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About Kohala, For Kohala

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## Kohala Country Fair Is Back!



**LĒ'I O KOHALA I KA NUKU NĀ KĀNAKA  
(A GREAT POPULATION HAS KOHALA)**

*Credit: Kohala Country Fair Committee*

It's happening again! The Kohala Country Fair, last organized in 2014, will be held once again on Saturday, October 19. This community event will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Kohala Village HUB Field, located behind the HUB's parking lot.

Held each fall for many years (2014 was the 30th), Kohala's Country Fair was so popular that it attracted people from around the island. For years it was located in the center of Hawi, where entertainment was presented under the banyan tree, abundant craft booths filled the field, food vendors offered a wide variety for lunch and activities kept the children busy. Art contests, including a lua/outhouse decorating competition, added to the festive experience.

Some energetic Kohala residents wanted to see this happen again. Mahalo! The theme for this

year's event is "Le'I O Kohala I Ka Nuku Nā Kānaka," which means "A Great Population Has Kohala." This 'olelo, or poetic saying, shares that this district was known for its productive people and abundant lands.

The volunteer organizers want to offer a chance for the people of Kohala to share "the fruits of their labor" once again.

A full day is being planned, with entertainment, food booths, crafts, education, games, contests, prizes, and a keiki zone to keep the children active and learning. Details will be forthcoming on the Kohala Country Fair Facebook page.

For information and applications to participate, please contact Michelle at 808-889-0404, extension 104, or Traci Figueroa at 808-315-3430.

Contributions from all willing to help sponsor this event are also appreciated.

## Mahukona Pavilion to be Replaced



*Photos by Toni Withington*

Structural damage to the Mahukona Beach Park Pavilion caused the Department of Parks and Recreation to close the building in March. Plans are to re-build it on the same footprint.



*Rot in supporting structural beams makes Mahukona pavilion unsafe for use.*

*By Toni Withington*

The pavilion at Mahukona Beach Park, which was condemned and boarded up in March, will be torn down and replaced by a new pavilion similar to the old. Deputy Director Maurice Messina of the County Department of Parks and Recreation said the work of removal and construction would be done within the department's resources.

"We will replace exactly what's there," he said, in reference to the

space and restrooms. The department has the approximately \$100,000 needed to tear down the building and prepare for the new one. The department planners are designing the new structure.

Messina said they are working with Councilman Tim Richards to locate the funding for the new construction.

"Currently we have no funding available, but improvements

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## Kohala Adventure Series

### Continues

Kohala offers a wide variety of activities to delight those with a penchant for adventure.

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**Touring the Kohala Backcountry by ATV**

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## Aloha, Slyde Hyde

By Christine Richardson

On July 15, 2019, a great friend and resident of Kohala passed away in Honolulu with his beloved wife, Yolee, and son, Josh, at his side. Born on the 4th of July in 1936, Richard "Slyde" Hyde and his wife lived in Kohala for the past 22 years. They moved here in 1997, after retiring from full-time recording and performing in Los Angeles.

Slyde had played music (trombone, tuba, euphonium) since he was in high school in Bluffton, Indiana. He played in the school band and had his own band as well after school. He played football in a small high school and often went out on the field at halftime to play with the school band – in his sports uniform! in 1954, Slyde went on to join the Navy and found himself in Washington D.C. at the Navy School of Music. While in the Navy, he was stationed in Honolulu and every Sunday night he played at the Moana Hotel with Gabe Baltizar and Ken Alfredd and the Dixie Cats. Upon discharge he headed to Los Angeles, looking to kick-start his career in music at Los Angeles City College.

Slyde played with Count Basie, Frank Sinatra, Stan Kenton, the Beach Boys, Madonna, Steely Dan, Tony Bennett, multiple Motown artists and many more well-known recording artists. He was a member of the famous studio musicians group "The Wrecking Crew," which provided the music for countless hit recordings over a span of 25 years. In fact, Slyde was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland in 2004 as a member of the Wrecking Crew, as well as the Musicians Hall of Fame in Nashville in 1986. He also won the NARAS Grammy Award seven times for MVP (most valuable player), as voted by his peers in the industry.

"I had a marvelous career," remarks Slyde. "I was in the right place at the right time. The business is about 30 percent talent and the rest is sheer luck – getting to know people and getting along with artists. I was really, really

lucky."

In 1973, Slyde met and married the love of his life, Yolanda. "Yolee," an accomplished jazz and rock and roll singer in her own right, was the anchor in his life. They have a son and daughter and multiple grandchildren who live on the mainland. They often played and sang with the Olliephonics at the Blue Dragon in Kawaihae and continued to perform throughout the island – and even sometimes on Oahu.

When he turned 79 he told me, "I feel 59." His youthful and positive spirit was contagious. You couldn't spend time with him without smiling and laughing as he regaled you with tales of the music industry and "backstage" stories. He battled three bouts of cancer since 1991, starting with lung cancer, and each time he came out of treatment smiling and grateful for the life he was given and the care he received.

A favorite anecdote often told is when he first moved to Hawaii Island and he and Yolee were living in Puako. It was the day of the Ironman race and he decided to go up to the highway and serenade the bicyclists. Can you imagine the surprise on those racers' faces when they heard the sweet melodies of Slyde's music encouraging them on? This was typical of this joyful, kind man who gave thanks every day for his love of music and his life. We were blessed to have Slyde Hyde in our community. I often bumped into Slyde when we were walking in the park in the morning. He always greeted me with a "Hi, baby!" and an update on his music, his health and the latest news with Yolee and the kids.

Do you remember the first euphonium notes to the famous song "What the World Needs Now" (is love, sweet love...) sung by Dusty Springfield? Slyde was the musician who played those notes. He lived those words and always emanated joy and a true love of life. His music will always shine down on us.

Mahalo, Slyde and keep playing!



Credit: Yolee Hyde

Richard "Slyde" Hyde passed away on July 15, 2019.

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to Mahukona Park have been on the Capital Improvement Plan, the County's wish list for new construction, for many years," said Messina.

Councilman Richards has told several Kohala community groups that he has tentatively located \$1.9 million for the construction. "I can't say for sure, but I believe we have found a source for construction of the pavilion," he said at an interview on Kohala Radio, KNKR, this month.

By undertaking replacement of the pavilion "in house," the department would avoid expensive and time-consuming planning and design costs. However, the project would not include bringing potable water to the park.

"The pavilion replacement and fixing the water system are

two separate issues, and we will be looking for solutions to both," Richards said.

Even though the parks department is "over busy" with projects in other districts right now, Richards and he will be pushing to get the work done as soon as possible, Messina said.

The Parks, Water, Road Group of the North Kohala Community Development Plan undertook a volunteer semi-restoration of the long-unusable restrooms, fixed some floorboards and repainted the pavilion five years ago.

When inspected in March, the 70-year-old structure was found to have collapsing ceiling panels and foundation posts. The department boarded it up to prevent injury but has continued to issue camping permits for the park. Signs say the water from the few faucets is not safe for drinking.

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# Hawaii's First Traditional Tattoo Festival to be Held in Kohala

Free Community Events Will Showcase Traditional Tattoo Rituals from Pacific & Arctic Cultures Oct. 25-28



Source: Traditional Tattoo Festival

Hawaii's first Traditional Tattoo Festival will be held in the district of Kohala Oct. 25-Oct. 28. The four-day event features demonstrations by master indigenous tattoo artists from Pacific and Arctic cultures, a free opening evening of celebration, a free all-day cultural fair with traditional arts demonstrations, music, food alongside an admission-free tattoo documentaries film festival, and a ticketed two day conference designed for traditional tattoo enthusiasts and practitioners alike.

Sponsored by Kohala Institute and supported by grants from Hawaii Tourism Authority Community Enrichment Program and



Source: Keoni Nunes

Keoni Nunes has been pivotal in reintroducing the art of the traditional Hawaiian tattoo, called kakau or tatau, to Hawaii.

Hawai'i Council for the Humanities, the Traditional Tattoo Festival is a celebration of indigenous arts, vision and cultural resilience. The Festival, with its diverse panel of international master artists, highlights ancient arts traditions shared by indigenous communities worldwide.

Master practitioners and master artists include Keone

Nunes of Hawaii, Lane Wilcken of the Philippines, Holly Nordlum of Alaska, Cudjuy Patridjes of Taiwan and Sarah Whalen Lunn of Alaska. Lars Krutak, tattoo anthropologist who hosted "Tattoo Hunter" documentary series on the Discovery channel, will share his experience of travelling the world to research and experience varied art forms of

body modification.

Nunes, of Wai'anae, O`ahu, has been pivotal in reintroducing the art of the traditional Hawaiian tattoo, called kakau or tatau. His approach to this traditional practice is that of the sacred, one of spirit and transformation.

"Kakau gives mana [spiritual power] to a person. The tools [I use] are conduits and the experience is connected to the ancestors," Nunes shares. "This gathering is extension of spirit. All who join us will be able to receive mana and transform."

