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## Waipio Trail Bill Threatens Already Congested Pololu

By Toni Withington

A County Council bill to eliminate pedestrian traffic on the Waipio Valley Road could impact the traffic at Pololu Valley Trail and lookout, an area already struggling with overuse.

Outgoing Council member Valerie Poindexter, representing the Hamakua District, introduced Bill 217, which would prohibit pedestrian traffic on the County road from the Waipio lookout to the valley floor except for valley owners, lessees, residents and Native Hawaiian practitioners. The bill passed the Public Works Committee and is expected to go before the full council this month.

Poindexter said she has been working with valley residents and stakeholders for three to four years on a solution to the precarious sharing of foot and vehicle traffic on the steep, narrow road.

"This is a disaster waiting to happen," a valley resident testified last month.

While committee members

voted unanimously to pass the bill along for a full Council vote, there were several issues that were not discussed at the hearing.

The most pressing issue for North Kohala is the resulting effect of diverting Waipio hiking traffic to Pololu Valley Trail and lookout. The committee also failed to acknowledge the objections of the State Na Ala Hele Trail System that uses the road for access to its Muliwai Trail between Waipio and Waimanu and the campgrounds in Waimanu. Also ignored was the suggestion for establishing a separate pedestrian trail into Waipio, as mentioned by some written testifiers.

Poindexter said efforts to advance a \$5 million improvement project for the road has been repeatedly postponed. The restricted access is necessary to avoid accidents and liability issues.

Kohala Councilmember Tim Richards said the bill is "a good

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## KMS Students Hold Thanksgiving Canned Goods Competition



Credit: Kathy Matsuda

Students and Leadership Advisor Keali'i Carvalho present canned goods to Peter Pomeranze of Kohala Cares.

Left to right: Dillion Oandasan, Esaías Hook, Peter Pomeranze, Keali'i Carvalho, Kalia Marquez and Kalea Perez.

Kohala Middle School students held and completed a Thanksgiving canned goods collection for community members in need.

Students held a competition

at school and left donation boxes at Takata Store, Arakaki Store and Nakahara Store. Canned goods were presented to Peter Pomeranze of Kohala Cares and to Sacred Heart Food Bank.

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Credit: Tom Morse, Maureen Garry

### North Kohala's Food Distribution Programs During the COVID-19 Pandemic

By Tom Morse and Maureen Garry

Recently there was a news article on the mainland about how our "little town" had one organization that supplied free food to those in need. In-fact there are many such projects supplying free

or discounted food in our community during this crisis. What a great example of what Kohala is all about. Here is a round-up of what is still available in December.

#### Feed Kohala Initiative

Feed Kohala operates under North Kohala Eat Locally Grown, a longstanding initiative and sponsored project of the Resource Center that addresses local food production and community resilience. Feed Kohala launched

through concern for the community in response to COVID-19. The purpose of Feed Kohala is to provide food assistance to families and Kupuna in North Kohala while directly support-

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### Exclusive Series: "The Rise and Fall of Sugar in Kohala"

Remnants of the sugar cane industry abound in Kohala, cemented both in physical form and longtime residents' memories. What happened to the sugar industry? Why did it start in Kohala, and why did it stop? How did it help to create the colorful mosaic of cultures we find in our community today? These questions, and many more, will be answered in our extended series, "The Rise and Fall of Sugar in Kohala." Read the next of many illuminating installments inside!

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ing local agricultural production. They have received generous support from community donations, grants from private foundations, and County of Hawaii Cares Funding.

Feed Kohala's food assistance programs have included Kupuna Meals, support for Sacred Heart Food Basket and St. Augustine's community meal, Little Free Pantries, food for students at the Kohala Resilience Hub, and the Family Food Box program. For a full list of programs in 2021, please visit [www.northkohala.org/projects/covid-19-response-feed-kohala-2](http://www.northkohala.org/projects/covid-19-response-feed-kohala-2).

**King's View Café**

Pizza and meals for families in need by email request only. This small-business effort tries to fill in the gaps between the other programs. Email [gift@gmail.com](mailto:gift@gmail.com) and King's View Café owner Alyssa Slaven will get back to you.

**Kohala Cares**

Kohala Cares operates under the nonprofit umbrella of the North Kohala Community Resource Center and distributes bags of food at 4:30 every Wednesday in the Kohala Village HUB parking lot. Bags are pre-

packed with an assortment of non-perishable goods and local produce. Monetary donations are accepted via PayPal to [aloha-peter@yahoo.com](mailto:aloha-peter@yahoo.com) or via NKCRC ([www.northkohala.org/donate/how-to-donate](http://www.northkohala.org/donate/how-to-donate)).

In-kind donations of washed produce are accepted on Wednesdays from 10:30-12:00 or 2:00-4:00. Kohala Cares is grateful for the recent donation of 300 cans of food from Teacher Leslie Carvalho's class at Kohala Middle School, with the support of Principal Alan Brown. For more information, search for Kohala Cares on Facebook.com or call Peter Pomeranze at 808-987-4970.

