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Kamehameha Descendents Naihe `Ohana to Be Honored in Kamehameha Day Parade

The Kamehameha Day committee is pleased to announce that the Naihe `ohana will be honored in this year's Kamehameha Day parade as descendants of King Kamehameha I.

King Kamehameha I had many wives and children. Many of their descendants live here in North Kohala. Elizabeth (Libby) Naihe and her family are direct descendants of Kamehameha I and one of his wives, Keopuolani. Two of their sons were Kamehameha II and Kamehameha III. The Naihe `ohana is descended from Kauikeaoule (Kamehameha III) and his wife Kalama.

Libby Naihe was born in 1934 in Puehuehu, a stable camp at the bottom of what is now Union Mill Rd in Hawi. She was seventh of twelve children born to Ah Lan (nee Ah Sam) Naihe and Henry Moae Naihe-Waiapuka, also of Kohala. Her mother was born and raised in a house above the lookout at Pololu Valley.

Libby lived at Puehuehu until graduation from Kohala High School in 1953, then worked in Hilo for three years as a nanny. She met Sylvester Haiha Paalua Jr. when in high school, but they did not marry until 1955.

She and her husband have lived in North Kohala all their lives, except for two years in Honolulu when he was called up with the National Guard in the early 1970s. By this time, they had six of their seven children. They have fond memories of Schofield Base and the time they spent in Honolulu but were also very happy to return home.

He was a crane operator before and after military service; for thirty years she drove a school bus for the high school athletic teams and for the kupuna (senior) softball games. "Everybody knew me," she says. "We were also in the Hawaiian Civic Club for five years. Those were the days it was very strong. We sang with the club." They have been members of the Kalahikiola Congregational Church at `Iole for decades and were married there.

This year, as they do every year, the Naihe-Paalua `ohana are making lei for the lei draping ceremony at the Kamehameha statue in Kapa`au. They are very proud of their ancestry and have many family records in three-ring binders. Among these are articles, family trees, old photos and their marriage certificate. We as a community are very fortunate to have them in the parade this year as we honor the name of Kamehameha himself: "He Inoa No Kamehameha."

North Kohala Merchants May Day Project Supports Project Grad



—photo by Beth Thoma Robinson

Members of the North Kohala Merchants Association joined forces with families of Kohala High School seniors to make nearly 200 ti leaf lei for sale by Hawi and Kapa`au merchants this May Day. Proceeds went directly to Project Grad, which provides Kohala High School seniors with a fun, drug- and alcohol-free graduation celebration.

Merchants Association Vice President Ha`aheo Neves of Big Island Eco Adventures and Project Grad coordinator Amoo Kainoa recruited volunteers to make lei over a two-day period the weekend before May Day. For most of the merchant volunteers this was a clumsy-finger learning process, made easy by the patience of their mentors. The hours passed quickly with plenty of talk story and laughter.

Participating parents and `ohana joining Amoo included Maile Akamu,

Volunteer Pilila`i Ka`ai shows a completed ti-leaf lei to be sold by North Kohala Merchants on May Day.

Patty Ann Solomon, Ajah Sproat, Hinano Lewis, Shanda Lewis, Nani Okubo, Florene Ka`ai and student Kalei Arraujo. Merchants recruited by Ha`a included Yvonne Leiser (Quick-books Pro advisor and Fruit Stand Owner), Karen Rosen (Kohala Coffee Mill), Prakash Flynn (Elements), Richard Elliott (Paradise Postal), and Beth Thoma Robinson (Hawaii Life Real Estate).

"We did great for our first year of the May Day project," said Neves, "and next year will be even better."

The North Kohala Merchants Association is open to any business or individual who owns or operates an active business enterprise in Kohala. Member businesses include some like Sunshine Hardware that provide basic products and services to our community, as well as businesses whose customers include both tourists and locals. The May Day Lei Project fulfills one of the goals of the organization: to promote and encourage business participation in the community affairs of North Kohala.

Korean Culture Celebrated at Kohala Elementary

Story and photos by Rose Mae Watterson

During the weeks of April 21 and 28, Kohala Elementary School fifth-grade students studied Korean culture and history, made Korean masks, learned a Korean mask dance and explored mask improvisations through drama. The Artists in the Schools program was led by Korean Mask Dance and Drama artist-in-residence Bonnie Kim and funded by the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and by our North Kohala Student Cultural Enrichment Program.



Kohala Elementary School fifth grade students pose with their handmade masks. They made masks as part of the recent Korean Mask Dance and Drama program.



Students wear their Korean masks and dance to the beat of the drum as part of the Korean Mask Dance and Drama program.

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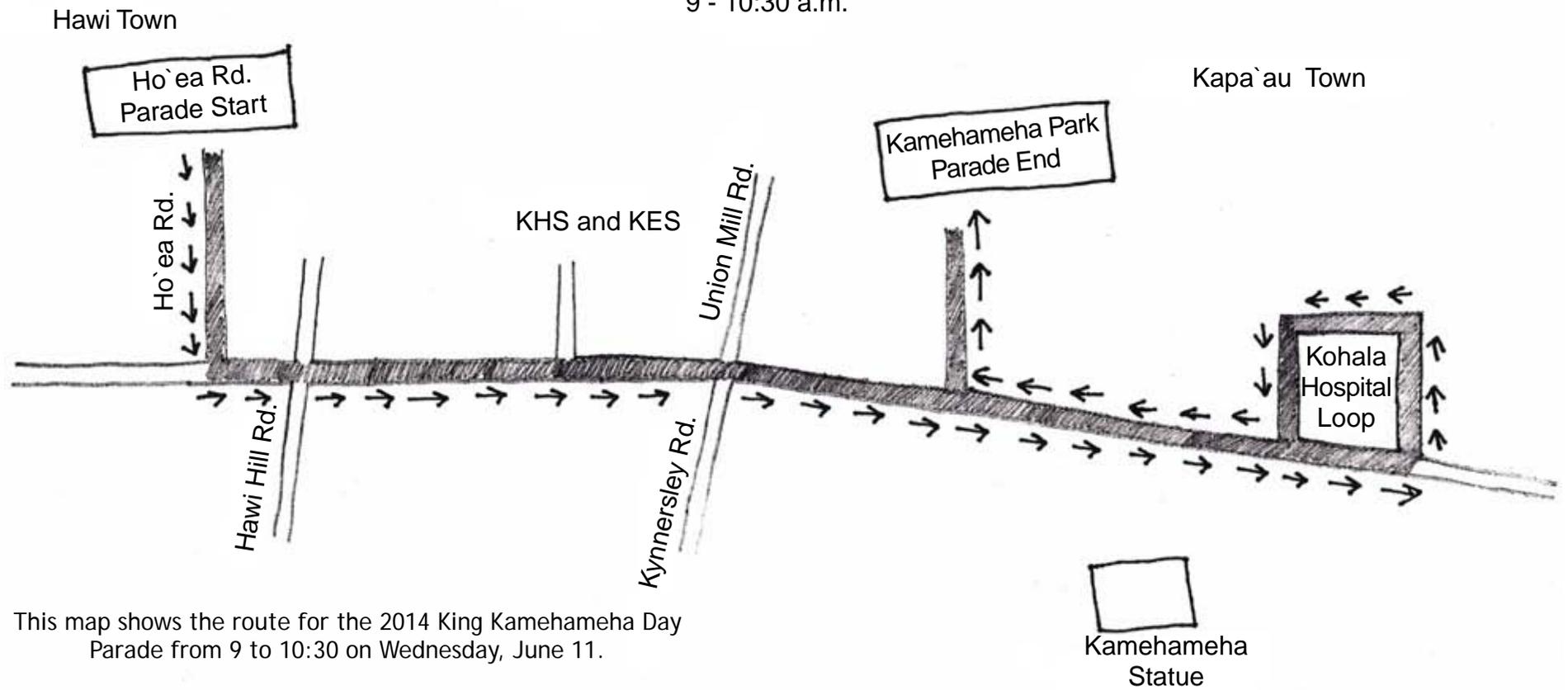
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Kamehameha Day Floral Parade

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King Kamehameha Day Schedule

7:45 to 9 a.m.: Lei draping ceremony at the statue in Kapa'au

9 to 10:30 a.m.: Floral parade featuring honorees, hula halau and pa'u riders.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Ho'olaulea activities and booths at Kamehameha Park, Kapa'au. Food booths, craft vendors, entertainment, educational displays and more.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit our website at: www.kamehamehadaycelebration.org or contact Kay Aldrich at kay.aldrich@yahoo.com.

Notice to motorists: Akoni Pule Highway will be closed in North Kohala on Wednesday, June 11: in front of the statue from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m., and from Hawi to Kapa'au along the parade route from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Motorists may be delayed for 30 minutes or more. Only emergency vehicles will be allowed through.



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Students Expand Knowledge of Hospitality Industry

On April 17 ClimbHI and the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) kicked off the third annual LEI program. LEI is an HTA-sponsored workforce development project to inspire Hawai'i's youth to select careers in the Hawai'i visitor industry by providing them with the necessary means to achieve success. From the student's perspective LEI represents an opportunity for Leadership, Exploration and Inspiration; the hospitality industry's perspective is that LEI provides an opportunity to Lead, Expose, and Inspire Hawai'i's youth.

This is Kohala High's third year in the program. In the first and second years only six students participated each year. They were provided transportation to O'ahu for the day of LEI at the Hawai'i Convention Center and nearby sponsor hotels.

ClimbHI is expanding its program to touch more students' lives. This year 37 Kohala High School participants included students from Shirley Garcia-Nakamura's culinary class, Deb Okubo's AVID College and Career Readiness classes, and other students interested in visitor industry

or leadership. A one-hour pre-event presentation on April 15 included a presentation from the Founder/Chief Executive Officer Julie Morikawa, who shared the mission, inspirational

ment personnel. They were given a tour of hotel property, then training on dining etiquette, setting and serving fine dining with lunch included. Follow-up included a virtual career fair to expose students to the post-secondary educational opportunities and paths for success. Anyone interested can go to the website ClimbHI.org.

Mauna Kea Beach Hotel management and staff greeted the students upon arrival at the property. Ms Ivette Toro, Human Resources, and Vicky Kometani, Director of Public Relations, each took one half of the students to tour the property. Students learned the fascinating history of the hotel's early years since its beginning in 1965. Students also were introduced to various departments. Then the real fun began as Ray Kanehailua instructed the group on fine dining etiquette. Students then, working in teams of six, set their own tables and served each other a wonderful lunch. Employees from a variety of the hotel departments sat with each table group. The interactive learning experience was a huge hit with students. Many of them expressed greater respect for the profession. Others were more clear

on what they would like to do in the future.

The Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, in an expression of genuine happiness over the outcomes for the day, offered to bring back one deserving student and a guest for a complimentary fine dining experience. Eligibility includes participation in all phases including a follow-up essay submitted to ClimbHI. All ClimbHI participants are expected to extend their experience of Leadership, Exploration and Inspiration. Contact Ms. Fern White at 808-889-7117 for more information.



—photo by Fern White

Ivette Toro of Mauna Kea Beach Hotel Human Resources explains the rich history of the hotel to KHS students Tayvon Santiago, Karisse Café-Ayosoas and Maggie Altimirano.

messages from former ClimbHI participants and a message via video from Mike McCartney of HTA.

Students were provided free transportation to and from the Mauna Kea hotel site, logo tee shirts and lei. Chaperones included Cheryl Cabrera, Shirley Garcia-Nakamura and Alvin Kawamoto. Upon arrival, students were greeted by manage-

Hawi ROSI Room Closing

We regret to announce the Rural Outreach Service Initiative (ROSI) Room, which had been located in Hawi, has closed its doors this month due to loss of lease. The Hamakua Health Center was quite pleased by the community response and will continue providing insurance assistance and social service referrals at their Kohala Family Health Center location. Hamakua Health Center's Kohala Family Health Center location is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Health Center now has Dr. Elder, Dr. Sonnenschien and Physician's Assistant Stacy Vroman available for your primary care needs. Please call 889-6236 to set an appointment.

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Ad Deadline: 7/11/14
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Letters—

Aloha,

My husband and I have three children; two of them were born with a genetic kidney disorder called cystinosis.