The Traditional Tattoo Festival begins with an opening celebration at 6 p.m. Friday, October 25, at the Blue Dragon Tavern & Cosmic Musiquarium across from Kawaihae Harbor. Guests will enjoy live music and local food with the opportunity to meet the festival's invited master tattoo artists.

On Saturday, October 26, a free local fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kohala Village HUB in Hawi will feature traditional tattoo demonstrations, arts workshops, food trucks, dancing with live music and a film festival of tattoo documentaries from throughout the world. Designed for the entire ohana, this fair will also showcase kapa, lauhala and wood carving

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demonstrations.

A two-day Traditional Tattoo Festival symposium will be held Sunday-Monday, October 27-28, at the GRACE Center, Kohala Institute, Kapa`au. Master practitioners will lead live demos and share techniques as well as their mana`o during talks that will include time for questions and discussion. The symposium will also offer storytelling, fireside `awa ritual and locally-sourced meals.

Cost of the full conference package, including opening night ceremony, meals, a tote, temporary tattoos and two days conference entrance, is \$275 before September 15, \$375 thereafter. Overnight accommodations are additional and available on site at the GRACE Center as well as through nearby locales including the Kohala Village INN, Hawi.

A conference day rate is also available: \$30 per day or \$50 for both days (without meals, symposium registration, tote and overnight accommodation).

The Traditional Tattoo Festival is a long-held vision and dream of Joël Tan, event organizer and manager of the GRACE Center at Kohala Institute.

"The festival focuses on inclusivity. We hope to dissolve colonial divisions and reaffirm interrelatedness between indig-

enous peoples," Tan says. "Given generations of oppression and cultural suppression across indigenous cultures, we now have a significant need to preserve and share traditional and ancient knowledge."

Nunes affirms Tan's thoughts. "This is history. We now live during a time when Hawaiian people and those of indigenous cultures will experience a renaissance of culture and life, the emergence of even greater spirit," Nunes shares. "The time has arrived for every person to flow within the currents of wisdom and spirit."

For registration and a detailed schedule of events, visit [www.TraditionalTattooFestivalHI.com](http://www.TraditionalTattooFestivalHI.com) or phone 808.889.5151.

About Kohala Institute, a 501(c)(3) organization: The mission of Kohala Institute is to inspire the discovery and deepening of human connection through collaboration on behalf of a sustainable world. We nurture connection with land, universal values and aloha.

Kohala Institute is an immersive environment within the 'ole ahupua'a. Its GRACE Center campus, with several gathering rooms and 80-person lodging, provides a powerfully neutral setting for intercultural exchanges between masters, students and enthusiasts.

**Reunion Committee Seeks Volunteers**

The 2020 North Kohala Reunion will be held next summer on July 3, 4 and 5 at Kamehameha Park.

Once again, it will welcome all those who love Kohala back from throughout the Hawaiian Islands, the mainland and, of course, here at home. The theme of the 2020 Reunion is "Kohala 'Aina Ha'aheo," meaning "Kohala, Land of the Proud."

The reunions began in 2000 and are held every five years. The three days are filled with entertainment, food and craft vendors, exhibits, special tours and much more.

The event, which attracts more than 1,000 people, takes almost a year to plan and many volunteers are needed to bring it all together. Right now, the Reunion Committee is looking for volunteers to design and maintain the Reunion Website and Facebook page and to produce the Reunion Program Book.

The committee is also looking for a design for the 2020 t-shirt that is based on the theme.

If you are interested in being part of this wonderful event, please contact the chairperson, Kathy Matsuda, at 808-895-2025.

The committee will be mailing registration and t-shirt order forms in January to all mailboxes at the Kapa`au Post Office, the Hawi Post Office, Paradise Postal Service, and everyone who is on the mailing list from past reunions. If you have a family member you would like to put on the mailing list, please contact Kathy.

The committee also sponsors a gathering on Oahu in February to promote the reunion. Information on the date and place of the gathering will be included with the registration packet.

The North Kohala Reunion 2020 is a sponsored project of NKCRC.

**'Ōlelo Hawai'i for 'Aukake (August)**

By Jesse Lucas

**Laulima**

Laulima means cooperation and/or working together. Lau-lima is the combination of two words: lau and lima. Lau means many and lima means hands. The

essence of laulima can be found in 'ōlelo no'eau (Hawaiian proverb) #323, "E kua hui like i ka hana," (Let everybody pitch in and work together).

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## Letters

### From the Editor



Source: File

Maureen Garry

Aloha Kohala,  
Summer is nigh, but there have been no doldrums in Kohala. From efforts to eradicate little fire ants to protecting coastal lands from over-development to bringing back the Kohala Country Fair, commu-

nity members continue to pour energy into making and keeping Kohala the place they love to call home.

I always encourage voices from all corners of Kohala to find a place in the paper, whether via an article, a photo, a viewpoint or a letter. The more diverse the contributions, the more appreciation we have for the variety of activities happening in our town.

Would you like your voice to be heard? It's simple to contribute content, and we only have a few requirements that content must meet before you can find yourself in print. I'd like to highlight a couple of those requirements here to help guide you in drafting your potential submission.

First, our mission is to unite the community via better communication. We do our best to stay away from language that can cause division and breed negativity. We encourage tact

and sticking to the facts when approaching potentially sensitive issues.

Second, and in support of our vision of unification, all Letters to the Editor must be signed, with contact information provided. Anonymous, unsigned letters in envelopes with no return address will not be printed. Equally, if a group sends a letter, we must have at least one person's name who will represent the group.

Finally, if you have any hesitation to send in your content because you're not certain of how to write for the paper, there's no need to hold back. I am happy to assist in formatting and re-wording submissions to help you get your message across clearly and with proper grammar and punctuation.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,  
Maureen Garry  
Managing Editor

## Shout Out to the Adopt-A-Highway Participants

Have you noticed how clean our highways look lately? Well, much of the credit goes to the Adopt-A-Highway program, implemented as a public service venue for volunteers to pick up litter along our highways.

This program helps keep our roadsides, as well as our ocean, cleaner.

Adopt-A-Highway is made up of community organizations, businesses or individual volunteers who maintain a portion of a roadside along Hawaii's State Highway System. Each group adopts a two-mile section of a

state highway for a minimum of two years. The group agrees to pick up litter at least four times a year and assures safety training for their members before each cleanup.

The program is also a great way of promoting camaraderie among the groups.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) State Highways Division provides safety vests, trash bags, gloves and safety information for the groups when they sign up. The DOT sets up installation of an Adopt-A-Highway sign with the group's

name, giving recognition for the group's efforts. The DOT is responsible for removing the filled trash bags the volunteers leave alongside the roads, and any hazardous items.

We would like to thank all of the groups that participate in the Adopt-A-Highway program in North Kohala. We appreciate you for your hard work and efforts in making a difference in our community—keeping it litter free!

Mahalo,  
Malia Dela Cruz and The Appreciation Committee

## Kohala Hospital Provides Excellent Care to Residents

Dear Editor,

Recently, I've read a report that stated that the Kohala Hospital, as a care home and hospital, not meeting some expectations as a care facility.

Though there are challenges that the hospital faces (mostly because of the age of the building) there are no deficits in the level of care this facility offers its patients.

As a patient myself, my experience is demonstrably different from what I read. I am one of a few patients with a spinal injury;

this injury occurred on Oahu. I had the opportunity to choose a care facility there but, remembering my time in Kohala's Hospital months prior, I asked my case manager to make all efforts to get me to Kohala. Thankfully, we were successful.

Further, I have experienced and witnessed the extremely high standard of care and compassion the staff have for each patient under their care.

They're attentive demeanor would leave some of the larger hospitals red-faced. The staff are

hard-working members of this community and are tireless in bringing comfort and wellness to their wards.

I acknowledge the hospital's administration for providing the level of training for staff that brings such a healing environment for us, the patients of the Kohala Hospital.

Thank you for your attention.  
Respectfully,  
Alfred Leslie  
President  
The Resident Council of Kohala Hospital

### Future KMN Deadlines

It's important for the Kohala Mountain News to receive ads and news submissions by the following deadlines. Otherwise, submissions may not be accommodated.

#### September Deadlines

Ads and News: 9/13/19  
October Calendar: 9/20/19  
Distribution: 9/27/19

#### October Deadlines

Ads and News: 10/11/19  
November Calendar: 10/18/19  
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## Open Pratt Road, It's the Right Thing to Do



Photo Sarah Pule

Pratt Road clear and maintained

In 1978, a group of ex-plantation workers formed a citizens group called Hui Mamalahoa, meaning Peace to Access. They withstood insurmountable odds by going against "the man": Kohala Sugar Co., Castle & Cooke and the Standard Oil Co., in an attempt to maintain access to a "cultural lifestyle" enjoyed by the Kohala community for generations. Many felt this was a Don Quixote journey and the group was laughed at and ridiculed by their peers in the community. This small band comprised cane truck drivers, seed planters, ditch cleaners and poison gang workers – some who were uneducated, having to start work at the age of 15 to help support their families. They were going to beat these corporate giants? With what?

