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WHS Searider Productions' New Complex Now Open

Several positive things happened during the pandemic. One of them was the completion of the Searider Production (SP) complex located on the Wai'anae High School campus.

The project broke ground in June of 2018 following a blessing of the space on June 6, 2018, by Waianae Coast Comprehensive Healing Center staff members Kaliko Chang, Makani Tabura, Kamaki Kanahele and Uncle Kepa. Searider Production classes, which were working out of two separate buildings were relocated to various classrooms throughout the WHS campus. The scope of this project was to create

a connection between the buildings to enhance student safety and provide additional usable space for future growth as SP had "outgrown" their two current spaces.

Construction "ramped up" and everything was moving on schedule, and then the pandemic hit. SP staff had to work with students "remotely" in the various classrooms and several jobs were considered "non-essential" both on campus and with construction. Fortunately, things continued to move forward, just a bit slower than anticipated.

Construction was completed earlier this year and then came the daunting task of trying to get equipment, furniture and "finishing work" done during the pandemic, which was no easy task. Undaunted, SP Foundation Director Candy Suiso and her team continued to push to get things done. Finally, things

have been completed and the staff was able to get things up and running. One of the great things is that they were able to "beta test" several programs during the pandemic to make sure everything

was ready to go when they welcomed students back to campus.

The 8,500-square foot facility includes a "makery space" — an area

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Newly completed Searider Production Complex



Summer interns

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Learning new skills.



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY - SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

WCCHC Updates on Services, Programs and Returning to "Normal"

Submitted by Rich Bettini

While the COVID-19 virus still lingers and continues to pose a threat to our community, we are moving a little closer to normal. As we vaccinate more of our community members, we are able to offer more services directly.

We are excited to have re-opened our Farmers' (Mākeke) Markets every Saturday at the Wai'anae Mall and on Tuesdays at the Health Center's Main Campus and we're still providing Keiki and Kupuna Pantries this summer. (See pages 2 & 8)

Since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020, the Health Center has distributed 3,872,226 pounds of food and over 347,702 keiki/kupuna meals through our drive-thru distributions and keiki/kupuna pantries. Although our last monthly drive-thru food distribution was June 26, we will continue to support our community through weekday keiki/kupuna meals and food pantry distributions, our Mākeke farmers' market's SNAP Doubling program and Waianae Comp's three produce pre-



Loading up bags for distribution.

scription programs.

Alicia Higa, Director of Health Promotion, shared her gratitude with these words: "With the effects of COVID-19 beginning to subside, we are so happy to see our community begin to return to pre-pandemic activity. Without the support of the Health Center's board and staff, community volunteers, partnering agencies and donors, we would not have

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Loading up cars for families who signed up for the food drive.

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From the Publisher

By Steve Olbrich

We have finally moved into Tier 4 as our case counts continue to drop as more of us get our vaccines. As of July 8, the state is projected to reach the goal of 60% fully vaccinated. This now means fully vaccinated U.S. travelers flying domestically, including island residents returning home, will be allowed to bypass Hawai'i's quarantine and pre-travel restrictions, if they upload their vaccination records to the state's "Safe Travels" website and arrive with a hard copy of their vaccination records. In addition, the number of people allowed to attend social gatherings will increase to 25 indoors, outdoor gatherings will increase to 75 people and restaurants will be allowed to increase their seating capacities to 75% of their maximum allowed

capacity. All current gathering limits are expected to be lifted in a couple of months, once the state of Hawai'i sees a 70% fully vaccinated rate statewide. So — get vaccinated so we can continue to move forward and get back to normal!

Speaking of vaccines, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WC-CHC) is continuing to offer free vaccinations to everyone age 12 and over at various locations along our Westside. Call them at 427-3659 or visit hawaiiicovid19.com, or by calling 211 or by calling your health care provider (See page 8 for additional information).

As the effects of Covid-19 begin to subside and keiki return to school, WC-CHC has held their last community food drive-thru distribution on June 26 and will start to transition their programs to a more pre-pandemic operation. The Mākeke Farmer's Market will go back to being open every Saturday at Wai'anae Mall as well as their Mākeke 'Iki every Tuesday at WCCHC's main campus. They will continue to serve the community through their weekday keiki & kupuna pantries, EBT Double Bucks program, and the WCCHC's produce prescription programs. For more information on these programs please check out the Mākeke social media pages or



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SUMMER Keiki & Kapuna Pantries

MON	• 10AM	COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER AT MĀ'ILI
	• 9AM	NĀNĀIKAPONO ELEMENTARY "PANTRY ONLY"
TUES	• 10AM	HELELUA ST. (ACROSS FROM REC CENTER)
	• 10AM	HOA'AINA O MĀKAHA "PANTRY ONLY"
	• 12PM	WAI'ANAE ELEMENTARY
WED	• 10AM	KAPUNAI PARK (WAI'ANAE VALLEY)
	• 10AM	QUEEN LILIU'OKALANI CHILDREN'S CENTER (NĀNĀKULI)
THU	• 10AM	COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER AT MĀ'ILI
	• 10AM	HELELUA STREET (ACROSS FROM REC CENTER)
FRI	• 10AM	KĀMAILI ACADEMY
	• 10AM	QUEEN LILIU'OKALANI CHILDREN'S CENTER (NĀNĀKULI)
	• 10AM	KAUPUNI PARK (WAI'ANAE VALLEY)



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call our Health Promotion department at 697-3709 (see ads above and page 8).

Public school is scheduled to open to full "in person" learning on August 3. For those of you who have children starting kindergarten or seventh grade, make sure you schedule their required physicals quickly. A physical examination must be completed within 1-year

before: the first date of attendance at a childcare facility, preschool, or school as well as the first date of attendance in the 7th grade. For more information, visit: vaxtoschoolhawaii.com (See ad on page 11)

For those of you who have Driver's license and/or state ID's that expired

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Nīele???

Last month's question was, "So glad to see that Ka'ena State Park and Keawa'ula and Mākua Beach are finally open on the weekends until 7 pm each day. Are there plans to fully reopen for seven days a week and overnight for fishing?"

As of our press date, things and hours will remain the same. However, there are plans to get full time lifeguards and DLNR personnel in a nearby location so that the area can once again be open full time. Stay tuned!

