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## Kohala Couples in Royal Court at Merrie Monarch



Photo courtesy of the Merrie Monarch Festival

Kohala graduates Jason Chai Wilson and Sharnell Wilson were crowned king and queen of the 2019 Merrie Monarch Festival. They asked Narlynn Libron and Blaine Crabbe to join them on the court.

Jason Chai Wilson and Sharnell Wilson, Kohala High School sweethearts married soon after graduation, are this year's king and queen, or mo'i kane and mo'i wahine, of the Merrie Monarch Festival. The couple asked Narlynn Libron and Blaine Crabbe to join them on the court as their orator (kaka'olelo) and honored attendant (kahu).

Jason and Sharnell say, "It was a privilege and honor to be a part

of Merrie Monarch's Royal Court. This once-in-a-lifetime experience will be a fond memory. We are truly blessed to have honored our culture, family and Kohala." Blaine and Narlynn add, "It was such an honor and amazing experience. The feeling that came over our bodies while waiting to walk out on the stage is something we can't explain. We did it for our family and our town of Kohala."

## Tips on Rat Lungworm Parasite

By Sadie Young

On April 22, representatives from the Hawaii State Departments of Health and Agriculture, the Big Island Invasive Species Committee, the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy and the Hawaii Governor's Joint Task Force on Rat Lungworm Disease gave an informative presentation at the North Kohala Public Library. This is a summary of their comments.

Important: Take action to reduce your risk.

Prevention: Don't transport slugs, snails, etc. to our district in plants, containers, mulch, etc. Check carefully before bringing items home.

Manage environment: Go on

nighttime gastropod hunts with a headlamp, as this is when they come out and are most active. Slugs are 2-35 mm in size.

Clean up leaves, mulch, weeds, containers, etc. where they may hide.

Water plants in the morning, not at night, when they come out. Don't leave pet dishes and their water out at night. Ducks, chickens and geese can be helpful.

Barriers: Ash, sharp gravel, crushed eggshells and 2-inch-wide copper bands (kept clean and shiny) also help.

Bait in late afternoon and evening, irrigate and set traps. Sluggo or Corry's Slug and Snail pellets

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## KHS Grad Ivy League Bound



Angelique Kokal, Kohala High School Class of 2019, has been accepted for admission to Harvard University this fall.

Story and photo by Melody Nietfeld

What top university takes pride in maintaining the lowest acceptance rate (4.59%) in the nation? In other words, of the 42,749 applicants for admission this year, only 2,024 are admitted. What college admits students only with near-perfect ACT and SAT scores?

What university only accepts and attracts "straight-A" high school students? What university only seeks students who challenge themselves with both Advanced Placement (AP) and college-level preparatory courses? If you guessed Harvard University... you are correct!

Add to this formula a student who is characterized as empathic, curious, open to change, able to overcome adversity, persevering, dedicated, resilient, a critical thinker, focused, has a "fire" for learning, articulate and committed to success. The end result is a Kohala High student from the Class of 2019 who was admitted to Harvard University this fall. This incredible student is Angelique Kokal, daughter of Paul and Virginia Kokal.

Angelique was relentless in navigating the college application process. She applied to a variety of Ivy League universities, with Harvard and Princeton as her "dream" colleges. Her acceptance came on March 28, 2019... she was ecstatic and shocked. Some of us were not so astounded... Angelique had the "full package" as a prime candidate for an Ivy League school. Not only was she accepted but was also offered a "full-ride" scholarship to attend Harvard!

Angelique will join Yuki Zbytovsky, a former Kohala High grad, who will be a senior at Harvard in fall 2019. They have already connected and plan to share their passionate, magnetic energy. Both bring differing experiences, talents and perspective to such a scholarly community. Perhaps they will start a trend... perhaps they will inspire other Kohala High students to apply to their "dream" school.

We hope the best for all of the students. Kohala is undoubtedly pleased and proud of Angelique and wish her well in her future educational endeavor.

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## Kohala Scores Some Hefty Funding

By Toni Withington

Two long-awaited funding sources were unleashed on North Kohala last month via different State coffers. First, the legislature passed the budget, which included \$500,000 for improvements to the Pololu Valley Lookout and Trail. Two days later, the Board of Land and Natural Resources approved an allocation of \$1.45 million toward the purchase of land at Kapanāia Bay and Walaohia Gulch.

A team of Kohala community groups and individuals undertook an eight-month-long effort to get the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Na Ala Hele Trail System to put the funding on the Governor's budget, then testify, over and over, as it passed through committees. Thanks to Representative Dave Tarnas and Senator Lorraine Inouye, the measure passed. For two years the groups, including Kohala Lihikai, Malama Na Wahi Pana O Kohala, Ka Makani O Kohala Ohana and the Kohala

Community Access Group, among others, have tried to get funding passed and not gotten a cent. Hooray! It finally got through.

But don't expect money to be flowing immediately. It is designated for the 2021 fiscal year, so about two years from now at the earliest. The good news is that with this funding out there, the agencies that need to come together to solve the congestion, parking and health problems – the DLNR Na Ala Hele Trail System, the Department of Transportation and the County Police – can start using their regular funding for planning and supporting the complex land issues with Surety Kohala that are moving forward.

The matching funds to purchase 83 acres of Pacific Plains lands at Kapanāia Bay, which includes parts of Kapalama Heiau and Walaohia Gulch, was approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources in late April. The \$1.45 million Kapanāia funding was ranked second in

the State by the Legacy Land Conservation Commission in December. But it needed Land Board approval in order to be released in the fiscal year beginning in July. The funds were requested by the County of Hawai'i last year and supported by several community groups before the Commission. In addition, four Kohala organizations and the owners testified in favor of the allocation before the Land Board. The funds will be added to the \$1.45 million the County has set aside from the 2% Open Space Fund to spend on the purchase. With the full purchase price now approved, the sale will probably take place later this year, according to officials with the Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Program.

Purchase of Kapanāia will be the fourth conservation acquisition within the four and a half mile stretch of northern coast that is known to be the Kula Iwi O Kamehameha, the homelands of Kamehameha the Great.

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help, and are completely safe for people, children and pets, even on the day of harvest.

**Traps:** Slugs hide under a number of items, including shade cloth, pots, boards, rocks, citrus peels, containers, etc. Look under and dispose of slugs in the morning and late afternoon/evening, wearing nitrile gloves.

**Slug Jug:** Make a solution of one part salt to seven parts water, e.g. ½ cup salt to 3 ½ cups water in jugs with small air hole (to avoid slug bomb). Soak slugs for some time. Parasite can live weeks after host dies. Use gloves and long tweezers or tongs designated for slugs/snails. Bury when too funky, likely after weeks.

**Remove rat attractants:** Pick up fruit, prune trees and clean up environment. Get rid of rats.

**Points:** The more toxin ingested, the worse the illness. Larvae are microscopic, not visible.

Wash veggies and fruits with fresh running, not standing, water to help prevent recontamination.

**Semi slugs:** 70% of those tested were infested with parasite, (20% of the slugs on Kauai, which has no semi slugs).

Twenty of 24 coquis tested positive, all centipedes, some mongoose, 50% of dogs, two of six horses, all Waipio horses tested were positive. Antibodies showing up in blood means exposure, not necessarily infection.

Water catchment, hoses, cracked pipes – anything slugs can climb into – increase risk.

Vets are developing a test. Medication for pets by Bayer is called Moxydectin. Advantage Plus heartworm medication is useful.

Learn to recognize the different insect poops.

Going barefoot, cut on hand or body can increase risk factor; however, all known cases are from ingesting. Children are at high risk if left unsupervised in yard or garden.

If consumed, vomit as soon as possible. You have less than 20 minutes to remove the parasite from the body before it takes hold.

If gastropod is seen on veggies to be eaten raw, throw the veggie away. It's not worth the risk.

Find out more and stay informed at the "Hawaii Rat Lungworm Awareness" page on Facebook.

## Summer Fun at the HUB

By Randee Golden

Summer is fast approaching and FEED Hawai'i at the Kohala Village HUB will be offering four weeks of programs for keiki, ages 5 to 15 years old.

These sessions will be theme-based and include a variety of activities, from movement to art.

Tentative dates are between June 17 and July 12.

Daily activities will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

Each week of activities will cost \$40.

Participants are asked to bring their own lunch; snacks will be provided.

Please check our website for more information on these educational and fun week-long sessions and learn how to register at [www.kohalavillagehub.com/learn](http://www.kohalavillagehub.com/learn).

For further information, you can call 'Ekela Kahuanui, FEED Hawai'i's Programs and Events Manager, at 808-889-0404 x117.



Photo by Michelle Kawai  
Ahu'ula Maielua works with his teacher, Matt Jakielski, during a pottery class that was part of the HUB's Spring Camp this year. Ceramics will be offered again as part of the 2019 summer programs.

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## Welcome Reverend Bruce Nakamura!

By Wendy Nickl

Kohala Hongwanji Mission would like to welcome our new minister, Reverend Bruce Nakamura, to our Kohala community. Reverend Bruce officially started in his position as our minister in September 2018 and has been busy ever since!

Reverend Bruce has North Kohala ties through his wife, Leslie (Shigeta) Nakamura. Mrs. Nakamura's father was Tom Shigeta, who was the Kapa'au postmaster. Reverend Bruce met his now wife when he was stationed on a Navy destroyer in Pearl Harbor. Their whirlwind romance has lasted 42 years, with two children and seven grandchildren. Reverend Bruce has served as a minister in the Hongwanji Jodo Shinshu sect for 30 years in Hilo, Kauai and Kona. His current kuleana (responsibility) is the North Hawai'i 4 Temples - Kohala, Kamuela, Honokaa and Paauilo.