Our daughter Julia, who is 9 years old now, had to have a kidney transplant in August 2013. She's doing very well now. After Julia and I returned home from California, my 7-year-old son Dominique's health had taken a turn for the worse. On April 10 Dominique was evaluated by a team of doctors at Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford in Palo Alto, California. On April 21 Domin-

Kidney Transplant Support Needed

ique was added to the active kidney transplant waiting list. In the mean time, while waiting for a donor match, Dominique will need to be started on dialysis.

Dominique, his sister Julia, who is still receiving care in California, and I will need to relocate to California for the duration of the dialysis and recovery time after the transplant.

We are trying to raise funds to help cover flights for one adult and one child on the day of Dominique's transplant, and living expenses while in the California area. The insurance com-

pany will cover the surgery and lodging for the time we are there. They do not cover meals and other necessities during our stay. We are currently on the wait list with The Ronald McDonald House.

If anybody would like to contribute to Dominique please feel free to contact me, Natasha, at 938-7938. We will have donation buckets up at Takata, Nakahara and Arakaki markets and the Aloha gas station.

We sincerely appreciate your prayers and support,
Natasha and Kapono Faisca

Hawi Postmistress Hinders Community's Receipt of Mail

Aloha,

This letter is intended to publicly discuss an issue which has been problematic in our community for some time now. It involves the Hawi Post Office and the Postmistress there currently. She seems to have no grasp of our unique situation here and certainly no interest in learning about it. Because we are over water from the mainland and because we have no door-to-door delivery here, there are very often situations where mail and packages arrive incorrectly addressed,

through no fault of our own. In the past, people in the Hawi post office have been kind enough to call the recipient to come and pick up the letter or package. This woman refuses to do that and automatically returns everything, causing many problems. There have been stories of people not receiving urgent checks, medications, and the like. I myself, as a business owner, have had many packages that were urgent for me returned by her, and I am right across the street. A simple call would have had me there

in a moment, picking up my package. She has been approached in a kind manner by many and has shown a total lack of aloha and basic manners and quite often has displayed complete rudeness. Something needs to be done, and I am hoping this letter will spark a public discussion and hopefully some changes. I would also like to mention that everyone at the Kapa'au station is an absolute pleasure to deal with and always has been.

Peter Pomeranze
Sushi Rock/Trio

May Day Mahalos

May Day is Lei Day in Hawai'i! It was lei night at Kohala High's night performance of the May Day program, too! In addition to laying purple orchid lei on all the many mama-aunty-uncle helpers, was just joyous for this Student Activities Coordinator! A multitude of hands and hearts came together to prepare, produce and perform for the annual cultural celebration.

Special *Mahalo nui* to Aunty Kauhi Nakamura, Uncle Michael Matsu, Uncle Laddie Shim, and CJ Yamamoto for their program direction, choreography, decorations and hula instruc-

tion that began in February. Mahalo to Margaret Hoy and her students for the banner that both decorated the stage and shielded the fluorescent lights. Mahalo to Mrs. Debbie Okubo for coordination of the decorations by the class of 2015 and to Dan Leitner for coordination of clean up by the class of 2016. Mahalo to the office staff for pulling the program/printing together. Mahalo to Masters of Ceremony: Speech Club members Kumulani Kaai and Geronimo Boyle. Mahalo to Kohala Kentia for generous sharing of foliage. To the many par-

ents and family members who were there to assist, we also extend a huge mahalo!

The day performance treated students to the protocol and dances by the Court. The night performance saw a full house, bleachers loaded, extra seats filled and standing audience along the wall areas! May Day is one of Kohala High's most enjoyed events that connects to our community and all the extended families. On behalf of the students who participated, Mahalo to all!

Ms. Fern White
Kohala High School

County Council Update—

News from the Desk of District 9 Councilmember Margaret Wille

FUN STUFF: Before I get into some of the County budget matters, I want to first mention an event that I, as a council member, was privileged to attend. On May 2 the Outstanding Older American Award Ceremony was held at the Waikoloa Hilton. Many seniors from North Kohala were in attendance, and we all had a grand time—dancing and mingling with fellow seniors.

BUDGET REVIEW: On May 14 the Council continued its review and discussion concerning the Mayor's proposed budget. The Council made only one substantive amendment. That amendment, funding a continuation of the very successful teen dating abuse program, will move \$40,000

from the county's self insurance budget to the prosecutor's budget. Councilmembers Brenda Ford, Karen Eoff and I lead the discussion in support of this amendment. At first it looked as if those opposed would prevail. They argued against any amendments to the mayor's budget and pointed out that the prosecutor would likely receive some grant funding that could in part be used for this purpose. I pointed out how important this teen dating program has been this past year and that securing definite funding is the best strategy. In the end we were able to secure the necessary votes to pass the amendment. The final council budget meeting is scheduled for June 2. Public testimony will be welcome at

that time.

DISTRICT 9 CONTINGENCY FUNDS: As I explained last month, this year each councilmember received close to \$100,000 in contingency funding to support county programs though one of our county departments. My single largest allocation this fiscal year is to the Parks and Recreation Department (\$35,000) to fund the labor portion of the remaining cost to complete the North Kohala Skate Park located at Kamehameha Park. A vote on this contingency fund item comes up before the Council on June 4. I would therefore appreciate that interested members of the public come to testify in support of this

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skate park legislation: June 4, 9 a.m., at the North Kohala Video Conference Center in the Kapa`au old Bank of Hawaii i building (or at the Waimea or Kona Council sites). My other allocations for District 9 contingency funds included: fireboots for District 9 volunteer firemen; CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) funding to open a site in Waimea and for District wide CERT equipment needs; and park equipment for Kawaihae, North Kohala, and Waikoloa.

REAL PROPERTY TAX TASK FORCE:

With regard to real property taxes, an outside auditor consulting firm recommended many changes to our current real property tax program, many of which increase accountability and fairness in the current program. Councilmember Dennis "Fresh" Onishi and I are the two council members on the Real Property Tax Task Force. We are reviewing the consultants' recommendations and will be seeking to implement appropriate changes through ordinances and administrative program changes. Our meetings are open to the public but are not available by video-conferencing. A copy of the consultant's recommen-

dations is available. Please contact my office, and we can email you a copy. The next meeting of the Real Property Tax Task Force is scheduled in Hilo for June 9 at 9 a.m.

MORE INFORMATION: For more



—photo by Lorraine Acdal

Councilmember Margaret Wille and Michael Sumja of North Kohala were in attendance at the May 2 Outstanding Older American Award Ceremony held at the Waikoloa Hilton. Michael Sumja is a District 9 Salary Commission member.

information, please contact my office at 808-887-2043 or by email at mwille@co.hawaii.hi.us.

WITH MUCH ALOHA,
Margaret Wille
Council member for District 9
North and South Kohala

Viewpoint

Information and opinions expressed in viewpoint articles are the responsibility of the author and do not necessarily reflect the position of the News or its staff.

Kamehameha The Great Deserves the Title

What makes Kamehameha so great?

This month we celebrate the baby born near Upolu point who would grow up to become Kamehameha the Great, the founder of the Hawaiian Kingdom and the Kamehameha Dynasty. So now is a good time to ask, what makes Kamehameha so great? Lots of things, really!

Raised to be a warrior and skilled in the arts of war, Kamehameha surrounded himself with good advisors, then listened and truly considered their counsel in the areas of politics and religion before taking any major action. The great leader stood firm in his own beliefs, even while adapting to new cultures, religion and technologies arriving in the islands, remaining true to his faith until his dying day. Kamehameha was able to adapt new technologies and understanding to his traditional methods and practices without compromising Hawaiian values. He made new laws, such as Mamala Hoe, "the law of the splintered paddle," to protect the helpless, and ended the fearful practice of human sacrifice without offending his gods.

Kamehameha is great because he waged a twenty year war to win his kingdom, and worked just as hard to keep the peace once the kingdom was

won. By treating people fairly and staying in touch with those he could not trust, Kamehameha balanced the politics and resources of the times to be sure the chiefs were happy and the people were fed. His kingdom grew rich under his administration, and when he died in Kailua in 1819 he left behind one of the wealthiest kingdoms in the world. His last words were "Endless is the good I have created for you," and Kamehameha left behind a kingdom that would last almost a century, and become the foundation of our modern State.

But perhaps the warrior-king's greatest asset was the people of Kohala nei who adored their ali`i and worked so tirelessly on his behalf. Before going on campaign, Kamehameha would open new fields of taro, sweet potato and cane to be able to feed his army in the field. He would train his units for months until the food plants were nearly ready to harvest; then he could go to war fully prepared. By sending home to Kohala for food supplies to feed his warriors, the great leader was able to conquer a district without destroying the land and starving the people he had conquered, "winning their hearts and minds." The people of old Kohala stood firm in their support

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Living Arts Gallery Celebrates 5 Years!

Five years ago, in 2009, in the shock of the deep economic recession, five artists decided to boldly open an artist-owned and artist-operated fine art gallery in Hawi. The Living Arts Gallery began with the motto, "Take Heart, Make ART!" and opened its doors on June 11, 2009, King Kamehameha Day. Dedicated to featuring only the art of Big Island artists, the gallery draws artists from Hilo, Volcano, Kailua-Kona, South Kona, Waimea and Puna, as well as both North and South Kohala. With a mission to be more than just "art on the walls," the gallery has hosted a number of community events each year, including an annual Winter Solstice concert, poetry readings, book signings and readings by local aspiring writers.

While the gallery currently showcases the artwork of about 75 Big Island artists in various media (paintings, ceramics, glass, fiber, jewelry and sculpture), owner Mary Sky Schoolcraft says, "There is always room for more talented artists! We love to show the work of emerging artists and help them learn what it means to be represented in a gallery. Helping with the tasks of operating the gallery is a good way for artists to get experience in selling art and understanding how to present themselves. Plus, our members are like 'ohana, supporting each others'

growth and offering a sense of kinship to each other."

Each month a different artist is featured with their own show, and a public "meet the artist" reception. If you haven't yet been inside, stop by this month (May) and check out the group show, images of "Local Landmarks: A Kama'aina View," featuring paintings by more than a dozen different local artists. The coming attraction in June is a month-long show by one of the founding members, fiber artist Susan O'Malley. On June 11, King Kamehameha Day, the gallery is hosting an all-day open house and offering birthday cake as both the gallery and King celebrate birthdays! (The front lanai of the gallery is also a great place to watch the parade! Come at 9 a.m. and get a front row view!) Susan O'Malley will be there too, sharing interesting stories about her process of creating three-dimensional art from plant fibers.

Artists interested in joining as members can contact Connie Firestone at the gallery, 889-0739, or email Mary Sky at maryskyschoolcraft@yahoo.com. Visit www.livingartsgallery.net for more info. Or stop by. The Living Arts Gallery is located on the main street of Hawi at 55-3435 Akoni Pule Highway, open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. We welcome you. E komo mai!

KHS 40-Year Reunion Scheduled

By Carlton Torres

"Though the years may come and go and our faces change, still our hearts will hold thy memories of Kohala High."

It has been 40 years since the Class of 1974 walked the halls of our alma mater. Many of us have left Kohala, but June 13 to 14 the Class of 1974 will gather to reminisce, share our accomplishments, and remember the classmates who have passed away.

The committee has been meeting monthly since December 2013 at the residence of Sonia (Galigo) and Stanford Rocha to plan this event. On June 13, we plan a "field trip" to visit places that affected our lives in the 70s. During the trip we will remember

for the six classmates who have left us: Vera Kaoo, Edward Carpio, Milton Elarco, Charles Hori, Brian (Kinka) Maeda and Russell (Skeg) Yamamoto.

June 13 will be a time for classmates to recap from the elementary grades through senior year in high school to the now "senior citizens" we have become in our communities. June 14 will be a time for games, family introductions and music of the 70s.

Our motto is, and has been for over 40 years: Success is given to those who try! In these two special days in June we not only will fry, WE WILL come once again together as a class and "Gaze upon our Alma Mater of Kohala High."

North Kohala National Guard Maintains Monument



—photo by Bobby Glory

The monument honoring Puerto Rican immigrants was overgrown with grasses before the North Kohala National Guard Alumni gave its landscaping some attention.

