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Open Women 9-Man crew - Back row: Jenna Kiejko, Danielle Erickson, Jennifer Ignacio, Carla Vierra, Nikki Kirby, Catharine Lo Griffin, Gordean Kaluahine. Front row: Lili Taliulu, Michele Sales Photo: MOKKCC

Manu O Ke Kai Goes the 18-Mile Distance to Bring Home the Gold

On Labor Day weekend, Hale'iwa's Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club fielded 10 crews at the 52nd annual Queen Lili'uokalani Canoe Race in Kona, the world's largest long distance canoe race held in honor of Hawaii's last reigning monarch. Excited to participate in one of the most challenging and fun races of the season, the crews spanned the range from juniors (under 18) to men and women in their 50s, paddling in both standard fiberglass canoes (400 pounds) and ultralight unlimited canoes (250-300 pounds). For the main event on Saturday morning, the

women raced 18 miles from Kailua-Kona to Hōnaunau. Then the men jumped in and raced back up the coast to the pier at Kailua-Kona.

Manu paddlers flew to Hawai'i Island to enjoy the festivities alongside 2,500 fellow paddlers from outrigger canoe clubs near and far—including Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Hong Kong, and Canada, as well as the continental U.S. Out of 168 crews, two Manu O Ke Kai crews (Junior Men 9-Man and Women's Open 9-Man) came in first in their divisions, the Junior Women's Iron crew won a silver medal in their division, and

the Boys 18 won a bronze medal. In the premiere Open Unlimited Iron (no changes over the 18-mile course) division, Manu's Open Women finished in 4th place, and the Open Men finished in 8th place, the club's most impressive showing to date. Manu O Ke Kai would like to thank North Shore Air Conditioning for their generous sponsorship throughout the years as the club has grown to 300+ members who continue to perpetuate the sport of Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling as envisioned by MOKKCC founders Randy and Aloha Sanborn.



Congratulations! Junior Men 9-Man Crew, Back(L-R)- Xavier Thomason, Nyah Cuellar, Kamaka Spalding
 Front (L- R)- Tevaiari'i Foster-Blomfield, Kade Celebre, Kaliko Sellesin, Tapula'aia Kamauoha, Noah Wohler, Kekai Amantiad
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Aloha friends and neighbors,

As the Vice Chair of the Energy and Environmental Protection, I wanted to share an overview of our legislative work in the 2025 session. We are finally putting real money behind climate resilience. Hawai'i created the nation's first statewide "green fee" by raising the hotel room tax and aligning cruise bills—projected to generate roughly \$100 million a year for erosion control, wildfire prevention, reef restoration, and hardening homes. That matters for communities like Waialua and Hale'iwa where sea level rise, king tides, and brush fires are no longer abstractions but annual realities. It's a visitor-pays model that begins to balance the costs of paradise with the benefits of visiting it.

On energy, we are hopefully moving away from big, brittle systems and toward a people-centered grid. Act 266 (SB 589) directs the Public Utilities Commission to set a statewide goal for customer-sited rooftop solar, batteries, and community renewables—plus modern tariffs and "wheeling" so cheaper, cleaner power can flow where it's needed. Think more resilience for rural feeders and fewer blackouts when a single line goes down. This is structural: it shifts power (literally and politically) from centralized monopoly planning to distributed community generation.

Energy affordability was addressed head-on with the securitization bill (Act 258, SB 897). It lets the PUC authorize low-interest, ratepayer-backed bonds to retire high-cost utility obligations and finance resilience—paired with a rulemaking to cap utilities' wildfire liability exposure. Done right, securitization cuts carrying costs tied to imported oil and wildfire risks, softening bill shock while freeing capital for the clean-energy buildout we all need. The guardrails are now in statute, and the next test is implementation in open dockets the public can see.

On clean water protection, we did some work to develop capacity. Act 198 (HB 736) funds a three-year University of Hawai'i pilot to vet lower-cost wastewater systems—essential for families facing mandated cess-pool conversions. Act 224 (HB 735) clarifies how many bedrooms a single individual wastewater system may serve, reducing permitting confusion for 'ohana housing and ADUs while keeping an eye on water quality. And Act 188 (HB 879) adds a dedicated DOH engineer to actually help people convert.