When asked what his hopes are for our Kohala Hongwanji and community, Reverend Bruce said, "I would like to see what kind of areas we can evolve and shift in. I would like to welcome any families and individuals interested in spiritual life and advancing their spiritual gifts."

With this goal in mind, Kohala Hongwanji Mission would like to invite any community members to our monthly temple services. The Mission is located at 53-4300 Akoni Pule Highway, Kapa'au, HI 96755,



Courtesy of Wendy Nickl

Members of Kohala Hongwanji with Reverend Bruce Nakamura (far right) at the Hanamatsuri - Buddha's Birthday celebration.

in Halaula. We meet on the third Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Reverend Bruce has also established a temple Reading Room and invites any individuals interested in perusing our book collection or meeting and "talking story" with Reverend Bruce. The Reading Room is open on temple service days, the third Sunday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Reverend Bruce at (808) 775-7232 for more information.

Ever wanted to learn how to roll sushi? Reverend Bruce will be leading a fun hands-on activity and fundraiser in June for Kohala Hongwanji: a Futomaki Sushi Make and Take Class on Saturday, June 8, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, at Kohala Hongwanji. During the 90-minute class, participants will see a futo-

maki sushi rolling demonstration and then get hands-on experience in rolling futomaki sushi, with Reverend Bruce leading the way. Each student will make their own rolls and take home two futomaki sushi. Participants will also get to snack on light refreshments, including sushi, and receive a small recipe book with instructions and sushi variations.

Cost of the class is \$30, \$25 of which is tax-deductible. Please contact Margie Kaiser at (808) 895-3179 to register and for information. Space is limited to the first 15 registrants so call soon to reserve your space for this fun and inspirational class. She will email or mail you the registration form. Deadline to register is May 31.

The members of Kohala Hon-

ganji Mission would also like to invite all in our community to our annual Obon services and Bon Dance on Saturday, July 6, 2019. This annual event is enjoyed by all as we remember our ancestors and celebrate the memories of our loved ones.

5:00 p.m. - Graveyard Service (at the Keokea cemetery)

6:00 p.m. - Obon service at Kohala Hongwanji, with the Bon Dance to follow the service.

Kohala Hongwanji Dharma School will also have our concession at the Bon Dance with our usual delicious variety of treats. Please come and meet Reverend Bruce, learn about our Jodo Shinshu life and enjoy the summer as we dance under the lanterns to the beat of the taiko drums.

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## Broken Water Main Cuts Water Supply in Parts of Kohala

By Anne Fojtasek

Kohala public schools, some businesses and quite a few residents were left without water for about eight hours on Monday, April 29, due to a break in a water main. Thanks to the efforts of workers from the Department of Water Supply, the break was repaired, and water service restored about 3:45 that afternoon.

The problem came to light when someone noticed water pooling on the ground near the intersection of Honomakau and Akoni Pule Highway, near the high school, and called to report the situation. Kawika Uyehara of the water department says that water service was interrupted for everyone from that point through Kohala Middle School, and possibly for a few houses beyond the school. It was an old pipe, he says, and a section of it had to be replaced. School was canceled for the day at Kohala Elementary, Kohala High, and Kohala Middle School but resumed on Tuesday, April 30.

Mary Winter, who lives in one of the `Ainakea Elderly Apartments, noticed that the flow of water in her unit was very slow at 5:30 a.m. "By 7:30, we had no water at all." She called the water department trouble line and expressed her concern "because we have some very frail

people here," and she worried that having to do without water might be a real hardship for some elderly and/or handicapped residents. A supervisor called her back and said he would have a water tank delivered within the hour. He also diverted some water from another pipe so that Kohala Hospital and residents of the two senior housing projects in `Ainakea could have a limited flow of water coming out the tap.

Genevieve Morgan, also a resident of `Ainakea Elderly Apartments, echoes Mary's gratitude. Genevieve uses tap water for some tube feeding that needs to be done on a regular schedule. For her, not having running water is much worse than just an inconvenience. Fortunately, the problem was solved before the consequences became too severe in her case.

Diane Swift, who lives farther makai in `Ainakea, noticed that the hot water in her water pipes ran "brown and muddy" for a while until the water was cut off entirely.

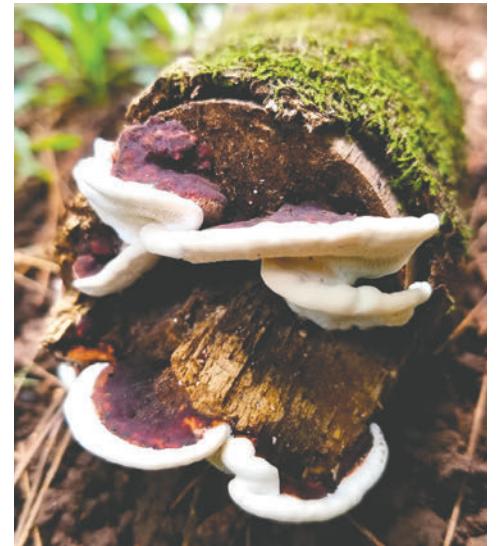
"I think the water department workers should be commended for their hard work and for their attitude," Mary says. "They were friendly, kind and filled with aloha. I felt proud of them!"

Best of all, their efforts got the water flowing again as quickly as possible.

## April Showers Bring May... Fungus

By Donna Maltz

Heavy rains spurred the profuse growth of varied fungal species in Donna Maltz's yard.



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Victory for Seniors in Housing Project

Dear Kohala Mountain News,  
I am writing this letter for myself and others living at the Ainakea Senior Residences in Kapa`au to thank attorneys Margaret Wille and David Swatland, who represented Lanric Hyland, Eliza Roze and me in the lawsuit "Lanric Hyland v. Ainakea Senior Residences LLC (ASR) and Hawai'i Island Community Development Corporation and The Office of Housing and Community Development of The County of Hawai'i".

In my view, there was an egregious elder abuse case going on at ASR, which is a federally subsidized housing project. For years prior this lawsuit, Lanric Hyland sought the assistance of the County's Housing Department to address the abuses, which included tossing residents out on the street without due process and overcharging for security deposits. The County replied it had no authority to interfere with the management of the property.

Lanric did not give up and on his own filed this lawsuit *pro se* (meaning without an attorney). He wanted the case to be heard in State Court so he would be

able to attend hearings, but the Defendants got the case moved to the federal court in Honolulu.

When at first the Court denied most all of his claims, Lanric still did not give up. He persevered and the Court accepted his "letter of disappointment" as an appeal of the Magistrate's adverse decision. About that same time, Waimea attorney Margaret Wille agreed to take on his case even though, as she explained to us, there was no recent case law in our favor. (Lanric always pointed out that most all of the cases concerning the National Housing Act were brought by the low-income housing resident without the help of an attorney.)

Thanks to the excellent lawyering of Margaret and her associate attorney David Swatland and thanks to federal judge Leslie Kobayashi's rulings on the Defendants Motions to Dismiss and on the Defendants Motions for Summary Judgment, in December of 2018 we successfully settled our case.

ASR management has now refunded all of ASR residents' security deposits for amounts above each tenant's first month's

"tenant's rent" (which is calculated on the tenant's monthly income, without including the amount of the government rental subsidy). Previously our security deposits were figured based not just on the tenant's rent but also on the amount of the federal government's rental subsidy to the management – an amount which was often more than twice or three times or even four times the amount of the tenant's portion of the rent.

Our other success is that ASR is now required to provide us due process when a resident is accused of rule violations that could be used as the grounds for eviction or for not having our lease renewed. The due process procedures will include review of any rule violations by a neutral decision-maker at no cost to the ASR resident.

Although we may face future abuses of our elderly low-income residents, success in this case has taught us we can bring about justice where there was no justice.

We no longer live in fear.

Karen Martinez, a resident of Ainakea Senior Residence

Kohala's Heart is Full

Piha Ka Pu`uwai is an expression I learned from Kumu Raylene Kawaiaea a long time ago. I understand it to mean "full heart" -- that deep feeling of appreciation for something that you feel from the inside out.

I felt that recently from North Kohala's amazing people. On the last Sunday of April, the paniolo community was helping a high school senior hold a rodeo event he organized as a fundraiser to support the youth rodeo association. Mahalo to Dawstin Ho`opai for creating this fundraiser and thank you to his family and everyone else who helped him. Mahalo to the high school for having students continue to do senior projects. Many are supporting others and the community.

On that same day, the hunters were participating in a hunt-

ing tournament organized to help the family of a local resident recently in a fatal accident. Mahalo to everyone who helped make this happen, whether you donated a prize; participated in the hunt; played music; donated a dessert; or helped organize, set up, cook or clean up. Mahalo nui loa to Michael Hawkins and his `ohana for spearheading this event.

April 29 and May 1 were also special days for this community and students in all three Kohala public schools. May Day programs still exist in Kohala and for those of us who remember them from small-kid time, the events bring much joy. Students are enriched, culture is shared, the youth get to shine, and the community feels it. This would not happen without hard work from the hula teachers in our

community who volunteer so much time. Mahalo nui loa to Renee Gonsalves, Michael Matsu, Hope Keawe and Kauai Nakamura, along with the teams of people helping them create these beautiful events celebrating Hawaiian music, dance and history. Each school did programs that brought huge smiles to the faces of Kohala, especially the proud families watching their children participate.

Thank you to administrators and teachers for honoring these traditions.

This is only a snapshot of what happens throughout the year, with people helping others and supporting the youth. We have many in Kohala who give from the heart, which is one reason why Kohala is so special.

Mahalo Nui Loa,  
Ranee Golden

Mammogram vs. Thermogram

Dear Editor:

Many of your readers may remember me – I was a doctor at the Kohala Health Center for many years. Recently, the Kohala Mountain News had an article about thermography.

