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Pololu Funding Advances, As Do Tours

By Toni Withington

State funding to fix some of the congestion problems at Pololu Valley Lookout and Trail continued to advance through the legislative session this month, closely watched by members of the Community Development Plan Action Committee's Parks, Water, Roads (PWR)

tour companies, whose passengers were not at the lookout. Presumably they were hiking the trail to the valley.

The PWR group sent the photos and information to Na Ala Hele, which administers the trail.

The administrative rules of the Department of Land and Natu-



Photo courtesy of Parks, Water, Roads Group

Tour shuttle buses were lined up along the highway approach to Pololu Valley Lookout and Trail in January. No permits for commercial hikes were issued for that day. Na Ala Hele has ceased issuing any permits for hiking tours at Pololu due to unsafe conditions.

and Community Access Groups.

The Na Ala Hele State Trail System (NAH) is asking for \$500,000 to make safety fixes in the trail and to move forward the efforts to create a parking lot and restrooms to alleviate the overcrowded and unsafe conditions. Efforts to get the funds in two previous legislatures failed. If successful, this allocation will be available in 2021.

Meanwhile, social media attention to the valley has spiked visitor interest in hiking and created daily long lines of cars parked on both sides of the highway approaching the lookout.

In late January, a member of the PWR Group took photos of the congestion, including a line of eight tour vans from three different eco-

ral Resources (DLNR) allows the agency to issue two permits for commercial hiking groups of no more than 12 hikers per day, but that was before the trail was damaged by heavy rains.

Jackson Bauer, the island specialist for NAH, said that no permits had been issued for that day.

"In general, we no longer allow commercial tours at Pololu," he said. Even if they did give permits, the presence of so many buses makes it appear that the capacity had been exceeded.

Bauer said the matter was referred to the DLNR Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE). As of April 12, he had yet to get a report on the investigation.

'Aha Hui Punohu 'Ula o Kohala Na Kupuna Council: The Sacred Low-Lying Red Rainbow of Kohala

By Gale Kuulei Perez

More than a year ago, the Lahui of 'Aha Hui Punohu 'Ula o Kohala na kupuna was formed for the purpose of protecting our Iwi Kupuna (ancestral bones) that have been in danger in the past, present and future. Our concerns are the desecration, displacement and disrespect that have occurred throughout our island and right here in Kohala.

Hawaiians buried their dead everywhere and ancestral bones can be found in all districts throughout Hawai'i, usually in unmarked graves. Unless families have kept track of unmarked burial sites, these burial places can be subject to disturbance.

This is the purpose for 'Aha Hui Punohu 'Ula o Kohala na kupuna council, which was formed with a few kupuna and Hawaiian Language and Cultural Practitioners to protect our cultural rights and to address the needs of our 'aina.

Also, we aim to bring awareness and to educate the community, especially to the living descendants of na iwi kupuna, ancestral bones, for the results of spiritual connections and restoration of this kuleana we take seriously.

With new developments and construction in our community, we are concerned when we hear of bones being uncovered. We believe there is protocol when it comes to our iwi. The gathering of information of burial site, contacting ohana and proper ceremony is of importance.

Many do not know that there are laws that protect our iwi kupuna. Or else, they may know but are not taking the laws of our iwi into consideration. The Hawaiian Kingdom Law of 1860 was established to prevent desecration, displacement and disrespect but was not followed. Many descendants knew their

rights and fought for the protection of our iwi kupuna. We are still doing it today in our generation.

In the 1990s, Island Burial Councils were established by Chapter 6E, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. For more information, contact the Department of Land & Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division to read up on The State Burial Laws, Procedures, Island Burial Councils, Statewide Inventory and Penalties for Violation. Burial law (Act 306) changed the way in which Hawaiian remains would be handled.

If you are a developer or new homeowner, we hope you will respect our culture and values and kokua (help) and malama (take care) our iwi kupuna (ancestral bones). Our lahui has already begun to keep record of grave sites through mapping and genealogy.

If and when anyone inadvertently digs up iwi, please stop activity, keep covered and report to SHPD (State Historic Preservation Division) or for more information you may contact Gale Perez: 808-334-1320 email: melekuu1952@yahoo.com

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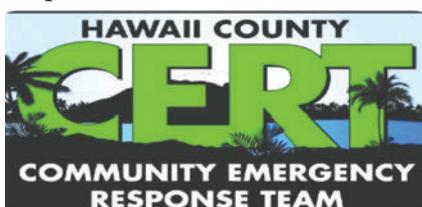
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Cultural Practitioner and Kumu Hula: Nalei Kunewa

Cultural Practitioner & Hawaiian Language: Na'auao Vivas

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Training Offered in Waimea

The Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency has scheduled an in-depth, four-day Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Train-



Courtesy of Federal Emergency Management Administration

ing Course in Waimea. The Training schedule is four consecutive Saturdays: April 27 and May 4, 11 and 18, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will be held at the Waimea Elementary School Cafeteria, located at 67-1225 Mamalahoa Highway in Kamuela. This CERT Basic Training Course provides participants with classroom and hands-on instruction in safety, fire suppression, first aid, light search and rescue, emergency communications, disaster psychology and more. If you are interested

in basic emergency awareness, developing personal response knowledge and skill sets, and you can commit to four consecutive Saturdays, sign-up by return email or online at hawaiicert@gmail.com.

Training graduates will be invited to join a CERT Team in their Community. If you have further questions, email

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Humpbacks Find Safety Along Kohala Coast

Story and photo by Glenn Morello

As humpback whale watching draws to a close, we wanted to send some aloha to these gentle giants as they begin their long journey north to the rich feeding grounds off the Alaskan coast. With some of the widest westerly facing vantage points on the island, it is easy to see why North Kohala is one of the best places on the Big Island to watch for humpbacks. Although the season seemed to start a little slow this year, activity steadily increased and whales were easily spotted off the coast daily during March.

Humpbacks travel thousands of miles to Hawaii during the winter months for their mating season and calf-rearing. It is not an uncommon site to see tail slaps, breaches and pectoral fin slaps from anywhere along the North Kohala Coast. Some of the best viewing spots in the area are Mahukona, Kapa'a and Kawaihae.

The picture below was taken

from a rocky outcrop just north of Kawaihae with a drone about one mile off the coast. Here a calf is swimming under the close protection of its mother. Calves can stay with their mother for a year or more before finally becoming independent, and you can experience their interactions through drone imagery or listening for their communication under water. Mahukona is a great place to listen under water!

We are living in the time of giants, and while the humpback isn't the largest whale, it still remains as one of the biggest creatures to ever inhabit the earth - blue whales take the all-time size prize. I am already looking forward to the return of the whales next year.

Take the time to educate yourself and children about the behaviors of humpbacks and what we can all do to help keep the Hawaiian waters clean and safe so these amazing creatures will continue to return.



A humpback calf swims under the close protection of its mother. North Kohala's western coastline comprises some of the best humpback-viewing points on the island.

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us at hawaiiCERT@gmail.com or patti.pinto@hawaiiCERT.org. There is no charge for this training, but seating is limited, so reserve your seat today.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that pro-

fessional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced. The CERT program was designed as a grassroots initiative and specifically structured so that the local and state program managers have the flexibility to form their programs in the way that best suits their communities. CERT volunteers are trained to respond safely, responsibly and effectively to emergency situations, but they can also support their communities during non-emergency events as well.

Lions Clean Up in Style



The North Kohala Lions club regularly cleans up sections of Akoni Pule Highway as part of their service to the community. On March 30, Aaron Sienkiewicz mounted his scooter and took Bob Keys to their position on the highway while Sheri Preston assembled bags.

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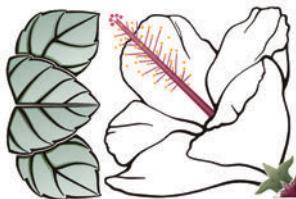
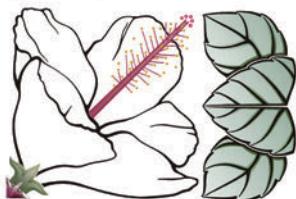
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CDP Reviews Railbed Trail, Pololu Lookout, Upolu Restoration, Shoreline Access, Halaula Well, Pratt Road Bypass and Additional Emergency Route

Story and photo by Lynda Wallace

The March 18 meeting of the North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee (NKCDP AC) opened with an announcement by Steve Hoffmann, AC Chair, that the Department of Parks and Recreation is demolishing the pavilion at Mahukona, having determined that it is unsafe, but has no plans at this time for anything beyond that. He urged that members of the public contact the mayor's office and the Parks and Recreation Department to express their concern and the importance to the community of having a pavilion at Mahukona.

Meredith Speicher then presented the first draft of a report entitled the "North Kohala Rail-Trail and Trail Connectivity Plan," which explores the possibility of converting the 20-mile-long rail bed between Mahukona and Niuli'i into a trail or sections of trails. Toni Withington explained the plan and the draft report in the March issue of this newspaper.

Withington, reporting for the Community Access Group, said that the \$500,000 accepted as part of the state budget to begin the planning and the consolidation and re-subdivision process for making the parking lot and upgrading the trail at Pololu Valley Lookout was before the legislature for approval. She also reported that the restoration project at Upolu Airport is



Jeff Coakley (right) has been voted the new Community Development Plan Action Committee chair and Steve Hoffman has been voted the new vice chair.

continuing, and that two Kohala High School seniors have projects there involving erosion control and planting of native plants. She said there is the possibility there may be funds available to re-open the trail at Puakea Bay Ranch, which was closed after the 2006 earthquake and has not yet been reopened. The hope is that the trail will open soon, after legal and survey issues have been resolved.

Finally, she told the AC that the Planning Department is working with the homeowners association at Kohala Waterfront who have agreed to build and maintain a good, safe access trail through the property.

Withington also gave the report from the Parks, Water and Roads group: The County has accepted

a bid from Goodfellow Corporation for the construction of the new Halaula well. Part of the corporation's work will be to communicate with the community, including holding public meetings to help the community understand the timing of the project. The biggest impact to those who live in the area will be the installation of the pipeline, which will go down the Halaula Mill Road and along portions of Akoni Pule Highway.

Phase 2 of the Pratt Road cleanup, clearing and maintenance project will take the effort westward toward Old Halaula Mill Road and Union Mill Road. The group is looking for ways to fund the project.

After a recent mudslide, John Winter spoke with Don Smith of

the Department of Transportation (DOT) about having DOT work with 'Iole to develop improved engineering practices for the future. It was noted that there is another possible emergency road option running parallel to the highway and coming out at the end of Kohala Middle School. Winter will be contacting Captain Evangelista of the Hawaii Police Department to see how that road can be designated as an emergency route.