Now for this month's question, "Is Kaiser Nānāikeola clinic ever going to

reopen? They closed last year at the beginning of the pandemic, opened very briefly to hold vaccine clinics and then closed again. Their new Kapolei facility is nice and modern, but it is a pain for many of us to get to having to put up with the traffic issues on Farrington Highway to get there. Does anyone know what the plans are?"

If want to ask a new nīele question, e-mail us your question and/or a photo to wss@hawaii.rr.com or drop us a line at the address below. We will report back next month!

Contributors to this Month's Issue:

John Allen III, Teddi Anderson, Rich Bettini, Tiantiana De La Cruz, Randy Gomabon, Robin Kitsu, Joyce O'Brien, Kay Smith, Mahi Scheidt and Lea Twigg

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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between March 16, 2020 and June 8, 2021, they will now be valid through August 6. Appointments are highly recommended for in-person visits to renew driver's licenses, state identification cards, or learner's permits. If you cannot get an appointment, stand-by service is now available at all driver licensing centers and satellite city halls as slots become available from cancellations or no-shows. In addition, Wai'anae driver licensing centers will now open at 7am and stay open until 5 pm. Pearlridge Satellite City Hall will be open from 8am to 4 pm on Saturdays. Appointments can be made at www.AlohaQ.org

Merrie Monarch returned to Hilo at the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium on June 24, 25, and 26 and will be broadcast on KFVE on July 1, 2 and 3 at which time the winners will be announced. There are a total of 15 hālau participating. For more information, visit www.merriemonarch.com/2021-officially-moving-forward/

Don't forget, Hurricane season began on June 1 and runs through November 30. Make sure you are ready and have your "hurricane kit" prepared, as well as shelter locations identified as National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has predicted that the Central Pacific is expected to see two to five named tropical cyclones from June through November. Make sure you visit dod.hawaii.gov/hiema/hurricane-preparedness/ to make sure your family is prepared!

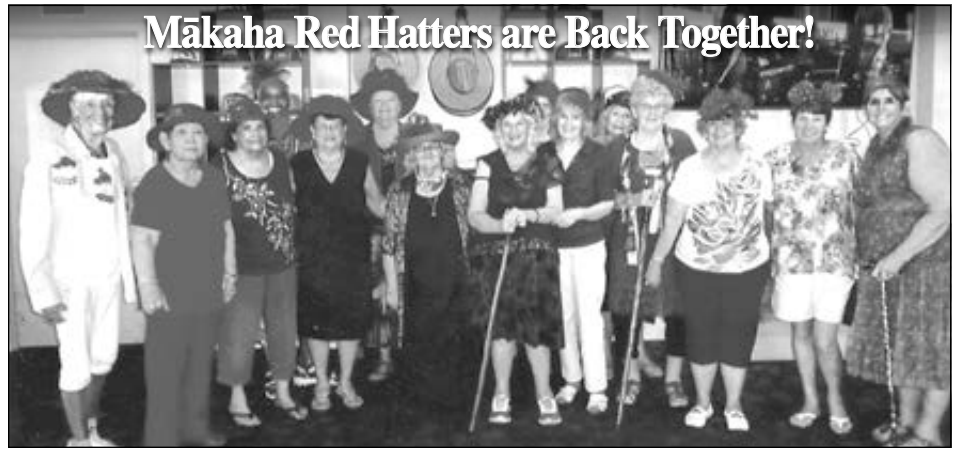
School is out and to prevent "brain drain" for your keiki, have them participate in the Summer Reading Program at the Wai'anae or Nānākuli Public Libraries. It began on June 1 and runs through July 31. You can sign up at any local library or online by visiting www.librarieshawaii.org

As we reported last month, Wai'anae Hongwanji Mission's annual Obon festival/Bon Dance normally held the third

Saturday in July is cancelled again this year. For those of you who want to celebrate the season, you can do it virtually by visiting hawaiiplantationvillage.org and clicking on the "virtual OBon" link or view highlights of the past Wai'anae Hongwanji Bon Dances at via YouTube at youtube.com/watch?v=KbOkTO6Kfbs

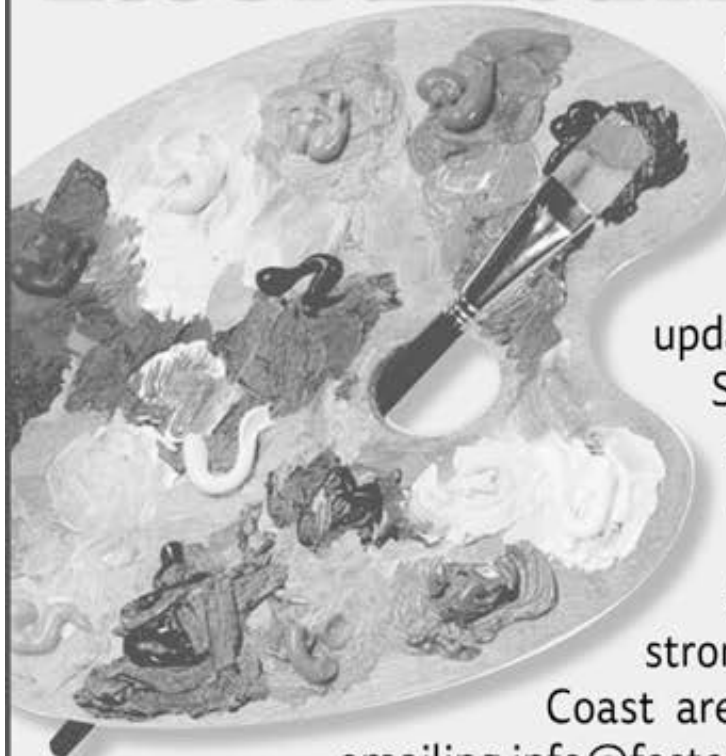
As we continue to move through this "new normal," it is great to see more businesses opening and still see the many individuals, community members, businesses, organizations, schools and churches who continue to pull together for those who still cannot get out. Mahalo nui loa to you all who continue to volunteer and "step up" to help those in need. Hang in there, get your shot and remember "We're all in this together!"

Mākaha Red Hatters are Back Together!