The FDA is alerting women, health care providers, and people getting breast cancer screening, that thermography is not an effective alternative to mammography and should not

be used in place of mammography for breast cancer screening or diagnosis:

"There is no valid scientific data to demonstrate that thermography devices, when used on their own or with another diagnostic test, are an effective screening tool for any medical condition including the early detection of breast cancer or other diseases and health conditions.

"Mammography (taking X-ray pictures of the breasts) is the most effective breast cancer screening method and the only method proven to increase the chance of survival through earlier detection."

Thermography is not an effective diagnostic tool and could delay the detection of early breast cancer.

Charles Morin, MD

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## Letters from Kohala Middle School Students

*Mr. Duncan Anderson teaches seventh grade at Kohala Middle School. Every year he asks his students to choose a problem on Hawai'i Island they would like to help solve. Students spend the earlier part of the school year researching and doing projects related to their chosen topic. Toward the end of the year, the students are charged with bringing their message out to the community in whatever way they see fit. Part of that goal can be accomplished by writing a Letter the Editor for publication in the Kohala Mountain News. The following are some of those letters. Additional letters from other students will be published in upcoming issues.*

### Stop Cruelty to Dogs

Dear Kohala,  
Hi my name is Adela and I am writing about dog abuse. Dog abuse is actually very common in Kohala for many reasons. One of the reasons is because many hunters in Kohala starve their dogs to get them to be "sharp" or "hungry" to hunt, and if they catch a pig they are rewarded with food.

Some owners will put their dogs into dog fighting (purely for entertainment purposes). This is where two dogs are put into a ring and are put to the test to see who is the more aggressive one and which one of the dogs will either get hurt or die.

Dog abuse is something that can be changed, but it will take a group effort. I think that if the Kohala community can help stop dog abuse, it will finally end!

Sincerely,  
Adela Van Housen

### Stop Overfishing

Hi, I'm Kayzen Ittner.  
Are you a fisherman? Do you want to see the future keiki of our 'aina with no fish? If you do, then keep on overfishing. But if you don't, these are some tips to make sure there are fish in the future.

One tip is to only take what you're gonna eat, because anything extra might spoil or go to waste. Another tip is to not take the small ones. If it's small, let it go so it can grow big for later. Also, you can pick up your opala and other people's opala so it doesn't kill our fish.

Wouldn't it be awesome if the future keiki had fish? Thank you for reading this short article about overfishing.

Sincerely,  
Kayzen Ittner

### Drinking and Driving

Dear Kohala,  
Hi, my name is Teygan and I am 12 years old. I will be writing about "drinking and driving." Drinking and driving is a serious problem for 20% of Americans ages 16 to 18. Teens get in accidents, get arrested, lose their license, or even kill themselves and others.

When alcohol gets in your system, it affects how quickly your able to respond to different things. When you "heavy drink" your motor skills – such as your eyes, hands, and feet coordination – will definitely lead you to an accident. That is because you need eyes to see and drive, hands to control the wheel, and your feet to control the speed you want to go.

This is why you shouldn't drink and drive.  
Thank you,  
Teygan Carlos-Carvalho

## Endangered Hawaiian Monk Seals

Don't you love those little monk seals that sometimes go to the beach of Keokea? If you do, then keep reading because I am Kiona Nakamura and I am writing about the endangered Hawaiian Monk Seals.

The population of the adorable, yet very rare, Hawaiian Monk Seal is a whopping 1,100.

Hawaiian Monk Seals are Hawai'i's state mammal so, unless

you want another state mammal, keep reading!

Hawaiian Monk Seals play an essential role in maintaining an ecological balance.

The reasons why these beautiful creatures are endangered are because they suffer from low variation, food limitation due to habitat degradation and hunting for their skin in the 19th century.

We can help the Hawaiian Monk Seals by using barbless circle hooks, staying 150 feet away (or staying behind a sign or rope) and discarding old bait or scraps.

I would want to make the Hawaiian Monk Seal population go up from 1,100 to 1,250 in 2020. Yes, I am very aware that just doing what I say won't get the population to go up quickly, but I hope those ways to

protect Hawaiian Monk Seals will make the population go up slowly but surely.

When the Hawaiian Monk Seals came to Keokea I didn't get to see them, so I hope that I get to see them not only five years later, but I hope that I get to see them at Keokea beach with my future family.

Sincerely,  
Kiona Nakamura

## Hawai'i State House of Representatives Update

From the Desk of District 7 Representative David Tarnas

Aloha! I am very grateful to be your State Representative. Today I am reporting on the work of the 2019 Legislature, which ended May 2. While I'm happy with many bills we passed, I am also disappointed in the legislature's inability to pass other important legislation. There is lots more work to do next session.

This article highlights some of the successful legislation that I supported this session. A more complete list is included in my e-newsletter, which my office is happy to email to you. More details on all these bills are available at [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov).

### NORTH KOHALA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Thanks to all the community

support for this project, the legislature agreed to fund \$500,000 for plans and designs for a much-needed parking lot, restrooms and trail restoration at the Pololu Valley Trailhead. Mahalo to Surety Kohala Corporation for their intention to donate five acres of land for the parking lot. The legislature also agreed to fund \$2.5 million for plans, design and construction of an exploratory well for increased agricultural water supply in North Kohala. This project is to follow-up on the North Kohala Agricultural Water Study.

### MAJOR BILLS

Hawai'i Island Disaster Relief HB1180 - Appropriates \$60 million for disaster relief, recovery,

mitigation and remediation activities for Hawai'i County.

### Affordable Housing and Homelessness

SB471 - Appropriates funds for homelessness services, including outreach, rapid re-housing, housing first, family assessment centers, stored property and debris removal services and the state rent supplemental program.

SB398 - Provides for government procurement training to nonprofit organizations offering homeless outreach services in rural areas.

SB1494 - Establishes a working group to identify steps to promote effective, coordinated care for persons experiencing substance abuse,

mental health conditions and homelessness.

HB257 - Authorizes the use of private lands for the Ohana Zones Pilot Program.

HB1312 - Authorizes the use of general obligation bonds for rental housing support.

### Education

SB78 - Establishes the Executive Office on Early Learning as the administrative authority for state-funded prekindergarten programs.

HB1276 - Establishes a working group to consider and develop best practices for collaborative planning by teachers and expanded learning time for students.

### Healthcare

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

HB1270 - Extends the hospital sustainability program for two years.

SB1404 - Appropriates funds for a loan repayment program for health care providers.

SB1246 - Establishes goals for the adoption of telehealth to increase health care access.

**Voting Reform**

HB1248 - Implements mail-in voting for all elections, commencing in 2020.

SB1058 - Requires the Attorney General to prepare a clear statement for each proposed constitutional amendment

**Marine Resources and Ocean Recreation**

HB116 - Appropriates funds for Lifeguards and Lifeguarding Equipment at Kua Bay (\$480,000)

HB2 - Appropriates funds for consultation with stakeholders to plan for the 30x30 Marine Initiative (\$250,900)

HB808 - Protects all rays in state marine waters.

**Environmental Sustainability**

HB1548 - Appropriates funds to study and combat rapid ohia death.

SB522 - Creates the Plastic Source Reduction Working Group to make recommendations to reuse, reduce, recycle and recover plastic waste.

HB297 - Directs review of potential use of the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito with *Wolbachia* bacteria for large-scale mosquito control.

HB1558 - Updates the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan.

HB852 - Establishes the Hawai'i State Energy Office and appropriates funds for a study of carbon pricing.

HB444 - Requires the Department of Health (DOH) to adopt rules for onsite non-potable water reuse systems by 2021.

HB551 - Extends the Cesspool Conversion Working Group, their statewide study of sewage contamination in nearshore waters and the Comprehensive Cesspool Conversion Plan.

HCR168 - Urges the DOH to convene a task force and report to the legislature recommending potential sources of funding to support the Hawai'i Wildlife Center facility and their public service of rehabilitating injured native birds and bats.

**Agriculture**

SB375 - Requires the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to develop a strategic plan to double local food production and increase food exports by 2030.

SB390 - Creates a dollar-for-dollar matching program for beneficiaries of the federal SNAP program to purchase Hawai'i-grown produce.

HB463 - Funds a Food Safety Certification Training Program to assist small to medium sized farms to comply with USDA Good Agricultural Practices Certification Program.

SB753 - Appropriates funds for revitalizing the Aquaculture Development Program.

SB759 - Establishes a 2-year pilot project to examine the effectiveness of prosecuting agricultural theft and vandalism in the counties of Hawai'i and Maui.

SB1353 - Establishes a permanent industrial hemp program.

SB1148 - Appropriates funds for loans to support local ranchers and farmers.

For more information: Contact me at 808-586-8510 or reptarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov. Mahalo!

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## 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 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020

- Budgets (approximate):
- 2016-2017: \$463 million
- 2017-2018: \$491 million
- 2018-2019: \$518 million
- 2019-2020: \$583 million

The process for developing the budget for the County of Hawai'i is complex. The draft budget is presented to the Council for the first time during the first week of March, which proposed a \$573 million budget. It includes a budget request from each department based upon an estimate of the funding the County will receive.

A second draft of the budget comes out the first week of May, which was presented on May 3 at \$583 million. This is an increase of over 12% from last year, with approximately 100 new employment positions created; over 40 of those being for police, which I support.

In this budget, the values of the Real Property Tax (RPT) have been certified and the RPT revenues accurately projected. This is also a time for the administration to re-allocate funding for the departments.

Classically, departments are asked for next year's budget, and

if needed, a supplemental budget may be included in the second draft.