In a court ruling, Judge Kubota ruled against the Kohala Sugar Co. and Castle & Cooke in favor of Hui Mamalahoa, granting the group access to the Kohala Forest Reserve and Queen's Bath over the private Oioi Road. Hui Mamalahoa agreed to keep the locked gate in place but would have their own lock and keys for the community. The road to Hapu'u and Kapania Bay would always remain unfenced and ungated. The land owner could

change the location of the road as long as it provided access to both bays. In the ruling with Standard Oil Co., Judge Kubota ruled that Hui Mamalahoa would have perpetual ungated access to Kapa'a #5's and High Wall.

The Stipulated Agreement was the first to be enacted where the State of Hawaii, the Landowner(s) and Hui Mamalahoa would not have any liability to maintain the road or be burdened with any liability should someone become injured using the road. And this is important to note: no liability whatsoever.

For the past 20-plus years, Pratt Road has been blocked from public use. However, in 1980, when the Halawa culvert was destroyed in a storm it was determined that the culvert would take several weeks to repair. The State diverted residents of Makapala, Niuli'i and beyond to Pratt Road. Also, whenever the main road was blocked for any reason, the residents would hop onto Pratt Road to get home or out to work, etc. No problem.

However, over the years the new landowner, Surety Kohala Inc., began selling the lands along Pratt Road and the road itself. In some places, the road had fallen into disrepair and albizia, hau,

shrubs and tall grasses blocked portions of it. The problem this overgrowth created was this: if the main highway was blocked, how would emergency or police vehicles be able to access the Niuli'i and Makapala communities or respond to emergencies at Pololu Valley, such as the recent drowning? Besides the overgrown vegetation, private landowners blocked sections of Pratt Road with fences and gates. But then, who can blame the landowners? People dump their trash and broken-down cars, or do drug deals, along that road.

Finally, after 20-plus years of writing letters, sending emails and making phone calls to government agencies for help, but receiving none, the people were at an impasse. It reminded me of the early days of Hui Mamalahoa reaching out for help to the union and politicians. But those people had bigger problems on their hands: how to employ a community of displaced workers. There would be no knight in shining armor to come to Hui Mamalahoa's rescue. Or would there be?

Finally, it was suggested we go out and clear and clean the road ourselves. Seventy-five people showed up with tractor mowers, backhoes, chain and pole saws,

weed eaters and just their hands to clear, clean and maintain the road. Starting with the section from Niuli'i to Kapania, the volunteers' work would allow for the use and passage of emergency vehicles and, hopefully, stranded residents. The group did a great job cutting down trees that had grown in the middle of the road, cutting back entangled hau trees, shrubs and tall grasses and applying donated gravel to boggy areas, only to find out later that the government would not allow stranded residents to utilize Pratt Road. "Liability issues," they said. (But remember that stipulated agreement with Hui Mamalahoa?)

On July 31, 2019, a tree fell across the Niuli'i Bridge, blocking the road for hours and keeping Niuli'i residents from getting to their homes or out to the community. What if it was a dire emergency, like the missile scare, and you need to get home to your kids?

The leaders of Hui Mamalahoa 1978, a band of ex-plantation workers, many of whom are no longer here with us today, set a precedent for courage and determination when faced with insurmountable odds. These uneducated ex-plantation workers, fathers and mothers, were able to craft a Stipulated Agreement whereby no one using the road would be liable. To them "No Can," which was told to them repeatedly, was not an option. The same determination should be with us today.

In memory of Uncle Tommy Solomon; Uncle Sonny Solomon; Samson Cazimero; Dale Sproat; Kindy Sproat; Nave Raymond; Ronald Carvalho; Titi Soares; Fred Cachola, Sr.; Narves Santiago; Joe Chang and many others of the Kohala community who literally fought for an inherent right.

Mahalo,  
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From the Desk of District 7 Representative David Tarnas

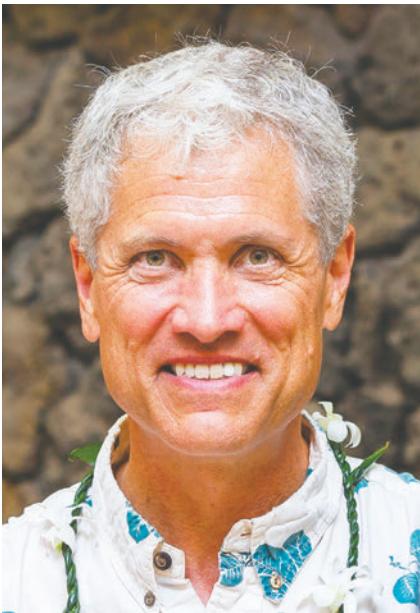


Photo courtesy of David Tarnas Representative David Tarnas speaks for North Kohala as a member of the Hawai'i State House of Representatives.

Aloha!

State tax dollars go to support a wide range of Capital Improvement Projects across our district, and although some of these projects are clearly visible in the community, others are less well-known. This month, I'm sharing updates from the Department of Transportation, Highways Division, and Kawaihae Commercial Harbor. In future articles, I'll share updates from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), the Kohala Hospital and the Department of Education Facilities Development Branch.

### Department of Transportation Highways Division

The Department of Transportation Highways Division (DOT

Highways) is responsible for maintenance as well as Capital Improvement Projects on State highways (Akoni Pule, Kohala Mountain Road, Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway, and Kawaihae Road). You may have noticed that this year that the DOT Highways has completed spot-patching and pavement repairs on Kohala Mountain Road and Akoni Pule Highway, as well as re-striping and pavement markings, such as improved crosswalks for pedestrian safety, in Hawi.

The ongoing resurfacing on Kawaihae Road, between Waiaka Bridge and Mamalahoa Highway, should be completed in September. Mahalo, drivers, for your patience with the daytime lane closures during resurfacing work!

Planning for improvements at the Waiaka Bridge and adjacent intersection are now funded under the federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This project will begin the Environmental Assessment process soon, including community outreach. I encourage you to participate in this public input process and I will keep you updated on the project as it progresses.

Further down the road (pun intended), a variety of improvements to Waimea's traffic safety have been assessed through a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study, which incorporated input given at seven community meetings held over the last year. More information on the Waimea Regional Safety Study is available at [www.waimearegionalsafetystudy.com](http://www.waimearegionalsafetystudy.com). With the PEL study now wrapping up, the DOT Highways will begin to move forward on potential projects for more

detailed environmental assessment and will continue to seek community input as the planning processes move forward. Waimea residents, please stay tuned!

### Department of Transportation Harbors Division

Kawaihae Commercial Harbor is operated by the Department of Transportation Harbors Division (DOT Harbors). Unlike most government agencies, DOT Harbors is not funded by any taxes (County, State or Federal). Harbor operations, including infrastructural improvements, are instead funded by fees paid by the harbor users. Kawaihae's main users are Matson and Young Brothers shipping companies, which transport food, merchandise, building materials and other cargo to the island. The user fees include a port-entry fee and dockage fee paid per foot in length of each vessel, a wharfage fee per quantity of cargo transported through the harbor and rent for office space and equipment storage at Kawaihae.

Kawaihae's 2035 Master Plan, produced in 2011, includes plans for the harbor to expand to an additional pier in Coral Flats, an area currently open to public use. I have received questions from some community members regarding these plans. Although Coral Flats, also known as LST Beach, was originally built as part of the harbor dredging and development, it has become a well-loved public recreation area, where the public can park beach-side and enjoy the calm water. I understand the public concern about potentially losing this space and have shared these concerns with the DOT Harbors administrators. They explained that although Coral Flats

area is DOT Harbors property, the improvements currently planned at Kawaihae are focused on improving efficiency of operations at the existing piers and development to the Coral Flats shoreline area is not currently being pursued.

The operational efficiency improvements currently being planned at the harbor's existing piers and adjacent areas are estimated to take at least the next ten years. By that time, the next Master Plan planning process for Kawaihae will be nearing beginning (around 2030). This process will include a formal opportunity for community input. I encourage anyone interested in the harbor development plan to be involved in that process when it begins, so that public access concerns can be addressed in the harbor's long-range plans.

In the meantime, ease of access to Coral Flats has improved recently. As beach users may have noticed, the harbor administration has begun keeping Kawaihae's South Gate open seven days a week. (Mahalo to Jeff Hood, the DOT Harbors Hawai'i Island district manager, for his dedication to improving efficiency, access, and safety for harbor users and the public.) Although the vehicular access gate is closed at night for safety reasons, the shoreline remains accessible to pedestrians who wish to fish or gather after dark. A pedestrian access gate is located just to the left of the south vehicular access gate.