**Kohala Food Hub**

Kupuna Care Bags available weekly with fresh vegetables and herbs purchased from over twenty local suppliers. Volunteers pack four to eight-pound bags. Delivery available on Wednesdays, or pickup at 55-230 Ho'ea Road Wednesdays 12:30-5:30 and Thursdays 1:00-2:30. Bags cost \$20, but are on a sliding scale for needy kupuna. Registration required. Sponsored by donations, the Hawaii Community Foundation, and the federal CARES Act. In conjunction with H.I.P. Agriculture.

**Kohala Gleaning**

Volunteers pick and collect fruit from residents' trees, and distribute it free to those in need each week at St. Augustine's in Kapa'au from 4:00-6:00. Additional volunteers with a truck welcome.

**Little Free Pantry**

Little Free Pantries are self-serve sites, available 24/7, where those in need can access a variety of perishable and non-perishable foods; assorted new or stain-free, mended and laundered used clothes; unopened first aid items; and personal care/hygiene items. These Pantries give families and individuals the opportunity to access free food when they need it. The motto for the Pantries is to "Take what you need and leave what you can." North Kohala is served by two Little Free Pantries: 1) In downtown Hawi on Akoni Pule Highway at the intersection of (upper) Hawi Road, just left of the Whale Wall, and 2) in Kapa'au to the left of the Life and Death Wellness Center. Donors are welcomed to contribute items directly to the pantries but are asked to NOT leave anything outside the pantries, only what fits inside. For more information, search for Kohala Little Free Pantry on Face-

book.com or contact Sadie Young at [dave-sadie@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:dave-sadie@hawaiiintel.net) or Rhonda Bell at [thebigislandgivingtree@gmail.com](mailto:thebigislandgivingtree@gmail.com).

**Sacred Heart Church's Food Basket**

Available to North Kohala residents in need. One bag of food per family along with produce (when available). Drive through program on the third Thursday of every month 9:00 to 10:30.

**St. Augustine's Church Community Drive Through Meal**

A cooked meal served every other Monday for those in need. Drive-through starts at 4:30. The CARES Act grant through the North Kohala Community Resource Center pays for local beef. St Augustine's gets additional ingredients and hires local restaurants or caterers to cook 300-350 meals. Church members plate the food.

Local groups such as the Boy Scouts, LDS Relief Society Women, Kahua Pa'a Mua, Tutu and Me, Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union students, Kohala Baptist Church, and the Kapa'au Water Works Ohana all volunteered to distribute the meals. Next dates are January 11 and 25.

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step in the right direction to address the safety issues. The valley is not set up for tourists."

Council member Aaron Chung said that, while he supports the bill, the measure would not solve the problem but mean more tourist shuttle traffic. He called for a broader discussion of the many ramifications of a complex issue.

Chung described Waipio Valley as the second most popular visitor site on the island, next to Volcanos National Park.

Waipio Valley lookout has a park pavilion with restrooms, interpretive signs, picnic areas, water, electricity and cell phone reception.

Pololu Valley lookout has none of those. Increased traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular, would further strain the health and safety concerns of Pololu. Community efforts, along with those of representatives of the Na Ala Hele Trail

System, have been ongoing for several years to address the congestion at the lookout and trail.

The Na Ala Hele Advisory Council, in testimony to the Council, said it "recognizes the perilous mix of pedestrians and motor vehicles for much too long, resulting in residents, farmers, and landowners being pushed to a level of desperation. However, we believe the bill, as presently written, is a simplistic and extreme attempt to resolve long-standing, contentious, and complex issues over use of the road and will not achieve the intended safety improvements." It opposed the bill as written.

Moves in the past to plan for a pedestrian trail alongside the road have been thwarted by the narrow County easement, the steep cliff. It would require condemnation of surrounding land owned by Bishop Estate.

**Fashion on Parade**

By Diane Revell

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## Sunset on Saddle Road



Photo by Lehua Cambra

## The Breath of God

By Eila Algood

Each ride across the mountain,  
brings something new  
The energy of Spirit was strong,  
palpable and true  
Gaze out to the south, expansive views abound  
Scan across the sky, within the clouds I found

The breath of god which fills my heart  
Expands my mind like abstract art  
It shows me the magnificence of the divine  
Earth, heaven, Spirit; all worlds align

Appreciative of the world in which I live  
Knowing there is always more to give  
Humbled by the brilliance of life to surprise  
To doubt its value would be unwise

Breathe in the breath of Spirit and love  
Fulfill our destiny, rise above  
The mundane limitations set in the mind  
Unlimited possibilities exist, we will find

In the crest of the wave or the walls of a cave  
Volcanic glass or a blade of grass