In March, the Council gathers information to validate the request. By law, we must have a balanced budget for the start of the next fiscal year: July 1. This means we should have the budget approved by the third week of June. In March and April, individual meetings were held by council members with the departments. This equates to numerous hours of meetings for both council members and each department, separately.

Toward the end of April, special meetings for the Finance Committee were held as public meetings with each department. A different twist this year is the department supplemental budget being requested by Council Chair Chung. The value of this information from the budgeting process was immeasurable. Initially, the administration withheld this information but it was eventually released. For the process, these supplemental budgets provide the Council insight into the different departments' needs and their direction and vision for the future. The hearing process identified problems and challenges in more than a few departments.

We are now in the third week of May, and the budget presented to us has grown substantially. Invariably, there will be numerous amendments proposed by the different council members to address concerns on this budget. Unfortunately, none of the amendments will be in concert with each other, as we aren't allowed to discuss them collectively unless we're in a public forum.

This means the next discussion will be in two weeks. The proposed amendments will come before the Council and may or may not work in congruence with each other. This will then create issues as we address the budget concerns. If we are unable to come up with a passed second draft, the budget will fail, and the budget for the next year will be the first draft/March version.

Our budgeting process is gravely flawed. We get the final draft of the budget with a short timeline to effectively deal with

the intricate details, that thoughtful process is unable to be thoroughly performed. The ultimate loser is the County and people.

For the last two years I've been an advocate of establishing an ad hoc committee to help with the budget process. In a ruling from the Office of Information Practices this year, our proposed scope was determined to be too broad.

Though some misunderstand the function of an ad hoc committee, its purpose is to allow further exploration of a non-majority voting bloc of the Council. Statements that it was an effort to create deals behind closed doors were misleading and, frankly, absurd. (By definition, these focus groups must be less than a majority so no deal can be struck.)

The intent was to look at needs across the departments cohesively, and to be in contact with each other to produce a thoughtful budget in the end. Unfortunately for the County, we aren't allowed this opportunity.

As your Councilman, I'm not happy about the massive increase in our budget. With the proposed employee increase comes the liability of the pension funds that we must also carry for them.

Currently, the County's pension fund is, as I have been told, underfunded by approximately \$2 billion. These are the bills that the next generation will be saddled with, unless we do big things to make a difference.

It's possible to fix our budget process, but it will take a change in how we operate.

One possible solution is to change our fiscal year to start in October rather than July. This would give us three more months for the process. Adopting a biennial budget cycle might increase our efficiency, as we would only go through the process every other year.

Finally, having ad hoc committees permits us to do part of the investigation and thereby increase our efficiency by making good decisions with good information from the collective wisdom of the councilmembers.

## Recording the History of Luke's Place

North Kohala is known throughout the state and evokes many responses of admiration and connectedness. Locals from other towns or islands frequently trace ancestry to Kohala and visitors often comment on the lush beauty of this district. Its history is deep, like its soil, and many families whose roots also run deep hold lifetimes of memories made in Kohala.

Luke's Place was one of those special locations that helped make over 60 years of Kohala memories. Built in the late 1950s by the Luke family, this place has a history involving many families and groups who lived in, owned or managed the homes, inn and restaurant in this location.

The front building of the current Kohala Village Hub tragically burned on March 13, 2019, taking down the historic dining room, bar and kitchen. We thank the first-responders who did a stellar job of containing and extinguishing the fire so the many other buildings in close proximity were not impacted.

Even though the structure will be torn down and rebuilt, many memories of the past are still around. "We want to collect these memories so that the Kohala youth of tomorrow will be able to know about their home and the families who have helped build this community," stated Ekela Kahuanui, Coordinator for FEED Hawai'i. The nonprofit organization was started by Bennett and Delphina Dorrance, who currently own the Kohala Village HUB.

FEED Hawai'i and some community partners will be creating a video documentary about Luke's Place and the role it has played as a Hawi gathering spot. Anyone from the community who has been connected to Luke's Place is encouraged to help make this video. Participation can come in a variety of ways, from sharing on- or off-camera to providing photos and the stories behind them.

Spearheaded by FEED Hawai'i, this video is being created by a team

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of residents who value the history of this place. Mike Frailey, a videographer who has worked extensively with Kohala youth, is willing to do the critical technical work of capturing the information and weaving it into a story that revolves around Luke's Place.

He will be working with Kohala youth as a mentor, teaching them valuable technical and communication skills. Retired educator Rande Golden will be supporting efforts by doing organizational work and helping secure funding to support the technical work and needed supplies. The overall coordination will be done by `Ekela Kahuanui, born and raised in North Kohala and from one of those deep-rooted

families.

Please contact this team as soon as possible if you are willing to share about the history of Luke's Place. You can call `Ekela at 889-0404, extension 104, or email her at Ekela@kohalavillagehub.com. You can also contact Rande Golden at 889-0011 or email her at rgdfly@msn.com. Any teachers who might like to get students involved in this project are invited to contact the team.

Also appreciated is anyone willing and able to help fund this video project. Donations are tax deductible and can be made to FEED Hawai'i with a designation that it be used for Luke's Video Project. Call `Ekela for further information. Mahalo for any kokua you can offer!

**Sunshine Hardware Contributes to KMS Little Free Library**



Jake Chilton and students check out tools.

Story and photos by Derrick Owens

Each year at Kohala Middle School, the school's six houses work on a collective service project. The students of Hale Mana house decided to build a Little Free Library next to their school.

The Little Free Library would be open to the community, allowing people to drop off and pick up secondhand books whenever they wanted to.

After voting on a design, a number of students wrote letters to local hardware stores asking for donations. Jake Chilton, one of the

owners of Sunshine Hardware, read one of these letters and offered to donate all of the necessary materials for the project. On April 18, four students – sixth graders Laurie Trivett and Jaden Sandlin, seventh grader Ku`upau Lewis and eighth grader Mark Salvador – went to Sunshine where Chilton talked them through their materials list and helped them to pick out everything that would need to make their project a success.

The students and adult advisors hope to have construction on the Little Free Library by the end of the May 2019.



Photos courtesy of Kohala Village HUB

Aerial view of the Kohala Village HUB after suffering a fire on March 13, 2019.



Prior to the March 2019 fire, the original Luke's Place of the 1950s had been remodeled to the familiar Kohala Village HUB facade and interior.



Jack Chilton, Laurie Trivett, Ku`upau Lewis, Jaden Sandlin, Mark Salvador and Greg Chilton with materials for the KMS Little Free Library.

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## The Dawn of Railroads in Hawaii – Kohala First

By Toni Withington

Once stuffed away in dusty history books, the story of the first railroad in Hawaii – here in Kohala – is being celebrated again in an effort to possibly convert all or parts of the old rail line into a pedestrian trail to honor Kohala's role in the Hawaiian Kingdom's reach for modern transportation.

The history is just part of a draft report being prepared for the North Kohala Community Access Group and the non-profit Kohala Lihikai, designed to begin talk in the community about what can be the future of the railroad right of way. The draft, written by researcher Meredith Speicher of the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, a part of the National Parks Service, with the help of local historians, has been shared in presentations to several Kohala organizations, and is available for everyone to see. See the contact information below.

The report consists of extensive historical information and numerous maps showing the ten segments of the 20-mile track between Mahukona and Niuli'i. It is a work in progress, with many changes already made, and more to come before it is ready to publish, perhaps by the end of the year. The following are segments from the narrative of how the railroad was conceived and built:

The North Kohala Hawaiian Railroad was the very first railroad for the Hawaiian Kingdom and once operated as a passenger, freight, sugar cane, and mail carrier for the Hawaiian Kingdom and later, exclusively for the sugar plantations. While popular opinion remembers the railroad as one exclusive to the shipping of sugar cane, the original alignment did not go to the sugar mills, and included the transport of passengers, mail, and government workers.

In the first week of March 1882, eleven miles of the Big Island's first railroad opened, connecting Hawi to Mahukona, bringing the isolated community into the era of mechanized industry. People and plantations no longer had to rely on bullock-drawn wagons or treacherous boat landings. Samuel Gard-



Photo courtesy of Glenwood Publishers  
Train of the North Kohala Hawaiian Railroad, which ran from Mahukona to Niuli'i, as shown in the book "Narrow Gauge in A Kingdom, The Hawaiian Railroad Company, 1878-1897" by J. C. Conde.

ner Wilder, great uncle of manager J. Scott B. Pratt, worked with the Hawaiian Railroad Company to incorporate on July 5, 1880, with the goal of improving efficiency and profits in sugar transportation. Wilder also owned the inter-island steamship company that serviced Mahukona. Thus, it is apparent that the intent from Samuel G. Wilder was likely for the benefit of his own businesses; however, the railroad was nevertheless built as a government infrastructure project.

Plans for the Mahukona railroad had started in 1878, when a new treaty between the Hawaiian Kingdom, ruled by King Kalakaua, and the United States encouraged sugar exports. While Samuel Parker at Parker Ranch envisioned a Hilo-Hamakua connection, the owner of the Likelike and its steamer company, Samuel G. Wilder, proposed a cheaper Kohala route. With the calculated judgment of a man with indomitable vision, he became Minister of the Interior in the King's cabinet, started surveys in Kohala, and was granted a Charter of Incorporation under the official name "The Hawaiian Railroad Company" in July 1880.

Construction of the narrow gauge railroad was done primarily by one hundred Chinese laborers and twenty haole supervisors. The construction of the tracks had its challenges. There were areas that needed blasting and gulches

to traverse. It was reported in the local newspaper that the construction included "passing through a country full of boulders and rocks, necessitating constant blasting." (Hawaiian Gazette, June 8, 1881). The thirty-six inch narrow gauge line had to be anchored into bare lava, wending its way up and around steep gulches, navigating high trestles, and hugging coastal cliffs.