The North Kohala National Guard Alumni completed cleaning and adding a cinder border around the Puerto Rican monument located at Honoipu. The monument honors the first Puerto Rican immigrants who landed in Kohala on May 12, 2001. Pictured in the photo are: Sat Carpio, Bobby Glory, Lefty Nakayama, Nario Libron, Rocky Perez and Collin Kaholo.



—photo by Joe Carvalho

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out losing your values and your faith, prepare for conflict before the conflict arises, and keep the peace by making sure everyone gets fed!

If we can support each other in time of conflict or great need, then endless will be the good for us all to enjoy!

Aloha,
Boyd D Bond

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Community Rallies Against "Ice"

Community members gathered for a grassroots sign-waving campaign to bring attention to the severe "ice" (crystal methamphetamine) problem in Kohala. This event was initiated by the John and Merlyn Botelho/Bruno family and held Wednesday, May 15, in front of the self-help housing in Hawi. The organizers plan many more to come. For more information please contact Merlyn at 896-2891, or mbotelho65@gmail.com. The sponsors want to thank all the people who came out and supported the first sign waving.



Members of the community gathered on Akoni Pule Highway to raise awareness of the "ice" problem in Kohala. Missing in picture are the "Ainakea hunters" and Verna Chartrand from Lokahi Treatment Center.

Green is a Verb – Do It!

The Green School movement is taking form in countries around the world, and Kohala has its own locally-flavored Green School taking root this year. Kohala Green School (KGS) is now enrolling for an innovative home-school enrichment program with classes scheduled to start in September. KGS provides coursework in a matrix of science and humanities subjects with an emphasis on eco-literacy and citizen engagement via hands-on learning.

North and South Kohala home school students enrolled in KGS connect the local to the global by tackling weekly academic assignments enriched by challenging online, global learning resources. For the 2014 - 2015 school year, Kohala's Green Schoolers will be participating in the Jane Goodall Institute's 'Roots and Shoots' international community mapping program, will join in with on-board reporting from the Hokulea canoe as it sails world-wide on its historic voyage, and can participate in Smithsonian Technology Innovation award-winning science and humanities resources through the Full Circle

Learning Network's Hawai'i studies program.

In addition to challenging curriculum activities and global resources, KGS facilitates local volunteer community service projects with integrated character-building opportunities. Complementing the classroom and service learning, a third program component brings students and families together for inter-generational field trips. Rural Green Schoolers can enjoy the benefits of learning and working from home, in the classroom, and out in their community with supportive peer groups that are led by the Green School's quality instructors and special guest mentors.

Home schooling families are invited to learn more about the Kohala Green School program by attending a **Family Information Meeting** on Saturday, June 7, 10 to 11:30 a.m. in North Kohala. RSVP is required to greenschool@oneisland.org or 328-2452. *Enrollment deadline is June 30th.*

Learn more about Kohala Green School resources at: <http://www.oneisland.org/greenschool>.

Winners of the 2014 Lions Club "Sight Is Beautiful" Poster Contest

Kohala Lions Club has announced winners of the island-wide 2014 Sight Is Beautiful Poster Contest.

The purpose of the contest is to encourage children to place a greater value on their ability to see the world around them. Students submit posters they have created, judged on originality, theme, color, composition, neatness and art media technique.

Kohala Elementary School (KES) winners are shown in the chart below; each received a cash prize for winning. First, second and third place winners received \$20, \$15 and \$10, respectively. Honorable mention winners received \$5. The Lions Club matted the winning posters for the students.

In addition, the first place winners' posters were entered in the April competition against all Hawai'i Island elementary schools' first place winners. KES's kindergarten, first grade and second grade posters won first place in the island-wide competition, and each student received a \$25 award.

- Division K ... Kindergarten:**
 1st Place ... Alana Harburg***, Ms. Leialoha
 2nd Place...Ascher Blanco, Mrs. Larson
 3rd Place ... Layden Kauka, Mrs. Yamamoto
 Honorable Mention ... Railey Alvarez-Lively, Mrs. Yamamoto
Division I ... Grades 1:
 1st Place ... Aukai Viernes***, Mrs. Carpenter
 2nd Place... Ava-Grace Ishimine, Ms. Cornwall

- 3rd Place...Madeline Buczyna, Mrs. Wiernicki
 Honorable Mention...Mahea Pasco-Riveira, Ms. Cornwall
Division II, Grades 2:
 1st Place ... Levi Keyes***, Ms. Griesser
 2nd Place...Heaven Alvarico, Mrs. Hagio
 3rd Place...Ryan Kamala, Jr., Mrs. Thomas
 Honorable Mention ... Trycen-Anthony Alejandro, Mrs. Hagio
Division III, Grade 3:
 1st Place...Camille Pinho, Mrs. O'Donnell
 2nd Place... Makaiialeukahi Pang, Mrs. O'Donnell
 3rd Place... Jersey Lewis, Mrs. Gusman
 Honorable Mention... Weston-Jon Camara, Ms. LeMay
Division IV, Grade 4:
 1st Place ... Imiloa Leshner, Mrs. Sulliban
 2nd Place ... Chelsy Gollen, Mrs. Sulliban
 3rd Place ... Quentin Hook, Mrs. Sulliban
 Honorable Mention ... Ayzon Kaitoku, Mrs. Sulliban
Division V, Grade 5:
 1st Place...Ryan Juan Kealoha, Ms. Rufo
 2nd Place...Sydney Wiernicki, Ms. Rufo
 3rd Place...Donovan Molonai Emeliano, Ms. Rufo
 Honorable Mention...Roy Angelo Francisco, Ms. Rufo



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 Kohala Elementary School second graders show their winning posters in the 2014 Kohala Lions Club Sight is Beautiful Poster Contest.

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Learning about Life and Kohala Through 'Olelo No'eau

A new school *oli* (chant), written with the help of Kohala Middle School (KMS) students, was introduced during the final quarter to selected classes at Kohala Middle School. The process of developing this *oli* as well as learning how to chant it has been a powerful way to help youth increase their understanding and appreciation of their home district as well as values shared through Hawaiian culture.

Led by cultural specialist Lehua Ah Sam, youth in the KMS first semester Leadership class explored various 'Olelo No'eau (Hawaiian proverbs and poetical sayings) about the Kohala district. They discussed meanings and selected their favorite expressions. Ah Sam, who is hired by University of Hawai'i at Manoa's Growing Pono Schools Project to teach about culture, used favorite expressions from students to weave together a short, powerful *oli* for the school.

Selected classes were taught the chant during the final weeks of the school year. Participants were guided to understand the deeper meaning of the words as well as explore other 'Olelo No'eau about North Kohala and Hawaiian culture. Below are excerpts from students in Jenny Stevens' 7th and 8th grade AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) classes who selected favorite 'olelo and shared the reason they picked them. These expressions are offered so everyone can enjoy wisdom of the old as well as the young.

Ka Hana a ka makua, o ka hana no 'ia a keiki - What parents do, children do.

"I like this quote because children look up to their parents and want to follow in their footsteps, like sports and college, for instance. My mom loves her sports and she's committed to the sport 24/7, and I'm exactly the same way." - Symphony Kauano, grade 8

A'ohe 'ulu e loa'a i ka pokole o ka lou - No breadfruit can be reached when the picking stick is too short. There is no success without preparation.

"This quote tells how if you put a little hard work or preparation, like practice, into something you might get success." - Cheyenne Fuertes, grade 8

He pumai'a loa'a I ke kikiao, hina - A weakling who is blown down by every trouble that comes

"I like this quote because I know everyone has tough times. Everyone can go through bad times but get through it. I love this quote." - Zazttaney Matsu, grade 8

Kohala 'aina ha'aheo - Kohala land of the proud.

"This quote is my favorite one because Kohala people get noticed by doing good things, and it always makes the town proud. People from Kohala make the town of Kohala proud from community service to sports achievements." - Angel Ramos, grade 8

"Us youth is always proud of our work. We are always proud of our home district." - Caylah Carvalho,

grade 8

"I chose this quote because there isn't any other way to explain Kohala, and the people here are proud that they live in Kohala." - Kaila Tabiolo-Amaral, grade 8

Nani ka waiho a Kohala I ka la'i - Beautiful lies Kohala in the calm.

"I chose this quote because Kohala is a beautiful place. It is calm and relaxing, yet screams 'beautiful' at the same time." - Johnette Emeliano, grade 8

Kohala i ka 'unupa'a - Kohala of the solid stone.

"The people of Kohala were known for their firm attitude. I chose this quote because us people from Kohala have a firm attitude." - Anaiya-Lee Tabiolo, grade 8

Aloha mai no aloha aku o ka huhu ka mea ola 'ole ai - When love is given, love should be returned: Anger is the thing that gives no life.

"Here in Kohala everyone gives back to each other. We love and support one another." - Camylle Agbayani, grade 8

Ho'okahi no hulu like o ia po'e - Those people are all of the same feather.

"It relates to me because this quote is about how everyone is the same and everyone in Kohala is the same." - Kayla Francisco, grade 7

Ipo lei Kohala no na Moa'eku - Kohala is like a wreath container for the moa'e breeze.

"Like the Moa'e breeze, it is hard to be contained." - Sadey Alip, grade 7

A'ohe hana nui ke alu 'ia - No task is too big when done by all.

"To me, this saying means to let everyone pitch in to help get the job done faster (together we can do anything!)" - Shania Fuertes grade 7

A'ohe u'i hele wale o Kohala - No youth of Kohala goes empty-handed.

"This quote has great importance because it's true about the youth of Kohala and myself." - Makamae Edayan, grade 7

Pau kuihewa I ka nani o 'Aipo - Gone are all the illusions of the beauty of 'Aipo.

"I chose this proverb because I see this a lot with the Kohala residents.

Instead of being prejudiced, they take their time to find out what a person, thing, or place is really like." - Malia Donner, grade 7

Hookahi no leo o ke alo ali'i - A command is given only once in the presence of a chief (A chief's command is to be obeyed

the first time.)

"This can relate to me because when my family members or friends tell me to do something, you have to do it the first time they call you. No buts or complaints... Just do it." - Isaiah Salvador, grade 7

Gabriella Boyle places 3rd at Track and Field BIF Championships!



—photo courtesy of Ka Leo Na 'Opio

Gabriella Boyle (far right) stands on the 3rd-place podium at the Big Island Interscholastic Federation's Track and Field Finals. Boyle earned her place in the awards ceremony with a time of 1:02:04 in the 400-meter dash.

By Genevieve Boyle, Courtesy of Ka Leo Na 'Opio

Congratulations to Kohala's freshman Gabriella Boyle, who brought home the bronze medal in the 400-meter dash on May 3 at the Big Island Interscholastic Federation track and field championships. Boyle is the only freshman on the island to place in an individual running event that day. She ran track in middle school, so she is familiar with the 400-meter race.

Both Boyle and junior Josiah Adams qualified for finals in their events after competing in the preliminary races on Friday, May 2. Boyle ran the 400-meter

dash, finishing first, with a qualifying time of 1:02:44. Adams ran the 1,500-meter run with a qualifying time of 4:41:65.

On finals day Boyle ran the 400-meter dash in 1:02:04, bringing her in at 3rd place right behind Hilo's Kunda Nicholson-Walker and Camelle Martinez. Adams competed in the 1,500-meter run finishing with a time of 4:33:45, which brought him in at ninth place on the island. With these times both runners achieved new personal and school records.

Congratulations to Gabriella Boyle for placing and winning third place in the track and field BIF championships! Good luck in the rest of your track career!

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NKCDP AC Reviews Recommendations to DWS, Public Access, Windmills and Agriculture

At the May 12 meeting of the North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee (NKCDP AC), John Winter, chair of the AC, provided the AC with an extensive and detailed report from the Water, Parks and Roads subcommittee entitled "Water Supply in North Kohala."

The report, which uses information from the NKCDP and from the Department of Water Supply's (DWS) own plan, concludes with four recommendations. These are given with the goal of improving public relations between DWS and the North Kohala community and for assuring an adequate water supply system for present and future needs.

The recommendations state the DWS should:

- work cooperatively with groups and agencies to make more agricultural water available to users in North Kohala;
- add more wells and connect wells for redundancy;
- initiate a program to upgrade the aging delivery system as soon as possible, particularly in neighborhoods where additional living units, such as 'ohanas or CPRs*, have increased the density and the old pipes are insufficient to meet the demand;
- lift the moratorium on new water commitments in North Kohala.