Please feel free to reach out to my office at 808-586-8510, or [rtarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:rtarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov), with questions or concerns about these projects or other issues in our district. 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.

### Council's Agriculture, Water, Energy and Environmental Management (AWEEM) and Mass Transit (MT) Ad Hoc Committee

Recently there was a presentation on moving forward with the adoption of zero emission buses, or "ZEB," into our County Mass Transit Agency. As was explained to the County Council, two electric buses powered by hydrogen fuel cells are being made available to our county. This week, the Council has accepted these grants and the County Mass Transit Agency will be taking possession of these buses very shortly. In addition to these two, there is also another electric bus in our county powered by batteries. Though the County has access to these ZEB, what we are missing is in implementation plan. Also yet to be developed is the supporting infrastructure plan that will supply the ability to fuel/charge these buses. Though use of these buses is a step in the right direction towards being 100% self-reliant with renewable energy, it is not a simple under-

taking. Incremental infrastructure to charge and refuel must be planned and built and/or made available so the technology can be embraced. Additionally, as with any new technology, operator and maintenance crew education programs would also need to be implemented.

All of this is very possible but must first be met with a paradigm shift in thinking about our Mass Transit Agency. To facilitate this new direction, the County Council established an ad hoc committee that will investigate, research, work with stakeholders, and start the planning process. I serve as the Chair of this newly formed ad hoc committee and am joined by Councilmembers Sue Leeloy, Matt Kaneali'i-Kleinfelder and Rebecca Villegas. Additional participants will eventually include experts from government and private sectors focusing on energy, mass transit and electrification of fleets. The initial organizational meeting has been held and our expected completion date to be February 2020. Under the rules of the Sunshine Law, an ad hoc committee may be established with less than the majority of voting Council Members and have a defined outcome. Exciting times are on the horizon for our county!

### Council's Apiary Working Group

Another piece of legislation that was crafted and has come before the Council AWEEM Committee with a positive recommendation is Resolution 2019-19 relating to the apiary, or bee, industry. This resolution establishes a working group of the apiary industry along with two Council Members: Ashley Kierkiewicz and me. The focus of the working group will allow government stakeholders to work with the industry leaders, other governmental agencies, and the community to help craft and amend policy that is fitting

to the industry, our society as we know it today, and the future impact of the agricultural industry as a whole.

There is no argument from anyone of the critical importance and function that bees provide for our society, as agriculture could not exist without the pollination of bees. The alarming decrease in beehives locally as well as nationally and globally is alarming. However, out of this decline a great interest in beekeeping has arisen. In the past it was always thought of as a rural industry; today, there are many urban beekeepers, too. We look forward to working with the outstanding leaders of this industry in addressing the beekeeping challenges from the hobbyist and small scale, to the commercial

scale and queen bee production levels. Excitingly, we were told that this is the first time that all levels our apiary industry have come together cohesively to resolve the beekeeping problems for all involved.

It is Councilmember Kierkiewicz's and my intent to work with the group to identify the problems and potential solutions, then craft legislation to address those needs. Since there are only two Councilmembers involved in this process, the Sunshine Law allows for these meetings to proceed. Over the next several months, you undoubtedly will hear more on this topic. Stay tuned!

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

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## THE COQUI CORNER

The fight continues to control the level of coqui noise. Crews recently worked to eradicate coqui at Union Market, Union Mill, Pratt Road, Kynnersley near Ano Ano, the Kohala Nursery perimeter, Sushi Rock, the Transfer Station and the NCKRC area at Hoesa Road.

Dry weather quieted things for a while but the sticky humid storm weather has surely made the coqui happy. As home and property owners we need to be vigilant and take care of the backyard coqui before they become a much bigger problem. Your help is greatly appreciated.

For ideas and home strategies call the **COQUI INFORMATION LINE AT 889-1777**

Mahalo to the State and County for supporting our efforts

Tax deductible donations are gratefully accepted through NKRC, P.O. Box 519, Hawi, HI 96719

## 10th Annual 'Āina Fest Celebrates Regeneration and Resilience

Hawai'i Institute of Pacific Agriculture (HIP Ag) is thrilled to announce the 10th Annual 'Āina Fest, coming Saturday September 7, from noon to 10 p.m. at the Kohala Village HUB.

Gates open at 12 p.m., Opening Blessing at 12:30 p.m. Our 10th anniversary celebrates all who are building a regenerative food system and resilience in our community, on our island and beyond.

Join us for a superb line-up of renowned musicians performing on two different stages, including Nahko, Trevor Hall, Amber Lily & Tubby Love, Paul Izak, Paniolo Prince and His Queen Maile, Drew Daniels Band, OK2Change, Ocean Grown, Ydine and AnOther Revolution, Tiana Malone and Kohala's own Mila Polevia.

General Admission tickets are \$55 in advance, \$65 at the gate. Discounted Youth tickets (ages 12-17) are \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door.

Keiki aged 11 and under are free and must be accompanied by an adult. Ticket price includes entertainment, keiki zone activities and all educational workshops and classes.

Discounted pre-sale tickets are available at [ainafest2019.brownpapertickets.com](http://ainafest2019.brownpapertickets.com). More information at [hipagriculture.org/aina-fest](http://hipagriculture.org/aina-fest).

Agricultural education includes a hands-on fruit tree planting from 12:45-2:15 p.m., "Wild Edible Plants" workshop led by Sunny Savage, and "Body Dimensions, Plant Medicine and Chakras" workshop by Uncle Kai Kaholokai.

An educational forum, "Food Sovereignty, Perspectives from Mahi'ai and Kia'i Loko," will be moderated by Vincent Mina, president of Hawai'i Farmers Union United, from 12:45-2:15 p.m. Panelists include Ruth Aloua, Hanohano Naehu, Anissa Lucero, Asia Carreathers and Adonis Ward.



Nahko is amongst the many musicians slated to perform at the 10th Annual 'Āina Fest on Saturday, September 7.

Credit: Nahko

Local organizations working to protect, preserve and enrich our communities will offer additional education at their booths.

Enjoy several Hawaiian cultural components throughout the day, including a traditional Hawaiian blessing, lomi lomi workshop led by Kiwina De Soto, and a hula performance by Kohala's Hula Halau O Kukui Aloha O Kohala led by Kumu Leia Lawrence.

Live circus and aerial performances by Cirque Hale will entertain throughout the day, and Ruth Aloua will share her powerful spoken word poetry.

Choose from three yoga classes led by Kelly Stern, co-founder of Yoga Garden on O'ahu, Keiki Yoga Kohala Director Jamie Belmarez, and John Smrtic, an advanced Jivamukti teacher. All yoga classes will be accompanied by live music, including Paul Izak and Kristen Cosmi on gong.

The Keiki Zone offers engag-

ing and fun activities for kids of all ages! Keiki will be offered complimentary face-painting, circus arts, an educational talk on taking care of the ocean by Cirque Hale's mermaid Chantel Durelli, a climbing jungle gym, and games and crafts led by Kohala's Youth Librarian Leilani Silver.

Though it's earlier this year, the festival continues to honor the Hawaiian tradition of makahiki season and the rich agricultural heritage of the moku of Kohala.

A celebration of local harvest, farmers, and the growing movement for island-wide food security and sovereignty, 'Āina Fest 2019 is an educational event designed to inspire more involvement in growing Hawai'i's vibrant local food system and more care for the earth that is our home.

One hundred percent of festival proceeds fund operations and programming for HIP Ag, whose

mission is to practice, teach and deliver regenerative agricultural education programs.

HIP Ag provides K-20 Agricultural Education & Community Agriculture Initiatives including in-school programming, farm field trips, community events, Farm to School and Garden to Cafeteria coordination, and local food production and aggregation.

HIP Agriculture and our 'Āina Fest production team offer deep gratitude to 'Āina Fest 2019's generous financial and in-kind sponsors.

Sponsors include: Kohala Village HUB, The Wave, KOA Country, Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, Ulupono Initiative, Island Naturals, Hawai'i Electric Light, Natural Investments, Big Island Coffee Roasters, Show Systems Hawai'i, Hawai'i John's and Guayaki.

Questions? Contact Maya Parish at [ainafest@hipagriculture.org](mailto:ainafest@hipagriculture.org).



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## Little Fire Ants Spread in North Kohala

By John Winter

Little fire ants (LFAs) are certainly in Kohala and they are spreading. LFAs are listed among the world's worst invasive species. They first showed up in the Niuli'i area, then along Ho'ea Road. Now they are being found near Hawi, in Ainakea and are probably in several areas not yet discovered or reported. LFAs are now joining coqui frogs as invasive species here with significant negative impact. But whereas

on cars, building material, plant materials, produce, etc. Little fire ants were first reported in Hawaii in 1999. They apparently came in on plants brought to the Puna area from Florida. They have spread rapidly in the islands and showed up in Kohala a couple of years ago. (The tropical fire ant is also on the island, but presently not up here.)

