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## Kamehameha Park Field to Be Named "Shiro Takata Field"

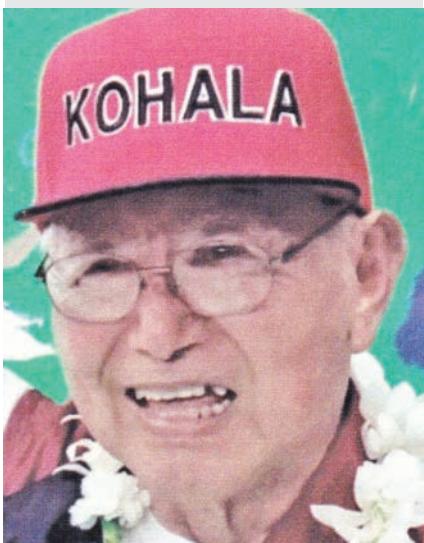


Photo courtesy of the Takata family  
Shiro Takata

On August 16, the Hawai'i County Council voted in favor of naming the mauka baseball/football field after Kohala resident Shiro Takata, in recognition of his life-long support of the community. A dozen residents spoke in his behalf at the Council meeting via teleconference from the old courthouse in Kapa'au. The bill, proposed by Councilman Tim Richards, passed unanimously.

## Kohala High Gym Out of Commission

Hawai'i State Department of Education (DOE) Administrative Services Assistant Carol Yurth confirms the Kohala High School (KHS) gymnasium, Building K, is structurally unstable and is not to be used until repaired.

The DOE is working on a strategy to provide additional support to the building and hopes to have the plan for repairs in place by December.

Nagamine Okawa Engineers, Inc. conducted studies, which were part of a statewide structural assessment program for gymnasiums and play courts, in the second semester of last school year. The studies found the ceiling had been weakened from multiple issues, including termite damage. At present, the DOE

## Former and Present Senior Lifeguards to Be Honored

Story by Lani Eugenio

This year marks 100 years of lifeguards in Hawaii. In May, 1917, the first lifeguards on Oahu were hired by the Territory of Hawaii. On September 16 at 9:30 am, the Kohala Pool will host a Novice Swim meet comprised of swimmers from the nine County pools throughout the island. Approximately 250 swimmers from ages 6-17 will be competing in fly, back, breast and freestyle strokes. During the intermission break, the former and present senior lifeguards of the Kohala Pool will be honored.

The Kohala pool was built in 1973 and in its entire history has had only four senior lifeguards.

Andy Oshita was the senior guard for five months until Alphonso Mitchell came on board. Alfonso managed the pool for about 10 years, then Ben Fisher took Alfonso's position for 24 years.

Jeffrey Coakley became the senior lifeguard, after working as a weekend guard, until triathlete Ben left to become a beach lifeguard (where he is still working). All those who were former weekend and summer lifeguards at the Kohala Pool are welcome to celebrate and be recognized.

In the pool's 44-year history, the Kohala County Lifeguards have taught thousands of North and South Kohala youths to swim. The early swimmers in the 1970s (many of whom are now

grandparents) remember traveling on the bus for Novice swim meets throughout the island with Alfonso Mitchell. The County "Learn to Swim" program has produced outstanding swimmers

started his swim lessons in the Parent-Child Swim class with Ben Fisher. Just after his third birthday, he swam across the pool so he could jump off the diving board. Pool patrons cheered him



Photo by Lani Eugenio  
Andy Oshita served as the first senior lifeguard at the Kohala pool, while Alfonso Mitchell awaited certification. Oshita went on to head the Kohala Parks and Recreation Division.

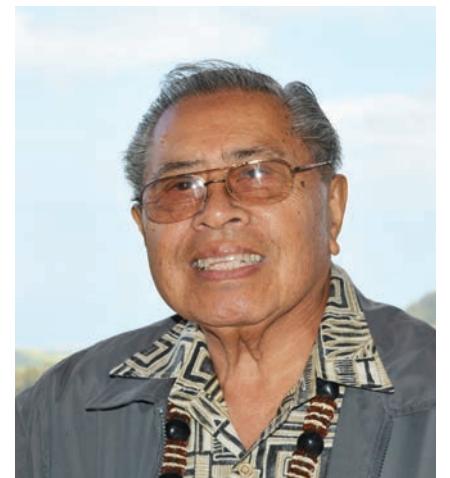


Photo by Lani Eugenio  
Alfonso Mitchell managed the Kohala pool for 10 years, setting up and implementing the first Learn to Swim program in Kohala.

who moved up to USA Swim teams and beyond.

One such swimmer is now immortalized with a mural at the pool, created by Kathy Morgan and her students. The little boy

on and Ben presented him with a kick board, indicating that he could also use any pool equipment. He competed in the Novice Swim meets, placing last because

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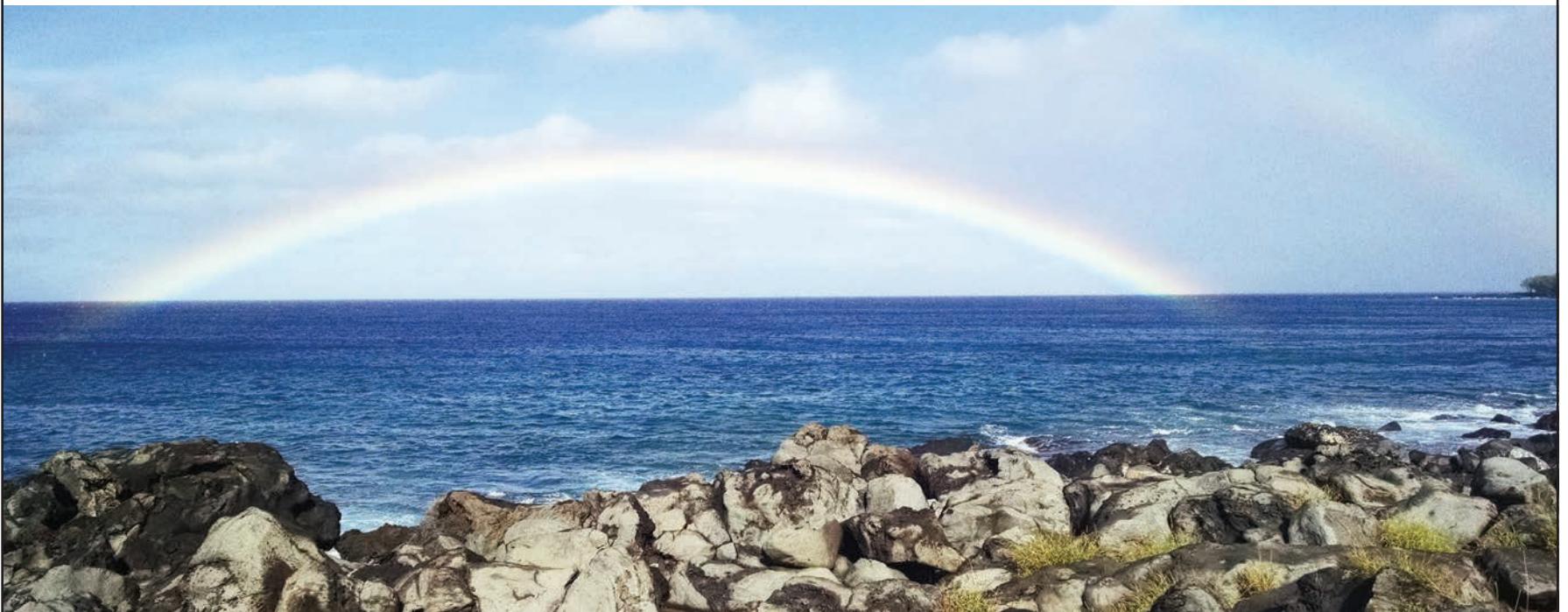
Kaialuna Lee pulls Coach Jeff on the rescue tube as he teaches the County Novice swim team lifeguard rescue skills.

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### Community Photo Kapa`a Park Rainbow



By Tom Morse

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he would rather play than learn the strokes. Weekend lifeguard Bill Haena taught the seven-year-old boy to straighten his body and swim properly, and soon Daniel began to win races. Bill and a group of parents formed the Naia USA swim team in 1997.

When Bill moved to Konawaena Pool, Jeffrey Coakley took over coaching his then-nine-year-old son and helped him break swim records throughout his youth.

Daniel Coakley was the record-holder "Sprint King" in the Southeast Asian Games and his time at the 2008 Beijing Olympics made him one of the fastest 18-year-olds in the world.

A documentary of his journey to the Olympics was viewed on a local TV station multiple times, and shown in film festivals. Daniel is a true product of the Kohala pool and the result of its County swim programs.

Later this year, Coach Jeff will be retiring from his work at the

pool. In his 10 years as Senior Lifeguard, he not only conducted the Learn to Swim program, but he taught hundreds of youths in his



Photo by Anianiku Chong  
Ben Fisher, now 59 years young, was Kohala pool's senior lifeguard for 24 years before moving to be a beach guard at Hapuna Beach.

Junior Frogman and Spear Fishing programs, scores of students in the school swim classes and multitudes of teens and adults in Lifesaving and CPR certification.

Under Laurie Koustik, Kohala High School's (KHS) athletic director, Jeff became the school's swim coach. His first and only



Photo by Lani Eugenio  
Jeffrey Coakley, one of the oldest lifeguards in Hawaii, will retire as a senior lifeguard this year.

swimmer was a foreign exchange student, then he coached his two sons and their friends, and accepted several special-needs students on the team. In the past

few years, the swimmers have gone on to careers that tested their swim skills, and they passed with flying colors. In 2015, the small but mighty KHS swim team captured the Big Island Interscholastic Federation (BIIF) 200 Freestyle relay championship, beating out perennial champion Hawai'i Preparatory Academy for the title.

Coakley said, "In my years at the pool, I have seen children and adults gain confidence when they learn to swim. Swimmers in our County programs have found gainful employment, received college scholarships, found joy in water sports and have saved lives. I watched the women do their water aerobics, people strengthen their muscles with hydrotherapy, sprinters race and floaters relax. I will surely miss being at the pool on a daily basis with the many friendly patrons. Mahalo to all."