The report was approved unanimously by the AC.

A cover letter from the subcommittee will be presented to the AC next month which, when approved, will be sent to DWS with the report for the purpose of initiating a discussion between the subcommittee and DWS on the above recommendations.

The next meeting of the Power, Water and Roads subcommittee will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, in the Senior Center. A green waste facility will be an agenda item.

Keoni MacKillop of the Public Access subcommittee reported that Kaiholena Lot F is in escrow and, though \$100,000 still must be obtained within the next 120 days, there is confidence among those involved in the project that this will happen.

The next meeting of the Public

Access subcommittee is on Wednesday, June 4, at the Senior Center in Kapa'au.

Susan Fischer told the AC that the Power, View Planes and Erosion subcommittee will be discussing concerns of some members of the community regarding the effect on our ocean views if there is a proliferation of windmills on Parker Ranch land on the makai side of Akoni Pule highway. Winter then brought up the topic of our aging utility grid and what may be done about it in the future. Toni Withington said that the federal government is in the beginning of scoping out an environmental impact statement regarding smarter energy. She added that the HEI, parent company of the three island electric utility companies, has just come out with an integrative utility report for the state Public Utilities Commission (PUC) which will weigh the various forms of

energy available in Hawai'i and hopefully give HEI and the PUC a direction for energy in the future.

The next meeting of the Power, View Planes and Erosion subcommittee is Wednesday, June 11, at the Senior Center in Kapa'au.

The final report was from Frank Cipriani of the Agricultural subcommittee. He said the subcommittee will now be acting as an informational hub, gathering and disseminating information from small farmers and various agriculture groups and organizations and getting it to the public in a timely manner.

Winter explained that the priorities for the Agriculture subcommittee as put forth in the CDP are extremely varied, encompassing everything from education and food security to water and growth management, and that there are already many groups in Kohala working on most of these

issues. These groups will, in effect, now be like sub-sub committees which will report back to the Agriculture subcommittee. The Agriculture subcommittee will then put all the information together and report to the AC.

The Agriculture subcommittee will once again be holding regular monthly meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday, June 18, at the Senior Center.

The next meeting of the NKCDP AC will be on Monday, June 9, at the Senior Center in Kapa'au. Members of the community are welcome and encouraged to attend.

* A CPR is a condominium property regime, which is an arrangement allowing a homeowner to create a rental home on a property that is large enough for two single family homes, but which does not meet the technical requirements to subdivide into two lots.

Go Skate Day Coming on June 22

Skateboarders—young, old, male, female, longboard, shortboard, any board, one and all—are encouraged to join us for a skateboarder parade in Kapa'au at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 22. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. from the Aloha gas station at the Kynnersley-Union Mill Road intersection. The highway will be closed to motor traffic. Skaters can enjoy a long downhill cruise to Kamehameha Park in Kapa'au. The road will re-open at 11 a.m.

We encourage every skater on the island to skate in this parade to show their support for building public skateparks in all communities.

After the skate there will be a fundraiser at Roots Skatepark behind Hisaoka Gym in Kamehameha Park. This action-packed event will include: mixed plate lunches and organic salads, live local music, a DJ, a silent auction, skateboarding contests and awesome prizes! All proceeds will go to help expand Roots Skatepark.

To be a sponsor of the event or to donate food items, prizes for the skate contest or a silent auction item, please contact Kimberly at 895-2913.



Participants in the 2013 Go Skate Day gather for a photo before the start of the long downhill cruise to King Kamehameha Park, where they enjoyed a day of food, fun and prizes. The annual Skate Day supports expansion of the Roots Skatepark in Kapa'au and promotes building of skateparks in all communities.

New KHS Student Council Executive Officers Elected

Congratulations to the newly-elected student leaders who will serve Kohala High School next year! The Student Council is responsible for planning and executing student activities, leading the student body, maintaining school spirit and being servants and role models for all students. It is a great honor as well as a great responsibility to be an officer in the Executive Student Council, and the staff of Kohala High is sure these fine young leaders will do an excellent job as the new executive officers for the 2014 - 2015 school year.

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The Kohala Village Hub: Sprouting Opportunity for Our Community

Held on April 17, the first meeting of The Kohala Village Hub for the farmers and producers of value-added products was well-attended, drawing nearly 90 enthusiastic community members.

The Kohala Village Inn, recently purchased by Bennett and Delphina Dorrance, has taken on a new name and, most importantly, a new dimension by housing a group with a meaningful vision. Renamed the Kohala Village Hub, the founders' vision is to sustainably embrace the arts, education and agriculture, offering creative and economic opportunity for growth in all three areas. The Hub is a true blessing for a community such as North Kohala, which is home to many talented and hard-working people seeking opportunity.

During the 20th century, the industrial food complex initiated its long-lasting impact on the U.S. food system, the outcome of which is profoundly affecting human health and the health of the planet. Climate change and the many uncertainties that go along with this global issue are forcing people to address localizing their food system. Living in Hawai'i, where food security is an option, local people are grasping

the need for change and seeing the benefits and opportunities that come with providing healthy food

end user. The intention is to create a "food hub to stimulate economic development and food security."

What are food hubs? As defined by the National Good Food Network, "They are incredibly innovative business models specifically addressing some of our producers' most overwhelming challenges, reducing food miles while their social outcomes are realized by delivering healthy, fresh and often affordable food to the people who need it most." (See more at <http://ngfn.org>.)

Having a central location where we can put functional systems in place, we are in a position to successfully offer quality food at

affordable prices while creating a demand for locally grown food. There will be a new cafe at the Hub that will feature Kohala- and Hawai'i-grown food as well as a retail store offering value added products and local arts and crafts. A section of the commercial kitchen will be made available for individuals to lease. Other innovative business concepts utilizing locally grown and produced products are being evaluated, including wholesale markets, catering, Community Supported Agriculture

(CSA), CSA meal plans, a farmer-owned brand and programs to get food to those in need. All of these business models create a demand for more local food, giving incentive for more farmers to produce and grow more food.

Collaborating in efforts to stimulate the demand for a localized food system is key to success. Knowing "who we are and what we choose to do" makes the "how we do it" much easier. Diversifying what we plant or produce, versus everyone doing the same thing, creates biodiversity and a healthier business model. Supplying, serving and producing food produced by local farmers can help an abundance of entrepreneurial opportunities to blossom. Organization of production, processing and distribution consolidation allows for a vibrant business model overcoming fundamental market barriers for the farmer.

At the meeting we learned from



—photo courtesy of Bennett Dorrance

Donna Maltz facilitates a meeting of the Kohala Food Hub, breaking down some opportunities and challenges inherent in the vision for a whole foods system in Kohala. The Food Hub is a branch of the nascent Kohala Village Hub, an entity dedicated to promoting local arts, education and agriculture.

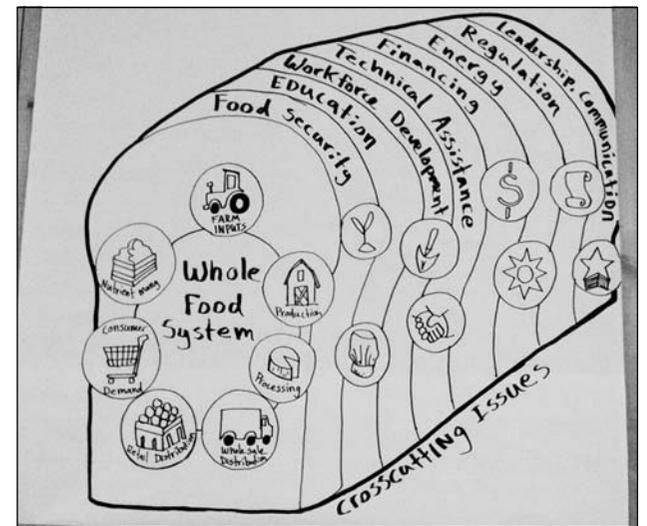
to our communities.

The Kohala Village Hub is broken into smaller branches, each focusing on a particular area. The Food Branch's intention is to help return to the historical practice of actively offering processing and aggregation support to small farmers, facilitating relationships between the local producer and the



—photo courtesy of www.kohalavillageinn.com

The Kohala Village Inn is now the home the Kohala Village Hub, thanks to Bennett and Delphine Dorrance. The new center will foster education, the arts and responsible agricultural development.



—photo courtesy of Bennett Dorrance

An illustration of a loaf of bread with many slices gives a graphic representation of some of the key areas to be addressed in building a whole food system. Food Hub founders acknowledge the complexity of the initiative and are working on a master plan with community input. Drawing by Travis Dodson.

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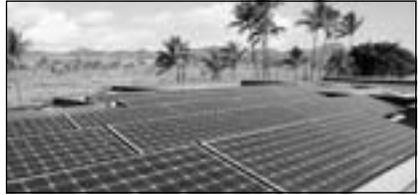
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Food Hub, continued from page 10
 those in the room that there are wisdom and wonder in both the agricultural and value-added products sectors, and that there are educational programs being offered in our community to inspire growth. It was apparent that in order to reach our Community Development Plan goal of being 50 percent food-secure by 2020, more farmers are required. Many valid points were expressed by dedicated members of the community as to some of the challenges ahead, and suggestions were offered that would help localize our food system. Land, water, developing markets, sales, distribution, storage capacity, commercial kitchen space and training new farmers are all issues that need to be addressed.

Our community has embraced educating our youth and adults to eat healthier and to learn to grow food through: school garden projects, Hawai'i Institute of the Pacific (HIP) Agriculture, Sustainable Kohala programs, Ka Hana No'eau and Palili 'O Kohala. The devoted work of Andrea Dean to localize our food system began in 2009 with the North Kohala Food Forum, which led to several other grants stimulating the movement through educational programs.

There is great interest in many community projects that the new Hub can help facilitate. This initial meeting was convened so diverse parties could get to know each other and make connections. They can then collaborate on projects that embrace the mission of both the food division and the overall umbrella of the Kohala Village Hub.

The Food Branch's intention is to, "Provide opportunities and a location to foster a whole food system for our community that will help stimulate innovative business models specifically addressing some of our producers' most overwhelming challenges, so that we can localize our food needs."

The meeting set the intention to put our knowledge into action. This

is a community-based project. We have been blessed with the facility; now it is up to us to get it up and running.

We anticipate both the cafe and retail store, selling value-added products and local arts and crafts, will open in the next few months.

If you have minimum of two years of experience in the following areas and are interested in volunteering or applying for the following positions, please send your resume to info@kohalavillage.org.

Position Opportunities:

- Cafe manager - for healthy local food
- Chefs - for healthy local food
- Bakers - for healthy local food
- Value-added product producer
- Herbal/medicinal oils producer
- Retail manager
- Administrator
- Waiter
- Janitor

The Hub is a work in progress, and your input is greatly valued.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

Kohala Village Hub MISSION

To provide a place and programs that model and nurture healthy lifestyle, learning, expression and enterprise for a sustainable world.

VISION

To generate a thriving mission-driven activity center for educational programs in the areas of agriculture, food sustainability, culture, arts, wellness, and multi-generational experiential learning that benefit the community and visitors to the island.

VALUES

- Pono - wellbeing
- Kuleana - responsibility
- Laulima - working together
- `Oli - happiness
- Aloha - compassion

To honor the wellbeing of all generations by responsibly working together to create a healthy, happy

Aquaculture Program Summer Session Coming

The Kohala High School (KHS) Aquaculture Program is planning for a summer session for continuing KHS students and incoming ninth graders. The program will include: educational video labs, lectures and hands-on management of the existing fish farm; water chemistry and water management; expanding the aquaponics grow-out system; planting, harvesting and processing the produce; and market development.

Students attending the summer program will be considered for the Aquaculture Program, an extension of the school's Agriculture Program, in the 2014 - 15 school year.

If you are interested in agricultural education in our schools and would like more information, contact: Frank "Palani" Cipriani at frankcipriani@biofarmshawaii.com.



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Internships in Sign Design Available

Story and photo by Gail Byrne Baber
Local high school students have an opportunity for a paid internship to assist with stewarding lands at Kaiholena that have been preserved by the community.

