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## Kohala High Dedicates New Facility to Boost STEM Learning And Achievement



Photo by Tia Ubilas

On May 23, 2019, school and community leaders attended the opening celebration for Kohala High School's new STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) complex.

Left to right: Councilman Tim Richards, KHS Instructor Fern White, Jerry Takata, Kim Takata, Kahu Kealoha Sugiyama, KHS Principal Janette Snelling, Kohala Schools Complex Area Superintendent Art Souza, Bob Martin, Senator Lorraine Inouye, Bill Brooks, Steve Hoffman and Carol Yurth

By: Tia-Michelle Ubilas

On May 23, 2019, Kohala High School celebrated the completion of its new state-of-the-art STEM

(science, technology, engineering and math) complex. The new facility consists of five rooms: three combination-laboratory classrooms

for physical sciences, biological sciences and natural resources; and two multipurpose classrooms, which will be used for math, computer science, English and the Na'au 'Oiwi Academy.

In attendance were Senator Lorraine Inouye; Councilman Tim Richards; Complex Area Superintendent Art Souza; Bill Brooks of Ferraro Choi & Associates; members of our business community who have supported Kohala High School over the years; former and current members of our school community; and our students, who were very excited to see the new facilities. The blessing of the building was done by Kahu Kealoha Sugiyama. An opening oli for the building was prepared and given by Beldon Kealoha's Hawaiian Language classes. Hula was performed by Kumu Hula Lorna Lim and her Halau Kawehileimamoikawēkiu`okohala.

The physical structure was designed by Ferraro Choi & Associates, in true collaboration with members of our staff and our community. The school holds great appreciation for the attention to detail in the design and the openness of the architects to receiving input in designing a structure that is both beautiful and fully functional.

Much appreciation is extended to our legislators who have worked diligently to acquire the necessary funding to complete the STEM complex. Principal Snelling said that "the much-anticipated opening of our STEM complex will create real opportunities to offer integrated experiences connecting science to other content areas and preparing our students for innovative career pathways. Our new science labs will help to boost that desire for STEM learning with new technol-

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## Kamehameha Day Celebration Honors King



Photo by Glenn Morello

On June 11, Kamehameha Day festivities brought visitors to Kohala from far and wide to celebrate King Kamehameha I. Because of the sculpture's great height, long wooden poles are used to place lei on the statue of Kamehameha in the traditional lei ceremony.

See more pictures inside.



The Hawaii Tourism Authority recently changed the marketing theme for the Big Island from "The Volcano Island" to "The Island of Endless Adventure." No place on our island has more adventure than Kohala. Over the next year, we will present stories from local residents who have taken these adventures, including Flumin', Sky Diving, Horseback Riding, ATV Tours, Zipline and Scuba Diving.

-- Tom Morse, Publisher

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Photo by Tia Ubilas  
Kahu Kealoha Sugiyama performs a traditional Hawaiian blessing ceremony for the new STEM building grounds.

ogy, learning tools and hands-on experimentation. We want to thank our students, parents, legislators and community for their support through this innovative opportunity."

The \$7.5 million addition to the beautiful campus has people really excited. One teacher, Drew Henderson, will teach math and guitar in his new climate-controlled building. He thinks, "The new buildings are amazing, and kids will love to



Photo by Marcus Douglas  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye (left), at the podium with Kohala High School Principal Janette Snelling, recalls how special Kohala is to her – and has been since she was child – as she honors the dedication of the new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Buildings.

learn in these facilities." Another teacher, Bev Tanaka, has been waiting for over a decade for this facility to be opened. "I still can't believe it's real," she remarks. Alumni may wish they had these facilities when they went to school.

The new complex is built on the old farm, opposite the old auto shop, as a seamless addition to a vibrantly growing and robust farm program. One science teacher at the school thinks that he "would like to see the science, math, English, and agriculture departments at the high school integrate in a way that models and implements real-world, sustainable agribusiness science practices."

The building is not just an empty shell with no new learning materials. Our local leaders, elected representatives, high school staff, Department of Education, the construction crews, engineers and

designers all worked tirelessly to ensure a generous budget remained to fund new science materials that meet the National Science Standards. Kohala students need to be able apply the science, technology, engineering and math standards well in order to be successful and competitive in our challenging and increasingly scientific world. Also, The Kohala Science Foundation, an avid supporter of science fair and everything science in Kohala, has donated \$3,000 for science teachers to put towards projects and learning materials to enhance the buildings' efficacy and the students' educational experience.



Photo by Marcus Douglas  
The three new biochemistry labs are fully equipped with state-of-the-art, energy-friendly and environmentally conscious technology.



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Student Raimana Lajala-Kanakanui leads as her Halau Kawehileimamoikawēkiu 'okohala, headed by Kumu Hula Lorna Lim, performs.

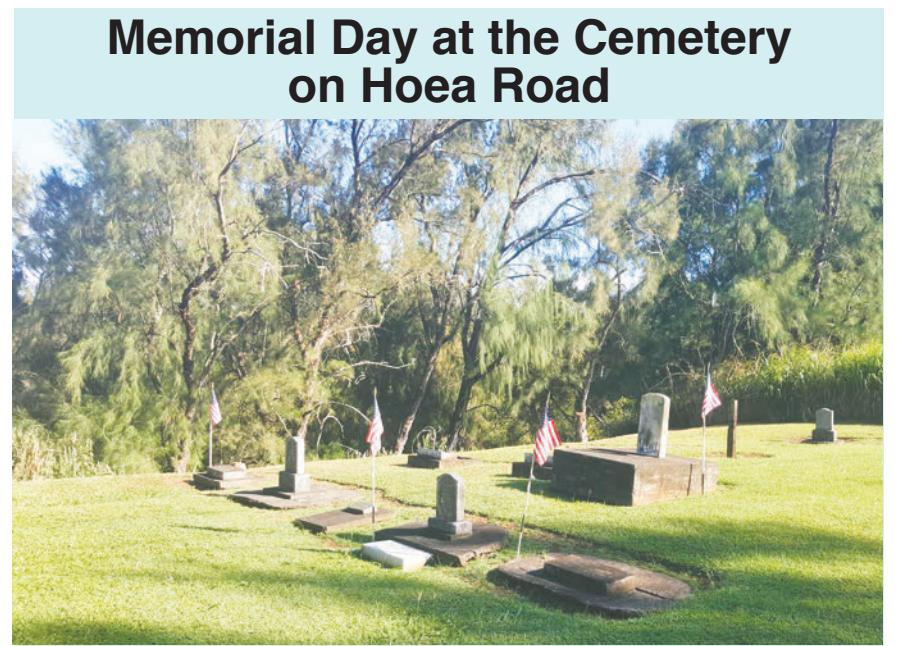


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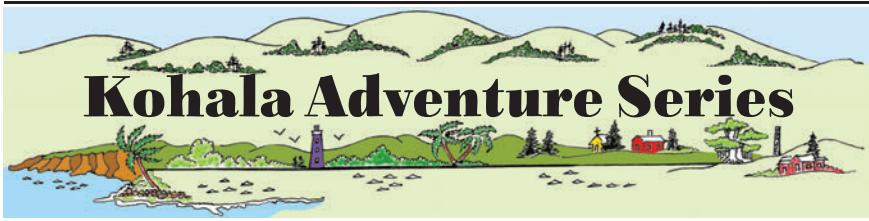
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# Kohala Adventure Series

## Horseback Riding on Kohala Mountain Feels Like a Vacation

Story by Jill Kupitz

It's 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning and I'm out the door. "Who in their right mind would be up early on their day off?" you ask. Well, in Hawaii the mornings are one of the most beautiful parts of day and, as for me, I cannot sit still anticipating the adventures afforded to me. This day I set off to pursue a part of life I cannot experience while sitting in my office Monday through Friday, to do the things people travel thousands of miles to do.

Today I'm playing tourist and am headed to Na'alapa Stables a few miles up the Mountain Road to enjoy a 2.5-hour ride with some friends visiting from California.

As my four friends and I arrived at the ranch, we were immediately greeted by the floppiest, furriest young golden retriever you have ever seen. A fine greeting party it was! As the next visitors arrived, the little pup flounced equally as joyful over to them, gobbling up all the love she could get from every person she encountered. The ranch hands already had 14 horses tied to the rail. Quite a big group, I thought, but being the week before Christmas, everywhere on the island was

busy. Our group consisted of every level or rider, from first-timers to professional riders and everything in between.

After a quick overview of how to go, stop, and turn, our guides painted us a mental picture of what they called the "soap opera" that went on throughout the herd. Just like people some horses consistently get along together, and some do not, and there is an ever-changing hierarchy in the herd that we riders needed to be cognizant of. The basic gist was to keep a safe and respectful distance in between the horses at all times.

We mounted our designated steeds one-by-one, with the help of our guides, and were given a few pointers regarding our horse's personality and tendencies. Then we were off!