Members of the Mākaha Red Hatters gathered at Beach House By 604 on June 2 after a fifteen-month break. Pictured here are: Kay Smith, Viola Damian, "Queen" Gerry Ottinger, Gladys Singleton, Jackie Cadirao, Karen Kramer, Janet Beazie, Angela Sacridier, Hilda Forth, Carol Burke, June D'Andrea, Rosalie Smith, Sally Vance, Sue Brown and Mary Wotring. The group will continue to meet on the second Monday of each month and is accepting new members, Call "Queen" Gerry Ottinger at 225-7424 for more information. Submitted by Kay Smith

Calling All Artists... Let's Paint a Mākaha Mural!



In cooperation with the Board of Directors at Mākaha Surfside, Foster Realty is seeking local artists (both amateur and professional) to submit a wall mural concept for updating of the west wall at Mākaha Surfside. This wall is approximately 38' long and 10' high. All materials and supplies will be provided.

All artists who reside or have a strong connection to the Wai'anae Coast are invited to submit a concept by emailing info@foster-realty.com. The new mural should have a "Mākaha" theme, including the history, culture, stories, etc. The art should tell a story about the area and its past. Tentative plans are to begin the project in November or December of this year subject to approvals and any COVID-19 restrictions that may be in place.



Current wall at Mākaha Surfside

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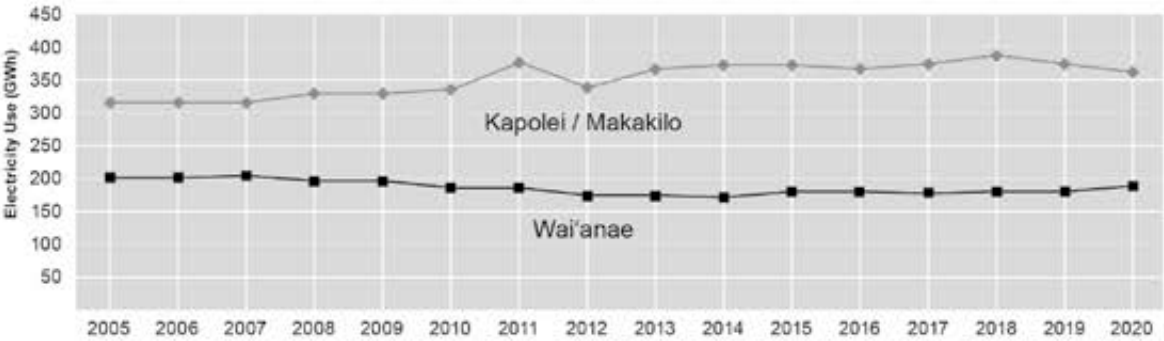


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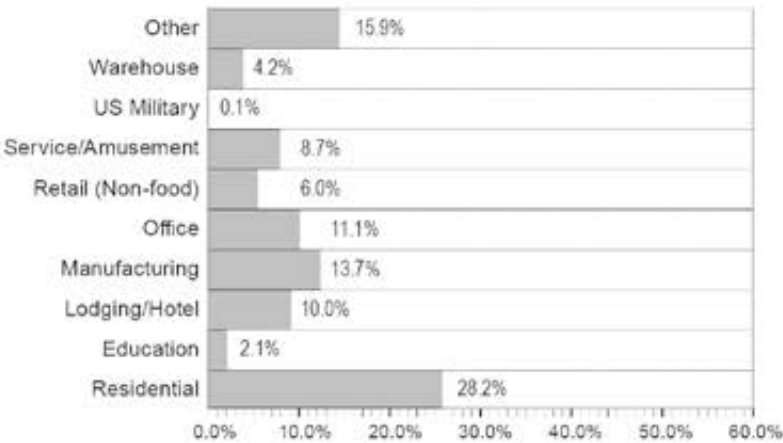
West O'ahu's energy needs in 2020 were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, with both the Kapolei/Makakilo and Wai'anae districts recording higher residential electricity use but lower commercial use.

The breakdown of residential and commercial customers varies by district. In Wai'anae, residential consumption accounted for 57% of usage; Kapolei and Makakilo reported 28% – slightly higher in both districts as compared to 2019 data.

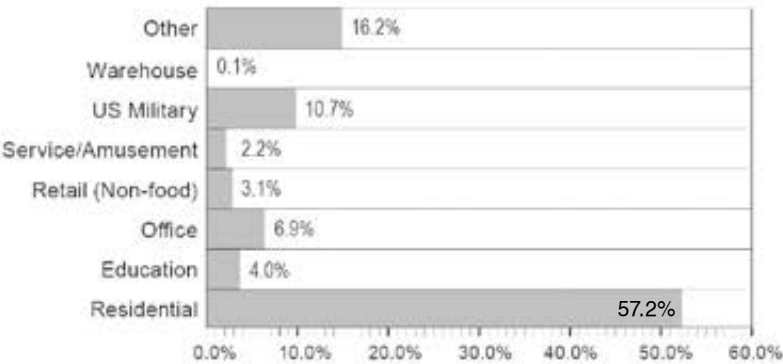
Total Electricity Use (2005-2020)



Kapolei / Makakilo



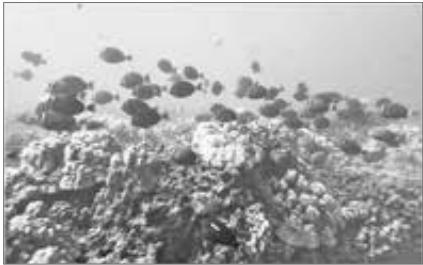
Wai'anae



Monitoring Our Impact

At Hawaiian Electric we strive to protect the environment and ensure the safety and health of the public. To minimize the impact in communities where we operate, we continue to:

- ◆ Monitor air quality at the Lualualei and Pālehua stations. Near real-time data is available on www.westoahuair.com. Due to the pandemic, the Wai'anae station relocation was delayed and operations are expected to resume in 2021.
- ◆ Minimize potable water use for electricity generation at our Kahe Power Plant and CIP Generating Station with reverse osmosis water from Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- ◆ Make night skies friendlier for endangered seabirds with International Dark Sky Association-approved lighting at Kahe Power Plant and CIP Generating Station.
- ◆ Study and monitor fish communities and populations along O'ahu's Leeward Coast. Annual surveys can be found at hawaiianelectric.com/westoahu.



