a strategy game rooted in Hawai'i. For him what stands out most is that the game is not simply about taking everything off the kōnane board, it rewards foresight, restraint and the ability to plan ahead. As players gain experience, the board becomes less about individual moves and more about reading patterns, managing resources and understanding consequences.

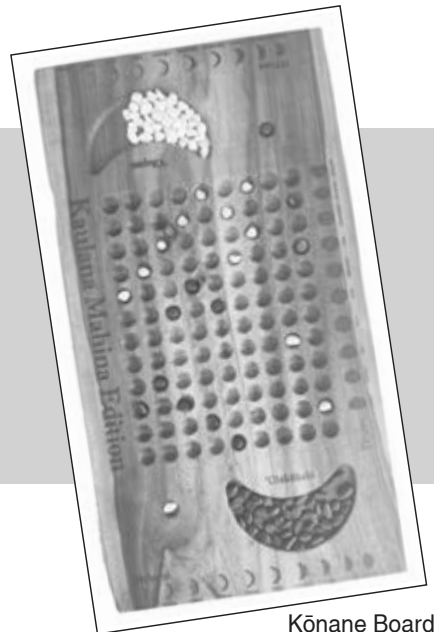
A few months after joining the school team, he continued competing at a small kōnane tournament where he not only won the tournament but earned a free kōnane board which helped deepen his commitment to the game and the community of players surrounding it.

For him, kōnane has now become a way of life in decision-making under pressure, in patience and in the discipline to think ahead. He approaches the board with an ethic of preservation, aiming to win efficiently while leaving as much in place as possible, seeing the pieces as a reflection of mālama. He is now a part of a growing effort to bring



Angel and a kōnane board

kōnane back to the Westside in a visible, active way, especially for youth. He feels that it is strengthening cultural practice, creating spaces for community connection and reminding the next generation that the tools of 'ike can be learned, played, and lived right here at home. For more information or to get involved with kōnane, e-mail Kamakana-konane@gmail.com



Kōnane Board



Angel and Uncle Hano playing kōnane

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NPAC Stages *The Little Mermaid* Continued from front page

creative set design, this year’s production transforms the school café into an underwater world filled with color, movement, and energy. Students have spent months rehearsing after school and on weekends, developing not only performance skills but also discipline, responsibility and resilience.

Chloe Kitsu, co-director, emphasized the growth she sees in students throughout the process. “When students step into rehearsal for the first time, many are unsure of themselves,” she shared. “By opening night, they are leading warm-ups, supporting younger cast members, and carrying themselves with confidence. That transformation is powerful.”

NPAC is also proud to be part of the Pa’a Pono 96792 Campaign, an initiative that supports the well-being, engagement, and future success of youth in the community. Through after-school, weekend and vacation programming, NPAC provides students with a safe and positive environment, and these experiences help students build collaboration skills and real-world workforce readiness, supporting educational success



The Mersisters (Heaven Kuala-Asinsin, Carlee Barco, Genisty Rulloda, Khailey Trace Buentipo, Analen-Peythynn Mahoe-Bustamante Kekawa and Haedyn Carba) and Flounder (Neliana Kamalii) are bringing the energy, the attitude and the harmonies to the stage. Rehearsals are in full swing, and this crew is ready to make waves in Disney’s *The Little Mermaid*.

and active citizenship within the community.

Now in its 35th anniversary season, NPAC continues its mission of using the performing arts as a vehicle for student growth and a living example of what happens when young people are given space to shine.

Performances will be held March 27, 28, April 2, 3, and 4 at 7 pm, with a matinee on March 29 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults pre-sale, \$5 for high school students and below, and \$3 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased at www.nhispac.com



Poor Ariel (Haley Sakakida - center) just wanted to explore the world above... and now she is face to face with trouble from below. Flotsam (Olivia Jones) and Jetsam (Ava Bolt) are circling, Ursula (Zyeanna Nahina – far right) is watching, and the tension on stage is real. This scene is dark, dramatic, and packed with energy as our cast brings the villain vibes to life.