Malama Kohala Kahakai, in partnership with Kohala Lihikai, UH

Manoa's Growing Pono Schools Project, the National Park Service's Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail, and the County of Hawai'i, received a grant from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority to mitigate visitor impacts on natural resources along the Kohala coast. One of the projects that is being

implemented is installing an interpretive sign at the County's parking lot at Kaiholena to share information with visitors about how to care for the natural and cultural resources in the area. There are several native species that make their home at Kaiholena and a monk seal often basks there. This area also has the greatest number of intact pre-contact cultural sites in the state.

Malama Kohala Kahakai is offering 20-hour internships with pay to help design the content for the sign—wording and graphics. Interns will have the opportunity to meet and learn from individuals who have made a career of designing interpretive signs. Hours will be flexible to accommodate students' school and summer schedules.

If you are currently in high school and are interested in applying for the internships, please send an email with

a sample of your writing and/or artwork to MalamaKohalaKahakai@gmail.com or call 808-938-8880.

Malama Kohala Kahakai is a project in its tenth year with the North Kohala Community Resource Center and has worked in partnership with other North Kohala community groups and nonprofits to preserve the North Kohala coast.

Earth & Ocean Festival - The Kohala Connection

Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce and their Sust'AINability committee hosted the Earth and Ocean Festival on April 12 at Maka'eo Events Pavilion at the Old Kona Airport.

Kohala businesses and residents participated in many ways:

Kapa'au's HIP (Hawai'i Institute of the Pacific) Agriculture group had a booth selling tasty organic and local juices and fresh coconuts.

On the main stage Susan Cox of Kapa'au, also known as Green Power Girl, "edutained" children and adults about green living with her Green Power Heroes. Later, she gave a comprehensive presentation about global warming. Susan was trained as a Climate Reality Leader by the organization founded by former Vice President Al Gore.

Hula Halau Kalaniami A Liloa, Na Kupuna O Kohala (under direction of Kumu Kau Nakamura) and Hula Halau O Kukui Aloha O Kohala (led by Leia Lawrence) brought joy into the space as they danced into the hearts of all who viewed.

Aunty Maile Spencer Napoleon provided an enjoyable talk story about her family who lived many years at Lapakahi when it was a thriving community of healing Hawaiians. She also explained the seven principles of *huna* (the old Hawaiian healing secrets) with an emphasis on *aloha*. She now lives in Waimea, sharing her deep knowledge of *lomi* (Hawaiian massage, meaning to knead or mash), lei

danced hula. A bit later, Sage Nicholson and Crystal West of Hula Halau O Kukui Aloha O Kohala, danced a heartfelt hula to one of Weldon's signature songs.

Having driven Weldon and his bass player from the airport, Hawi resident Eila Algood noted how she was touched by his kind, warm and friendly ways. His melodic mele were the perfect ending to the event.

The festival also featured five eco-walking tours including: coral reefs and tide pools, the Natural Energy Lab of Hawai'i Authority (NELHA),



—photos by Eila Algood
Hawane Rios dances hula as Weldon Kekauoha, winner of several Na Hoku Hanohano awards, plays in the background.

Kona Cloud Forest Sanctuary, Royal Footsteps along the Kona Coast, and the Maka'eo walking path. In the center of the pavilion was an area providing instruction to learn Hawaiian arts and crafts, including lei making, coordinated by Leia Lawrence.

Holly Algood of Hawi is the president of the Sust'AINability committee, and Algood Living LLC was one of the festival sponsors. Holly, Eila Algood and Sue Moss of Waimea transformed the cold concrete structure into a lush tropical scene with the generous gifts of ti provided by Rande Golden.

There were many other amazing speakers, performers and vendors creating an education- and entertainment-filled day. It was heartening to have so many Kohala participants sharing their mana at the Earth and Ocean Festival.



Hula Halau Kaaniami A Liloa performs for the 2014 Earth and Ocean Festival attendees.

making, *ku'i pohaku* (stone poi pounding), lauhala weaving, *pu'ili* (bamboo rattles), *pu'ohe* (bamboo trumpets), pranic healing, *la'au lapa'au* (Hawaiian medicine work, or practicing to make medicine) and Hawaiian philosophy with students of all ages.

Music filled the air with a vibrant performance by Waimea's Hawane Rios. After singing a number of beautiful songs, Hawane made a song request of the next performer, Weldon Kekauoha. As he began to sing, she



The morning sun warms the rocks at Kaiholena on the Kohala coast, home to native species and numerous pre-contact Hawaiian cultural sites. High school interns are being recruited to create a sign which will help protect the area's resources.



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2014 HHSAA Tennis States Spotlight

Isabel Steinhoff, courtesy of *Ka Leo Na 'Opio*

On April 30 three Cowgirls and three Cowboys flew over to Maui for the 2014 Hawai'i High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) State Tennis Championships. The six tennis players were accompanied by their two coaches, Hermann Fernandez and Jessica Brown. This was the most tennis players Kohala has taken to States since Hermann Fernandez has been coaching, 25 years. It was pretty cool that Kohala was represented by their first boys and girls singles: Jamesen Keyes and Gabrielle Bartolome; and first boys and girls doubles: Skyler Marcom-Robinson and Michael Bartolome, and Kassie Kometani and Isabel Steinhoff.



—photos by Jessica Brown

The Kohala High tennis team poses in front of the Wailea tennis courts with Coach Hermann Fernandez at the 2014 Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) State Tennis Championships. L-R: Michael Bartolome, Jamesen Keyes, Coach Hermann Fernandez, Gabrielle Bartolome, Isabel Steinhoff, Kassie Kometani, Skyler Marcom-Robinson
Not pictured: Coach Jessica Brown

Jamesen Keyes is part of the 2017 freshman class. He has been playing

tennis pretty much since he could hold a racquet. Coach Hermann has been coaching him ever since then and couldn't wait until Jamesen came up to high school. Jamesen has been a

dedicated tennis player, along with fellow teammates Gabrielle and Michael Bartolome. Jamesen did really well for his first season of high school tennis, placing fourth at the Big Island Interscholastic Federation (BIIF) Championships, and making it to the second round at States.

When asked how his first year playing went, he answered like any typical teenage boy with, "Great." Because of his experience with tennis tournaments before, he said that States was pretty much what

he expected it to be and felt he played fairly well. He said the most exciting part of States was when he played the third seed in the second round, because he likes playing people that are better than he is. His goal for next year is to make it to at least the third or fourth round in the HHSAA State Championship Tournament.

When asked, "Did you have fun?" he responded, "Yeah." He is a boy of many words. It was tough getting him to talk about his experience.

Gabrielle Bartolome is part of the sophomore class of 2016. She is a returnee from last year's

tennis team and also tried cross country for the first time this year. Gabrielle has also been playing tennis for a long time and has been coached by Hermann Fernandez, too. Last year she did pretty well, especially in qualifying for States as a freshman! She, Skyler and Michael were the three who qualified for last year's States. This year Gabrielle was seeded fourth for girls singles in the BIIF tournament and earned her third-place spot at the Championships in the end. This means that Gabrielle is No. 3 on the island!

When asked, "How did you feel when you got third place at BIIFs?" she replied, "I wanted to cry because I was so happy after I won the match that placed me third. I lost in a super tight match earlier in the season to the same girl I played for third, so

beating her 6-3, 6-2 felt so amazing! I could not keep a smile off my face after that."

Because she made it to States last year, she was asked how her experience was this year compared to last year. She answered, "I think my States experience this year was better than last year, and hopefully it'll keep getting better throughout my years in high school."



Kohala High School freshman Jameson Keyes leaps for the ball while practicing for the Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) State Tennis Championships. Keyes went on to the second round before being defeated.

Even though I lost during the first round at States, I can say I played my best in that match and during the high school season. After the first round it was vacation and relaxation for the rest of the week! What made it especially amazing was that we got to travel to Maui. I loved the support we all got from the other Big Island

teams in the tournament too."

When I asked her if she felt excited, scared, or nervous, she said she was "definitely excited and overjoyed!" She also said that she wasn't really nervous because she has been playing for so long. The most exciting thing for Gabrielle from States was watching the close matches in the Finals because she could just feel the "electricity" in the air from all the competition and tension. She definitely felt different about this year's States compared to last year's because she felt like she had really earned her spot, even with the thinking that she might not have made it past the first round. "My blood, sweat, and tears eventually paid off, and I was so relieved when I had a spot at States." Her goal for next year is the same as every year, make it to States by playing her game tough and smart.

Congratulations to all the qualifiers for this year's HHSAA State Tennis Championship Tournament!

Story and photos courtesy of *Ka Leo Na 'Opio*, Kohala High School's online newspaper. See more at www.kaleonaopio.com.



Kohala High School sophomore Gabrielle Bartolome keeps a laser focus on the oncoming ball during her first round at Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) State Tennis Championships.

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Kawaihae Bay, South Kohala

By Boyd D. Bond

On the western shore where the mountains of Kohala and Mauna Kea meet, about a half an hour south of Hāwī on the coast road, is the busy modern harbor of Kawaihae. Although extremely dry—sometimes less than five inches of rain falls in a year—the bay and surrounding area just south supported a small community of perhaps 1,000 people or more in ancient times. Famous then for salt production and fishing, more recently Kawaihae is closely linked with the story of Kamehameha I and his conquest of all the islands.

The great temple, Pu`u Koholā Heiau, rests proudly on the promontory overlooking natural anchorages to the north and south and is easily seen from the highway. Now a National

Park, this temple was built by Kamehameha, his people and his chiefs, as none were exempted from this labor. The great warrior himself lifted the heaviest stones into place. If his god Kū accepted this temple offering, perhaps he in turn would bless Kamehameha's conquest of all the major islands in the *mokupuni o Hawai'i*, the entire Hawaiian archipelago. Using the body of his last opponent on Hawai'i Island as an offering, his own cousin Keoua from Kā`ū, the heiau was completed and dedicated in 1791. From Kawaihae in South Kohala, the Hawaiian Kingdom was conceived and now was waiting to be born!

According to Marion Kelly, author and former professor of Hawaiian History at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Kawaihae was a popular surfing area in ancient times. The name means "Water of Wrath," refer-

ring to ancient battles over the life-giving waters of one of the springs in the area. An earlier temple was known to exist on the hill called Pu`u Koholā in the time of one of Kamehameha's ancestors, Lonoikamakahiki. He sacrificed the body of an invading chief at the site in an offering of thanks for his

victory. Under the advice of his own kahuna, Kamehameha rebuilt the newer, larger temple over this previous one, with red stones that were passed hand-to-hand in a long human line over the Kohala Mountain, all the way from Pololū Valley!

While preparing for the civil war which brought him to power, and later to prepare for the attack on Maui, Kamehameha made his royal encampment at Pelekane, a small cove just *makai* and north beneath the great

temple, which featured a brackish inland pond for farming fish. Pelekane is also remembered as the birthplace of Queen Emma, wife of Kamehameha IV, for whom the Queen's Hospital in Honolulu is named. Emma is the granddaughter of Ka'oana'eha, a daughter/niece of Kamehameha, and her husband, the former British boatswain, John Young. Young made his home just *mauka* of Pelekane, in the foothills north of the temple, after being stranded at Kealakekua in 1790. He became an advisor and confidant to Kamehameha and for many years through the wars of conquest, about 1802 to 1812, Young was Governor of Hawai'i Island.

John Palmer Parker arrived in Kawaihae from Boston after the War of 1812 and fell in to the good graces of Kamehameha I, obtaining a grant of two acres of land in Kohala and a

license to hunt the wild cattle. These cattle were descended from those released earlier in Kawaihae by Captain George Vancouver in 1793 and 1794. The cattle had multiplied to great numbers without predators and were

now harassing the farmers in the hills between Kohala and Mauna Kea. By 1841, most (but not all) of the wild cattle had been culled, and the remainder were gathered into herds and domesticated by various chiefs.