Considering all the "Thank-you" cards Coach Jeff receives from children and adults, looks like he will also be missed.



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# Agricultural Water Study Begins in Earnest

Story and photo by Toni Withington

Big guns from State agencies converged on Kohala to kick off the community survey part of a year-long study of water resources and agricultural water needs of the district. With a lot of work and cooperation, Kohala could end up with an agricultural water system independent of the drinking water system, said water consultant John Richards.

His talk to an audience of 60 Kohala residents on August 16 was backed up by an array of top State executives who are carefully watching the possible transition of an aging irrigation system for a sugar plantation to a broader plan for current forms of farming. Senator Lorraine Inouye, who arranged for the \$1.5 million to do the study, said that the State wants to "take a bigger picture of the whole Kohala water system."

If the study shows promise it could be the type of model Governor David Ige is looking for state-wide, said Bob Matsuda, first deputy of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

(DLNR). Also present at the meeting were Jeffrey Pearson, chief executive director of the Commission on Water Resource Management; Scott Enright, head of the Department of Agriculture

develop water resources the way you want to in this district."

Previous water studies of Kohala, and there have been many, have all been based on a one-crop large scale agriculture model that

needed. It will also involve the regulatory and organizational issues involved in a system of ownership and management, he said.

While recommendations and legal foundations will be provided, personal and business decisions will be made by owners and operators in the community. "The goal is a mutually beneficial collaboration," Richards added.

He praised Bill Shontell of Surety Kohala for keeping the antiquated Kohala Ditch system going for so long. He showed maps and charts to prove there is a lot of water available for a system, but indicated the demand for water may not be enough to justify the cost and problems of transmission for a large system.

The consultants, Waimea Water Services and One World One Water, will be working with the Department of Agriculture and Hawaii County to determine current and future water needs. But the main reason for the meeting was to begin a survey of the community farmers



Kicking off the community survey portion of the North Kohala Agricultural Water Study were participants (left to right) Water Consultants John Richards and David Barnes, Communications Consultant Christin Reynolds, Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chief Executive Officer of the Commission on Water Resource Management Jeffrey Pearson, Department of Agriculture head Scott Enright, County Councilmember Tim Richards, First Deputy of the Department of Land and Natural Resources Bob Matsuda, Chief Engineer for DLNR Carty Chang and Engineering Project Manager Brandon Kim.

(DOA), and Carty Chang, chief engineer for the DLNR.

"Community modeling from the ground up is what could make a project like this take off," Matsuda said. Enright said the DOA is using climate change modeling to survey water resources. "We will

doesn't fit today, Richards said in his presentation. "There have been major changes in land and water use priorities in the last 25 years that need to be addressed."

The study will go beyond identifying the resources, the demand and transmission requirements

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and water users. "The big question now is: What would the community like studied?" Richards said.

Christin Reynolds of One World One Water handed out a two-page survey asking questions about current farming practices and water sources – about the quantity, quality and cost of the water being used. Other questions asked to anticipate water needs over the next five years.

One question asks: "Given the history of the region, what culturally appropriate plan of action for the future supply of agricultural water in North Kohala would you suggest?"

The survey can be filled online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L9R969T>. To request a written copy, write to [admin@one-worldonewater.org](mailto:admin@one-worldonewater.org) or One World One Water, 677 Ala Moana Blvd, Suite 1100, Honolulu HI 96813.

The Parks, Water, Roads Subcommittee of the North Kohala Community Development Plan (NKCDP) Action Committee created a Kohala Water Report in 2014 and started holding community meetings about the possibility of an agricultural water system last fall. An improved agricultural water source is a recommendation of the NKCDP. To get further information about the local effort or to join the email network for the ag water system write to [imuakohala@gmail.com](mailto:imuakohala@gmail.com).

# The Heart of Kohala – Holding a Cultural Calabash

By Marcy Montgomery

The Arts are an enriching gift in North Kohala. Across the generations, dance, music, visual and performing art are joined by writ-

bash', an ipu gathering together and focusing North Kohala's arts to help celebrate, strengthen and grow both the creation and the experience of the arts. The proj-

arts. The project hosted its first community listening circle on August 5, with 19 people attending, for a test run of fun ways to



Hula Halau O Mana'olana O Kohala

Courtesy of Keith Wallis



Pua Kala glass mosaic in Puakea

Courtesy of Calley O'Neill

ers, poets, storytellers, lei makers, fiber and leather artisans, wood workers, and traditional folk artists in a rich interweaving of cultural arts. The Arts are an integrated part of many lives, emerging from personal expressions that celebrate the joy of living in Kohala.

The Heart of Kohala is a new local Cultural Planning project that serves as a 'community cala-

ect is actively engaging artists and community groups over the coming months to listen, collect and share individual and community-wide ideas about the arts. How can our community help the arts thrive and grow? How can we create more access to the arts? What do our artists need to help them enrich our community? How can we each engage more with the arts to learn about and appreciate the many different cultures that call Kohala home?

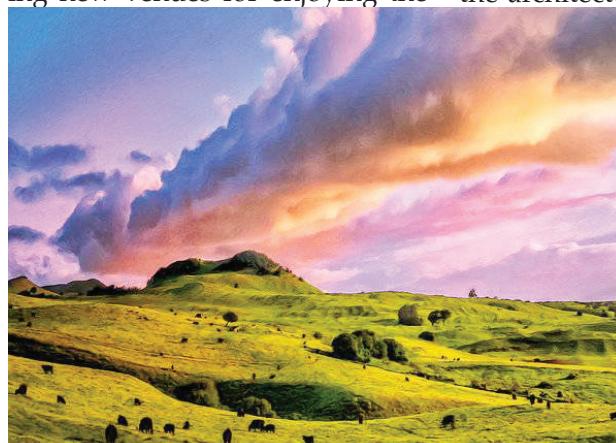
"We need to honor our kupuna who carry such great cultural knowledge and skills, and increase access to the arts for all ages" proposes Malia Welch, a local artist and photographer born and raised in Kohala. "Let's create a cultural district in Kapa'au, uniting the Bond Library, Bank Building and Civic Center as a living arts center" suggests Cathy Morgan, active printmaker and innovative arts educator. Welch and Morgan, co-founders of the Kohala Artists Cooperative, are among the individuals and groups collaborating with the Heart of Kohala to help launch a two-year Cultural Arts Planning program. The goal is to help Kohala strengthen its self-identity as an arts community and assist in designing and developing new venues for enjoying the

encourage participants to share ideas about the past, present and future of the arts in Kohala. Convened at the Algood Barn, writers, visual artists, dancers, performers and musicians offered their input to help shape the ways this cultural planning project could best engage the wider community in thinking about and planning for the future of the Arts in Kohala.

The afternoon's rich, lively, generative conversations yielded many excellent suggestions: "We can expand the 'Old School' woodwork shop to include metal work, and build a model tiny house" urges Hap Tallman, a local woodworker and assemblage artist who has opened a studio offering education programs for all ages in Kapa'au. "A writers' retreat in Kohala" is a vision of author Eila Algood. "Let's beautify our villages by adding living flowers and artistic signage," suggests Alvita Soleil, artist and healing arts doctor. Others commented "I'd like to join a community choir for the joy of singing with others." "We need to renovate the pavilion at Mahukona." "We need a large dance floor open to the public." "What about building the annex at the library that is already in the architectural designs?" "How

great it would be to have an outdoor amphitheater for music and performances." "We need to provide the youth with arts mentoring and hands-on learning."

All members of the community are urged to voice their opinions at the upcoming listening and envisioning circle (see sidebar page 5).



North Kohala Ranch at Sunset painting

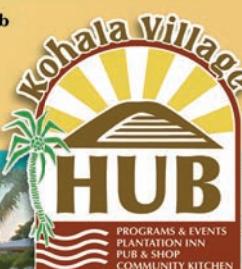
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Letters

Group Wants Community Input on Mahukona

Aloha Kohala `Ohana and Community,  
I got involved with the Mahukona Bay community meeting to understand, and to make sure all that we know Mahukona to be remains intact, or improved – to “Keep Kohala, Kohala,” as we say and feel strongly about. This meeting is not to take away our rights, but to make sure all decisions made will be what is right for all of us, and what we see is right to do, especially the `ohana who have been living here and embracing Mahukona Bay for generations.

Mahukona has been a great provider and healing place for all of us before the plantation era and is now, again. She endured so much during the plantation era, but now since the plantation has been closed down, she is healing. We as her people should now give back to malama (reaching out with care) for her by picking up the kuleana (responsible inner spiritual desire) to make it all right again. This is my mana’o of why I make the time to plan for her.

There is, and should be, no hidden agenda. We are constantly making the kahea (call out) to her people to come and help us plan, as you can see

what our mission plan is. It is understood that meetings are not always easy to come to. In my opinion, if I had a family willing to participate, we could kokua and take turns coming to represent the family, choosing one, or more than one, to come and plan on the family’s behalf. I am thankful that our kokuas (helpers) of our community willingly come to offer their thoughts and help — they appreciate her, too.

Another effort coming out soon to the community is a survey to get your thoughts, or mana’o, on Mahukona. Please use this link to fill out the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S3SSTTR>.

We will be in the public to provide for you to share your thoughts with us on pepa (paper), because we value your input. There will also be a box at Takata’s for you to drop off your survey.

Our Mission Statement:

To preserve and perpetuate the pristine water and ocean life of Mahukona Bay as a living cultural classroom and family gathering place for the Kohala community, now and forever.

Mahalo nui,  
Gale Ku’ulei Perez

Back to School Bash Successful

Dear Editor:

An estimated 500 parents and youth attended the Back to School Bash held at the Kohala Village HUB Barn on Saturday, July 29, where over 250 sets of school supplies were distributed to students of all ages. Sponsored by AlohaCare and supported by the Kohala Village HUB and other health agencies, the event featured educational booths as well as entertainment. Everyone also received a free beef hot dog and pineapple dream smoothie, courtesy of the HUB.