Unlike other ants which greatly prefer sweet stuff, LFAs eat protein. (They like sweets, but typi-

Although the basic steps are described here, you will need to know how to implement them using the resources listed at the end of this article. The first line of defense is to limit their ingress. If you buy plants, soil, mulch or supplies from elsewhere, first quarantine them with an appropriate barrier and then test them.

Also, given that LFAs are now in Kohala and apparently spreading, it is important to survey your property periodically. Don't be

Spam®) on several small sticks (either the pre-painted sticks from your kit, or your own popsicle sticks or chopsticks). If using your own, paint or tape one end a bright color or put a colorful flag near each stick to help you collect them. Place sticks preferentially in moist, shaded areas: near rocks or rock walls, in leaf litter and rotting wood, under pots and other items in contact with the soil, and at the bases of leaves from large-leaved plants.



Over 60 Kohala residents attend the presentation by the Big Island Invasive Species Committee.

Credit: Tom Morse

coqui frogs are a profound nuisance due to their loud noise, LFAs can devastate properties, blind pets and even force homeowners to move. Only by working together as a community can we effectively combat them.

### Kohala Takes Action

Franny Brewer and her crack team of invasive species commandos from the Big Island Invasive Species Committee (BIISC) came to Kohala again on Saturday, August 3, to tell us about little fire ants, how to survey our properties for them, and how to combat them if we find them. Over 60 concerned residents attended the morning presentation, 20 showed up for a training and treatment session in the afternoon and five signed up to help people survey and treat.

**How LFA Travel and Multiply**  
LFAs are easily transported

cally get enough from the insects they eat.) They like moist, shaded areas, such as near rock walls and trees. Once up in trees, they may drop on an unsuspecting person below and, despite their tiny size, deliver a very big and painful sting.

They also develop "supercolonies" (both laterally and vertically) with multiple reproductive queens. These supercolonies expand on properties into trees and gardens and even inside homes! Once established, they tend to drive out nearly every other animal in an area, leaving it virtually lifeless (except for fire ants). BIISC estimates that "peak ant" (the density of LFAs in a thriving supercolony) can surpass 20,000 ants (with 30-80 queens) per square meter!

### Fighting the LFA Infestation

How do we combat them?

complacent if you have not been stung or have not noticed them on your property! They may not be noticed until a supercolony has developed, so survey for them, even if you don't (yet) notice them. Catching LFAs early in their plans to dominate your property is important, so it is critical for Kohala residents to survey.

### Free Survey Kits are Available

PLEASE pick up survey kits. Stop LFA Kohala presently has kits available at Takata and Arakaki stores and Aloha Gas at Union Mill Road, with more stands planned. Pick up enough to give to your neighbors and friends. All of Kohala should be surveying. The more we survey in Kohala the more we are finding. Undetected ant infestations will spread.

### How to Survey Your Property

Surveying is easy. Use a kit or put a little peanut butter (or

After a half hour or so, collect your sticks and examine for ants. How do you recognize if any ants on your sticks are LFAs? They are TINY and reddish in color. They also move very slowly and may fall off the stick if disturbed. If you suspect you have a little fire ant and want it confirmed, I suppose you could simply let one of the little buggas bite you by placing it in the crook of your elbow and squeezing it gently with your arm, but you'd best have it examined by someone familiar with them.

### Where to Send Ant Samples

To get positive identification, place your stick with ants in a zip-lock sandwich bag and put it in the freezer for 12-24 hours to kill the ants. If using a kit, fill out your identification information and location on the pre-printed label

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*Credit: John Winter*  
Kohala volunteers mix gel bait under the guidance of Jade with the Big Island Invasive Species Committee.

and mail in the pre-addressed envelope. If using your own supplies, label your zip-lock bag containing your sticks and frozen ants with your Name, Sample Date, Sample Location, Physical Address and Telephone or Email and mail your bag to Stop LFA Kohala, Box 27, Hawi HI 96719. You may also drop off your labeled bag at one of the stands distributing kits. If you have LFAs, Stop LFA Kohala will contact you.

Stop LFA Kohala will also have a table at the Saturday Hawi Farmers Market and perhaps also occasionally at Takata Store, where someone can identify your frozen ants for you. You can also send the sample to Hawaii Ant Lab (HAL) or BIISC (see below for websites) for a positive ID. Be sure you freeze your samples for 12-24 hours before submitting them for identification. **DO NOT SPREAD LIVING ANTS.**

**How to Treat LFAs to Eradicate**

If you discover that you do have LFAs on your property, bat-

ling them requires a prolonged campaign and you cannot do it simply by improvising with insecticide. Contact Stop LFA Kohala, they can help. Effective combat requires Kohala-wide and neighborhood coordination. Stop LFA Kohala will keep track of Kohala outbreaks and help individuals and neighborhoods fight them. It is important that you do not give away or sell any fruit, vegetables, plants, etc. This will spread ants to your friends and neighbors.

To eradicate LFAs you must use a bait specifically designed to kill the colony. The worker ants will carry the bait back to the nest, which will kill the queens or make them infertile. If you simply kill them with an insecticide, they cannot do this for you.

The good news: the baiting process itself is relatively easy. Simply cast bait widely using a spray bottle for a mixed gel bait or a hand fertilizer spreader for a granular bait. Knowing which bait to use under your own specific circumstances and how to spread it is important. The simple

granular bait is fine for most yards. A gel bait may be required for heavily vegetated areas or on food crops. Stop LFA Kohala will help you choose the best method for your property.

A bait treatment is then repeated every 4-6 weeks until your survey sticks no longer show ants.

**Community Coordination is Crucial**

To keep your property and the rest of Kohala LFA-free requires organization and repeated treatments. It's highly recommended that you take a class and learn how to combat them. Local volunteers are now in the process of organizing and financing a program to test for LFAs in Kohala and create trained teams to combat them on properties or support neighborhoods willing to do it themselves.

For more information or to report LFAs on your property, or if you wish to make a tax-exempt donation or volunteer for testing or training, please contact Stop LFA Kohala by email at [stoplfa-kohala@gmail.com](mailto:stoplfa-kohala@gmail.com) or by calling their hotline at 640-5085. Check their website ([www.stoplfa-kohala.com](http://www.stoplfa-kohala.com)) for more information.



*Credit: John Winter*  
Kristi Kranz at the Stop LFA Kohala table distributes information and sells cups and T-shirts with her LFA logo. All proceeds go to the LFA campaign.

You can also get a lot of information at the Hawaii Ant Lab ([www.littlefireants.com/index.html](http://www.littlefireants.com/index.html)) and the Big Island Invasive Species Committee ([www.biisc.org/lfa](http://www.biisc.org/lfa)) websites.

**Little Fire Ants in Kohala Top Take-Aways**

- They are now spreading in Kohala
- If left unchecked, they will change our lifestyle
- You may have them on your property now, and not know it
- It is important for you to survey for them now (See SURVEYING in the main article)
- A grassroots community group has been formed: Stop LFA Kohala

Stop LFA Kohala's initial effort is to attack a massive LFA infestation in the Ho'ea Road/Hawi Road-makai neighborhood. Our overall mission is to identify, control and eradicate LFA throughout North Kohala.

As we develop internal capacity and more individuals donate to the project and volunteer to join the fight, other infestations in the region will be addressed. To this end, we are working to promote broad general awareness about LFA and to teach residents how to test, treat and protect their property.

If you know or suspect that your property may have LFA, you are encouraged to call/text 808-640-5085. Our website is in its early stages and provides valuable general information.

Email us if you would like to be placed on our mailing list. Tax-deductible donations are accepted at the North Kohala Community Resource Center at 808-889-5523 and [www.northkohala.org](http://www.northkohala.org).

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## Kohala Sports

### Kohala Places Second in "Jam On It" Basketball Tournament



Photo by Reeve Cazimero

In July, Team Shut D competed in the "Jam On It" basketball tournaments in Las Vegas.

Back row (left to right): Coach Reeve Cazimero, Issac Jardine, Moses Emeliano, O'shen Cazimero, Molonai Emeliano, La'akea Kauk and Coach Kihei Kapeliela

Front row (left to right): Logan Neves, Koby Agbayani, Kasen Mehau, RJ Solmerin and Tre Walker

Kohala ninth grade Boys Basketball makes a huge impression. If you happened to have been in the "Entertainment Capital of the World" in July, you may have been able to see "Team Shut D" and their supreme ball skills in action for yourself. Our team played nine games in six days, challenging other teams from Las Vegas, Vancouver, Utah, California, Mexico and New Jersey to win first place in the first Jam On It Las Vegas Classic basketball tournament, organized by the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU).

From there, the boys qualified for the main event, the Jam On It Finale tournament, where they placed second!

Coach Reeve says, "We are bringing home two trophies! Proud of our boys!" Coach Reeve is special for our community in that he had to join the AAU to even get our boys playing these amazing tournaments. It is coaches that go way out of their way, like Coach Reeve, that make it possible for kids to succeed.