Hawaiian Electric's Campbell Industrial Park (CIP) Generating Station is a 130-megawatt fuel-flexible power plant that includes a 128-kilowatt photovoltaic solar system to power plant operations using the sun.



Before the CIP Generating Station was developed, Hawaiian Electric and West O'ahu community leaders agreed to a Community Benefits Program for the Leeward Coast community adjacent to the plant. This update and the community programs described are a result of that commitment.



Empowering Hawai'i to Thrive Together



A lot has changed since our last West O'ahu Report – but Hawaiian Electric's commitment to our customers remains steadfast. The pandemic may have altered the way we connect with our communities (virtual rather than in-person gatherings), but we haven't stopped building those connections.

Together we're working to improve our island grid, strengthen our economy, and make our towns and neighborhoods more resilient. Hawaiian Electric knows that partnering with communities is essential to building a stronger Hawai'i that is moving steadily toward energy independence, responsibly using our natural resources to make electricity and reduce the use of fossil fuels.

Our energy landscape is changing: The AES coal plant in Campbell Industrial Park will be retired next year; the Kapolei

Energy Storage project is expected to come online in 2022; solar-plus-battery storage projects are being developed; and the company's shared solar program is expected to launch this year, allowing customers who aren't able to install rooftop solar to participate in the solar movement.

Hawaiian Electric remains fully committed to decarbonizing our energy system and looks forward to even broader participation by stakeholders and communities in shaping Hawai'i's energy future.



Although the pandemic restricted Hawaiian Electric employees from in-person volunteer efforts, the company's work to build a stronger, more reliable electric grid resumed. Across West O'ahu, crews replaced utility poles and upgraded equipment.

Left: Crews working in Wai'anae along Pu'uhulu Road.

Supporting Our Communities

During a year of uncertainty, caring for our communities was our highest priority as we sought ways to help individuals and families manage through the impacts of the pandemic. From donating funds and holding base rates flat in 2020 to voluntarily suspending disconnections for nonpayment, Hawaiian Electric and our employees focused on the needs of our customers and communities. Some highlights:

- ◆ On O'ahu, more than \$1.1 million was donated by our company and employees for charitable and COVID-related relief, including employee-led fundraising for Aloha United Way and Hawai'i Foodbank.
- ◆ Seed funded \$2 million for the Hawai'i Utility Bill Assistance Program to help local residents behind on their bills pay water, sewer, gas and electric utility bills. More than 2,700 Hawai'i households received assistance. Hawaiian Electric employees also donated another \$37,180 to supplement the program. With matching funds from the HEI Charitable Foundation, a total of \$56,810 was contributed to the fund.
- ◆ While the pandemic eliminated opportunities for in-person volunteering, Hawaiian Electric employees found creative ways to give back, from making sandwiches for the homeless/hungry to designing uplifting greeting cards for homebound seniors.
- ◆ We met with West O'ahu community leaders and neighborhood boards before the pandemic to introduce two proposed battery energy storage projects at Kahe and near our Campbell Industrial Park Generating Station, and held a virtual community meeting online in April. While the projects were not selected by Hawaiian Electric's RFP team, we received valuable feedback from community members and the public.
- ◆ The moratorium on disconnections for nonpayment expired in May, but Hawaiian Electric wants customers to stay connected. We continue to offer a range of payment options and encourage customers experiencing financial hardship to contact us so we can help. For information on government and nonprofit assistance programs, go to hawaiianelectric.com/COVID19 or hawaiianelectric.com/paymentarrangement.



Supported our communities by feeding the hungry and homeless.



Introduced our self-build projects to West O'ahu leaders pre-pandemic.

2020 Contributions to Wai'anae, Nānākuli, Kapolei & Makakilo communities

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| ◆ Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii | ◆ Nā Kama Kai |
| ◆ Hawai'i Literacy | ◆ Nānākuli High & Intermediate School |
| ◆ Island Pacific Academy | ◆ Teach For America |
| ◆ Island Preparedness Group | ◆ U.S.VETS Hawai'i |
| ◆ Ka'ala Farm | ◆ Ulu A'e Learning Center |
| ◆ Kapolei Chamber of Commerce | ◆ Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation |
| ◆ Kapolei High School | ◆ Wai'anae Economic Development Council |
| ◆ Mālama Learning Center | ◆ Wai'anae Intermediate School |



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Legislatively Speaking



Senator Maile Shimabukuro
Senate District 21
Wai'anae Coast
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Honokai Hale
Kalaeloa

Aloha! I am pleased to report that I successfully sponsored SCR25, which the Legislature adopted. The resolution requests that the Department of Public Safety (PSD) allows Faith Pods based on Kapu Aloha to be established within each Correctional Center.

'Ohana Ho'opakele testified that "Faith Pods have been initiated in North America where our Hawaiian pa'ahao (prisoners) have experienced as safe spaces to learn about their Hawaiian identify. Mr. Kaleihau Kamauu first started the Makahiki program in November 2003 while in Diamondback Correctional Facility in Watonga, OK. He is now the Vice-President of 'Ohana Ho'opakele which meets weekly on Saturdays to promote Pu'uhoonua as an alternative to prison."

Lilinoe Kauahikaua testified that "In 2010, Native Hawaiians made up only 10% of the population. Yet they made up 39% of those incarcerated in the State. Since 1977, the amount of people



I enjoy working with Jalem Correia, who is retired from the Air Force, and currently works as an actor and advocate for the film industry. He is proud to be a third generation military serviceman, ie, his father was Special Forces, and grandfather received a Congressional Gold Medal for WWII. We are lucky to have such a talented young leader like Jalem in our community.

incarcerated in Hawai'i has increased by more than 700%. This disproportionate rate of incarceration among Native Hawaiians has had devastating impacts on Native families, leading to increased poverty, at risk youth, and family separation."

Finally, PSD testified that they "agree with the value of this suggestion and have already begun the review process to determine if PSD may be allowed to establish faith pods in our facilities,

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Representative Cedric Gates
House of Representatives
District 44
Mā'ili/Wai'anae/
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Aloha Wai'anae Coast residents!