We also tightened our "biosecurity border" and tackled place-based problems. Act 190 (SB 330) finally authorizes our Department of Agriculture to enforce certain federal quarantines—closing a long-criticized gap that allowed invasive pests to slip through (my next

piece will be dedicated to biosecurity). Closer to home, Act 183 (SB 1146) funds an Ala Wai debris and water-quality plan—town-focused, yes, but the tools translate to any watershed that sees storm-driven trash and runoff (including our own Waialua river mouths). These proactive moves are cheaper than reactive crisis response and protect the farms, reefs, and small businesses that define our local economy.

Water security is also about governance. Act 197 (HB 505) establishes a Red Hill WAI policy coordinator and fund—one accountable place inside state government to push the Navy to clean up, protect O'ahu's aquifer, and communicate transparently with the public. For those of us who watched neighbors line up for water tests and bottled deliveries, this is the state getting its own house in order so federal actors can't hide in the fog.

Not every tradeoff broke the same way. I voted against HB 732 (Act 125), because it raised Special Management Area thresholds, which will speed the process for many projects. We managed to negotiate language providing a lower threshold for development of shoreline parcels that are impacted by waves, storm surges, high tide, or shoreline erosion. Meanwhile, small but telling wins—from pesticide drift monitoring near schools to targeted reef restoration—show the state inching toward prevention over cleanup. Systems change is slow, but 2025 built a sturdier scaffold: stable funding from visitors, distributed energy with consumer power, practical wastewater tools, stronger biosecurity, and clearer water governance. Now comes the hard part—rules, dockets, and budgets where we must insist on transparency and keep community at the center.

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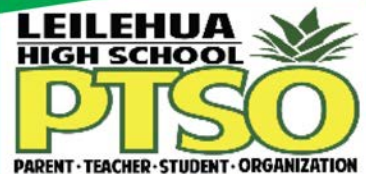
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For 'Ohana Club Members



CELEBRATE Mahalo Month

WITH A FREE CONCERT ON OCTOBER 15

[*The Katinas + Paula Fuga*]

Join us for our **62nd Anniversary** at the Polynesian Cultural Center and Hukilau Marketplace. All month long, we'll have special events, contests, free goodies and a **major concert event!**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 10/3 (Fri) **Free Dole Whip** (*while supplies last*)
- 10/4 (Sat) **34th Annual Moanikeala Hula Festival**
- 10/11 (Sat) **Anniversary Birthday**
Plus free logo items!
- 10/15 (Wed) **6pm Concert** (*limited seating*)
THE KATINAS & PAULA FUGA
- 10/20 - 10/25 **Special Contest: Win a Luau Package**
- 10/27 - 10/31 **Family-Friendly Halloween Festivities**



PAULA FUGA

THE KATINAS



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Stay for our Gateway Buffet
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All offers are for 'Ohana Club members only.
For event details and to join the free 'Ohana Club, visit PCCOhana.com.

Mahalo Month activities, offers, and discounts are subject to change without notice and expire on 10/31/25. Center is closed on Sundays and Wednesdays but will be open for the 6pm concert on 10/15. To become an 'Ohana Club member you must be a Hawai'i resident with valid ID.



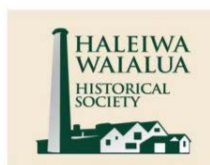
and a Bronze in 9-ball Billiards. He was disqualified in Slalom because he missed a gate and came in 4th in the Air Rifle At-Home Event.

Attached is a link to the Motor Rally Event Article wherein Eugene was interviewed by Brittany Martin, she and her photographer followed Eugene through the course of the event:

<https://pnonline.com/motoring-in-mill-city/>

Learn more about the NVWG Mission and History. These games are open to Veterans with spinal cord injuries, amputations, multiple sclerosis, or other central neurological conditions that require the use of a wheelchair for athletic competition.

<https://wheelchairgames.org/about/mission-history/>



Celebrating Waialua Fundraiser

Music, Cultural Program, Silent Auction
Saturday, October 18th 5:30 – 9:00pm
WCA, 66-434 Kamehameha Hwy.
Tickets for sale \$40 per person
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OFF da Island in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games

Eugene Gold participated in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG), held July 17-22, 2025, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

As he has done in the past, he took an edition of the North Shore News to remind him of his roots and the unconditional love and support he has received from his family, neighbors, classmates, and friends in his hometown of Waialua.

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG) started in 1981. Eugene attended his first game, the 6th NVWG in 1986, in Dallas, Texas. This year was his 27th year attending these games. The last game he attended was the 34th NVWG in Louisville, KY in 2019. However, prior to the start of the games, he was hospitalized due to food poisoning and discharged the day prior to his scheduled departure.