Parker had married a granddaughter of Kamehameha, Chiefess Kipikane, who received 600 acres of land in Waimea, in a place called Manā, during the division of royal land known as the Great Mahele. This land in Manā is where the now-world-famous Parker Ranch began. Parker

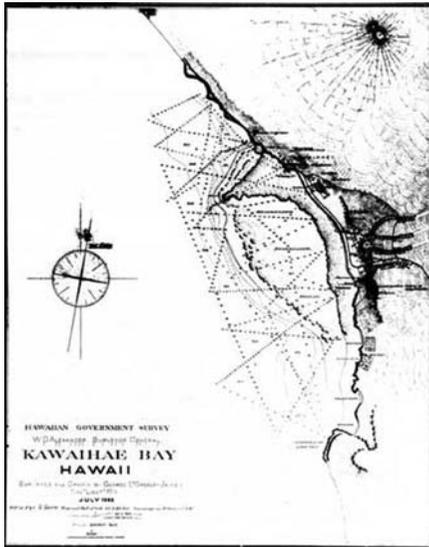


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Aerial photo of Pu`u Koholā.

Ranch paniolos would drive cattle down to holding pens at Kawaihae to be loaded for shipment to the slaughterhouses in Honolulu. The community began to change shape as new buildings appeared: a church, a store, warehouses, and as many shade structures as there were houses. A foreigner named William French operated the store and maintained shipping warehouses in Kawaihae in the early years of the Hawaiian Kingdom. Reverend Lorenzo Lyons from `Imiloa Church in

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Map of Kawaihae Bay area. Surveyed and drawn by George E. Gresley Jackson, Lt., R.N., July 1883.



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 Waimea, while preaching in Kawaihae in 1841, noticed that the population of 726 people was perhaps 300 less than the previous year. Some of this can be attributed to the comings and goings of the *ali'i* and their often large entourage, and people leaving to find work in more populated places. However, a few years later in 1853, a smallpox epidemic in Kawaihae took half the remaining population in a matter of weeks.

While the population continued to decline, in 1857 Kawaihae was still being described as an important shipping port for produce from the rich uplands of Waimea, one of the finest agricultural districts in the islands. The inhabitants were themselves now dependent on trade for upland produce. Perhaps forty or fifty whale ships would visit Kawaihae annually in that decade to procure salted beef, tomatoes, watermelons, cucumbers, and Irish potatoes, foods which were considered the finest produced in the islands. Visiting Kawaihae later in the 1870s, Isabella Bird Bishop also took note of the town and the slow tempo of life there, in particular the foreign store, the number of native houses, the great *Heiau*, and she wrote about the dry, harsh landscape, "...hardly toned down by any attempt at vegetation, (and) a crystalline atmosphere palpitating with heat..., are salient features of this outlet of Hawaiian commerce."

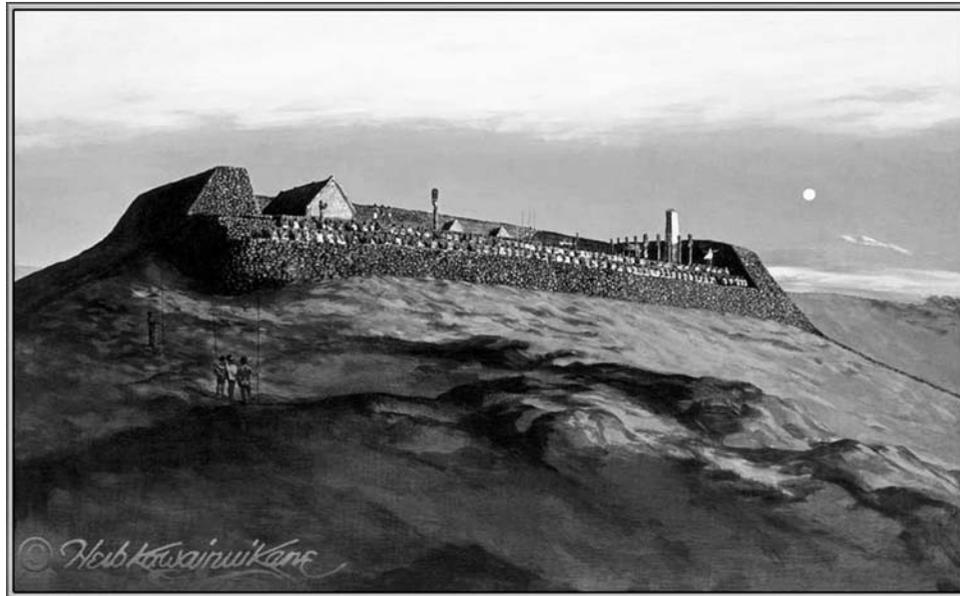
However, by Miss Isabella's time the whaling ships were a thing of the past, and the community was no more than a shipping port for the cattle ranches of South Kohala. Kawaihae was in decline. Caspar Whitney observed the after-effects of this decline in 1899 thus: "Once, many years ago, Kawaihae was a thriving port, where the whalers came for the potatoes raised on the hills directly back of the settlement, and people lived here and prospered. Now the settlement owes its life to the weekly arrival of the steamer from Honolulu. Small wonder its handful of residents shake off sleep to view this periodical deliverance from utter stagnation!"

Most of the improvements in facilities during the early 1900s were

built or maintained cooperatively by Parker Ranch and the Territory. In 1949 construction of a deep-draft harbor was recommended for the bay, which had remained an important small port for shipping goods to inter-island markets, and in 1957 a contract was signed to build a new deep-water port at Kawaihae Harbor. The Army Corps of Engineers and the Atomic Energy Commission had begun a joint research program focusing on the use of nuclear explosives for construction purposes. Some of the types of projects suited to nuclear excavation included water channels, harbors and dams, and the army's Nuclear Cratering Group was anxious to try chemical high explosives in excavating the small boat harbor and entrance channel planned for Kawaihae.

"Project Tugboat" would be the army's first major construction project using this method of excavation. Some local opposition arose, with concerns about detrimental impacts on marine life and historically significant structures such as nearby Pu'u Koholā. When finally completed in 1959, the project was considered a complete success, but expensive. No known damage to historic structures was reported from the blasts. Three years later the Army Corps of Engineers widened the harbor's entrance channel and its basin, extended the existing breakwater and completed the small boat harbor.

In more modern times, with the dredging of the harbor and the opening of luxury resorts, the forgotten little village of Kawaihae has again become a prominent site on the Kohala coast, although the bay and its coastline differ drastically from the views described in historical journals. In the time of Kamehameha and John Young, at the turn of the 19th century, the original hardwood forests stretched almost to the beach. Freshwater streams flowed down gulches from Kohala Mountain providing the water supply for Kawaihae and potable water for visiting ships. Long years of logging activities related to the sandalwood trade and to the repair of visiting ships, and uncontrolled cattle grazing and tree removal, had caused



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Herb Kane painting of ancient ceremony at Pu'u Koholā.

the forest to recede. As streams dried up erosion intensified, accentuating the already semi-barren desert environment. While the old town evolved into a specialized port for salt and cattle-related products, the modern

harbor supplies the resorts down the coast and is the staging point for military operations at Pohakuloa Training Area on the Mauna Kea saddle road. Who knows what the next century will bring for always resilient Kawaihae!

Mothers Enjoy Pancakes and Good Times

The Kohala Lions Club held their annual Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 10, at Kohala High School. Club members came out in force to honor mothers with plenty of smiles, laughter and delicious food.



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Kohala Lions Club members are all smiles at the annual Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast.



Kohala Lions Club members brightened the day for Kohala mothers and for each other with hearty laughter at the Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast serving station.

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Geology and Groundwater in North Kohala

Turn on the tap and out comes good, clean water. Seems simple. But a lot goes into getting that water to you. Here's a detailed description of where Kohala gets its water and how it can keep the water flowing in the future. This is only part of a report prepared by the Parks, Water, and Roads subcommittee of the Community Development Plan. A summary of the policy recommendations, when they are finalized, will appear in a future edition of KMN.

Where does your tap water come from? The Hawaiian islands are essentially huge piles of volcanic rubble that accumulated on the sea floor until they finally broke the ocean surface and began to pile up as lava flows, and occasional exploded fragments grew into the island we know. Rainwater falls on the volcanoes and either runs off as **surface water** (streams) or seeps below the surface and accumulates as **groundwater**. Your tap water is all groundwater. What makes groundwater available is the combination of three elements:

Porosity: the percentage of void space (pores) in a material, or how much room there is for water

Permeability: the interconnectedness of the pores that permits the water to flow

Recharge: the capacity for rainwater (typically) to replace any water removed

An **aquifer** is a mass of rock with lot of available groundwater. In nicely layered sedimentary rock (as on much of the mainland), aquifers are typically well-defined porous and permeable strata that give up their contained water when penetrated by a well. In Hawai'i, however, the volcanic rocks are far more chaotic. Porosity and permeability are generally quite high in Hawaiian lavas due to the many cracks, soil layers, and/or spaces between fragmented bits of volcanic debris. These spaces form an intricately connected network that extends throughout the entire volume of the island, making Hawai'i essentially one giant aquifer.

Figure 1 is an idealized diagram illustrating the characteristics of fresh water in Hawaiian volcanoes. Rainwater percolates down through the upper section until it reaches a

level where water fills the pores. Below this level (called the **water table**) the rocks and soil are **saturated** with groundwater and above the water table the pores have a lot of air in them (and maybe some moisture). The water table typically conforms to the land surface, and groundwater in the saturated zone flows downhill toward the sea. The speed of this flow, and hence the depth and slope of the water table, depends on the porosity and permeability. If flow is very slow the water table may be only a few yards beneath the surface. In very porous rocks the water table may flatten considerably and approach sea level. This appears to be the case in Kohala, as many wells hit the water table within 15 feet of sea level.

Because fresh water is less dense (lighter) than salt water, the zone of fresh water saturation *floats* on seawater that has entered the aquifer near the shore. Fresh water thus forms a **lens** between the water table and the salt water below (the dark area in Figure 1).

Another common feature in North Kohala volcanics is the presence of basaltic dikes. **Dikes** mark walls of newer and denser lava up along large (typically vertical) fractures/faults in older rock. When this new lava cools it forms solid slabs

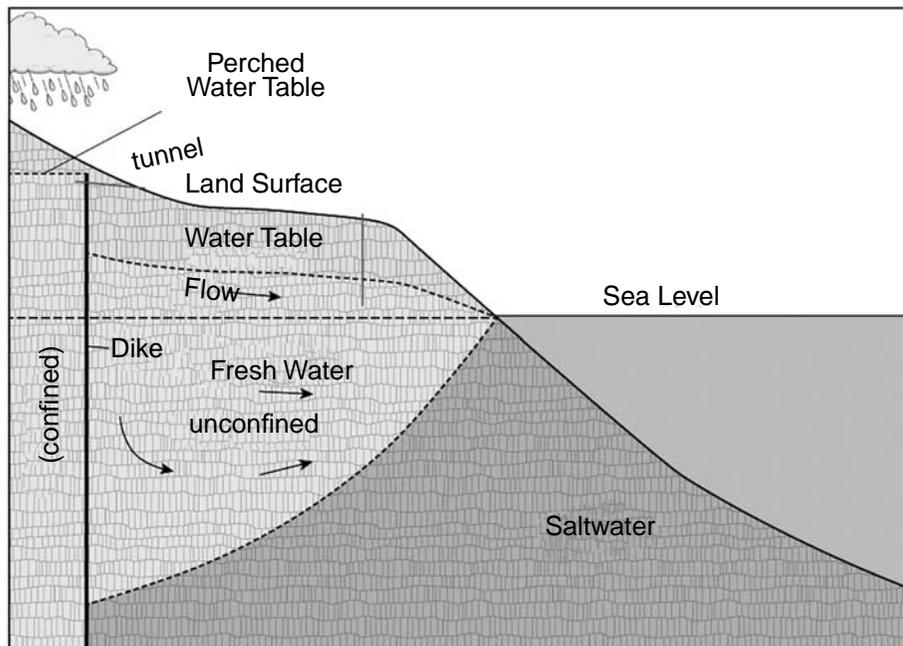


Figure 1. Idealized characteristics of the groundwater in porous and permeable Hawaiian lavas in the near-shore environment.