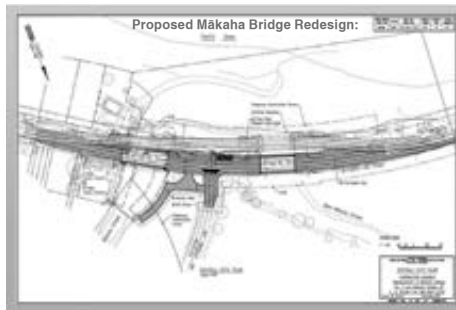
After community advocacy and our efforts to push House Resolution 149, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has announced changes to their plan to replace the Mākaha Bridges. The DOT will no longer build a bypass road on Mākaha Beach and will use a prefabricated steel bridge to lower costs and construction time. The DOT has said that they will try to apply for federal grants to realign the highway, and this repair of the 84-year-old bridge will not prevent future realignment. DOT did a community presentation in June (which also discussed lane closures and the Maipalaoa Bridge delays)

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Proposed Mākaha Bridge Redesign:

- Prefabricated steel bridges with epoxy coated deck w/11-foot travel lanes and 7.5-foot shoulders.
- Eliminated:**
 - temporary bypass road
 - temporary bridge and culverts
 - center pier at Bridge 3 (Mākaha Stream)
 - construction on parcel on the East Makai side of Bridge 3.
- Reduce construction schedule from 15 months to 9 months
- Reduce construction cost
- Anticipated construction start date August 2021
- Submit RAISE Grant application in July

See map below



The DOT's plans for the Mākaha Bridge replacement project, showing the original bypass road that will no longer be built.



Representative Stacelynn Eli
House of Representatives
District 43
Honokai Hale,
Nānākuli, Mā'ili

I was pleased to attend the blessing and groundbreaking of the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home in Kapolei on May 31.

Approximately 85,000 veterans currently live on O'ahu, with about 118,000 in the state. This will be a 120-bed facility and will offer skilled nursing and intermediate care facility beds to provide long-term care services plus geriatric, mental health/dementia/Alzheimer's care, rehabilitation therapies, hospice, respite and adult day care.

This facility will target both long-term and short-term veterans populations, eligible spouses and Gold Star parents and will be open to all veterans living in Hawai'i.



Rep. Eli (center) at ground breaking



Rep. Eli (center) with various invited guests following the groundbreaking.



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Wai'anae Wags Pet Food Pantry is in desperate need of all kinds of pet food to be able to continue to assist community members during these difficult times. Due to economic hardship, an increase of people are either surrendering or abandoning their pets here on the Westside. However, they need the community's support as well.

Please donate or drop off unopened bags or cans of pet food, treats, etc. to 85-786 Farrington Highway (Foster Realty Building) from 9 am to 12 noon Monday through Friday or mail a monetary donation or gift card to Wai'anae Wags

- PO Box 1099
- Wai'anae, HI 96792.

To receive assistance, email: waianaewags@yahoo.com or text 808-754-7187 Mahalo!



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Pharmacy Services Extended to Our Nānākuli Community

The Health Center is committed to expanding services to meet the healthcare needs of the West O'ahu communities we serve. In June, we proudly announced the opening of our newest pharmacy – Nanakuli Professional Pharmacy, located inside of our James and Abigail Campbell Clinic at the Nanakuli Village Shopping Center.

Visit our friendly and professional pharmacy staff (pictured below). They're here to assist you and your 'ohana with all of your pharmaceutical needs!



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The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center Joins NIH's *All of Us* Research Program to Engage Local Residents

Submitted by Sandie Morimoto-Ching, WCCHC Research Assistant

Landmark research effort aims to drive new discoveries and improve the future of health.

The *All of Us* Research Program is committed to a healthier future for all. The mission is simple. They want to speed up health research breakthroughs. To do this, they are asking one million or more people to share health information. In the future, researchers can use this to conduct thousands of studies. The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC) is looking for our patients to be a part of this research.

Not enough people of color and women have participated in biomedical research to develop medicines and treatments for our populations. It is time to work towards making a change in our health outcomes and those of our future generations by participating in research that will work on discovery and development of more effective treatments for all of us. Participation is free, and *All of Us* uses high quality security technology to help keep participant data safe. Their rigorous security models help ensure data is protected and used ethically and responsibly.

Taking part in health research is a gift we can give to our community and our children. Our legacy can be better health for future generations. More information is available from the website joinallofus.org/Waianae where you may also register to participate in the *All of Us* Research Program.

If you want to talk with someone local or would like assistance with the enrollment process, you can email aou@wcchc.com or call (808) 697-3272. Because of the current COVID-19 situation many of us are working off campus and we are offering alternate modes of communication. We can contact you via phone, tele-conference, text, or email.



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Last Name	First Name	MI	Date of Birth	Healthcare Professional or Clinic Site

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All donors since March 2020 are listed at www.wcchc.com/giving/donations

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In Memory of Anthony "Tony" Guerrero, Jr.:
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WAIANAE COAST COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER

UPDATE

Adjustments Made to Our Clinic Hours, Programs and Services

WCCHC HOTLINE & COVID-19 DRIVE-THRU TESTING
Waianae Comp's Main Campus

Call our WCCHC Hotline (808) 697-3170 for information on COVID-19 and to register for our COVID Drive-Thru Testing. Our COVID Drive-Thru Testing is by appointment only, please call the Hotline to register.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS
Waianae Comp's Main Campus
(Adult Medical and Pharmacy Building)

1st & 2nd dose vaccinations are available FREE to anyone, ages 12+ (a signed parental/guardian consent is required for ages 12-17). For an appointment, call (808) 427-3659. Walk-in's are welcomed Monday – Friday from 8 AM – 2 PM.

MĀKEKE (FARMERS' & GREEN MARKET)
Waianae Mall & Waianae Comp

Makeke Wai'anae at Waianae Mall
Saturdays from 8 AM – Noon

KEIKI & KUPUNA PANTRIES
Various Locations (see list at wcchc.com)

Makeke 'Iki at Waianae Comp's Main Campus
Tuesdays from 9 AM – Noon

Keiki & Kupuna Pantries – for a list at various sites, visit wcchc.com

For the latest, follow Mākeke Wai'anae (@makekefarmers) and the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center's (@waianaecomp) Facebook and Instagram pages.

