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## Kamehameha Day 2015: Kohala at Its Finest

Story by Randee Golden

Smiles were abundant on June 11 as people from Kohala, along with lucky visitors, celebrated the legacy of the #1 Son of this district. With perfect Kohala weather and a well-planned event, this town was treated to a day filled with honoring Kamehameha Ekahi, kupuna past and present, and important cultural traditions. The theme of "Na Ohana 'O Kohala" was evident throughout the celebration. According to Kainoa Daines from the Kamehameha Day Commission, this is the 143rd year that Kamehameha has been honored in our state.

The morning began with the annual Statue Ceremony, filled with beautiful lei; offerings of dance, song and chant; and sharing of history by local historian Boyd Bond. Participants included Kohala youth who helped hang lei and receive ho'okupu, as well as kupuna supporting this effort.

With 15 floats and units, the annual Pa'u Parade provided the large crowds lining Akoni Pule Highway with beautifully adorned riders, horses and vehicles. The detailed lei on the horses and



*Wearing purple and riding for the island of Kauai is Cheyenne Fuentes, riding with Trevor Figueroa. Wearing a blue pa'u representing Ni'ihau is Symphony Libron.*

riders, as well as vehicle decorations, reflected many hours of work by many hands. The Keiki Unit provided smiles for parade watchers, with teams of girls and boys, ages seven to eighteen, represent-

ing each island. Also appreciated was Ku'ulei Keakealani who, along with her family, made up our Pa'u Queen Unit. She has been a cultural advisor for the current committee for many years, so the planning

team was happy she accepted this kuleana.

This year's ho'olaulea was filled with a wide selection of food booths and craft vendors, offering local food specialties and lots of choices for shoppers. The gym was also covered with over 35 cultural practitioners, educational displays and organizations that provided attendees with an opportunity to learn and experience many things about Hawaiian culture, sustainability and well-being.

The music was also exceptional, with hula by youth to kupuna, music by many of Kohala's finest, and special guest recording artist Kuana Torres Kahele, who shared his sweet mele and connections through his Kohala roots.

The coordinated efforts of the core Kamehameha Day Committee along with the many people who support each lead organizer made this day a special one. Many people expressed their appreciation for the work of this group, including one Kohala resident who shared, "This was the best day ever in Kohala! Everyone seemed so happy."

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## A Boat Ramp at Mahukona?

A lively meeting took place at the Intergenerational Center on June 18 when the Army Corps of Engineers and the County Department of Parks and Recreation presented their "North Kohala Navigational Improvement Study". This represents the present stage of a project begun several years ago when a group of Kohala boaters asked the County to consider a boat ramp in Kohala. The County responded by initiating an evaluation study. Because a boat ramp would involve major construction in the shoreline area, the US Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) is required by law to conduct the initial feasibility studies. ACE first presented their findings two years ago at Mahukona and returned to the subject with Derek Chow, Chief of Planning, giving an updated project overview. The study clearly decided upon Mahukona as the location because there was already a harbor there. Their proposals include two "onshore" options (excavating 50x100' or 100x200' basins in the present grassy picnic area makai of the pavilion and a 35' wide channel to open water)

and two "offshore" options (similar turning basins excavated in the present harbor with long breakwaters and an entrance channel). Final alternatives are a large breakwater in the harbor or simply upgrading the present winch capacity.

Chow stressed that this project is only in the evaluation/planning stage. There is no commitment or funding to build anything yet. ACE is evaluating the engineering, economic and environmental aspects of the project and soliciting public input. If they determine the project does not unduly harm the environment, the benefits outweigh costs, and the majority of the public is in favor, the project will proceed to the funding and development stages. Ninety percent of the construction funding would come from the US Congress, if they approve the project, with the County kicking in the remaining ten percent. The US government would also cover future maintenance.

The meeting was the time for public input, which was offered by many voices. Over 100 people attended and the vast majority did

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## Hospital Fundraiser Tremendous Success

On May 16 supporters of Kohala Hospital converged on Kahua Ranch, many wearing boots, to

enjoy the live music of North Shore and a German-inspired lunch

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*Photo courtesy of Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation*

*Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation board members, left to right: Dixie Adams, Hana Anderson, Giovanna Gherardi, Elaine Christianson, Betty Meinardus, David Gomes, Joan Pruchniak, Shoshana Matsumura and Rhoady Lee.*

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"We do it to honor kupuna and carry on tradition," stated Cicely Ho'opai who, along with her father Bernard, co-chaired this event. The Ho'opai family, along with other community members, teamed together for eight years to make sure that this event was held.

For next year, leadership for the Kamehameha Day celebration will change. Pua Akamu, President of the Kohala Hawaiian Civic Club, met with the current committee in January at the group's first planning meeting requesting that the kuleana for organizing this event be returned to the Hawaiian Civic Club next year, which was agreed upon by the committee. "This is a very special community event, so we hope many people will join the Hawaiian Civic Club and volunteer to help preserve this experience for Kohala," shared Cicely Ho'opai. She encourages people to step up and participate, stating, "If you have the calling, please help carry on this Kohala celebration of our mo'i for the next generation."

Mahalo to the many people who helped on this event, including the huge number doing the work as well as the many individuals, organizations and businesses who helped fund this event. The work is rewarding, and the payoff is a special celebration that perpetuates foundational traditions and bonds this community together in true Kohala fashion, which is simply amazing.

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spread of beer, 'brats, and barbeque. All were invited to bid on dozens of local silent and live auction items, some of which sold for thousands of dollars with plenty of encouragement by auctioneer Jon Adams.

Ticket and auction proceeds, totaling nearly \$76,000 from the 3rd annual event, will fund new emergency room construction and equipment at the hospital.



Photo courtesy of Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation

*Kahu Kealoha Sugiyama, who blessed the event, and Gino Amar, Kohala Hospital administrator spend a few moments in the sunshine.*



Photo by Maureen Garry

*Attendees Megan and Jesus Solis dressed for the event.*

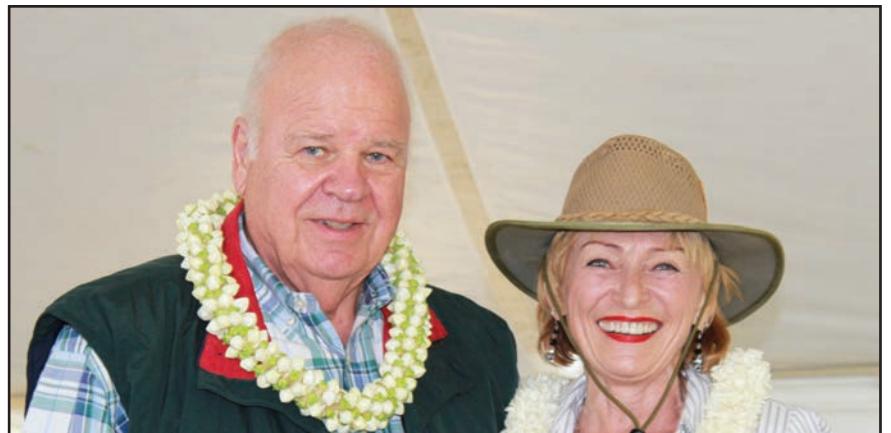


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*Longtime supporters of the Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation and suppliers of the Bitburger beer served at the event, Michael and Betty Meinardus marked 50 years of marriage.*



*This Pinzgauer from Hawai'i Forest and Trail/Kohala Zipline is one of many floats that featured lots of decorations and smiling faces.*



Photo by Maureen Garry

*Auctioneer Jon Adams searches for a higher bid during the live auction.*



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*Elaine Christianson holds a six-string curly koa ukulele, handmade by Matthew D'Avella and donated by Peter and Susan Denman, for bidding during the live auction.*

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### Got Treadmill?

The treadmill at the Kohala Fitness Center in the Hisaoka Gym has finally succumbed to hard use and old age, and the Center is hoping that someone in the community has a working treadmill, or similar equipment like an elliptical trainer, that they would be willing to donate.

The Center currently features Curves equipment purchased by members from a former private gym, donated stationary bicycles and smaller equipment like hand weights, step platforms and exercise balls. Equipment is not new, but well cared for, as attested by neat duct tape patches in the upholstery and regular cleaning and lubrication as needed. Cleaning and repairs are done by volunteers who donate their time, money and expertise. Hawaii County actually owns the machines, but does not provide any funds for upkeep or replacement; they only provide space at the gym and insurance.



Photo courtesy of North Kohala Community Resource Center

Joan Pruchniak enjoys the view while pedaling at the Kohala Fitness Center at the Hisaoka Gym.

The Center is heavily used. People go there "for fun" and to

"get healthy". Increasingly, people also come as part of therapy ser-

vices after recovering from procedures such as knee surgery.

The treadmill allowed people to control the speed and resistance of their walking exercises based on their ability levels as they recovered. The treadmill was also important to seniors who could use it on rainy days when it was unsafe to walk outdoors.

Use of the Center is free; there are no dues or fees. Activities enhance physical, emotional and social health as people not only work out, but meet friends. Hopefully, someone in the community will be able to donate a treadmill or elliptical trainer to further the overall health of our Kohala community.

The Kohala Fitness Center is a sponsored project of North Kohala Community Resource Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please call NKCRC at 889-5523 for more information on donating, possible tax benefits and coordinating pickup/delivery.

**Boat, continued from Page 1** not favor a boat ramp at Mahukona. Many were concerned about further depletion of an already over-fished coast and asked why fishermen couldn't tow their boats 12 miles farther south and launch at Kawaihae. Others were concerned about danger to swimmers at this popular swimming spot and the polluting effects of boat traffic. Still others wanted to retain North Kohala's

heritage.