Following the community group reports, Long Range Planner Bethany Morrison provided an update on the General Plan Comprehensive Review process. It covered such things as the timeline, objectives and the future role of the CDPs and ACs. The plans call for community meetings and workshops on the draft General Plan later this summer.

Finally, it was time to elect a new AC Chair. Jeff Coakley was unanimously voted to be the new chair and Steve Hoffmann will be vice-chair. In accepting the position Coakley said that he has lived here for 48 years and he loves Kohala. He wants the AC to be more visible in the community and said that by working together we can accomplish a lot.

The next meeting of the NKCDP AC will be on Monday, May 20, at 5:00 p.m. in the Hisaoka Gym Conference Room. Members of the community are welcome and urged to attend.



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Kohala Scores High on County's Open Space List

By Toni Withington

The "wahi pana o Kohala," the Important Places of Kohala, once again were ranked high among the lands to be preserved by the County of Hawaii Open Space Fund.

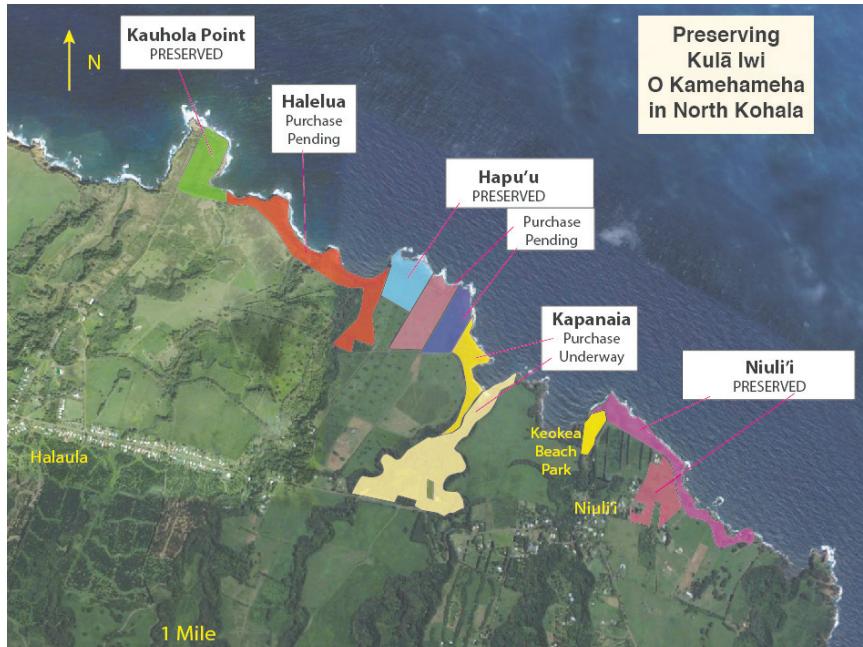
This year, eight places in North Kohala were among the thirteen named to the 2018 priority list for public purchase by the County's Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Commission (PONC).

Through the efforts of four community groups, coastal lands have been prioritized, and many purchased, since the 2% Open Space program began in 2007. In all, 390 acres of coastal lands have been protected as open space using funding from multiple sources, including the County, by raising \$20.9 million.

The top two projects named this year are already in the funding stages – Waikapuna in Ka'u and the Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden in Kailua-Kona.

The third ranked is Hapu'u to Kapania Cultural Corridor, the central stretch of the Kula Iwi O Kamehameha, the Homeland of Kamehameha I. Comprising five parcels, the mile-long northern coast has already seen one 22-acre parcel purchased by the County and two more with funding secured and the sale pending.

Mahukona, the 434 acres from



Map by John Winter and Toni Withington
 The project ranked third in priority to preserve with the 2% Land Fund is the Hapu'u to Kapania Cultural Corridor. Comprised of five parcels, this marks the central stretch of the Kula Iwi O Kamehameha, the Homeland of Kamehameha I.

the highway to the ocean between the parks at Mahukona and Kapa'a, appeared for the twelfth year, high on the list, coming in at fourth.

Halelua, another mile and a quarter stretch of coast in Kamehameha's homeland between

Kauhola Point and Hapu'u Bay, was also ranked high on the list for the sixth year.

The leeward coast, where many of the purchases have been made, had five other parcels ranked besides Mahukona. Kaupalaoa,

Lamaloloa, Honoipu, Kukuipahu-Haena Corridor and Keawenui.

The nominated properties are evaluated in a blind numbering system by PONC commissioners representing all nine districts in the County. They are rated for their scenic, recreational, historic, cultural, environmental and watershed values.

The groups nominating from Kohala are Malama Kohala Kahakai, Malama Na Wahi Pana O Kohala, Ka Makani O Kohala Ohana and Maika'i Kamakani O Kohala. They recently submitted nominations for the same eight projects to the 2019 PONC list.

Representatives of the groups have been testifying before the County Charter Commission for the last five months to save the Open Space Fund from Mayor Harry Kim's efforts to gut the fund.

While it appears the Charter Commission will not reduce the percentage of property tax set aside for open space, there will likely be changes proposed to the structure of the Maintenance Fund, called the Quarter Percent Fund, expected to be on the slate of Charter amendments in the 2020 elections.

To see an online copy of the report on all the 13 named properties, search online for "Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Commission" and click on Annual Reports.

County Charter Commission Hears from Kohala

By Toni Withington

Open space supporters gave the County Charter commissioners an earful about proposed changes to the Open Space Fund and its stewardship program at a public session in Kapa'au on March 25.

After a year and a half of meetings in Hilo and Kona, the commission was reaching out to rural communities to hear ideas about the 27 proposed charter amendments it is contemplating. The Kohala meeting in the former judiciary building was the first of six sessions scheduled around the island.

Like the meetings that followed, speakers here spoke most vocally about the changes suggested for the County 2% Open Space Fund. While 25 people attended the meet-

ing, only six spoke about the listed changes and all supported the addition of a single fulltime staff member to run the workings of the Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Commission (PONC) within the Department of Finance.

Each also spoke in favor of an amendment that would move administration of the PONC Maintenance Fund from the Department of Parks and Recreation to the Finance Department. The "quarter percent fund" sets aside money for community non-profits to steward and protect the lands purchased by the Open Space Fund.

Both funds faced a threat from Mayor Harry Kim, who has openly said many times he does not like

the program, which was established by large majority votes in three separate initiatives. Initially, the Charter Commission heard administration-backed proposals to reduce the fund from 2% to 0.75%. But testimony from a large turnout of residents opposing that move in virtually every commission meeting led commissioners to drop that plan.

The current proposal to use some of the 2% fund to pay the salary and benefits of a full-time administrator of the program appears to be a compromise in which both sides win, according to Debbie Hecht, the leader of the island-wide effort to support public purchase of open space.

On other proposals, one speaker

opposed the increase of the County Council members' terms from two years to four years. A speaker also supported the idea of setting aside one percent of the County's income to a new Disaster and Emergency Fund. The County's existing emergency fund was woefully low before the flooding and eruption disasters occurred last year, the speaker said.

Commission chairman Douglas Adams praised those who attended for paying attention to County issues. He said he was not surprised at the strong support for the PONC programs, but concerned that the other issues before them, some of which will appear on the ballot in the election in 2020, were not pressing enough to get people out.



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Thoughts on Police Performance Welcomed

Dear Editor,

In following the events during the recent search for two shooters in North Kohala, there was a serious lack of informational communication updates resulting in lots of rumors, fear and anger in our community. Some of the input from citizens was constructive and worth addressing.

Recommendations were K-9 unit/s for search and/or rescue, search drones, choppers with thermal imaging, less expensive search planes and the ability to roadblock/check our two highways effectively.

We are advised to forward our thoughts to the Police Chief Paul Ferreira, Councilman Tim Richards and/or others, as hearing it from good concerned citizens that want to help is valuable.

There is also a police satisfaction survey out till the end of April.

It can be found on the KNKR 96.1 FM radio website (knkr.org/police-satisfaction-survey) and takes about five minutes.

Thank you,
Sadie Young

Roots Skatepark Update

Aloha skateboarders and supporters of Roots Skatepark,

This is an update to our progress on the second phase expansion.

Creating new and exciting places to skate takes vision and experience. Fortunately, Roots Skatepark builders have both. As 2019 has progressed, our volunteer designer and builder, Brian Sandlin, has led the push to move forward.

In collaboration with the Parks and Recreation Department, specifically, Project Manager Kevin Sakai, we will begin receiving the necessary materials to begin the second phase of the Roots expansion. We want to send special thanks to former District 9 Councilwoman Margaret Wille for the generous allocation of funds needed for these materials.

We have removed a majority of the weeds and green waste and have prepped the site for the addition of a shipping container, which will be home to our building materials.

Moving dirt and proper soil compaction takes place in stages because the foundation of a park is very important. As these steps are completed, the skate park's shape will come to life. We look forward to providing an exciting addition to the existing facility.

For more information on the project or how to get involved, please contact me.

Mahalo,
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Viewpoint

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Solar Water Heater Requirement Ill-Advised

By Vinny Canniff

It's been about two months now since a court on Oahu issued a ruling that severely curtails our ability to choose how we use energy in our own homes. Unfortunately, many are still unaware of this decision, and it behooves us to spread the word regarding how this affects all of us, whether one is building a new home or not.

Here's some quick background: On February 5, 2019, the Environmental Court of the State of Hawaii granted a motion filed by Earthjustice on behalf of two groups – the Hawaii Solar Energy Association and the Sierra Club – who had sued the State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). The lawsuit says that DBEDT has been “rubber-stamping” applications for tankless gas water heaters in new home construction without doing its due diligence and investigating whether granting the variances was appropriate. At the core of the issue is a state law that requires all new homes built in Hawaii to use solar water heaters, unless there is a good reason to use an alternative, like a gas appliance.

The lawsuit claims that DBEDT has been illegally approving variances for instantaneous gas water heaters so long as there is one other gas appliance in the home – despite the fact that is exactly what the statute says. These environmental and lobbying groups ignore that solar

resources are not the same everywhere in our community. Worse, since the ruling was issued, DBEDT is now refusing to accept any new applications for instantaneous gas water heater variances, which is putting a strain on many homeowners who chose gas water heaters for multiple good reasons but now can't get the installation work approved.

As a plumber of 42 years, 20 of which have been spent as a contractor, this is very disturbing. The on-demand gas water heater variance is part of state law for a reason, and the fact that the courts and environmentalists are trying to dictate to residents how they can or cannot use energy in their own homes is government overreach.

That's just one of the reasons why this lawsuit is flawed – it eliminates choice, choice we should all have in determining how we build our homes, especially here in Kohala.