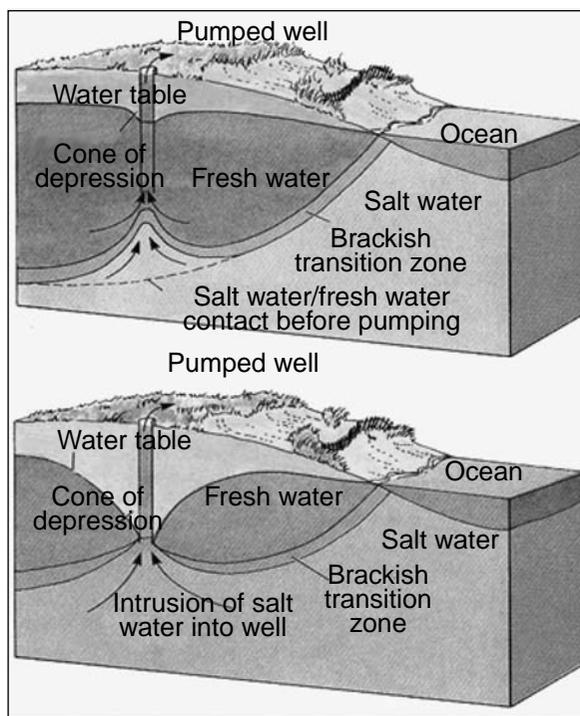


Figure 2. Cones of depression and ascension develop around a producing well.

of low permeability, generally a few feet to tens of feet thick. Because the dikes are not very porous, they form underground dams that hold groundwater behind them. Any layer that inhibits groundwater flow, such as a dike or ash/clay layer, is called an **aquiclude** (or sometimes an aquitard). An aquifer, or even part of one, in which the water is somewhat trapped, is called a **confined** aquifer. When the water table rises behind these dams the aquifer and water table is referred to as **perched** in these elevated areas. Groundwater can be tapped by drilling a well or a tunnel. Water from tunnels that tap a dike-impounded or ash-supported perched aquifer at sufficiently high elevation (as illustrated in Figure 1) may be free-flowing and not require pumping. At least five such tunnels once delivered tap water to Kohala users.

It is important to realize that groundwater in the aquifer illustrated in Figure 1 is *moving*. Water

is flowing *through* the system, recharged by rainfall (which is typically concentrated at higher elevations) and flushing into the saltwater toward the shore. The level of the water table thus marks the balance between recharge and outflow. Likewise, the fresh/salt water boundary is really a zone of mixing (producing 'brackish' water) in which the flow of freshwater into the zone is equal to loss outward into the sea.

During periods when rainfall is light, the water table drops and the line where the fresh and salt water mixes moves up and may shift landward. The fresh groundwater lens shrinks. When rainfall is heavy the lens expands. During really heavy rains the water table may even reach the land surface and then virtually all rainfall runs off on the surface as flash floods.

Only in the confined portion of the aquifer is the groundwater hardly moving. It typically builds up behind the aquitard and pours over the top (imagine an underground waterfall) into the unconfined lens. If the dike in Figure 1 extends upward all the way to the land surface then groundwater will flow out of the ground as a **spring**.

Removing water using a well has an effect on this nice balance. When water is pumped from a vertical well shaft, the rate of withdrawal is typically faster than the rate of recharge, so the water table drops in a **cone of depression** around the well. You can imitate this with a straw and a thick milkshake, where you see the milkshake get sucked down at the surface around the straw. An inverse **cone of ascension** may also occur at the saltwater boundary at the bottom of the lens. (Figure 2).

The size of these cones depends on the relative rates of local withdrawal and recharge, as well as the proximity of the well intake to the top or bottom of the lens. In severe situations of over-pumping or drought, as in the lower half of Figure 2, the well can either run dry (if the intake is nearer the top water table) or begin to draw brackish water (if the intake is deep). Both situations are usually temporary, and the lens will rebound when recharge again surpasses withdrawal.

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Water Management

Because Hawaiian aquifers cannot be defined by distinct layers of different rocks, they are generally defined and managed by the Hawai'i County Department of Water Supply (DWS) in geographic (boundaries set by people) rather than the more customary geologic (boundaries set by land) subdivisions. DWS managers subdivide the entire island into larger "sector" areas and then divide them further into smaller management "system" areas. We are in their Kohala Aquifer Sector Area.* This area is subdivided into the Mahukona, Hawi, and Waimanu Aquifer System Areas (Figure 3). As a simple visualization, each System Area can be envisioned as a huge pie-like aquifer wedge with the point up at higher elevation. Each section would then also have a vertical cross section similar to Figure 1 illustrating the fresh and salt water distribution.

DWS must manage the pumping, storage and supply to your tap from these System Areas. Proper management of an aquifer requires that water use be less than what can be replenished at any given time. This brings up a critical concept: sustainable yield.

Sustainable yield is the maximum amount of water that can be pumped from an aquifer without impairing resupply. As long as withdrawal is less than recharge the wells will never run dry or yield brackish water, even momentarily. Sustainable yield is typically expressed as a single number (typically in gallons per day). The estimate by DWS for the entire Kohala Sector Area aquifer is 154 million gallons per day (MGD). More specifically, the yields

by System Area are: Hawi: 27 MGD, Mahukona: 17 MGD and Waimanu: 110 MGD.

Planning and proper anticipation of water availability are guided by the estimates of sustainable yield for

depends upon an adequate water supply to meet population growth and foster agricultural development. This requires a connected and renewable potable well-water system for residential purposes. In addition, a non-potable agricultural surface water collection system is needed with storage tanks, a network of pipes, and a reliable assessment of sustainable yield.

The present potable residential system consists of three working wells: Hawi 1, Hawi 2, and Makapala. All three wells tap the Hawi System Area aquifer. A new Hala`ula well is in the planning stages. The Hawi System Area is thus the sole source of potable residential water in North Kohala. The distribution system of potable water supplied by DWS is also concentrated in the Hawi System Area. Only the 50 to 60 residences near Puakea Ranch are

on the western edge of Kohala receives little recharge, so it is fortunate (but not a coincidence) that the population is small in this area. But the Waimanu System Area should have the most abundant groundwater reserves, presenting a groundwater distribution challenge if demand in North Kohala should ever meet or exceed the resources within the Hawi System Area.

The members of the Parks, Water and Roads subcommittee of the Community Development Plan have gathered data and engineering estimates for the North Kohala water system from federal, state and county reports. Subcommittee members have met several times with representatives of the DWS. The recently completed 14-page report to the CDP Action Committee concludes with four recommendations for improving the water system in Kohala. The recommendations are based on the listed strategies of the North Kohala Community Development Plan that was written by the residents of Kohala and adopted by the County as an ordinance in 2008. Those recommendations will be the subject of a future story in the KMN.

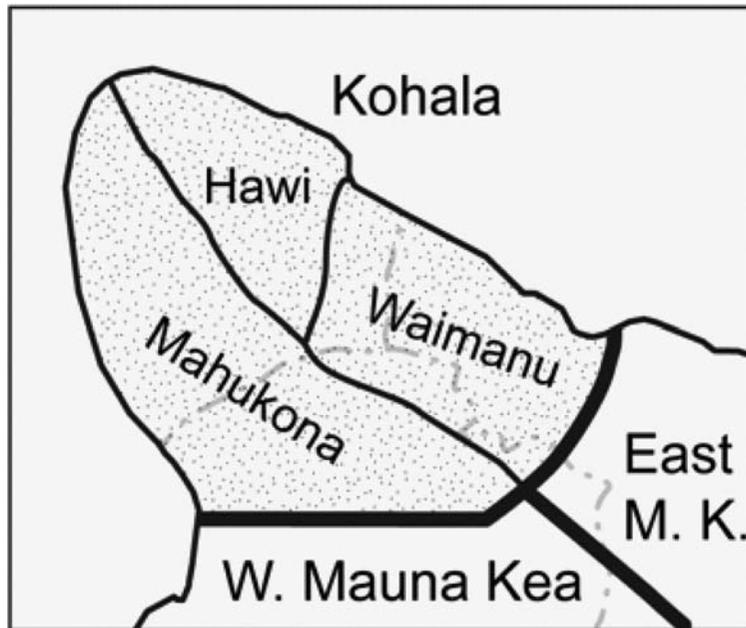


Figure 3. The Kohala Aquifer Sector Area (stippled). The dashed gray lines delineate County judicial districts and the black lines the System Area subdivisions. From Fig. 1-1 <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/cwrm/planning/hiwaterplan/countyplans>.

the three system areas within North Kohala. How reliable are these figures? Expressing sustainable yield as a single number implies that the concept is simple, which masks the complexity and the uncertainties involved. Sustainable yield varies with several factors. These include climate (less rainfall results in less yield) and even method of extraction (one huge well will locally draw down more than many small distributed wells, each pumping far less).

According to the 2010 census, North Kohala had 6,322 residents (a 4.7 percent increase over 2000). Water is used for both residential and agricultural purposes. The overwhelming majority of Kohala lands are zoned for agriculture (67,977 acres, or 84.6 percent according to County zoning). North Kohala's prosperity

dences near Puakea Ranch are served in the Mahukona System Area, and nobody lives in the North Kohala portion of the Waimanu System Area.

The Hawi system has six reservoirs and an estimated 30 miles of transmission and distribution lines. The proposed Hala`ula Reservoir will bring the count to seven reservoirs. The Makapala System has one reservoir and about two miles of transmission and distribution lines. As of 2010 there are 1,579 water meters, or customers, in the district.

The rainfall patterns (Figure 4) suggest that the Mahukona System Area

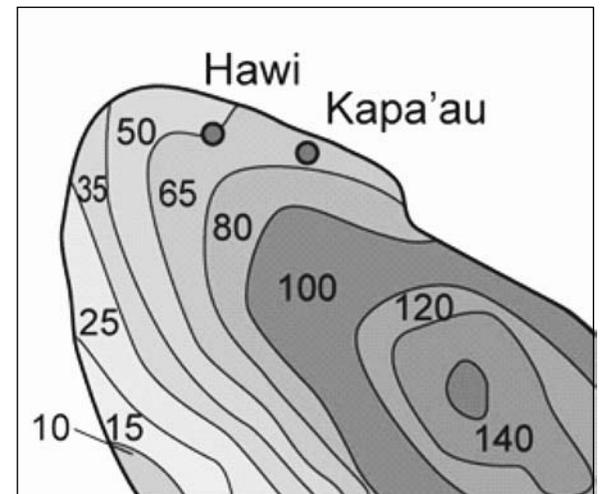


Figure 4. Rainfall in North Kohala. The Numbers represent upper boundary value (inches/yr). Drawn from the Online Rainfall Atlas of Hawai'i. UH, Manoa.



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Chris' Corner

Coaches Honored at Dinner; Coach Mattos Recollects Growing Up in Kohala

By Chris Brown

On Tuesday, April 22, I had the pleasure of attending a dinner that honored Kohala coaches. The coaches who were honored serve the youth of Kohala in many ways. There were representatives from Parks and Recreations teams, Pop Warner football and those who work with Kohala High School Athletics. The dinner was sponsored by the Kohala Community Athletic Association (KCAA), the Kohala Coalition Against Drugs (KCAD) and the recently formed Coaches Committee and was spearheaded by Shiro Takata. The funds to provide the dinner menu were donated by Craig and Janice Williams, and the preparation of the meal was expertly coordinated by Dennis and Lehua Matsuda. The dinner was well-attended with over sixty diners enjoying a delicious meal.

A highlight of the evening was a talk by Hawai'i County Prosecuting Attorney Mitch Roth. Mitch provided a handout for all attendees. The handout gave the coaches an awareness of how their coaching has a great potential to be a positive influence on their players. The developmental assets were divided into eight groups: support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations, constructive use of time, commitment to learning, positive values, social competencies and, finally, positive identity. Mitch related personal experiences that showed his appreciation for the coaches who had influenced him at an early age. The dinner was not so much about athletics as about coaching and influencing the athletes in a positive way.