Mahalo to staff members from many organizations who spent the day sharing with the community. Booths were from Tutu and Me, Blue Zones Project, our community credit union, the Girl

Scouts, Social Security, Ho’ōla Honey and more. Entertainment included both keiki and kupuna who dance with Kumu Kauai Nakamura, the youngsters who dance hula with Hope Keawe, Capoeira participants who train with Mario Hill and those who do the Beach Body Workout with Jensen Valensuela.

We consider it a big success because a lot of supplies and information were shared with the community. All the volunteers who helped are truly appreciated, including the seniors from the RSVP program who handed out supplies all day. Our students are better set to start the school year.

‘Ekela Kahuanui  
Program and Events Coordinator  
Kohala Village HUB

Invitation

All community members interested in the arts are invited to participate in a listening and envisioning circle being convened

September - December. The opening Cultural Arts Reception will be Monday, October 2, at the North Kohala Public Library.

To join the invitation list, please email [hawaii@oneisland.org](mailto:hawaii@oneisland.org) or call 328-2452.

Artists in all mediums and arts supporters are encouraged to get involved in the Heart of Kohala. Enjoy the Kohala Arts Story videos and learn more at [www.oneisland.org/hawaii/heartofkohala](http://www.oneisland.org/hawaii/heartofkohala)

Talk Story at Library Highlights Hawaiian History

North Kohala Public Library in Kapa`au will present a series of three “talk story” sessions on Hawai`i’s History with North Kohala historian, Boyd D. Bond, in September, October and November.

The first session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 18, will focus on “William Charles Lunalilo and his one year reign.”

In the second presentation on Monday, October 23, Bond will present various theories on “The Origins of the Hawaiian People.”

For the final program on Monday, November 20, Bond will discuss “Food and Agriculture in the islands.”

Each hour-long presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Boyd Bond’s knowledge of Hawai`i’s history stems from his academic studies and from a lifetime spent in Hawai`i as a 6th generation descendant of early western settlers in Hawai`i.

Boyd was raised in Hawai`i in a sugar plantation family, living on plantations throughout the state. Of his interest in Hawaiian history, Bond says, “I can’t ever remember a time when I wasn’t immersed in it. Many of the stories of Hawai`i’s history are also our family stories.” Bond earned a BA in Hawaiian history from the University of Hawai`i at Manoa and went on to earn a masters degree in education.

Call the North Kohala Public Library at 889-6655 for more information. Program schedule is subject to change. Contact the library 15 days in advance if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is required.

Correction

Mahalo to the Kupuna in our Puerto Rican community for sharing that the date the Puerto Ricans came to North Kohala was not 1908, as published last month in the story about the Kachi Kachi music concert. From what I was told (and researched) the first Puerto Rican workers came here in 1901. I apologize for not checking the date beforehand.

Randee Golden  
Writer for Kohala Village HUB

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## AlohaCare and Hamakua-Kohala Health's Back to School Wellness Bash a Blast!

By Lynn Fraher

On July 29, over 425 people came to visit the Back to School Wellness Bash put on by Hamakua-Kohala Health, in partnership with AlohaCare. Thank you to all the volunteers who came together and made the Bash a terrific success. Focusing on fun, food and health, it was a great day!

A million thanks to AlohaCare, especially. Founded by community health centers, nonprofit AlohaCare is committed to improving the health of Hawai'i's communities and gives back in many ways, this time through a generous financial support grant. The money AlohaCare provided Hamakua-Kohala Health allowed us to purchase and provide 220 bags of school supplies to local families!

Thank you to the Dorrance Family Foundation and Kohala Village HUB for the use of their location. Together, we all reached their mission, "Inspired by traditional Hawaiian values of honoring the well-being of all generations and working together responsibly to create a healthy, happy community and environment."

Following that theme, the Food Basket of Hawai'i was able to distribute 96 bags of food! Guests also learned about One Island Sustainable Living's Same Canoe project, which focuses on increasing the number of Hawai'i Island households purchasing locally grown food as a vehicle for improving local health and growing farm and ranch income.

Interested in the Paleo diet? Contact Holoholo Paleo about their delivery services. Like honey? Contact Ho'ola for more on the healing properties of raw honey.

Officer Kauahikaua of the Hawai'i Police Department was on-hand to make keiki IDs and the Kohala Hawai'i Community Federal Credit Union showed us about financial wellness for keiki, including deposit days, youth savings accounts and the student credit union. Tutu & Me was there to discuss their Home Visiting Program. Blue Zones Project - Big Island brought their blender bike out and this time used it for keiki to make spin art! How cool! Thank you all for looking out for our keiki.

We had plenty of information booths, too. Many stopped by to discuss insurance with AlohaCare and Aloha Insurance Services and the Hawai'i Island HIV/AIDS Foundation talked about their Big Island Kokua Services and assistance with health insurance enrollment.

Kona Veteran's Affairs explained VA healthcare and other benefits for veterans, spouses and child dependents, and the Senior Medicare Patrol provided education and information on healthcare fraud scams and prevention.

Care Coordinator Wendi Sanchez at Hamakua-Kohala Health's booth talked about our new, Pre-

vent T2 pre-diabetes program (new classes beginning soon, call 889-0107 to sign-up), as well as other issues like Family Planning and our Tobacco Cessation program with FREE gum and patches. (You do NOT have to be a patient of Hamakua-Kohala Health to participate in the Tobacco Cessation program. Call 937-9979 to sign up.)

Aloha Natural Health conducted blood pressure and other health checks, as did the Department of Health Nursing who provided tuberculosis and other testing. Body Pro Physical Therapy went even further and provided interactive physical agility tests. It was nice to be able to come out and get some quick health assessments.

Hui Malama Ola Na Oiwī from the Native Hawaiian Health Care System had their own tent, and we had lots of fun with Wheel of Fitness and trying to Jump Your Height.

We had fabulous entertainment. Mario Hill from Capoeira Água de Beber - UCA - Hawai'i dazzled us with Capoeira. Team Beach Body Coach Jentzen Valenzuela and Team Lanakila reminded us that health and fitness support such as classes, workout programs and personal coaching are available.

Thank you Kumu Kau'i Nakamura, Hula Halau Kalaniumi A Liloa and Nā Kupuna 'O Kohala and Kumu Hope Keawe and Hula Halau 'O Mana'olana 'O Kohala for performing such enchanting dances.

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## Back to School Bash

Photos by Ginger Gohier



Students of Kumu Kau'i Nakamura entertain the crowd.



Kai Hudgins is sharing a bee hive with some of the new Pollinator Protectors.

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Summer Camp participants made signs to protect the bees from chemicals and to promote the idea of aloha 'āina.



A young girl makes a new friend...



Demonstration of Capoeira, a Brazilian martial art that combines elements of dance, acrobatics and music.

## Kohala Wild Ride Club Accepts Donation

On behalf of Big Island WRE Foundation, John Kennedy of Windermere C and H Properties in Kona presented the Kohala Ride Wild Club (KRWC) with a donation of \$1,000. On hand to accept the check were KRWC organizers Shay Van Zandt and Renee Perez, along with a handful of club members and Megan

Solis, Associate Director of North Kohala Community Resource Center, fiscal sponsor for the club. KRWC teaches horsemanship and horse care to children and youth in North Kohala. It has a "Ponie Club" for young riders, as well as an active 4-H Club, and rescues neglected horses and other animals.



Photo courtesy of John Kennedy

## Writers to Read Original Works at Library

The Hawai'i Writers Guild is proud to present talented, local writers reading their works and answering questions from the audience

**on September 25  
at the North Kohala Public Library.  
The doors open at 6 p.m.**

Attendees are urged to arrive early. "There's tremendous talent in our community, which I have experienced in the two North Kohala writer's groups I facilitate – one at the library and one at my home," says Eila Algood, Hawi-based poet and emcee of the event. "With the recent creation of the Hawai'i Writer's Guild, I'm meeting many more skilled writers. We'll hear poetry, short stories and excerpts from novels from published and unpublished authors. It'll be a fun and interesting evening."

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## County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilmember Tim Richards

Aloha Everyone,  
I wanted to give you all a brief update of some happenings in our county.

### SHOOTING RANGE:

Two weeks ago the County Council passed a resolution of committee to support putting together a group to build a shooting range for our community. Councilwoman Sue Leelay and I co-sponsored this resolution, as its intent is to establish a working group that will engage all the different players that it will take to get this done. This is only the first step. There is a growing trend for competitive shooting sports, not only as a family past-time, but also in our high schools, high school rodeo and 4-H. A facility like this is all about safety – to supply a safe and legal location for people to learn safety and enjoy the sport.

### ROADS IN LIMBO:

“Road in limbo” is a designation given to a road that neither the county nor the state claims responsibility for. Despite efforts to resolve this at a state level, these still exist. Its further complication is roads that are not claimed by the state or the county and have never been designated as a road in limbo. Union Mill Road appears to be one of these, as well as the roads in Hala’ula. The County Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Frank De Marco came out to Kohala to have a quick look. I am working with DPW to get the designation resolved so we can look towards getting maintenance done on those roads. Stay tuned!

### WASTE WATER MATTERS:

There has been a lot of news and conversation as of late concerning our sewage and wastewater management for our county. This is especially concerning along our coastal communities. The

newer resorts and development have their sewage and wastewater needs met with privately run and managed facilities. However, our older communities that have grown are where many of our pressing challenges lie. Puāko is one example. Another is portions of Ali’i Drive. In the early days, with fewer homes, the effect of cesspools was minimal. As these and all communities have grown the sheer volume has increased, thereby increasing the impact. Moving away from cesspools to septic systems is a step, but ultimately these communities are best served by sewage treatment plants. Upcountry communities would eventually benefit from this as well, but the pressing needs are first in the coastal zones. The challenge is how to fund these. One estimate I have seen for Puāko is in excess of \$14 million. Undoubtedly, the answers will be found in collaborative efforts between local, state and possibly federal programs with some sort of public-private partnership.

The population on the Big Island has tripled in the last 50 years and these problems we face will need to be dealt with methodically as we go forward.