A stalwart few fishermen steadfastly pleaded for boat access at Mahukona. In 2010, the Parks, Water and Roads subcommittee of the North Kohala Community Development Plan conducted a boat ramp poll for two weeks in front of Takata Store and at the Saturday market. Of the 739 votes cast, 74 percent favored a boat ramp in Kohala and 53 percent of those favored it at Mahukona.

The mood at the recent meeting was clearly different. One attendee had a petition with 200 signatures opposing a ramp.

Although the presentation restricted its attention to the boat ramp issue, many attendees lamented the run-down conditions of Mahukona Beach Park and its facilities, demanding better maintenance and improved pavilion, restroom and shower facilities.

Whether or not a boat ramp is built at Mahukona probably depends on the US Congress' willingness to approve funding, the County's ability to supply their share (probably \$1-1.5 million) and the will of the majority of North Kohala's residents. The Community Development Plan Action Committee's Water, Parks and Roads subcommittee is the present place to make your opinion known.

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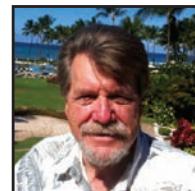
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# Can Facebook help North Kohala in an Emergency?

Story and photo by Deborah Winter  
 Absolutely! Just as it greatly helped Puna cope with Hurricane Iselle and subsequent lava flows last year. Facebook (and other social media platforms such as Twitter) enabled Puna to avoid a humanitarian crisis in a region that was cut off from power, water, access and official emergency responses for several days after Iselle struck last August.

The value of Facebook to meet immediate needs of citizens was the take-home message from Denise Laitinen, who spoke at the Kohala Village Inn Barn for the Sustainable Saturday Series, co-sponsored by Sustainable Kohala and North Kohala Community Emergency Response Team (NKCERT).

Puna shares many features with North Kohala, particularly its limited accessibility. Both are easily cut off from official emergency response agencies. Most Kohala residents remember the earthquake of 2006, and a recent storm last winter that left roads unpassable in Niuli'i and households without power and water for days. Because most emergency first responders are overwhelmed when dealing with large-scale natural or human-made disasters, including severe weather, earthquake, fire or a hazardous toxin emergency, it is unlikely that

North Kohala would receive immediate assistance in any mass emergency from people other than its own citizens.

Facebook and other social media platforms can help us identify who needs what and get resources to people much sooner than official

water, and fallen trees meant lack of access. People couldn't get in or out of their homes and neighborhoods. Emergency agencies in Hilo worked hard to set up services to Puna, but it took several days for officials to set up emergency resource centers and ice distribution locations.

food, medicines, water and other forms of help. People were able to request and give critical goods and services many days before official County agencies could respond.

Twitter was also useful because people could follow specific "hashtags," (words or short phrases added to a tweet that help users to find all the messages [tweets] on specific topics). For example, people stayed up-to-date with storm events by following the hashtag #Iselle. Twitter also helped people learn about specific dangers, such as the Puna Geothermal Plant that went offline at the height of the storm and released hydrogen sulfide.

So even if you've been slow to get on Facebook, it makes sense to have an account set up. Put it on the list of emergency readiness items you assemble for the inevitable next emergency when North Kohala folks will have to rely on each other for meeting basic needs. Also our new radio station at FM 96.1 will begin broadcasting July 4. KNKR and will be a good source of information so long as it is able to keep broadcasting during an emergency.

For an updated list of emergency alert information websites, Facebook pages and Twitter accounts to follow, send an email request to SustainableKohala@gmail.com.



Denise Laitinen explains how Facebook and Twitter helped Puna residents through their recent emergencies.

agencies can. Even when the power is out and computers and landline phones aren't working, these social media options can usually still be accessed on a smartphone (until your battery dies!)

Here's how it worked in Puna: Iselle left 33,000 homes without power, and 8,100 without power for at least 5 days. Lack of power meant spoiled food and reduced

In the meantime, one resident created a Facebook page called "Iselle Recovery Assistance Offers and Requests" to ask for and offer ice, medicine, food and other kinds of help. For example, people listed where and when free ice was available, others asked for ice to keep medicines and food from spoiling, others offered to bring chain saws to clear drive ways, and many brought



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**“Sold Out” Fund Raiser at Kahua Ranch**

Kamakani `o Kohala were a-blowin’ fiercely in the early morning hours of May 16 as the Kohala Hospital Community Foundation board members arrived at the tent village to set up for the “Beer, Boots, Brats and Barbeque” fundraising event.

They arrived from all directions bearing cookies and buns from the hotel bakeries, coffee from Starbucks, carloads of treasures donated by generous local businesses and individuals for our auctions, and custom made table decorations and floral arrangements.

By noon the weather was perfect, and the board and numerous volunteers were ready to welcome

the guests to a hearty lunch! Here are the final stats:

Over 380 tickets sold  
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\$75,780 raised for our Kohala Hospital!

It took months of planning, and many helping hands. We thank each and every one of you for the part you played to make this a fun and successful fundraiser. The rainbow at the end of the day was the color of gratitude and a blessing to all.

Sincerely,  
Elaine Christianson

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**Mahalo for Supporting Homeschooling**

Last month `Ohana Homeschool Cooperative enjoyed demonstrating to our children and community how it really does “take a village...” when we hosted an exciting fundraising event. “Mamma Mia” was hosted at the HUB on May 10, featuring a local farm-to-fork Italian dinner with live music by Lorenzo’s Army and dancing.

The dinner event sold out and the rest of the evening was very well attended. Additionally, very generous and widespread support came in various forms from many corners of our community. Local businesses and individuals, farms and families alike gave their products and services as well as time and money which reflects that we are on the right track with our Waldorf-inspired and parent-involved program. On behalf of all the keiki, parents and educators benefiting from our successful fundraiser, `Ohana Homeschool Cooperative would like to say “mahalo and thank you” to all of our supporters. Being part of a group cooperative effort to maintain values of high standards in education not only feels good but is an investment in our future. Thanks again for your contribution and we look forward to doing it again next year!

Many thanks,  
Jamie Eversweet Belmarez

**Police Department Update**

**Barking Dogs Revisited**

Aloha Kohala,

I would like to correct information stated in my previous article regarding barking dogs.

The Hawai`i Humane Society no longer writes citations for noisy dogs. However, you still need to contact them as part of the procedure to resolve the problem. The Humane Society must document whether the dog is noisy due to abuse or neglect. If mistreatment is observed, the animal control officer will address that issue accordingly.

It is very important you record the name of the animal control officer and their findings in case the matter is taken further to police.

As the complainant, you must first contact or document attempts to contact your neighbor to inform them their dog is causing a disturbance. This may cause some unwanted feelings, but it is required by the court. Expressing your displeasure to police officers will only prolong the matter if you haven’t completed this step prior to contact-

ing police.

Remember, police will only issue a citation if there is a complainant identified who is willing to appear before the court. The court affords violators the right to face their accusers and does not recognize the police officer as a complainant.

I wish you peace and aloha,  
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**County Council Update**

From the Desk of District 9 Councilwoman Margaret Wille

**GENERAL PLAN UPDATE:** The General Plan is our County’s blueprint of directives and guidelines. It trumps all of the County ordinances (laws). The last major update of the General Plan was in 2005, before any of the regional Community Development Plans came into existence.

During the past several months I have been meeting with individuals and groups brainstorming a vision for our island for the next 10-15 years that we could include in our General Plan. Likewise, the Community Development Plan Action Committees have been gathering

suggestions. This is all part of the Council’s kuleana as the policy-making body working with the Planning Department to revise our County’s General Plan. Starting in September, the Planning Department will work up relevant data and propose realistic strategies and action plans to implement the proposed policies and goals.

**YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED:** What island-wide policies and goals do you want leading us forward over the next decade? Here are a few examples: a major upgrade in our mass transit system; energy at a reasonable cost without continued

dependence on imported oil; (really) high speed internet; full implementation of our Zero Waste policies, including making compost from our greenwaste, food scraps and soiled paper; an expanded built-in infrastructure to promote health (for example, completing the Roots Skate Park); safe roadways and adequate access ways, along with a road maintenance policy that does not rely on toxic chemicals such as glyphosate; greater emphasis on agriculture, including increased promotion of organic crops and promotion of non-GMO crops; an

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## Ditch Maintenance, Pololu Snack Shack and Hawi Park Mowing on NKCDP AC Agenda

Story by Lynda Wallach

The first order of business at the June 8 meeting of the North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee (NKCDP AC) was a vote to form a Historical and Cultural Preservation Subcommittee. The subcommittee will be chaired by Faye Yates and interested members of the community are welcome to join and participate. Once the subcommittee is organized and a meeting time and place have been determined, announcements will be put on the CDP website and in the Kohala Mountain News.

Jon Adams of the Growth Management subcommittee reported that he had attended a meeting with State Senator Lorraine Inouye where several issues of interest to the community were discussed. The first is House Bill (HB) 1140, which provides a temporary income tax credit for the cost of upgrading or converting a qualified cesspool to a septic system.

The plan is to initially convert cesspools that are near the ocean or other primary waterways.

Inouye also said that, in a meeting with Surety Kohala and a group of local farmers, she had raised the issue of the State purchasing and taking over maintenance of the Kohala Ditch. She said the general feeling was that they did not want the State taking control of the Ditch. Discussions on the issue are sure to continue.

Adams also stated that, although the subcommittee had received no information on permit applications from the Planning Department, they did find out that two permits had been applied for in Hilo. The first is from Surety for a snack shack, parking lot and bathrooms at Pololu Lookout. Newlon explained that Special Management Area permits are not forwarded to the AC but, noting the concern of both the committee and the neighbors at Pololu, neither of whom had been informed of Surety's plans, she promised to investigate the issue and report back to the AC.