A one-size-fits-all requirement just doesn't work in a state with widely varying landscapes and environments. Here in Kohala we oftentimes get plenty of rain for days, which would render solar useless. Also, the electric backup on a solar tank only has one element, as opposed to the two elements found in a standard electric tank. This makes it an inefficient way of heating water. An instantaneous gas water heater only draws energy when you turn on the water.

How about trying to heat water for a one-bath/one-bedroom home with only a couple of occupants? Frankly, a solar water heater is overkill.

What about a guest house that's only used a few times a year, or a bed and breakfast that might be vacant for long periods? What about the snowbirds who live on the mainland for much of the year? This is a big problem for a solar water heater, which, if not used regularly, has a tendency to overheat, causing major damage to the system.

That's not to mention the initial outlay for the solar water heater, which can run three times or more what it would cost to install a gas one. The environmentalists say the cost would eventually be made up by the use of solar, but try telling that to the homebuyer that's stretched to the limit to afford their home, and now has to spend even more money (with only the vague promise that at some point down the road it will be financially advantageous). How about we make it easier for our families to put down roots here, instead of making it more difficult?

Let's be reasonable. In life, rarely are situations black or white. There are always shades of gray, which is what the instantaneous gas water heater variance was put into place to accommodate. We need to let our decision-makers know that they must speak for all of us, not just a few narrow special interests.

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Hawai'i State House of Representatives Update

From the Desk of District 7 Representative David Tarnas

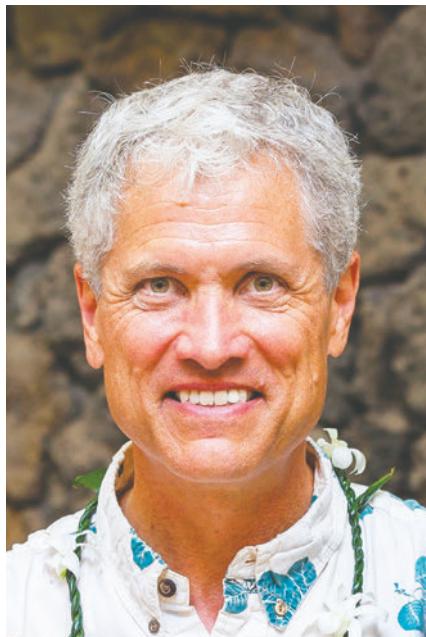


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Representative David Tarnas speaks for North Kohala as a member of the Hawai'i State House of Representatives.

As your State Representative, I am responsible for passing laws and the state budget in the legislature. I am also responsible for keeping track of projects relating to state facilities, like highways and harbors. Today's article provides an update on the projects involv-

ing North Hawaii's small boating facilities, which play a crucial role in facilitating ocean access for our Kohala community. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)'s Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR), which manages these facilities, currently has several important projects underway at the Kawaihae small boat harbor.

At North Kawaihae Small Boat Harbor, barrier construction and sand dredging at the launch ramp has been completed. The new barriers are designed to reduce sand and sediment flow into the harbor in the hopes of reducing the frequency of dredging in the future. Mahalo to contractor Alton Oye and his team for their hard work and extra effort to coordinate with fishing tournaments and paddlers to complete this important project!

The next project ahead at North Kawaihae is paving and drainage improvements, including a new shower. The existing shower was removed because it was draining directly into the ocean, which poses water quality and pollution concerns. In March, the Governor officially released \$1.1 million in State Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds for the design and construction of this project; permitting and planning are now underway.

Breakwater repairs are also ahead for North Kawaihae. This work will include relocation and damage mitigation for corals growing inside the harbor. Planning, design, and preliminary permitting work for this project is ongoing under a contract with Oceanit. In the coming year, DOBOR will apply for funding for these repairs, at an estimated construction cost of \$4 million.

At South Kawaihae Small Boat Harbor (SBH), construction for a new boat ramp is scheduled to begin on April 19. This project has been contracted with Healy Tibbitts Builders, and involves the construction of a 45-foot-wide boat ramp with five-foot-wide loading docks on either side, and connection of the boat ramp to the existing harbor access road. Once the ramp is completed, roving patrols from the Department of Transportation (DOT) Harbors division will help provide security in the area. The estimated date of completion for this project is December 2019.

Although bathrooms at South Kawaihae have been completed, they currently lack adequate water pressure to support public use. Plans are now in place to install water lines connecting the bathrooms to the Kawaihae Road water main to resolve this issue. DOBOR

estimates this project will be completed and the bathrooms open by December 2019.

The non-profit Jupiter Research Foundation has filed a Draft Environmental Assessment for a proposed Marine Science Center and boat storage facility at South Kawaihae. To view this Draft EA, please visit http://oeqc2.doh.hawaii.gov/EA_EIS_Library/2019-03-23-HADEA-Marine-Science-Center-at-Kawaihae-Harbor.pdf.

The long-term plan for in-water development at South Kawaihae is limited by recent coral growth in the northwestern portion of the harbor. Because, by federal law, displaced corals must be relocated or replaced, expanding the number of boat slips at South Kawaihae would be extremely costly. As an alternative, DOBOR has considered installing additional offshore moorings within South Kawaihae SBH; however, they have yet to determine the best way to move forward. I will keep you updated regarding the long-term plan for South Kawaihae as it develops.

If you have questions about these projects or any bills under consideration at the legislature, please reach out to my office at 586-8510 and reptarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov; we are always happy to assist you. Mahalo!

County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilmember Tim Richards



Photo courtesy of Tim Richards
Councilmember Tim Richards represents North Kohala as part of Hawai'i County Council District 9.

Aloha! Once again, it is time for the monthly update from our office. **BUDGET SEASON**

On March 1, 2019 the administration delivered to County Council the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Our fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30.

This next year's proposed budget is \$573 million. This is up from \$518 million this past year, and up from \$478 million the previous year. When I took office in 2016, the budget was \$461 million. The increase since I have been in office is approximately 25 percent. Last year, 2018, was an extraordinary year. Our expenses were higher due to the numerous natural disasters we encountered. Currently we are going through the process

of budget review. I have met with approximately half of the department heads to discuss their budgets coming forward.

The biggest request for staffing comes from the Hawai'i Police Department (HPD) seeking 40 new positions. Though this is a substantial request it is warranted, as HPD has not grown to meet our population. Meetings will be continuing, and public budget hearings will be happening the week of April 15 [prior to press time]. It is and has always been my deep concern that we spend our constituents' money wisely. I am also concerned that we've seen a substantial growth in our budget. Many of you have contacted me expressing your desire for strong oversight. We as a Council

are keeping that on the forefront as we go through the budget process.

ECONOMY AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Our County GDP (or gross domestic product) is estimated to be \$8.5 billion. A little over one third comes from tourism, \$3 billion. For 2018, we were on track to have \$3.5 billion out of the tourism sector, but because of the lava event we finished the year at \$3 billion, the same point as for 2017.

Translating that, it means our economy took a \$500 million loss. This is a cross-county problem. Most of the physical damage from the lava, and then hurricanes, was in East Hawai'i. However, the economic impact is island-wide. A por-

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tion of the funding you have read about coming from our State Legislature will be used for stimulating the tourism industry and supporting the re-tooling of impacted businesses and agriculture.

ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE (EAS) WAIMEA-KOHALA AIRPORT

The Waimea-Kohala Airport qualifies under the Essential Air Service program for federal support and funding. This allows contracted airlines to receive federal funding support to keep service in operation. Under the current program, the budget is approximately \$400,000 annually. Of this, the regional jurisdiction or, in this case, the County, is responsible for five percent of the annual contract,

or approximately \$20,000 a year. We have the funding in our County, and it has been secured for the next two years, which will keep this service ongoing. In the meantime, I will continue to work with the office of Senator Schatz to have this airport re-designated so to alleviate our financial obligation.

KULANA FOODS

On the Big Island, we have two processing plants for our livestock industries. Both slaughter and process cattle, but only Kulana Foods handles pigs, sheep and goats. Having access to these processing plants is critically important for the marketing, future and success of our livestock industries and food self-reliance. Late last fall, we ran into a problem that caused the smaller species slaughter to be

put on hold. This problem largely revolved around the lack of veterinary oversight from USDA Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS), as two of their supervisory veterinary positions within our state were unfilled.

Through extensive communications to our state and federal elected and executive branch officials, and then face-to-face meetings with FSIS officials in Washington D.C., I was able to get a commitment from FSIS that their veterinary positions will be staffed by rotating veterinarians from other locations until such time as permanent staff is hired. With these assurances, and thereby oversight, Kulana Foods re-opened slaughter for the smaller species and our small animal industries are back in business. For the

larger businesses this is also exciting news, as one of the biggest customers of Kulana Foods is KTA Superstores. Forty-five percent of their beef sold is locally produced. Their desire is to do the same with our pork production. This can only happen if we have the processing and infrastructure to get those animals to market. Our success story here shows the need to have a cooperative and cohesive working relationship between the county, state, and federal government officials and agencies that end up aiding our local farmers and ranchers while supporting the infrastructure of Kulana Foods and retailers like KTA Superstores.

As always, it continues to be a great privilege to serve as your Councilman.

North Kohala Writers Read Personal Works

North Kohala was teeming with talent during the March author reading at the North Kohala Public Library. Poetry, fiction, humor and non-fiction authors read from their selected works. The audience was even treated to a poem set to music! Members of the Hawaii Writers Guild wowed community members by sharing their original writings, ranging from serious to humorous.

Eila Algood coordinated and emceed the event. She kicked off the evening by introducing the guild's new president, Diann Wilson, who shared information about the organization and its upcoming activities.

The Guild is an organization of writers whose purpose is to promote the written and spoken word. As in the past, the group will continue to offer public readings, hold workshops and participate in community events by hosting tables where members can sell their books. In addition to these activities, the Guild is in the process of creating a local resource list for writers and

developing a juried online literary review.

After Wilson's remarks, the readings began with Pete Cameron reciting a heartfelt poem about the open spaces of Kohala and the changes we are facing. His piece introduced the audience to the evening's special twist: pop-up poets. To enhance the already popular event, Algood invited poets stand and read (or sing) one of their poems between the longer author readings.

The pop-up poets for the evening were Pete Cameron, Laura Burkhart, Virginia Fortner, Helena Kim, Margaret King Zacharias (read by Holly Algood) and Jim Gibbons.

Authors with longer pieces were Carla Orellana, Donna Maltz, Diann Wilson, Louise Riofrio, Linda Petrucci and Mahealani Wendt (read by Irma Decenzo and Ku'u Lei Perez).

The Hawaii Writers Guild would like to thank Francis Hebert, branch manager at the library, for hosting the event. For more information about the Hawaii Writers Guild, go to www.hawaiiwritersguild.org.