For reasons he did not explain, Wilder placed railroad stations far below camps and sugar mills, "as remote from all community interests and lines of travel as the sagacious cane-field owners could compel it to go." (Kohala Midget, October 7, 1914) Construction changed Kohala's landscape, plowing fields that complained a Hawaiian farmer, were "ruthlessly destroyed by the railroad overseers of S.G. Wilder. This act is equal to that of plain murder, because the livelihood of myself and my family is reduced to nothing. That is, my plants and that of my family are covered with dirt, the taro, banana, ti leaves, coffee, mango, orange, bamboo, and other plants. My property was filled with fruits, but these days it is reduced to naught." (S.W. Kahanui Nua, Makapala)

The railroad was able to begin the process of shipping goods, services, and people with the opening of the line. The official opening of the railroad was not announced

in any paper, but it is likely that it began in the spring of 1882. The first notable report on the progress is found in The Gazette on March 1st, 1882, with, "Island Locals – Hawaii – The rails of the Mahukona railway are laid for eleven miles, and already freight and passengers are being carried." The Gazette noted again in 1882, "The first load of sugar carried by the railway was shipped per Likelike last week."

There were one hundred tons from Union, Star and Hind's mills. Had the weather been more favorable, double the quantity would have been brought, but the roads in consequence of the heavy rain, rendered carting impossible."

The Gazette, again in 1882, noted the continued work to be done: "The difficulty now is gulches. These occur every quarter or half mile and the construction of bridges occupies considerable time." (Gazette, 1882) As the Saturday Press reported on March 18, 1882, "The latest mania in Kohala is going to the station at Hawi, below Hind's. On a fine day even the ladies may be seen winding their way to the attractive spot and returning in raptures about the whistle and bell, 'that keeps ringing all the time, just like a real train!' The Hawaiian Railroad is in operation, or rather that part of it which has been constructed, and is conveying sugar from one or two mills."

There were no direct mill connections until long after 1900, when the company changed names and ownership. As a consequence of the railroad not going to the mills, there was the challenge of loading onto the train. One plantation, Hoesa Mill, hoisted their sugar up to the railroad with a gravity track to ease the hauling problem. Part of the reason for the alignment of the railroad, with its many curves, is to allow the shortest and easiest gulch crossings. While the rail was not connected to the sugar mills, it did still serve the purpose of moving goods and people. The railroad provided a new way for the sugar companies to get their sugar to port, which was also through the shipping business of Samuel G. Wilder.

No real explanation was ever disclosed as to why the railroad

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didn't connect to the mills. There are some publications that claim it was always created for the sole purpose of sugar, however, this can be debated based on the records for the government needs, modernization, and passengers. One opinion was "Quite probably it was one of economy, for the line literally hugged the coast to avoid cuts and fills. Following the contour of the terrain rather than a straight line the country being not only rolling hilly, the road in many sections was a simple continuation of curves." Again, as a matter of economy to avoid expensive bridges across the gulches, the railroad ran up a gulch to the point

where it could be crossed with a relatively low trestle. As a result the line amounted to 19 7/8 miles for a true distance about 15 miles, from Mahukona to Niuli'i."

At least two railroad workers were killed. A German in the employ of the Hawaiian Railroad Company fell between the cars and was instantly killed. Engines sometimes rolled over, a hair-width away from the cliffs or on narrow trestles high above solid ground. Frightened cattle and pigs ran head-on into the train. Despite these challenges, few questioned the safety and advantages of the railroad, and Wilder continued adding tracks.

On January 13, 1883, Wilder's

Railroad reached the Niuli'i turn-around at Kohala's most eastern plantation. Its trestles crossed seventeen gulches, one of them eighty-four feet high, one 560 feet long. The train wound around twenty five sharp curves. It included a primitive telephone system that connected the stations.

King Kalakaua's visit to unveil the once-lost statue of King Kamehameha at Kapa'au in May 1883 turned into the Hawaiian Railroad's grand ceremonial ride. From then on, the teak passenger cars from London in which he and his entourage had traveled were named the Kalakaua Cars. Plantations loading sugar paid \$2.50 per ton, regardless

of distance – the reason John Hind refused to participate. Productivity and revenues soared. Kohala entered its greatest prosperity to date. In 1884, it produced 10,000 tons of sugar and took in more than \$40,000 in profits. The Railroad carried 20,000 tons of freight and 6,000 passengers. That year, three locomotives hauled twenty-eight small freight cars, five flat cars and six passenger cars. In 1885 Kohala Sugar Company soared to a productivity five times its early estimates.

To get a copy of the report, email Meredith Speicher at meredith\_speicher@nps.gov or call her at (808) 428-7044.

**Subdivision Planned for Hawi Town**

By Randee Golden

On May 14, a meeting was held at the Kohala Intergenerational Center about a proposed subdivision in Hawi. An estimated 75 Kohala residents came to hear an architect named Mike, from Riehm Owensby Planners in Kona, and California developer Mark Lester. This developer bought over 600 Kohala acres 11 years ago and has sold off much of it. He now wants to develop a 33.655-acre parcel with 44 lots.

Their plan is to create 24 "affordable" 10,000 - square-foot home lots and 20 one-acre "market" lots. This gives the developer the ability to use a 201H program to expedite the approval of all state land use issues. This area is currently zoned AG-20.

The newly proposed subdivision will surround self-help housing and be adjacent to the houses on the makai side of Akoni Pule Highway and the top 20 or so homes on Alalae/lower Hawi Hill.

Mahalo to community members who attended the meeting. Your input is important.

It's also appreciated that Mr. Lester stated he wants to be transparent. As defined by Wikipedia: "Transparency... is operating in such a way that it is easy for others to see what actions are performed. Transparency implies openness, communication, and accountability."

Communication is important, and some felt this meeting was not advertised enough. Not all nearby

property owners received notification of this meeting, and information in West Hawaii Today reaches few. Information in Kohala Mountain News, on bulletin boards and on our local radio station might prove more effective. Holding small group sessions with the three areas of homes impacted might help.

A one-acre park is planned for the "affordable" housing. Unfortunately, it has the main entrance road going right through it. The response about this safety concern was one side was just a grassy area and play equipment would be on the larger side.

Plans for all homes include Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&Rs). These are "limits and rules placed on a group of homes by a builder, developer, neighborhood association, or homeowners association." Everyone will have the same CC&Rs. The one-acre "market" lots are zoned AG-1; the 10,000 sf affordable lots are not.

Some important questions were not answered, including an estimated price of an "affordable" lot. Concerns were voiced about what is "affordable" housing, and the presenters would not give any estimated cost.

The need for low cost housing for local residents was stated a few times as opposed to "affordable" housing.

Homeowner Christine Richardson noted statement #2 on their handout, "to develop a neighborhood design that fits harmoniously

into the local rural character of North Kohala." She shared, "Never once did planners reach out to owners who live in one of the historical row of ten houses known as 'Skilled Camp' on Akoni Pule Hwy. These older homes truly represent the 'local rural character.'

"One of the key pieces of local rural character is open space that affords views of pastures and the ocean, which residents treasure and work hard for. Forty-four homes on 33 acres is NOT adhering to local rural character nor will it enhance 'Beautiful Hawi,'" added Christine.

The presenters did listen to feedback, with various suggestions and ideas shared by those present: Integrate affordable with market lots; develop cluster housing; create a lottery for people from Kohala and give away land to make it truly affordable. Moving the development closer to the ocean was also suggested to lessen impact on current residences.

Concerns were also mentioned about requirements for people to qualify for "affordable" housing. This and other community suggestions and concerns were charted. Further information is needed, with presenters coming fully prepared and meetings well advertised so everyone who is impacted can attend.

You can find out more about Mark Lester at this website: <http://landcorealestate.com>. Suggestions and questions can also be sent to Mike at [Ropa@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:Ropa@hawaii.rr.com).

**"Criminal/Lawyer" Explores Boundaries Between Right and Wrong, Justice and Injustice**

Donna Beumler, a former criminal prosecutor, defense attorney, and superior court judge currently living in Hawaii, has completed her book "Criminal/Lawyer": a spellbinding legal drama steeped in inside knowledge of the world of criminal justice.

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She represents them all. Awash in the dark and sometimes deranged world of the criminal justice system, Alice's colleagues will become her strongest supporters and most cherished friends, until a shocking betrayal forces Alice to chart a perilous course between right and wrong, justice and injustice, criminal and criminal lawyer. Reviewer Sherri Fulmer Moorer (Readers Favorites) has said of "Criminal/Lawyer" that the novel is "so well written, I thought I was reading a true, firsthand account.

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## English Class

**What:** Casual and Fun English Class  
**Who:** Elodia Le May  
**When:** Monday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m.  
**Where:** North Kohala Public Library,  
 54-3645 Akoni Pule Highway, 808-889-6655

**Admission:** Open to all, free admission  
 Join Elodia Le May at the North Kohala Public Library on Monday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m. for a fun and casual English Class. Open to everyone, this class is a great opportunity to learn while socializing!