We traversed mauka up the grassy hillside and were encouraged to spread out. No need to be nose-to-tail in the expansive Kohala Mountains. Along the way, our two guides entertained those who could hear over the roaring wind with stories about the paniolo that worked at the ranch, as well as the rich history cattle ranching has on the Big Island. We rode all the way up to the tree



Photo courtesy of Jill Kupitz

Riding horses with Na'alapa Stables on Kohala Mountain. Sometimes it's good to act like a tourist and enjoy what others have to travel thousands of miles to do!

line, where I was delighted to learn that Kahua Ranch has been working to reforest the area by replanting native trees and vegetation.

Most of the ride was spent at a walk and focused on a leisurely stroll through the countryside not accessible by car. While not all visitors found bumping along a grassy hilltop titillating (one teenage boy on our ride spent nearly half the adventure looking at his phone), most were content to enjoy the moment away from the hustle and bustle of our normal lives. Fortunately for us thrill seekers, we did get a few chances to pick up the pace. For the riders that wished to go faster, we came upon a few hills that were deemed safe to take at a trot or canter. It had been pretty rainy, as it often is, and because I had done this tour a couple times before, I knew that several spots were simply too muddy to allow for a quick gallop.

The horses were well-behaved, albeit a bit rotund. The rich grass that these horses are surrounded by

will make even the hardest of keepers look like a gluttonous pig. Carebear, the beautiful Suffolk Punch who was the undisputed leader of the herd, was said to be 400 pounds overweight! Despite their round stature, nobody could argue that these are not happy horses.

Our tour wound us back down the mountain, where our guides stopped to take pictures of each group for us to remember our trip by. We saw many cows and calves, sheep, birds, and even pigs. The rain held out for us, and it was a wonderful ride.

In life it is easy to get caught up in the daily grind of work, school and other obligations. But sometimes we need to make a point of getting out there and experiencing the joys that bring so many people to our island. I urge you to get out there and be a tourist sometimes. Support our local businesses, and most importantly, enjoy the life you have been given, because we are all so lucky to Live Hawaii.

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## Roots Skatepark Expansion Actively Underway



*Photo by Richey Riggs*  
Young men come out on volunteer workdays to help with the skatepark's construction.

Roots Skatepark's expansion will continue throughout the summer. Sundays have been designated as volunteer workdays as we progress at an incredible pace.

Dirt placement and compaction is moving along while form carpentry that will define the contours and contain the cement are being built.

We appreciate all our amazing volunteers who have been coming

out to assist with building and help create the excitement that goes along with such a fun activity.

The potential of this expansion is only limited by our materials and resources.

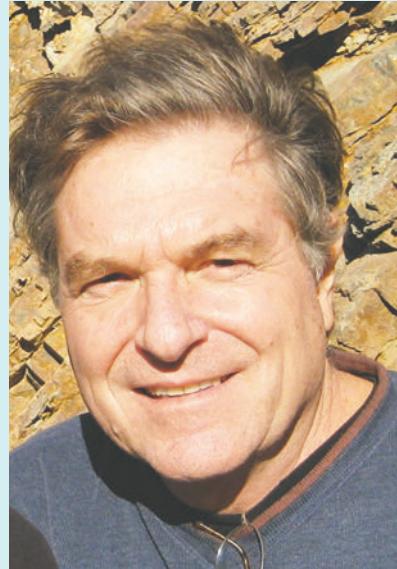
For more information and to find out how to support the skatepark, please contact Richey Riggs by phone at 895-2909, via email at Skate4roots@yahoo.com or on Instagram at roots\_skatepark.

## Charles "Charlie" Corda

Charles Edward Corda, 66, formerly of Calexico, California, and most recently of Kapa`au, Hawaii, passed away on June 3, 2019.

Charlie was a well-known artist in Hawai'i where he had made his home for the past 30 years.

His admired and greatly appreciated art works ranged from cast aluminum sculptures to intricately etched plexiglass. A few years ago, he was honored by the State Foundation for Art in Public Places, which reviewed work from over 65 local artists and selected one of his pieces for installation at the State Capitol. Charlie was a popular teacher for visiting students from RISD (Rhode Island School of Design) and he volunteered his time and energies to Hui No'eau Center for Visual Arts.



*Photo courtesy of Carolyn Corda*  
Charles Edward Corda passed on June 3, 2019.

He had established a foundry and studio, where he developed a number of innovative processes and tools to create his artworks.

Charlie was born to Ernie and Gerrie Corda. He is survived by sister Carolyn Corda (John Burton), brothers Craig Corda (Cathy Corda), Curt Corda (Julie Corda), many cousins, three great nephews, three nieces, Uncle Ed Rice (Linda Rice) and Aunt Sally Rice.

He leaves behind a close community of long-time friends in Hawai'i.

Friends and family will remember Charlie for his mechanical inventiveness, creative use of materials, off-beat sense of humor and generous spirit.

A celebration of Charlie's life is planned for late summer/early fall.



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Project Grad 2019 Successful



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Project Grad 2019

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On behalf of KHS Project Grad 2019 committee along with NKCRC, we would like to thank you all for your generous support, both monetary and in-kind. Your gift provided our graduates a safe, fun, successful and memorable event.

Mahalo Nui Loa,  
Marie Tomas and the Project Grad 2019 Committee

Hawai'i State House of Representatives Update

From the Desk of District 7 Representative David Tarnas

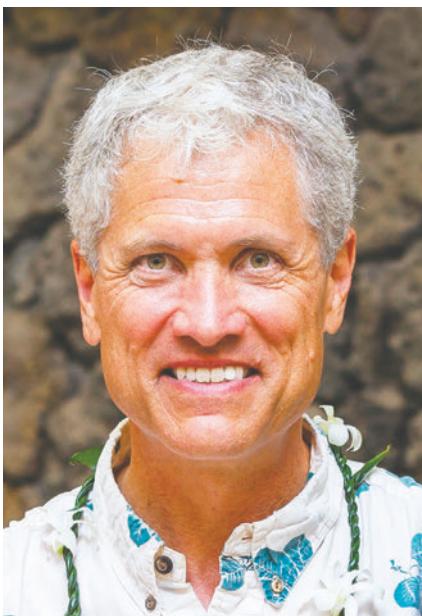


Photo courtesy of David Tarnas  
Representative David Tarnas speaks for North Kohala as a member of the Hawai'i State House of Representatives.

State Capital Improvement Projects in Kohala and Grant-in-Aid Projects in Agriculture

Aloha! With the 2019 Legislative Session completed, it's time to review what the legislature appropriated for State Capital Improvement projects in Kohala and Grant-in-Aid projects for Hawai'i island that relate to agriculture, which is a major priority for Kohala.

Management of Pololu Valley and the Kohala Ditch trail is very important to me personally. I have spent a lot of time in the valleys and have seen firsthand the beauty of this land and the environmental

stress caused by so many visitors. I know that this is a top priority project for the Kohala community. So, I am very grateful that the Legislature supported the appropriation of \$500,000 for plans and design for a parking lot, restrooms and trail restoration at Pololu Valley Trailhead. This is the first step to address the significant concerns in this area about traffic safety and environmental degradation of the trail caused by the heavy visitor traffic. It will be essential that the community guide this important project as it moves forward, so I will continue to update you regularly.

Growing more of the food we consume is a major goal of the North Kohala Community Development Plan. To implement this goal, the North Kohala Agricultural Water Study is currently developing a plan to provide sufficient agricultural water for North Kohala's agricultural production. To gather more information on potential groundwater sources for agricultural water, the Legislature appropriated \$2.5 million this session for plans, design and construction of an exploratory agricultural well in North Kohala. The consultants working on the North Kohala Agricultural Water Study will keep the community updated on these related projects as they progress.

Grant-in-Aid (GIA) funding supports nonprofit organizations whose work aligns with State goals. This year, nearly 300 organizations applied for these highly competitive funds. Many deserving projects were not able to be funded, so we'll need to consider them again in the future. This session, the Legislature granted several GIA awards to ben-

efit initiatives focused on increasing agricultural production, local food distribution and agriculture education.

North Kohala's own Hawai'i Institute of Pacific Agriculture was awarded \$100,000 in operating funds to support their work to increase local food production, implement agriculture career mentorship programs, get more local produce into North Kohala public school cafeterias and expand agriculture and nutrition education at Kohala Elementary, Middle and High Schools.

Hawai'i Floriculture and Nursery Association was granted \$200,000 to develop farmer education programs for students at primary, secondary and graduate levels to learn about careers in floriculture and ornamental agriculture and to develop pest management practices that will support agricultural exports from Hawai'i Island.

Ulu is an important crop for Kohala and throughout our island. In Kona, the State-owned Honalo marshaling yard, operated by the Hawai'i Ulu Producers Cooperative, received \$1.1M of Capital Improvement Project funds for plans, design, construction and equipment to quadruple the facility's capacity as a local food aggregation hub serving all of West Hawai'i.

And, in Hamakua, the nonprofit Hamakua Harvest was awarded \$30,000 for the continued operation of the Hamakua Farmers Market, Demonstration Orchard, Keiki Learning Garden and educational programs and new agriculture

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classes for adults.