We are all very proud of our Kohala coaches, players and sponsors. Thank you, and a special thanks to your many sponsors, supporters, parents, family members and others for traveling the distance to get our keiki the experience life requires to be well-rounded, successful, community contributors.

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WEEKLY EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER 2019						
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	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	
1:30PM		3:30PM	AFTERSCHOOL LEGO® CREATIONS	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655	
1:30PM		2:15PM	KEIKI HIP HOP	HUB BARN	889-0404	
2PM		4PM	OPEN GUIDED ART STUDIO	ARTISTS' CO-OP	783-1158	
2:30PM		3:30PM	YOUTH HIP HOP	HUB BARN	889-0404	
2:30PM		3:30PM	YOUTH BEGINNER BALLET	HUB HALE	889-0404	
5:30PM		7:30PM	CERAMIC SERIES	CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404	
6PM		6:30PM	FREE RMD TAIKO CLASSES	WALKER HALL	895-2025	
6PM		7:30PM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	HISAOKA GYM	889-0404	
7PM		ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	WYLIE HALL, 'IOLE RD	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 - CALL 530-277-8756	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-0404	
	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	HAWAII FARMERS MARKET	889-0404
	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**

**Kupuna Teams Shine at State Tournament**



*Credit: Team Kohala*

*Kohala took first place in Division D at the 2019 Hawaii State Kupuna Softball Tournament.*  
*Top row: Bill Graham*  
*Row 2: Randy Cazimero, Kyle Oshita, John Enloe, Wayne Yoneda and Harry Cabrera*  
*Row 3: Sonny Poindexter, Scott Schmidt and Chuck Hauptert*  
*Row 4: Stanford Rocha, Gloria Martin, Marshall Tohara and Momi Soares*  
*Bottom Row: Samson Cazimero, Jr.*  
*Missing: Jeffrey Cannon, Bill Chambers, Richard Liebmann, Harry Soares and Bob James*

Both our local teams did well in the tournament held at the old airport fields in Kona August 6-8. Our Kohala team took first place in Division D, and Local Boyz placed second in Division G. There were eight teams competing in Division D and nine in Division G.

**Kohala**

Kohala had no trouble defeating the Yankees from Oahu or Solid Steel from Kauai in the first two games. The third game was played against the Guavas from Maui. Guavas started strong, so Kohala had to catch up and did manage a slim 12-11 lead going into the last inning. Kohala batted first. That meant that Guavas were going to get a chance to match or better any runs scored in the top of the inning. Kohala was up to the occasion. They scored nine runs. Guavas scored only one. Final score: Kohala 21, Guavas 12.



*Photo by Tom Morse*

*The Local Boyz took home second place in Division G.*  
*(Front to back, left to right) Row 1: Terry Murai, Kublai Rabang,*  
*Row 2 Greg Galan, Kelly Asai, Jim Scancellia*  
*Row 3 Steve Maeda, Gary Tocatlían, James Lincoln*  
*Row 4 Harold Carvalho, Ben Bruno*  
*Row 5 Greg Chilton, Steve Nakamura, Eddie Kise, Jim Trump*

Having won all three games, Kohala moved to the championship game, where they defeated the Toros, also from Maui, 18-6.

Kohala infielders are Kyle Oshita, Bill Graham, Stanford Rocha, Bill Chambers and Wayne Yoneda.

In the outfield are Randy Cazimero, Richard Liebmann, Bully Cannon, Marshall Tohara, Scott Schmidt and John Enloe. Junior Cazimero is the pitcher and Chuck Hauptert the catcher.

**Local Boyz**

Local Boyz are led by coaches Steve Nakamura and Kublai Rabang. In their first game, they beat the Hanamaulu Hillsiders from Kauai by a single run, 12-11.

In the second game, pitcher Steve Maeda held the Oahu-based Makules to eight runs in a 12-8 decision.

Game three was a see-saw game right down to the finish. Down two runs to Kupuna Pride, and batting last in the final inning, the Boyz managed a two-out rally, highlighted by Gregory Galan's game-winning Texas Leaguer over the head of a backpedaling second baseman and in front of charging right and center fielders. Score: 17-16.

In the championship game, the Maui Dragons outscored our team 17-11, giving Local Boyz second place.

Local Boyz infielders are Eddie Kise, Ted Matsuda, Kelly Asai and Jim Trump.

In the outfield are Gary Tocatlían, Jim Scancellia, Steve Nakamura, Greg Galan and Harold Carvalho. The pitcher is Steve Maeda. Catchers are Samson Rabang, Terry Murai and Greg Chilton.

This was the forty-fourth year for the State Kupuna Softball Tournament, which rotates between the islands of Hawaii, Oahu, Maui and Kauai each year. Long-time players enjoy seeing player-friends from the other islands each year.

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# Kohala Sports

## Football Season...Yes!!!



Photo by MJ Mascapac

*The 2019 Kohala Cowboys Football Team*  
 Top row (left to right): Keith, Justus, Jose, Ryan, Arlen, Easton, Cael and Keale  
 Middle row (left to right): Blake, Juda, Marc, Tasi, Aiden, MJ, Kona, Onipaa, Kealii and Zyan  
 Bottom row (left to right): Mark, Daniel, Makai, Isaiah, D'angelo, Damien, Legend, Za, La'a and Zhane

Football Season 2019 is here and it's about time, already. The Kohala Cowboys High School Football Team has been ready to go since last May, when spring training began.

Head Coach Chad Atkins and his Courageous Cowboys are gearing up for a great football season. Be sure to peruse the game schedule, posted here. I asked Kona how his season was going, and he said, "Really good." When MJ Macaspac was asked, "What is

your team's greatest strength?" he replied, "We are a family, we are determined to win."

Ok y'all...get out there and see some REAL football. Buy some amazing food and support the players with your amazing and famous KOHALA CHEER POWER!

Go Cowboys, give it your all, never give up, and remember "Offense entertains, while defense wins the game." Wow 'em and stop 'em. We believe in you.

## Kohala High School 2019 Girls Volleyball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
8/21/2019	HAWAII PREP	KOHALA HIGH SCHOOL	6:00PM
8/23/2019	@ KAMEHAMEHA	KAMEHAMEHA HAWAI'I	6:00PM
8/28/2019	@ KA'U	KA'U HIGH	6:00PM
9/7/2019	@ ST. JOSEPH'S	ST. JOSEPH'S	10:00AM
9/9/2019	WAIAKEA	KOHALA HIGH SCHOOL	6:00PM
10/11/2019	PAHOA	KOHALA HIGH SCHOOL	6:00PM
10/14/2019	KONAWAENA	KOHALA HIGH SCHOOL	10:00AM
9/17/2019	@ MAKUA LANI	MAKUA LANI	6:00PM
9/21/2019	@ PARKER	PARKER	10:00AM
10/1/2019	HILO	KOHALA HIGH SCHOOL	6:00PM
10/3/2019	HONOKAA	KOHALA HIGH SCHOOL	6:00PM
10/5/2019	@ KEA'AU	KEA'AU	10:00AM
10/7/2019	CHRISTIAN LIBERTY	KOHALA HIGH SCHOOL	6:00PM
10/9/2019	@ KEALAKEHE	KEALAKEHE	6:00PM
10/14/2019	BIIF PLAYOFFS HOME SITE	TBD	TBD
TUE-WED OCT 15-16	BIIF PLAYOFFS @ KEA'AU	KEA'AU	TBD
WED-SAT OCT 23-26	HHSAA OAHU	OAHU	TBD

## Kohala Cowboys 2019 Football Schedule

DATE	TEAM	LOCATION	TIME
8/31/2019	@ HAWAII PREP	HAWAII PREP	3:00PM
9/7/2019	PAHOA	KOHALA HIGH SCHOOL	1:00PM
9/14/2019	@ KA'U	KA'U HIGH SCHOOL	11:00AM
9/21/2019	@ KAMEHAMEHA HAWAI'I	KAMEHAMEHA HIGH	11:00AM
9/28/2019	HAWAII PREP	KOHALA HIGH SCHOOL	1:00PM
10/10/2019	@ PAHOA	PAHOA HIGH SCHOOL	7:00PM
10/18/2019	KAMEHAMEHA HAWAI'I	KOHALA HIGH	1:00PM
10/26/2019	KA'U	KOHALA HIGH SCHOOL	1:00PM
FRI OR SAT NOV 1,2	BIIF CHAMPIONSHIPS	TBA	TBD

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# Kohala Sports

## Kohala Sports Family Focus: The Buczyna Family



*All photos Credit: Todd Buczyna*  
The Buczyna family at the May Day celebration. Madie was Ni'ihau in the May Day Court. Back row: Bodie and Madie  
Front row: Todd, Bindi and Carla

The Buczyna Family of Kohala is out for action every day. As a Kohala resident, I can always

see these happy athletes around our community, participating in sports of all kinds. Cycling, run-



*Bodie in action on the field.*

ning, swimming, baseball, soccer, football, snow sports and surfing are a short list of what this family does to have fun.