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Seeds of Aloha Project Blooms Across the Westside

Submitted by Lei'a Haff

On February 12, a simple gesture carried a powerful message — “You never know what a small gesture can mean to someone.”

Sponsored by Hui Huliau and organized by Keiki On The Rocks, the Keiki Valentine’s Project “Seeds of Aloha for Student Well-Being” delivered 6,500 plus flowers, each paired with a bilingual note card in ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i and English, to students at six schools and two shelters on the Wai‘anae Coast. The initiative reinforced a simple message for students — that they are seen, valued and supported.

Each student received one flower and one note card featuring an ‘Ōlelo No‘eau, presented bilingually in ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i with an English translation. The back of the card was intentionally practical as it provided a complex-specific resource pathway.

Cultural integrity was central to the project’s development. Cultural practitioner Isaiah Pule provided language and cultural review and guidance to ensure the ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i content and messaging were culturally appropriate, strengths-based, and student-centered.

Participating school sites included Nānākuli Elementary School, Nānāikapono Elementary School, Nānākuli High School, Wai‘anae High School, Wai‘anae Intermediate School, and Kamaile Academy Public Charter School,



(Left) Reiny Nahulu, Kariana Souza-Davis and Chevy Beeb-Lee with WHS’ Searider Student Union were on hand to help! (Right) All ready for delivery to six schools and two shelters.

along with two shelters coordinated through community contacts. Organizers noted that coastal weather can affect school schedules and distribution logistics; the project was completed and the flowers and note cards were successfully passed out on February 12.

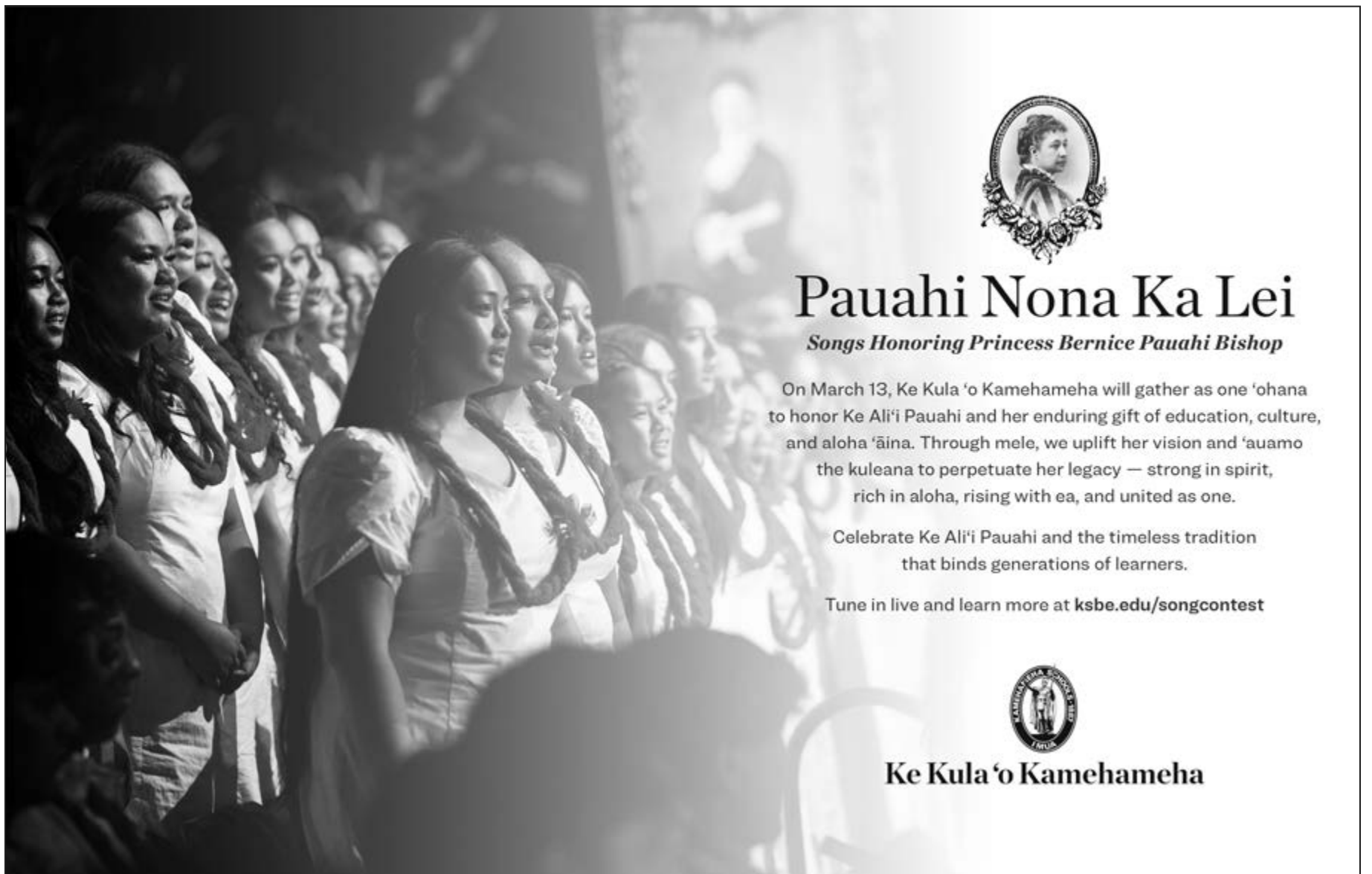
Community members described the effort as a beautiful initiative that brought positive momentum into the participating schools and helped strengthen a culture of care during the school day. By pairing flowers with culturally grounded messages and a clear pathway to support, Seeds of Aloha reinforced belonging, strengthened student identity, and encouraged students