On the consumer side of the food supply chain in our community, Kanu o Ka 'Aina Learning 'Ohana was awarded \$100,000 for the completion of a USDA-approved commercial kitchen within Halau Ho'okipa in Waimea, which will allow Kanu to serve federally-subsidized meals to food-insecure preschool and K-12 students, families and kupuna.

Additionally, Waimea Outdoor

Circle was awarded \$200,000 to build a paved roadway in the place of the existing gravel roadway at Ulu La'au, the Waimea Nature Park. This will help maintain access to the park in the rainy season and drainage improvements will reduce erosion and associated maintenance costs in the long run.

In a major investment to protect our agricultural landscape, the Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization (HWMO) was awarded \$175,000 to expand their

wildfire prevention and preparedness education programs, which were first established in Kohala and have now grown statewide. In Kohala, we know how important wildfire prevention is for safety, infrastructure and environmental health. HWMO works to reduce the frequency and severity of wildfire by reducing fire sources and working with communities to manage vegetation, enhance preparedness and reduce wildfire risk.

The Legislature also appropri-

ated Grant-in-Aid funds to support the island-wide work of the Big Island Substance Abuse Council (\$100,000) and Habitat for Humanity Hawai'i Island (\$100,000).

There is much more to be done and as all these organizations continue their important work, I will continue to advocate for State support for our community. For more information or to discuss any of these projects further, please contact me at 808-586-8510 or reptarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov. 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.

#### COUNTY OF HAWAII BUDGET 2019-2020

On June 5, 2019 the Hawai'i County Council approved the Operating Budget via Bill 30, Draft 3 for fiscal year 2019-2020, which runs from July 1 through June 30. The budget submitted by Mayor Kim was for \$583 million, up approximately \$65 million from this current fiscal year. Thirty million dollars of that increase is related to wage and benefit package increases to County employees from the collective bargaining process and an increase in the total number of employees.

The other \$35 million, largely funded by the fuel tax and general excise tax increases, relates to Capital Improvement Projects for our roads/transportation needs, and

equipment for mass transit.

The total number of employees for the County is approximately 2,770. The new budget added in approximately 93 more positions, or a little over 3% increase. Of this, approximately half are for the Hawai'i Police Department. Looking at those numbers, the police department would get 45 new hires, mostly police officers, and no one argued against the need for this increase.

The last time the police received any new positions was about six years ago, and for only 10 positions. The other 40-plus positions are scattered throughout the County departments. Some departments have a very justifiable need for more staffing, other departments I am not as convinced.

When it comes to new staffing,

my greatest concerns are 1) do we have the need, 2) are we spending the taxpayer's money efficiently, and 3) are we going to be able to afford the pension and healthcare liabilities? Currently our County has approximately \$1 billion ahead of us in unfunded liabilities. Being too cavalier and hiring new people could put us in a very difficult position going forward. Accordingly, this is why I always question and look at our current and future funding abilities. I am not objected to spending funds if the need is warranted. I do object to spending unwisely or inefficiently.

So where does that leave us today? Currently the budget has been approved by the County Council and is now sitting on the mayor's desk for his signature. He

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has until June 19 to sign or veto the budget. If he signs the budget, the process is finished. If he chooses to veto the budget or line item veto any part of the budget, we will have to reconvene in a special session and try to seek a solution.

What are the measurables out of the new budget? First, we are increasing the number of police. We are also going to be able to fund some badly needed infrastructure projects that many constituents have been requesting for a long time. In the greater Waikoloa area, the intersection of Waikoloa Road and Paniolo Avenue is a high priority to be addressed. In working with the Department of Finance and assuming this budget is signed, we should have the funding (approximately \$4 million) in place to take care of that intersection.

In the Kohala area, the Capital Improvement Project budget was reauthorized for the Mahukona Park. This is a \$2.5 million project. Though this funding has not been secured yet, Mahukona is a high priority for the Department of Parks and Recreation and we are working on locating the needed funding. In Waimea, the budget for a Capital Improvement Project was also authorized for the Lindsey Road/ Kawaihae Road intersection. This funding has not yet been secured, however there may be an opportunity for some matching funds currently being evaluated.

Once again, we struggled through the budget process. I have always been a proponent of a Budget Ad Hoc Committee as it would afford us the ability to make better decisions for the County. This year, we were able to do things a little differently as Counsel Chairman Chung requested each department provide their supplemental budgets in advance while we were still considering the 1st draft of the

budget. This gave us insight as to what we could expect when the second draft arrived. It also helped us make better inquiries of the departments, which revealed some serious concerns. For example, it was discovered that for the past few years the Department of Mass Transit failed to submit required documentation in order to receive federal reimbursements. In addition, an apparent imbalance in overtime between departments was found, with Fire having 55% of the overtime cost, while Police only had 20%. These are issues that are being further investigated as we go forward.

When asked if I would consider cutting the budget, unfortunately, our process is not geared up to efficiently do that. To do so, we must amend the presented budget and then have the support of at least five Council members for that amendment. Extremely difficult at best, very problematic in application. Having to try to work out differences in opinions concerning the budget in the short time window frame allotted does not lend itself to success. This year I chose a different route: if I could not cut some areas, I focused on having a stronger oversight of the overall spending, including the Capital Improvement Project funds.

Additional oversight came with the amendment to defund overtime for all departments, introduced by Councilwoman Lee Loy, requiring each department to come before Council for their overtime needs. Both will allow for more transparency to the Council and to the people.

By any measure, our budgetary process is complex and difficult; it's also an exercise in compromise. As we move forward, I will continue to strike the balance between the needs of our community and our fiscal responsibility.

**Banzai Card Program Supports Community Projects**

*By Malia Dela Cruz*

Every year the Takata Store's Banzai Card Program helps a variety of community groups raise funds for their projects. By simply presenting your Banzai Card at the Takata Store's checkout, one block is punched for each \$5 purchase, excluding liquor and tobacco sales. The Banzai Card is redeemable when all blocks are punched and signed by the customer and/or chairperson of the project.

Although the customers can redeem their cards for personal use, most of them willingly donate their cards to community groups that are participating in the Banzai Card Program. The neat thing about this exchange is that the program gives the customers a channel to donate to worthy causes.

Last year the various groups that utilized this program were a few hula halau, the schools (Kohala Adventist, Kohala Elementary, Kohala High and Kohala Middle), the Kohala Hospital Auxiliary,

the Kohala Public Library, and the Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko – Kohala, just to name a few. Takata Store collected almost 2,000 Banzai cards in 2018, totaling \$2,940.00.

In addition, there is a special Banzai Card Program for clubs, which allows them to redeem \$5.00 per Banzai card within a limited time, not to exceed 50 cards. There are certain restrictions that apply.

If you have a project that you are fundraising for, why don't you consider using the Banzai Card Program? It's an easy and fun way of fundraising and it ensures support for the community. Takata Store requests that when you drop off the redeemable Banzai cards please include the name of the project, the reason for fundraising, and the project's contact name, phone number and mailing address.

Takata Store is grateful it can play a part in helping the community with its projects. For more information, please call Takata Store or Kim Takata at 889-5413.

**'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 predominantly spoken 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.*

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# Kamehameha Day Celebration Begins with Parade

The Kamehameha Day Parade is one of the most treasured aspects of the day's festivities. Pa`u Princesses and horses adorned with fabulous lei and draped in colors representing each of the major Hawaiian Islands provide a stately, beautiful backbone. Community members ride on floats created by their organizations, waving to the crowd and weaving a sense of cohesion and pride in their town. Onlookers know this is something special – everything created as a demonstration of love.



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Hawai`i Island



Maui



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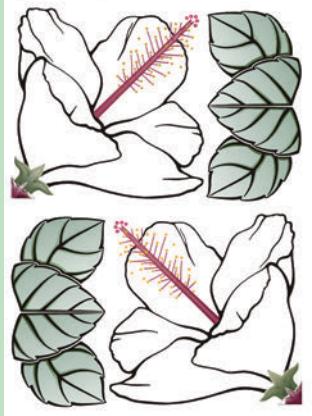
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Kaho`olawe



Ni`ihau



Kamehameha Parade Grand Marshall Wendel Fernandez `Ohana

## Hospital Auxiliary Offers Nursing Scholarships

The Kona Community Hospital Auxiliary is now accepting applications for its 2019 Nursing Scholarship Program. Scholarships may be applied for by any first- or second-year nursing student. Scholarship amounts this year are \$2,000 each.

Nursing scholarship applications, forms and information are available at the hospital's nursing education department.

Completed applications should be postmarked no later than Monday, June 10, 2019.

To request a scholarship packet via email or for information, contact Maria Mundell at 322-4549 or Molly Morgan at 326-1783.

To qualify, an applicant must already be accepted into an accredited school of nursing, and not already be a registered nurse.

## Senior Club Planning Celebration to Mark 50 Years of Community

This year, the North Kohala Senior Citizens Club will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. For fifty years the club has provided a place for the kupuna of Kohala to gather together to enjoy one another's company. They share important information on elderly services, activities, health care, involvement in the island community and other ways to enrich their "golden" years!

