



# North Hawaii News

## School News

# SPACE ROCKS — LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY

Dozens of children visited Thelma Parker Memorial Library in Waimea Saturday for the annual Astrobash event, the final Libraries Rock! event in the 2018 summer reading program. They learned about black holes, made their own spacesuits, got hands-on experience with infrared cameras and viewed lunar and meteorite sample disks on loan from NASA's Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center.



**Daxon Lee-Valdez looks for black holes on a map with the help of Eduardo Vitral from Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope.** LANDRY FULLER/SPECIAL TO WEST HAWAII TODAY



**During a live science show, Aunty Mimi demonstrates how to build your own spacesuit with the help of astronaut model Louis Walton. Aunty Mimi wears a diaper because she says all astronauts wear them.** PHYLLIS KANEKUNI/THELMA PARKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY



**Carson Jay examines space rocks.** LANDRY FULLER/SPECIAL TO WEST HAWAII TODAY



**Four-year-old Phoenix Bisaro looks at the sun through a small telescope outside the library provided by West Hawaii Astronomy Club.** LANDRY FULLER/SPECIAL TO WEST HAWAII TODAY

## Benedict Purell graduates from Carleton College

Benedict Purell of Kamuela graduated with a BA in political science/international relations from Carleton College at its 144th Commencement exercises June 9 in Northfield, Minnesota, 45 miles south of Minneapolis/Saint Paul.

Purell is the child of Kevin Frank and Melora Purell.

Founded in 1866, Carleton College is a national top 10, private liberal arts college best known for its academic excellence with 37 majors and 15 concentrations in the arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences.

## Joseph E. Spadaro Memorial Scholarship awarded

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WAIKOLOA VILLAGE — In May, the Joseph E. Spadaro Scholarship was awarded by Friends of the Library — Waikoloa Region (FL-WR) to Kealakehe High School graduate Gene Maluyo.

The full scholarship covers two years' tuition, fees, books and supplies in the Transportation and Applied Technology Department at Hawaii Community College.

Maluyo was selected for his excellent academic record, as well as his desire to study auto mechanics. He stands out as a team player who, according to his Kealakehe High School advisor, is "reliable, responsible, persistent, polite and a great communicator who is always willing to help others."

Maluyo was involved in extracurricular activities including National Honor Society, cross country track team and paddling with the Keauhou team.

The scholarship is funded by Luella Spadaro, in memory of her husband, Joseph, and administered by FL-WR. The Spadaros lived in

Waikoloa Village for many years.

Born in Italy and a veteran of WWII, Joe was successful in several careers: while working at Honolulu Gas Co., he converted Aloha Airlines' fleet of ground equipment to propane and later repaired hydraulic systems on minesweepers. He later taught auto mechanics at Kamehameha School.

Because Joe was a passionate advocate of trade education — automotive mechanics in particular — when he died in 2013 his family chose to honor his memory by helping future mechanics. Automotive mechanics is one of the trades that does not receive much financial support.

The Spadaro Scholarship is one of several FL-WR programs that support education and the love of reading. FL-WR maintains and staffs a bookmobile, and provides leadership in its mission to bring a public library to the Waikoloa region.



Maluyo

## HPA graduate receives HFS Federal Credit Union scholarship

Jonah Hurney is one of seven Big Island high school graduates to receive a \$2,500 scholarship from HFS Federal Credit Union for use towards their freshman year of education at the university or college of choice.

Hurney graduated from Hawaii Preparatory Academy in May and received a partial baseball scholarship to play at Southwestern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay, Oregon.

He will head there in early September for baseball camp, with school starting Sept. 24.

Hurney plans to study in the general education curriculum and then transfer to a four-year university to receive his under-graduate degree.

The scholarships were awarded to students in recognition of their academic excellence, career goals and community involvement. The HFS Scholarship Program releases applications at the beginning of each year.



Hurney

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