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## Kohala HS Students Awarded \$1,750 for Mahi`ai Mentorship



Photo by Lauren Ruotolo

HIP Ag presents Mahi`ai award to HS students.  
(Left to right): Dash Kuhr, MJ Macaspac, Ryan Kealoha, Aotealoe Masalosalo and Aoloa Patao

By Lauren Ruotolo

The end year is always a flurry of excitement between the longer days, final assignments, May Day preparation and performances, and graduating students. HIP Agriculture was excited to be a part of that energy within the Kohala Complex through farm field trips, pa`i`ai pounding, a health fair and farmer mentorship. We are so honored to have a community that embraces agriculture and nutrition education as we strive towards increasing food sovereignty in North Kohala and beyond. The following is a breakdown of what we were up to during the busyness of last month.

**Farm Field Trips:** HIP Ag had a blast hosting the entire second and third grade of Kohala Elementary School at our farm, where students participated in activities of lei making, a food forest sensory tour (smelling Thai basil, curry tree leaves and rosemary, and identifying various fruit trees), feeding cows ti leaves, building compost piles, looking at microorganisms under microscopes, plus learning about, tasting, and planting cacao

seeds. Students and teachers alike were amazed that chocolate actually grows on trees! And, of course, the cuteness of the baby cow was a major hit, as well as the creative lei jewelry embedded with flowers and herbs designed by students.

**Pa`i`ai Pounding:** Over the course of one week in May, Dash Kuhr and Hualalai Keohuola served all K-5 students, an average of 300 students, with a pa`i`ai making class. We brought six papa ku`i`ai (poi boards) and 12 pohaku ku`i`ai (stones) for the students to engage with. The class started out and ended in circle, sharing about cultural practices and terminology and closing with student experiences with the practice. Students took turns grinding their stones against pieces of kalo grown at and by students at the high school. The majority of students loved the taste of their pa`i`ai and wanted to bring it home to share with their family, as well as pound more.

**Health Fair:** HIP Ag teachers Erika Kuhr and Lauren Ruotolo taught 60 Kohala Middle School

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## Happy News from Kohala Hospital



Photos courtesy of the Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation  
Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation Board members and artist Patrick Ching stand in front of the newly painted ER wall painting.  
Board members (left to right): Elsbeth Meinardus, Shoshana Matsumura, Sara Cameron, Artist Patrick Ching, Donna Beumler, Cindy Sakai, Dixie Adams Not pictured: Rebecca Steele



An `io, or Hawaiian hawk, soars over `ohi`a lehua blossoms.

By Elsbeth Meinardus

The beautiful state-of-the-art Emergency Room at our Kohala Hospital has been in full operation now for many months to great accolades from the community and sick or injured tourists. There was just one thing the Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation Board Members were not too happy about, and that was the white walls in the ER Waiting Room. The consensus was that it should be an oasis of beauty and calm. So started the collaboration between KHCF, Patrick Ching, Kohala Hospital and Fern White.

The finished product is just amazing. What a difference! Many long days of Patrick Ching's planning and painting has transformed a place that can be very stressful for anyone needing to visit an Emergency Room into a beautiful

place of peace, healing and calm. Each wall is a painting from right here in North Kohala, from Pololu to Kahua Ranch and the coastline. There is even a whale swimming in the ocean.

"In the three weeks Patrick's been painting it's made a huge difference. Our mission was to create a healing environment," Kohala Hospital Administrator Gino Amar said.

Patrick is not just a gifted painter, but a generous human being as well. "When I did get in their way, I'd give them a paint brush," Ching joked. "I got to see it have the desired effects on the people coming in. They were all under stress for different reasons. And even the guy with the high blood pressure said, 'Oh that's just

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## Free Agricultural Forum: Meet County Council and State Representative Candidates

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students at their health fair with a lesson on Herbal Tea Remedies. The students tried three different healing teas – “Sleep Aide,” “Brain Tonic” and “Immune Booster” – and learned how to incorporate herbal teas into their self-care routines.

Mahi`iai Mentorship Award & Internship: The High School farm was in production during the last month of school, full of bounty and beauty. Not to mention the 125 pounds of lau leaf harvested for the Kohala Complex Cafeteria from the farm, the high school Natural Resources class of 30 students, led by teacher Aoloo Patao, and HIP Ag staff Dash and Hualalai, worked hard to get the farm to where it is today. The Mahi`ai mentorship program ended with an all -day, on-campus celebration open to other students and teachers, where the Natural Resources class prepared a feast from the taro and vegetables grown at the school farm. Students cooked, cleaned, and pounded taro into poi. They harvested, processed and prepared vegetables and enjoyed a feast which included their hand pounded poi, beef lu`au stew, stir-fried veggies and other dishes brought by students.

Announced in the beginning of the school year, HIP Ag vowed to give awards to the top three “Mahi`ai” participants who gave the most diligence and effort into

the high school farm. The three Mahi`ai’s were announced on May 18 with 1st place (\$1,000) going to Ryan Kealoha, 2nd place (\$500) to MJ Macaspac, and 3rd place (\$250) to Aotealoo Masalosalo. Funds were raised through our annual fundraiser, `Aina Fest. We are so proud of and impressed by these students for their hard work. HIP Ag also launched its first Summer High School Internship, a 6-week hands on learning experience in farming. Four students from the Natural Resource class are participating this summer and one of them is a HIP Ag Mahi`ai Awardee.

A special thanks to everyone who made this year’s programming possible. Mahalo to the incredible leadership of Principals Danny Garcia, Janette Snelling, and Alan Brown; Teachers/ Educators Aoloo Patao, Hualalai Keohuola, Payton Carling, Kayla Sinotte, June Guo, Nancy Cat Jones, and Amy Carlson; HIP Ag Founders Dash and Erika Kuhr; Board Members Gayle Yamasaki and Vanessa Stone; and the many others who supported our efforts. A very special thanks to Hawai`i Community Foundation STEM Learning Partnership Grant, Oio Fund, and the individual donors that support our work in this community. We could not have accomplished so much without your support and guidance. A sincere mahalo.



Photo by Cyrus Kuhr

Kohala Elementary School second grade students enjoy using a microscope on a farm field trip to HIP Agriculture.

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what I needed.”

The next step for the KHCF and Kohala Hospital is to build a garden for patients and visitors. The planning and financing of the huge project has been accomplished, some underground construction is done, and the rest of the work of building and planting is about to begin in the very near future.

That however does not mean the Foundation is done yet. Oh no, there are exciting future plans on the agenda. One thing is for sure, Kohala Hospital will be one beautiful, healing and well-functioning hospital for our Kohala community who has been amazingly generous with donations and support. How blessed we all are to live in such a wondrous place.



Honu and manta rays swim in the foreground with Maui visible across the water.



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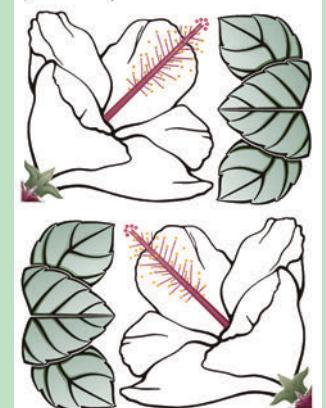
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# Class of 1968 Meets to Celebrate 50 Years of Togetherness



Classmates from the class of 1968 gathered on the KHS campus to celebrate their 50th year reunion. They had just presented two checks to Principal Snelling to show their appreciation of the school. The first was for the pledged amount of \$1,968; the second was for additional donations, bringing the total donated to \$4,235.

Classmates participating in the Bamboo Fishing Tournament at Mahukona Harbor. Laura Yamamoto of Kahei was the winner.

By Anne Fojtasek

Fifty years ago this month, the Kohala High School Class of 1968 graduated. Unlike many high school classes, this group has kept in touch! Andy Oshita, one classmate who returned from the mainland, explains that they planned to have a reunion every five years. The first five-year reunion didn't happen, he says; the group was too scattered. But every five years since then, the class has met again -- quite a record over a 45-year time span.

cities, he points out, students feed into high schools from various lower level schools. But in Kohala, many students who start out together at the kindergarten level then travel with one another through their education all the way through high school graduation, building solid friendships as they go.