The second was a permit for transitional housing on the first lot of the seven lot subdivision next to Takata Store. That lot has been

purchased by Catholic Charities whose transitional housing program provides temporary housing and support for homeless families and individuals with the aim of eventually moving them into permanent housing. The issue for the subcommittee was not the transitional housing itself but that they had not been informed of a special permit request.

Toni Withington said that the Water, Parks and Roads subcommittee has received some responses to the letters they sent to the owners of property along Pratt Road regarding using Pratt Road as an emergency bypass. They will be scheduling a meeting with the owners in either August or October, after which a general public meeting will be held. She also reported that the regular meeting of the subcommittee will be held on June 18 so that they can meet with the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the boat ramp and the plans for improvements to the harbor and the park prior to the public meeting later that day.

Adams brought up the fact the Hisaoka Gym roof is still leaking badly. Capital Improvement Funds have been requested for the repairs since the Department of Parks and Recreation has failed, since the 2006 earthquake, to complete the repairs. Newlon said she would follow up with Parks and Rec but John Winter, AC chair, said someone from the department needs to come to the next AC meeting and explain what is going on and when the roof will be completed. He asked for that to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Susan Fischer reported that the Power, Viewplanes and Erosion Control subcommittee had met on June 4 with members of the community and Surety Kohala on possible uses for Hawi Park.

Faye Yates mentioned that, since the County purchased the Hawi Park land, no one had mowed the grass and the area was looking terrible. After some discussion as to whether the County can be relied on to maintain the area, the consen-

sus among the AC and members of the public was that local volunteers would be a more reliable source of maintenance.

Several suggestions were made as to who might be willing to do this including members of the community who lobbied for the purchase, a group such as the Boy Scouts or a local non-profit. According to Withington, no funds have been allocated by the County for maintenance.

She also said that the County typically has a lag time before they pick up maintenance on a new park area, so this whole maintenance issue should be a temporary one. (Note: By Kamehameha Day the area had been mowed by volunteers and was looking much better.)

Joe Carvalho of the Public Access subcommittee said that there is still a problem with squatters at Hapu'u - Kapanai, and that the subcommittee and the police are keeping an eye on it.

Lani Eugenio told the group that since no one from the community has been attending the Agriculture subcommittee meetings, she has been talking to farmers on an individual basis. She also said that she attended an interesting and informative farm tour. Farm tours have been suggested as a way for farmers to make extra income.

Finally, Margaret Wille said she will begin working to address the concern that, since sandwich board signs along the road are illegal, the AC has no longer been able to advertise its meeting times along Akoni Pule Highway.

The County is still accepting comments from the public on revisions to the General Plan. The AC has already submitted its comments which were due by June 6, but individuals can still submit their comments directly to the Planning Department. The Plan can be found on line at <http://www.coh-planningdept.com/general-plan/>, which also lists the addresses to which comments can be sent.

The next meeting of the NKCDP AC will be on Monday, July 13, at 5:00 p.m. at the North Kohala Senior Center. Members of the community are urged to attend.

## Hale Pueo, Formerly George Cushnie Home, Has a Long History

Story and photo by Holly Algood

When I first walked into Hale Pueo I could feel its history. The spacious plantation-style house with wraparound lanai sits in the middle of three quarters of an acre of rolling green lawn on the mauka side of Akoni Pule Highway in Hawi town. The wavy glass in the front picture windows informs that it was made in an earlier century.

Hale Pueo was formerly known as the George Cushnie House. On a mission to learn more about the history of this property, I was encouraged to look in the North Kohala Public Library archives. There I learned that around 1900 neighboring Plantation House owner John Hind purchased the Cushnie house for his eldest of four children, Robert Renton Hind. It was one of four houses transported from New England, traveling around Cape Horn at the southern tip of South America to Hawai'i.

John Hind was president of the Hawi Mill and Plantation Company, Kohala Ditch Company and Hawai'i Railway Company, to name a few. His three sons lived in the house and were in positions of influence at Hawi Mill. Robert Renton, author of "Spirits Unbroken: Three Years a Prisoner in a Philippine Internment Camp," was the chief engineer; John Henry was the superintendent; and Oswald Arthur was the assistant plantation manager.

Additional residents included Dr. R.T. Treadwell, plantation doctor; Dr. Ivan Larsen, a general practitioner who went on to be an orthopedic surgeon at the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children in Honolulu; and Dr. Barton Maxwell Eveleth, physician for Kohala Sugar Company, Hawai'i Preparatory Academy and the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel.

The last man of sugar to own the house, George Cushnie, was a retired Kohala Sugar Company field superintendent.

The current owner, Anna Aniko

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**CC update, continued from Page 5** emphasis on purchasing local crops and meats; increased recognition and observance of our Hawaiian host culture; increased vocational and high tech educational oppor-

Teams).  
With regard to governance, let's maximize our island home rule and raise our ethical standards.  
**WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES?** I expect to put something



Photo courtesy of the Office of Margaret Wille

Councilmember Margaret Wille stand with fellow Councilmember Karen Eoff and husband/artist Gary Eoff at the King Kamehameha Day celebration. Gary Eoff displayed the replica mahiole (Hawaiian helmets) he created from 'ie`ie - a vine used traditionally for weaving. The mahiole were worn by the ali`i during battle. The elevated crescent was worn by the king. The low crescent was worn by chiefs. The mushroom-ornamented style mahiole was worn by lesser chiefs and warriors.

tunities at the high school level; better prevention of harmful invasive species; and increased community networking as neighborhood watch groups and as CERT groups (Community Emergency Response

before the Council by late July or early August, so THINK BIG and let me know your suggestions.  
Contact me at  
Margaret.Wille@hawaiicounty.gov or 808-887-2043.

**Hale, continued from Page 6**  
Kurczinak, and her husband, Robin Nelson, came to Kohala to do land planning work. They first lived on O`ahu. Aniko then worked for Belt Collins on projects at Mauna Kea, Mauna Lani and Hualalai. Later, upon seeing North Kohala she said, "I thought I had died and gone to heaven. The bright green of the cattle ranches and the mist on that foggy day were magical."  
Robin was a golf course architect. He designed Mauna Lani and other golf courses throughout the state: Kahili and Dunes at Maui Lani on Maui; Puakea on Kauai;

Ewa Beach and Royal Kunia on Oahu. Robin's untimely passing from ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease) has caused Aniko to let go of this historic property.  
Aniko frequently saw owls fly across her path when en route to her property. When the house was still in escrow and she visited the property there was an owl, a pueo, perched in the palm tree at the end of the driveway, just watching. It was those frequent and insistent visits that she couldn't ignore that inspired her to name the property "Hale Pueo".



Hale Pueo, a home on Akoni Pule Highway in Hawi, was brought from New England in the 19th century by John Hind, a leader in the local business community. Ownership of the property has since passed through many notable Kohala figures and was recently sold once again to a local resident.



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## Kohala's History Comes Alive at Reunion 2015

By Fred Cachola

The main idea behind the first Reunion in 2000 was to share the rich historical legacy of Kohala. We're so proud of our history that we erected a beautiful highway monument just outside Hawi that welcomes everyone to "Historic Kohala". Throughout our Community Development Plan we stress that Kohala shall be known as a place for historic preservation.

So during our fourth community reunion we will continue to tell Kohala's story, sometimes in new ways, through a variety of activities at the Ikuo Hisaoka Gym. These will include exhibits, displays, films, historic charts and maps throughout the gym. Certain exhibits will also be reinforced with more detailed demonstrations, brief lectures and hosted discussions.

The perimeter of the gym will have exhibits showing the chronological evolution Kohala's history and each day of the four-day reunion will focus on one of these historical periods.

Day 1: Friday, July 3, is devoted to the original settlers of Kohala, the ancient Hawaiians. There will be exhibits showing how they thrived in their island environment. Reproductions of tools, utensils, ornaments and other artifacts will demonstrate various aspects of their lives such as farming, fishing and worshipping. Gary Eoff will display and talk about his reproductions of tools, weaponry, fishing hooks, lures and other unique items crafted by ingenious and industrious kupuna.

Other stories highlighted Friday will be those of the early missionaries and the churches they established. These will tell the stories of the dedication of men like Rev. Elias Bond of Kalahikiola Church and Rev. Lorenzo Lyons of Imiola Church. There will be stories about that very unique rider and master of Kohala's vast grasslands - the paniolo, or Hawaiian cowboy. Exhibits of his life and lore will show how he worked and the tools of his trade. In the afternoon the focus will be

on the early ranching periods of Kohala - the beginnings and development of Parker, Kahua and Pono-holo ranches.

Day 2: Saturday, July 4, the emphasis will be on the next major historical period of Kohala: The Plantation Era - those 110 years from 1863 to 1973 when the entire landscape was covered with cane fields. The economic and social welfare of the entire district was dominated by sugar production. Displays will show what life was like in the plantation camps. There will be a scene of a typical kitchen of an Okinawan family. Homemade toys and games played by plantation kids will be demonstrated. Remember the sweetness of raw sugar cane juice? You will get a chance to taste it again.

Day 3: Sunday, July 5, will center on the Post-Plantation era - the 40 years from 1975 when the sugar mill closed to the present time. Exhibits, memorabilia and speakers will bring to life local successes and struggles - from the Kohala Task

Force, a state-funded attempt to get new businesses going, to the bootstraps writing of the new North Kohala Community Development Plan. The displays will include sports and the teams that made Kohala proud; events that brought us together like the Kohala Country Fair, Kamehameha Day festivities and the famous Huki Puke; the rise of Kohala-owned business enterprises; the evolution of the Kohala Ditch; the ongoing efforts to save the Kohala coastline; the new community centers; and the focus on growing local foods.