to seek help when needed, one moment of aloha at a time.

Seeds of Aloha is a school-based mental wellness initiative focused on strengthening small gestures that support youth well-being. The project emphasizes connection and belonging, helping students feel recognized and cared for, while reinforcing positive identity through culturally grounded messaging. Many note cards included a small “tiny action” prompt, such as taking a slow breath, practicing gratitude, or reaching out to a trusted adult, giving students an immediate and practical way to support their own regulation and well-being.



Inspirational bilingual notes were included with the deliveries



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"What's Up" on the Westside

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

MARCH 2026 Calendar of Events

March 5
6 am to 1:30 am — Blood drive at WCCHC

March 6
5 to 8 pm — Valley CommUNITY Fest at Nānākuli High's stadium parking lot

March 7
8 am to 12 pm — Lonoikamakahiki Showcase at Kamaile Academy Field

March 13
5 to 8 pm — Searider Grub at Wai'anae High's parking lot

March 14
10 am to 2 pm — Keiki Car Seat Check Up and Installation at Wai'anae Mall
5:30 pm — Waianae High School Alumni & Community Foundation's 22nd Annual Report to Members Meeting & Golden Searider Social Honoring Class of 1976 at Wai'anae High's Cafeteria

March 16 – March 20
Spring Break — No school for public school students

March 17
St. Patrick's Day

March 20
7 to 8:30 pm — Rep. Muraoka Talk Story at Ark of Safety Center in Wai'anae Mall

March 21
3 to 9 pm — Prince Kūhio Kalaniana'ole Festival at Kalaniana'ole Beach Park

March 26
Prince Jonah Kūhio Kalaniana'ole Holiday

March 27
5 to 8 pm — Leeward Community College Wai'anae Moku Open House
7 pm — NPAC Presents The Little Mermaid at NHIS' Multi-Purpose Café

March 28
7 pm — NPAC Presents The Little Mermaid at NHIS' Multi-Purpose Café

March 29
2 pm — NPAC Presents The Little Mermaid at NHIS' Multi-Purpose Café

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&G Club 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 our 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](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
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.