In addition, this month I was able to sit down with Kohala's "Jumping Joe" Mattos. Before talking about Joe's coaching career, I found out some great stories about a boy who grew up in Union Mill and has lived his entire eighty four years in Kohala. Joe remembers that as a boy of about seven or eight he and his friends would ride on the cane that was transported to the sugar mill by way of the flumes. You had to keep your head down as you went through the tunnels, he said, but it made for a great adventure. A few years later, he and some friends would hitch a ride (secretly) on the train that carried eighty pound bags of sugar from Hala'ula Mill to Mahukona to an awaiting ship. There were enough cars in the train and enough well-placed bags so the boys could hide from the conductor. The train would slow down at Union Mill where they

could jump on, and as they neared Mahukona it would again slow down, giving them an opportunity to jump off near Nishimura Bay for a day of swimming. Since there were no bags on the return trip there was no place to hide, so to get home they had to try to hitch a ride in a car or walk all the way home.

Another adventure happened on



—photo by Chris Brown

Long-time Kohala resident Joe Mattos, the "Wizard of Honomakau" relaxes, recollecting the good old days of growing up in Kohala. Mattos coached about 17 years in Kohala in multiple sports.

movie nights. The horses of the sugar plantation supervisors were stabled at Union Mill. Joe and many of his friends would go to the stable when the coast was clear and saddle several horses for a gallop along Pratt Road to the Hala'ula Theatre. They would tie the horses a distance from the theatre, go to the movie and ride home after the show. All went well until suspicions arose and Joe's mother was told that whoever was causing the horses to appear sluggish during the day could be sent to the "reformatorium" if they were caught. Not realizing that Joe was one of the guilty parties, she shared that information with him, and

the later rides came to an abrupt halt. I am pretty sure that the statute of limitations has run out by now, so Joe should be safe from criminal prosecution for these escapades!

Joe graduated from Kohala High School in 1949 and began working for the sugar plantation almost immediately. He married the love of his life, Helen Hanano, and together they raised three sons. Joe worked in several areas of the plantation including the poison gang and Mahukona wharf. Eventually Obed Kaiawe recommended him to become a foreman-in-training. He learned many supervisory jobs and would be asked to fill in as supervisor should the regular supervisor not be available.

Joe began coaching soon after graduation. He coached many Parks and Recreation teams prior to 1976. Around 1976 he became Kohala High's junior varsity basketball coach. He worked with Harris Moku, who was head varsity coach. When Harris became the athletic director for Kohala High School, Joe took over as head varsity coach. He even did one year of coaching girls' basketball. He coached for a total of about seventeen years. During that time, he took Kohala to States on six occasions: three times as BIIF runner-up and three times as BIIF champs. Those were the days when there was only one division as compared with the present day Divi-



—photo by Tom Morse

Hawai'i County Prosecuting Attorney Mitch Roth addresses the coaches present at a dinner honoring them and their work. Roth emphasized the power of coaches to influence youth in a positive way.

sion I and Division II.

Joe coached some Little League baseball with Wayne Abalos and Mike Oshita but his favorite sport was always basketball. When Joe found out that he was to be head basketball coach, he wrote to mainland coaches Bobby Knight and Tom Davis hoping they could offer advice. They sent him books which he studied and thus began his use of the "zone press." Joe realized that coaching was something that should be a part of anyone's life as long as it was mainly for the love of coaching. He also feels that coaching should begin at the home where kids can learn basic skills, and the coach then hones those skills. Joe felt it was important to show no favoritism and that it was necessary for kids to come to practices if they were to play in the games. His success as a coach became legendary, and he was once labeled "The Wizard of Honomakau."



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Longtime advocate for youth sports, Shiro Takata addresses the coaches honored at the coaches' dinner.

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Kohala Seniors Enjoy Fun Day

By Vivian Moku

Kohala Seniors enjoyed a day of fun on April 28 with no business meeting scheduled. But of course, first things first. The amenities of the morning included a song, "Ho'onani Ika Makua Mau," to remember the bucket loads of rain that were poured on Kohala as spring approached.

The Kamehameha Park concession was a perfect site for Fun Day. President Bobby Glory gave us words of blessings, pertinent announcements and lastly pronounced, "Let the Fun Day begin!"

The kitchen crew was ready with hot coffee brewing, hot tea, and delicious pastries brought in by several members. What a treat to begin the day.

You could hear members scrambling around to get ready to join in



—photos by Elsie Carpio

James Sagucio aims for a bulls eye in darts.

the games of Portuguese horse shoes, regular horse shoes, gate ball, ground golf, chuffle board and darts.

Beside the games the best was talking stories and the friendly competition in the less strenuous games. But the best of all was everybody looking forward to a delicious luncheon prepared by the Kohala nutrition site manager Jennie Mattos.

What's a get-together without music to complement the occasion?

Out came the ukuleles and guitar and song books. Impromptu hulas were shared—thank you, Dora Carvalho—as were the songs reminiscent of times past and present.

We ended the day with fond alohas, smiles and looks of satisfaction on a day of relaxation and fun. Thanks to everyone for coming out and making this a fun day, especially the Executive Board members, kitchen crew and President Robert Glory for his successful "Fun Day."



Senior ladies take to the shade for a game of chuffle board.

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KOHALA CALENDAR

June

- 1 Sun 10:30 am, Metaphysical Church: 'Healing,' Kohala Yoga, 54-3877 Akoni Pule Hwy, Rev. Lee, 989-5995.
- 2 Mon 6 pm, Family Film Night, "Frozen", free, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 2 Mon 6-7 pm, CDP Growth Management Subcmte. Mtg., public invited, old Bank of Hawaii bldg., Kapa`au.
- 3 Tue 7 pm, Kohala Reunion 2015 committee mtg, Kohala Senior Ctr, Kapa`au, Kathy, 889-5801.
- 4 Wed 10 am, Fizz boom Science Wednesdays (ages 6-12), "Hardware Science by Ace Hardware," free, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 4 Wed 4:30-6:30 pm, CDP Public Access Subcmte. Mtg., Senior Center, Ted, 889-5801.
- 5 Thu 6-9 pm, Green Drinks Hawi, Kava Kafe, organic networking & pupus, Forrest, 987-2365.
- 5 Thu 6:30 pm, Kamehameha Day Cmte mtg, all welcome, Kohala Village Inn, Kay, 541-778-2642.
- 6 Fri 10 am, Preschool Story Time series, ages 2-5, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 7 Sat 8:30 am, "Walking in the Wild" guided silent walks w/ Gavin Harrison, at `Iole, by donation, 889-5151.
- 7 Sat 10-11:30 am, Kohala Green School family informational mtg, new homeschool for 3rd-12th graders, RSVP 328-2452 or greenschool@oneisland.org.
- 9 Mon 5-6:30 pm, CDP Action Cmte. Public Mtg., former Bank of Hawaii bldg., Kapa`au.
- 9 Mon 6 pm, Family Film Night, "Dolphin Tale", free, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 10 Tue 11 am, Adult book discussion group, Sonia Sotomayor, "My Beloved World," North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 11 Wed 7 am, Kamehameha Day Celebration statue ceremony, 9 am parade from Hawi to Kapa`au (hwy closed), ho`olaulea follows at Kamehameha Park.
- 13 Fri 3:30-5 pm, Father's Day Craft, all ages, register by 6/6, Parks & Rec, 889-6505.
- 15 Sun 10:30 am, Metaphysical Church: 'Affirmation & Spiritual Healing,' Kohala Yoga, 54-3877 Akoni Pule Hwy, Rev. Lee, 989-5995.
- 16 Mon 6 pm, Family Film Night, "Despicable Me 2", free, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 18 Wed 10 am, Fizz boom Science Wednesdays (ages 6-12), "Microscopes: Germs in the Library," free, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 19 Thu 1:30-2:30 pm, Kohala Hospital Auxiliary Mtg., Hospital Pavilion, new members welcome, Dixie, 889-5730.
- 21 Sat 9 am-1 pm, Treasures Helping-Hand Store, Assembly of God, Hawi Rd., free meal: 10 am-1 pm, 889-5177.
- 21 Sat 4:30-6:30 pm, Free Grindz--Hot Meal, under the Hawi Banyans, bring a friend, Kohala Baptist Church, Sondra, 889-5416.
- 24 Tue 5 pm, CDP Parks, Water & Roads Subcmte, public welcome, Senior Ctr., andi@hawaii.rr.com.
- 24 Tue 6:30-8:30 pm, 'Talking Story about Death and Dying,' open forum, Kokolulu Cancer Retreat, Bobbi, 238-5681, Stephen, 328-2452.
- 25 Wed 10 am, Fizz boom Science Wednesdays (ages 6-12), "Simple machines at work, make a pinwheel," free, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 25 Wed 4-5:30 pm, Restorative Yoga Therapy w/ Carla Orellana, white tent at Bond Hmstd, by donation, 889-5151.
- 28 Sat 11 am-12:30 pm, Free Community Meal, St. Augustine's Walker Hall, Thrift Store open 10 am-12:30 pm.

Email calendar listings to kmncalendar@hotmail.com or call 884-5986.

Kohala High School May Day Celebration Displays Regal Splendor

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*Love moves forward; with the help of our Kohala community
And family, we are united, strong. Like the mist that settles on all
Mountains: Love comes to all.
In unity, helping and being helped, our family and community of
Kohala, together we move with love that comes to all.*

The Kohala High School 2014 May Day Program

Halau Hula Kalanium - *A liloa Keiki - "tutuki"*
Opio - *"Tahiti Nui"*
Ladies in waiting - *"Ka Lehua Ula"*
Na Kupuna O Kohala - *"Mahinahina."* Shows their love through the lehua blossom
Mo`i Kane & Islands - *"Fireman's Hula."* This choice hula for Men to dance has been performed by firemen themselves, and by group of boys who want to be firemen. It's been a crowd pleaser for more than 70 years. Quick and alert, number one for skill. - Words

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Mo`i Wahine & Islands - *"Lei Kula Na Ali`i."* Our prominent beauty
Tihati - *"Titi Raina"*
Mo`i Kane - *"Ka Nani A`u Kilauea"*
Tihati - *"Dances of Aotearoa"*
Mo`i Wahine & island of Moloka`i - *"Aloha E Kohala"*
Na Kapuna O Kohala - *"Pola`ila`i"*
Couples - *"Sweet Lei Ka Lehua."* Take a trip with us to east Hawaii
Waltz - *"Na Pua Alii."* Our children of the future

Mo`i Wahine - *"Ka Lei Lehua `O Kohala."* The queen's mele is an original written by her tutu wahine, the late Kumu Raylene Ha`alelea Kawaiae`a. Kumu Raylene wrote this mele after taking a helicopter ride over Kohala Mountain and seeing the beauty of the inner regions of Kohala Mountain, the isolated forests of ohia lehua with the blossoms glistening with the morning dew in the sun. At times, these blossoms would be veiled as the morning mists lay among them, and it was in this way

the "old" forests reminded her that the spirits of our Kupuna are always near.

Ka Lei Lehua `O Kohala expresses her loving appreciation for the families of Kohala, the beautiful lei that they are especially for the Kupuna, those who are amongst us today and those who are in the veiled mists of the highest regions, glistening in the sun.

Our Queen performs this mele in honor of, remembrance of and love for her tutu Raylene.



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King Taric "Ricky"
Kealiihelemaiianuioali Raymond-Ching and Queen Hauoli
Makaonaonakupuna Leeah
Sproat-Lancaster present a stately representation of Hawaiian royalty.



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Full court presentation of the Kohala High School May Day program includes the King, Queen, eight major Hawaiian island Prince and Princess representatives, Ladies in Waiting, Kahili Bearers, Conch Shell Blowers, an Oli Chanter and Spearsmen. The full court gathered following the introductory procession and crowning.



Ginise Nohea Moniz, a Kohala High School 12th grader, chants the opening oli for the 2014 May Day program.



—photo by Fern White

Na Kapuna O Kohala dance the lively hula entitled "Pola`ila`i" and wow the audience with their grace.



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The Kohala High School May Day Ladies of the Court: Island Princesses (L-R, standing): Aunika Lawrence, Ni`ihau, Brittney



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Kanoa, Lana`i; Kawehi Heinecke, Kahoolawe; Tihani Anakalea, Maui; Ginese Moniz, Oli Chanter; Kelly Kiki Kenyarae, Hawaii`i; Mohala Kaholoaa-Kumukoa, Moloka`i; Kimberley Elarco, Lana`i; Carley Arraujo, Kaula`i

Ladies in Waiting (L-R, kneeling): Pukaua Cabulizan-Aros, Venus Asencion and Larissa Santiago

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