Day 4: Monday, July 6, the focus will shift to exhibits and displays about Kohala's current time and preferred future. It will be time to gain a community vision and determine the type of Kohala community we want to give our children. Embracing the traditions handed down through the generations the leaders will, through small and large group discussions, look ahead to the future.

See you at the reunion.

## Herbicides - Dangers and Alternatives

By Dr. Jana Bogs

On May 12 Dr. Hector Valenzuela from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa spoke at our Kohala Hawai'i Farmers' Union United (HFUU) meeting on the subject of herbicide use. Dr. Valenzuela covered the gamut of the effects of herbicide use from soil to human health citing many scientific studies. He finished up by giving us eco-friendly solutions to weed control, including an inexpensive, easy home recipe to use in place of Roundup® (glyphosate) or other herbicides.

Glyphosate is the most widely used agricultural chemical in the world, with an eight-fold increase in the volume being used over a 15-year period. This increase is largely due to its use on ever-increasing Roundup Ready genetically-modified (GMO) crops. Agricultural effects include damage

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Dr. Valenzuela of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa provided a simple recipe for an effective non-toxic herbicide to replace toxic herbicides such as Roundup®.

lates soilborne diseases, compromises plant disease resistance and results in deformities and disease in reptiles, fish and farm animals.

When consuming foods raised with glyphosate, humans suffer damage to gut microflora, decreased absorption and utilization of minerals, endocrine disruption, DNA damage and impaired amino acid metabolism. Glyphosate residues cannot be removed by washing and they are not broken down by cooking. The World Health Organization (WHO) classifies glyphosate as "probably carcinogenic" in humans. It has been shown to be carcinogenic in laboratory animals, but there are not sufficient studies in humans proving that glyphosate is undoubtedly carcinogenic in humans. Not many people would like to volunteer for such a trial!

After Dr. Valenzuela's presentation on the evening of May 12, Kohala HFUU formed a working group known as the Regenerative Roadside Maintenance Committee aiming to decrease herbicide use in our community and county-wide. Coincidentally, other individuals and groups around our island have been working toward the same goals. On May 18 many people from our community and around the Big Island testified before our county council to stop funding the purchase of herbicides by the county for spraying of roadsides and other public areas.

To naturally control weeds, Dr. Valenzuela recommends a combination of crop rotation, intercropping, use of cover crops, cultivation, mulch and sanitation.

The Kohala HFUU invites you to join us for free, informative meetings on the second Tuesdays of each month at the Kohala Village HUB across from the banyans in downtown Hawi. We start with a potluck at 6 p.m., followed by a presentation at 7 p.m. For more information, email herenowjim@gmail.com or call 889-5715.





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# Kohala Radio Goes Live - Plans Broadcasting From Kohala Reunion

June 6, 2015 was a red letter day for Kohala Radio. At 4:25 p.m. all of the broadcast equipment was hooked up and KNKR began live test broadcasting on 96.1 FM with about two hours of music and banter. With this milestone behind them, additional test broadcasting has been taking place almost daily to gauge the coverage area of a full 100 watts of power and their antenna installed at the prime location. So far, these tests show a strong coverage area from Pololu to Puakea Bay and Ranch and up to about the 2,000 foot elevation on Kohala Mountain Road, far better than their most optimistic forecasts.

To test their remote broadcast equipment, Len Winkler, Kohala Radio's volunteer news director, recorded interviews at the Kamehameha Day celebration for several hours on June 11 (see photos), and tested the link from Kamehameha

Park to the Kohala Radio studios in Hawi. These interviews may be heard on the Kohala Radio website: [www.knkr.org](http://www.knkr.org).

The final tests will be completed with the installation of a state-of-the-art broadcast phone system at the KNKR studio in mid to late June. Starting on July 3 KNKR will be broadcasting live from the Kohala Reunion 10 a.m. to noon, and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day, and other times based on the reunion schedule. If all goes well, this means that residents who cannot make it to the reunion, including the elderly at home, can listen in and hear what's going on including interviews, updates and music. The plan also includes recording these broadcasts and replaying them during the noon to 2 p.m. period and in the evening, and streaming all of the reunion broadcasts over the internet for listeners around the world.



Randee Golden and Sharon Hayden are organizers of the displays in the gym.



Kathy Matsuda is the key organizer of the 2015 Kohala Reunion.



Photos courtesy of KNKR

Cicely Hoopai was the key organizer of the 2015 Kamehameha Celebration.

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## Pride of Kohala Rose Kaohu Moe: The Backbone of a Family

By Lani Eugenio

As I researched the various candidates for "The Pride of Kohala" display, a basic "Kohala personality" emerged. The story of **Rose Kaohu Moe** is an example of people raised by the Kohala community. Record producer, Bob Brozman wrote, "The story of the Tau Moe Family is perhaps one of the most incredible 20th-century traveling musician stories to be found anywhere, a veritable Odyssey around the world."

The Tau Moe Family: Multi-talented entertainers better known worldwide than at home

Rose Opunui Kaohu, born on August 11, 1908, was the youngest daughter of the Kaohu family of the Kohala district on the Big Island. Her parents, Levi and Harriet (Hussey) Kaohu, had sixteen children: Eddie, Helen, Elizabeth, Caroline, George, Mary, Joseph, Rose and eight others who died young. Her musical family was of the Mormon faith and her childhood was steeped in traditional music and dance.

After graduating from Kohala High School, Rose left for O'ahu. She first met Tau Moe at a steel guitar class in Honolulu when they were both 18. Tau was born in American Samoa in 1908 to a Mormon family, raised in Lai'e and graduated from McKinley High School. In 1926, Rose and a group of her friends auditioned for Madame Riviere's Hawaiians, despite her father's disapproval. She was the only one chosen out of her group because she could sing, dance and play several instruments. Later, her father encouraged her to travel the world advising, "Go, but come back the same girl."

Later, Tau Moe and his three uncles joined Madame Riviere's troupe where Rose was the featured entertainer. When the Royal Hawaiian Hotel opened in 1927, Tau played the steel guitar.

Tau and Rose went on tour with Mme. Riviere's Hawaiians in 1928 and married shortly thereafter. Tau Moe was an influential pioneer of the Hawaiian steel guitar and, with Rose, formed the core of the troupe.

Madame Riviere's Hawaiians was managed by a French university professor and toured extensively in Asia from 1928 to 1934. They per-



Photo courtesy of Moe Family

*Kohala native Rose Kaohu Moe traveled the world playing the steel guitar.*

formed in Japan, China, Southeast Asia, the Philippines, India, Burma and Indonesia. The show included Hawaiian and Samoan music, dancing and native "rituals."

The group's success coincided with the increased interest in Polynesia. In the early 1900's, Hawaiians began touring the U.S. in small bands. Joseph Kekuku, inventor of the steel guitar, moved to the mainland in 1904 and his group performed in vaudeville theaters from coast to coast. He later spent eight years (1919-1927) touring Europe with the "Bird of Paradise" show, a successful Broadway musical that introduced Hawaiian music to Americans in 1912.

The 1915 Pan-Pacific International Exposition (World's Fair from Feb-Dec, 1915) in San Francisco featured a huge salt water fish tank, plants from Hawai'i, and a stage

with continuous shows with steel guitars and hula dancers. "America went nuts and the Hawaiian craze was born," said Harry Soria, Hawaiian music historian. A year later, Hawaiian music sold more recordings than any other style in the country.

Tau and Rose's son Lani was born in 1929 while they worked in Kyoto, Japan. Lani began playing the ukulele at age three and later became adept at a variety of stringed instruments. He first went on stage at age four in Shanghai, China, singing, dancing and playing the ukulele, wearing a top hat and tailcoat. The Moe tour broke up while in Shanghai in 1934. At age five and already an entertainer, Lani joined his parents to form a trio and went on to become a child star in Europe and Asia.

Six-year old Lani was selected by Maurice Chevalier to do a tap number in one of his Parisian shows and was billed as "Baby Lani Moe". In the late 1930's Lani was a popular celebrity and was the champion money-raiser for the German children's orphanage. He was requested to ride with Adolf Hitler in his Mercedes-Benz during a parade.

Besides English, Hawaiian and Samoan, Lani spoke French, German, Spanish, Hungarian and Hindi. As he grew older, Lani mastered classical dance and performed with several European dance companies. He became the family's lead singer as his voice developed into a crooner style compared to Hawai'i's great Alfred Apaka.

In 1934, Tau and Rose recorded several Hawaiian and Samoan

songs in Shanghai. While in Shanghai they ran into Billy and Ethel Lee (parents of songwriter Kui Lee) who were also entertaining in China, and performed with them. They also met several Hawaiians who were entertaining in China.

The Moe trio lived in India for several months then traveled to Egypt, arriving nearly broke in late 1935. They first found work in Alexandria then performed in Egypt's larger cities through 1936. From 1936-1938, their journey took them through Syria, Palestine, Turkey, Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Poland, Russia, France and Germany.

The Moe Family had become quite popular in Germany. One night after a show, the family was obliged to meet Hitler, Goering, Goebbels and company. This was before they witnessed the Nazi violence.

The family was living above a Jewish-owned bookstore, and late one night the Gestapo raided the store. Rose and Tau were horrified as they helplessly witnessed the Gestapo burn the store's contents, then toss the Jewish owners on top of the fire to be burned alive.

Rose and Tau were known to be kind, compassionate people. They helped at least 150 Jewish musician friends escape Nazi Germany and Austria by having them impersonate relatives, groupies and stagehands. They also hid people under their props and clothing. As an amateur filmmaker, Tau documented atrocities committed by the Nazis.

They were advised by the American embassy to leave Germany as war loomed. Rose smuggled out a friend's valuables by wearing three fur coats and explaining to the border guards that people from Hawai'i were not acclimated to the cold in Germany.

The Gestapo had learned of the Moe family's underground efforts and were in transit to arrest the family when, warned by friends, the family slipped out the stage back door after their performance and fled the country.