It began with our men-folk putting together a Senior Softball League back in the 1960's. That became an island-wide program that continues to this day! It even led to an annual Hawaii State Senior Softball Tournament.

Seniors can also join ground golf and other sporting events or "fun" activities like Bingo parties, excursions, beach picnics, birthday and holiday celebrations, and myriad other activities.

The members would like to celebrate this very special occasion with food, music and entertainment on or about August 3, or perhaps August 10? We are asking our Kohala community to help us organize a "Grand Celebration"! Anyone willing to help spearhead this celebration would be fabulous! Donations in kind & monetary to help this become a reality for our Kohala Community and Kupuna would be so "Awesome"! All are welcome.

Please contact Faye Yates, Club President, at 225-3666. Mahalo Nui!

## Lions Club Donation Applications Due July 31

The Kohala Lions Club is now accepting requests for donations from community groups. Applicants must serve the Kohala community, with preference given to groups that serve youth or the needy.

Applicants must use the application form. A downloadable file can be requested by email or hard copies can be picked up at the North Kohala Community Resource Center.

To request an application or to learn more about the Kohala Lions Club, call Chris Brown at 884-5122. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than July 31, 2019. Mahalo.

### North Kohala



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## Pratt Road Now Cleared as an Emergency Bypass

By John Winter

The Parks, Water and Roads (PWR) Group of the The North Kohala Community Development Plan (NK-CDP) is happy to announce that Pratt Road is now cleared of overgrowth and available as an emergency bypass. With only one through road, North Kohala shares an unfortunate circumstance with only a few other areas on Hawai'i Island: when that road becomes blocked, residents are stranded either at home or unable to get home. This happened again recently, for the SEVENTH time in the past three years.

The North Kohala Community Development Plan specifically states:

"Of primary concern is the need to open another road around certain areas that are prone to closure in the event of a natural disaster, such as flooding or a landslide. Specifically, Pratt Road was identified as a possible emergency bypass route around Hawi (Alalae) and Kapa`au (Hala`ula), in the event that Akoni Pule Highway was closed."

Many residents have been greatly inconvenienced by these Akoni Pule Highway closures. We have been lucky so far that a medical emergency has not occurred during one of them with emergency aid unable reach them.

After years of unproductive appeals for help from County and State agencies, the PWR Group finally took the Kohala "just do it" approach. Residents near Niuli`i began Phase I and volunteers cleared Pratt from Niuli`i to Walao-hia Gulch last July. All landowners along that stretch, when asked, readily complied and granted access to the work-party.

Phase II was just completed, extending the groomed roadway to Honomakau Road and making virtually all of Pratt ready in an emergency. Many landowners along the Phase II section have been keeping their portion of Pratt cleared and we thank them. We contacted the landowners along the two remaining uncleared sections and some were happy to clear their part of Pratt themselves. Bill Wong and his ATV crew cleared the final section.

We thank them all for their public spirit.

Some history: Pratt Road is an old cane haul road created and owned by the sugar company. Unfortunately, when sugar closed down, the new owners subdivided their property for sale and failed to preserve the Pratt Road right-of-way, which had traditionally been used by the public. As a result, Pratt became part of the adjacent properties themselves. Fortunately, Pratt does not go through many properties, but runs between them and it is still there.

PWR first contacted landowners in 2015 and the owners' principal concerns were:

**Liability** - What if someone is hurt while driving through their section of Pratt Road?

**Security** - Some feared that more people near their homes might lead to vandalism or crime.

**Maintenance** - Who will maintain the cleared roadway and how well?

**Limited Access** - There are about 12 fences with gates across Pratt Road which are not all locked. The vast majority of landowners would prefer to keep them closed and locked (due largely to the issues described above). They would prefer that the gates be kept closed except during an emergency closure of the highway and then controlled at both ends of the bypass to limit traffic to local residents.

Working with landowners and consulting various county and state agencies, a workable solution has hopefully been reached. It consists of the following:

**Liability:** Two Hawai'i state laws address this issue.

HRS §663-1.5 (a.k.a. The Good Samaritan Law) covers landowner liability during a declared emergency because they are cooperating for the public good.

HRS §135, is entitled, "Public Safety and Internal Security. Emergency Use of Private Real Property." It is more specific in addressing an Akoni Pule Highway closure:

§135-2 Authority of chief of police and their authorized representatives.

In times of an emergency or traffic accident, the chief of police may divert vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists or a combination thereof, onto existing private roads or pathways on private real property for the purpose of accommodating the movement of people and vehicles away from an emergency or traffic accident area. [L 1997, c 313, pt of §2]

### §135-3 Owner's immunities.

In the event the chief of police (or his authorized representative) diverts vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists or a combination thereof, onto an owner's real property during an emergency or traffic accident, the owner, together with the owner's successors in interest, if any, shall not be civilly liable for negligently causing the death of, or injury to, any person or damage to any personal property, in connection with the use of the real property for the purposes as provided in section 135-2.

An important precondition for these laws to take effect is that the police chief (or the Kohala captain if so authorized) must officially declare an emergency, which relieves landowner liability and allows the police to cut gate locks and divert traffic onto an available bypass. PWR is working with police and civil defense to improve the reaction time for such a declaration.

### Security and Limited Access:

Although many Kohala residents would love to see Pratt Road open completely for hiking and biking, most landowners are adamant that gates be left in place and people be restricted from wandering about near homes along Pratt. Therefore, only the limited and appropriate section of Pratt will become available and only during

a declared highway closure emergency. Fences and gates will not be touched. In other words, Pratt Road is now cleared, but not open to the public.

Police must be present at a highway blockage to protect drivers from danger. So far, they have simply turned traffic around, but they can also divert traffic to a minimal loop involving Pratt that would bypass the highway problem. Emergency access would be restricted to emergency vehicles or residents needing to get home or out.

### Maintenance:

Periodic maintenance will be necessary to keep Pratt cleared. Maintenance will only be done to the extent that Pratt is made passable by vehicles. This means periodic mowing and perhaps some gravel to fill deep ruts and puddles. Virtually all of the roadbed is intact and will be left in its rustic state.

The North Kohala Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is willing to manage a tax-exempt fund for Pratt Road maintenance and repair.

Any maintenance will only address un-attended sections of Pratt. Kohala residents, who benefit from having Pratt Road available in emergencies, are our only financial source and we hope you will contribute to this fund.

Kohala residents, particularly those who have been stranded, know the value of having Pratt Road maintained and available. Please consider donating to this fund. Make your check out to the Community Resource Center and specify for CERT - Pratt Maintenance Fund. Thank you.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to email winterj@whitman.edu.

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## Deep-Sea Voyaging Canoe Makali'i Sets Sights on Mokumanamana



Courtesy of Nā Kālai Wa'a

On June 8, the Makali'i voyaging canoe embarked on a long-distance voyage to the Northwest Hawaiian Islands of Nihoa and Mokumanamana.

The 'ohana, crew and community of Makali'i make final preparations for the summer voyage to kūpuna islands.

The 'ohana, crew and community of Nā Kālai Wa'a re-launched the voyaging canoe Makali'i and on June 8 embarked on a long-distance voyage to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands of Nihoa and Mokumanamana.

The voyage, entitled Hanau-naola, is made possible by a Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families grant for the Administration for Native Americans (ANA). "Project Hanaunaola: Sustaining the Generations Through Voyaging" is in the final year of a three-year grant with this ten-day voyage being the culminating event.

This voyage to Mokumanamana is done in partnership with the Edith Kanakoa'ole Foundation who has been conducting research about and at Mokumanamana for the past 14 years.

The main objectives of this grant are to 1) train crew for leadership legacy, 2) work with community to feed the canoe and become self-sustainable and 3) to combine the first two objectives to plan and execute a capstone voyage to actualize learning via practice.

Two of Hawai'i's five Pwo [pronounced "poh"] Navigators are

from the Nā Kālai Wa'a 'ohana. Training the next generation of voyagers, navigators, crew members and captains has been a critical area of focus to ensure that Makali'i will continue to voyage and serve our communities for generations to come.

"The leaders of tomorrow will come from the keiki that are introduced to the wa'a today", said Makali'i 'ohana and crew member Lehua AhSam as she cradled her one-year-old daughter Iti, reflecting on the words of Papa Mau who reminded us to start the keiki when they are young.

Senior Captain and Pwo Navigator Chadd 'Onohi Paishon put a challenge to the community to grow and preserve food to provision a crew of 14 voyagers for 30 days. "If we can provision our canoe for a long-distance voyage entirely from our own gardens and from our own communities, then we can provision and feed our families and communities with less reliance on imported goods," said Paishon. "Growing our own food and sharing with our 'ohana and neighbors will also elevate the health of our

communities and provide sustainable opportunities." He continues, "this will be the first voyage in modern times that has been provisioned entirely from food grown, harvested and prepared from our 'aina. If we are able to successfully provision our canoe from our island it says a lot about our community and if we aren't able to, it says a lot about our community. As we prepare to leave on our voyage, we have been successfully provisioned by our community, Eō Makali'i!"