"These classmates are close because they grew up together since kindergarten," Andy says. In big

The class of 1968 had 76 members. Of those original classmates, 14 live in Kohala and 38 still live on the Big Island. Twenty-six classmates came back from a number of states on the mainland, as well as O'ahu, Maui and Lana'i. Twelve have died. Of the 64 people still alive from this

class, 31 have come for the 50-year reunion.

Activities for the week included a golf tournament, a bamboo pole fishing tournament, and a hanafuda tournament. Music from the 50s and 60s, popular when the class was still in high school, set the stage for many pleasant memories at a Friday evening potluck, June 8. Saturday's catered dinner included an awards ceremony with etched crystal trophies for winners of all the tournaments. The dinner also offered an opportunity to present two very special awards, which Andy says the class members didn't know about ahead of time: The 1968 Class Good Guy Award went to Ryan Tohara

for his many acts of generosity since his graduation. And the Class of 1968 MVP Award went to Clyde Nakashima for the valuable work he has done with Habitat for Humanity.

On Friday, June 8, the classmates gathered in the library at Kohala High School to present a check to KHS principal Janette Snelling. The group had hoped to raise \$1,968 to donate to the school in honor of their graduation year. They made it—and then some. The total raised was \$4,235. So Andy Oshita, backed up by an appreciative group of classmates, presented Ms. Snelling with a check for the expected \$1,968 and then with a second check for \$2,267,

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 the rest of the money raised. The class had a choice of several school projects for which they could give the money. They voted to ask that their donation would help the cafeteria in the form

of a new milk dispenser and a new meat slicer. As Andy explains, that way the money will help not only Kohala High School but Kohala Elementary school as well, where this class started out together.



A welcoming display made by KHS alumni under the direction of Principal Janette Snelling. The class members were surprised and appreciative.



A second commemorative display made for the Class of '68 by KHS alumni under the direction of Principal Janette Snelling.



All Reunion attendees received a tee-shirt printed with the official 50th Reunion artwork. The Reunion t-shirt and class displays were made for the Class of '68's tour of the campus by KHS alumni under the direction of Principal Janette Snelling.



Vivian Salinas Pope & Devika Folloso take part in the talent contest.



Fun-loving classmates participated in a Hanafuda Tournament.

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## North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee Annual Report to the Community, 2017

The following is the third and final installment of the 2017 North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee report. See the April and May 2018 issues of the Kohala Mountain News for the previous installments at [www.kohalamountainnews.com](http://www.kohalamountainnews.com).

### By John Winter, Retiring Chair Affordable Housing (AH) Group

The NKCDP dedicates a significant section (4.3) to this subject, setting out a major goal and four specific Strategies in order to meet it.

**Goal:** the overall goal of an affordable housing program for North Kohala is to provide affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents and their children and grandchildren.

Strategy 3.1: Ohana Housing Units and Additional Farm Dwellings  
Strategy 3.2: Self-Help Housing  
Strategy 3.3: Non-profit housing development corporation or similar entity

Strategy 3.4: Pre-emptions of certain County regulations to provide for more affordable housing and/or changes to County codes to facilitate affordable rural housing.

The big problem is that Affordable Housing in Kohala is nearly an oxymoron.

The median residential sales price for Q1, 2017 was \$565,000, compared to a Big Island average of \$350,000. The threshold for houses in North Kohala is probably \$350,000 and thus hardly affordable

for many families. With regard to the target price indicated in the final bulleted point above, it is highly doubtful that any North Kohala home has sold for under \$250,000 since 2003.

Introducing affordable housing in Kohala will require considerable effort and creative funding. The Affordable Housing Group (AHG) now has a more efficient relationship with the Action Committee, as well the ability to become sponsored by the North Kohala Community Resource Center and accept donations and provide tax breaks to willing land owners through the NKCRC 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

In 2017, the AH group worked more closely with the County Office of Housing and Development.

In the most promising concrete possibility for the immediate future, we began conversations with a landowner who is proposing to sub-divide a 33-acre parcel in Hawi, which would include some affordable housing lots. We also continued conversations with a landowner near Ainakea.

Another new goal is to develop the first "Pocket Neighborhood" on the island as a prototype for affordable housing. We believe the pocket neighborhood concept of design is a form that is particularly compatible with Kohala's rural character and emphasis on community life. Planners use the term 'pocket neighborhood' to describe a new development that places homes

around a central communal pedestrian-only open space while routing the vehicular traffic and parking to the perimeter of the 'neighborhood.' House lots are smaller, but all share immediate access to the shared common space.

We have done conceptual sketches for several vacant parcels showing how this would increase the number of units and viability of the project.

We are also keeping track of the "Tiny House" movement, hoping to coordinate with them. Perhaps tiny houses, either mobile or stationary, and related zoning accommodations, could get small affordable housing units on agricultural land for people wishing to farm but unable to afford the high cost of starting out.

The NKCDP mentions the need for Rural Infrastructure Standards. Such standards, would help maintain Kohala's rural character and aid in keeping costs down for affordable housing projects.

The Affordable Housing Group meeting times are irregular. If you would like to participate, please call Jack Hoyt at 889-0349.

### Power, View Planes and Erosion Control (PVEC) Group

The PVEC Group works to implement the "Strategies" of the Plan that address the condition of our area power system as well as issues concerning the quality of

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### Future KMN Deadlines

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## Mahalo Mahalo Mahalo!

The Kohala Kamehameha Day Celebration committee would like to acknowledge the many hands and hearts that made this year's event a success.

This year the committee was granted funds from the Kohala Lions Club.

Following is a list of all the people and entities that gave willingly of their time, energy, love and light. Officer KJ and friends ensured that our community was kept safe before, during and after the parade.

Deborah Imonti allowed our participants to park their big trucks and horse trailers in the Kamehameha Park Golf Course.

County of Hawaii, Dept. of Parks & Recreation generously donated the use of the park for the day.

Guy Nakamura for taking care of all the signage needed in order to close the roads.

Ackerman Gallery for the beautiful wood bowls donated as makana for our princesses.

Sunshine Hardware for the shovels donated for the pooper scoopers.

Delphina and Bennett Dorrance for the time and energy of their non-profit staff along with the use of their facilities at the Kohala Village HUB for meetings and staging of the floats.

Kohala Coffee Mill, Takata Store, Michael and Rita Maria, and Minnie's for their electricity and allowing our roadside MC to occupy their space.

Sheri Tohara and the Hapuna at the Mauna Kea for laundering our pā'ū.

Hawaii Forest & Trails for donating their vehicles and drivers to transport the Kamehameha Schools graduating class of 1961 during the parade.

Na Kupuna O Kohala for decorating the stage at the ho'olaule'a.

North Kohala Community Resource Center for allowing us to use your office to dress our princesses and as a starting point for the parade.

National Guard and Kohala Veterans for your assistance with parking and security.

Roving Marshals for your dedication to maintaining a safe and fun parade.

Our wordsmith Randee Golden for always volunteering to write our articles.

Sharon Hayden, Don & Dede Fernandez, CJ Yamamoto, Cheryl Cabrera, Uncle Harry Cabrera for ensuring that our King looks his best for the celebration.

Our event masters of ceremony – Darde Gamayo, Kapo'e Lewis, Wyatt Souza, Tita Alcoran, Cherie Carvalho, Kamaka Wakita, Hinano Lewis. Mahalo for keeping it all flowing.

To all the entertainers & hālaus for your dedication to our King and culture.

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**AND TO ALL OF OUR Participants, Volunteers and Supporters: mahalo nunui!**

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views from our roads and erosion, particularly along the coast.

**Accomplishments in 2017:**

The PVEC group supported the County's multi-year effort concluding in 2017 to transition to LED streetlights, increasing the dark night sky with safer true-color, non-glare street lighting, and 50% energy savings.

The transition advances NKCDP goals of view plane protection and rural infrastructure "low profile minimal street lighting."

Worked with other NKCDP groups on a continuing discussion with residents near Pololu Lookout to improve the situation there.

The group also met several times this year with HELCO. Work continued on mapping potential Kohala's HELCO transmission loop routes, view planes identified in various view studies, and lands preserved for open space. HELCO transmission line routes proposed for steep slopes are being studied by group members for potential soil erosion.