This year was a special year, being a member of the Pacific Islands Health Care System's (PIHCS) Team Hawaii, with three other Hawaii Veteran Athletes. Eugene and the Team greatly appreciate the Veteran Administration (VA) Recreational Therapists who coached and conducted practices throughout the past year.

Eugene received two gold medals in Boccia Ball and Table Tennis; one silver medal in Motor Rally;



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Aloha North Shore Community,

Team O'ahu Junior Lifeguards

It was truly an honor to recognize the Team O'ahu Junior Lifeguards for the incredible achievement of capturing the overall championship at the 2025 Junior Lifeguard State Championships. Competing in challenging ocean conditions, these young athletes demonstrated resilience, skill, and teamwork, earning a record-breaking victory that highlights the strength of Hawai'i's next generation of ocean safety leaders. This success would not have been possible without the guidance and mentorship of the Honolulu Ocean Safety Department's (OSD) lifeguards and volunteers. Mahalo to everyone who supported Team O'ahu. These efforts are building a brighter and safer future for our community.

Upcoming Deadline for Filing Tax Exemptions, Dedications, and Credit

I want to remind everyone that September 30, 2025, is the City Department of Budget and Fiscal Services' (BFS) deadline to apply for real property tax exemptions, dedications, and credits.

I first want to highlight the home exemption, which you should have if you live in your home. If you have filed for this exemption in the past, you remain covered. However, if you own a family home where one of the titleholders has recently passed, it's especially important to confirm that the current owners are signed up for the exemption. Another key program is the real property tax credit, which caps property taxes at 3% of a homeowner's income. Households earning \$80,000 or less currently qualify, but you must reapply every year to continue receiving the credit.

You can visit realproperty.honolulu.gov to check your property's status; find out information on all exemptions, dedications, and the credit; and to apply. For assistance, you may contact the Tax Relief Section at **(808) 768-3205** or bfstaxrelief@honolulu.gov.

North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) is currently revising the North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan (NSSCP), which was last adopted in 2011. The updated draft will be published on September 15 and will be open for a 60-day public comment period. DPP plans to hold a public community meeting on September 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Waialua Elementary School.

Protecting Mt. Ka'ala

Mahalo to our area legislators, civic clubs, and community members that visited the summit of Mt. Ka'ala in partnership with the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and the U.S. Air Force. The conservation work underway, including restoration of native forests and

propagation of endangered land snails, is a reminder of our shared responsibility to aloha 'āina and informs my opposition to the proposed gondola project.

We are still awaiting the Department of Planning and Permitting's (DPP) determination on the pending modification application for the project. Mahalo to the North Shore, Wahiawā, Mililani-Waipio-Meleanu, and Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley Neighborhood Boards for organizing a recent joint meeting to discuss the importance of protecting Mt. Ka'ala. With more than 150 residents from around O'ahu, the evening was a powerful reminder of how deeply our community cares for this sacred place. Continued community voices and input are important to helping DPP understand the best path forward to protect the area, so I encourage everyone to stay engaged on this issue.

Resolution 25-234 – Strengthening Emergency Response in Coastal Inundation Areas

In light of the recent tsunami warning and the challenges that many families faced during evacuation, I introduced Resolution 25-234 to urge the City to install monitoring devices, including traffic cameras, in coastal inundation zones where flooding and storm surges are a growing threat. According to the Pacific Disaster Center, traffic cameras are a proven tool for improving situational awareness during emergencies. By having eyes on the ground, the City's Emergency Operations Center can better identify where resources need to be deployed before a disaster, see what is happening when first responders have to shelter in place, and know where emergency response is needed immediately after a disaster when communications may be down. Currently, many of our highest-risk communities remain unmonitored. Areas like the North Shore, Ko'olauloa, Ko'olaupoko, and Wai'anae have little to no traffic camera coverage. Of the 276 traffic cameras operating across O'ahu, only one is located on the North Shore near Pūpūkea, and none are north of Nānākuli in Wai'anae. This is the gap that Resolution 24-234 seeks to address. The Honolulu City Council adopted this resolution at its September 3rd Full Council meeting, and I look forward to working with the City Administration to implement these public safety enhancements.