Spice It Up!

Organization: Same Canoe Local Food Challenge

When: Monday May 20, at 6:30 p.m.

Where: North Kohala Public Library, 54-3645 Akoni Pule Highway, 808-889-6655

Who: Open to all, free admission

Discover the culinary and medicinal uses for spices from around the world, many of which grow here in Hawaii.

Spice samples and information resources to take home for each participant. It's a good time to also get a free Local Food Challenge Passport and enter drawings for food and agricultural adventures.

We'll have a Spice Cookbook giveaway drawing at 7:30.

On SNAP? Join Same Canoe on May

20 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the library for enrollment (and re-enrollment) in the 2019 SNAP produce coupon program. Free access to local fruits and vegetables plus fun learning opportunities for any SNAP EBT household in North Hawaii.

This is the last chance before Fall to get enrolled in Same Canoe's SNAP produce program or re-enroll for 2019 if you have previously joined. Attending "Spice it Up!" earns members additional coupons.

New CSA options and shopping can be found at Takata Store, Kohala Grown and Hawi Farmers Market thru December.

All programs are subject to change. If you require an auxiliary aid or accommodation due to a disability, please contact the library at least 7 days before the program date.

Talk Story: Bond Family History in Kohala

What: Bond Family History in Kohala

Who: Boyd D. Bond

When: Monday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m.

Where: North Kohala Public Library, Come to the library for a special "Talk Story History" presentation with Boyd D. Bond. By request, Boyd will be sharing the history of Bond family in Kohala since 1841,

so attendees can expect a variety of topics and stories related to Kohala and its place in the islands. Please join us!

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Accomplishments and Vision of HIP Ag



Photo by Maribeth Joy

Hawaii Institute of Pacific Agriculture's Board of Directors and Advisors met March 12-13 to review accomplishments and formulate future visions. Left to right: Vanessa Stone (Advisor), Nancy Jones (Advisor), Donna Maltz (Advisor), Dash Kuhr (Executive Director), Erika Kuhr (Director of Youth Education), Deborah Winter (Board Member), Nancy Redfeather (Advisor), Robert Bowman (Board Member), Gayle Yamasaki (Board Member), and Holly Allgood (Meeting Facilitator). Not pictured: Porter DeVries (Board Member).

By Deborah Winter

The Board of Directors (BOD) and Advisors of North Kohala's Hawaii Institute of Pacific Agriculture (HIP Ag) met for two days in March to welcome new leadership, assess past accomplishments and plan future contributions to the community of North Kohala.

HIP Ag's vision statement is "to heal and inspire Hawaii Island through teaching regenerative agriculture," that is, farming which nourishes healthy bodies as well as the 'aina on which food is grown.

Since its beginning in 2009, HIP Ag has developed steadily and successfully into a well-respected nonprofit organization promoting multiple programs for educating and feeding local citizens.

In 2018 alone, HIP Ag:

- Served 721 K-12 students through farm field trips, in-class presentations and mentorship programs (almost 800 contact hours)
- Hosted 18 farm field trips for 363 students, planted kalo with 107 students, made ti lei with eight different classes, fed over 240 students local-cuisine lunches and conducted 12 classes on composting with microorganisms.
- Hosted in-school workshops for all K-5 students at Kohala Elementary, including teaching 346 students gardening, nutrition, plant medicine, beekeeping, plant-propagation and bamboo-

building

- Taught grades 7-8 at Kohala Middle School STEM-based soil science modules and hosted 45 students for an herbal tea class focusing on plant medicines

- Taught Kohala High School students in Natural Resources I and II how to make probiotic kimchi

- Provided five Kohala High School (KHS) students scholarships to HIP Ag's Farm Internship Program (all completed the program successfully).

- Supervised students in the high school's Mentorship program in planting 50 fruit trees at the high school; harvested 75 pounds of sweet potatoes for the Hawi Farmers Market (with proceeds going to the KHS Ag program); and delivered 125 pounds of lau leaf to the Kohala Complex cafeteria, which feeds an average of 620 Kohala students each day

- Delivered 4,500 pounds of fresh organic produce to the Kohala DOE Complex through the Farm to School program and 13,000 pounds to the Kohala community at the Saturday market in Hawi

- Involved close to 2,000 community members through Volunteer Days, 'Aina Fest and in-school events. Some of the educational events provided by the 'Aina Fest were led by Daniel Anthony, Kai Kaholokai, Paul Izak, Emil Kme-

toxic and Bobby Grimes. Environmental and cultural leaders Pua Case, Kalani Souza, Hank Fergostrum, Lanakila Mangauil, Ruth Aloua, Nahko and Kai Keali'ikea'ehale O Kaholokai also shared their insights in the forum.

To pull off all those (and other) contributions, HIP Ag now has a highly qualified and hard-working staff: Dash Kuhr (Executive Director and Founder); Sarah Freeman (Managing Director); Erika Kuhr (Director of Youth Education and Operations); Lauren Ruotolo (Director of Development and Communications); Megan Roberts (Farm to School Coordinator) and Hualalai Keohulua (High School Mentorship Teacher and HS Farm Manager).

HIP Ag is appreciative of the support given by its Board and Advisors, as well as Holly Allgood, for facilitating its Annual Meeting; grateful for the Dorrance Family Foundation for its initial and ongoing support; and honored by the many grants received, such as that from the Hawaii Community Foundation.

In line with its accomplishments, HIP Ag seeks to strengthen and expand its educational programming and agricultural contributions in North Kohala to ensure a secure food supply. In addition to developing and delivering curriculum for regenerative agriculture, HIP Ag is also creating an

"aggregation site" to source and distribute locally grown produce for Kohala's new Farm to School Program.

Sustainable, locally grown, healthy food requires educational, place-based education that encourages and enables future farmers to stay here and make a living in North Kohala.

To accomplish this vision, HIP Ag faces some challenges. Although, successfully receiving grant awards, the organization must begin its transition to more sustainable funding mechanisms, including fee-for-service programs and expanding its donor base.

Both will depend on our local community's recognition of HIP Ag's achievements and being willing to support its future.

HIP Ag has contributed much to our community and our keiki. Let's congratulate their progress and support their vision, which serves all of us.

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Artists' Event to Celebrate 49th Earth Day

By Alviita Soleil

The Earth has taken great care of us - let's remember to take care of her!

April 22 marked the 49th anniversary of Earth Day, inviting us to appreciate and celebrate the uniqueness of our planet Earth and how intrinsically we are linked with one another – from the food we eat, the water we drink, the air we breathe, to our physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.

In this unprecedented time in human history, we are aware of the environmental threats we are facing. These challenges, to name a few, include decreasing bio-diversity, shrinking natural resources, diminishing fresh water supplies, declining food quality and availability, depletion of the ozone layer, a fast-changing global climate and the transition to renewable energy sources.

How can we birth a new way of life in these times of great challenges?

Solving these monumental challenges is daunting. I believe our ability to thrive depends upon our willingness to acknowledge the realities we are facing. This awareness can be crucial to whether or not our children will survive our choices.

We are at a turning point in history that can open the door to entirely new possibilities and outcomes. Visionary leaders and thinkers have created organizations and written excellent books to demonstrate what is possible in our lifetime. Scientists do have solutions – in fact, many environmental issues have already been understood and solved.

On the other hand, I believe science alone won't save the Earth.

You and I – people together – have to do that. We also need to embrace the thinking that allows acceptance of the existing solutions into our lives. If we truly value our planet, we must look closely at our personal lifestyle choices and our public policies.

We need to realign with nature and start caring for our bodies and souls with the same divine love that Mother Earth offers us.

Can Art have the power to make strides in creating healing for ourselves and the world?

Many of us know the feeling of being moved by a work of art. We are touched; we are transported to a new place that is strongly rooted in a physical experience. Art can take us into our inner world, the world of emotions, and feelings, the heart-soul I call it.

As a Doctor of Oriental Medicine

and an artist, I believe the processes of creating art and appreciating it can foster insight and understanding. In my experience, making art supports the body's healing mechanisms, uniting body, mind, and spirit. The creative process is the healer. Let us choose to be a part of the healing of our world.

At the Kohala Artists' Cooperative, we are demonstrating our care for the Earth with another free event.

What: Earth Day event with live music, poetry, theater, circus art and environmental information

Where: Kohala Artists' Cooperative

When: Saturday, April 27, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Cost: Free, all are welcome
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Chess Club Announces Schedule Change for May

Story and photos by Peter Risley

For several months, The North Kohala Public Library has been hosting a local chess club every first Monday of the month from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Local chess addicts have been enjoying this opportunity to get together for the drama that only chess provides.

[Please note: May's meeting is re-scheduled and will meet April 29 instead of May 6. The June meeting will be Monday, June 3 at the regular time.]

We welcome all to enjoy with us the trials and tribulations of the greatest game man has yet invented.

The most excellent game of strategy and deception, the royal game of chess was invented and developed over thousands of years, in fact, so many years ago that no one really knows when or by whom it was invented.

Many feel that the invention of computer chess has ended the game's development. Not so, because when humans play against humans the outcome is always rewarding for both sides.

And at the end of the game, very often friendships emerge.



Chess enthusiast Doug Poyner demonstrates the Danish Gambit opening for winning quickly.

All ages and ability levels are encouraged to give our little club a try. Beginners will find encourage-

ment and someone to help them with learning the basics. No matter what level you are now, you will

find an opponent with whom to match swords.

Chess is the perfect game to develop your thinking abilities and a fun game to play for hours of positive mental activity. It uses parts of the mind that most other activities – like watching TV, or even playing other games – do not use. It requires rarely-used abstract thought and logic.

I have never had a bad outcome with chess, although I usually lose. Winning or losing is not the point, it's the process that is so beneficial.

"Chess is an exercise of infinite possibilities for the mind, one which develops mental abilities used throughout life: concentration, critical thinking, abstract reasoning, problem solving, pattern recognition, strategic planning, creativity, analysis, synthesis and evaluation, to name a few.

Chess can be used very effectively as a tool to teach problem solving and abstract reasoning."

That's a quote from Jim Celone and I thank him. But that's not the reason most of us play chess.

We play it because it is so much fun, and I always feel better after a hard-fought chess game.

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Luke's Place

By Jim Sargent

It's hard to imagine that there were once three movie theaters, a railroad, steam boats anchored off Mahukona, three sugar mills and a robust agricultural sector with thousands of workers in North Kohala.

In 1951, the Luke family, having decided the town needed a central watering hole and restaurant, opened Luke's. The ambitious building incorporated a wrap-around porch and there was an old-fashioned horseshoe style vinyl counter and soda fountain located in the area that later became the bar. From what I understand, it was a lively place and could get a little rambunctious on weekends.