The Makali'i is estimated to stop at Kaua'i on June 23 or 24, change out crew members, then make its way back to Kawaihae within a week, arriving around June 30 or July 3. As with all voyages, the timeline is dependent on the weather and will be adjusted accordingly. The safety of the crew and wa'a is of utmost importance.

For more information on Hanau-naola and to follow the voyage, please visit:

[www.nakalawai.org](http://www.nakalawai.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/nakalawai>.

For additional information, contact Keomailani Case at (808) 885-9500 or (808) 987-8709.

## The Modern Troubadour

What: Multi-faceted performance (music and storytelling)  
 Who: James McCarthy  
 When: Monday, July 8, at 6 p.m.  
 Where: North Kohala Public Library, 808-889-6655  
 Admission: Open to all, free admission

Storyteller James McCarthy has traveled the country in the tradition of the Modern Troubadour, learning stories and songs along the way. His performances blend vivid characters, audience participation and musical selections in a way that is uniquely his own.

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.

## Hula at the Library

What: Hula Performance  
 Who: Na Kupuna 'O Kohala  
 When: Monday, July 22, at 6 p.m.  
 Where: North Kohala Public Library, 54-3645 Akoni Pule Highway, 808-889-6655  
 Admission: Open to all, free admission

Under the direction of Kumu Kaui Nakamura, the halau of over 30 dancers recently won first place for their mixed (male and female) dance at the Kupuna Hula Festival in Keauhou. Many of their hulas express their love and devotion to local places in North Kohala. Come to the library and enjoy them, including dances about the beauty of Pololu, Honomaka'u and Paliakamoa.

In case of inclement weather, the performance will take place on July 29 at 6:00 pm.

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## Kohala Sports

### Local Boyz vs. Pu'uwai O'pio

On Saturday, June 8, Local Boyz defeated Pu'uwai Opio in both games of a double-header in the Kupuna Softball League.

They currently are in second place

in Division 3 with a record of 12-16. The regular season ends June 29, to be followed by the County Tournament in Hilo on July 10-11, and the State Tournament in Kona on August 6-8.



Photo by Marcus Douglas

Front row (left to right): G. Galan, Kublai, T. Matsuda  
 Back row (left to right) S. Maeda, J. Trump, G. Chilton, E. Kise, H. Carvalho, S. Nakamura, G. Tocatljan, J. Scancellia, K. Asai,  
 Missing: G. Ogasawara, B. Lincoln, B. Bruno, A. Murai

### Local Boyz Kapuna Softball Team Hosts Mixed Softball League

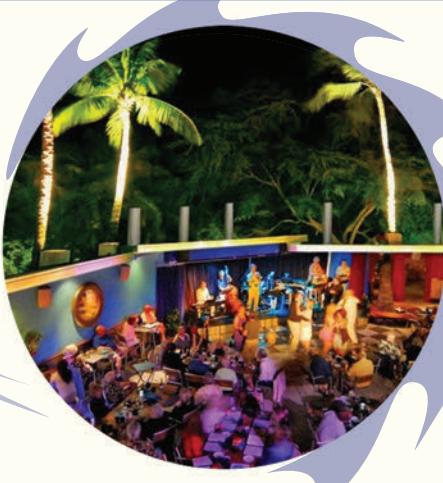
By Tom Morse

The lights at Takata Field at Kamehameha Park were damaged in a wind storm in February, 2014. In May, 2019 repairs by the County of Hawaii were completed. Local Boyz have resumed the night league that they ran for some years before the

damage.

Six local teams of men and women compete every Tuesday and Thursday night through July 25 (except on the 4th of July). Two games are played each night, one beginning at 6:00, and one at 7:30. Meals and drinks are available.

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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	TAI 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

### A Father's Love and Devotion Shapes Big Honors for Kohala

Terrence Alcoran is a very commonly known name in the northernmost regions of Kohala. Now, more than ever, his name is find-



*Photo by Christine Kise*  
Coach Terrence Alcoran holds the runner-up trophy for Kohala Girls Softball this season. He was recently selected Coach of the Year in the Hawaii High School Athletics Association.

ing its way to the eternal Halls of Fame Pride for the state. Alcoran was recently selected by his fellow coaches, among others, as Hawaii High School Athletics Association Coach of the Year. He officially received honors on Oahu on May 8.

When I spoke with Terrence about his award, the first impression I got was that he is a humble man, to say the least. I asked him who he would like to thank. He was speechless, as if there were just too many names to list, and then out of nowhere, he blurted out "my wife," then he followed with "my parents," then he wanted to thank "the vendors that raised all the resources the team needed to travel." However, most interestingly, he flashed back to the original question and said, "My father; he is really important to me. We still hang out; he is 74 now. My father was my mentor, he taught me everything about sports, community; he really helped me build my confidence and skills." I had to hold back my emotions, as his face lit up with great joy as he spoke and thought deeply of his childhood memories with his playing with his father. I quickly realized how important it is to spend time with the ones we love dearly.

Terrence especially wanted to thank his coaches, Glenn Roxburgh and B-Joe Victorino. As well, he

gives a big shout out to Mikayla Kekoa, the team's staggeringly powerful and poised pitcher. He could not stop thanking people, once I got him going, so I shortened his list of people a bit to include the players, all the fans, all the parents, and those powerful vendors who raised all that dough for travel: Sunshine True Value Hardware, Takata Store, L&L BBQ, The HUB, the entire community of Kohala who participated in car washes and plate lunch fundraisers, Kohala High School Athletic Department and the Hawaii Department of Education.

One more thing he really wanted me to get out there was that he could not have done any of his work with

the team without the help and support of Kohala High School's Ms. Tweeie and Laurie Koustik. Next year, Terrence looks forward to a young team with some powerful returning veteran leaders. He has spent a great amount of his life serving Kohala; he has spent his entire life here. It would not surprise me if, with all that love for his family, he will be taking some time to enjoy them more in the near future, or perhaps, he will enlist them all to keep to his service extending to more people than ever. Either way, Terrence, we all thank you and honor you for your excellent service and outstanding accomplishment as an awesome human being.

### Kamehameha Park Has New Basketball Hoops

Visitors to the expanding Roots skatepark might have already noticed the new basketball hoops at the outdoor Kamehameha Park courts. All basketball players are invited to get out there and shoot some hoops behind the main gym, just mauka of the newly renovated Kohala Golf Park. All six baskets, backboards and nets have been replaced.

### Dark Matter Illuminated

What: Astronomy Talk  
Who: Dr. Harald Ebeling  
When: Monday, July 1, at 6:00 p.m.  
Where: North Kohala Public Library, 54-3645 Akoni Pule Highway, 808-889-6655  
Admission: Open to all, free admission

The visible sky we see at night – composed of planets, stars and galaxies – represents only a tiny fraction of the matter in our Universe. The vast majority is dark and mysterious. Join astronomer Dr. Harald Ebeling for a fascinating presentation on dark matter.

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# Kohala Sports

## The Water is Warm: Kamehameha Pool Open for Summer Fun



Photos by Marcus Douglas

Health Aide Claire Gallinghouse (left) with Mike and Marianne Eaton of Hawi.

Kohala Pool is open for summer fun and swim lessons. For lessons, just sign up at the pool directly with Lisa or Spencer. It cost as little as

\$15 to get lessons for kids of most ages. Just today, my whole family enjoyed four hours of parenthood: teacher-less, summer bliss in the summer fun pool at Kamehameha Park.

One of the best parts of community pool is that everyone has access to its benefits. When asked why lifeguarding is a great experience Ashlynn Kaiamakini replied it's because she is "working with, and talking to, new people new day."

Spencer Coakley thinks it's "learning to swim; swim team; and working with all kinds of people, like people with physical disabilities. It's good for everyone to have public services, even lap swimmers like the pool."

A pool is a fun and safe community experience, and our pool is a good benefit for everyone in Kohala."

Locals like Mike and Marianne Eaton who live in Hawi use the

pool often. Mike Eaton is famous for a surfing book called "Design of His Own," which is about surfboard manufacturing.

Mike suffered a massive stroke and now uses the pool every day to rehabilitate his active body, spirit and mind. Mike's favorite thing is "the warm water."

The pool is just awesome. How lucky we are to live in an area where the taxpayers support these kinds of services for all their people. Then, add the amazing, caring and friendly lifeguards and community members.

Good thing that lifeguards are there to keep us safe. Thank you so much Lifeguards and Coaches Lisa, Spencer and Ashlynn for not only keeping out Kohala keiki safe, but also our sanity intact during the hot summer months when the pool is sometimes the best way to get the kids, or yourself, out and cooled off for the day.

## Chargers Upset Cowgirls at Home

Basketball is often referred to by its enthusiasts as "the sport of kings" and in Kohala it is by far, from what I am told by long-time locals, the King of Sports.

We see basketball being played all over town. Kamehameha Park even got six brand new basketball hoops for its outdoor courts in the back lot by the recently renovated (still in progress) skate park.

How lucky Kohala kids are to

have all this sport at their hands. Thank you to everyone who makes it possible, especially, the coaches and adults that volunteer and supervise all the kids while they learn, practice and play games.