### FLOOD ZONE:

Recently County Council approved a bill that aligns our ordinances with the federal standards. This also means we adopted new flood zone inundation maps that show greater acreage designated as being in a flood zone than previously. Houses not previously considered in flood zones may now actually be. As a county, if we had not adopted these standards, we would not then qualify for FEMA aid in time of an emergency. If you are in a newly designated flood zone and have a mortgage, your lender will require you to have flood insurance. There are some

programs that can greatly reduce the cost if acted upon now. These maps are available for public review. Please contact the Department of Public Works at <http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/public-works/> for more information.

### OTHER INFORMATION:

The First Waimea Emergency Preparedness Fair will be held on August 19 at the Kuhio Hale from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Be sure to attend, as there will be vendors, demos, workshops and refreshments to encourage us all to “be smart, take part and prepare.” Worldwide Voyage Exhibit at Isaacs Art Center in Waimea presents the navigational story of the Hōkūle’a’s Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage, told through photographs, cultural items and art inspired by the voyage. The exhibit will be open to the public from August 12 to September 30.

We have a new office location! The County Council District 9 office is now located in the Parker Square complex in Waimea, Suite 109. Most of the moving pains are behind us now, though we are still encountering a few technological glitches with the phones and Internet service. Very shortly, the Waimea office will be set up and running for public testimony during council meetings. The County Clerk’s office is working steadily to resolve the problems and get our public testimony station online shortly. We look forward to servicing you better out of our new location!

As always, it is a great privilege to serve as your Councilman, and I look forward to continuing my work for you.

Aloha!  
Tim Richards  
Councilmember  
Hawai’i County Council District 9.

## Cesspool Changeover Required by New Law

By Toni Withington

All homes and businesses using cesspools will have to convert to a waste water treatment system or connect to a sewer by the year 2050, according to a new law passed by the legislature and signed by Governor David Ige this month.

Act 125 is expected to impact a large majority of land owners in North Kohala, many of whom are still using cesspools.

Even though the deadline is 33 years away, the State Department of Health intends to expand the number of those who qualify for hefty tax credits for converting, in Kohala’s case, mostly to individual septic tanks.

The Environmental Protection Agency has cracked down on the counties for the ongoing use of gang cesspools and widespread cesspool permitting since 2005. In 2015, Hawai’i became the last state to ban construction of new cesspools.

At that time the State agreed to share the cost of replacing old cesspools by offering tax credits of up to \$10,000 to homeowners in critical coastal and watershed areas for converting.

The new law expands the number of property owners eligible for the credits.

In addition to owners of cesspools that impact the ocean, streams and are near drinking-water sources, owners of land that impact ground water sources or recreational waters also qualify.

The Department of Health Wastewater Branch website currently lists 120 land parcels in North Kohala that qualify for the tax credits under the old act.

The list will increase when the new law is applied later this year.

There are a few exceptions to the requirement to changeover. If property owners can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the director of Department of Health, that it is infeasible to upgrade their cesspool, they can get a pass. Legitimate reasons “shall include, but not be limited to,” small lot size, steep topography, poor soils or “accessibility issues.”

Like the energy tax credits that allowed for the construction of solar water heaters and solar-generated electricity, the tax credit will pay for a significant part of the cost of conversion.

The cost of changing from cesspool to septic tank for a single house in Kohala now runs around the amount of the maximum credit, when including permits and hookups.

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## New Law Could Endanger Public Access Rights

By Toni Withington

A bill passed by the State legislature earlier this year could cut into public access rights of people living in rural areas and Hawaiians, Deborah Chang told the North Kohala Community Access Group this month.

In an effort to give local governments tools for dealing with squatters and homeless encampments, lawmakers tightened up on criminal trespassing laws, making it a crime to ignore "Kapu" signs for improved and unimproved government lands.

"While I can understand the need to find tools for preventing the homeless from living in public spaces and thieves from stealing crops and farm equipment, it is not fair to treat squatters and deliberate criminal trespassers the same as hikers, hunters, fishermen and

traditional gatherers," Chang told the Access Group. She called on those interested in public access and Hawaiian rights to question provisions of the bill that could affect traditional access to lands in Kohala.

Senate Bill 895 passed during the 2017 session and signed by the governor, expands "criminal trespass offenses in the second degree" to include improved state land and government agricultural land that is unfenced or unenclosed. The new law allows for posting of signs stating "Government Property - No Trespassing," three to every mile, along the boundaries and at roads and trails entering the land.

Chang expressed concerns over the wording of the bill, saying it could make it a crime to use government-owned Hawaiian

trails and old government roads, which are typically unfenced and unenclosed. It also does not address protection of non-Hawaiians who may be accompanying a Native Hawaiian exercising legitimate traditional and customary rights. Prior to the bill becoming law, Representative Cindy Evans sought legal guidance regarding Chang's concerns from the State's attorney general (AG). While the AG's response said the bill would not restrict existing public access rights, it did say the office was unaware of any leased government agricultural lands containing government roads or trails over which public access is being restricted. North Kohala has many large-acreage parcels of State land that are under agricultural leases.

Debbie Chang, who has family roots in Kohala but lives

in Hamakua, is a long-time trail advocate. As an advisor, she helped members of the Access Group write the public access section of the North Kohala Community Development Plan (County Ordinance 08-151).

She spelled out the questions that should be asked of legislators and of the attorney general. Specifically, should the "no trespassing" signs be required to indicate that the access restrictions do not apply to the exercise of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary rights and public rights to traverse government trails and roads?

Members of the Access Group agreed to ask Representative Evans for help in obtaining answers to concerns regarding the effects of this law on public access rights and whether the law should be amended.

## Study Group Seeks to Normalize Hawaiian Language

By Jesse Lucas

Nā 'Imi 'Ike is an 'Ōlelo Hawai'i [Hawaiian language] study group that meets at the North Kohala Public Library. We meet every Thursday from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

August 26 marks our 1 year anniversary. Over the course of the year, we have focused on increasing our understanding of 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, as well as searching out resources to support our study group.

We write to you today with a goal in mind for our community. We believe that normalizing 'Ōlelo Hawai'i in our community will benefit everyone.

You may wonder what we mean when we say "normalizing".

Simply put, we suggest that we are intentional about adding 'Ōlelo Hawai'i into our everyday interactions. For example, saying "Aloha kakahiaka" instead of "Good morning" when we greet

each other.

Although the example sounds easy enough, it will take some time and effort to make even this simple change.

Several studies conclude to the cognitive benefits of a bilingual learner.

This is true for young learners who are preparing for jobs in an ever-changing society. However, older learners may also benefit, as some studies have suggested that multilingualism can resist the onset of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia longer.

In the coming year, Nā 'Imi 'Ike hopes to find ways to normalize more 'Ōlelo Hawai'i in the everyday interactions of our community.

Please stop by on an upcoming Thursday afternoon to learn with us. If the time is inconvenient, look for study notes that will be made available at the North Kohala Public Library. Mahalo!

## Writers Share Works With Community

Story and photos by Diann Wilson

On August 14, several of North Kohala's published and amateur authors read from their recent

works at the North Kohala Public Library. The next reading will be on September 24 at 6 p.m. at the library.



Eila Algood of the Hawaii Writer's Guild facilitated the evening.



North Kohala resident Michael Foley read a few selections.

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## Back to School

Story and photos by Diann Wilson

What happens when you put together a woodworking craftsman who is a 30-year resident of

said.

Jenna Benz is relatively new to Kohala, having been here only since October of last year. As a

many creative individuals living in North Kohala, not all of them have the space or the tools to practice their crafts. They also

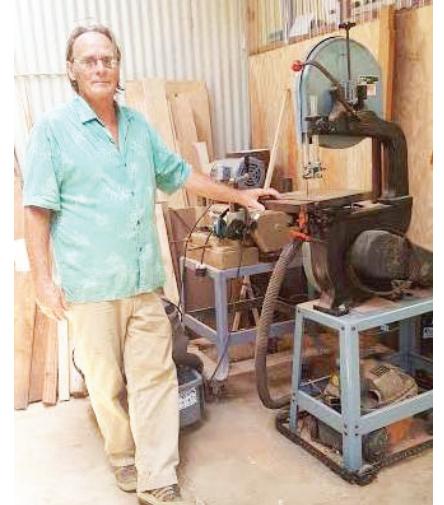
making wooden shoe racks, creating mirror or picture frames and tool sharpening. Future classes that are being planned involve



Co-owners, Hap Tallman and Jenna Benz in front of Old School Hawai'i. Framed mirrors were made on site and are gifted to donors who contribute at least \$200 to the organization.



Guest instructor David Ebrahimi answers students' questions during the popular Tool Sharpening class at Old School Hawai'i.



Hap Tallman with some of the woodworking equipment available during open shop hours.

the island with a college student who just arrived here last year to attend a sustainability program? Old School Hawai'i.

Co-founded by Hap Tallman and Jenna Benz, Old School Hawai'i's mission is to revive craftsmanship and vocational arts by creating a space to provide the community with expert wisdom in woodworking and other lost trade skills. In operation for less than a year, Old School Hawai'i has gotten a lot of support and positive feedback from North Kohala community members.

Hap Tallman came to the Big Island in 1987 from Mendocino, California, where he spent 15 years perfecting his woodworking craft. He has lived in North Kohala for the last 28 years, making tables, rocking chairs, cabinetry and a variety of furniture out of indigenous woods for locals and tourists like. "I have done what I wanted to do as a professional and wanted to pass it on. Working recently with a group of university students confirmed for me that it was time to transition from doing to teaching," Hallman

student at Maharishi University of Management (MUM) in Fairfield, Iowa, Jenna was one of the group ten other students who traveled here to study sustainability and spent time working with Hap. "I found North Kohala to be so welcoming and supportive. I knew right away that this is a community I want to be a part of," said Benz

Fast forward to November 21, 2016, a date that both Tallman and Benz remember. The two were discussing community needs. The local schools had long ago dropped "shop class" from their curriculum, leaving a gap in providing education on building things. Tallman mentioned that his recent experience with the MUM students had inspired him to evolve from building to educating. With his vast woodworking experience, teaching the vocational arts was a logical step. Benz was inspired by the care and friendliness of the community and jumped at the chance to be a partner in this new venture.