I suspect that the neighbors back then were a little more understanding than the prickly ones I dealt with, and I can't imagine the police coming in on Saturday nights telling them to turn down the music.

Over the years the porch was enclosed, and the Luke family ceased to operate the business. When Ethel Luke retired, members of the Roxbury family took over the business as the Kohala Inn from 1980 until 1983.

The history gets a little blurred at this point, but there was Hale Ali'i with haole owners and some vacant periods.

In 1994, Carter Chu took over the restaurant as the Kohala Village Inn and Restaurant when an Oahu LLC, Kanoa Estates, purchased the property. People still talk about his pies and noodle dishes. Amoo Ching had a fairly successful run as Honey's Country Kitchen during this time. Somewhere around 2002, it became the Ohana Grill run by three local families, the Yamamotos, Matsudas and Amars.

In 2003, Jonathan Gaines approached me to help with his vision of establishing a Tibetan School of Medicine on the Kohala Village Inn property. Realistically, that was an admirable but uphill struggle, given his limited resources and all the logistics involved.

He had somehow finagled a lease option with Kanoa Estates, which had abandoned its plans for the restaurant and inn. But his option was expiring, and he lacked the funds to move forward. I agreed



Photo credit: Kenneth W. Badua
 Luke's Place, circa 1951. The structure formed the core of what would eventually become a larger complex of buildings – going through multiple owners and phases of development – including the Kohala Village HUB, which suffered a fire last month.

The photo is from an album housed at the North Kohala Public Library named "North Kohala Photos," which was donated in 1977 to the (then) Bond Memorial Library by the students of a University of Hawaii at Hilo CCECS course taught by Raymond Kukamizu, Ph.D.

to support his vision by supplying a space for Tibetan medicine and he sold me the rights to his lease option.

At first, I just saw a bunch of aging and rundown buildings with little value, but heck, it was three parcels on 5.8 acres in the center of town. It at least had potential.

After a closer look, I found beautiful red oak flooring throughout the inn and the three houses in the back. The restaurant and buildings were all structurally sound, albeit in need of serious repairs.

The barn needed to be completely dismantled, down to the iron frame. After doing the math, it seemed that I could get some decent tax benefits and build a central gathering spot, something the town needed. At the very least I would break even and create a space to have some fun. That, of course, was before I became a restaurateur.

At the time, the Ohana Grill was paying a reasonable lease and I was quite busy with family and work. But in 2005, the Grill decided to call it quits and I decided to resurrect Luke's Place.

I can't remember all the folks who helped, but John Standard agreed to be the lead carpenter and my handyman, Mike Prine, proved to be a very able foreman. Bill Luciano supplied the electric and Mike Cullen the plumbing. Norman Sakai dug a 1,500-square-foot, 15-foot-deep leach field and Jim Williams provided some machinery muscle while planting plenty coconut trees from Tim Head. Osh did most of the painting and Jack Sunderland was a big help. Hap Talman handcrafted some lemon gum table tops for the dining area.

A tidy sum later, there wasn't a square inch that hadn't been painted or altered in some manner.

There was a 5,000-gallon septic system; a nice front façade; new electric and plumbing; new doors and windows; an enclosed patio; a walk-in cooler; beautiful slate and granite bathrooms; a lovely, comfortable Tiki Bar and an upstairs area informally called the "sky bar."

Along the way we were interrupted by the October 2006 earthquake, persnickety neighbors, cranky building inspectors and everyone in town stopping by to ask when we were opening.

The interruptions got so bad that I had white tee-shirts made, emblazoned with the word "SOON" in black, both front and back. So, when people asked when we were going to open, the guys could just smile and point to their shirts.

The Restaurant was in such bad shape that we actually punched holes in the rotten canek [fiberboard made from sugar cane] walls to add authenticity to our first Halloween party and haunted house. About a week before the party, someone inadvertently plugged in an old appliance, which sparked a pretty good fire. Luckily, Bill Luciano was on-site and quickly put out the fire with an extinguisher. If he hadn't been there, this story would end now. But as it was, the smoky must just added flavor to the spookiness of the place.

After a year and a half of planning, moments of eternal frustration and the customary Hawaiian blessing, Luke's soft opening was in April of 2007. All the effort and cost seemed to have been worth the trouble. It was a special evening and the place was packed with longtime locals and newcomers in equal numbers. Of course, most everything was free, the best guarantee of gathering a crowd in Hawi.

Later we had our formal opening with local legend Melveen Leed and her band from Oahu. Once again, a packed house and an incredible evening with an unexpected performance from Kindy Sproat.

But Hawi is a small town and restaurants are a difficult business. My manager Jennifer Davis was instrumental in setting up all the staffing, the work stations and basically making the restaurant functional. Mookie Taveras was the

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new chef and did a great job setting up the kitchen, but we were overly optimistic and after a couple of up and down months, the reality of running a large restaurant in a small town was apparent.

We had some incredible evenings, hosted many charitable functions and though I lost a small fortune, I never regretted it.

We had fun and instilled a little life to Hawi with Halloween and New Year's parties, nightly music with folks like Nino and Geno, John Keawe and Azure McCall. David Gomes and other local musicians had a venue and we brought in bands like Hot Lava and Salsa Latino on Saturday nights.

The "Barn" hosted many local events, school functions, plays and community meetings, not to mention a few memorable parties. The "Hub" was a gathering place, and Bennett and Delphina have managed to continue and improve on that tradition.

In 2010, I sold the business on a lease option to the zipline folks, who eventually folded and left me with the remains. Unfortunately, I happened to be a little preoccupied at the time. My friend Chris Helmuth listed the property, and in 2014 the Dorrance family bought all three properties that comprised my

original 5.8-acre purchase.

I'm sitting here now reflecting on that journey, wondering what the place looked like in 1950 and hoping that someone will carry on the tradition of Luke's Place. I remember hunting down Jimmy Luke and finding him at Shiggy's. "Hey Jimmy, do you have a moment?" I asked. He smiled and I continued, "You know we're going to open up the restaurant again and I'm wondering if you'd mind if we gave it its name back, you know, Luke's Place." He smirked, "Call it what you want, won't bother me," he replied in that no-nonsense demeanor he carried about. But I could tell he was a bit flattered by the choice, and he was always gracious when he stopped by.

Nothing really belongs to us, no matter how we cling to it. Life is impermanent.

I wish Tim Head was here to tell this story, better than I can. I wish that my friends would not age and die, but they do. I could shed a tear for the fire that buried a chapter of my life in ashes, but I don't. Those memories will live on and from time to time a smile will slowly slide across my face, as slowly as a snail on a slippery leaf, as I recall those times. No one died, folks had fun and I'm just grateful and honored to have played my part.

Building Community with the North Kohala Community Resource Center



Photo by Kamaille Gusman

The North Kohala Resource Center is a welcome sight for all!

By Donna Botelho

The Kohala Welcome Center, which houses the North Kohala Community Resource Center (NKCRC), is one of the first buildings you see when you arrive in Hawi. An older style building reminiscent of simpler days gives a sense of safety and trust -- something the NKCRC has built since its founding. People entering Kohala are greeted with a welcoming atmosphere. The reception area is lined with books, photos and maps depicting the history of Kohala and a volunteer who welcomes everyone warmly.

The idea for the Resource Center started back in 1994 by one of the founders, Bob Martin, who was then with the Kohala Foundation. The Foundation's mission was to protect land in North Kohala from development, but it ended when they couldn't continue to get funding.

While he was on the board for the Kohala Foundation he realized there might be better ways to serve the community.

Between 1995 and 1997 Martin was president of the Merchants Association and had several people ask for sponsorships, financial help and business advice. However, in 2001 he had resigned as chair of the Association. Later that year, after many phone calls, he was at a meeting in the Kohala office of Family Support Services

and presented a description of the organization he wanted to create that he dubbed: "Team Kohala Nonprofit." Although they went through many names, the one that stuck was the North Kohala Community Resource Center. Along with Bob Martin, Nani Svendsen, Dennis Matsuda and Lani Bowman were the founding members and agreed to serve on the board during the first meeting on October 17, 2001.

Some of the first projects the Center funded were Kohala Community Athletics Association (KCAA), Konea O'Kukui Garden Restoration, Kamehameha Statue Restoration and Kamehameha Day Celebration, all of which began in 2003 and are still active still today. These different projects were able to work because of the support from the Center. Christine Richardson, NKCRC's executive director, states that, "We have helped put music, art and yoga in the public schools. We have supported multiple equine projects that perpetuate the paniolo tradition and provided support and coaching for many cultural, agricultural and environmental efforts as well."

For an organization like NKCRC to work, the board members need to be closely involved. They meet once a month at the NKCRC and each of them is able

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Restaurateur Jim Sargent, center, with his head chef Moki Tavares and Manager Jennifer Davis. They have big plans for Luke's Place in Hawi

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to bring their insight into current projects and decisions that need to be made. The Youth Directors on the Board are able to share their opinions and are the voice of the young adults in the community. Kamaile Gusman, a Kohala High School senior, stated that, "Being on the board for the Center has taught me a lot about what goes into these types of organizations and has given me many skills that will help me to succeed well in my adult life."

The Resource Center is a non-profit organization, so they get funding through donations as well as grant money. They host events such as the NKCR 2019 Golf Tournament, which took place on the 16th of March at the Hapuna Golf Course and helped to raise funding for their operations.

A common misconception people have is that the Resource Center just gives away money, but what the Center actually does is help people figure out how to get funding for their community project. "We don't tell the community what it needs.

The community comes to us and tells us what they think they need," says Richardson. This is done through a process of helping people write better proposals, finding the right fund development plan and submitting the proposals to funders.

To do this, the Center offers

classes, including workshops such as "Finding Funders," "Building Budgets," "Writing Successful Proposals" and "Proposal Critique." The next dates for these classes are yet to be determined, however interested parties may keep updated by checking the Center's website or calling (see contact information below) to find out when the next series starts.

Nonprofit organizations like these need support to function and there are multiple ways community members can help. The NKCR 2019 welcomes volunteers as well as donations. People can attend or volunteer at the events they host, volunteer at both the Resource Center and the Welcome Center (as guides for our visitors) or make a donation by mail or online.

NKCR 2019 has created a model that will help other small communities within the islands to be able to support their local innovators and creators. Their example will forever cause a ripple effect that will change small town communities for the better.

For more information:
Website: www.northkohala.org

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NKCR 2019 would like to thank Donna Botelho, a Kohala High School senior, and Jan Wizinowich, her mentor, for writing and publishing this article.