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Patient Assistant Services*
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FITNESS GYM & CLASSES

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For updates on clinics, programs and services at the Health Center, visit our website at wcchc.com, or our @waianaecomp Facebook and Instagram pages, or call (808) 697-3300.



TELEHEALTH VIDEO & PHONE VISITS AVAILABLE! CALL (808) 697-3170

NPAC Presents Virtual Summer Splash 2021

Submitted by Robin Kitsu

The Nānākuli High and Intermediate School Performing Arts Center (NPAC) will present a musical showcase entitled "Summer Splash 2021," a live-to-tape streaming show featuring students from grades 3 to 12 performing songs from the past, present, and Broadway that can be viewed on July 23 at 7 pm or from July 24 to August 29 on video on demand.

According to NPAC director Robin

Kitsu, Summer Splash 2021 is different from NPAC's virtual shows this past school year as students could not rehearse or perform together in person, so the shows were put together like a "Zoom" meeting with each performer recorded individually and then edited together.

The other difference is that Summer Splash 2021 audience members can purchase a streaming code for the opening night stream on July 23 at 7 pm or

watch it on video on demand from July 24 to August 29 when it is convenient for the audience members. The cost for a streaming code is \$5 and codes can be purchased at www.nhispac.com

Summer Splash 2021 will also feature the debut performances in NPAC for many of the students. The cast features students from a variety of schools besides NHIS including James Campbell

High, Wai'anae High, Wai'anae Intermediate, Kamaile Academy, Mililani Middle, Ka Wai'hona O Ka Na'auao, Ka Papahana 'o Mā'ilikūhāhi, Nānāikapono Elementary, Leihoku Elementary and Kapolei Charter schools.

NPAC will be going into its 31st year this coming school year and has provided students with many positive experiences.

Back to "Normal"

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serve the community at the scale that was needed during this crisis. A special mahalo to the Hawaii Foodbank, Hawaii Foodservice Alliance, Ham Produce & Seafood, City & County of Honolulu, Queen Lili'uokalani Trust, Kamehameha Schools and the countless others who supported these food distributions during this time."

On efforts to continue to vaccinate our community, Dr. Vija Sehgal, Chief Quality Officer, and Jacob Schafer, Director of Infection Control, sends a heartfelt mahalo to the community now that roughly 20,000 residents of the Wai'anae Coast have gotten their COVID-19 vaccine. "We are already seeing an impact as the number of new

cases in our community is beginning to drop. But we still have more work to do! As of June 20, the Hawaii Department of Health reports that 35-45% of residents in 96792 have gotten at least their first COVID shot – we need to double this number. We also continue to have some of the highest numbers of active infections in the State. Remember, this dreadful disease is now easily preventable with a safe and effective vaccine. Please support our community by getting your vaccination this week." (See ad on page 8).

In addition, if you get your vaccine, bring your card to the Mākeke Market on Saturdays between 8am and 12 noon and receive a \$5 Mākeke gift certificate redeemable at any of the booths at the market. (See ad on page 14).



NPAC students rehearsing

New Searider Complex

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that will provide a hands-on creative way to encourage students to design, experiment, build and invent. It also includes three new classrooms, an office-conference room, a small kitchen, new restrooms, covered lanai and a flexible multi-purpose open courtyard that will be used for outdoor classrooms and to host gatherings.

Their first classes were held this summer with students volunteering their time not only learn new skills, but to become part of the new programs now being offered with the expanded space.

A blessing and "open house" for honored guests and the community is ex-

pected to be held in mid-October of this year.

Waianae High School's Searider Productions was established in 1993 and is an award-winning program that has been recognized as "one of the most innovative digital media programs in the nation" by the Milken Family Foundation when it honored Program Director and Co-Founder Candy Suiso with a National Educator Award in 1999. Its mission is to provide students with the skills, attitude and knowledge needed for success in both the global and local communities.

Congratulations and watch for great things that will happen from these students in the future!

Wai'anae Moku Student Spotlight



Michael and Sarah Gasper family


Submitted by Randy Gomabon

Leeward Community College's Wai'anae Moku campus celebrated its Graduate Recognition Ceremony in May and two students close to graduating stood out. They are a power couple – Michael and Sarah Gasper. Both are Women of Wai'anae Scholarship winners this year, Michael for his second time. Sarah Gasper has completed her second semester at Leeward's extension campus and Michael graduated with an Associate's Degree and a Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling, and will soon be transferring to one of UH's 4-Year programs. Both Sarah and Michael Gasper are members of the "Access to Education" (ATE) program which is geared to helping those transitioning from incarceration, drug treatment facilities or foster youth aging out of the foster program. Congratulations!


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SUMMER SPLASH 2021

A STREAMING MUSICAL SHOWCASE
BY STUDENTS IN THE
NPAC SUMMER PROGRAM

PRERECORDED STREAMING: JULY 23: 7 PM

VIDEO ON DEMAND: JULY 24 TO AUGUST 29

PATRONS WHO PURCHASE ACCESS TO A VIDEO ON DEMAND STREAM HAVE 48 HOURS TO WATCH THE CONTENT FROM THE FIRST TIME THEY START WATCHING. PATRONS CAN REWIND A VIDEO ON DEMAND EVENT."

\$5 PER STREAMING CODE

VISIT NHISPAC.COM TO PURCHASE STREAMING CODE
OR FOR MORE INFORMATION



Irene Willis Hassan to be Ordained into UCC Ministry

The O'ahu Association of the Hawaii United Church Conference held an Ecclesiastical Council on May 23 where Kahu Irene Willis Hassan (5th from left) was approved for ordination. Her Ordination Service will be announced soon, and an installation service will take place at Ka Hana O Ke Akua Church. Submitted by Lea Twigg.



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WEDC's Business of the Month: Tolentino Honey Company

Submitted by Tatiana "Hinano" De La Cruz
Say hello to Tolentino Honey Company! They have been producing premium raw Hawaiian honey, hidden in Wai'anae's backyard.

The Tolentino 'ohana has been farming since 1982 in Lualualei Valley. After discovering a decrease in crop yield, they also noticed a lack of pollinators. Out of desperation, they started hand pollinating their vegetable blossoms in 2007. With a lot of concern and research, they discovered the University of Hawai'i's "Honeybee Project" and in October 2008 the family adopted their first hive.

