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**BEST IN THE WEST:** Kris Erickson of Portland-based Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers (BAC) Local 1 was the top Pointer, Caulker, Cleaner at this year's Western States BAC apprenticeship contest. The competition was held June 22 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Contestants from Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada, and Hawaii qualified for the regional contest by placing first or second in competition held at their home locals. Erickson's first place finish earned him a cash prize of \$500. Local 1 was represented by two other apprentices — bricklayers Juan Arroyo and Evan Prochaska. Arroyo captured second place and Prochaska received honorable mention. The second place finish earned Arroyo a cash prize of \$300. The contest lasted five-and-a-half hours, said Local 1 Apprenticeship Coordinator Shawn Lenczowski, and each contestant had to build a project specific to the trade they represented.



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