Solar Matters, the promoters of future solar bikeways, sponsored monthly family bike rides in Kohala.

Restoration efforts continued at Upolu Point and along the leeward coastline on contour land planning and sediment basins to prevent erosion runoff.

**Goals for 2018:**

Goals include continued work on the Pololu Lookout situation, further work on a second powerline serving Kohala, determination of significant view planes to avoid for new transmission lines, as well as locations for prospective new scenic lookouts to improve safety, particularly during whale season.

HELCO currently maintains one radial electrical transmission line going into Kohala (34.5kV), which runs along the Kohala Mountain Road. This line has been subject to frequent down time causing the entire district to lose electrical service and risk damage to electrical devices upon restoration of steady power.

North Kohala is the only district lacking redundancy on the entire Island. Every other Hawai'i County district has an electrical system which operates on a "looped" or "redundant" system.

The PVEC group is seeking community input for a new 2018 meet-

ing day/time, place. Please call Susan Fischer if interested at 882-7611.

**Agriculture Group (AG)**

The Agriculture Group is in a restructuring stage and seeks members of the community wishing to work on promoting a vibrant and productive agricultural system in Kohala. The issues we can address include:

- Supporting Agricultural Education Programs
- Working with and Promoting Existing Agricultural Groups (e.g. The Farmer's Union)
- Resisting Conversion of Lands Zoned for Agriculture to Other Purposes
- Participating in the Identification of Important Agricultural Lands
- Promoting Affordable Agricultural Housing, such as Ohana Housing and Various Sorts of Additional Farm Dwellings
- Encourage Efforts to Improve the Kohala Ditch System
- Support Efforts to Promote Agricultural Business and an Agricultural Park

Residents interested in helping please call Jack Olsen at 990-3862.

**Cultural and Historical Preservation (CHP) Group**

The Kohala Coast consists of one of the most intact "cultural landscapes" in the State of Hawai'i due to its high density of cultural and archaeological sites. Because of Kohala's strong cultural heritage and many cultural, natural and historical sites, the Cultural and Historical Preservation Group was formed in 2016 to address ways to document our history and protect the sites.

The NKCDP also recommends that place names commemorating Kamehameha I should be recognized. It is not the intention of the CHP to assume management of any sites, but to assure their recognition and protection.

**Accomplishments in 2017:**

The CHP group met with some members of the Senior Club who carry most of the living historical memory of North Kohala. They said they would rather share information informally and in "talk story" venues rather than publish a book or pamphlets or post informative posters/signs, which have met with vandalism in the past.

Many said that, now that children have exposure to local culture

and history in school, they already learn much from teachers and kupuna. Faye Yates attended two State Historical workshops in Kona to learn what is required to nominate, and care for places on the Historic Register. The group discussed ways to record personal histories, either a new book on Kohala or video sessions.

Given the number of articles already written, there may not be need for more. There are also costs involved, leading to questions on fundraising. Because most group members are kupuna, they felt it was too much to take on. The group did meet with staff from the Community Resource Center to discuss a project to write short personal/family histories.

**Goals for 2018:**

The CHP group will continue researching ways to record personal histories and the need and procedures for a historical book. They will also work to document and protect historical sites in Kohala.

The CHP group has no official time and place yet. People interested in working with this group please call Faye Yates, 889-0383.

**Healthcare Investigatory Subcommittee**

An Investigatory Subcommittee was formed in 2017 to address:

- Strategy 4.9: Increase Commu-

nity Awareness of Healthcare Services in Kohala.

**Accomplishments in 2017.** The Healthcare subcommittee understands that a solution to these issues requires more than community awareness. Members have spoken to a number of people including a member on the Board of Directors at Hamakua-Kohala Health Center. Kohala suffers from too few doctors and their staff is kept very busy with scheduling and billing.

Informal surveys suggested that all Kohala residents agree that we need better health care here, but no one seems to know where to start. Discussions at individual doctor's offices indicate that they are busy and do not have enough time.

As a result, many doctors take too long to make follow-up appointments. Ano Ano Care Home charges over \$9,000/mo. but they do not or cannot take their residents to physical therapy or to doctor's appointments. The County will not pick up Residents in a care home due to liability issues.

**Goals for 2018:**

This is a very difficult issue and needs further research. The NKCDP suggests that a community forum be developed to include concerned community groups to share ideas about how the community's health-care needs can be better met.

**Call to Action by New CDP Action Committee Chairperson**

By Toni Withington

"Roll up our sleeves and let's get going," Steve Hoffmann, the new Chairperson of the North Kohala Community Development Plan (NKCDP) Action Committee (AC), told members and the audience at a May 21 meeting. Recognizing that the County cannot always focus on taking care of the community's needs, Hoffmann challenged the committee and its participating groups to undertake improvements on their own.

"Action should be one of our key values of what we do," he said, pointing out the quick response to two landslides and a fallen tree blocking Akoni Pule Highway last month. Also, the continuing community-driven efforts to clear portions of Pratt Road for emergency use in such situations.

To get things moving, the committee appointed specific members

to serve as liaisons of the AC to the various groups, formerly called subcommittees.

They will be expected to report group activities to the AC and the Planning Department, to get more people interested in working on groups, and to focus on bringing issues to the AC for action.

Vice Chairperson Keone Emeliano was appointed liaison to the Kohala Community Access Group. Jeff Coakley will cover the Parks, Water, Roads Group. Richard Elliott will continue with the Growth Management Group. Jack Hoyt will also continue with the Affordable Housing Group. Jack Olson will help restart the Agriculture Group. Steve Hoffmann will become part of the Power, Viewplanes, Erosion Control Group. Lehua Ah Sam will work with the Historic Preservation Group

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By Val Barnes

By now you've likely heard the news that the Hawai'i State Legislature passed a bill this session banning the local sale of sunscreens containing oxybenzone and octinoxate—two chemicals known to inhibit the growth and reproduction of coral reefs—beginning January 1, 2021.

But you don't have to wait two and half years to make a difference: you can help Hawai'i's coral reefs by replacing your chemical-based sunscreens with mineral-based sunscreens and protective garments right away!

But what should you do with your bad sunscreen? Throwing it in the trash, or continuing to use it even if you don't set foot in the ocean, can still result in these harmful chemicals finding their way into our aquatic environments.

There's good news for Hawai'i

Island residents and visitors: we can take care of it for you. The Kohala Center received a permit from the County of Hawai'i allowing us to turn over any chemical-based sunscreen to the County, and they will dispose of it in an environmentally friendly manner, free of charge.

Our very own Kohala Grown Market in downtown Hawi has agreed to serve as a drop-off site for your old, bad sunscreen and Sustainable Kohala will ensure it gets to the Kohala Center for disposal in the safe landfill.

Or, if you are out and about, other drop-off locations include:

Lanakila Learning Center, 33 Kaiulani Street, Hilo

The Kohala Center, 65-1291 Kawaihae Road, Kamuela

The Kahalu'u Bay Education Center, Kahalu'u Beach Park, Kailua-Kona

Mahalo!

## Hikers Celebrate National Trails Day



On June 3, hikers celebrated National Trails Day with a walk from Lapakahi State Historical Park to Kapa'a Beach Park. Multiple sources along the route explained aspects of the area's rich history to the hikers.

Story and photo by Toni Withington

Brilliant sunshine and a sprinkle of rain accompanied hikers on a trek from Lapakahi State Historical Park to Kapa'a Beach Park to celebrate National Trails Day on June 3. Forty-four participants from ages 6 to 76 made the morning three-mile walk which ended with a cooling veil of rain for the last half mile.

The event was sponsored by the trails groups E Mau Na Ala Hele and the Ala Kahakai Trail Association, as well as the National Park Service. Starting at Lapakahi Park, the hikers were given a talk by park ranger about the importance of the historic fishing village and the trail to the entire settlement of North Kohala and its large population in ancient times.

The hike wound through parts of the Lapakahi village complex, then north along beach cobbles, boulder shorelines and grassy ridges to the Mahukona navigational light. At Mahukona Park and harbor, the

group learned about the history of the former village, harbor and railroad terminal from Deborah Chang with photos and materials provided by Fred Cachola.