These two teams are special in that they were one team that became large enough to form into two teams. This is where Kohala Elementary School teacher and mother of three, Alexandra Doug-

las, stepped in to fill the role for the Chargers's Girls team. The final score to the game was 20-16 Chargers. Coach Douglas, who hails from the famous semi-professional basketball coach Charlie Rosen.

When asked how her team got so aggressive and well played, Coach Douglas said that the Cowgirls' "Coach Reeve Cazimero helped her." She also wanted to

thank her assistant, Coach Greg Williams, who is always there for the girls, ready to help and guide them to success. After watching the whole game and seeing all the players, all the coaches, all the parents and all the kids celebrating as if everyone just won was inspiring to me.

Well, everyone did win, I guess. It was a great day for Kohala sports. Thanks for a great game.

### Outer Space

What: Hip Hop Performance (Beat Box and Rap)  
Who: Neil McIntyre (a.k.a. Mr. Kneel)  
When: Monday, July 9, at 2:30 p.m.  
Where: North Kohala Public Library, 54-3645 Akoni Pule Highway, 808-889-6655  
Admission: Open to families, free admission  
Take a trip to Outer Space with Mr. Kneel and explore the limits

of our collective sci-fi imaginations! Mr. Kneel is a hip-hop emcee, beatboxer and goofball. He creates inspired original hip-hop music that assists educators and parents in promoting children's social, emotional and cognitive development. 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.

### Astronomy on Mauna Kea

What: Astronomy Talk  
Who: Staff from the W. M. Keck Observatory  
When: Monday, July 15, at 6:00 p.m.  
Where: North Kohala Public Library, 54-3645 Akoni Pule Highway, 808-889-6655  
Admission: Open to all, free admission  
The North Kohala Public Library is happy to welcome staff from W. M. Keck Observatory on

July 15. Their presentation will give an overview of astronomy on Mauna Kea as well as some hands-on activities. Join us to learn more about this fascinating science and the research that goes on right here in Hawaii! 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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## Blue Dragon Tavern and Cosmic Musiquarium Opens This Summer

"It takes a fire to hatch a dragon." The previous Blue Dragon restaurant across from Kawaihae Harbor reopens this summer with a new name and enhanced vision: Blue Dragon Tavern and Cosmic Musiquarium will offer music, dancing and entertainment five nights weekly.

"We discovered that it takes a fire to hatch a dragon," shares co-owner Bennett Dorrance, in reference to the fire that destroyed the Kohala Village HUB PUB in mid-March. While it's estimated to be two years for the HUB PUB rebuild, INN bookings and classes, programs and rentals continue at the nearly six-acre Kohala Village HUB campus.

With plans for the Blue Dragon fast-tracked after the fire, Bennett and co-owner and spouse Delphina further strengthened their commitment to provide support for local farms, residents and island arts and musicians in affordable and eco-friendly ways.

Evening entertainment will include eclectic and varied island musicians such as Lorenzo's Army, Sweet Misery and Bottle of Blue. The Blue Dragon Musiquarium stage will also host intimate theatre performances and acts with visiting performers.

Produce, meats, seafood and other ingredients are purchased



Courtesy of The Blue Dragon

### The Blue Dragon staff

(Left to right): Bennett and Delphina Dorrance (co-owners of Blue Dragon Tavern and Cosmic Musiquarium), Chef Craig Sharp (restaurant supervisor at the Blue Dragon Tavern and Cosmic Musiquarium), Chef Carter Chu (food branch manager for Kohala Village HUB Co.) and Chris Scelza (director of operations for Kohala Village HUB Co.)

from island farms and fishing operations including Sunrise Farms, Kohala Organic, Sage Farms and Kohala Mountain Fish Company, a sustainably designed on-land tilapia farm also co-managed by Bennett Dorrance. In addition, the Blue Dragon has an earth-friendly approach, with ti leaf and compostable wares, specialized chemical-free steam cleaning and a men's urinal with zero water usage.

"We want to make our decisions with heart," shares Bennett, who is currently completing a graduate course in sustainability leadership. "For us, this means aligning with nature and land. We're guided by the principles of sustainability and

our vision is to support ongoing wellbeing for Kohala."

To this end, reasonable price points at the Blue Dragon will allow island residents to enjoy fresh meals. With five live music and performance events weekly, nightly Wednesday through Sunday, the venue is also designed to enhance connection to community.

"Evenings at The Dragon are absolutely magical," Delphina says. "The Dragon offers open-air dancing underneath a canopy of stars. We'll also have a stage, a bar with scratch-crafted cocktails and regular happy hours."

Lead chefs for the Blue Dragon are Craig Sharp and Food Branch

Manager Carter Chu. Chef Craig, who joined the Blue Dragon after working at Kukio, has a background in healthy fermentations from krauts to brews.

Chef Carter was executive chef at the original Kohala Village Restaurant (Luke's). He recently returned to this same locale to become head chef at the Kohala Village HUB PUB prior to the fire. Chef Carter now serves as food branch manager for Kohala Village HUB Co. He is well known for his Pacific Rim creativity and freshly baked pies; banana cream, apple and lemon meringue will be served.

The Blue Dragon will also offer breakfast items including grab-n-go burritos with fresh island coffee.

"The Blue Dragon will be a convenient morning stop for paddlers, surfers and residents working along the coast. Our chefs have three types of sit-in or takeaway breakfast burritos and other freshly prepared items for our Dragon Grab-n-Go menu," says Chris Scelza, director of operations for Kohala Village HUB Co.

Opening date is not yet scheduled as of press time. You're invited to follow The Dragon on Facebook at FB.com/BlueDragonHawaii. A full entertainment calendar with newsletter sign-up link will be available at the Blue Dragon's new website, set to be live the first week of August.

## Tips on Flying Southwest Airlines to Honolulu

By Tom Morse

I recently flew on Southwest Airlines from Kona to Honolulu on the new route that opened in May. The roundtrip cost was \$72, versus what would have been \$185 on Hawaiian Airlines.

Having flown Hawaiian many times before Southwest entered the market, I had paid up to \$325 to Hawaiian for the same trip, so their fares have come down since Southwest entered the market.

You can book a flight on Southwest only on their website, versus Hawaiian, which can be booked on their website or through sites like Expedia or Orbitz.

The check-in for Southwest in Kona is at the far right, that is, right after the U-turn after passing the

Fees	Southwest	Hawaiian
Change your flight	No charge	\$30 each way
Reserve a specific seat	\$15 each way	No charge
Bags	No charge for 2 bags	\$25 first, \$35 second

parking lot.

If you don't want to pay the fee to secure an assigned seat on Southwest, you can choose your own seat after boarding the plane. Boarding priority is shown on your boarding pass, and goes in this order: A1-30, A31-60, B1-30, B31-60. You are asked at the gate to queue-up in these groups, and to quiz the others in line in your group to get see their boarding pass, so that you all wind

up in numerical order. Didn't see anyone doing this. The line in each section will have 30 people in total, just approximate your position. The gate agent does not check to see that you in exactly the right order. Southwest flies the Boeing 737-800 with 175 seats. (No, not the troubled 737-800 MAX).

Southwest assigns the groups in the order of on-line check-in, which begins exactly twenty-four hours

prior to departure. Unless you are flying with small children, I don't think it matters all that much where you sit on a thirty-minute flight.

I found the comfort, service, and size of plane on Southwest about the same as on Hawaiian.

### Flying Out

The biggest adjustment was when I reached the Honolulu Airport. Hawaiian arrives at Terminal 1. Southwest arrives at Terminal 2, or the International Terminal. On Southwest you will have to pass through agricultural screening in Kona. No fruit is allowed, even though you are only flying inter-island, as you are landing at the International Terminal.