*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.*

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## WEEKLY EVENTS IN JUNE 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	
	7PM		AL-ANON MEETING WITH LAURA	KOHALA MISSION SCHOOL		
	TUES	6:30AM	7:30AM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-5675
		9AM	10:30AM	CHAIR YOGA	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	889-0583
9AM		10:30AM	TAI CHI	HUB HALE	889-0404	
9AM		11AM	TODDLER PLAYGROUP AGES 1.5 - 3	HUB CLUB	889-0404	
10:30AM		11:30AM	ALTAR YOUR YOGA	HUB HALE		
2:45PM		3:30PM	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	INTRO TO CERAMICS & OPEN STUDIO	HUB CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404	
6PM		7PM	TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	OLD COURT HOUSE	889-1099	
6:30PM		7:30PM	BELLY DANCING - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404	
WED		7AM		WALK WITH A DOC	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-1570
		8:30AM	9:30AM	PILATES PLUS	HUB HALE	889-0404
		9AM	1PM	EARLY LEARNING WITH CATHY MORGAN	HUB CLUB	889-0404
	9AM	10:15AM	THAI CHI	HUB HALE	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	
	2PM	4PM	OPEN GUIDED ART STUDIO	ARTISTS' CO-OP	783-1158	
	6PM	6:30PM	FREE RMD TAIKO CLASSES	WALKER HALL	895-2025	
	6PM	7:30PM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	HISAOKA GYM		
	7PM		ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	WYLIE HALL, 'IOLE ROAD	889-6703	
THU	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	KING KAMEHAMEHA PARK	530-277-8756	
	10:30AM	11:30AM	ALTAR YOUR YOGA	HUB HALE	889-0404	
	4PM	5:30PM	JAN'S YOGA - INTERMEDIATE	HUB HALE	889-0404	
	5PM	6PM	MEDITATION COURSE	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	917-293-3427	
	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	
FRI	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	
SUN	9AM	10:30AM	YOGA WITH JAN - BEGINNER	HUB HALE	889-0404	
	10AM	11AM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	HAWI FARMERS MARKET		
	10AM		WEST AFRICAN DRUMMING CLASS	LAVARROOTS PAVILLION	987-4243	
	10:30AM	12PM	YOGA WITH JAN - INTERMEDIATE	HUB HALE	889-0404	
	11AM	12:30PM	WEST AFRICAN DANCE CLASS	LAVARROOTS PAVILLION	987-4243	
	4:30PM	5:30PM	TANGO - BEGINNER	HUB HALE	889-0404	
	5:30PM	6:30PM	TANGO - INTERMEDIATE	HUB HALE	889-0404	
	6:30PM	7:30PM	REFUGE RECOVERY	CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404	

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## Kohala Sports

### KCAA Flag Football Wraps Up 2019 Season



Photo by Marcus Douglas  
Coach Louis Montagne and his team, the Hammahs.



Photo by Marcus Douglas  
Coach Brad Belmarez and his team, the Rams.



Photo by Marcus Douglas

#### The Ninja Warriors

(Left to right): Legacy Vega, Kūha'o Kahaikupuna, MJ Hastings, Joey Giltner Jr., Pauline Pickering-Medeiros, Princess Paio, Kahale Tayan-Salvador and Ka'imi Loo, with Coach Joey Giltner Sr. in the back.  
Missing: Hunter Lau and Assistant Coach Chassidy Giltner

Kohala Community Athletic Association (KCAA) has completed another successful season of flag football. Coach Keola thinks that coaching flag football helps both himself and his players get valu-

able life experience by playing sports. "The kids just like playing and doing what they like to do best: running around," said Coach Keola. Coach Joey has been coaching Kohala kids for years. His bright

spirit, focus on teamwork and reliable smile are exactly what the kids look forward to working with each day. Parents like Erin and Drew Henderson just "like to see their kids burning energy" out there on the field. Jana Howard really thinks that flag football "helps her son get out his energy." Bram Douglas thinks that Coach Keola is "awesome."

I had the pleasure of working with these kids in two games and I can tell you that the coaches really

work together to make it safe-fun for the kids. The parents really support their kids with loud cheers and big energy. Keep it up kids, coaches and parents.

A special thanks goes out to KCAA, which provides these amazing sports opportunities to our North Kohala Community. In addition, many thanks go out to the business and private citizens who donate their time, money and energy to KCAA. We appreciate you.



Photo by Tom Morse

Coach Keola Dewitt and Tigers players Owen Henderson, Tas Heimgartner, Bram Douglas, Kaulana Hayes and Tucker Henderson

### Kohala High School Football Player Becomes a Coach

Story by Tom Morse

With everyone so busy earning a living these days, it can be difficult for K.C.A.A. to get enough volunteers to coach all the children that want to play after-school sports programs. Almost all coaches are dads of the players. But with only one coach for the age group 5-6 in

the Flag Football program, I asked around if any K.H.S. player would be willing to volunteer. Keola Dewitt's name came up, and when I contacted him, he readily agreed to give up two afternoons a week. He is the first K.H.S. student to ever be head coach of a team in any of K.C.A.A.'s six sports programs.

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## Kohala Sports

### Green Extreme Brings Home Soccer Championship

Story and photo by Jaime-lee Drew

Let's give a shout out to our North Hawai'i Girls U12 Green Extreme for bringing home the Championship from Oahu's Kirk Banks AYSO Tournament this spring. Congratulations to the coaches whose players were selected to represent North Hawai'i. Representing Kohala are Nicole Drew, Jaycie Chilton, Te Rongomau Kawe, Madie Buczyna, Marley Yamamoto and Khloe Hoshida. Waimea is represented by Alise Nakano and Charlotte Kassis, Honoka'a by Kaijsa Speetjens and Waikoloa by Adrianna Carrion and Kekai Landsdale.

Each year, AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) players throughout the state are carefully chosen after the regular season to form a select season team to represent their district to compete at Oahu's Kirk Banks Tournament. AYSO and Meadow Gold sponsor the three-day tournament at Oahu's Waipi'o Gentry Soccer Peninsula.

It is a large park dedicated to soccer, with a sea of young players running around wearing brightly colored jerseys – some nervous to play and others ready to win. Between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., the park is packed with parents and fans, not to mention the countless volunteers and organizers who make it all happen.

North Kohala's Coach Jake Chilton and Coach Ed Kawe's U12 Girls Kohala Strikers finished the regular season undefeated, giving them first pick on their choice of players to represent Green Extreme, North Hawai'i's U12 Girls. The team swept the select season as Big Island champions for the second year in a row. Adding lightning to the thunder, this team ran it hard at the Kirk Banks Tournament. Day One was a double-header, with the Green Extreme defeating Hickam, 4-3, and Mililani, 7-1. The next day our girls handed a double shut-out to Diamond Head, 1-0 and 1-0, and beat West O'ahu, 2-0.



The Green Extreme Girls U12 soccer team included girls from Honoka'a, Waimea, Waikoloa and Kohala to play at the Kirk Banks Tournament on Oahu from March 22 - 24.

Kneeling (left to right): Adriana Carrion, Madie Buczyna, Charlotte Kassis, Kekai Lansdale and Kaijsa Speetjen  
Middle row (left to right): Jaycie Chilton, Te Rongomau Kawe, Nicole Drew, Marley Yamamoto, Khloe Hosida and Alise Nakano

Back row (left to right): Coaches Jake Chilton and Ed Kawe

Green Extreme blazed their way to the championship game on the final day for the ultimate, defining win against Hilo, 3-1.

We can hold our heads high and be proud of these girls who worked and trained hard and showed the utmost respect for the game. They played hard and they played with class. When asked about the team's greatest strength, Coach Jake replied, "We go against teams that have hundreds, if not thousands, of kids to choose from; the benefit of a small town is that our girls grow up playing together. Grassroots soccer, where they've been together since kindergarten, allows them to develop chemistry and team unity that is difficult to beat. They know who they are on the field, their teammates' strengths, and how to

play together... and that's beautiful soccer to watch." Good job, girls!

Many thanks to all the fans who support our soccer athletes. Thank you to all the referees and linesmen who volunteered in the hot sun. Mahalo to Coach/Team Mom Marie and all the parents and 'ohana who

put together snacks and lunches, car-pooled all over the island, set up tents and helped raise funds for off-island events. Thank you to Sunshine Hardware and to the coaches for the countless hours put in to prepare these amazing athletes for another successful season.

### Sky Tales

**What:** Stories and songs from around the world

**Who:** Storyteller "Aunty Nyla" Fujii-Babb & musician "Gentleman Jeff" Babb

**When:** Tuesday, June 18, at 2:00 p.m.

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

**Admission:** Open to families, free admission

Join storyteller "Aunty Nyla" Fujii-Babb and musician "Gentleman Jeff" Babb for a series of participatory stories and fun songs from around the world.

"Aunty Nyla" has been a storyteller, puppeteer, librarian, actress, and producer for over thirty years. "Gentleman Jeff" is an accomplished blues harpist and rhythm guitarist.

This free 45-minute program is suitable for ages 5 and older. Young children must be accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Hawai'i and the 2019 Summer Reading Sponsors. This program is a production of the University of Hawaii at Manoa Outreach College's Statewide Cultural Extension Program with funding and support provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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# Kohala Sports

## Kohala Cowgirls

### 2019 Hawaii State Softball Championship Division II Runners Up

On behalf of the Kohala High School Girls Varsity Softball Team and coaches, we would like to thank you – our family, friends, and the whole North Kohala community – for your love and generosity. Your support was greatly appreciated, and we represented KOHALA PROUD up on Maui for States this year.



Photo courtesy of Kohala High School

Kohala High School "Cowgirls" Girls Softball Team placed second in the state.

Standing (left to right): Leiana Carvalho (freshman), Laila Carvalho (junior), Danyka Cazimero Roxburg (junior), Ayezha Isabel (freshman), Kayla Joy Kealoha (junior), Iyanah Villon (freshman), Anela Cazimero Roxburg (freshman), Kahelelani Kawai-Poliahu (freshman), Harley Yamasaki (sophomore) and Pillai Kaai (sophomore)

Kneeling (left to right): Cheylin Imai (senior) and Mikayla Kekoa (senior)

Missing: Head Coach Terrance Alcoran, Assistant Coaches Glenn Rexburg and B-Jo Victorino

## KHS Girls Softball Places Second at States

By Laurie Koustic, Kohala High School Athletic Director

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Kohala High School Cowgirls for their most-impressive finish at the Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) State Girls Softball tournament held May 4, 2019 on Maui. The team's unbelievable teamwork and sportsmanship was acknowledged by many in attendance.