Through their research, they discovered that while there are

found there are numerous people with the desire to create, but not the skills. This led to Old School Hawai'i, a facility that would provide workshop space and education for the local community. The goal is to facilitate the ability to produce through vocational arts.

The two unlikely partners set to work in planning for a location where people could both learn and practice their craft.

In December, they found the old Sunshine Hardware Store was uninhabited and available for lease. Its location on Akoni Pule in Kapa'au, with good visibility and ample parking, appealed to the pair.

They quickly agreed that the primary focus in this space would be on woodworking and metal-smithing, with an emphasis on hands-on experience. The intention of the school is to instill a sense of self-discovery and pride in workmanship.

The two main components of Old School Hawai'i are education and open shop hours.

Educational workshops that have been hosted thus far, include

blacksmithing, joinery, garden furniture and jewelry boxes. In addition, there has been an interest expressed in learning to build tiny houses and classes on re-purposing items.

The open shop hours enable community members to design, prototype and create pieces that wouldn't be possible to create with the resources available to individuals working alone.

Open shop hours provide a creative, do-it-yourself space, with some supplies and tools available. Old School adds a seasoned craftsman to the mix, to consult with and mentor participants.

Some of the items that have already been created during open shop hours include a food safe (to keep bugs and critters out of harvested fruit), a spear gun, a large table base and shoe racks. Other pieces that could be built through open shop might include bee hives, fruit stands, chairs, bowls, compost bins and raised garden beds.

Open shop hours are from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday through

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Friday. Old School is offering membership options that allow participants to use the space for an hourly fee. Weekly and monthly membership options are also available. Safety is a high pri-

sewing with industrial machines and papermaking. Tallman and Benz are also considering a regular Women's Wednesday program, Saturday seminars and offering birthday party events where attendees can each make a



Enthusiastic woodworkers have fun at the first workshop with Old School Hawai'i co-owners Hap Tallman (third from left) and Jenna Benz (far right).

ority at the facility, so equipment and workshop safety courses are required for all who wish to use the space.

While current offerings are in the woodworking arts arena, the co-owners are looking to expand to ceramics, metalworking,



Student Rob Fox sands his spear gun.

small craft item.

This community-lead program is seeking other master craftspeople that would like to teach or mentor. In addition, financial donations are greatly appreciated.

Old School Hawai'i is a fiscally sponsored project of North Kohala Community Resource Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. To make a tax deductible donation to Old School Hawai'i, make your check payable to NKCRC with "Old School Hawai'i" noted on the memo line.

Checks can be dropped off at the NKCRC office or mailed to P.O. Box 519, Hawi, HI 96719. Online donations may be made at [www.northkohala.org](http://www.northkohala.org). Donors that contribute a minimum of \$200 through NKRC are gifted a silver oak (lace wood) mirror.

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**Eddie Boteilho, Kohala's One-of-a-Kind Dairyman**

*This story was originally printed in the August 2007 issue of the Kohala Mountain News.*

*Story and photo by Tim Head*

Eddie Boteilho, 63, is planning an anniversary celebration in early January. It will mark 50 years of hard work by Boteilho Family Enterprises on the Big Island.

His father, Ed Senior, came to the Big Island from Maui in 1949 and went into raising pigs and beef cattle and operating heavy equipment and trucks. In 1962 he bought fifty milk cows and opened Cloverleaf Dairy at Kukaiau Ranch in Paauiolo. In 1985 the dairy moved to a one-thousand-acre state lease near Upolu Airport in North Kohala.

Eddie graduated from Honoka'a High School in 1962 and then went to Cal Poly (California's best Ag college) to study agriculture and animal husbandry.

The eldest of six brothers, he took on full responsibility for the dairy ten years ago when his father passed away.

His mother, Josephine, 81, still lives on the farm. She worked side-by-side with the men until she was 73.

Today Cloverleaf Dairy has grown to 670 milking cows, which produce 3,400 gallons of milk a day. In addition (on the average) there are 130 "dried" cows that are resting, and 700 heifers growing up.

"Our operation is totally enclosed," Eddie says, meaning that he raises all the animals he needs rather than buying them from other island farms or the Mainland. In this way he's avoided importing diseases.

Eddie, a hands-on manager, works every day with his thirteen employees and makes sure that everything is running smoothly. He gets up every morning at 4 a.m. and arrives at the dairy at 5 a.m. when "Maui is just a touch away."

Then he offers thanks to God for his life and starts the day feeling blessed with the stewardship he has been given.

What he has been given is responsibility over the production of an icon in our food chain: fresh milk. It's considered essential for children because it's a source of protein, vitamins, minerals and bone-building calcium. The state requires that schools receive priority for local fresh milk.

Cloverleaf Dairy uses no hormones, chemicals, or animal products in its feed—common practices elsewhere in the industry to increase the amount of milk cows produce. Cows pumped up on hormones have a much shorter life span than cows managed naturally. Health authorities warn that drinking milk containing hormones may cause health problems.

There is an old song that goes, "The old grey mare, she ain't what she used to be..." Today we can add, "Lani Moo ain't what she used to be, either."

Lani Moo was a much-loved and photographed Holstein who was popular in milk industry advertising in the 1960s when Hawaii was self-sufficient in milk with fifty dairies state-wide.

No more. Hawaii's dairy industry has been in rapid decline for two decades. Seventy percent of the milk consumed in the islands now comes from the Mainland.

Hawaii's dairies are going the way of pineapple and sugar. Even at a time of renewed interest in diversified agriculture and the islands' self-reliance, dairies are succumbing to price pressures, mainland competition and lack of government support.

There are only three surviving dairies in the state. Cloverleaf in Hawi is one of them.

The main reason that the thousand-acre dairy has survived is because it has forage. All the young heifers are raised on grass. The milking herd gets ten pounds of supplemental feed daily in addition to grazing.

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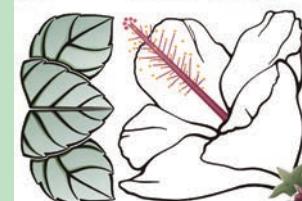
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## Plantation Days

By Jacob Zane

Growing up, there are lots of fond memories. Like playing basketball on concrete floor, bare feet. Like our parents smoke cigarettes, but the only difference was we made our own with papaya leaves "dry." Also banana leaves, roll with newspaper. We made our own toys. We made tops from guava trees, made yoyo with empty spool, made tractor, too—rubber band was used,



Photo courtesy of Jacob Zane  
Jacob Zane with the kau kau tin he used to take to work at the plantation.

made kite with bamboo, and newspaper paste was poi or rice. We played marbles. There were lots of games—guess hand, ring, fish, and jump hole. Made our pea gun with clothespins, jump rope with the girls and jacks, too. If we didn't have jacks, we use stone pebbles. Tic-tac-toe—broom sticks. Telephone—two sausage cans tied with string; sardine cans for walking—we made stilts.

I remember chewing sugar cane, riding cane trailer before it reach the scale. And we use to catch bullfrogs and put the cigarette in their mouth. They would inhale the smoke until they burst.

I use to shine shoes for 25 cents. That was in 1942. Lots of servicemen come over. We use to make those shoes shine like dress shoes. We use to burn the bristles of our polish brush. They would buy us lunch at Luke's Place—meal would

be steak, about half-inch thick, and French fries, too. Eventually, the Kohala Lions Club made us a shoe-shine stand.

And I use to help my auntie in the restaurant Akona Chop Suey. I use to turn over the dough for the saimin, and my cousin would use the bamboo to flatten the dough. The bamboo was about four inches diameter and six to seven feet long, lying across the table. At the end of



photo credit Tom Morse  
Jacob Zane in 2007

the bamboo, they put a rope and anchor it to the floor. You sat on top of the bamboo on the other side, sideways like riding a horse. I'd be turning over the dough while my cousin was flattening it, because he was bigger than I was and weigh more. Then my auntie would slice it into strips. They use to boil the pork butts for the soup paste. You can't beat homemade kine!

Every summer during high school, we would work in the cane field, hoeing grass. Working in the plantation was really hard. The fun working was sharing lunch pail, called kau kau tin, and also swimming in the gulch. The boss would fall asleep, and when he woke up, it's past 12:00 p.m., and he would blow his whistle. Everybody would run up the bank and go back to work.

After high school, I work plantation for five years. I would wake up five a.m. Use to ride the plantation truck about 6:30 by the Hawi Post Office. Get to our destination and

## WEEKLY EVENTS IN AUGUST 2017

MON	6:30AM	7:30AM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK (BEHIND POOL)	889-5675
	9AM		KOHALA SENIOR CLUB MEETING	OLD COURTHOUSE	895-2094
	5:30PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ROSS PAGAT	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH	989-0966
	6PM	6:30PM	FREE RMD TAIKO CLASSES	HISAOKA GYM	895-2025
	7PM		AL-ANON MEETING WITH LAURA	KOHALA MISSION SCHOOL CAFETERIA	
	7PM	8PM	REFUGE RECOVERY - BUDDHIST PRINCIPALS TO RECOVERY FROM ADDICTIVE SUBSTANCES OR BEHAVIORS	CLAY HOUSE (BEHIND THE HUB)	464-4411
TUES	6:30PM	7:30PM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-5675
	9AM	10:30AM	CHAIR YOGA	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	880-0583
	10AM	3PM	HAWI FARMERS' MARKET		
	5PM	6PM	MEDITATION COURSE	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	917-293-3427
WED	7AM		WALK WITH A DOC	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-1570
	1:30PM		AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES: 9/6: LEGO BUILDING; 9/13 Wii GAMING 9/20: MOVIE- ROCK DOG; 9/27 LEGO	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
	6PM	6:30PM	FREE RMD TAIKO CLASSES	WALKER HALL	895-2025
	6PM	7:30PM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	HISAOKA GYM	
	7PM		ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	WYLIE HALL, 'IOLE ROAD, KALAHIKIOLA CHURCH	889-6703
THURS	6:30AM	7:30AM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-5675
	3:30PM		NA 'IMI IKE; HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE STUDY GROUP	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
	5:30PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ROSS PAGAT	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	989-0966
	5PM	6PM	MEDITATION COURSE	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	917-293-3427
	6PM		TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	889-1099
	7PM	8PM	NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS	LOKAHI TREATMENT CENTER	
FRI	10AM		PRESCHOOL STORY TIME AGES 2-5	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
SAT	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-5675
SUN	10AM	11AM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	HAWI FARMERS MARKET	

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start working hoeing grass until it was lunch hour. Then we would make a circle about six or eight of us and take out our kau kau tins. The tin had two parts, rice in bottom. In top, meat or sausages. We open the cover, keep whatever we want, and pass the tin around. I would have all kine of food in my kau kau tin at the end of the line. Those was plantation days.