**See Pride Page 11**



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**Pride, continued from Page 10**

They settled briefly in Lebanon, but then Italy declared war there.

The outbreak of World War II forced them to flee Europe entirely. They worked their way to the Middle East, boarding a ship at Bagdad and sailing to India. Their next gig was in Japan, but then the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. They wanted to go home to Hawai'i, but because Pearl Harbor had been bombed, the Pacific Ocean was closed for travel, so the Moe family settled in India for the rest of the war years.

While in India, Tau and Rose organized bands and orchestras for the top hotels in the major cities, employing a multi-national group of musicians, all on the move because of the war. Tau would transcribe the latest songs from musical films, writing the melodies, chords and words so they could perform the current music of the day. They were popular, as they would do a session of jazz band music, then some classical music and end with a Hawaiian session with Tau on the steel guitar.

During their stay in India (1941-47) Tau taught several Indians how to play the steel guitar, including maharishis and the Prince of India. Their daughter Dorian was born in September 1946 during a burst of intense rioting. The Moe family troupe assisted paramedics during the riots.

In 1947, after many engagements in principle Indian cities, the Moe family returned to Europe. Dorian joined the group as soon as she was able, becoming a dancer, singer and instrumentalist in the family troupe.

The Moe quartet worked in every Western European country, on every continent except Antarctica, recording, performing and appearing in television and films through the 1950s and 1960s.

They went around the world seven times, performing and meeting with kings and queens of the various countries, including King Farouk, Prince Ranier, Winston Churchill, Adolf Hitler, Aristotle Onassis, Mohandas Gandhi and other international leaders. They performed in Paris at the Moulin Rouge and at the Casino in Monte Carlo.

In the late 1970s, father Tau decided that more than five decades on the road was enough. The children had grown up as professional musicians and world travelers. When his father talked about going

how she made them feel. When we left a country, people would come and give gifts, saying, 'From our country to yours.'"

The world-famous musical Tau Moe Family retired to Laie on Oahu

own right, and Rose was the glue and organizer who kept the family together. Rose was very patient and knew how to talk to people. While others would fly off the handle, she would calmly talk things out and look for solutions.

Despite their success abroad, few in Hawai'i knew of this talented family.

The early 1900 music they had known was changing, as Jawaiian gained popularity. The Moe Family did a final recording with Bob Brozman in 1988, which helped preserve their old-Hawaiian style music. Lani taught dance at BYU-Hawai'i until his death in 2002, and his sister Dorian became an executive with the Polynesian Cultural Center.

Rose and Tau spent their lives in Laie in relative obscurity, enjoying the contact from old fans from around the world. Rose was a world-traveler, but remembered what her father told her about coming back the same girl. She took those words to heart. She never forgot her heritage... who she was. She remained that same sweet, patient and humble small-town girl from Kohala. Rose died in December, 1998; Lani in 2002; and Tau in 2004.

"We were the first Polynesian group as an act that did Polynesian at the beginning, ending with modern dance and acrobatics. I think we were a little too far ahead of our time. I go to Waikiki and they're doing all this now," stated Dorian. She summed up their exciting, illustrious lives with, "We got to be as a family, working, traveling and seeing the world together, plus getting paid for it!"

Mahalo and aloha to Dorian Moe Vineula, (daughter of Rose Kaohu and Tau Moe), who reviewed the article to make sure everything was correct.



Photo courtesy of Moe Family

*Tau and Rose Moe's family:*

*L-R: son Lani, Rose (Kaohu) Moe, daughter Dorian, husband Tau Moe*

"home" their son Lani asked, "What is home?" They lived in countless countries for more than half a century and "home" was hotel after hotel, meeting the rich and famous. Though they were always on the road, they never missed dinner together.

Rose Kaohu Moe and her husband Tau left Hawai'i in 1928 and introduced Hawai'i to the world, not only in music, but also in spirit. Dorian Moe Vineula stated that her mother was a great diplomat and representative of Hawai'i. "Although she didn't speak the language of the many countries they were in, she made friends easily and had a way with people. She was happy-go-lucky, and people loved

in 1982. They were among the first to bring Polynesian music and dance to the world, and were one of the most influential musicians in Asia and Europe. Tau is credited for introducing the steel guitar to the Asian subcontinent. Lani and Dorian Moe were stars in their



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7PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Wylie Hall, `Iole Road, Kalahikiola Church	889-6703
8AM	9:15 AM Hatha Yoga with Morgan Cassidy	in the White tent, 53-496 `Iole Rd	889-5151
5:30PM	6PM Insanity Classes with Ross Pagat	Solid Rock North Church	989-0966
TUESDAY			
9AM	10:30AM Sitting Meditation with John	Meditation Hale, 53-3988 Akoni Pule Hwy	889-5151
2:30PM	Kendama Club	North Kohala Library	889-6655
WEDNESDAY			
7PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Wylie Hall, `Iole Road, Kalahikiola Church	889-6703
THURSDAY			
7PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Wylie Hall, `Iole Road, Kalahikiola Church	889-6703
8AM	9:15AM Vinyasa Flow Yoga, with Maya Parish	in the White tent, 53-496 `Iole Rd	889-5151
2PM	4PM Traditional Hawaiian Weaving with Aunty Mele Waikiki	in the White tent, 53-496 `Iole Rd	889-5151
4PM	5PM Beginning Hula with Aunty Mele Waikiki	in the White tent, 53-496 `Iole Rd	889-5151
5:30PM	6PM Insanity Classes with Ross Pagat	Kamehameha Park Complex	989-0966
FRIDAY			
10AM	Preschool Story time	North Kohala Library	889-6655

Email weekly calendar listings to kmncalendar@hotmail.com or call #339-4951

### Veterans to Honor Fourth of July at Reunion 2015

By Toni Withington

Independence Day ceremonies will be held July 4 at the Kamehameha Park main tent from 11 a.m. to noon. The program will be part of the Kohala Reunion 2015 celebration and is being sponsored by the Kohala National Guard Alumni (KNGA).

The guest speakers for the ceremonies will be former County Councilman Pete Hoffmann, Colonel USA, Retired and Larry Kanda, Colonel USAF, Retired. The National

Guard, 299th Infantry Battalion of Hilo will present the colors.

Collin Kaholo, president of the KNGA, will offer the welcoming address and Christine Vega will sing the National Anthem. Joseph Carvalho will be the master of ceremonies. The Kohala Seniors will entertain with several songs.



Photo by Joe Carvalho

M60 tank and colors at Veterans Field, North Kohala

The program will honor the men from Kohala who fought and died for their country during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

### Kohala Jodo Mission Celebrates O-Bon with Lantern Ceremony Honoring Ancestors

By Joy Ohta

The Kohala Jodo Mission in Kapa`au will celebrate its annual Bon Odori Festival at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 11. The public is invited to participate in this joyous event honoring the lives of departed loved ones. Come and enjoy the

ners include space for people to write messages of remembrances, gratitude and prayers for deceased loved ones. After O-Bon, the banners are removed and handled in a spiritually respectful way under the guidance of Reverend Wansa. At a later date, Reverend Wansa and



Photo by Ellen Kato

Veterans from Kohala came to the 2014 Obon Festival to honor deceased military personnel. Sitting is Shigeru Oshita. Standing left to right are Joe Carvalho, Harry Ching, Paul Antonio, Nario Lebron, Collin Kaholo, Robert Glory Sr., and Galo Fernandez. Oshita was a member of the 100th Battalion.

delicious food, music, dancing and taiko drumming. Visit Designs by Moira for happi coats, decorative hand towels, hand bags, all occasion cards and other hand crafts.

An important part of O-Bon is the observance of the "Hatsubon", which commemorates the first anniversary of a friend or loved one's passing. Each year bon dances are especially dedicate to those who had passed away since the prior O-Bon.

The Mission celebrates its third annual Lantern Ceremony. Held in conjunction with the O-Bon Festival, this ceremony is meant to give people a special time to remember, reflect and offer gratitude to those who have passed on. Although O-Bon is a Buddhist celebration, the Mission invite people of all religions to participate because we all have loved ones who have passed away and it's nice for us to honor them.

Lantern banners are decorated with silhouettes of Japanese lanterns, which represent not only the physical lighting of the pathway for our ancestors as they make their way home during the O-Bon season but also for their continued spiritual enlightenment. The ban-

church members will give the banners their final blessing before they are burned.

This year's lantern ceremony will begin with the blessing and raising of the banners. The ceremony will also include a tribute to the men and women who died in military service, making the ultimate sacrifice defending our country and others so that we can live in freedom. The ceremony will also give recognition to current military service members, veterans and their families.

Volunteers have worked tirelessly making these beautiful banners to ensure everyone who wants to participate has a banner. The Mission is again offering the banners free to all who wants to participate but contributions are welcomed. In addition to the free ones, some larger decorative banners will be available for purchase.

All banners will be distributed on a first come/first served basis until they run out. The booth will open at 5:00 p.m.

The Mission hope folks of all ages will actively participate in the celebration of O-Bon. Please join the Mission in honoring and remembering loved ones.

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Kohala is currently in second place in Division I with a record of 27-3. Local Boyz is in fourth place in Division II with a record of 14-18.



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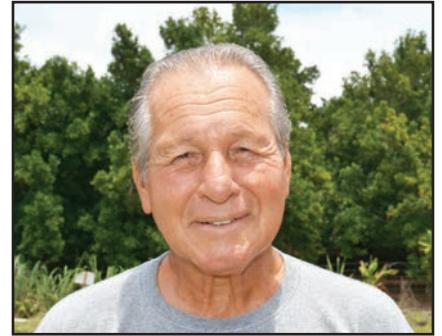
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### Are You Going to The 2015 Kohala Reunion? Why?