WEEKLY EVENTS IN MAY 2019

DAY	START	END	EVENT	VENUE	CONTACT	
MON	6:30AM	7:30AM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-5675	
	9AM		KOHALA SENIOR CLUB MEETING	CIVIC CENTER	895-2094	
	9AM	1PM	EARLY LEARNING WITH CATHY MORGAN	HUB CLUB	889-0404	
	3PM	3:45PM	CAPOEIRA - 3-6 YEARS	HUB BARN	889-0404	
	4PM	5PM	CAPOEIRA - YOUTH	HUB BARN	889-0404	
	5PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ROSS PAGAT	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH	989-0966	
	6PM	6:30PM	FREE RMD TAIKO CLASSES	HISAOKA GYM	895-2025	
TUES	7PM		AL-ANON MEETING WITH LAURA	KOHALA MISSION SCHOOL		
	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	
	9AM	11AM	TODDLER PLAYGROUP AGES 1.5 - 3	HUB CLUB	889-0404	
	2:45PM	3:45PM	KEIKI BALLET 3-7YEARS	HUB BARN	889-0404	
	3PM	5PM	SCRABBLE FOR TEENS & ADULTS	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655	
	5PM	6PM	MEDITATION COURSE	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	917-293-3427	
	5PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ASHLEE CHEEK	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH	989-0966	
	5:30PM	8:30PM	CERAMICS - GUIDED OPEN STUDIO	HUB CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404	
WED	6PM	7PM	TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	OLD COURT HOUSE	889-1099	
	6:30PM	7:30PM	BELLY DANCING - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404	
	7AM		WALK WITH A DOC	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-1570	
	9AM	1PM	EARLY LEARNING WITH CATHY MORGAN	HUB CLUB	889-0404	
	10:30AM	3:30PM	HARMONY EDUCATION OPTIONS DAY	HUB HALE PONI	889-0404	
	1:30PM	3:30PM	AFTERSCHOOL LEGO® CREATIONS	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655	
	1:30PM	2:30PM	HIP HOP 7YR - TEEN	HUB BARN	889-0404	
	2PM	4PM	OPEN GUIDED ART STUDIO	ARTISTS' CO-OP	783-1158	
	5:30PM	8:30PM	CERAMICS - GUIDED OPEN STUDIO	HUB CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404	
	6PM	6:30PM	FREE RMD TAIKO CLASSES	WALKER HALL	895-2025	
THU	6PM	7PM	GROOVE FUSION	HUB BARN	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 BARN	889-0404	
	7:15PM	8:15PM	SALSA - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404	
	6:30AM	7:30AM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-5675	
	9AM	11AM	TODDLER PLAYGROUP AGES 1.5 - 3	HUB CLUB	889-0404	
	10AM		QIGONG CALL 530-277-8756	KING KAMEHAMEHA PARK	530-277-8756	
	4PM	5:30PM	JAN'S YOGA - INTERMEDIATE	HUB HALE	889-0404	
	5PM	6PM	MEDITATION COURSE	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	917-293-3427	
FRI	5PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ROSS PAGAT	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH	989-0966	
	5:30PM	8:30PM	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	
	9AM	11AM	TAI CHI - ALL	HUB HALE	889-0404	
	9AM	1PM	EARLY LEARNING WITH CATHY MORGAN	HUB CLUB	889-0404	
	10AM	10:30AM	PRESCHOOL STORY TIME AGES 2-5	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655	
	SAT	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-5675
		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	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	
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Kohala Sports

Makapala Archery Program



Photo by Tiana Alcoran-Miyamoto

Kohala archery camp attendees at Makapala Retreat Center.

Back row (left to right): Tiana Alcoran-Miyamoto, Savannah Kupukaa, Adriana Leitch, Josh Quinn, Naomi Brooke, Dante Lopez, Aisha Elmer and Terongomau Kawe

Front row (left to right): Ankara Miyamoto, Ryder Leitch, Jaycie Chilton, Ayla Miyamoto, Solomon Mackillop and Daywakihaa Kawe

Archery in Kohala has new home at Makapala Retreat Center. Kids of all ages are learning how to master the art of exacting precision accuracy from themselves in aiming at their prey – in this case a larger, non-living target but in the future, maybe a meal for the family or a special event.

Archery is a great sport that was thought to be one of the original sports ever played, dating back to around 10,000 B.C. Egyptian cultures used bows and arrows, or archery, for the purposes of hunting and warfare. In China, archery dates back to the Shang Dynasty (1766-1027 B.C.). In Hawaii, we use bows to hunt wild prey as well. It is a fun and relatively safe way (once properly trained) to collect food and relax with friends.

The archery camp provides the bows, lessons and location for Kohala kids to learn everything they want to know from experienced archers like Tiana Alcoran-Miyamoto, a Level 2 Certified Archery Instructor who loves shar-

ing her skills with Kohala kids. Tiana feels that archery builds “confidence, focus and discipline – and also social skills” in her learners.

Tiana says, “Focus. Self Confidence. Patience. Discipline. Respect. These are just some of the things I hope to impart to the children who come through the Makapala Archery Program.

“I have been involved in competitive marksmanship since the age of 13, most recently becoming a Level 2 Certified Archery Instructor with USA Archery and the National Field Archery Association (NFAA). I have been an archery instructor in the state of Hawaii since 2014. As a teenager, having marksmanship in my life brought stability to the ever-challenging world around me. My coach was one of the most important adult role models I had, and I still feel grateful for his encouragement. I hope to be that coach, that “aunty,” to these youth in our community. Someone they feel they can trust and be encouraged by.

“I strive to teach for success, for

the youth to experience a measure of accomplishment and encouragement. While they will be developing marksmanship skills, I hope they will gain important life skills, such as confidence, responsibility, character, managing feelings and self-discipline on a personal level. On the social level, I want these youth to develop life skills in the areas of empathy, sharing, concern for others, accepting differences and cooperation.

“Through this program, youth learn the strategies of working

with others in a disciplined environment. They learn that they can become someone else’s resource. They learn that being cool doesn’t require senseless actions that put themselves and others in danger. Marksmanship programs also bring out messages of personal pride that come with mastery, personal discipline, responsibility and sportsmanship. These skills and messages are life builders.”

Adult classes are coming soon! Contact tiana.miyamoto@gmail.com, 808-889-5082.

KHS Seeks Basketball Coach

The Kohala High School Athletic Department is now accepting applications for Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. Anyone interested is asked to submit an application to Kohala High School’s main office by Tuesday, April 30.

For more information, please call the office at 808-889-7117.

Tiptoe on Blue

Poem and photo by Diane Revell

Wind and wings scribble a trail above the garden
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Kohala Sports

Girls Softball is Still in the Game

Kohala High School Girls Softball Team is making waves on the Big Island with their never-give-up attitude and gritty determination. It is so inspiring to watch the team practice, day after day. From my perspective, I can hear the girls cheering each other on, encouraging each other to do their best, being there for each other when they need it most. They run together, stay together and seem to really work as one unit.

The best thing about sports is sportsmanship and these girls take it to a new level with their respect for themselves, their coaches, their community and their game. Perhaps we may call this kind of teamwork "sportswomanship." One

thing is for sure, however. The parents, coaches, kids and community have all invested their fair share to grow children with such skill in their practice and positive energy in their hearts. Players like freshman Leiana Carvalho even manage to make honor roll grades as a student, while proving a vital asset to her teammates both on the field and in the classroom.

Be sure to get out there and support the Cowgirls on their journey to fun and success. The Cowgirls' record this season is well over 500 and getting stronger. Coming off a big defeat from Kamehameha in early April, the girls are sure to get their game on track and score some big hits on the field.

Flag Football Kicks Off their New Season



Handson and Keali'i just make the connection in passing drills at Kamehameha Park flag football practice. Games begin weekday evenings and run through May.

Three age groups have been formed for KCAA flag football this year: 5-6 years, 7-8 years and 9-12 years. We have about six teams playing ball and can always use more players.

We have some really amazing coaches for each team and can always use more coaching assistance on the field. Feel free to register at www.kcaa.net and then, come on out and play football.

Sportsmanship and pono behavior, both on and off the field, is the focus. To teach teamwork, teams scrimmage for fun every time they meet, and work together on the basic sporting skills of ball handling, agility and game knowledge.

Games are after school on weekdays, usually at the upper or lower Kamehameha Park grass fields. Practice times vary. For more info go to www.kcaa.net.

Kohala Kupuna Softball League



Kohala player Stanford Rocha follows through, watching the ball fly, after a hitting a line drive.

When I walked up the field to see the team practicing, a sense of peace captured my attention. One might think I was hiking through a forest, but no... I was actually experiencing the warmth, grace and absolute awesomeness of lives well lived and still celebrated in every catch, throw, swing, hit, miss (though no one missed the whole time I was there) or run. I was lucky enough to meet Coach Momi, who has lived in Kohala for most of her life and moved here with her husband. It turns out she is my neighbor. Love Kohala!

The players work the field as if they don't even recognize that 40 or 50 years have passed since their youthful days. Was I ever impressed to see these dudes move with youth-like energy, skill and precision-accuracy. Every throw was with perfect form and follow-through; every play was done as if they were actually in a real, live game. The saying "practice like you play" really rings true with these kupuna ballers. We will see more in the news in the near future about these inspiring members of our Kohala sporting community.

The Kohala Kupuna Softball League is seeking your support to come to games, play and cheer them on to represent our Big Island and Kohala. Practice is at Kamehameha Park, mauka field, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:00-4:30. Each team may have one player that is as young as 55 years old; however, all other players on

the team must be 60 for that team to play in the league. Rumor has it that the oldest Kohala player is 77 years old. Each game is a double-header and the home team hosts a luncheon for everyone to enjoy after the game.

The tournaments are approaching: the County Tournament will be in Hilo, July 10-11, and the State Tournament will be in Kona, August 6-8. Until then, Big Island Kupuna Softball Game Schedule and scores for the league can be found at www.kupunasoftware.com.



This kupuna put up 15 straight outfield hits to ensure he had properly warmed up his outfielder and infielders.