I work night shifts, irrigation overhead. We had to move aluminum pipes at night whether it was raining or muddy, we had to do our job. I work sugar mill, stacking and filling sugar in bags, and when mill

break down, I had to go fire room clean ashes. Talk about hard times.

Living away from plantation was really different. I use to live in Honolulu. Everything there was fast-going, cars and buses passing every day. Plantation days was just trucks and very few cars. Horses, too. I think you can't beat those days, you take everything one day at a time. Parties was almost every weekend, either wedding or birth-days. They use to serve us food, we didn't have to go and get our own. They would have their own orchestra, and everyone would dance and have a good time.

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**Milk, continued from Page 11**

cows—is located on only 42 acres. All its hay and grain is imported. The cards seem stacked against Hawaii’s remaining dairies. All must sell their raw milk to Meadow Gold, a gigantic Texas-based corporation and the only milk processor in the state. Pasteurization, homogenization, packaging and distribution of local milk are in the hands of Meadow Gold Corporation.

A complicated price structure

so customers don’t know whether they’re buying Mainland or local milk. During the first week of December, 17 percent of the milk delivered to markets here came from the Mainland, according to Meadow Gold spokesperson Carrisa Tourtelot.

Eddie says there is a huge difference. Milk is highly perishable. Mainland milk isn’t refrigerated when it’s shipped from California in giant thermos tankers and must be re-pasteurized on arrival in the islands to kill bacteria.

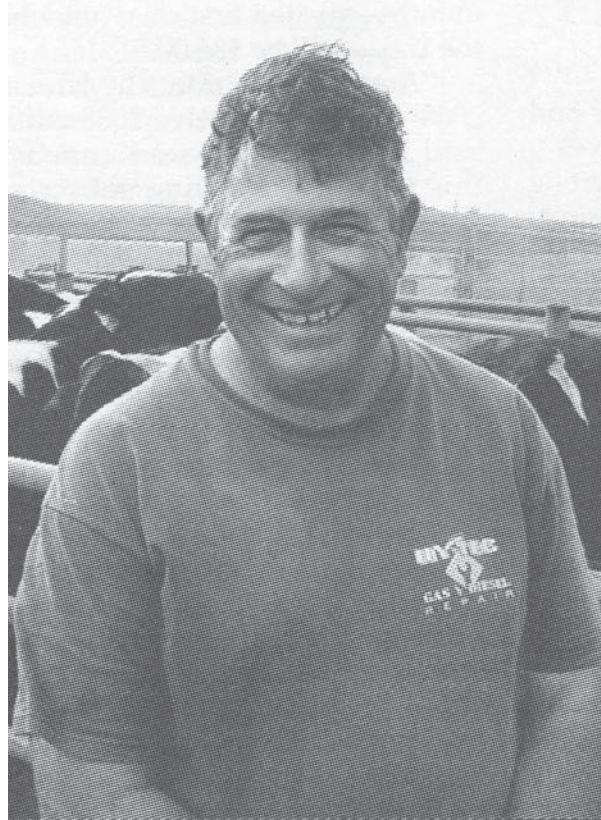
A recent study by the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture indicates that pasteurization definitely alters some of the proteins and enzymes in milk. California does not allow re-pasteurization. Eddie says that the state should protect consumers by requiring clear labels in large type that show which milk containers are imported from the Mainland and have been pasteurized TWICE and which ones contain hormone-free “fresh island milk.”

Through it all Eddie marvels at his good luck. His tractors break down. Electricity goes out.

The county water system crashes. His coolers melt down. A near knockout punch came with the earthquake last year when he lost vital ditch water.

By the grace of God, Surety’s new water well had just come on line two weeks before the quake and was located right next to Eddie’s reservoir.

“I’m so lucky. If I went to Las Vegas I’d win a million,” he says with a laugh. “I don’t have problems anymore. I call them challenges. I get through life one day at a time relying on the Spirit and asking for guidance.”



Eddie Boteilho

favoring the processor has forced many dairies to close, Eddie contends. And the State government has been slow to step in with solutions.

Eddie feels that more public education and consumer demand for local milk could turn the tide for the declining industry.

Right now the only market on the Big Island actively promoting “Big Island fresh” milk is KTA. Fresh milk is often included in various Meadow Gold brands including Viva and Dairyland on the Big Island, but sometimes there is no origin labeling (except by code),

**Kohala Sports**

**What Ever Happened To...?**

**A rare interview in Kohala with Billy Rodrigues**

Kohala’s own I’Land Boi, Billy Rodrigues!

Have you heard the I’Land Boiz rocking it at a graduation party lately? Those days have been far and few between since Billy and his ‘ohana have moved to Hawai’i’s “Ninth Island”, Las Vegas, Nevada!

Currently, Billy is living in Summerlin and is security officer at the Mandalay Bay Resort on the Las Vegas Strip – the site of Ultimate Fighting Championships (UFC) main events. We had an opportunity last week to talk with the former athlete youth league baseball, Pop Warner football and 11-man high school football coach while chillin’ in his hometown of Kohala.

KMN: Billy, what do you miss about Kohala?

Billy: Well, Kohala will always be home. I miss my ‘ohana here, the friends, food...and fishing! Food is cheap where I now live and your dollar goes a long way!

KMN: The popularity of MMA in Hawai’i is huge and you work

at the Mandalay. Will we see you walking in UFC fighters in the future?

Billy: One day I will answer the call to do so! I’ve been asked to do it, but it does come with some responsibilities. I’m usually working UFC events at the Mandalay, but I’m walking the upper levels and not the floor.

KMN: Have you been coaching?

Billy: Not recently, but I am closer to major sporting teams and can go watch when I want to.

KMN: What teams do you want to go watch?

Billy: As you know, my 49ers are only a drive away and the Raiders are rumored to be coming to Vegas in the future, so I have something to look forward to, yeah?

KMN: Braddah B, it’s so good to have visited with you. Take care up in Vegas and keep in touch next time you return home!

Billy: Of course, the good part is that home is only a few hours away! Aloha!



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Former Kohala athlete, youth baseball and football coach, Billy Rodrigues, visited home in July to play music for a couple of graduation parties with his group, I’Land Boiz.

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### KOHALA HIGH SCHOOL 2017-2018 FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	TIME	WHERE	OPPONENT	BUS
<b>FOOTBALL</b>					
* AUG 19	SATURDAY	10:00A	VS	MOLOKAI	
* SEPT 02	SATURDAY	1:00P	VS	KAU	
SEPT 08	FRIDAY	6:00P	@	PAHOA	
* SEPT 16	SATURDAY	1:00P	VS	KAU	
* SEPT 30	SATURDAY	1:00P	VS	PAHOA	
OCT 07	SATURDAY	1:00P	@	KAU	
OCT 13	FRIDAY	1:00P	@	PAHOA	
<b>GIRLS VOLLEYBALL</b>					
AUG 15	TUESDAY	6:30P	VS	WAIAKEA	
AUG 19	SATURDAY	10:00A	@	ST. JOSEPH	7:00A
* AUG 23	WEDNESDAY	6:30P	VS	MAKUA LANI	
AUG 25	FRIDAY	6:00P	@	KAMEHAMEHA	2:00P
AUG 29	TUESDAY	6:30P	VS	KONAWAENA	
SEPT 01	FRIDAY	6:30P	VS	EHUNUI	
SEPT 05	TUESDAY	6:00P	@	KEAAU	2:30P
* SEPT 07	THURSDAY	6:30P	VS	PAHOA	
SEPT 09	SATURDAY	10:00A	@	HAAS	6:30A
SEPT 12	TUESDAY	6:30P	VS	HAWAII PREP	
SEPT 16	SATURDAY	10:00A	@	PARKER	8:15A
SEPT 19	TUESDAY	6:00P	@	HILO	3:00P
SEPT 22	FRIDAY	6:00P	@	KEALAKEHE	3:30P
SEPT 26	TUESDAY	6:30P	VS	LAUPAHOEHOE	
SEPT 28	THURSDAY	6:00P	@	CLA	3:00P
OCT 04	WEDNESDAY	6:00P	@	HONOKAA	4:00P
* OCT 10	TUESDAY	6:30P	VS	KAU	
OCT 16, 17, 18	MON, TU, TH	TBD		BIIF TOURNAMENT	
OCT 25-OCT 28	WED-SAT	TBA		HHSAA TOURN @ OAHU	
<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b>					
AUG 19	SATURDAY	10:00A	@	CLA	7:00A
AUG 26	SATURDAY	10:00A	@	HAWAII PREP	8:15A
SEPT 02	SATURDAY	10:00A	@	KEALAKEHE	8:00A
SEPT 09	SATURDAY	2:00P	@	KAMEHAMEHA	10:30A
SEPT 16	SATURDAY	10:00A	@	KEAAU	6:30A
SEPT 23	SATURDAY	10:00A	@	HAWAII PREP	8:00A
SEPT 30	SATURDAY	10:00A	@	WAIAKEA	6:30A
OCT 07	SATURDAY	2:00P	@	KEAAU	10:30A
OCT 21	SATURDAY	9:00A	@	KAM BIIF CHAMPS	5:30A
OCT 28	SATURDAY	8:30A		HHSAA CHAMPS (KAUAI)	

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## Kohala High School's 8-Man Football Team Has a New Look for 2017



*Photo by Donovan Aiona*

*Kohala Cowboys 8-Man Football 2017 starts with a preseason game on August 19 at 1:00 p.m. when they host the Molokai Farmers at the Kohala High Football Corral at Kohala High School. Come out and support the Kohala Cowboys!*

Head Coach Reggie Tolentino and Defensive Coordinator Chad Atkins have added a new offensive coordinator: Kohala High School football alumnus Vernon Karratti! The three coaches, who grew up in the town of Waimea, will be bringing "smash mouth" football to the team this year.