Since then, honeybees have made a dramatic comeback on the Wai'anae Coast and the Tolentino's have been blessed with a passion for beekeeping. Their honeybees forage on wild kiawe, fruit trees, tropical blossoms, and seasonal crops, producing an amazing premium honey.

What started as a mission to increase crop yield has since grown to include a new business, the Tolentino Honey Co founded in 2017. The next generation of Tolentino's will take over responsibility for running the company in the future

ensuring the honey company will continue to thrive. As Ryan and Marina Tolentino raise their kids on the family farm, they enjoy teaching them the im-



portance of taking care of the land and respect for nature. The importance of keeping local agriculture alive is something they are passionate about.

Follow their farm adventures on Facebook and Instagram @tolentinohoneyco. Visit www.tolentinohoneyco.com to order online or see what stores throughout Hawai'i carry their honey.



E ala e nā alaka'i 'ōiwi,
e ala e ka lāhui

Driven by their passion, led by their values and grounded in their Hawaiian identity, 'ōiwi leaders strive to create a better Hawai'i and a better world. We celebrate their commitment to helping our lāhui rise.



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JULY 2021 Calendar of Events

Please Note:

We are pleased to report that events/clubs and civic organizations are beginning to re-open but as of our press time for July 2021 issue, some events scheduled by various groups/organizations/churches are still virtual. Please watch for updates on our Facebook page or contact the group/organization for more information and how you can stay engaged.

**Mondays through Fridays
8 am to 2 pm
FREE Walk-In COVID-19 Vaccinations
for ages 12 and up at WCCHC's
Main Campus**

July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
8 am to 12 noon — Mākeke Farmers Market at Wai'anae Mall

July 4
Independence Day holiday

July 5
Independence Day Holiday Observed

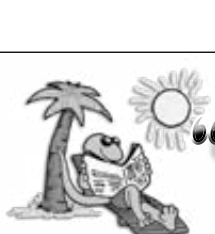
July 6, 13, 20 and 27
9 am to 12 noon — Mākeke 'Ike at WCCHC's Main Campus

July 22
8am — Free COVID-19 Vaccinations at Wai'anae Intermediate School

July 23
8am — Free COVID-19 Vaccinations at Wai'anae High School

July 28
Teacher's First Day of School

July 31
Last day of public library's Summer Reading Program



"What's Up" on the 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 888-5783.

Ahupua'a O Nānākuli Homestead
General Membership Meeting — 6 to 8 pm on the second Monday of each month at Ka Waihona o ka Na'auao Café.
Board of Directors Meeting — 6 pm on the first Monday of each month at Ho'ohuli Residence on 6th Rd.
For more information, contact kapuamohala.kirkland@gmail.com or call 808-284-1564

American Legion Post 12
Call Craig McDonald - 253-8947.

Community People Ministries Food Outreach
First Friday of each month Kaupuni Neighborhood Park (Wai'anae Valley Homestead). Food outreach for needy families. Volunteers are welcomed! Contact John Hershenberg at 373-0400.

Cancer Support Group
7 pm Monthly at Sacred Heart Church's Rectory Meeting Room (behind Wai'anae McDonalds). Open to all — cancer patients, cancer survivors, caregivers, family members and those who have lost loved ones to cancer. Call Linda Jose at 696-3773 for dates and more information.

Farm Volunteer Days
Kahumana Organic Farm — First Saturday of every month from 9 am to 12 noon;
Hoa 'Āina O Mākaha — Second Saturday of every month from 9 to 11 am;
Ka'ala Farm — Third Saturday of every month from 9 to 11 am.
Call Olivia Watkins at 914-318-0470.

Hawaii Farmers Union United Wai'anae Chapter
6:30 pm on the first Monday of each month at Kahumana Farm & Cafe.
Call Olivia Watkins at 914-318-0470.

Hawaii Literacy

If you can read this, you can help. Volunteer to help Leeward kids read at the Bookmobile (bit do/808book) or tutor an adult in your area.

Lanakila Meals-on-Wheels

8 am to 12 noon Monday through Friday at Wai'anae District Park's Kupuna Wellness Center (Multipurpose Room). For seniors 60 years and up. Assorted activities including outings. Meals at \$2/donation.
Call Trudy at 220-6681 for more information.

Lualualei Hawaiian Civic Club

6 to 8 pm on the first Thursday of each month at the S&L Building (85-888 Farrington Hwy.)
Odd months — General Meeting
Even Months — Cultural Activities
Contact Ka'imi Dung at 696-7998 or by e-mail at kaimi206@gmail.com

Lualualei Lions Club

Call for meeting date and location.
Contact: Alexis Maunakea Stang at 291-1016.

Mah Jong

(American Style) Tuesday 10 am to 1pm at Wai'anae District Park. Beginners welcomed!
Contact Coco Green at 638-9466.

Mākaha Bridge Club

10 am Saturdays at Beach House By 604 (Piilaa Army Rec Ctr-Rest Camp).
Call Kay Smith at 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 225-7424.

Mākaha Hawaiian Civic Club

6:15 to 8:15 pm every other month — July 10, Sept. 11 and Nov. 13 at the S & L Building (85-888 Farrington Hwy.).
Contact Lu Faborito at kaluhiokalanik@aol.com or 349-1479.

Mākaha Quilting & Crafts

9:00 am to 11:30 am each Thursday at the Wai'anae Community Center (Satellite City Hall).
Contact Gerry Ottinger at 225-7424.

Nānāikapono Hawaiian Civic Club

5:30 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each quarter (July, Sept. & Dec) at Nānākuli Alu Like on Pua Ave. (1st Rd.). Call: Jaycine Hicks at 753-6430.

Nānākuli-Mā'ili Neighborhood Board #36

The Nānākuli-Mā'ili Neighborhood Board will be meeting 7 pm 3rd Tuesdays at the new Nānākuli Public Library.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

Post #849
Contact Rocky Naeole at 265-3419.

Wai'anae Coast Aikido

Classes held daily for children, teens and adults 84-256 Mākaha Valley Road
Call 695-9520 or 808-202-6171

Wai'anae Coast Neighborhood Board #24

6:30 pm on the first Tuesday of every month at the Wai'anae District Park's Multi-Purpose Room.
Call Neighborhood Commission Office at 768-3710.