*Councilmember Matt Weyer honors the Team O'ahu Junior Lifeguards State Champions at Honolulu Hale in September
Photo Courtesy: Council Support Services, Honolulu City Council*



Ask the Doctor

Nash Witten, MD

Dear Doctor, "My wife is pregnant and was told she needs to stop changing our cat's litter. Why?"

Toxoplasmosis gondii is the reason! This single-celled parasite is mainly transmitted to humans through contact with cat feces or contaminated soil (or litter) containing cat poop. The parasite primarily enters humans through the mouth, either by accidentally ingesting cat feces or consuming contaminated produce.

For those of us who are not pregnant or immunocompromised, an infection with *Toxoplasmosis* usually causes no symptoms, just mild fever, swollen lymph nodes, and muscle aches. In immunocompromised individuals, the infection can lead to a brain disease (encephalitis) and the formation of cysts in nerves and muscles. In developing babies, the infection can cause miscarriage and issues with the brain and nervous system. Diagnosis of a toxoplasmosis infection is usually done with blood tests, especially in cases of miscarriage or babies born with brain and nervous system issues, along with considering the mother's history of exposure to cat feces.

That's why we advise pregnant women to avoid cat litter—to lower their risk of exposure to this parasite and prevent potential harm to their developing baby!

Toxoplasmosis also poses a serious threat to our Hawaiian monk seals, often leading to miscarriage and death. All diagnosed monk seals have died from the disease. It's believed they get the parasite through contact with sand contaminated with cat feces or by eating prey contaminated with the parasite. *Toxoplasmosis* eggs can survive in water and soil for at least 24 months, or even longer!

Dr. Nash Witten is a Board-Certified Family Medicine physician at Queen's Health Care Centers, Hale'iwa. The clinics are accepting new patients. Call 808-691-8501 to schedule an appointment. Submit questions to the doctors at nsnaskthedoctor@gmail.com.

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DJ and Live Salsa Music by Son Caribe

HI HONEY FARM

Hi Honey Farm Creates a Buzz!

By Noah Grodzin and the Hi Honey Farm

Located in Waialua is the Hi Honey Farm owned and operated by Stanislav Abdullin. The farm harvests honey directly from the bees with each jar being hand packed with local raw honey straight from the hives. The honey is never pasteurized or filtered. In addition to honey, the farm is an all-encompassing operation that embraces and promotes ecological, educational, and environmental awareness.

Skydiving first brought Stanislav to the North Shore, but his passion for bee-keeping which he inherited from his grandfather in St Petersburg Russia had always been with him. One day while hiking behind his home in Hawaii, Stanislav came across a wild beehive. In that moment, the smell of bees and honey brought him right back to his childhood, and something clicked. Surrounded by wild fruit, fresh water, and perfect conditions for bees, he returned to the craft he learned from his grandfather.

That moment led him to open the Hi Honey Farm. Today twelve years later the Hi Honey Farm is much more than just a farm. With colonies on Oahu and an additional colonies on the island of Hawaii, Hi Honey features the most variations of honey in the state of Hawaii. In addition to honey, they offer and make raw honey-comb, bee pollen, special holiday flavors, royal jelly, specialty mixes, ointments, and surf wax! The farm offers a refill program that allows you to bring empty containers back to the farm to be refilled. Hi Honey can be found in all Foodland's and many local restaurants.

Please come out and enjoy this sweet North Shore gem! Eco-tours, tastings and educational experiences are also offered by Stanislav and his assistant Ashleigh. Learn more about the Hi Honey Farm and their products. Book tours at:

<https://hihoneyfarm.com/>



Hi Honey Farm tour with Stanislav

 **the shorebreak**
written by us.

Where I Belong

By Haley Miyamoto

As a little girl, I often sat on the edge of a car, my sandy feet sticking out as my dad rinsed off the sand with an old, 2-liter water bottle.

I remember the old Aoki's shaved ice spot in the little red shack on Kamehameha Highway. It was the spot I and all my cousins would go to after a long day of getting pounded in the waves.

I always knew this was home for me; spending time with my family and living our lives in the best place ever.

It was not until I left for college that I realized how deep my love for home ran. Suddenly, nothing smelled like the ocean. No one rinsed their feet off with a soda bottle. The little things I had taken for granted as a little girl showed up everywhere—in cravings, in homesickness, in dreams.

It feels like every decision I make is rooted in another quiet question: How can I come back home? From the classes I take to the career I am working for—I am always thinking about how to find my way back.