Story and photos by Lani Eugenio



Debbie Manantan: "I'll see you there! My husband Tony usually entertains. He has roots here in Kohala. His great-great grandfather, Kalaukoa, was the Pastor at Kalahikiola Church."



Louie Troche: "I will be at the Reunion to see family and friends as they come back home every five years. I'm from Honolulu, but I married a Kohala girl."



Margot McFriedes: "Yes. I just like learning everything about the old plantation days since all my neighbors are plantation era people."



Lucy Pasco: "I'll be there because I'd like to see what's there and meet friends, old friends that I haven't seen for a while."



Johnette Emeliano: "I don't know. My family is having a reunion that same weekend."



Leilani Naboia: "We're having a family reunion, but I think I can stop by."

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## Remembering Kohala

Andy Nato Agan, Kohala High School Class of '56, snapped photos of Kohala from a plane while on leave from the US Air Force in the early 1970s.



Photo by Andy Nato Agan

Smoke from the stack at the Kohala Sugar Mill at Halaula indicates it was still processing raw sugar in the early '70s. Halaula School, now Kohala Middle School, is visible beyond the mill.



View from the bottom of Union Mill Road mauka to the top of the Kynnersley subdivision reveals past development. Note the building housing the United States Post Office and Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union had not yet been built at the corner of Union Mill Road and Akoni Pule Highway.

Photo by Andy Nato Agan

## OHA and County Fund 2015 Kohala Community Reunion

The North Kohala Community Resource Center has received a \$6,000 grant from the State of Hawai'i Office of Hawaiian Affairs to support the 2015 North Kohala Community Reunion.

The Reunion is also sponsored by the County Council Contingency Fund, thanks to Councilmember Margaret Wille.

Every five years North Kohala holds a Community Reunion. The event unites former and current Kohala residents for four days to explore Kohala's past, present and future through music, food, diverse cultural displays, lectures and a recounting of community life throughout Kohala's unique and significant history.

Since its inception in 2000 the event, set for July 3-6, has grown in its scope of cultural, histori-

cal and educational offerings. Through daily exhibits, lectures, demonstrations, hula and musical performances, and guided and self-guided tours of historical places, attendees are steeped in Hawaiian and local culture.

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For more information, visit [www.oha.org](http://www.oha.org).



## Many Families Returning for Kohala Reunion

By Toni Withington

Many of Kohala's famous family surnames will be floating around in conversations during Kohala Reunion 2015. Looking at the pre-registration list for those who will be returning for the festivities over the Fourth of July weekend, one notices familiar names still seen in the high school yearbook, and many still in the memories of seniors.

Ninety families have made reservations to attend the reunion from outside Kohala. Some will be squeezed into homes with families here and some have made reservations at local accommodations. Pat Ako, who is in charge of registration, expects other former Kohala people from afar to show up for the free entertainment, food, tours and historic exhibits.

The largest number (37) of traveling families is coming from O'ahu - 13 from Honolulu, six from Pearl City and a scattering from Aiea, Waipahu, Mililani, Kaneohe, Kailua, Wahiawa, Waiialua, Ewa Beach and Hauula. Three families will fly over from Maui. Sixteen families on this island only need to drive - four from Hilo and others from Kailua-

Kona, Waikoloa, Kamuela, Kealahou, O'okala and Pepeekeo.

California will have the largest delegation from the mainland with ten families. Other states represented will be Georgia, Oregon, Louisiana, Colorado, Arizona, New York, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Nevada. Yes, some people didn't come back from Las Vegas, but will for the reunion.

In all, 68 families in North Kohala have paid 25 dollars per family to register for the four days of festivities. The Reunion 2015 committee began pre-registration last November to raise seed funds to meet basic costs. The Reunion, held mostly at Kamehameha Park, is open to the public for free. Registrants will be given a souvenir bag filled with memorabilia including a booklet describing all the entertainment and events as well as discount coupons to local businesses.

Those who pre-registered also were able to order Reunion 2015 t-shirts with the classic multicolored logo. A few t-shirts, only in size L and XL, will be available for sale at the registration table.

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The frogs have escaped from Keokea Gulch and are in Niulii and Makapala as well. Ralph and his eradication team have been out weekly treating the chirping frogs in this area. This will be an ongoing effort until the area is quiet for at least nine months.

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## The Surfing Goose of North Kohala

By Tony Jackson

This most unlikely of stories began about six months ago when my wife Nancy and I decided to pack up everything and move to our place in Hawi. My 23 year old daughter Lani, being at a career fork and not working, had no choice but to move over with us. She quickly learned that life here in Hawi isn't as active as back home in Los Angeles. She adapted by volunteering and getting involved with different groups in town.

One of the groups that she connected with was the Hawai'i Wildlife Center. After a time with their sanctuary she moved to Kahalu'u Beach Park, where she worked renting out snorkeling gear for their non-profit operation. At work she would often see a goose on the beach scavenging and taking handouts from people. The bird looked mangy and malnourished, so she took it upon herself to "rescue" the bird, having developed these impulses from her time at the wildlife center.

You can imagine my surprise when she showed up from work one day with a large goose in a box. "She's a pilgrim goose; he's homeless," Lani stated. I named her Coral. My wife took to the task without hesitation. Soon she had me constructing an enclosure for the bird, complete with a swimming pool (a dish washing basin). We began researching what they eat and how they live. We bought several different kinds of food to find the one she liked the most. This goose was living the high life. It wasn't long before I upgraded her pool to a larger, deeper tub complete with a ramp for her to walk up. We even tried to find her a gander.

There were some odd things that we noticed from the beginning. As the goose began to gain her health and pick up weight, she would show her love of water. She would often sit in her tub and splash around, knocking half of the water out of the tub each time. When she got the bigger tub she would frolic even more. She would stand out in the pouring rain on one foot, seemingly in bliss. She took to my wife and daughter right away but would hiss every time I would come close. I took this to mean she didn't like

me, but she would never take her eyes off of me.

Finally, after a month or so, we decided to let her out of her enclosure to see if she would hang around. At first she didn't go far from the enclosure and the pool, but soon a strange thing happened. She started following me around everywhere I went. She still didn't let me get close, but the hissing at least stopped.

One evening I got a call from work so went outside, got in my truck and started driving away. I stopped when I heard my daughter yelling. It seems that Coral had started walking towards me and when the truck started down the

with some friends. Coral came up in the conversation and a bystander happened to hear. She asked, "Did I hear you say you lost a goose?" We said yes and told her a brief story of how we came to know Coral. She said that was strange because just the other day she had been down at a Kapanaiia early in the morning to walk and had seen the strangest thing. It was a goose surfing. She said at first she thought that the goose was in trouble, but she observed it catching waves. The goose was skimming on her two feet, using her bottom for bouncing and her tail feathers for a skag. Her wings were stretched out as she carved her line on the wave.



Photo courtesy of SerJaush

driveway she started flying, following it. When I stopped I was hidden under some trees and Coral had just continued flying in the direction she thought I had gone, or at least that's what we thought.

We looked for her that evening, calling and doing our best versions of a honk. With no success, we figured that she had flown off and would find a place to live. We gave up on finding her, although we still would talk about her and ask if anyone had seen a wayward goose.

Months went by before we were at a Chinese New Year party talking

She said the goose rode the wave all the way to the shallow water at the stream inlet, stood up and waddled up the stream. She had fumbled to get her phone out and only got a few pictures of poor quality. She regrets not putting the phone on video.

Needless to say this turned into a lively conversation, with someone else stepped up to say that they had seen a goose earlier that day at Keokea. We went home that night excitedly thinking that we might have finally found Coral. The next day we got up early and drove

down to Kapanaiia looking for her. We looked all over and called out, but no Coral.

A few more weeks went by and my daughter's friend came over from the mainland. In their cruising around the island they took a hike down to Pololu. She came home excited to tell us that they had seen Coral and that she had been getting handouts from the tourists. That was all it took. Soon we had a baggie loaded with some of her food and set off to Pololu to see if we could find her.

As we made our way down the trail we would stop at the lookouts to see if we could see anything, but it looked like a normal beach scene at Pololu. When we got to the bottom of the trail, however, we saw some people gathered just a short distance ahead. There, just to the side of the trail as it entered the sand and in the middle of the crowd, was Coral. She looked great. She was posing for pictures, getting handouts and looking like she had been doing this all her life. We let the tourists get their pictures then we called. She looked at us, then, wagging her tail feathers, she came our way.

We lead her to a more secluded spot with some grass and placed the food down. She devoured it. We all just sat there for a moment and got re-acquainted. I began to realize that Coral, or whatever her name was, had never been stranded on that beach in Kona, but was there by choice. I looked around and took in the beauty of Pololu Valley. The pristine beach, the windswept trees and the lagoon with its placid water and abundant vegetation. I realized that Coral had found her heaven on Earth.

We never thought about trying to bring her home again after that. We realized that she was a true free spirit. I'm only glad that we had a part in showing her the beauty of North Kohala and were some of the first to welcome her here. So if you go down to Pololu early in the morning and see something in the water shooting the tube, don't be surprised if Coral doesn't ride it to the beach and come out to greet you. Feed her only healthy food and give her respect, because she is a true surfing wahine of North Kohala.

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**Dr. Jonny's Health Tips:**

Today I would like to share what I feel is the best definition of health ever written.

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**Would like to improve your health? Contact Dr. Jonny at Kohala Chiropractic. 938-3888**



**We All Have a Story to Tell!**

Kukui Garden's Open House will include a storytelling contest on Saturday, July 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. All are invited to share a favorite Kohala memory or story of a family member – or just listen in. Tell the tale from your perspective, or get in character and become someone else to tell a story from their point of view. There will be judges and prizes! Details will be posted at the Reunion's information table.