Carla Buczyna recalls, "As a dynamic duo I think Todd and I have each individually covered the spectrum of sports growing up. I grew up on swim and dive team in the summers and played volleyball and ran track during school years, and I continue to run, swim, surf a bit and play whatever the kids are playing to keep up! Todd was a young snow-

boarder and soccer player who became a passionate surfer when he moved to Hawaii." Todd continues to mountain bike and surf.

Since they are living on an island, Todd and Carla made sure their kids swam on the Kohala swim team at least one season. And, seeing as how the community has so many wonderful opportunities to keep young kids physical, their family deal was that they have to try everything once, and later on they can see what stuck with them as the most fun and challenging.

Their older children, Madie and Bodie, both played basketball, soccer and flag football and continue to love surfing and bodyboarding!

However, their passions have both currently streamlined into summer tennis and year-round soccer. There's never a dull moment in this fam! Plus, someone has to walk the dog!

Thank you so much Todd, Carla, Madie, Bodie and Bindi. We all look forward to seeing out there whooping it up with your tenacious appetite for fun, family action.



*Madie (left) with brother Bodie.*



*Todd Buczyna is in his happy place.*



*Bindi Buczyna is in her happy place.*

### Novice Swim Team Schedule



*Photo by Marcus Douglas*

#### The 2019 Kohala Novice Swim Team

The County-run Novice Swim Team program is in full swing. Swimmers 5-17 years old are split into age groups, which compete against other novice swimmers from pools across the island. The Novice Swim program runs through October 19. Learn more at the Kohala Pool Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or at 808-889-6933.

Come out to support your local novice swimmers at one of their meets!

- Aug 24: Kawamoto-Hilo
- Sept 14: Kohala
- Sept 28: Konawaena
- Oct 5: Pahoia for Championships
- \*Swimmers arrive: 8:15 a.m.
- \*Warm-ups: 8:30-9:15 a.m.
- \*Meet starts: 9:30 a.m.

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DATE	DAY	START	END	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	VENUE	PHONE
8/25	SUN	5:00 PM	7:30 PM	NORTH HAWAII HOSPICE	FLOATING LANTERN CEREMONY	COCONUT GROVE	885-7547
9/4	WED	4:00 PM		KOHALA COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP	MEETING	SENIOR CENTER	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
9/4	WED	4:30 PM		NKAG MEETING		OLD COURTHOUSE	889-0404
9/6	FRI	6:00 PM		SENIOR CLUB	MOVIE NIGHT - ALL SENIORS WELCOME	KOHALA CIVIC CENTER	895-2094
9/7	SAT	12:00 PM	10:00 PM	10TH ANNUAL ĀINA FEST	MUSIC, VENDORS. EDUCATION, PERFORMING ARTS	THE HUB	AINFEST@HIPAGRI-CULTURE.ORG.
9/9	MON	2:00 PM	3:30 PM	ADULT JEWELRY CLASS	MAKE YOUR OWN JEWELRY WITH SID NAKAMOTO	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
9/9	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
9/9	MON	5:00 PM	7:30 PM	CHESS CLUB	JOIN THE LIBRARY'S CHESS CLUB	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
9/9	MON	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	ADULT JEWELRY CLASS	MAKE YOUR OWN JEWELRY WITH SID NAKAMOTO	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
9/10	TUE	6:00 PM		HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED	6PM POTLUCK, 7PM PRESENTATION. FOR EVERYONE	THE HUB	KOHALA.HFUU@GMAIL.COM
9/14	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
9/14	SAT	10:00 AM	1:00 PM	OLD HAWAI'I ON HORSEBACK PAGEANT	PANIOLA PRESERVATION SOCIETY	WAIKI'I RANCH	769-2512
9/16	MON	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	NKCDP AC MEETING	NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE	HISAOKA GYM	323-4770
9/16	MON	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	ANCIENT MEDICINE IS NATURAL MEDICINE	JOIN DR. ARDOLF FOR A DISCUSSION ABOUT ANCIENT MEDICINE	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
9/21	SAT	4:30 PM	6:30 PM	FREE GRINDZ HOT MEAL	KOHALA BAPTIST CHURCH	BANYAN TREE	889-5416
9/23	MON	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	AUTHOR READINGS		NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
9/24	TUE	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	BELLY DANCING		HUB BARN	889-0404
9/25	WED	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	RESTORATIVE YOGA THERAPY CLASS	WITH CARLA ORELLANA, CERTIFIED YOGA THERAPIST, BY DONATION	THE HUB	889-0404
9/25	WED	5:00 PM		PARKS, WATER & ROADS GROUP	MONTHLY MEETING	OLD COURTHOUSE	889-6238
9/25	WED	5:45 PM	7:00 PM	TAI CHI		HUB HALE	889-0404
9/26	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
9/28	SAT	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	KOHALA ARTISTS' CO-OP ART PARTY	GALLERY SHOWCASE, THEATER PERFORMANCE, FOOD AND BEVERAGE VENDORS, LOCAL MUSICIANS	ARTISTS' CO-OP	960-3597
9/28	SAT	8:30 AM	1:00 PM	ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH ANNUAL BAZAAR	SILENT AUCTION, ENTERTAINMENT, KEIKI KORNER, BAKED GOODS OUTDOOR BBQ	WALKER HALL	895-2025
9/30	MON	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	CONCIOUS DISCIPLINE	JOIN LANI BOWMAN FOR A TALK ON CONCIOUS DISCIPLINE	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
9/30	MON	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	JAZZ LAB RATS	ANOTHER ROMP THROUGH FAMILIAR JAZZ STANDARDS	HUB BARN	889-0404

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## New Coastline Subdivision Passes First Hurdle

By Toni Withington

Kohala Shoreline, a proposed gated subdivision makai of Kohala Ranch, received a green light from the County Planning Department for its Environmental Assessment document outlining plans for a six-lot development. The Finding of No Significant Impacts, or FONSI, issued by the department in July allows the owner to continue to obtain other needed permits before construction can begin.

The approval comes after four years of objections from community groups and individuals over impacts on the numerous historic sites, trails and burials, as well as the potential loss of fishing and other recreational-access uses. The new proposal dedicates all lands makai of the once-frequently-used jeep road, which has been identified as the ancient Ala Loa, or coastline trail, as free of structures and available for public access.

Gregg Moores, a representative of the owner, Kohala Shoreline LLC, said they will proceed with applications for a Change of Zone and Special Management Area Permit for the 38-acre property in September.

Over a dozen Kohala groups and individuals had submitted comments about the project's draft assessment for a nine-lot project in August 2015.

Many of the comments focused on the preservation of the 40 significant historic sites found on the land, 36 of which were identified as existing before Western contact. But also significant were problems with the public access, storm drainage, viewplane obstruction

and the addition of two more road entries onto Akoni Pule Highway.

Fifteen testifiers also supported the County planning director's call for detailed historic review reports before the County Board of Appeals in February 2016. The developer later withdrew the assessment, re-submitting the plans six months ago for six lots and a much more extensive pres-



Photo by Toni Withington

*Makai view from land on which the proposed Kohala Shoreline subdivision would be built. The County Planning Department has issued a Finding of No Significant Impacts in response to the project's Environmental Assessment document.*

ervation of the shoreline area. None of the six building sites are located makai of the coastal jeep road, the ancient Ala Loa. After meeting with many of those who had objections, the plans were changed to reflect many, but not all, of the concerns expressed.

In a groundbreaking assertion, Ka Makani O Kohala Ohana – Kako'o maintained in its comments on the draft assessment that the owner had failed to recognize the more than fifty years of continuous efforts the residents of North Kohala have made for

preserving their coastline in open space. The claim was that this effort by Kohala residents met the definition of "traditional cultural properties" as found in the National Register Bulletin 38 by the US Department of Interior-National Park Service. Environmental Assessments are required to take these properties into consideration while studying the cul-

North Kohala.

"While it is easy to see the land owner's rights to develop and build on property in order to have vacation houses and achieve profit, it is less easy but, in our view, paramount to understand the attachment that people of a community have toward open coastal land where they have enjoyed unfettered fishing, gathering and recreational-access rights for many generations. The Draft Environmental Assessment rightly mentions the malama 'aina – the cultural trauma of Native Hawaiians being separated from land. This concept applies, we believe, to all people who experience generations-long association with special places in their lives."

The letter contains five pages of a summary of the more than fifty years of actions by Kohala residents to obtain governmental and organizational support for "preserving the undeveloped North Kohala coastal properties as lands open for all." It catalogs the many purchases of private land for public open space. It invites the owner to talk about public purchase of the land as an alternative to development.

Kako'o is one of five Kohala groups that have been involved in coastal preservation for many decades. It also has challenged two resort developments and numerous vacation residences on coastal lands.