Following the narrow roadway that was once the track bed for the Mahukona to Niuli'i Railroad, the group stopped at Nishimura Bay to hear Kamuela Plunkett describe some of the history of the early Hawaiian uses of the area. On the way to Kapa'a, Toni Withington described the efforts of Kohala community groups to preserve the land at Mahukona and along the leeward coast in open space.

Chris Hawkins of the Ala Kahakai Trail Association and his family had a picnic lunch ready for hikers at Kapa'a Park.

For more information about E Mau Na Ala Hele visit the website [emaunaalahahele.org](http://emaunaalahahele.org). For information about the Ala Kahakai Trail Association visit their site at [alakahakaitrail.org](http://alakahakaitrail.org).

**Action, continued from Page 6** and Beverly Blake will be part of the Health Care Group.

Most of the groups meet monthly, while the Action Committee will continue to meet bi-monthly with the cooperation of the Planning Department staff.

The Planning staff prepared a data base list of the action strategies named in the NKCDP so that the liaisons can ask each group to prioritize the actions they wish to pursue in the next year. At its next meeting in July, the AC members will vote on the ones they feel most likely to produce results.

In other business, the Planning staff shared a pamphlet prepared by the Puna CDP Action Committee with information specific to that district for people moving to or visiting Puna. Jack Hoyt suggested doing a

similar pamphlet for Kohala pointing out sensitive issues important to residents.

Topics such as respect for historic sites, preventing introduction of coquis and little fire ants, and keeping trails in good condition could be some of the topics mentioned with information to contact groups with those concerns. Beverly Blake volunteered to work on a draft of items to include in a pamphlet.

County Planner LeAna Gloor said that anyone in the community could request an issue to be placed on the Action Committee agenda, so long as the issue related to the NKCDP and that the request be received by her at least three weeks prior to the next AC meeting.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 16, at 5 p.m. in the Hisaoka Gym Conference Room.

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# Monty Richards Passes at Age 88



Photos courtesy of Monty Richards estate except where noted. Monty rests for a moment on steps.



Kids of the workers (unknown) at Kahua house, 1928



Monty & Elly (Eleanore Atherton Chong) at their wedding, 2013

Monty Richards, head of Kahua Ranch and fifth-generation kamaaina, died in San Francisco on June 4 from complications suffered after a stroke. He was a well-known and influential leader in Kohala, leaving a legacy of decades of public service both locally and on a national level.

Several Kohala community members share their fond remembrances of him here.

By Christine Richardson

I first met Monty Richards after the 2006 earthquake. He walked into our little office and asked us to join the growing community team that wanted to repair the Kohala Ditch. He cared deeply about agriculture and water in Kohala and played an important role in securing fed-

eral funds for the repair of the ditch intake and the broken flumes. The project took almost three years, but the ditch still runs to this day.

Monty was a pleasure to work with and our friendship grew as he learned about other ways he could help the community through NKCRC ("the Center"). He worked with the Bank of Hawaii for many years and in 2008, the BOH Foundation established a fund to support nonprofit efforts for the Big Island in his name. Every year, the awards have been made at his lifetime home, Kahua Ranch, on his birthday. Many worthy efforts from Kohala Hospital to the Kohala Elementary School Discovery Garden to the Center itself have been grate-

ful recipients. In 2010, NKCRC published, in conjunction with the Living Journals project, "A Storyteller's Story" -- the oral history of Kindy Sproat. Kindy was a dear friend of Monty's and he appreciated how well this book captured Kindy's voice and life.

A year or two later, Monty reached out to me and asked if Faye Mitchell would be willing to record his story about the history of cattle ranching and Kahua Ranch. We were delighted to partner in this effort, and after a few stops and starts the book, "Ranching under the Rainbow" by Monty Richards, was published with tremendous support from his wife, Elly Chong, the Bank of Hawaii Foundation

and, of course, Faye.

Last year, Kahua Ranch held a reunion for all the families and folks who had worked at the Ranch. His good friend Amoo Ching Kainoa, who fondly calls him, "Papa," organized a DVD recording of the event through the Living Journals project. The reunion coincided with the Kamehameha Day celebration. Many of the ranching families in attendance proudly rode in the parade alongside Monty and Elly in a horse drawn carriage.

Monty always had a joke to tell and put a smile on my face. With those red suspenders and his endearing way of convincing me to take on yet another com-

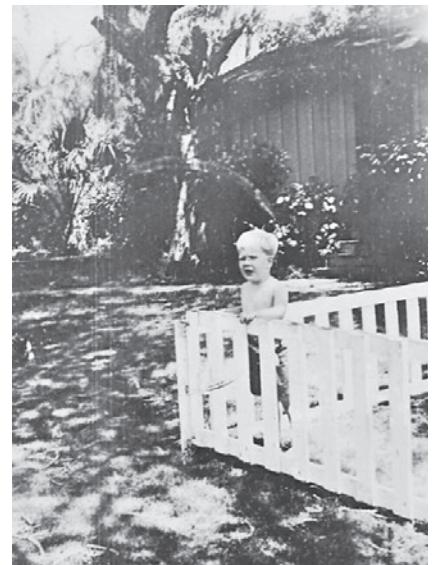
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Monty at Kahua Ranch, early 1950s



Monty in High School, Connecticut 1946



Monty in his pen at Kahua

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munity effort, I could never refuse him. Monty cared deeply about his family, friends and the community of North Kohala. He represents an important piece of our history and will be greatly missed for a very long time to come.

Aloha, Monty.  
By Faye Mitchell

In 2010, Monty called on me to help him record the history of his life, which resulted in his book "Ranching Under the Rainbow," released in 2016. But that was not the first time I met him. It was 1989 when my 6th Kohala School class took the school bus up to Kahuā ranch as I sat next to a classmate whose family lived on the ranch. I thought, "People live up here?" I had no idea what this ranch and Monty meant to the Big Island and Hawaii's cultural history. What he stood for and the actions he took reached far beyond the thousands of acres he managed for over 50 years; he helped shape business, politics and the greater community of Hawaii we know today. For someone who had his hands in so many things, Monty's character was unwavering. His sense of humor, unapologetic candor and signature red suspenders are just a few of things that made him an unforgettable man we will always remember.

From Monty's book, "Ranching Under the Rainbow," in his own words

"Part of me would want to be remembered as a person that tried

to make a difference to the people in Hawaii. You would hope that people might remember you as someone who was in agriculture, was interested in all forms of agriculture and stood ready to help all people in agriculture. Also, someone who wasn't concerned, unnecessarily, with what other people thought all the time. You just went ahead and you did it. Luckily, lots of it has turned out right.

"Another part would be to know that you raised a family that was all successful. Whoever they become, important thing they're good citizens. They're back in Hawaii - they are contributing in their chosen fields. They feel fortunate to be involved with Kahuā. All four of my kids have homes here and that, I think, is quite fortunate. But it's not been easy - everything is difficult.

"Another other thing that I would like to be known for is a person who was able to manage and turn over something to the coming generation - to have transitioned a cattle ranch in fair shape. Sure it has been through the problems that all cattle ranches have been through, but has survived in a shape that gives the next group a chance. Whether they wish to give credit or not, that's kind of up to them. But I can at least look in the mirror and say, 'Okay pal, you turned it over to them.'

"I've been fortunate to be given the opportunity to work with lots of people, many of them in very high positions of responsibility. I've been able to help them and able to

get things done. Put it this way, I've not dishonored the name. At least I hope I haven't. But that's to be judged by others."

By Toni Withington

Monty Richards played a pivotal role in achieving the purchase of many acres of North Kohala coastal lands for permanent open space use by the public. As a member of the State Legacy Land Preservation Commission from 2007 to 2013, he led fellow commissioners on inspections of coastal properties nominated to receive State funding. During commission discussions of the various applications, he vigorously defended the long history of Kohala people taking care of their coastal lands, whether it was public or undeveloped private land.

He supported the purchase of 10.6 acres of land at Pao'o (Secrets) in 2010, as well as 17 acres of land at Lapakahi to add to the Lapakahi State Historical Park in 2011. In 2012 he led the inspection which resulted in the purchase of 28 acres of land at Kauhola Point (Lighthouse) on the north coast. The following year he supported the funding of two parcels at Kaiholena with a total of 77 acres.