Terminal 2 is about four times

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DATE	DAY	START	END	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	VENUE	PHONE
7/1	MON	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	CHESS CLUB	THE CHESS CLUB WILL TAKE PLACE INSIDE THE LIBRARY THIS MONTH	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
7/1	MON	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	GROWTH MANAGEMENT GROUP	MEETING	BANK OF HAWAII BUILDING	854 4888
7/1	MON	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	DARK MATTER ILLUMINATED	DR. HARALD EBELING ON EVIDENCE FOR THE EXISTENCE OF DARK MATTER	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
7/2	TUE	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	STARS BY DAY	SUMMER READING PROGRAM ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
7/3	WED	4:00 PM		KOHALA COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP	MEETING: EMAIL: IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM	SENIOR CENTER	
7/3	WED	4:30 PM		NKAG MEETING		OLD COURTHOUSE	889-0404
7/3	WED	5:30 PM	7:30 PM	PLAY WITH CLAY		CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404
7/5	FRI	6:00 PM		SENIOR CLUB	MOVIE NIGHT - ALL SENIORS WELCOME	KOHALA CIVIC CENTER	895-2094
7/6	SAT	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	RMD TAIKO - LION DOG WORKSHOP	SIGN-UP IS REQUIRED IN ADVANCE - LIMITED SPACE	HAWI JODO MISSION HAL	895-2025
7/6	SAT	5:00 PM		OBON SERVICES AND BON DANCE	5PM - GRAVEYARD SERVICE (KEOKEA CEMETERY) 6PM - OBON SERVICE & BON DANCE	KOHALA HONGWANJI	987-1791
7/8	MON	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	NORTH KOHALA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP	SUPPORTED BY N. HAWAII COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL	KINGS VIEW CAFE	989-4894
7/8	MON	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	THE MODERN TROUBADOUR	JOIN JAMES MCCARTHY FOR TALES, WONDER AND SONGS.	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
7/9	TUE	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP	FRIENDLY DISCUSSIONS ABOUT BOOKS!	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
7/9	TUE	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	OUTER SPACE	BEAT-BOX WORKSHOP WITH MR. KNEEL	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
7/9	TUE	6:00 PM		HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED	6PM POTLUCK, 7PM PRESENTATION. FOR EVERYONE INTERESTED IN GOOD FOOD, NOT JUST FARMERS	THE HUB	KOHALA.HFUU@GMAIL.COM
7/10	WED	5:30 PM	7:30 PM	WINE ON THE WHEEL		CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404
7/11	THU	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	SPACE GAME DAY	SUMMER READING PROGRAM ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
7/11	THU	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	KOHALA ECSTATIC DANCE JAM	FEATURING AN ECLECTIC ROTATION OF DEEJAYS	HUB BARN	889-0404
7/13	SAT	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	KOHALA ARTISTS' CO-OP COMMUNITY SWAP MEET	SET A TABLE AND SELL, SWAP OR TRADE GOODS	ARTISTS' CO-OP	430-3131
7/15	MON	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	ASTRONOMY TALK	THIS PRESENTATION BY STAFF FROM THE W. M. KECK OBSERVATORY	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
7/16	TUE	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	WRITERS' GROUP	CULTIVATE YOUR CREATIVE SIDE BY JOINING OUR WRITERS' GROUP!	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
7/17	WED	5:30 PM	7:30 PM	DATE NIGHT		CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404
7/20	SAT	4:30 PM	6:30 PM	FREE GRINDZ HOT MEAL	KOHALA BAPTIST CHURCH	BANYAN TREE	889-5416
7/22	MON	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	NA KUPUNA O KOHALA	COME TO THE LIBRARY AND ENJOY SEVERAL HULA PERFORMANCES,	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
7/24	WED	5:00 PM		PARKS, WATER & ROADS GROUP	MONTHLY MEETING	OLD COURTHOUSE	889-6238
7/25	THU	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	PRAYERS AROUND THE PEACE POLE	ALL ARE WELCOME, REGARDLESS OF RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION	ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH	895-5753
7/27	SAT	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	THRIFT SHOP	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	NEXT TO WALKER HALL	889-5390
7/27	SAT	11:00 AM	12:20 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
7/27	SAT	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	KOHALA ARTISTS' CO-OP ART PARTY	GALLERY SHOWCASE, THEATER PERFORMANCE, VENDORS, LOCAL MUSICIANS	ARTISTS' CO-OP	960-3597
7/30	TUE	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	BELLY DANCING		HUB BARN	889-0404
7/31	WED	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	RESTORATIVE YOGA THERAPY CLASS	WITH CARLA ORELLANA, CERTIFIED YOGA THERAPIST, BY DONATION	THE HUB	889-0404
7/31	WED	5:30 PM	7:30 PM	PLAY WITH CLAY		CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404
7/31	WED	5:45 PM	7:00 PM	TAI CHI		HUB HALE	889-0404



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 July service  
 Obon Festival - Saturday, July 6  
 5:00 pm Graveyard Service (Keokea Cemetery)  
 6:00 pm Temple Service and Hatsubon Bon Dance to follow Service, Dharma School concession  
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the size of Terminal 1. Southwest uses Gates G7-G10, located to the very far left end of Terminal 2, I'd say about a mile from the far right. This brand-new section opened in February 2019. To avoid a lot of walking, consider this:

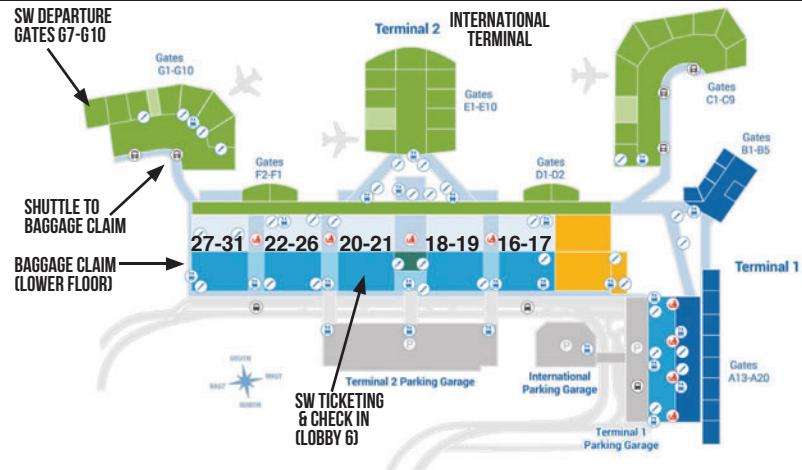
After deboarding from your G gate on the upper level, take the escalator down to the ground level and board the free Wiki-Wiki Shuttle Bus to get to the baggage claim area located on the lower level.

Hopefully, there will be an announcement at the end of your flight to let you know which baggage claim carousel to go to. Use the adjacent map to estimate where to get off the bus. Of course, you can also take a long walk to baggage claim.

**Flying Back**

I told my driver that I was flying on Southwest. After passing Terminal 1, he dropped me off at the first curbside sign that said Southwest. Big mistake. I was at the lobby furthest away from the G departure gate. My boarding pass didn't list a departure gate. After clearing security, I looked at the monitor for departures to find my gate number. My flight wasn't listed. At the information booth nearby, the attendant gave me a number to call on the phone on the desk. They were able to give me my G gate number, and I began the long walk.

I have since learned what I should have done is have the driver continue on until we were about two-thirds of the way down Terminal 2. Southwest check-in is at Lobby 6 (see adjacent map). Live and learn.



Southwest Airlines now provides inter-island flights between Kona and Honolulu. The airline uses the international rather than domestic terminal, which creates several important things for inter-island travelers to consider.

**Congratulations Teens X2 Social Graduates and Hoapili Keawe Art Show - A Success**

Story and photos by April Lee

I've so enjoyed the teens that are learning and creating together, plus sharing at the weekly Teens X2 Social get-togethers every Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the supportive Kohala Artists Cooperative (across from the Kapa'au Post Office). On Thursday, May 30, four of them graduated from eighth grade. We couldn't be prouder of Haley Hawkins, Kalialani R., Monica Oliveros and Sabrina Prentice! We send them off to high school with the love embodied in the flower lei that graced their necks.

Two other teens that have flourished at the Artists Coop are Hoapili and Shelly Keawe. On Hoapili's birthday, May 22, she had her first art show with multi-media creations. Her best birthday present was the gathering who came to celebrate with her, including her mentor at the Coop, Catherine Morgan. She sold a beautiful charcoal portrait of Anna Flint, one of the originators of the Coop, who has worked closely with her sister for a couple of years. Shelly is an outstanding photographer, as well as an excellent dancer. She entertained the many attendees with hip-hop and Latin-style dancing, getting many youths to join her on stage. Hoapili and Shelly's 'ohana, John and Hope Keawe, were delighted to see this warm Kohala welcome for their talented artist daughters.

When the teens were asked to express their feelings about their eighth-grade teachers, Monica Oliveros said, "Ms. Preston was one of the best, most caring teachers I have ever had. She was kind, compassionate and never doubted us. Our Aloha homeroom was like a second family to me because of Ms. Preston. She was like a motherly figure to us in school and would always have our backs, genuinely caring for us when no one else would. She would give you the best feedback. She was absolutely amazing and the only teacher I have ever become close with. Her moral support throughout my middle school years, her morning greetings and goodbyes, is what kept me going those three years. Thank you so much, Ms. Preston, for everything."



Monica Oliveros and Haley Hawkins at eighth grade graduation ceremony on May 30, 2019.



John Keawe and granddaughter Hoapili at her B-Day Art Opening.



Sabrina Prentice and Kalialani R. celebrate their graduation from Kohala Middle School.

**THE COQUI CORNER**

Volunteers and eradicating crews have been out working hard. The warm, humid weather is always a challenge. Eradications have been ongoing at the Transfer Station, Union Mill, Pratt Road, Kaauhuhu Homestead gulches, the rambutan orchard, and around the border of Kohala Nursery.

Mahalo to the new people that have come out to join the fight. Neighborhood crews are being established.

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## Future Farmers Take Lessons From The Land: Kahua Pa`a Mua (Building a Strong Foundation)

Papa Dave (David Fuertes) started the morning off at Korean Natural Food Farms on Hoesa Road by asking the school group, "What three types of people there are?" It was a rhetorical question. He answered, "People who make things happen, people who watch things happen, and people who don't know what's happening."