I used to think growing up meant leaving. Now, I think it means understanding where you belong. For me, this is a stretch of beach, shaved ice days, and the sound of my dad's voice reminding me to rinse the sand off before I get in the car.

We need your story! The Shorebreak is a collection of personal stories/prose from North Shore residents designed to unify via common experiences, struggles, and joys. ALL AGES please submit pieces (and any questions) to Kezia at shorebreakbooks@gmail.com. 300 word limit. Pieces will be considered for publication in the North Shore News as well as a Shorebreak book for the community to enjoy together :)

NORTH SHORE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN



The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) is undertaking a revision to the North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan (NSSCP), which was last adopted in 2011. The NSSCP is the City's long-range planning document that guides land use development and infrastructure investments over time. The NSSCP sets forth a comprehensive vision for the North Shore to 2045 and beyond. It includes goals, policies, and priority actions informed by community input and analysis of issues and conditions specific to the North Shore.

Community Meeting #3

DATE: Tuesday,
September 30, 2025

TIME: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Waialua Elementary School, Cafeteria

Join the DPP and project team to learn more about the Public Review Draft of the North Shore Sustainable Community Plan. We look forward to sharing it with you and hearing your feedback!



CAN'T MAKE IT? LEARN MORE AND SHARE YOUR MANA'Ō ONLINE VIA THE PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT FROM SEPTEMBER 15 - NOVEMBER 14 AT:

<https://www.northshorescp.com/>



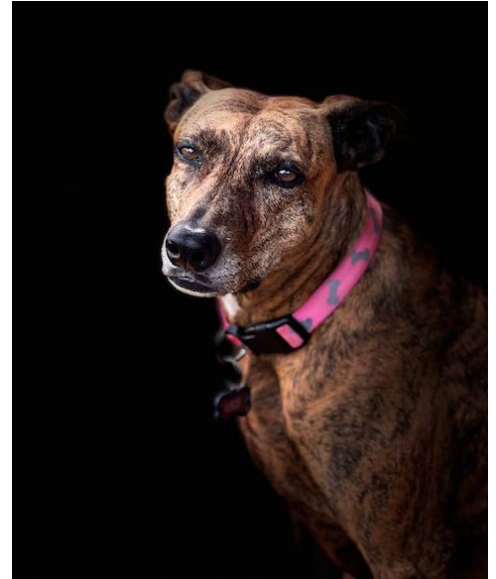
If you need an ASL interpreter, materials in an alternate format, or other auxiliary aid support, or an interpreter for a language other than English, please contact (808) 768-8046 at least seven calendar days before the event.



North Shore Pets



*Meet Sam, Mr. Personality!
 He is a 9 yr. old puppy and the biggest
 cuddle bug and we love him to pieces!*



*Lily my beloved Drop Zone dog who
 was walking with her new Dad when he
 was killed by a hit and run driver. She
 survived and keeps me going every day.*



3 Amigos- Bing, Boss & Dot



Ke'ehi (back) and Izzy (front)



Crash puppy & Nod kitty Martinson



Pineki says "sleep is always good"



Aiko is a 1 year old CavaPoo.
"We love you Aiko!"



Adrianne in Rexford, MT with Cheeky, Spot, Chomp & Flaky



Blue, a pit mix. He loves going on walks on the bike path right before sunset



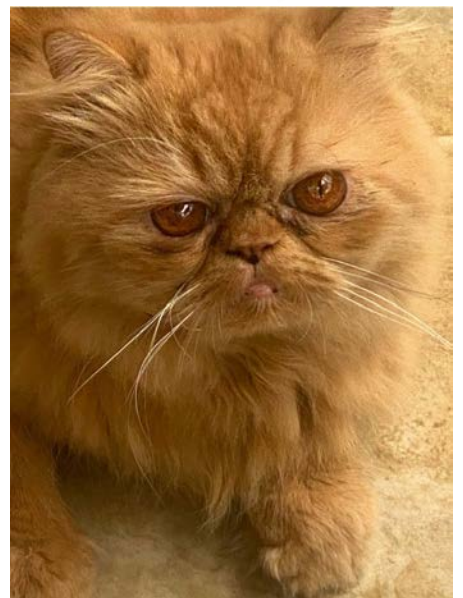
You might see Kong running the North Shore coastline, or rubbing his back in the Haleiwa sands. But one thing is for sure, Kong is one of the happiest dogs around.