## KOHALA CALENDAR JULY 2015

	START	END	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	VENUE	PHONE	
06/27	SAT	4PM	Same Canoe Local Food Challenge	Information Meeting for potential Farm Stakeholders	Algood Barn, off Hoesa Road	328-2452	
1	WED	10AM	6PM	Mama's House July Pop-up Store	Grand opening, Creative Cowgirls with "Jeans & Things."	54-3858 Akoni Pule Hwy	365-4289
1	WED	10AM		Superhero Camp	Superhero Masks and Wrist Cuffs	North Kohala Library	889-6655
1&2	W-T	7PM		Obon Festival	Bon dance to follow	Kohala Hongwanji Mission	
3-6	F-M			Kohala Reunion	A multi-day reunion of former and current Kohala residents	Kamehameha Park	
6	MON	5:30PM	7:30PM	Kohala Parent Support Group	Meeting	The Cottage @ the HUB	895-3578
6	MON	6PM		Family Film Night	Tangled	North Kohala Library	889-6655
8	WED	10AM		Superhero Camp	Superhero Accessories and Props	North Kohala Library	889-6655
13	MON	5PM		NKCDP AC Meeting	North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee	Senior Center	323-4770
13	MON	6PM		Family Film Night	The BoxTrolls	North Kohala Library	889-6655
14	TUES	11AM		Adult Reading Discussion	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba	North Kohala Library	889-6655
14	TUES	6PM		Kohala Farmers' Union	6pm potluck, 7pm speaker. Non-farmers welcome too	Kohala Village Inn Barn	889-5715
15	WED	10AM		Superhero Camp	Test Your Superhero Abilities-Games and Photo Opportunities	North Kohala Library	889-6655
20	MON	6PM		Family Film Night	Into the Woods	North Kohala Library	889-6655
25	SAT	11AM	12:20PM	Community Meal	At St. Augustine Church	Walker Hall	889-5390
25	SAT	10AM	12PM	Thrift Shop	At St. Augustine Church		889-5390
27	MON	2PM &	6PM	Simple jewelry craft	with Sid Nakamoto. Call 889-6655 to register	North Kohala Library	889-6655
28	TUE	5PM	6PM	CDP Subcommittee	Power, Viewplanes, & Erosion Control, contact Susan Fischer	Senior Center	882-7611
29	WED	4PM	5:30PM	Restorative Yoga Therapy class	with Carla Orellana, Certified Yoga Therapist, by donation	53-496 `Iole Rd	889-5151
29	WED	5PM		CDP Subcommittee	Parks, Water & Roads	Senior Center	882-7611
29	WED	2PM		Youth Book and Movie Club	Inkheart by Cornelia Funke	North Kohala Library	889-6655

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## KOHALA FILM FESTIVAL



Photo courtesy of Kamehameha Publishing

An animated version of "Kohala Kuamo'o: Nae'ole's Race to Save a King" is one of the featured films for children.

The showing begins with films that both children and adults would enjoy:

- comedy shorts featuring "Kitari the Kat";
- an animated version of "A Race to Save a King", a 2010 book written by a then 9-year-old whose grandmother hailed from Kohala; and
- "Surfing Kohala" by surfer Chris O'Donell.

A 30-minute film will be "An Olympic Journey" by professional filmmaker Dawn Kaniaupi'o, who followed Kohala's Olympian from his birth in Kohala to his race at the Beijing Olympics, where his time made him the fastest 18-year-old in the world.

This film has been shown twice on television, and featured at several film festivals and Kamehameha Schools.

At around 4:00 p.m. a newer version of the film "O Kakou Ka Po'e," or "We the People," will be shown. It is the story of a group of Kohala people struggling to maintain the Kohala lifestyle against corporate giants Castle & Cooke and the Standard Oil Company after the closing of the Kohala Sugar Plantation.

Following "We the People" will be "Kahiau O Kukui", chronicling one woman's dream becoming a reality through hard work and determination to preserve her cultural identity.

After each showing the film producers and participants will be on hand to answer questions from the viewers.

For more information or to submit a film for inclusion in the festival, contact Jeff Coakley at 987-2298.



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- ☞ Office of Hawaiian Affairs awarded the North Kohala Community Reunion a \$6,000 Ahahui Grant.

**See you at the Kohala Community Reunion July 3-6!**

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## Tours and Open House Events Offered During Reunion

By Toni Withington

While most of the activities of Reunion 2015 will take place within Kamehameha Park, many tours and open houses will offer visitors and local residents access to programs around the community. Also being offered is a map that will take those interested on a self-guided drive to see 52 historic locations in Kohala.

The tours start on Friday, July 3, at the Palili 'O Kohala Natural Farm on Ho'ea Road. This farm is rich with native plants cared for by a coop of families. It will be from 2 to 4 p.m. The guide will be David Fuertes.

Tours of Kohala High School will start on Saturday, July 4, from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. Another tour will take place on Sunday, July 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. Tours meet near the school office. Joe Carvalho, Class of '61, is organizing the tours.

Kohala Radio, KNKR 96.1 FM,

our brand new radio station is hosting an open house Saturday, July 4, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The station studio is located behind the new Sunshine Hardware building in Hawi. Bob Martin will show off all the new equipment.

Also on Saturday Nani Svendsen will host a talk story and music at Konea 'O Kukui Garden. History of the garden will be presented at 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Storytelling and music will carry on from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Signs for the park will be posted just beyond the gate to Keokea Park in Niuli'i.

An Obon Service and Bon Dance will be held on Saturday, July 4. This will include a graveyard service at Hongwanji Cemetery at 5 p.m. and Obon service at Kohala Hongwanji in Halaula at 6 p.m. with Bon Dance to follow.

On Sunday, July 5, open houses and tours are planned for three

locations. The Hub, the new community center, will hold an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the old Luke's Place in central Hawi. The North Kohala Community Resource Center will hold an open house from 1 to 4 p.m., also in Hawi. The Kohala Hospital will offer tours of the new and almost-finished facilities every half hour from 2 to 4 p.m. in Kapa'au.

The Self Guided Tour to 52 historic sites in North Kohala can be taken anytime during the reunion by picking up a map with descriptions of the sites at the registration desk in front of the gym. Signs in bright red and yellow for each of the numbered sites will be posted around the district. The sites were chosen for their community spirit and sense of place and represent all the eras of Kohala's rich history. Fred Cachola has spearheaded this project at all four reunions.

## Author to Offer Inspiration for Writing Family Stories at Reunion

By Toni Withington

Reunion is always a time to share family stories and recall childhood pranks. Writing these stories down is a great way to preserve them to share with others. One Kohala-raised well-known author will be returning to help would-be writers get started.

Marie Hara has written and published many stories of her youth, growing up in Kohala with her grandparents. She received a literary award for her book "Bananaheart and Other Stories." A creative writing teacher at University of Hawai'i Manoa, she has had stories of growing up hapa in Hawai'i published in many literary collections and is considered a foremost Asian American writer.

Hara has offered to meet one-on-one at the reunion with adults or children wanting to write the stories of their and their family's lives. The sessions will be offered in the gym in the section representing the post-plantation era on Saturday and Sunday, July 4 and 5.

Hara was raised by her grandparents Toku and Kikuzo Wakayama in Kapa'au while her mother, Mattie Wakayama Murphy, worked on O'ahu during World War II. She remembers her mother's sisters - Helen, Ruth and Yone - as well as uncles Ernest, Jack and Duke Wakayama. The fabric of the family provides the backdrop for many of her stories.

To schedule a session with Marie Hara in advance call Toni Withington at 884-5476, or just come by to meet her in the gym.

## Clear Views at Pololu



Photo courtesy of Lions Club

Kohala Lions Club volunteers trim the overlook at the Polulu Valley Lookout on April 11, 2015.

Left to right, front row: Jesus Solis, Megan Solis, Justin Shontell

Back row: Gerrit Pasco, John Winter, Jon Adams, Dixie Adams, Dave Eichner, Jeff Alexander, Tom Morse

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Sport	Ages	Registrations	Playing Season
Biddy Basketball	5-8	2nd week Aug	Sep to mid-Oct
Volleyball	9-14	4th week Aug	Mid-Sep to end Oct
Girls Softball	9-14	3rd week Oct	Nov to 3rd week Dec
Boys Basketball	9-14	1st week Dec	Mid-Jan to mid-March
T-ball	5-6	1st week Dec	Mid-Jan to mid-March
Pitch-ball	7-8	1st week Dec	Mid-Jan to mid-March
Girls Basketball	9-14	4th week Feb	Apr to late May
Flag Football	5-14	2nd week April	May and June

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## Aquaculture Program Has an Active Summer Planned

The Kohala High School (KHS) Aquaculture Summer Program will meet on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. throughout the summer. They will be holding work parties, potlucks, sales of fresh-water tank-raised tilapia, on-site lectures of best practices in the art of aquaculture and hands-on potting and planting of veggies in the aquaponic systems.

The community is invited to join the fun and check out the new backyard aquaponic system showcasing the paradigm shift in aquaponic pumps: the airlift.

The airlift design replaces electric submersible pumps for moving and aerating water in recirculating aquaculture systems. The AquaZen Airlift used by KHS was invented by Glen Martinez of Olomana Gardens in Wailuku and Dr. Benny Ron of University of Hawai'i at Manoa. The backyard pump draws 40 watts and can be run by one solar photovoltaic panel.

For more information call or e-mail Program Director Frank Cipriani at (808) 333-8026 or frankpalanicipriani@gmail.com.

## Kaelen Figueroa's Senior Project

Kaelen Figueroa loves basketball. When deciding what to do for his mandatory Senior Project he figured, "Why not do it on something fun?" His solution: a basketball tournament.