In response, Kohala Shoreline said the guidelines for studying "traditional cultural properties" were written for ethnic communities and that the "trauma and cultural disintegration" of

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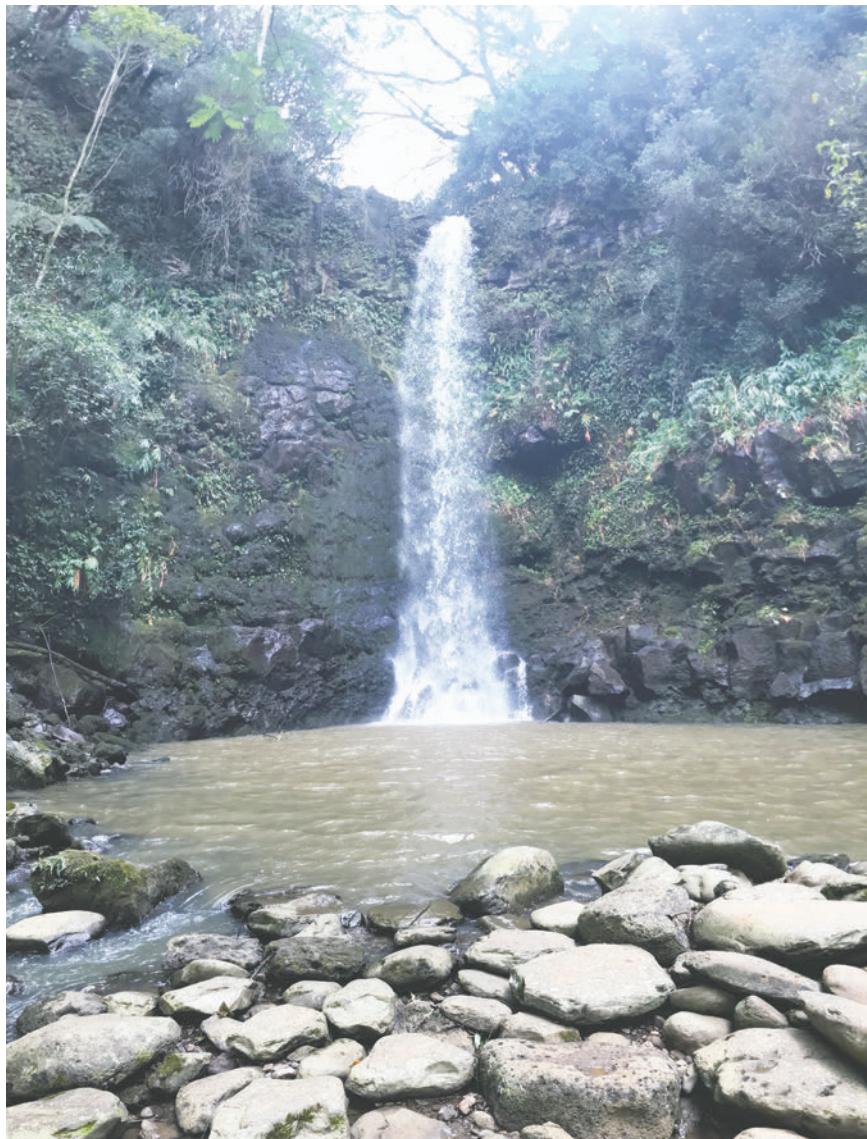
## Touring the Kohala Backcountry by ATV

By Lauren Ruotolo

I have driven a car, truck, scooter, boat, and jet ski but I have never driven an ATV. Well, that was before I signed up for Kapaau's ATV Outfitter's expedition titled "Waterfall & Rainforest Adventure." I booked with Kathy the day before my ATV debut and she was extra accommodating, even helping me to choose the afternoon tour, for which I am forever thankful, as I am not much of a morning person. The tours operate Monday through Friday and they offer three different excursions, each outing offered twice per day: once in the morning around 7:30 a.m. and once in the afternoon, the latest departing at 12:45 p.m.

I asked one of the guides later on why they only operate during the work week, as they must lose out on potential business. He responded saying, "We used to operate on the weekends, but I guess my boss decided that weekends are for family time and that was more important." A company valuing its employees over money? I was impressed.

I chose the Waterfall & Rainforest adventure for a few different reasons, the first being the website, advertising the trip to be a "ride from 250 feet above sea level to 2,500 feet through the oldest tropical Hawaiian rainforest," plus a visit to a beautiful waterfall. Awesome! I also chose it because it was in the middle range of price and time from the other tours, being approximately two hours in duration for the



*Riders in Kapaau's ATV Outfitters Waterfall & Rainforest Adventure tour stop at an 85-foot waterfall, which cascades into a swimming hole.*

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price of \$189 for a single driver. Note, since I am kama'aina I was discounted a much-appreciated 20 percent, bringing my subtotal to \$157. If at any point you've thought "too expensive" then think again, because purchasing an ATV would cost you about \$10,000.

I was the last to arrive and found the rest of my group sitting at wooden picnic tables in front of a log cabin-esque building. It was a really rustic, country kind of setting, which set the tone nicely. My first guide, T-Money, got me suited up with a helmet, neck gaiter and gloves. Next, we were off to be assigned to our ATVs and begin necessary safety training. We were a group of ten people – eight were on single ATVs with one couple riding in a double-seater. Only two of us were from Hawaii, the other lady being from Waikoloa. When I asked her what brought her on the tour she responded with, "I just love all the tours, I've done them all!"

Gathering from her and experiencing it first hand, it's a fabulously fun way to see exclusive parts of the island that are otherwise private. Our guides shared that they were both fifth-generation Hawaiian and that one of the guides, Darryl, had worked there since he was 12 years old. Darryl continued to share that ATV Outfitters was founded in 2001 and since then he has personally toured an assortment of famous characters, including Shakira, Bill Gates and LeBron James.

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I found ATV training to be vital, as operating one is nothing like driving a car, 4x4 truck, nor a scooter. The throttle is super-sensitive, and you come to a stop using a hand brake like you would on a bicycle.

One of the first things I noticed about riding an ATV was its likeness to riding a horse. I felt like a modern-day paniolo. Similar to riding a horse for the first time, I felt a lack of control and difficulty in maneuvering and communicating with the alien-like animal. Yet, the more familiar I became with my ATV, the more it felt like an extension of myself. As a group, we practiced a few loops on the

pilot track until we were ready for the real ride. After about 20 minutes, we were off and headed mauka through our first cattle gate and onto 22,000 acres of old sugar cane land that is now privately owned and used as a working cattle ranch.

Through macadamia nut orchards and higher, through herds of resting cows who were snacking on guava, we arrived at the 2,500-foot oceanic lookout. With views of Kohala's northern coastline and the epic silhouette of Maui, it was a picture-perfect panorama scene. Both guides graciously offered their photography skills to the group, even including themselves in selfies with those

who were lucky enough.

The first half of the ride I found to be foreign and exciting. While on the descent, I noticed how the trip had become increasingly meditative. Natural sights in abundance, desolate destinations unfolded before us while the hum of the engine drowned out all pre-existing thoughts and sounds.

Riding on average between the 11-16 mph., the terrain was muddy in some areas, rough and dry in others. We crossed mountain streams, flew over boulders, through giant puddles and more cattle gates, and past the old Kohala ditch lined with wild ginger. Finally, we made it to our grand destination, the much-

anticipated waterfall. We dismounted our vehicles and took a narrow natural staircase down to an epic view of an 85-foot waterfall that cascaded into a beautiful swimming hole. A sight to truly cherish and behold, the exclusivity of this land was palpable.

Despite my desire to remain in this slice of island paradise forever, we eventually made our way back to our machines and took the ride home. I was grateful to experience the Kohala country like a modern-day paniolo while exploring the undeveloped, seclusive farmland.

Mahalo to ATV Outfitters for their rootsy hospitality and a rambling good time.

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the Hawaiians were taken into account in the study of cultural impacts. The concerns of the North Kohala community about access "have been fully and thoughtfully considered" in the context of the social impacts in the document.

In other comments on the draft, Aric Arakaki, superintendent of the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail, also asked why the alternative of "no development"

and public purchase had not been explored. Besides outright public purchase, Arakaki suggested creation of a lot that would encompass the cultural elements which could be subject to public purchase or conservation easement.

Kohala Shoreline's response was, "While the owner has been open to considering all suggestions, it is his right to advance alternatives, and he cannot be forced to examine and then

implement development alternatives that are wholly outside his intentions for the property. This includes the public purchase alternative. This is not an alternative that the owner currently desires for his property."

Kohala Shoreline did agree to work closely with Ala Kahakai in the implementing of the historic sites and trails preservation plan. It also agreed to help prevent the taking of stones from historic site

or burials and to obtain stones for walls and structures only from legal sources. It promised that those restrictions would be included in subdivision covenants with buyers.

Hilo resident Cory Harden also suggested that Kohala Shoreline pursue the possible public purchase through the Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources (PONC) process as an alternative to development.

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