Maverick it's time for your playdate with Remi



Buddy, 3 yr. old Labrahuahua and Jabani, 10 yr. old African Grey parrot. Jabani loves to drop his walnuts and feeds them to Buddy who happily awaits for the treat!



3 yr. old Ehu



11 yr old sweet Maggie Mae was rescued out of Waimea Falls Park 10 yrs ago. Maggie is a Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen, a French rabbit hunting dog. She loves her adventures, car rides and peanut butter after dinner



Sunset is firing!!!



Danno is 10 yrs. old. Trained as a full service dog by Hawaii Fido, we adopted him when he retired from service. He is a happy pet with his favorite toy



Desi and Lucy, 3 yr. old litter mates and sweet loves



Kisa - Big Island Kitty



Meet Stella - the cat who traded New York streets for island living



Nala enjoying the beach



Boots and Rudi love geckos on Youtube



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HALEIWA SURFER BETTYLOU 5TH IN THE WORLD!

Giant congratulations to the North Shore’s female surfers Bettylou Sakura Johnson and Gabriela Bryan. Both wahine out classed Hawaii’s male hopefuls in making the top five and having a chance to take the big trophy home. We did have these chargers on the big tour but they failed to be able to go for a title, only top five can compete. Baron Mamiya 11th overall had a good showing, Seth Moniz was 21st in the ratings, Jackson Bunch 25th, Imaikalani deVault 29th and Ian Gentil 31st. When will the men make the top five? Is John John Florence coming back or is he happy being a dad and sailing around the globe? Bettylou Sakura Johnson is a radical surfer having grown up in Haleiwa, she proved she is a threat for a world title. Haleiwa, the surf spot, is challenging. Big surf, strong currents and an inside that can take you down. She has been exceptional since 9 years old, winning the Menehune every year in her age group. She won two events on the tour, the Bonsoy Gold Coast Pro and the Lexus Trestles Pro. She also won five 5th places. Johnson is only 20 years old and the talk of the commentators about the “young guns” taking over the ratings. She was a stand-out at Pipeline where Caitlin Simmer’s quote “Pipeline is for the f—king girls” went viral. Johnson seems to be a bit more humble about things and proves herself in the surf. The right hander had a challenging heat in Fiji at Cloudbreak for the finals against Caroline Marks. The surf was on the rise and not too many waves came in. It was frustrating to watch. She later said “

I had an unreal year, I’m really emotional, I accomplished a lot this year. I fought pretty hard but I feel like I got let down by the ocean.” She went on to say she has been working on her mental preparations and hopes to come back next season ready.

The tour finished in Fiji and will for a few years according to the World Surf League. They also have changed formats for 2026. The tour will end again at Pipeline under a cumulative format, no final five format, there will be no elimination round, there is an extended women’s count to 24. So let’s root for the gals! Gabriela Bryan from Kauai ended up in third in the world. Bryan shocked the world by winning three events this season. Let’s face it, any Kauai surfers have the ability to surf any wave. In Tahiti she grabbed rail into 8 foot tubes, stunned even herself

and took a third. Her backside is much improved! She surfed against Florida’s Marks as Marks went up the 5 tier ladder eventually making the final against Molly Picklum. Marks surfed a lot of heats and beat Picklum in the first of the three surf-offs. In the final heat it just looked like she ran out of gas. The Aussie surfer was on fire and got a tube and radical off the lip reentry, she was unstoppable and won the big trophy. We will have to wait for the next start of the tour in April. John John Florence has said he will go back on the next tour in 2026. He also has been quoted as saying he has sailed over 2,000 miles and has found some great unriden surf. “ I have been getting tubed all day” he said in an insta post. Let’s hope he comes back and represents Hawaii in 2026! For now sail on!



Bettylou Sakura Johnson at Haleiwa, her Home break. Photo: @banzaibetty



48th Annual NS Menehune Surfing Championships, to be held at Hale’iwa Ali’i Beach Park October 18, 19, 25, 26 - Registration form on the back cover

Paws With A Cause: Hawaii Fi-Do Dogs

By Penny Nakamura

Elementary school students, Remington and her friend Selah were playing at Waialua's Aweoweo Beach Park, when they ran over to a group of puppies being trained by Hawaii Fi-Do volunteers, a non-profit organization who train puppies to be service dogs.

"May I pet your dogs?" asked Remington, 7, who put out her hand to let the puppies smell her. "I just love dogs. Someday I want to be a veterinarian."