Maj 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
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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

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

Women of Wai'anae
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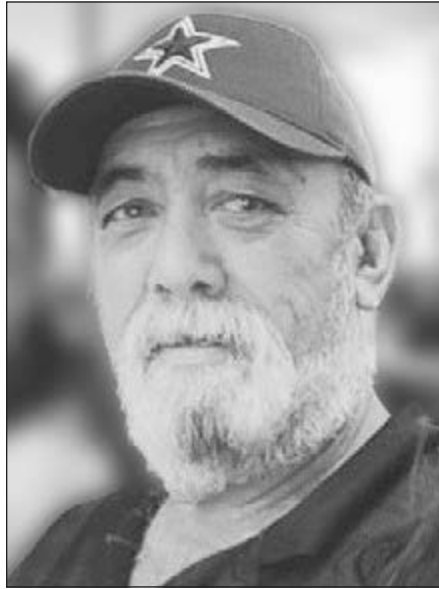
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Aloha, Alex Reis Acosta, Jr.

Submitted by Louvinia Acosta

Alexander Reis Acosta Jr., age 75, passed away peacefully at his home on February 11 surrounded by his family. He is a proud graduate of Wai'anae High School's Class of 1969 and played baseball through his high school years. Alex was also a skilled softball player and played for many years while accumulating trophies for most outstanding and valuable player throughout his many seasons of playing the sport. He loved family gatherings, camping trips and supporting the grandchildren at their individual sporting events.

Alex is survived by his wife Louvinia (Coke); Children — Nalaine (Steven); Billy (Jody); Colleen (Stephen); Jamie (Jodie); Sarina; Joey and Dezzy (Angela). Brothers — Bones (deceased)



(Gwendy); Kaai (Linda); Anthony (Jackie); Aldo (Ruby); Agar (Dodie); Stephen (Dinah); Sisters — Tina; Annette (Roy) and Lenora and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Celebration of Life will be held on April 4 at 1pm at 86-353 Puhawai Road in Wai'anae.

Movement, Friendship, & Opportunity at Wai'anae Coast YMCA

Submitted by Lisa Ontai

Did you know that Wai'anae has a YMCA? For just \$30 per month, the Wai'anae Coast YMCA Pickleball plus membership provides access to the facility and all scheduled classes and activities. It is an affordable way for Westside residents to stay active, connected and engaged. Those who want broader access may choose an islandwide YMCA membership, which also includes Wai'anae.



Kūpuna are finding strength and friendship through Tai Chi for Arthritis and Enhance Fitness for Balance and Arthritis Management. These evidence-based classes improve balance, flexibility, and well-being. As Wai'anae residents Judy and John Scully shared, "Tai chi has made a noticeable difference in our balance — we are both noticing improvement in pain and discomfort." Larry and Linda Mayfield credit the program for improved health and joy, calling it one of the best parts of retirement.

Kūpuna Food and Fun is currently full, but all kūpuna are welcome to join activities and bring their own lunch after signing a liability waiver. The program is offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 11 am to 1 pm.

Teens in grades 6 through 12 can join

Cardio and strength class for kūpuna

the free Y Teen Club Afterschool Program, offered Monday through Friday from 2 to 5:30 pm. Includes homework support, mentorship, leadership and skill development, community service opportunities, island-wide excursions including overnight trips to Camp Erdman and exclusive teen events. Teens aged 13 and older may also request free YMCA Teen Gym Membership with group fitness training.

Registration is also open for the Free Y Teen Club Spring Intersession for grades 6 through 12, offering a safe and engaging school break filled with team-building and hands-on enrichment.

Register in person Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm with Teen Club sign-ups available from 1 to 5:30 pm, or online at your convenience. Learn more at ymcahonolulu.org or call (808) 447-3802 or stop by their location at 86-071 Leihoku St.

Wai'anae Coast YMCA

The Wai'anae Coast YMCA, located at 86-071 Leihoku street is offering a variety of classes.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays — 9:30 am 2 hours of exercise and Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention.

10:30 am — Cardio and Strength class.

Tuesdays and Thursdays — 9 am to 12 pm — Pickleball.

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Membership required — Call Deborah for information 808-541-5255.

Submitted by Deborah Thierbach

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Come celebrate at the 7th Annual Prince Kūhiō Festival

PVT is proud to be a sponsor of the Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Festival, set for Saturday, March 21 from 3-9 p.m. at Kalaniana'ole Beach Park.