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Kohala Sports

Basketball Camp Makes a Big Impression on Kids

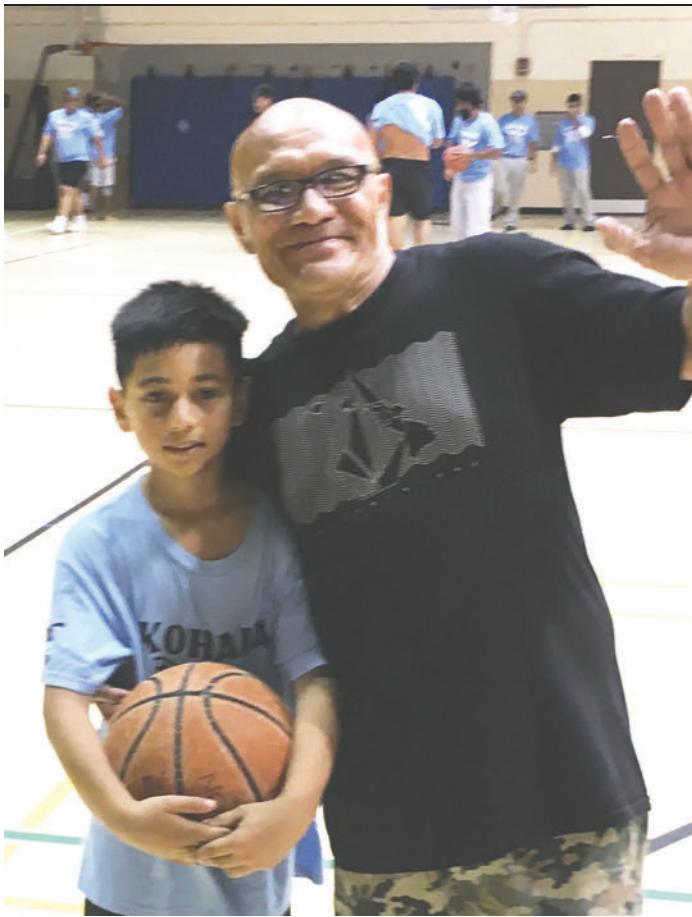


Photo by Marcus Douglas
Darryl Capeliela, Sr. and his grandson Darryl Capeliela, III.

Kohala High School has a great way of getting students into their kuleana of helping others in Kohala: Senior Project. This is the most feared, and yet anticipated, expectation that students must meet in order to graduate with honors. This year, senior Mekaila Kekoa put on a great basketball camp for Kohala keiki to teach awesome basketball skills.

According to local grandpa Darryl Capeliela, "I think the camp is awesome. It's a great way to get our young kids involved in and learning about the basics of the sport." Grandson Darryl Capeliela, III says, "The best part of camp was shooting baskets."

Liam Howard really thought it was cool as well, saying, "It's all free, we did a lot of fun things and at the end we did a scrimmage that was the most fun."

According to Elijah Larson, the camp focuses on "lay-ups, 'juking' [faking out the opponent], dribbling and having fun."

Thanks to all who participated in great community



Photo by Marcus Douglas
Elijah Larson (left) and Liam Howard take a quick break from shooting hoops for fun.



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4/27	SAT	5 PM	9 PM	EARTH DAY EVENT	LIVE MUSIC, POETRY, THEATER, CIRCUS ART AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION	ARTISTS' CO-OP	783-1158
5/1	WED	4:30 PM		NKAG MEETING		OLD COURTHOUSE	
5/1	WED	4 PM		KOHALA COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP	MEETING	SENIOR CENTER	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
5/2	THU	7 PM	9 PM	KOHALA ECSTATIC DANCE JAM	FEATURING AN ECLECTIC ROTATION OF DEEJAYS	HUB BARN	889-0404
5/3	FRI	6 PM		SENIOR CLUB	MOVIE NIGHT - ALL SENIORS WELCOME	KOHALA CIVIC CENTER	895-2094
5/3	FRI	7 PM	10 PM	FEED HAWAI'I BENEFIT CONCERT	ENTERTAINMENT	HUB BARN	
5/6	MON	6 PM	7 PM	GROWTH MANAGEMENT GROUP	MEETING	BANK OF HAWAII BUILDING	854 4888
5/6	MON	3 PM	5 PM	NORTH KOHALA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP	SUPPORTED BY N. HAWAII COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL	KINGS VIEW CAFE	989-4894
5/6	MON	6 PM	7:30 PM	HEALTHY LIVING FOR YOUR BRAIN AND BODY	TALK ON ALZHEIMER AND OTHER DEMENTIAS	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
5/10	FRI	11 AM	1 PM	CLOTHING EXCHANGE	BRING WHAT YOU CAN; TAKE WHAT YOU NEED. PLEASE BRING GENTLY USED ITEMS FOR ALL AGES, NO BIG ITEMS PLEASE. ALL ARE WELCOME.	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
5/11	SAT	AM		KOHALA ARTISTS' CO-OP COMMUNITY SWAP MEET	SET A TABLE AND SELL, SWAP OR TRADE GOODS	ARTISTS' CO-OP	783-1158
5/12	SUN	7 AM	12 AM	LIONS CLUB MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST	DINE IN OR TAKE OUT. PANCAKES	KHS CAFETERIA	
5/13	MON	6:30 PM	8 PM	HAWAIIAN HISTORY LECTURES	SUBJECT: BOND FAMILY HISTORY IN KOHALA	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
5/14	TUE	6 PM		HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED	6PM POTLUCK, 7PM PRESENTATION. FOR EVERYONE INTERESTED IN GOOD FOOD, NOT JUST FARMERS	THE HUB	KOHALA.HFUU@GMAIL.COM
5/14	TUE	11 AM	12 PM	BOOK GROUP	FRIENDLY DISCUSSIONS ABOUT BOOKS!	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
5/18	SAT	4:30 PM	6:30PM	FREE GRINDZ HOT MEAL	KOHALA BAPTIST CHURCH	BANYAN TREE	889-5416
5/20	MON	5 PM		NKCDP AC MEETING	NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE	HISAOKA GYM	323-4770
5/20	MON	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	SAME CANOE LOCAL FOOD CHALLENGE PRESENTS "SPICE IT UP!"	DISCOVER THE CULINARY AND MEDICINAL USES FOR SPICES FROM AROUND THE WORLD, MANY OF WHICH GROW HERE IN HAWAII.	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
5/21	TUE	10 AM	12 PM	WRITERS' GROUP	CULTIVATE YOUR CREATIVE SIDE BY JOINING OUR WRITERS' GROUP!	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
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5/25	SAT	10 AM	12 PM	THRIFT SHOP	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	NEXT TO WALKER HALL	889-5390
5/25	SAT	11 AM	12:20 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
5/25	SAT	5 PM	8 PM	KOHALA ARTISTS' CO-OP ART PARTY	GALLERY SHOWCASE, THEATER PERFORMANCE, FOOD AND BEVERAGE VENDORS, LOCAL MUSICIANS	ARTISTS' CO-OP	783-1158
5/29	WED	4 PM	5:30 PM	RESTORATIVE YOGA THERAPY CLASS	WITH CARLA ORELLANA, CERTIFIED YOGA THERAPIST, BY DONATION	THE HUB	889-0404
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Kohala Sports

**Kohala 'Ohana Sports Spotlight
The Lucas Family of Halaula**

This month's Kohala 'Ohana Sports Spotlight is shining brightly on the Lucas family of Halaula. To encourage proper digestion, family time and good energy flow, they walk as a family together every day as light exercise.

Cole says he loves to walk because, "It's refreshing." When asked if he likes his family walks, little Nico says, "Yeah."

Jesse Lucas has been a teacher at Kamehameha Preschool for the last decade, or more, and his awe-

some wife, Aime, is seen all over the island with Kumu Hope Keawe performing and perfecting her hula with their halau. The Lucas family enjoys many sports together, but walking is one they can all do at the same time and it really fits into their busy schedule.

Feel free to hike on up and down a hill anytime you feel like you need a little burn in the legs and lungs. See you out there, folks. Thanks again Lucas family for sending in your adventures for us to share.



Photo by Marcus Douglas

*The amazing and vibrant Lucas family stops to pose for a photo as they take their after-dinner walk up Halaula-Maulili Road. They walk up, down and back up the road as a family every day.
Back (left to right): Jesse, Nori, Aime and Cole
Front: Nico*

**Spring Break Springs
A Basketball Clinic**

Story and photo by Malia Dela Cruz

What do kids do during their school's Spring Break? Nearly three dozen of Kohala's kids learned how to play basketball better, with guidance from enthusiastic coaches.

On Thursday, March 21, a group of 35 keiki, ages 8 to 18, gathered at the Isuo Hisaoka Gym for a Co-Ed Spring Break Basketball Clinic. The event was made possible by the generous donations of sponsors Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union—Kohala Branch and Takata Store. Along with basketball instruction, the clinic included "free lunch and free t-shirts" for each keiki.

Upon entering the gym, the high energy from these youngsters anticipating a fun-filled day was palpable. After registering the keiki, the coaches, Duncan Anderson and Keith Spencer, took command of the group with instructions. The coaches were assisted by 10 volunteer junior leaders: Duncan Anderson (Coach Anderson's son), Easton Hoshida, La'a Kauka, Landon Kauka, Mahealani Pang, Makai Pang, R.J. Spencer, Kailani Valenzuela, Keale Valenzuela and Justice Ventura. Coach Anderson shared that the purpose of engaging the junior leaders is to foster more coaches for future athletic programs.

Coach Anderson divided the keiki into four groups, based on player height, and each group reported to a station where one of four techniques was taught. The fundamental techniques were to help establish a foundation for the keiki, since most of them were younger ages.

The first station worked on defense, the second station practiced free throws, the third station concen-

trated on driving and dribbling the ball and the fourth station focused on building teamwork by working on passes to their teammates. As they learned and practiced the designated techniques, a whistle blew every 15 minutes, signaling the kids to rotate to the next station.

As one of the groups worked on their passes in the third station, Coach Keith reminded them, "You fake a pass to make a pass," and illustrated how to do it. He also reminded them that, "You assist your team when you make a good throw—take pride in making a good throw!"

After an hour, Coach Anderson gathered the kids together in a huge circle and they had a "cool down" game right before lunch was served. It was a half-court partner tag game that they really enjoyed. The group then proceeded to lunch where "Aunty Tracy" Figueroa served the kids' favorite: hot dogs on buns and chili bowls with rice. Immediately following lunch, the keiki wrote thank you notes to the sponsors for making the day possible for them to enjoy.

The basketball clinic planned on continuing after lunch, but the gym went on lockdown due to a fugitive in the Kohala vicinity. Despite the abrupt lockdown, the keiki left the gym with renewed confidence and pride in their abilities to play basketball better than when they first arrived.

Mahalo to the coaches and junior leaders who gave their time and talent to make the clinic a success, and to Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union—Kohala Branch and Takata Store, who made it all possible.



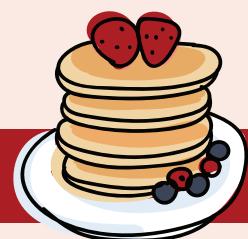
Junior leaders give instructions on driving and dribbling the ball.

**Your Stories Needed for
Kohala Family Sports Spotlight**

The Kohala Mountain News sports editor is looking for Kohala families to share their stories and photos illustrating how they do or celebrate sports together as a family.