It was clear to all of us that he was highly respected by his fellow commissioners. He could carry on very serious discussions with cheerfulness and a cooperative exuberance. You felt that he was always authentic to who he was, and he genuinely cared for the topic at hand.

Gail Byrne Baber, who shep-

herded many of the proposals through the commission, said "I remember Monty being fiercely supportive of Kohala and its people. A memory that stands out for me was when he persuaded some doubting fellow Legacy Lands Commissioners to fund the purchase of the central parcels at Kaiholena when the other Commissioners were doubting our capacity to steward coastal lands if funds were awarded. He boasted 'Kohala's people have always taken care of their coastal lands and they always will!' It ended the Commissioners debate right then and there and Kaiholena was ranked number one for funding that year and Kauhola (lighthouse) number four, both fully funded.

"He was always very kind to my daughter, who accompanied me to meetings, and especially gracious to Sienna when she 10 and testified before the commission."



Monty Richards at Kahuā Ranch

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My experience as a parent, owner of a small business and as a public servant provides me a unique perspective on how things work and don't work in our state. In the early 1990s, I was the UH Sea Grant Extension Agent for West Hawai'i and served as a two-term State Representative for Kona and Kohala from 1994-1998. For over 20 years, my wife Carolyn and I have run our own business, a Waimea-based environmental planning firm. I have also been an executive with several local start-up companies in the marine biotech, aquaculture, forestry and agriculture sectors; and a director of several nonprofit organizations working in marine conservation, space science education, community health improvement, and primary school education.

As an environmental planner and meeting facilitator, I have worked for established local industries including agriculture, tourism, ocean recreation, marine resources, astronomy, and education. I have also worked for new and emerging industries including renewable energy, distributed power generation, forestry, marine biotech, and environmental technology. And I have worked on public infrastructure projects including highways, harbors, and airports, and environmental management projects such as watershed protection, coastal park development, fisheries management, and marine protected areas establishment.

Throughout my 32-year career in Hawai'i working as an environmental and community planning consultant and as a state legislator, I have a solid track record of resolving conflicts in our community related to land use, natural resources, ecosystem protection, community health, and education. I am thoughtful and diligent, do my own research, and work collaboratively with stakeholders. Through this consultative process to develop a well-informed policy solution, I lead by consensus to gain public support, legislative approval and agency implementation.

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# Kohala Celebrates King Kamehameha

On June 11, the annual celebration of King Kamehameha's birth was again accomplished in memorable style with a full day of festivities. The day began with the ceremonial lei-draping of the King Kamehameha statue in Kapa`au, which was followed by a parade down Akoni Pule Highway and culminated in a grand ho`olaulea at Kamehameha Park.



*Photo by Randee Golden*  
The statue of King Kamehameha laden with fresh lei, which are carefully draped in the traditional morning ceremonies.



*Photo by Randee Golden*  
A lele, or altar, is created at the statue each year to hold ho`okupu, or gifts presented in honor of the King.



*Photo by Gina Lafferty*  
Fara Boisvert, longtime owner of Sage Farms, represents the island of Kamaehu, the active volcano under water forming a new island to the southeast of the Big Island, in the Pa`u Parade.



*Photo by Marianne Eaton*  
Melody Nicholson rides in the Pa`u Parade representing the island of Kamaehu along with her mother, Fara Boisvert.



*Photo by Shay Van Zandt*  
Island of Hawaii Princess Kapanai Reynolds (left) and Easton Chong from Kohala 4-H club.

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Photo by Shay Van Zandt  
Shanti Scarpetta-Lee carries the 4-H flag.



Photo by Shay Van Zandt  
Hailey Van Zandt, Little Miss Paniola 2018 (center), along with Princesses Marley Endreson (left) and Kalista Carvalho (right).



Photo by Shay Van Zandt  
Newly crowned Hawaii High School Rodeo Queen Sydney Wiernicki (left) and Elijah Tabiolo, carrying the High School Rodeo flag.



Photo by Shay Van Zandt  
Zavier Moniz (left) carries the Hawaiian flag and Tyler Van Zandt carries the American flag.



Photo by Shay Van Zandt  
Kapanaiia Kohala's favorite rescue pony pulling the 4-H rebuilt carriage. This was the first time he ever pulled the carriage, which was remodeled just in time for the parade.



Photo by Matthew Bennett  
On Saturday, June 9, Kohala paniolo in coordinated attire helped maintain order in Kona's Kamehameha Day parade. The Kona event is traditionally held on the Saturday closest to June 11.

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## Pā'ū Rider Lei-Making Workshop

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On May 19, in preparation for Kamehameha Day, (left to right) Sadie Giltner, Shaniya Medeiros, Savannah Giltner and Fara Boisvert were part of a workshop taught by Amoo Ching Kainoa.

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## WEEKLY EVENTS IN JULY 2018

DAY	START	END	EVENT	VENUE	CONTACT
MON	6:30AM	7:30AM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-5675
	9AM		KOHALA SENIOR CLUB MEETING	OLD COURTHOUSE	895-2094
	9:30AM	10:30AM	JOANIE'S PILATES - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
	3:30PM	4:30PM	CAPOEIRA - YOUTH	HUB BARN	889-0404
	5PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ROSS PAGAT	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH	989-0966
	05:15PM	06:30PM	MIXED BALLET - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
	6PM	6:30PM	FREE RMD TAIKO CLASSES	HISAOKA GYM	895-2025
	7PM		AL-ANON MEETING WITH LAURA	KOHALA MISSION SCHOOL	
TUES	6:30AM	7:30AM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-5675
	9AM	10:30AM	CHAIR YOGA	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	889-0583
	9AM	11AM	TAI CHI - ALL	HUB HALE	889-0404
	10AM	3PM	HAWI FARMERS' MARKET		
	4PM	5:30PM	JAN'S YOGA - BEGINNER - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
	4:15PM	5PM	KEIKI BALLET - 3-6YRS	HUB BARN	889-0404
	5PM	6PM	MEDITATION COURSE	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	917-293-3427
	5PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ASHLEE CHEEK	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH	989-0966
	05:30PM	08:30PM	CERAMICS - GUIDED OPEN STUDIO	HUB CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404
	6PM	7PM	TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	OLD COURT HOUSE	889-1099
	6:30PM	7:30PM	BELLY DANCING - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
WED	7AM		WALK WITH A DOC	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-1570
	05:30PM	08:30PM	CERAMICS - GUIDED OPEN STUDIO	HUB CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404
	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	889-6703
	7PM	8:15PM	TAI CHI - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
	THURS	6:30AM	7:30AM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK
4PM		5:30PM	JAN'S YOGA - INTERMEDIATE - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
04:45PM		05:45PM	ZUMBA	HUB BARN	889-0404
5PM		6PM	MEDITATION COURSE	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	917-293-3427
5PM		6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ROSS PAGAT	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH	989-0966
05:30PM		08:30PM	CERAMICS - GUIDED OPEN STUDIO	HUB CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404
6PM			TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	OLD COURT HOUSE	889-1099
7PM	8PM	NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS	WYLIE HALL	498 4714	
FRI	9AM	11AM	TAI CHI - ALL	HUB HALE	889-0404
	9:30AM	10:30AM	JOANIE'S PILATES - ALL	HUB HALE	889-0404
	10AM		PRESCHOOL STORY TIME AGES 2-5	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
	4:30PM	5:30PM	YIN YOGA - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
SAT	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-5675
	8:30AM	9:30AM	ASHTANGA VINAYASA YOGA	HUB HALE	889-0404
	12PM	3PM	CERAMICS - GUIDED OPEN STUDIO	CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404
SUN	9AM	10:30AM	JAN'S YOGA - BEGINNER - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
	10AM	11AM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	HAWI FARMERS MARKET	
	10AM		WEST AFRICAN DRUMMING CLASS	LAVARROOTS PAVILLION	987-4243
	10:30AM	12PM	JAN'S YOGA - INTERMEDIATE - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
	11AM	12:30PM	WEST AFRICAN DANCE CLASS	LAVARROOTS PAVILLION	987-4243
	4:30PM	5:30PM	TANGO - BEGINNER - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
	5:30PM	6:30PM	TANGO - INTERMEDIATE - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
	7PM	8PM	REFUGE RECOVERY	HUB CLAY COTTAGE	464-4411

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## Local Yoga Teacher Running for County Council District 9

North Kohala residents: Maya Parish, local yoga teacher and community organizer, is running for office. And it's about time. In a time of political divisiveness and widespread environmental toxicity, the universal need for emotional and physical wellness has never been more evident. And for Maya Parish, the path of the yogi and civic engagement are intimately connected. The word yoga means "to yoke, or come together." For the serious yoga practitioner seeking self-reliance and freedom, it becomes all too clear that true liberation is inclusive of both the individual and the collective. We are interconnected with the world around us. For Maya Parish, civic service is an extension of her yoga practice. "We deserve an engaged and accessible advocate. We need a strong voice on the County Council who will put people first," says Parish.