After spending the day with Papa Dave, I can tell you he has probably been all three of those people in his life. My favorite story was about how he learned about pig farming during his tour in the U.S. Army. Papa Dave said he would bring German pork farmers American whiskey to let him, yes, I said let him, work in their pig farms so he could watch, do, and learn from the German pork farmers. Believe it or not, my mother was born and raised in the small German Town of Schwetzingen, where Papa Dave learned to farm that pork we all love so much. How cool is Kohala that I can find Papa Dave has a connection to my soul-of-souls, my homeland, and we never even meet before? To this day he still raises pigs and chickens on his farm and teaches Kohala kids how to make a pretty penny doing the same exact thing he learned.

Well, he started off the day with a hearty "Aloha, good morning, welcome. Today we are going to learn about self-development and how that focuses on one knowing



Photo by Marcus Douglas  
Leslie Nugent gets student Samson Sores and to dig and mix vigorously in the wheelbarrow in order to scale up the indigenous microorganisms (IMO) culture. Local macadamia nuts from Kohala's very own Island Harvest Farms are worked into the mix as food for the IMO mix.

one's own origin, values, purpose, and destiny." These are the important things Uncle David spoke about when we gathered in a group at the farm on a warm, sunny school morning with an excited bunch of eager young Future Farmers of America.

Papa Dave believes in many things, but most of all I gather he believes in kids and their ability to change the world. I can see this in all the people that work with him on his farm as well. The farm teacher leader at Kahu Pa`a Mua is Leslie Nugent.

She works with the farm staff and the kids to create sustainable natural farming practice in Kohala that aim to reverse the damage done to soils during the sugar cane farm days of Kohala, when soils were severely depleted of nutrients from massive cane field operations.

Leslie's team of farm scientists use Master Cho's Indigenous Natural Korean Farming Techniques to inoculate the soil with a super dose of its own ecosystem naturally occurring microorganisms. In a nutshell,

(no pun intended, as Island Harvest's discarded nuts are used in this process as well) farm scientists like Kohala High School graduate Jamile Ventura go out to a damp dark area in the forest with wooden box of cooked rice, with slits open on the bottom of the box. They place the box on the ground and fungus and bacteria from the natural Kohala forest floor soil grow into the rice because they love to eat all that pure simple sugar in cooked rice. Once the box is filled with inoculated rice, Leslie's team takes the box and adds to it a growth mixture in a more controlled lab environment, like the stables. The IMO-1 (Indigenous Microorganisms) is now in a jar of sugar and other nutrients that help it stabilize and develop until it's ready to scale up into a larger IMO-2. That gets scaled up to IMO-3, and by IMO-4 you have the best farm fertilizer a Kohala garden could ever get. The IMO-4 is basically a billion times a billion of the original microorganisms in the IMO-1 box that came from the Kohala natural forests. Now, all those microorganisms that have been breaking down and feeding soil nutrients to plants roots for last 250,000 years or more are concentrated and redistributed into the crop rows at the farm; then plants are added. The net result is that no additional fertilizer is needed and the plants still grow and

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produce food very well.

Papa Dave used to be a fertilizer farmer until he saw firsthand the power of natural farming for the environment, not mention that what we put on and in our food goes into our bodies, chemical fertilizers and pesticides included. Papa Dave has come so far in his journey to empower youth and the Kahua Pa`a Mua Farm shows all that. Papa Dave was even sure to make sure the whole group experienced firsthand

and opu the amazing flavors and nutrition of his healing farm food by preparing us a huge feast of his veggies, pork and chicken.

Kids can work on the farm and learn firsthand about how to become a Natural Farmer. Just call (808) 896-0566 and ask about the class on Saturdays for Korean Natural Farming. The Future Farmers of America (FFA) is always looking to empower young farm scientist in developing the next generation farming techniques that may someday feed the

entire globe sustainably.

In fact, Kohala is famous for empowering and inspiring past and present FFA members. Your kids and you can learn all about how to grow healthy sustainable crops, raise livestock and maintain the farm grounds integrity. Also, there is an amazing amount of real-world, in-depth science to learn. Kohala High School instructors like Loa Patau, Jason Ontiveros, Dean Snelling, Julia Meurice, Dash Kuhr and Marcus Douglas take the farm learn-

ing to the lab with microscopes, Petri dishes, genetic technology, agricultural labs and much more to get the kids understanding what's happening in the soil ecosystem. Kids also learn to compete with each other by testing their ideas and presenting their results for review to others.

Student Wesley Vorhausen said that it was "cool to see a farm" and "I hope to do farming like this when I grow up, in Hawaii." It's good to hear that we will have as a Future Farmer grown right here in North Kohala.

**"Artists in the Schools" Stimulates Creativity**

Story and photo by Rose Mae Watterson

For 2 weeks, the Artists in the Schools program's Bonnie Kim worked with Kohala Elementary third grade students to help them describe and interpret the sculpture on campus, "United We Grow," by artist Sean Browne. After exploration and interpretation of the sculpture, students worked in small groups to brainstorm and create

their own group story. As a culminating activity, the students created a toy theater puppet stage, puppets, sets and props to tell their group story.

The Artist in the Schools program is sponsored by the North Kohala Student Cultural Enrichment Program and the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.



Na'i Rivera, Evin Bumanglag and Aiden Padilla present "Poi Theft" with Bonnie Kim as classmates raise their hands to critique the play.

**Taiko Lion Dog Workshop Coming Soon**



Photo by Lisa Andrews

Meet Kahukoa (Brave Protector), Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Kohala-Waimea's new lion dog. He will be coming to Kohala on June 24, 2019! Sign up for the free Okinawan-style lion dog workshop on July 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with Kathy by calling her at 808-895-2025. All interested must sign up in advance to reserve one of the limited spots. Six years old to adults welcome.

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# Lele o Kohala me he lupe lā! (Kohala soars as a kite!)

Did we ever!! Once again, the annual Lei Draping Ceremony, the Kamehameha Day Floral Parade, and the Ho'olaule'a at Kamehameha Park drew multitudes to this sleepy town to bear witness and honor our King. This year's celebration theme was "Kukulu Kahua e Mālama Mai Kākou Ka 'Āina", which translates as "Establishing our Foundation and Taking Care of the Land". Mahalo Auli'i Mitchell for helping with this theme as we honored the men and women who work and "play" tirelessly on eradicating invasives.

As with many annual community events, funding is always a challenge. This year, the Kamehameha Day Committee was granted funds from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority's Community Enrichment Program. Mahalo hou to Leslie Nugent, Michelle Kawai and 'Ekela Kahuanui for taking on yet another task and securing this grant! AND for pushing this yearly event into the realm of Z E R O waste, which supports community sustainability. Following is a list of people and entities that gave willingly of their time, energy, love, light and funds.

## MAHALO!

- King Kamehameha Celebration Commission • Sharon Hayden, Don & Dede Fernandez, Cheryl Cabrera, Uncle Harry Cabrera, and Ha'aheo Neves for maintaining the Statue and ensuring that our King looks his best • Beth Robinson, Alyssa and Ackerman Gallery, Kohala Zipline, Elements Jewelry & Crafts, Ayako Imai, and Mary Rose Nakahara for your generous monetary donations • Butchy Lincoln, Deborah and John Winter, along with Sustainable Kohala for ensuring that the waste is cared for properly • Kohala Coffee Mill, Michael and Rita Maria 'ohana, Kawai-Masalosalo 'ohana, and Minnie's for the electricity and use of space for our roadside M/C stations • Christine Richardson and the North Kohala Community Resource Center for allowing us to use of the office to dress our princesses and as a starting point for the parade • Delphina and Bennett Dorrance for the use of facilities at the Kohala Village HUB for committee meetings and staging of the floats • Deborah Imonti of the Kamehameha Park Golf Course for allowing our participants to park their trucks and horse trailers • Shari Tohara, Judy Itzig, and the Hapuna at the Mauna Kea for laundering our pā'ū
- Na Kupuna O Kohala for decorating the stage at the Ho'olaule'a and for the free water • National Guard and Kohala Veterans for their assistance with parking and security • Roving Marshals for maintaining a safe and fun parade • Our wordsmith Randee Golden for always volunteering to write our articles • Our event masters of ceremony – Lorna Lim, Darde Gamayo, Tita Alcoran, Hinano Solomon, Kamaka Wakita, Melissa Samura, Ginger Bertelmann, Mila Polevia and Ginger Gohier.... mahalo for keeping the flow and the peoples in the know! • Show Systems Hawaii Inc. & Fig's Mix Plate for donating your wares • Len Winkler for the live streaming • Guy Nakamura for taking care of all the signage needed for road closures.
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Last of all, we mahalo our volunteer Committee Members

Kau'i Nakamura, Michelle Kawai, Shay Van Zandt, Lachelle Crabbe, Ha'aheo Neves, Amoo Ching Kainoa, Miu Lan Pa'alua, Nani Okubo, Lokelani Hooton, 'Ekela Kahuanui, Clyson Marquez and Nani Tolentino for your tireless efforts in keeping this event alive.

### And to ALL of our Participants, Volunteers and Supporters, mahalo nunui!

With appreciation from the Kamehameha Day Committee



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