Those who enjoy sports of all kinds are encouraged to share: tennis, walking, swimming, hiking, baseball, football, fishing, hockey, soccer... you name it. Send a photo with a brief description. "Show and Tell" us your story and we just might share it for the benefit of everyone.

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Gill's Lanai: New Owners – Same Great Food, Served with Aloha

Dave and Jill Kupitz of Hawi have purchased Gill's Lanai, located on Akoni Pule Highway in Kapa'au. Founded by Jim and Tracey Gilmore in 2011, Gill's has become a popular lunch spot for residents and visitors.

"For years, people have told Dave that he needed to open a restaurant," says Jill.

Open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the menu features fresh fish tacos, creative quesadillas, gourmet hot dogs and rotating specials. Fish and Chips is their best seller, and frequent trips to the dock in Kawaihae ensure that the fish is always fresh. Kama'aina discounts are offered.

"We're having a lot of fun so far. We want to keep much of the menu the same but have added some extra touches like garlic fries and daily specials," says Dave.



Photo by Tracey Gilmore
Jill and Dave Kupitz recently purchased Gill's Lanai in Kapa'au. They are keeping much of the menu the same but have added a few items and will feature rotating specials.

Mini Horses Visit Excited Kohala Preschoolers



Nancy Bloomfield (far right) of Therapeutic Horsemanship holds the rein of a mini horse while pre-school special education students from Kohala Elementary School brush its fur.

On March 14, a beautiful Kohala day, two therapeutic mini horses named Peaches and Calypso visited the pre-school special education students at Kohala Elementary School. Teachers Cheryle Leany and Rebecca Weizz brought their excited class members to meet these tiny horses to learn how to brush, pet and lead them.

Nancy Bloomfield of Therapeutic Horsemanship Hawaii-Kona is

responsible for this engaging visit. Nancy also made a special home visit to a preschooler who had been sick, so everyone in the class was able to experience the joy these tiny horses bring. Special Mahalo to Nancy, Peaches and Calypso for sharing your aloha with Kohala!

If you would like to learn more about this program, please check out Therapeutic Horsemanship of Hawaii-Kona at www.thhkona.org.

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

What: Presentation by Alzheimer Association – Aloha Chapter
Who: Celeste Perry and Patrick Toal
When: Monday, May 6, at 6:00 p.m.
Where: North Kohala Public Library, 54-3645 Akoni Pule Highway, 808-889-6655
Admission: Open to all, free admission

brain and body healthy as you age. Join Patrick Toal and Celeste Perry to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement. Use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. Now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your

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'Ōlelo Hawai'i

By Jesse Lucas

Aloha kākou! Hawai'i is blessed with having two official languages: English and 'Ōlelo Hawai'i. Although, English is spoken predominantly throughout the state, more people are using 'Ōlelo Hawai'i every day! Here you will learn a little 'Ōlelo Hawai'i so you can incorporate it into your vocabulary with confidence.

Maika'i is a useful word when describing something that is good, fine, beautiful, etc. While watch-

ing the sun set at Mahukona, you might say, "Today is a maika'i day." When someone tells you that your car passed its safety inspection, you can respond, "Maika'i!"

As we enter the month of Mei (May), the pride of our community, our youth, are completing their school year and/or graduating to the next level. You can help share their joy by saying, "Ho'omaika'i!" (Congratulations!) as they savor their achievement.

Book Donations and Book Sale

The Friends of the North Kohala Public library would like to thank everyone in the community for the generous donations that made the annual book sale a success. This fundraising event will help the Friends contribute to the library's collections and programs. Donations, big and small, are an important part of the success of the library.

We would also like to ask for the community's understanding, as the library will be reassessing its donations guidelines during the next few months. Therefore, the Friends of the North Kohala Public Library will not be able to accept book donations for the time being. Our aim is to serve the community in the best way possible through quality collections and programming. Re-evaluating guidelines for donations will help the Friends make the most of the community's generosity.

Mahalo,
Mike Maddux
President of the Friends of the North Kohala Public Library



THE COQUI CORNER

Eradicating crews and volunteers have been working hard in some of these areas : Ainakea, Iole, Hoes, Union Mill, Pratt Road, Kapiko, Kynnersley, Hawi, Maliu Ridge, The Transfer Station, Waianae Gulch, Kohala Nursery, Kaauhuhu, and numerous residences.

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Kohala High School Students Embark on Trip East

On March 16, 2019 five Kohala High School students, a parent and their high school teacher, Ms. Tia-Michelle Ubilas, departed Kona Airport for the East Coast to explore some of our country's largest cities and most historical sites.

Over the course of 11 days we would travel to Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Washington D.C. and Colonial Williamsburg. During our time away students were able to see, visit and experience things that they would have typically not been able to do. While in Boston they visited the Boston Tea Party Museum and tossed some (fake) tea into the Boston Harbor, then travelled to Cambridge to take a tour of Harvard University.

In New York City, students visited Ellis Island and Times Square and saw King Kong on Broadway. During a short stop-over in Philadelphia they ran up the "Rocky Stairs" and sampled a famous Philly cheesesteak – and also learned that the locals call it simply a cheesesteak. Their time in Washington D.C. involved numerous museums; a trip to the U.S. Capitol, White House and Supreme Court Building; as well as a trip to Arlington National Cemetery.

Below are quotes from the students about their reasonings for participating in the trip and what they walked away with at the end of their 11 days away.

Alex Canine, Class of 2019

I went on the trip because I want to travel the world and see new things, places, people and cultures. Plus, I figured that it would be a great learning opportunity and a chance to connect what we have learned in history class to real life. I like learning about American history because it's important and interesting.

The three most interesting places that we visited were Mount Vernon (the home of George Washington), the 9/11 Memorial and the Liberty Bell. Even though 9/11 was sad and scary to hear about, I thought it was interesting to learn about how the hijacking

took place and how much was destroyed by the tragic event. Of all of the places that we visited, my favorite was the Benjamin Franklin Museum because I liked learning about his inventions, such as swim fins and electricity.

If I were able to go on this trip again, I would go so that I could see more important and interesting historical places. I would like to see new places and learn about other things from history that we didn't get to do the first time. I would even like to learn more about the World Wars and the American Revolution.

Jazz Francisco, Class of 2020

When I first heard about the East Coast trip it got my attention immediately. I wanted to participate in the trip to expand my knowledge of our American history and get the authentic experience with it, such as learning more about the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence while actually looking at it. I just wanted to get the full experience of learning and viewing historic items, national figures, monuments and popular historic places.

After the trip I learned so much more. I got more information on why the Holocaust happened, how people use to live in Jamestown and more background information on presidents, other historic figures and more. I felt like I was back in time during the trip and learning so much about America. It was a true and great experience. I loved everything about the trip but the moments that really caught my attention were when we went to Washington D.C. and New York. Being in those two places was like a whole new world. With New York being such a big city with modern skyscrapers and just how busy it is, it was a whole new world to me. As a kid from a small town in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, New York City was a huge thing for me. I just loved how we walked around in the city, seeing how the culture is different there than from Hawaii. Also being able to view the 9/11 Memorial, the Empire

State Building, a Broadway show and Ellis Island with the Statue of Liberty in the background was a great experience.

I am grateful to see those places, as I may never get to see them ever again. And as I viewed those places, I learned so much and felt the experiences in my heart, such as the horrific incident of 9/11. It was overall a once-in-a-lifetime moment for me. Then you have Washington D.C., the place where I got to learn way more of the early history of America. I loved how we got to see the different Smithsonian museums, the White House, the U.S. Capitol building and other historic sites. Just being that close to the heart of America is beautiful. Every moment in Washington D.C. was just great and I am so glad I went.

I would love to go on this trip again and just relive every moment. Everything we did – from Boston, New York, Washington D.C., Jamestown and all the other small cities and states we went to – I would love to do it all again. This trip is a high recommendation for anybody in the future. It's so great just to see all the different places and sites and you get to learn more about historic items and figures. History is a great thing to learn and see how America was before and how it changed into what it is today. On top of that, you get to make new friends and join the journey with them as you travel around the East discovering new things in history as you never known before. This trip will forever go down as the best trip I have ever been on in my life.

Mia Fuertes, Class of 2021

I went on this trip to the East Coast because I wanted to expand my knowledge about the history of America and visit the places we have been learning about. What I enjoyed the most about going on this trip was being able to visit the museums, specifically the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. and the 9/11 Museum and Memorial in New York City. I enjoyed going to those museums because I felt that I was able

to learn a lot from them. Getting to see what happened and what they experienced rather than just reading about it in a textbook and articles was very eye-opening. What I learned a lot of on this trip was about American history, how our country was formed and how we have grown. I also was able to learn a lot about the U.S. and its relationships with other countries. I would recommend this trip to others to take because it is a great learning experience.

Christian Guerro, Class of 2021

Our spring break trip was really interesting. I got to travel to places that I haven't been before, learned more about our history and got to meet new people. I wanted to go on this trip because it was a once in a lifetime opportunity that I might not get again and gave us the opportunity to see the places that we have been learning about in History class.

We were able to visit Times Square, the 9/11 Memorial, Rocky Steps, the gravesites of Benjamin Franklin and JFK, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, war grounds, colleges, and so on. It was interesting to see how differently people treated you depending on where you were. For instance, in New York City drivers didn't care if you were on the road, they would just hit you, so you had to be fast when going through traffic. When you were walking in the city, people would just push past you while you were walking and not say sorry, and they would also not care if you were standing on the sidewalk eating a slice of pizza.

Danyka Cazimero-Roxburgh, Class of 2020

This trip not only exposed me to a part of America's history, but to many new opportunities that the future may hold for small town kids like us. I enjoyed learning about the history of the Eastern Seaboard and meeting new people because it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn outside of a classroom. If given the opportunity I would most definitely go another trip similar to this.



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**Kohala Robotics Team Recognized
by Hawaii County Council**



Photo by Sandra Taosaka

On March 28, 2019 the Hawaii County Council set time aside for a Resolution of Recognition of Kohala High Robotics Team 2460A's achievement of winning the VEX Robotics Hawaii State Championships in January 2019 on Oahu against 36 other state qualifiers. The team, Na Paniolo, earned a berth at the World Championships in Louisville, Kentucky. The team is the only Big Island high school to represent themselves, our island and the state.

Back row (left to right): County Councilmembers Matt Kaneali'i-Kleinfelder, Maile David, Rebecca Villegas, Aaron Chung, Karen Eoff, and Ashley Kierkiewicz

Front row (left to right): County Councilmember Tim Richards, Fern White (Instructor), Grace Todd, Gideon Rabang, Deighton Bell, Alvin Kawamoto (Volunteer Mentor), Kaimi Hook and Nicolas Tyler.
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