As a small business owner and homeowner in Hawi, Maya knows firsthand the challenges we face as residents of rural North Kohala. Small in population yet covering a large geographical area, County Council District 9 is in need of affordable housing, increased funding for our public schools, more good jobs with a living wage, decreased energy costs and better health care for us all.

Born and raised in New York

City, Maya has been gratefully calling Hawai'i home since 2013. Since the 2016 election, Maya has organized and produced four large-scale community events including the Women's March Rally in Kailua-Kona, attended by 3,500 participants; Defend the Sacred in Hawi; The People's Climate March in Kailua-Kona; and the 8th Annual 'Aina Fest in North Kohala, a festival designed to empower the island-wide food security and sovereignty movement.

Maya holds elected office as the Hawai'i County Secretary for the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and the Hawai'i County Representative At Large on the party's State Central Committee. "Local government is the front line to protect our well-being and meet our community's needs. I'm ready to be present, listen to what people need and want, and then translate the will of our residents into proactive measures to elevate the quality of all life on our island."

Maya's activism and civic engagement is a direct extension of her yogic path. As a certified Children's Yoga teacher, she teaches Kohala Elementary School's K-5 students through the North Kohala Community Resource Center sponsored project "Keiki Yoga Kohala." She also works privately with residents and visitors to optimize their health and wellness, and teaches

weekly classes at Waimea Yoga, Mauna Kea Resort, Mauna Lani Resort and her home studio in Hawi.

Even before she knew it, Maya was on the yogic path of service. Back in New York, Maya volunteered at her church's soup kitchen from a young age and volunteered at the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in high school.

While living in Los Angeles, she worked for seven years at the non-profit Unusual Suspects as a Teaching Artist where she taught pro-social life skills through theater arts to incarcerated youth in the juvenile justice system and to high school students in at-risk areas. Maya also worked for many years as a CareActor, coaching physicians and nurses on empathy and communication skills, for Kaiser Permanente. "This is a critical time in our history. We must rise up and demand that our elected officials

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For more information, call Leilani Silver at North Kohala Public Library, 889-6655. Please call three weeks in advance to request a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation.

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# Kohala Sports

## Kohala Cowboy & Cowgirl Basketball Clinic Happens in Kohala!



Kohala Basketball Clinic Participants 2018 gather for a group photo

Photo courtesy of Sammie Aiona

On Monday and Tuesday, June 4 and 5, a few of our favorite players from past and current Kohala Boys and Girls Basketball teams

led a Basketball Clinic for players ages 8-18. Under the guidance of Mr. Duncan Anderson, young and aspiring players had a great time

learning stretches, warm up drills, and drills that improved their skills in the game of basketball, "Kohala's Game." KMN Sports popped in to take in some of the clinic, which was held for these "Young Guns" at Ikuo Hisaoka Gym. There was no cost to attend the clinic, which was held from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on both days. Participants got free t-shirts and bento lunches provided by Takata Store and Hawai'i Community Federal Credit Union (Kohala Branch).

Shiro asks, you got to answer the call!" exclaimed Duncan as he explained how this clinic came to be. "Shiro just called me up to talk about his idea and it was then when I knew it would happen!" Reserving the gym, calling for help, getting together the supplies he needed is par for the course, being an experienced High School and Parks & Rec coach. Duncan sees the clinic as an annual event for the players of Kohala--something for the kids to do during the first few weeks of summer.

According to Duncan Anderson, the Cowboy & Cowgirl Basketball Clinic was the brainchild of Kohala's own, Mr. Shiro Takata! "When

Well done, and we hope to see this event grow into something bigger next year!



Tasi, Kailani and Mahina get into motion at the Kohala Basketball Clinic 2018.

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**Kohala Sports**

**Kohala Elementary School Honors Volunteer Coaches with Friend of Children Award!**

On May 31, Kohala Elementary School honored five volunteer coaches who took the time to share their expertise with Kohala's children. Those honored were volunteer tennis coaches Hermann Fernandez, Hayden Virtue, Melissa Virtue and Michael Bartolome; and youth soccer coach Joy Personius. The Friend of Children Award is given annually to adults who volunteer their time and share their expertise with the children of Kohala Elementary. Former Kohala Elementary Principal Ele Laszlo started this tradition, and current Principal Danny Garcia continues to perpetuate it.

That same day, Hawaiian musician Keali'i Keanaaina also received this award for his support of Kohala Elementary's 21st Century afterschool Ukulele class, for which he generously donates ukulele.

Coach Hermann Fernandez has been a staple in Kohala's tennis community and has been instrumental in mentoring many youth and high school tennis players over the years. His knowledge and enthusiasm has created a love for tennis in youngsters



*Photo Courtesy of Sammie Aiona*  
 Kohala Elementary School honors Friends of Children on May 31, 2018. Left to right: Hermann Fernandez, Hayden Virtue, Melissa Virtue and Joy Personius. Missing: Michael Bartolome

like Hayden Virtue, who sees a future as a tennis player and coach. Coach Hermann just wants our keiki to have fun on our tennis courts, while learning the skills to play competitively at the same time.

"Aunty Melissa," as all of the little ones call her, is the coor-

ordinator for the Kohala Elementary Tennis Program. She creates schedules by arranging times and dates with teachers. She also practices and helps shag wayward tennis balls on the blacktop where the tennis classes are held.

Michael Bartolome is an alumnus of our Kohala schools and

an alumnus of Coach Hermann's high school tennis teams. He brings his high energy to the team by having fun with the kids he works with. He was a great addition to the team this semester.

Hayden, or "Coach Hayden," as our youngsters know him, is the up-and-coming tennis pro of the team. He is a high school student and tennis player at Hawai'i Preparatory Academy. Hayden's vision of a tennis program came to fruition after a conversation with Principal Garcia. He brings out the equipment, rain or shine! Hayden has conducted class for the entire school year and is looking forward to another year of tennis classes in the fall of the 2018.

Coach Joy Personius is a tireless youth coach who also has a real job working for the Department of Education. She put on not just one, but two soccer clinics for the elementary students! She is a wealth of information, being a former high school and college soccer player. She brings the sunshine to Kohala in the form of her wonderful personality. Thanks to all of these wonderful Friends of Children.