According to Coach Atkins, they'll be instilling a hard-nosed "43" mentality to this year's team—in reference to their 96743 Kamuela zip code upbringing! (Anyone remember playing tackle football against them at Waimea Park?)

Kohala High School 8-man football has started practices, after going over drills and conditioning in June. Their official start was on July 17, with pads and helmets being issued on July 24. The Kohala Cowboys are looking to displace the 2016 champions, the Ka'u Trojans, as the 2017 Kings of Big Island Interscholastic Federation (BIIF) 8-man football!

This year, a new crop of young and talented freshmen will take the field for Kohala, led by freshman quarterback Ryan Kealoha, running back Zhane Ching

and the duo of Aukea and Alii Kaaekuahiwi. Returning to the team and leading off-season drills and conditioning were Zakary Javillonar, Royce Manning and Dahlton Franco.

This season, Coach Reggie Tolentino will be looking hard to replace the power running of Koby Kaholoa'a-Aguiar and the fleet-footed all-around play of Stylez Alvarez due to both of them graduating last spring. Coach Atkins will have a bunch of returnees on Kohala's defense and lives by "always being in the fight!" Furthermore, the thought that "you have to start something before you finish it" will live on in the Kohala locker room in their "Finish Everything" motto!

It'll be an exciting 8-man football season in 2017, so come out and watch your Kohala Cowboys on August 19 for a preseason matchup versus the Molokai High School Farmers at 1:00 p.m., and travel along with them for the first game of the season when they travel to play the Pahoia Daggers on August 26, again at 1:00 p.m. Good luck this season and...Go Cowboys!!!



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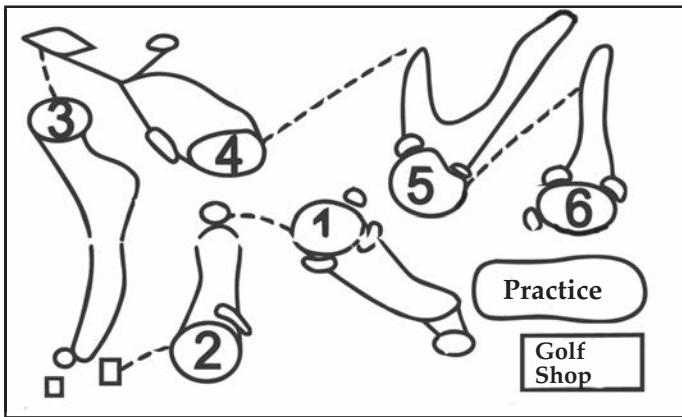
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# Kohala Sports

## Golf is Back in Kohala



Courtesy of Kohala Golf Park

The present layout of the Kohala Golf Park is on the left, and the proposed layout is on the right.

By Tom Morse

Travel to the far end of Kamehameha Park and you will come to a six-hole golf course built in the early 1990s. For ten dollars per day you could play as long as you like. Then, ten months ago, the course was shuttered, the gate locked.

Shortly after it closed, a local group of citizens banded together, determined to save the course. They contacted the owner of the land, the Hawai'i Conference Foundation, a church organi-

in much overgrowth. In parallel, the group sought donations of expertise, equipment and money. As soon as the lease was signed, mowers were brought in to regain the fairways and greens.

Now the dozen or so Kohala Golf Park volunteers have received donations of a fairway mower, two greens mowers and an aerator. With help of volunteers who were involved in the original construction of the course, they found the location of a greens irrigation system which

course is that it is only six holes. A nine-hole course is much more desirable for tournament play.

Recognizing this, the group has decided to shorten and rearrange some holes, converting the course within the present footprint to nine holes, each with a par three.

The park will be family friendly. Greens fees will remain low. They plan also to be good neighbors, with no after-dark events.

A \$35,000 budget has been put together, which includes improvement needs and operating costs for the first year. Later, they hope to completely refurbish the greens and the putting practice area at an estimated cost of another \$35,000. A three-pronged approach is planned to raise funds. They hope to sell annual memberships, to secure donations and to receive grants. The Kohala Golf Park is a fiscally sponsored project of North Kohala Community Resource Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. To make a tax deductible donation to Kohala Golf Park, make your check payable to NKCRC with "Kohala Golf Park" noted on the memo line. Checks can be dropped off at the NKCRC office or mailed to P.O. Box 519, Hawi, HI 96719. Online donations may be made at [www.northkohala.org](http://www.northkohala.org).

Non-tax deductible donations can also be made at [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com). Click "search" and enter "Kohala Golf Park." To volunteer, contact [deborahimonti@gmail.com](mailto:deborahimonti@gmail.com)



By Tom Morse

Kohala Golf Park volunteers have recently enlarged the Golf Shop.

zation based in Honolulu, and negotiated a two-year lease for the thirty-six acre property. They agreed to pay a small monthly fee and to provide insurance.

It took nine months to complete the negotiations and draft the lease. Meanwhile, the golf course was untended, resulting

had been long in disuse. They feel that with irrigation and grass restoration, the greens will be ready to go in two months. Most of the original rental clubs and bags are still usable. It will continue to be a walk-only course; no golf carts will be used.

One drawback to the existing

## Kohala's Finest Sluggers Represent North Hawai'i Little League in District Tournament

Three of Kohala's finest sluggers represented North Hawai'i, a team comprised of players from Waimea and Kohala, in the District 4 Little League Majors (ages 11-13) tournament in Hilo on July 1-4 at the Walter Victor Stadium Complex. Representing Kohala Little League was Kohala's pitcher Isaiah Castillo, first baseman Quentin "Tookie" Hook and shortstop Logan Neves. All three played big roles in North Hawai'i's 2-2 record in the tournament. North Hawai'i won two games over West Hawai'i, a team comprised of players from Waikoloa, and lost two games to Hilo -

one in tournament play and one in the championship game.

Isaiah Castillo was praised for his pitching. Logan Neves played a steady shortstop, getting on base consistently throughout the tournament. And Tookie Hook was respected for his power at the plate, launching a home run versus West Hawai'i. Congratulations, boys! All three players now move up to Little League's "50-70" Division, where players will play under "real baseball rules" on a field with a pitcher's mound 50 feet away and 70 foot bases! Way to keep up the youth baseball tradition in Kohala!

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9/1	FRI	4 PM	7 PM	KHS FIRST FRIDAYS	CRAFT AND LOCAL FOOD VENDORS	KHS	889-7117
9/4	MON	6 PM	7 PM	GROWTH MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE	MEETING	BANK OF HAWAII BUILDING	
9/6	WED	4 PM		COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP	MEETING	SENIOR CENTER	
9/9	SAT	6 PM	9 PM	KES DISCOVERY GARDEN PARTY	FARM FRESH DINNER BY CHEF GREG CHRISTIAN	HUB BARN	889-5523
9/11	MON	3 PM	5 PM	NORTH KOHALA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP	SUPPORTED BY N. HAWAII COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL	KINGS VIEW CAFE	989-4894
9/11	MON	5 PM		NKCDP AG MEETING	NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE	HISAOKA GYM	323-4770
9/11	MON	6 PM		SIMPLE AND BEAUTIFUL JEWELRY CRAFT	WITH SID NAKAMOTO	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
9/12	TUE	11 AM		ADULT READING DISCUSSION	A PILGRIM AT TINKER'S CREEK BY ANNIE DILLARD	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
9/12	TUE	6 PM		HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED	6PM POTLUCK, 7PM PRESENTATION. FOR EVERYONE INTERESTED IN GOOD FOOD, NOT JUST FARMERS	THE HUB	889-5715
9/16	SAT	4:30 PM	6:30 PM	FREE GRINDZ HOT MEAL	KOHALA BAPTIST CHURCH	BANYAN TREE	
9/18	MON	5 PM		ADULT & TEEN POETRY GROUP		NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
9/18	MON	6 PM		HAWAII'S HISTORY WITH BOYD BOND	WILLIAM CHARLES LUNALILO AND HIS ONE YEAR REIGN	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
9/19	TUE	10 AM		ADULT & TEEN WRITER'S GROUP		NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
9/19	TUE	5 PM	6 PM	CDP SUBCOMMITTEE	POWER, VIEWPLANES, & EROSION CONTROL, CONTACT SUSAN FISCHER	OLD COURTHOUSE	882-7611
9/20	WED	5 PM		PARKS, WATER & ROADS SUBCOMMITTEE	MONTHLY MEETING	OLD COURTHOUSE	882-7611
9/23	SAT	10 AM	12 PM	THRIFT SHOP	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	NEXT TO WALKER HALL	889-5390
9/23	SAT	11 AM	12:20 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
9/23	MON	6 PM		HAWAII WRITER'S GUILD	AUTHOR READINGS	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
9/27	WED	4 PM	5:30 PM	RESTORATIVE YOGA THERAPY CLASS	WITH CARLA ORELLANA, CERTIFIED YOGA THERAPIST, BY DONATION	THE HUB	889-0404
9/28	THUR	6 PM	6:30 PM	PRAYERS AROUND THE PEACE POLE	ALL ARE WELCOME, REGARDLESS OF RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION	ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH	895-5753
9/30	SAT	8:30 AM	1 PM	ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH BAZAAR	AUCTION, ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD	WALKER HALL	889-5801

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## HIP Agriculture Announces Mahi'ai Award for High School Students

The Hawai'i Institute of Pacific Agriculture (HIP Ag) is excited to announce the Mahi'ai Scholarship Award being offered to Kohala and Kanu O Ka Aina high school students. The award will also be given to Kohala High School (KHS) sports teams for their laulima (many hands / cooperation) in their school garden.

HIP Ag will be giving a total of \$5,000 away to high school students and sports teams during the 2017-18 school year. All awards will be distributed during the last month of school, May 2018.