Waianae Coast Rotary Club

12 noon every Tuesday.
Call Karl Sadanaga at 258-8470.

Wai'anae Farmer's Market

8am to 12 Noon every Saturday at Wai'anae Mall. Call 697-3599.

Wai'anae Hawaiian Civic Club

6:30 pm on the second Tuesdays of every other month (Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec.)
Contact Rochelle Kawelo at 551-5861.

Wai'anae Lions Club

Call Connie Burchett at 228-5608 (cell) or 696-2982 (home) for more information on club activities or to get involved.

Wai'anae Public Library Book Club

6 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Wai'anae Public Library. Call 697-7868.

Women of Wai'anae

4 to 6 pm on the third Thursday of every even month. Contact Karen Young at 388-8828.

Our Calendar page is provided as a free service to local community groups and civic organizations. Please be sure to update your information to keep things current. Mahalo

CHECK IT OUT...

FASTLANES ARE HERE!

PLEASE NOTE NEW SUMMER HOURS

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CELEBRATE YOUR INDEPENDENCE! SUNDAY, JULY 4TH

PLEASE NOTE: In accordance with the latest public health guidance, we are asking customers to:

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- Remain at home if you have a fever, cough, or breathing difficulties
- If you bring your own bags, please bag your own items

PLEASE MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE AND STAY 2 FEET APART

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(AGES 60 & ABOVE)

WAI'ANAE STORE
6:00 AM TO 7:00 AM

NANAKULI SUPER
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ClimbHI and HLTA Recognize Two Hawaii Educators with New Hospitality Award



Alyssa Alcos

Submitted by Teddi Anderson

Hawaii workforce development's nonprofit ClimbHI has partnered with the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association (HLTA) to recognize two educators, Alyssa Alcos from Wai'anae High School (WHS) and Fern White, a West Hawai'i District Resource Teacher for Career & Technical Education pro-

grams with a new award.

The first-of-its-kind immersive award provides an array of learning opportunities within the hospitality industry. Each teacher also earns a \$1,000 stipend to fund experiences that will provide an enhanced understanding of the industry and will receive overview briefings from HLTA, Hawai'i Tourism Authority and Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau staff; job shadowing and on-site learning at a hotel or resort in Hawaii; and other immersive experiences that showcase various aspects of the industry. The teachers will also be paired with mentors from HLTA's Women in Lodging & Tourism committee.

WHS' Alyssa Alcos advises the school's DECA Club. The club prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs

in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. For the past two years, Alyssa has served on the board of the Hawaii Association of Career & Technical Education, which promotes career readiness among the different education pathways.

ClimbHI was founded in 2009 and seeks to inspire students to finish high school and proceed to post-secondary education or employment by exposing them to future career paths and the steps necessary to achieve those goals.

For more, visit climbhi.org

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Sen. Shimabukuro

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and if so, what the process would entail, including consideration of the space requirements, funding needs, appropriate staffing levels, etc."

I will keep you posted about Kapu Aloha faith pods, stay tuned. Contact me with your questions or concerns at 808-586-7793 and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Rep. Gates

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which can be accessed at: Bit.ly/Maka-haDOT06

Though my bill to facilitate the return of Mākua Valley did not receive a hearing, I am happy to have helped in passing HB1352, which requires the state to: 1) Inventory lands leased to or controlled by the federal government; 2) Identify known contaminants or environmental hazards on the land; and 3) Propose alternative uses for the lands. This year the legislature secured \$50 million for infrastructure for new homesteads, \$10 million for repairs to existing homesteads, and \$1 million for plans and land acquisition for new DHHL homesteads. It is my hope that places like Lualualei can once again return to agricultural Hawaiian Homesteads or that Mākua Valley will be preserved and restored for preservation and appropriate cultural use.

For the mos recent updates follow me on social media. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 808-586-8460 or by email at RepGates@capitol.hawaii.gov!

With Aloha,
Rep. Gates

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Today Hawai'i, Tomorrow the World — The NHIS robotics team captured first place in the Hawai'i State Robotics Championships.

NHIS robotics team strikes again

The accolades keep coming for the Nānākuli High and Intermediate School robotics team.

First, they relied on expert driving and a proprietary, autonomous code to capture first place in the Hawai'i State Robotics Championships in the intermediate school division. This qualified them to compete in the VEX World Robotics Championship, which was held in May. There they placed 8th out of 45 teams in their division.

What's more, they did it all during a pandemic.

This year, VEX was held virtually and featured more than 140 teams competing from the U.S., China, Canada, Australia, and Germany.

For PVT scholars from Wai'anae and Kamaile, it's a family affair

PVT college scholarship recipients from Wai'anae High School and Kamaile Academy brought their families along on June 10 when they visited PVT to formally receive their scholarship awards.

Before the pandemic, scholarships were given out as part of a larger event in the cafeteria of Wai'anae High School, or in the courtyard at Kamaile Academy during morning assembly. This smaller, more intimate gathering gave everyone a chance to talk and get to know each other a little better.



Family Matters — Most of our PVT scholarship recipients don't go it alone. They've got family and friends supporting them all the way.

Say hello to the PVT scholars from Nānākuli High School

In the center of the Nānākuli High School campus courtyard stands the "Tree of Knowledge," a copper and bronze sculpture created by artist Satoru Abe. The artwork was dedicated 50 years ago, in 1971, a year before the school moved to

its current location.

Each year during graduation, it is a tradition for graduates to honor their time at NHIS by placing leis on the sculpture. It's also a great spot for a group shot of the 2021 PVT college scholarship recipients.



Tree of Knowledge — PVT scholarship recipients from Nānākuli High School lowered their masks and practiced safe distancing long enough to gather for a group photo after receiving their PVT scholarship awards.

Robotics teacher is new National Honor Society adviser

You may know Nānākuli High School teacher Richard Enright as the teacher and mentor behind the school's successful robotics program. But soon he'll be wearing one more hat. Richard is the new adviser to the school's National Honor Society (NHS) chapter.

The NHS is dedicated to engaging students in the pursuit of scholarship, leadership, and service to the community. Congratulations, Richard.



New NHS Adviser — Nānākuli High School teacher Richard Enright has been named adviser to the school's National Honor Society chapter.

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