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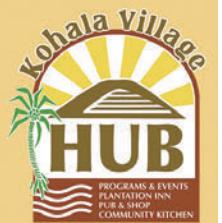
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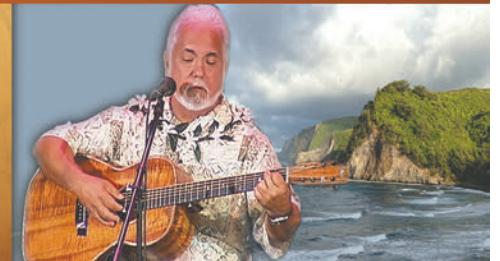
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DATE	DAY	START	END	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	VENUE	PHONE
6/12 - 7/20		8 AM	3 PM	SUMMER FUN PROGRAM AT KAMEHAMEHA PARK	ARTS & CRAFTS PROJECTS, INDOOR/OUTDOOR GAMES, SPORTS, MUSIC, DANCE, NATURE EXPLORATION, SWIMMING, SPECIAL EVENTS AND EXCURSIONS.	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	961-8740
7/2	MON	6 PM	7 PM	GROWTH MANAGEMENT GROUP	MEETING	BANK OF HAWAII BUILDING	854-4888
7/2	MON	6 PM		FAMILY FILM NIGHT	ROCK DOG (PG)	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
7/3	TUES	5 PM		BON DANCE PRACTICE		KOHALA HONGWANJI	966-9981
7/4	WED	4 PM		COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP	MEETING	SENIOR CENTER	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
7/4	WED	4:30 PM		NKAG MEETING		OLD COURTHOUSE	
7/5	THUR	5 PM		BON DANCE PRACTICE		KOHALA HONGWANJI	966-9981
7/7	SAT	5 PM		OBON AND HATSUBON	5PM - GRAVEYARD SERVICE, 6PM - HATSUBON, BON DANCE TO FOLLOW		
7/9	MON	3 PM	5 PM	NORTH KOHALA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP	SUPPORTED BY N. HAWAII COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL	KINGS VIEW CAFE	989-4894
7/9	MON	6 PM		FAMILY FILM NIGHT	WONDER (PG)	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
7/10	TUE	11 AM		READING DISCUSSION: CHILDREN'S BOOKS,	NUMBER THE STARS BY LOIS LOWRY AND A FAVORITE PICTURE BOOK TO SHARE	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
7/10	TUE	6 PM		MEET COUNTY COUNCIL AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES	HAWAI'I FARMERS UNION UNITED	KOHALA VILLAGE HUB	KOHALA.HFUU@GMAIL.COM
7/11	WED	1 PM		CAPOEIRA INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP	WITH MARIO HILL (AGES 6-12)	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
7/12	THUR	7 PM	9 PM	KOHALA ECSTATIC DANCE JAM	FEATURING AN ECLECTIC ROTATION OF DEEJAYS	HUB BARN	889-0404
7/16	MON	4 PM		SUMMER READING FINALE	WITH BEAT BOX AND HIP HOP MUSICIAN MR. KNEEL	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
7/16	WED	5 PM		NKCDP AC MEETING	NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE	HISAOKA GYM	323-4770
7/17	TUE	10 AM		ADULT WRITERS' GROUP		NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
7/21	SAT	4:30 PM	6:30 PM	FREE GRINDZ HOT MEAL	KOHALA BAPTIST CHURCH	BANYAN TREE	889-5416
7/21	SAT	1 PM		RMD TAIKO - 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY	FEATURING OKINAWAN ARTISTS	KAHILU THEATER	
7/23	MON	6 PM		TEEN JEWELRY CRAFT	WITH SID NAKAMOTO	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
7/25	WED	4 PM	5:30 PM	RESTORATIVE YOGA THERAPY CLASS	WITH CARLA ORELLANA, CERTIFIED YOGA THERAPIST, BY DONATION	THE HUB	889-0404
7/25	WED	5 PM		PARKS, WATER & ROADS GROUP	MONTHLY MEETING	OLD COURTHOUSE	889-6238
7/26	THUR	6 PM	6:30 PM	PRAYERS AROUND THE PEACE POLE	ALL ARE WELCOME, REGARDLESS OF RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION	ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH	895-5753
7/26	THUR	7 PM	9 PM	KOHALA ECSTATIC DANCE JAM	FEATURING AN ECLECTIC ROTATION OF DEEJAYS	HUB BARN	889-0404
7/28	SAT	10 AM	12 PM	THRIFT SHOP	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	NEXT TO WALKER HALL	889-5390
7/28	SAT	11 AM	12:20 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
7/30	MON	5:30 PM		GOGRAFULLY WORKSHOP WITH JAMES LAND	"INTERNAL (SELF-TALK) AND COMMUNICATING WITH OTHER IN RELATION TO BOTH LIVING AND DYING."	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655

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**Kohala Sports**

**Kohala Elementary Free Throw Champion Receives his Prize!**



Photo courtesy of Mr. Danny Garcia  
Kohala Elementary School Principal Danny Garcia awards fourth-grader Layden Kauka his brand-new basketball on the last day of school.

Kohala Elementary free-throw-shootout champion Layden Kauka received his prize of a brand-new basketball on the last day of school from Mr. Danny Garcia, Kohala Elementary School's principal. It was a promise Principal Garcia made to Layden after he won the Kohala Elementary Free Throw Shootout in the fall.

After disposing of three rounds of contestants, Layden went free-throw-for-free-throw with third-grader Mary Joy Salvador and won the shootout on his last shot! It was right after he was presented with a used basketball for his prize that his homeroom teacher, Mr. Aiona, stepped in and told him that he was so proud of him for winning that he would buy him a brand-new basketball of his choice.

However, while Layden was looking for a ball he wanted on an

Internet sporting goods site, Mr. Garcia stepped in and made a deal with Layden—a deal that would require Layden to be the best student he could be both on and off the court.

On the last day of school, Mr. Garcia presented him with a brand-new ball with some words of wisdom, which included, "Layden, you held up your end by being pono and looking after your behavior. Your teacher said you were an exemplary student all year, both on and off the court, so here you go! Enjoy your new basketball and have a great summer!"

With cheers and lots of fist bumps, Layden raced to the bus with new ball in hand. It was a day that this talented player and student will never forget. Good Job Layden, and make sure you continue your path to greatness!

**Lions Club Donation Applications Due July 31**

The Kohala Lions Club is now accepting requests from community groups for donations. Twice a year – in January and July – the Lions review applications for financial assistance. Applicants must serve the Kohala community with preference given to groups that serve youth or the needy. Applicants must use the application form, which can be requested by email or hard copy, or picked up at the North Kohala Community Resource Center. Groups are limited to receiving a donation one time per calendar year. To request a hard copy or e-mail application or to learn more about the Kohala Lions Club, call Chris Brown at 884-5122. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than July 31, 2018.

**2018 Summer Fun Program**

The Hawai'i County Department of Parks and Recreation announces that registration is complete for the 2018 Summer Fun Program.

Summer Fun will be held at Kamehameha Park Complex, 8am-3pm, (60 youth) from June 12 thru July 20, 2018 and will consist of a spectrum of arts & crafts projects, indoor/outdoor games, sports, music, dance, nature exploration, swimming, special events and excursions.

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- Aloha mai kāua e**  
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- Welina / Welina me ke aloha**  
Greeting/Greetings with regards
- 'Ano'ai / Ano'ai kākou**  
Greeting to two or more people
- Aloha Kākahiaka**  
Good morning
- Aloha Awakea**  
Good day (generally 11am - 1pm)
- Aloha 'Auinalā**  
Good afternoon
- Aloha Ahiahi**  
Good evening
- 'Auhea 'oukou**  
Call to attention to three or more people
- Ho'omaika'i!**  
Congratulations!
- E ho'omaika'i iā**  
Congratulations to "honoree"
- Hūi!/ūi!**  
Informal call to attention (spoken))
- E komo mai! / E kipa mai!**  
Come inside!/Come visit!
- E hele hou mai nō!**  
Come again!

- Mahalo/Mahalo nui/Mahalo a nui loa**  
Thanks/Much thanks/Thanks very much
- Mahalo piha**  
Whole-hearted gratitude
- Mahalo palena 'ole**  
Gratitude beyond measure
- A hui hou kāua/kākou**  
Until we two/three or more meet again
- Ke Akua pū**  
God be with you
- Me ka 'oia'i'o**  
Sincerely/Truly
- Me ke aloha pumehana**  
With warm regards
- Me ka mahalo nui**  
With much gratitude
- Me ka ha'aha'a**  
With humility
- Me ka ha'aeheo**  
With pride
- Me ka hau'oli**  
With happiness/joy
- E mälama pono!**  
Take good care!
- I lä maika'i iä 'oe**  
You (1 person) have a nice day!
- I hopenapule maika'i!**  
Have a nice weekend!
- Na'u me ke aloha, na**  
By me with regards, by "Writer"  
(Common sign off in correspondence)

**The Kohala Community Athletic Association announces its after-school sports programs for the youth of Kohala for 2018-2019**



Sport	Ages	Registrations	Practice/Playing Season
Biddy Basketball	5-8	Aug 1-20	late Aug to end Oct
Volleyball	9-14	Sep 10-24	start Oct to end Nov
T-ball	5-6	Dec 3-17	start Jan to end Feb
Pitch-ball	7-8	Dec 3-17	start Jan to end Feb
Boys Basketball	9-14	Dec 10-Jan 10	mid Jan to early March
Girls Basketball	9-14	Feb 18-Mar 18	mid March to mid May
Flag Football	5-14	Mar 11-29	start April to end May

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## Hawi Spring Arts Stroll



Photo by Marcy Montgomery

Art Stroll drawing winner Clem Sweeny with her gift basket.