The Cowgirls unseeded and won three games in a row beating the #2 and #3 teams respectfully before losing the Championship game to last year's reigning champs, St. Francis.

Kohala is very proud of all these young ladies and how they represented themselves, their parents, their community and, most of all, the Kohala High School Athletic Department. I am so very proud of each and every one of you.

## Celebrating the Resurrection



Photo courtesy of Pastor Steven Hedlund

Father Eli Escanilla was the first to carry the cross on our Walk with the Cross.

Submitted and written by Steven Hedlund, Pastor of Kohala Baptist Church

Every year the Body of Christ in Kohala joins together to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. This celebration is aligned with the Jewish Feasts of Unleavened Bread and Passover which in Biblical days began on the 15th day of Nisan and continued for seven days.

The highlight of these Feasts is the Passover meal known as the Seder. If you have never attended a Seder in the home of Jewish friends, it is a very intimate and beautiful experience as the story of Israel's miraculous deliverance from Egyptian slavery is revisited through the course of the meal.

The four cups of wine are an integral part of the Passover celebration and it was during His last Seder meal with His disciples that Yeshua (Jesus) took the third cup, the cup of redemption and initiated the Lord's Supper.

Jesus was then betrayed by Judas and apprehended by the Temple guards. After an unjust trial, scourging and mocking, Jesus made His way to Calvary carrying His cross until He collapsed under its weight.

Then Jesus was crucified. Before He died several hours later, He said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

This, of course, is not the end of the story! Yeshua was buried in Joseph of Arimathea's tomb where His body remained until the third day. When the women came to

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# KOHALA MONTHLY CALENDAR JUNE 2019

DATE	DAY	START	END	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	VENUE	PHONE
6/1	SAT			SUMMER READING PROGRAM	START OF THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM (FROM JUNE 1 TO JULY 13)	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
6/3	MON	2 PM	3:30 PM	ADULTS JEWELRY CLASS (GROUP 1)	MAKE YOUR OWN JEWELRY WITH SID NAKAMOTO	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
6/3	MON	5 PM	7:30 PM	CHESS CLUB	JOIN THE LIBRARY'S CHESS CLUB (FIRST MONDAY OF THE EACH MONTH)	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
6/3	MON	6 PM	7 PM	GROWTH MANAGEMENT GROUP	MEETING	BANK OF HAWAII BUILDING	854 4888
6/3	MON	6 PM	7:30 PM	ADULTS JEWELRY CLASS (GROUP 2)	MAKE YOUR OWN JEWELRY WITH SID NAKAMOTO	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
6/4	TUE	11 AM	12 PM	BOOK GROUP	FRIENDLY DISCUSSIONS ABOUT BOOKS!	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
6/4	TUE	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	SIMPLE SPACE ROCKETS	SUMMER READING PROGRAM ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
6/5	WED	4 PM		KOHALA COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP	MEETING - EMAIL: IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM FOR INFO	SENIOR CENTER	
6/5	WED	4:30 PM		NKAG MEETING		OLD COURTHOUSE	889-0404
6/6	THU	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	POOL NOODLE LIGHTSABERS	SUMMER READING PROGRAM ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
6/7	FRI	6 PM		SENIOR CLUB	MOVIE NIGHT - ALL SENIORS WELCOME	KOHALA CIVIC CENTER	895-2094
6/8	SAT	10 AM	3 PM	KOHALA ARTISTS' CO-OP COMMUNITY SWAP MEET	SET A TABLE AND SELL, SWAP OR TRADE GOODS	ARTISTS' CO-OP	430-3131
6/10 - 6/21		9 AM	2 PM	ART & THEATER CAMP	CATHY MORGAN - AGES 4-6	HUB CLUB	889-0404
6/10	MON	3 PM	5 PM	NORTH KOHALA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP	SUPPORTED BY N. HAWAII COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL	KINGS VIEW CAFE	989-4894
6/10	MON	6 PM	7:30 PM	KNOW THE TEN SIGNS	ALZHEIMER'S AND OTHER DEMENTIAS JOIN PATRICK TOAL AND CELESTE PERRY	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
6/11	TUE	6 PM		HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED	6PM POTLUCK, 7PM PRESENTATION. EMAIL: KOHALA.HFUU@GMAIL.COM	THE HUB	
6/13	THU	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	UNIVERSE IN A JAR	SUMMER READING PROGRAM ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
6/13	THU	7 PM	9 PM	KOHALA ECSTATIC DANCE JAM	FEATURING AN ECLECTIC ROTATION OF DEEJAYS	HUB BARN	889-0404
6/15	SAT	4:30 PM	6:30PM	FREE GRINDZ HOT MEAL	KOHALA BAPTIST CHURCH	BANYAN TREE	889-5416
6/17 - 7/12		9 AM	3 PM	FEED HAWAII SUMMER CAMP	AGES 5-10, 11-15	HUB BARN	889-0404
6/17	MON	6 PM	7:30 PM	COMPUTER CLASS	BASIC SKILLS AND PRACTICAL ASPECTS	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
6/18	TUE	10 AM	12 PM	WRITERS' GROUP	CULTIVATE YOUR CREATIVE SIDE BY JOINING OUR WRITERS' GROUP!	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
6/18	TUE	2 PM	2:45 PM	SKY TALES	STORYTELLER "AUNTY NYLA" FUJII-BABB AND MUSICIAN "GENTLEMAN JEFF" BABB	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
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anoint His body, they were greeted by an angel who declared, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He is not here. He has risen, just as He said!"

Jesus then appeared to his disciples on several different occasions speaking and teaching about the Kingdom of God. After 40 days he ascended to heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father.

We commemorated our Lord's atoning death and glorious resurrection with two events. The first was the Walk with the Cross which took place on April 19, 2019.

We gathered at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church where Vicar Diana Akayama led us in a devotional. We then took turns carrying the cross and proceeded towards Hawi stopping along the way to read scripture and pray.

Upon arriving in Hawi the cross was erected, and Pastor Ilima Moiha from the Gospel of Salvation Church shared a Gospel message followed by a lunch her church had prepared.

The second event occurred on Easter Sunday morning, April 21, 2019 at 6:30 a.m. at Mahukona Beach Park. This was our annual Sunrise Service and was graced by the Gospel of Salvation praise team

and special music by Myra Botelho. Casey Burdon from Solid Rock Ministries shared a stirring testimony followed by Father Eli Escanilla of Sacred Heart Parish who read the Scripture. Kawika Kihara, the associate pastor of Gospel of Salvation delivered an inspired Resurrection message. We then took an offering, a portion of which was given to our local food bank and the majority donated to Christian Response International (CRI) which ministers to the persecuted Church worldwide.

That very morning bombings took place in the hotels and churches of Sri Lanka killing hundreds of innocent people, many of them worshippers of Jesus. May we say, along with the risen Christ, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

Kahu Tom Fernandez from Kalahikiola Congregational Church closed out the service with a Pule, followed by the benediction given by his associate pastor, Jay Vega. A free breakfast followed provided by all the churches. Mahalo nui to everyone who participated in these celebrations honoring the risen Lord Jesus. Please consider participating with us next year. Until then, keep pressing in to the heart of God! A hui ho!

**Kohala Lions Club's 2019 "Sight Is Beautiful" Poster Contest**

Story and photo by Rose Mae Watterson

Kohala Lions Club members presented awards to Kohala Elementary School students for the annual "Sight is Beautiful" poster contest. Posters were matted by Lions Club members Dixie Adams and Susan Grant.

Posters were judged on originality, theme, color, composition and neatness. Fifth grade posters were also judged on art media technique.

Contest winners received \$20 for 1st Place, \$15 for 2nd Place, \$10 for 3rd Place, and \$5 for 4th Place.

**Kindergarten**

First place: Augustus Hodges / Mrs. Larson

Second place: Kaiulani Marquez / Ms. Ney

Third place: Austin Pinho / Mrs. Larson

Fourth place: Ainsley Ah Hee / Mrs. Kise

**First Grade**

First place: Mailelauri'i Pang / Ms. Young

Second place: James Lau / Ms. Ku

Third place: Chase Chilton / Ms. Young

Fourth place: Taeya Martinez / Mrs. Wiernicki

**Second Grade**

First place: Jun Xian He / Mrs. Sulliban

Second place: Gianna Sandin / Mrs. Thomas

Third place: Liahona Pe'a / Mrs. O'Donnell

Fourth place: Gemmsin Taomia / Mrs. Sulliban

**Third Grade**

First place: Aizelen Thomas / Mrs. Gusman

Second place: Lilyanna Hook / Ms. Tinnin

Third place: Ethan James Millett / Ms. Tinnin

Fourth place: Cullen Hook / Mrs. De Witt

**Fourth Grade**

First place: Gabriel Timothy Suetos / Mrs. Bauer

Second place: Kalena Cambra / Mr. Aiona

Third place: Abram James-Foree / Mr. Aiona

Fourth place: Kelani Kealoha / Mrs. Bauer

**Fifth Grade**

First place: Madeline Buczyna / Ms. Bautista

Second place: Elia Kolly / Ms. Tyler

Third place: Halia Perez-Bobek / Ms. Rufo

Fourth place: Kainalimu Paaao / Ms. Tyler

**Kohala High Citizen Scholar Award**

**CITIZEN-SCHOLAR AWARDS**



Photo courtesy of Fern White  
Senior Mekaila Pasco was honored at this year's Hawaii Department of Education Citizen Scholar Award. Pasco is one of 42 students named across the state, from all of the islands. The Kohala High awardee is sponsored by Mauna Kea Beach Hotel.