This annual event celebrates Prince Kūhiō, a beloved figure who championed the rights and welfare of Native Hawaiians. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an afternoon and evening of great food, entertainment, fireworks, cultural performances, and educational activities

that highlight the spirit of the Wai'anae Coast.

Prince Kūhiō Festival — Celebrate the legacy of Prince Kūhiō on Saturday, March 21 at Kalaniana'ole Beach Park.



Buffalo's Big Board Classic celebrates 49th year



The 49th Buffalo's Big Board Surfing Classic is in the books. Congratulations to the event organizers and volunteers who dedicate their time to perpetuate this great community event. Richard 'Buffalo' Kalolo'okalani Keaulana started the Big Board Classic in 1977.

Held at Makaha Surfing Beach, the event features competitions for 10-foot and over longboard, tandem, canoe, supsqatch, alaia, paipo, SUP, bullyboard, and body surfing. PVT is a proud sponsor.



Good Morning, Makaha — Aunty Momi and Uncle Buff attend the February 14th ceremonies that marked the start of the five-day 49th Buffalo's Big Board Surfing Classic.



Valley CommUNITY Fest coming March 6



The Valley CommUNITY Fest is coming to the Nānākuli High & Intermediate School stadium parking lot on Friday, March 6, from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by INPEACE and community partners, the family-friendly event will celebrate local culture and connect residents with valuable educational and wellness resources.

The event, open to the public, will include local food and clothing vendors, student performances, public safety career opportunities, and informational booths hosted by community organizations.

2026 VEX Robotics regional championship



Congratulations to Nānākuli High and Intermediate School Robotics, which turned in a strong showing at the 2026 VEX Hawaii regional championship at Barbers Point. VEX Robotics inspires students to excel in STEM principles while encouraging creativity, teamwork, and problem solving.

This year, 52 robotics teams representing public and private schools as well as club organizations and home teams from O'ahu, Hawai'i Island, Maui, and Moloka'i participated in the February 14-15 event.



Preparing for Battle — NHIS robotics team 2459A readies their robot for competition at the 2026 VEX Robotics Regional Championship at Barbers Point.



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KARAOKE TUESDAY VIP BIRTHDAY PERKS NOW AVAILABLE!

An amazing fundraiser called “Kani-kapila & Kindness” was held on February 15 at Leeward Community College/ Wai’anae Moku. The event was sponsored by Women Of Wai’anae (WOW) to raise scholarship funds for nontraditional Wai’anae Coast college students.

Dell Manini and her fundraising committee produced this great event which featured a silent auction (some really high-end items), large country thrift store, photo booth, myriad of raffle give-a-ways, fun games and an inspiring speech by WOW awardee, Cassandra Werner. Local falsetto, Tevita Apina, entertained the attendees with Hawaiian traditional songs and a surprise ballad in Japanese. Emcees for the event were Dell Manini and Tammy Cabral, former WOW awardees, also provided an overview of WOW’s mission and its work to date.

Mahalo to all the businesses and individuals who donated gift packages, services, food, and items for the event. Big mahalo to Danny Wyatt, Coordinator of LCC/W, for providing the venue, furniture and equipment that helped make the event a resounding success!

Don’t forget — applications for 2026 WOW scholarships are still available online at womenofwaianae.org Deadline is March 13.

Wai’anae Public Library

Hawai’i State Public Library System

March 2026

The library will be closed Thursday, March 26 for Prince Kuhio Day.

Book Club

3rd Wednesdays, Mar 18 @ 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 **Hot Honey** by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finley Boylan.

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. We will not have storytime on February 14 due to the President’s Day holiday.

Toddler Time Tuesdays @ 9:30

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.

AARP Free Tax Prep Wednesdays @ 9:00

AARP is offering their free tax services for people who need help with their taxes. It’s first come, first served, so come bright and early with your required materials.

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MON 30 'OHANA GAME NIGHT 5PM-7PM

TUE 10 LEGO TIME 2:30PM-3:30PM

SAT 14 MESSY PLAYTIME 10AM-11AM

TUE 24 PERLER PARTY 2:30PM-3:30PM

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