Hawaii Fi-Do, founder and director Sue Luehrs, who was holding the leashes of two 6-month-old labradoodles, took the time to thank the young girls for asking to pet the puppies and explaining the dogs were in training, and they loved to be petted on the head.

"These puppies are all being trained to be able to help someone," said Luehrs, who with her volunteers have trained hundreds of dogs for Hawaii's special needs residents. "We train them to help with mobility issues, such as helping a person walk or get up from a wheelchair. We train them to help with assisting a person in retrieving items, they can even be trained to open the refrigerator or cabinets, and they're trained to alert someone when their owner needs extra help."

Luehrs says her aha moment came, when as a Special Education teacher at Kahuku High School, she brought in therapy dogs for her students and watched how these dogs helped her students express themselves, and how the interaction and stimulation made a huge difference.

In 1999, Luehrs was able to get funding for her and another volunteer to go to the mainland to get officially trained and certified by Assistance Dogs International (ADI) to bring this program to Hawaii.

"Back then, because of our animal quarantine laws, there was no program like this in the state, and there was such a need, there's always a need for assistance dogs," said Luehrs. "Because of the demand, we are always looking for volunteers to help us raise and train these puppies."

The puppies are specially selected from known local breeders and are initially tested at three days old and start their training as soon as possible by volunteer trained handlers, who will train the puppies for two years.

"By 18 months we know if the dog can really be a service dog, by their temperament and their ability to obey commands," said Luehrs, who trains mainly Labradoodles for their hypoallergenic fur, and pure Labradors for their general friendliness and ability to swim. "We've found some breeds can't be service dogs."

Volunteer trainer, Linda Barretto was out with

3-month-old Labrador puppy Summit at the beach park, with two other volunteer trainers and their puppies. It was a giant play date at the shore break.

"It's hard to give them away after two years, but I try to think of it, like they're going away to college, and we've trained the puppies to do good for someone who really needs them," said Barretto, who decided to volunteer the week she retired. "Summit is my sixth puppy I've trained over the years."

The volunteer trainers meet up regularly for training and socialization of the puppies, it's important to expose the puppies to as many environments as possible.

Recipients apply and are interviewed, by Luehrs and the other volunteers to match them with a puppy who can be trained for certain duties.

Navy veteran Leah Koonce-Flemming applied with Hawaii Fi-Do for a dog, and was selected to train her own puppy Hudson, who is working on helping her retrieve items, as she's losing functions in her hands due to Lymphedema.

Because Hawaii Fi-Do is a non-profit, they have never charged a recipient for these specially trained dogs, they rely solely on donations and volunteers.

For more information: hawaiiifido.org

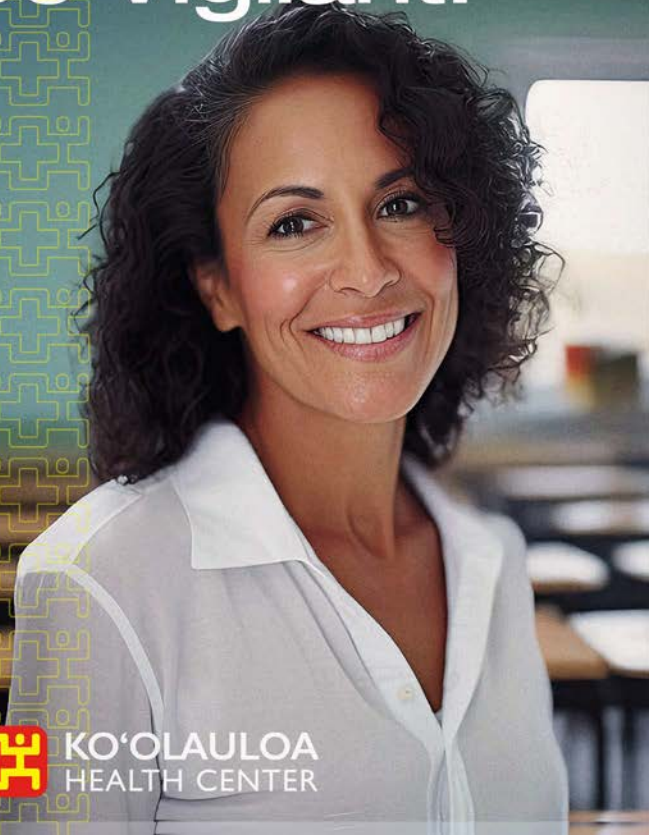


L-R: Puppy trainers; Kinga Sanders and puppy Saide, Leah Koonce-Flemming and puppy Hudson, Sue Luehrs (founder) with Ollie and Josie, Linda Barretto with puppy Summit.