The word mahi'ai traditionally means a "planter" and "someone who is responsible for cultivation of soil and growing of food". Mahi'ai understood seasons, soil, water and weather. They also knew about planting and raising of various crops. Mahi'ai were rooted to the 'āina, just as plants were rooted to the earth. Mahi'ai thought of the plants as their kuleana. The award



Photos courtesy of Hawai'i Institute of Pacific Agriculture  
Hawai'i Institute of Pacific Agriculture Director Dash Kuhr and students share a smile during garden instruction.

stems from the need and desire to grow farmers and food in our local community, which coincides with goals from Kohala's Community Development Plan of producing 50% of locally grown food by 2018. By offering this award we hope to inspire and engage high school

students on the land, encouraging them to step forward and take initiative through caring for the 'āina. We hope the award will stimulate young adults' passion for growing food and working with plants. Ultimately our goal is to grow our local school's gardens and promote interest in career fields in agriculture.

The HIP Ag Mahi'ai Scholarship Award will be given upon most (hours logged) and best (quality of effort) levels of participation in each of the schools' garden plots. High schoolers will be encouraged to put in thoughtful efforts to growing and caring for their garden. School

gardens allow students the opportunity to learn about the process of getting fresh produce from the garden to their plate and the important role agriculture plays in their everyday lives.

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Kohala High School  
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KHS Sports Teams:  
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Kanu O Ka Aina High School:  
1st: \$1,000 2nd: \$500 3rd: \$250

How to get involved

Are you a high school student at KHS or Kanu?

High school students are encouraged to participate in agriculture classes at school to log participation hours. Additionally, students can find out from garden coordinators when they can get involved during study periods or after school.

KHS: Payton- 808-209-0842

Kanu: Kiteya- 808-937-7024

Are a coach or participant of a KHS sports team?

Please contact hipagriculture@gmail.com for more information on how to get involved and how to schedule a laulima for your school's garden.

Any further questions, please call HIP Ag's Program Manager, Lauren, at 808-333-8664 or e-mail hipagriculture@gmail.com.

## Tarnas Announces Candidacy for State Representative

On August 12, former State Representative David Tarnas announced his plans to run for State Representative in House District 7 in the August 2018 Primary Election.

Tarnas narrowly lost the 2016 Primary Election by 181 votes to Cindy Evans. Tarnas, a professional environmental and community planner, served in the state House (North Kona/South Kohala) from 1994-1998.

"It was a very close race against a longtime incumbent," said Tarnas. "The widespread support I received from voters in our community indicates that many people in the District are ready for a change. They are not satisfied with the status quo at the state legislature."

In May, the 2017 session ended with signs of disorganization as House Speaker Joe Souki was ousted, committee chair positions shuffled and numerous important issues left unresolved. A special legislative session will take place later this month on one unresolved issue - financing the Honolulu rail project.

"As a former legislator with a successful legislative record, I understand the challenges of getting legislators to work together on policy changes to address complex issues," explained Tarnas. "As a professional planner and community organizer, I have proven skills to resolve challenging conflicts and build consensus among competing stakeholders. Those skills are needed at the state legislature now."

On what makes his candidacy different, Tarnas said, "Voters want more effective leadership to solve the problems in our state. Voters want leaders with practical experience, strong technical skills and a record of resolving local conflicts. As a State Representative, I would bring over 30 years of local experience with strong connections to the land and community. I will be effective

because of what I've learned in my work as an environmental planner and as a father who raised two children in this community."

"We are at a critical crossroads in Hawai'i and we must act now to build a sustainable economy for the 21st Century," Tarnas said. "We can achieve greater self-reliance by diversifying our economy to reduce imports of food and energy and increase exports of local value-added resource-based products. Business regulations and taxes can be reformed. Our public education system can be strengthened to train our future workforce and entrepreneurs. These structural changes to create a stronger, more resilient economy are important long-term solutions. In the meantime, we must also address the many challenges our community faces today, like homelessness, drug abuse, domestic violence, lack of affordable housing and soaring healthcare costs. Given my diverse experience and my work in the community, I understand the problems, as well as the possibilities, and I know how to get things done."



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David Tarnas will be a candidate for State Representative in House District 7 in the August 2018 Primary election..



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## Residents Commemorate Atomic Warfare and Pray for Peace



Community members gather around the Peace Pole at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. The gathering commemorated the 72nd anniversary of the United States' dropping of atomic bombs on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Story and photos by Lynda Wallach

On August 6, 1945 the US dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima, Japan and, three days later, another one on Nagasaki. The two bombings resulted in the deaths of more than 450,000 people, mostly civilians. Most of them died on the days of the bombings, but many died over the following years from radiation sickness and other effects of the bombs.

On Monday, August 7, a group gathered at the Peace Pole at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Kapa'au to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of these events. Lani Bowman organized the gathering to give people an opportunity to share their thoughts and to "pray for peace and goodwill amongst all nations, peoples, communities and families throughout Hawai'i, the nation and the world". It was also an opportunity to honor Kayoko Hanano, a beloved member of the congregation, who had died several days earlier. In 1995 Kayoko had flown to Hiroshima to take part in a memorial service marking the 50th anniversary of the bombings.

The Peace Pole stands on a

hill at the corner of the church facing Akoni Pule Highway. It expresses the thought in Hawaiian, English and several other languages: "May Peace Prevail on Earth". Take note of it as you drive around Kohala and be reminded of how important peace is in all our lives.



Kayoko Hanano visited Hiroshima in 1995 to mark the 50th anniversary of the atomic bomb attack. She died several days before the Kapa'au commemoration of the event's 72nd anniversary.

### Prayers Around the Peace Pole at St Augustine's

Monthly prayers for peace will be held at St. Augustine's Peace Pole in Kapa'au.

All are welcome to gather at the Lytch Gate, small structure at the stairs leading to the church, from 6:00-6:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Prayers and meditations will begin at 6:10 p.m. We will continue to pray for peace and good will in the world, amongst all nations, peoples, communities and families throughout Hawai'i, the nation and the world.

ALL are welcome, regardless of religious affiliation, if any. Please join us for this important time of reflection, meditation and prayer.

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## Kohala Summer Fest Raises Funds for Hospital Garden



*photo courtesy of Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation*  
 Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation Board Members (left to right): Dixie Adams, Elaine Christianson, Betty Meinardus, Shoshana Matsumura, Rebecca Steele, Helen Levine and Cindy Sakai enjoy Summer Fest 2017. Not in the picture: President Giovanna Gherardi, Joan Pruchniak

By Betty Meinardus

It was a beautiful, sunny afternoon at Kahua Ranch as the Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation (KHCF) celebrated Summer Fest 2017. The tents were up, the bar was fully stocked with fresh barrels of beer and cases of wine and the bartenders couldn't wait to get started. The food tables were so inviting with heaping trays of lovingly prepared food. The slack key duo "Bad Papa" was playing in the background and there was no better way to spend an afternoon. What a great day for KHCF to celebrate with 400 loyal supporters from way down south, north Hawai'i and of course from North Kohala.

After lunch, Jon Adams called the live auction with the help of KHCF board members and, even before a very energetic crowd started dancing to the fabulous band "Lorenzo's Army," the Foundation had raised a whopping \$57,500. Proceeds will be used to create a landscaped garden at Kohala Hospital for visitors and patients to enjoy.

As the afternoon came to a close, participants inside the tent were swinging every movable body part to Lorenzo's Army, while outside others were sitting on the lawn with a glass of beer or wine and simply enjoying the spectacular view.

Every dollar KHCF raises enables us to continue to enhance

our Kohala Hospital. We could never reach our goals without the amazing community support

that we have received. Mahalo to all who had purchased tickets or made donations. Foundation

board members are full of gratitude for another very successful fundraiser.



*photo courtesy of Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation*  
 From Kahua Ranch, Summer Fest attendees enjoy a view of the Alenuihaha Channel and Haleakala in the distance.



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 Dancers rock to the music of Lorenzo's Army.

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# KHS Students Take SF Bay Area College Tour

Story and photo by Melody Nietfeld

Kohala High School students had an opportunity of a lifetime! Yes, miracles do happen. Let me explain...

Kohala High School and four other Hawai'i public high schools were selected by GEAR UP Hawai'i, in partnership with the Hawai'i State Department of Education, to participate in an all-expense-paid College Tour from July 16 - 22 in the San Francisco Bay Area. Each high school selected (via application) a total of five students and one faculty member to serve as a chaperone. The recipients of this incredibly rewarding opportunity were Chyenne Book, Miranda Canniff, Marvelanne Clark, Cheyenne Fuertes and Naomi Ney.

The Kohala High students joined 20 other Hawai'i students in Honolulu, along with their chaperones, from the four other Hawai'i public schools and departed for San Francisco together. They toured seven different colleges [Stanford, San



In July 2017, a select group of five Kohala High School students toured five San Francisco Bay Area colleges, sponsored by GEAR UP Hawai'i. In return for this privilege, the program asks that the attendees use what they learned to help local high school students with college and career readiness.

Left to right: Chyenne Book, Marvelanne Clark, Naomi Ney, Miranda Canniff and Cheyenne Fuertes

Francisco State University, University of San Francisco, Santa Clara University, University of California (UC) Santa Cruz, UC Davis and UC Berkeley] over the course of six days.

Ecstatic isn't a strong enough word to explain how enthusiastic the students were with the customized tour. The guides and admissions officers from each col-

lege provided a wealth of information about the college selection process, applications, programs of study, financial aid, scholarship opportunities, internships, housing, campus meal plan options and athletic programs. Our students left anxious / nervous and came back much more confident about their futures.

From this experience, the stu-

dents are encouraged and inspired to become active leaders in their communities and to continue working toward the realization of their college and career goals. In the spirit of noblesse oblige (to whom much is given, much is expected), GEAR UP Hawai'i expects all participants to share this experience with their school community upon their return. Furthermore, participants are asked to implement what they learned on the trip by establishing a program at their school that focuses on preparing students at Kohala for college and career success. Already, our Kohala students presented on August 2 at the Kohala Freshman/Parent Orientation Night. They have additional plans to present at Kohala Elementary, Kohala Middle and Kohala High Freshman Seminar classes. This was surely a transformational experience for our Kohala High seniors... one that will exponentially impact their lives and the lives of many others. Yes, miracles do happen!



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