By Marcy Montgomery

The May 12 'Spring Arts Stroll,' organized by Kohala Colab, brought all ages of arts lovers out on the village sidewalks of Hawi. Local musicians performed at six locations, galleries were open, and street artists demonstrated their work. A new coop gallery opened at Mi Ranchito in the Kohala Trade Center, Sweet Potato Café stayed open to feature its Hawaii Women artists show with local singer/writers Amber and Sonia performing, and painter/ceramics artist Peter Kowalke showcased small colorful paintings and a large, bold ceramic bowl exhibit at the Kava Kafe. Popular musicians John Keawe and Mila also brought deep heart and sounds to the visual and performing arts event.

Hawi Fine Arts artist Diane Renchler and Elements gallery greeted locals and visitors, Kohala Coffee Mill and Hawi Cigar and Ukulele offered music and art, and the breezeway of the Kohala Trade Center building had jewelry by Camille Dugan and a crowd-pleasing custom surfboard created by Kristi Kranz and Bart DeMarr. The unveiling of a brand-new arts

visioning tool took place with The Heart of Kohala arts planning project showcasing a new 4'x6' Kohala cultural arts map that encourages public input about the future of the arts in Kohala.

On the street, Lisa Andrews installed elegant floral and greenery assemblages at the Wishard Gallery, and artist Rick Salas did live painting and worked with keiki youth. Popular activities were an 'Arts Passport' that drew viewers into many shops and galleries to have their passport stamped, and a big hit were four chocolate tasting stations spread through town.

Chocolate ulu mousse by the Ulu Cooperative was offered by Same Canoe, superfood chocolates with herbs were free to sample thanks to new Kohala resident Shanti Devi, and Malama Mushrooms brought Hawaii-grown cacao and reishi mushroom hot drink samples.

One Island conducted a fundraiser for Puna resident - and Kohala's favorite beekeeper and teacher - Jenn Rasmussen, with proceeds from sales of Kona Origins hand crafted chocolate bars going to Jenn's Go Fund Me campaign to help her farm, family and apiary



Photo by Lisa Andrews

Floral arrangement by Lisa Andrews for the Spring Arts Stroll.

recover from complete lava destruction.

Winners of the Arts Passport drawing were Clem Sweeny and Kathy Neithercutt, who were selected to receive gift baskets with items donated by local galleries and merchants. Hundreds of people enjoyed seeing Hawi stay alight into the night, the rains held back, and the winds created a balmy evening celebration that was a great first showing for future Arts Strolls.

Cathy Morgan, local arts co-conspirator noted, "Free public arts events encourage people of all ages to come out and enjoy the arts. Our new gallery on the colorful walls at Mi Ranchito gave five artists a great venue to show their work - and we made sales too! Plus, Sweet Potato Kitchen shared their wild colored walls with three artists. Let's do it

again!"

A Big Mahalo goes out to Merchants and Galleries: Sweet Potato Kitchen, Hawi Brew Works, Kohala Coffee Mill, Kava Kafe, As Hawi Turns, Elements Gallery, Bamboo, Hawi Cigar and Ukulele, Kohala Trade Center, Paradise Postal, Wishard Gallery, Olivia Clare Boutique, and the new Mi Ranchito wall gallery. Plus, chocolate and cacao by Kona Origins, Shanti Devi, and Malama Mushrooms. And kudos to artists Lisa Andrews, Kristi Kranz, Diane Renzler, Cathy Morgan, Anna Flint, Rick Salas, Marian Thompkins, Susan Grant, and Camille Dugan, with the many artists shown at Elements and the Wishard Gallery. And for giving heart to the night, a closing mahalo to Kohala's musicians Mila, Sonia and Amber, Jack and friends. Thanks everyone!

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## Susan Henneke Retires



Susan Henneke has retired from teaching first grade at Kohala Elementary School.

Story and photo by Virginia Fortner

Susan Henneke taught 25 years in many different places in America. Among them she instructed several grades in art classes, and coordinated a School Improvement Program, on a Navajo reservation, where she says she “wore many hats.” Susan says, “Kohala Elementary is my favorite of all the places in the four states where I’ve taught. I like the chanting each morning, and especially helping kids to learn what it means to be pono.” She came from Waikoloa Elementary School as librarian before teaching first grade in Kohala the past two years.

In 1989, Susan became a teacher, knowing since she went to elementary school as a student that learning could be fun. She says she “tried to make it fun” when teaching first graders

at Kohala Elementary.

Susan grew up in Boulder, Colorado and has been in Hawai‘i intermittently since 1993. Memories of three car seats in the back of her car when she was raising two sons and daughter are still vivid. Her children knew both the Big Island and Rocky Mountains well, due to Susan’s taking them hiking and camping.

A leave of absence took her to Lawrence, Kansas to “play tutu” with her daughter’s son, 5, and daughter, 3. Tutu Susan plans to get in a lot more time with the grandchildren now that she is retired. She looks forward to visiting her favorite beaches, reading books, and continuing to sing soprano in Waimea’s Community Chorus. Chances are, the habit of walking her dog Hoku will not change with retirement.

## Nelda Lyons Retires

Story by Virginia Fortner

“The Teacher Who Sings” is leaving Kohala Elementary School’s kindergarten room after 14 years. Since 1997, Nelda Lyons also taught second and third grade in Kohala, but she’s leaving her favorite level where, “Kindergartners learn so much; they come in without skills and leave able to read and do math.” She says, “When I started school, there was no kindergarten.

Entering first grade was very frightening to me. I wanted to teach kindergarten to give children a warm, fun, supportive welcome to school. It’s important to get a good education.”

After teaching since 1975 in places like Prescott, Arizona; Arkansas; and here on the Big Island in Hilo, Waimea and Kohala, Nelda says she will not disappear.

She hopes to help coordinate Kindergarten Camp’s orientation for parents and students, and to help with testing of incoming students’ skills.

She also would like to volunteer in the general education preschool. Nelda was fortunate to work under two wonderful principals—Ele Laszlo and Danny Garcia. She found “everyone—teachers, staff, administrators, parents, and students—to be gracious, supportive, kind people that made teaching a joy and pleasure.”

When asked about changes she had noticed during her teaching career, Nelda stated, “Oh, it keeps changing. The trend now is common core standards, where kindergarten is more like first grade used to be.”

Nelda will have more time now to assist her husband, Gary, in his local church and its video ministry, “The Good News.”

She can visit her mainland



Photo by Gary Lyons

Nelda Lyons is retired from teaching kindergarten at Kohala Elementary School.

grandchildren more than her usual twice-a-year. She also hopes to assist her daughter’s family move from Arizona to New Jersey. Nelda looks forward to more time to walk, spend time in nature, and read books by her authors like Dee Henderson, J. A. Jance and Karen Kingsbury. She’ll have time for beaches, perhaps with her favorite book.

Another prospect for retirement is to have time to work in her yard. She says, “My parents could grow anything,” and her portulaca and bougainvillea, along with a green vine, all need attention because of “the way things grow in Hawai‘i.”

Her last statement is one of gratitude: “I thank God for giving me the ability and good health to do what I love to do.”

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### KHS Project Grad a Success

By Wendy Nickl

After their wonderful Commencement ceremony on May 26, Kohala High School graduates watched the sunset at Anaeho`omaluu

Bay and had a fabulous dinner at the Waikoloa Marriott. Upon their return to Hisaoka Gym at Kamehameha Park, the seniors received awesome goody bags and t-shirts,

followed by a pool party at Kamehameha Park Pool, an all-night snack bar, photo booth, metallic tattoos, prize drawings, scavenger hunts and games during Proj-

ect Grad 2018. They boarded a bus to greet the sunrise with breakfast bentos at Pololu Valley. Our Kohala community was INCREDIBLY supportive of these students.



Photo by Polly O'Donnell

Graduating Kohala High School seniors at Pololu Valley on the morning of May 27, at the end of a full night of activities, food and fun at Project Grad 2018. The Seniors of Kohala High upheld a many-years-long tradition of watching the sunrise together the morning after graduation night.



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