On March 7 Figueroa gathered 14 teams from across the island to give it their all on the courts. Seven teams in each of the 9-10 year old and 11-12 year old brackets competed against each other. Club teams as well as those from Parks and Recreation participated.

His own Kohala High School basketball teammates helped out as referees, scorekeepers and clean-up crew for the event. His parents, owners of Fig's Mix Plate, provided concession food.

Figueroa started the tournament with a 15 minute speech to instill positive values in the impres-

sionable youngsters. Although he admonished them to stay away from drugs, alcohol, and the temptation to cheat, the bigger lessons were about success. Dedication and hard work, not short-cuts, are the only way. Although it's good to feel like a winner in Hawai'i, stiff competition from bigger schools and clubs will humble you.

Figueroa is grateful for everyone who supports him. As a gesture of his gratitude, he donated all the proceeds from the event to the Kohala High School basketball program. He wants to share his love of the game with those who will follow.



Photo by Maureen Garry

Traci (left) and son Kaelen (right) Figueroa at the family restaurant, Fig's Mix Plate. Kaelen organized a basketball tournament for his high school senior project with concessions from Fig's.



Photo by Traci Figueroa

Senior Kaelen Figueroa gives a motivational talk to the teams assembled at the tournament he organized for his senior project.

Figueroa played for Kohala High School and donated the tournament proceeds to the school's basketball program.

### Excerpts from KHS Valedictorian Speeches

...#1: Every single situation you experience is what you make of it. Whether you're gonna look at a situation in the most positive light or not, it's ultimately your decision.

...#2: Success walks hand in hand with failure. With every good thing you encounter in life comes the bad. Its life's way of teaching you balance.

...#3: Sticking to your personal values will attract people who will enhance those values and remove those who cannot respect them.

...#4: Personal pride and self respect are the most important elements in this life -with them you can never fail and without them, life itself is a failure.

...And lastly, #5: As humans we are continually evolving. Whether it's physically or mentally, there are many things about us that will change over time. We are a work in progress..."

-Genevieve Boyle

"...be fearless. There are going to be opportunities ahead to take chances so you know what? Take them. Be bold as you move forward in life and don't be afraid to try new things. Go on an adventure somewhere besides Hawai'i, make a difference with something you care about ...

...choose greatness. I believe all of you are destined for amazing things so don't be happy with average. Excel to the best of your abilities and beyond. I know you all can.

...find something you love, and do it. I want you to be happy in your future endeavors. Life is short, so make the way you are spending it worthwhile. Make sure you can show to up work with a smile on your face and know that you are doing exactly what you are meant to do.

...have faith. Things aren't always going to be easy, that's an absolute guarantee. If we thought high school was hard, I have a feeling we are in for a rude awakening. Despite this, you must push forward and believe that everything will work out for the better. Keep your hope alive always. ...make your own choices. Don't live your life for anyone else. Move forward after this graduation day and take ownership of your actions..."

-Kassie Kometani

"...There is one last thing I want to tell the Class of 2015. Make a wish and place it in your heart. Anything you want. Everything you want... Do you have it? Good. Now believe it can come true. You never know where the next miracle's gonna come from -the next memory, the next smile, the next wish come true. But if you believe that it's right around the corner and you open your heart and mind to the possibility of it, to the certainty of it, you might just get the thing you're wishing for. The world is full of magic. You just have to believe in it... Congratulations Class of 2015; we sure did it!"

-Isabel Steinhoff

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## N.S.P. Travels to Las Vegas

Story and photos by Nohea Lee

There is nothing like basketball in Kohala. Rooted here in this community with much pride, N.S.P. (No Sense Play) started as a bunch of Kohala High School kids hanging together and playing the game

and state of Hawai'i, leaving their footprints, claiming championships and making everlasting memories. Today, 26 years later, they are still holding on and trying to competitively compete in their later years, while mentoring our youth. They

tion, began nearly five years ago when the team's boys (Moses Emeliano, Molonai Emeliano, Oshen Cazimero, La'akea Kauka and Koby Agbayani) were born ready to play. Like their fathers, these boys traveled island wide claiming titles. Through their dedicated and inspired example, N.S.P has grown to a total of nearly 60 youth, ages 4-14 years old.

This summer, Coach Kauka will be taking his 10U team to Las Vegas to compete in two tournaments. They have been fundraising over the past year for this extraordinary opportunity. His team consists of Easton Hoshida, Ke'ale Valenzuela-Conte, Tamatasi Sauta, Trever Figueroa, Skyler Carvalho, Daniel Remsen, Isaiah Castillo, Hezekiah Wilson, Kayzen Itter, Landon Kauka, Ryzen Bautista-Cazimero, Leyton Neves and Layden Kauka. Though only eight of them will be traveling, they all continue to work hard and work together for the next opportunity.

They are currently coordinating the Kohala Co-Ed Volleyball League which plays Tuesday nights at Hisaoka Gym. The league is competitive, with a total of six teams. Playoff games will be held Tuesday, June 23. The championship game will be held on Tuesday, July 7, immediately following the 3rd place game, which begins at 6:30 p.m.

N.S.P. will also manage the upcoming Kohala Men's Basketball Summer League. The league will be held on Monday and Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. It is proposed to begin in early June and end by August 5.

N.S.P is dedicated to educating our youth through basketball by teaching them courage and discipline, encouraging their ambition to grow and become respectable young individuals, and embracing their talent in whatever they choose. They represent their 'ohana, the community, each other and themselves. They are the future of Kohala. Please come out and support our youth or cheer for your 'ohana or Kohala Alumni.

ONE TEAM, ONE FAMILY, ONE MISSION. N.S.P. BASKETBALL.

## Flag Day at Kohala Elementary

Flag Day is on June 14, the anniversary of the day when the US flag was adopted in 1777.

The Kohala Lions Club annually gifts each third grader at Kohala Elementary School a flag of the United States and a booklet explaining its history and meaning.

In addition, Club member Tom Morse presents a history honoring our flag. It includes the coming from Europe to America, the reason for the 50 stars and 13 stripes, and what each color represents. The presentation is followed by an open discussion so students can ask questions.



Photo by Rose Mae Watterson  
Flag Day 2015



HI-PAL Tournament at Pana'ewa, 1st Place

Kohala's 2015 N.S.P. basketball team. L to R: Layden Kauka, Landon Kauka, Ryzen Bautista-Cazimero, Hezekiah Wilson, Skyler Carvalho, Daniel Remsen, Kayzen Itter, Keale Valenzuela-Conte, Easton Hoshida. Missing: Trever Figueroa, Tamatasi Sauta, Isaiah Castillo, Leyton Neves

they love. It didn't matter who they were up against, they made sure their opponents knew who they were by the end of the game. N.S.P is a true example of TEAM and 'OHANA, with so much passion for basketball. For many years, they traveled all over the island

continue with the same passion and drive, from the sideline as a father and/or coach.

Mahalo to the N.S.P forefathers, Lawrence Kauka, Kalei Emeliano, Keone Emeliano, Kihei Kapeliela and Reeve Cazimero – the legacy continues. N.S.P, the next genera-



Kona Men's League 2015, 2nd Place

Front Row (left to right) Kihei Kapeliela, Reeve Cazimero, Kevin Yamasaki, Kalei Emeliano, Lawrence Kauka  
Back Row (left to right) Nick Lorenzo, Eric Ramos, Leo Agbayani, Paul Antonio III, Sam Carvalho Jr.

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### 4-H Returns to Kohala

Story and photos by Beth Robinson

Na Lima a me na Pu'uwai o Kohala, "Hands and Heart of Kohala", is the name chosen by the members for Kohala's new 4-H Club. There are already 17 paid members, according to organizer and President Shay Van Zandt.

Van Zandt had started the Kohala Ride Wild club to provide interested keiki the benefits of being with horses, and people kept asking if there was a 4-H club in Kohala. She herself was in 4-H as a child and liked the principles and structure. Van Zandt and her co-leaders went through the process of applying to the UH Hilo's Cooperative Extension Service to become an official 4-H Club.

Over 6 million young people across the country belong to 4-H clubs, learning life skills and leadership development through projects and a variety of curricula. The 4 "H's" are head, heart, hands and health. Van Zandt adds "a 4-H Club supports us in keeping Kohala



Members and leaders of Na Lima A Me Na Pu'uwai O Kohala. Left to right: Tammy Elarco, Renee Perez, Shay Van Zandt, Ashly Pang, Tayvon Santiago, Alex Canin, Kapanai'a Reynolds, Naomi Brooke, Shanti Scarpetta-Lee, Tomaya Kihe Merke, Melody Nicholson, Keeshon Santiago, Tyler Van Zandt, Kaialuna Scarpetta-Lee, Trinity Winter, Pukaua Cabulizan-Aros, Ocen Van Zandt, Maya Maki, Sydney Wiernicki, Victoria Brooke



4-H kids learning to groom and tack up horses

in 1972 with the Kohala 4-H Beef Steer Club, which over six years grew to be the largest club on the Island. Members raised steers and took them to competition at both the County and State levels, according to Bill Wong, whose father was the club leader.

In the late 80's Fern White started Na Opio e Paniolo O Kohala, the 4-H Club today's leader Shay joined as a young person.

Membership in 4-H is open to keiki ages 9-19. Kohala members voted on dues of \$25/year for one; \$20/year for two members from the same family; \$15/year for three or more from the same family. Applications can be obtained from any leader. In addition to Van Zandt, leaders include Renee Perez, Ashly Pang and Tammy Elarco. They would welcome additional leaders to expand the program offerings.

country."

Although it grew out of a horse club, the idea was always to add other projects. The Club just received the donation of a cow from Kyle Soares of KB Cattle Company to start livestock education, which builds on Kohala's 4-H tradition.

The history of 4-H in Kohala began

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