Sue's granddaughter with Fido friends

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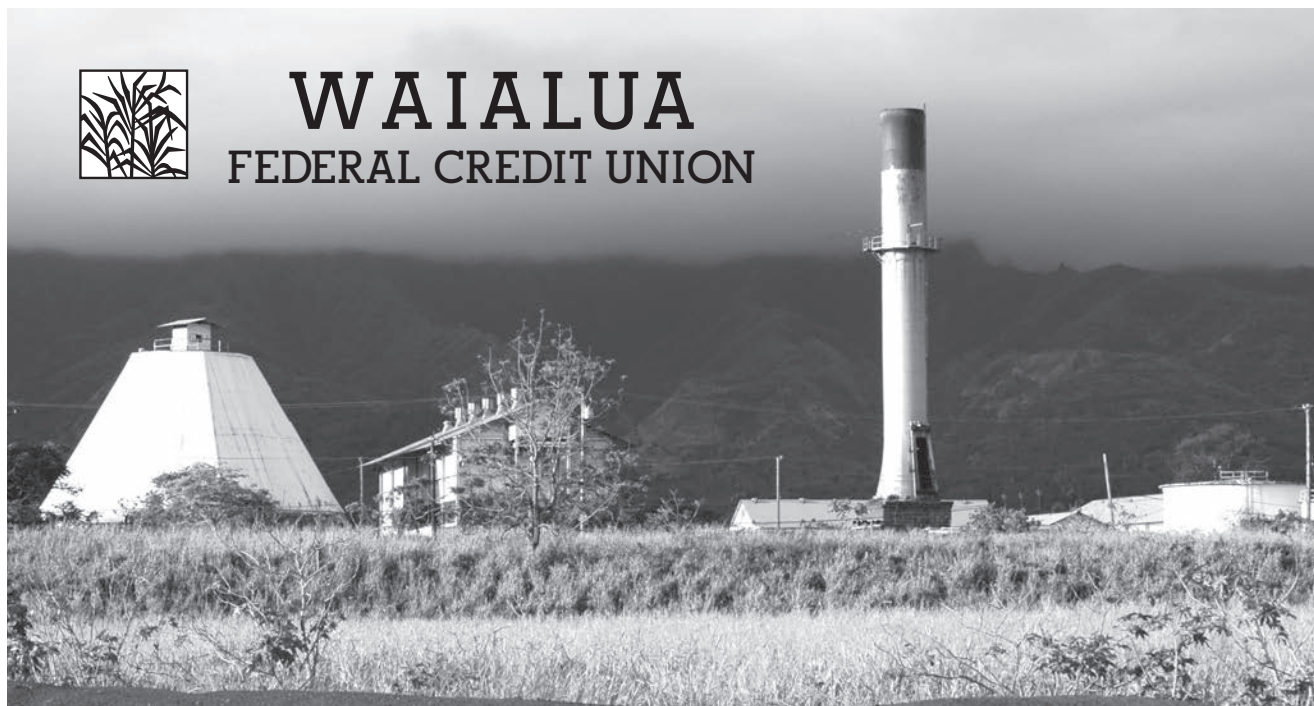
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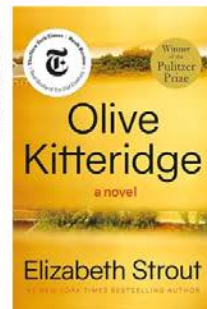
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A Dog's Purpose (from a 6 year-old)

Author Unknown

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten year old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, and his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be a good idea for six year old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting his dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped away peacefully.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's death. Wondering aloud about the sad fact that animals live shorter lives than humans. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try to live.

He said, "People were born so that they can learn how to live a good life - like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The six year old continued, "well dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay that long."

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- When you're happy, wag your entire body.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- Be loyal.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.



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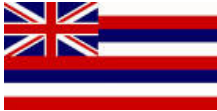
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Girls 10-12 _____ Boys 11-12 _____

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Girls 7-9 _____ Girls 10-12 _____ Boys 7-9 _____ Boys 10-12 _____

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