Fourth grade "Sight is Beautiful" poster contest winners.  
(Left to right) 4th Place: Kelani Kealoha, 3rd Place: Abram James-Foree, 2nd Place: Kalena Cambra and 1st Place: Gabriel Timothy Suetos

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## KES Students Learn Hip Hop



Photo by Rose Mae Watterson

In the Kohala High School gym, Kohala Elementary School fifth grade students performed hip-hop dance at an event marking the culmination of their dance class. Under the awesome direction of creative movement and hip-hop artist Michal Carrillo, kindergarten through fifth grade students showed off what they learned in eight to ten lessons. Michal is active in the community with her LavaRoots Performing Arts programs and is sponsored at Kohala Elementary School annually by the North Kohala Student Cultural Enrichment Program. NKSECP also supports busing students to Kahilu Theatre events, in-school activities and field trips. The organization gets its funds from private community members as well as participation in the annual May Charity Walk.

## Kohala High Robotics Takes on World Championships

By Fern White

Congratulations to Kohala High Robotics Team2460A, Na Paniolo, who participated at the 2019 VEX EDR Robotics World Championships in Louisville, Kentucky from April 24-27. The team qualified to WORLDS because it won the Hawaii State Championship Tournament and is the 2019 State Champion in VEX EDR (metals) Robotics.

By the numbers:

- There are 20,000 plus VEX teams from 50 countries in the world.

- Only 584 high school teams made it to the World Championships, and those teams were divided into six divisions: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Research and Arts.

- There were 97 teams per division, and Kohala High was in Technology division.

The results:

Kohala High ranked 14th out of 97 teams in the Technology division and advanced to the quarter-finals.

Kohala's team selected Pearl City to be its alliance in the eliminations. Although Pearl City ranked in the low fifties, we wanted to bring along another Hawaii team to the finals.

Unfortunately, connectivity to the field was lost and referees did not give our team a replay. Other teams did get replay. Kohala was four matches from winning the division title.

Recognized by the judges as one of the most gracious and competitive teams at the Worlds, Team2460A won the CREATE Award for Technology Division over the other 97 teams. Kohala is the only Hawaii high school (Pearl City, Sacred Heart and Waialua were the other Hawaii high schools at the competition) to bring home an award from Worlds!

The CREATE award is given to the team who designs a well-crafted and unique design solution demonstrating creative thinking. Judges found that the Kohala team demonstrates a highly creative design process and methodology; the team demonstrates a commitment to ambitious, creative approaches to game play; the team demonstrates teamwork; and the team gives an outstanding quality interview.

The upcoming robotics season sign-up runs from May 15 - May 31. Contact Ms. Fern White at 889-7117 or email kohalakowbotics@gmail.com.

## Computer Class

**What:** Computer basics (Windows environment)

**Who:** Francis Hebert

**When:** Monday, June 17 at 6 p.m.

**Where:** North Kohala Public Library, 808-889-6655

**Admission:** Open to all, free admission

Come to the library to learn more about computers. This class will focus on basic skills and prac-

tical aspects of using computers in a Windows environment. Handouts will be given to participants ("How to"). Bring your own laptop to take full advantage of the class.

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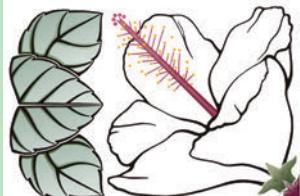
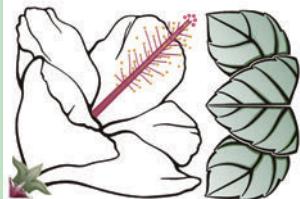
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## KES Principal Danny Garcia

By Anne Fojtasek

What makes a good public school principal? One important element is having plenty of aloha – a quality which encourages students and fosters better learning – to share. Kohala Elementary School is fortunate to have a principal who focuses on creating an atmosphere of aloha for both staff and students.

Danny Garcia became principal of the school in 2009. Although he lives in Kona, he says he doesn't mind the long commute to work each day. "I like driving," he says, "and the trip allows me to mentally prepare for the day and to decompress coming home."

In the state of Hawai'i, becoming a public school principal requires being a licensed teacher for a minimum of five years.

Garcia was a social studies

teacher at Kealakehe High School, teaching history of Hawaii, the United States and the world, when the principal of the high school, Wil Murakami, suggested that he had the necessary qualities to become a principal himself. He entered a training program first to be a vice principal and then a principal – the two positions require different skills – for six years, until he was ready to tackle the job. With 350 students, Kohala Elementary is considered a small school and therefore has no vice principal, so Garcia also does a lot of the jobs that a vice principal would normally do. "Becoming a principal was not part of my life plan," he says, "but I have no regrets."

What does he see as the most challenging part of being an elementary school principal? He mentions

the "overall bureaucracy of our educational system," which puts such a heavy importance on test scores and, therefore, a lot of stress on students. The pressure comes from Washington D.C., he says, but may be slowly changing. He also mentions homelessness, substance abuse and domestic abuse, because these are issues that affect the students under his care. He sees children with PTSD and children as young as four years old who don't care about their test scores, only about whether they will be able to have something to eat for lunch.

Still, he loves coming to school every day and "feeling a culture of aloha, a spirit of teamwork." He extends aloha to his staff "so the kids can reap the rewards." As he says, he can't crack the whip over the teachers and expect them to

extend aloha to the students. His way of working is grounded in a strong work ethic, but he loves spending time in classrooms with the teachers and the students.

Garcia speaks of the emphasis in school on being pono and how that emphasis translates to the students. Several years ago, he was talking with a second-grade child from a difficult background who had some trouble adjusting. Garcia asked him, what does it mean to be pono? The little boy told him, "Pono means to be 1,000 good." Garcia said he was impressed. Not only did this child get the concept, but he found an innovative way of expressing what it meant to him.

Thank you, Mr. Garcia, for making that long drive each day to nurture the youngsters at KES. We can all use more aloha in our lives.

## Roots Skatepark Expansion Active



Roots Skatepark is selling ponytail palms to raise funds for the park expansion.



Brian Sandlin and Todd Andrews, Roots Skatepark volunteers, are making progress with removing the California grass.

Photos by Richey Riggs

After much anticipation it is a pleasure to announce that the Roots Skatepark expansion is currently underway. The design and build phase is led by Brian Sandlin of Abstract Concrete Pumping. Sandlin has provided the excavation machinery needed to transform the existing property into what will soon be a rolling concrete playground.

In effort to increase the skatepark expansion fund potential, we are

offering beautiful Ponytail Palms for your home landscaping needs. Sizes to choose from range from two to five feet in height. Delivery is available; please inquire for details. Also, another local and longtime supporter (since 2007), Takata Store has continuously given the pro-

ceeds of your donated Banzai Card. It must be noted on the card that the funds are to be used for "Roots Skatepark." For the years of support, Shiro and the Takata Store family, we thank you.

For more information about the palms, the skatepark project or how

to get involved in a great community youth facility, please contact Richey Riggs at 808-895-2909, via the website at skate4roots@yahoo.com or on Instagram at @roots\_skatepark.

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## A 21st Century Library for KMS



Seventh-grader Promise Arraujo-Medeiros edits a page of the Kohala Middle School yearbook in the library.



In April, a group of sixth graders worked on a group project in the library.



Library Initiative staff and helpers overhauled the KMS library space in September of 2018, reorganized the program's library collection, and painted their shelves, creating room for computers and student work stations.

The future can be an exciting place, with new technological developments happening at almost breakneck speed. But the prospect of it can also be daunting, especially for the younger generation. Everything from computer programming to website design and the proliferation of social media can be overwhelming to students, but these elements also contain the keys to their success. Launched by a number of local educators in March of 2019, the Kohala 21st Century Library Initiative looks to address these issues head-on.

What the founders of the organizations saw was a chance to expand the scope of the library at Kohala Middle School. While

literacy and reading remain top priorities, expanding the definition of literacy to include a deeper understanding of media, technology and how we consume information is also important. The goal of this expanded understand of literacy gives students the ability to think critically about the world.

This year, the library at KMS has become a hub for engaging with technology. By using a number of old Mac computers, the students have been doing everything from designing yearbook pages to making electronic music and editing 4K drone footage. Teachers at KMS have been incorporating these skills into their class curricula, including having their students make anti-bullying and anti-vaping public service announcements (PSAs).

With the computers reaching the end of their lifespans and videos being shot on teachers' iPads, the Library Initiative was created with the goal of raising funds to bring in new technology and allow the library to become this space for creative, project-based learning.

With the new computers, cameras, iPads and 3D printer that the organization hopes to purchase for the KMS library, students will be able to experiment with the tools that are shaping the 21st century. The students will make videos for their classes that show off the unique cultural and historical significance of their community, create raps that tell their stories and experiment with coding. All they need are the tools in their hands.

The Kohala 21st Century

Library Initiative is sponsored by the North Kohala Community Resource Center. The Center is currently recruiting business sponsors to help fund the program. So far, the list of donors includes Pomaika'i Cafe, L&L Hawaiian Barbecue (Kapa'au), Hawai'i Luxury Real Estate and K. Takata Store. Interested sponsors can reach out to Derrick Owens at [library@kohalam.k12.hi.us](mailto:library@kohalam.k12.hi.us) to learn more.

Individuals looking to contribute can check out the GoFundMe campaign at [www.gofundme.com/21st-century-library-for-kms-big-island-hawaii](http://www.gofundme.com/21st-century-library-for-kms-big-island-hawaii).



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