We are the creator of our reality  
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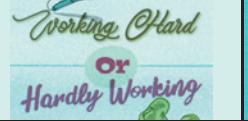
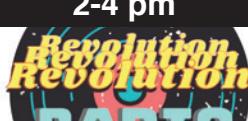
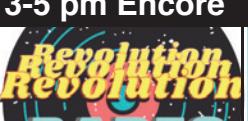
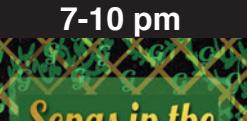
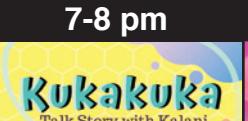
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Gratitude for Kohala Ohana

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 Happy Holidays to everyone!  
 With my fondest aloha always,  
 Fran Woollard

Hawai'i State House of Representatives Update

From the Desk of District 7 Representative David Tarnas

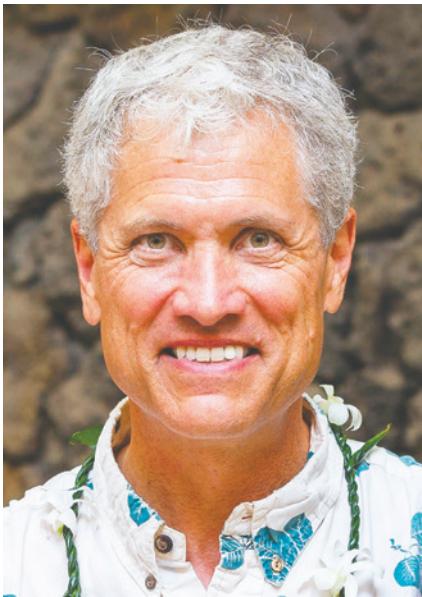


Photo courtesy of David Tarnas  
 Representative David Tarnas speaks for North Kohala as a member of the Hawai'i State House of Representatives.

Due to the weak economy, the State's General Excise Tax revenues are down by over 25%, which will require major cuts in the State budget.

The Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) is working hard to process claims for unemployment benefits for qualified residents.

While most of the claims have been paid, there are still many individuals who are still experiencing significant delays because of various reasons.

I have been helping constituents with their pending claims by following up with the DLIR and requesting assistance.

Over \$3 billion in total unemployment benefits have been paid to date.

The State has depleted all the funds in the unemployment trust fund and has had to borrow funds from the federal government to continue to make these payments.

By the end of December, DLIR estimates that the State will have borrowed about \$1.2 billion to cover these payments. The legislature will need to address this serious situation in the next session.

In addition, without additional federal funding, the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program will no longer be able to provide unemployment benefits to self-employed individuals after the end of December.

That's why it is so important for Congress to act quickly and provide more assistance.

More information on the number of unemployment claims and payments is available at <https://labor.hawaii.gov/unemployment-data-charts>.

To begin to build our tourism industry again, the State has established the Safe Travels Hawaii program to allow for visitors to be released from the mandatory quarantine if they have a negative COVID test result prior to their trip to Hawaii.

Unfortunately, because of soaring demand for the COVID-19 test on the continental U.S., many travelers are having a very difficult time finding a testing

service recognized by Hawaii that can return the result within 72 hours.

The original plan required these travelers to go into quarantine until their negative test results arrive, at which time they were released from quarantine.

The Governor made a recent change to the Safe Travels Hawaii program so that if the results of the test taken within 72 hours of departure to Hawaii are not available, the visitor will be required to quarantine for 14 days without exception.

This has caused significant challenges for many travelers, resulting in many of them cancelling their trip to Hawaii.

The House Select Committee on COVID-19 Economic and Financial Preparedness is recommending a modification to this program that would allow people whose test results have not yet arrived to take a post-arrival test and when their negative result comes from their pre-travel test, they would be able to be released from quarantine.

This recommendation is currently under review by the administration.

If you are interested in learning more about this proposal and other work of the House Select Committee, please see more information at the State Legislature's website.

For interisland travelers, the current policy allows the individual to either test negative for COVID-19 no more than 72 hours before traveling to Hawaii County, or be tested after arrival. A negative post-arrival test would allow the traveler to be released from quarantine.

More info on our work at the legislature is always available at [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov).

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me at [reptarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:reptarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov) and 808-586-8510.

To keep informed, please sign up for my e-newsletter at: [bit.ly/reptarnas-signup](https://bit.ly/reptarnas-signup).

Mahalo for allowing me to serve as your State Representative! Please take care of each other.

Aloha.

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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.

### FOCUS AND AGENDA FOR NEXT COUNCIL TERM

As we enter this new Council term, I find myself just as excited as when I was first sworn in on

December 5, 2016. Although we are in unprecedented times today, I am ever grateful for what we as a community do have: a sense of place – the place we call home, a strong commitment to community giving and relations, as well as the ability to continue to provide food for our community through agriculture.

These qualities in our District 9 constituents, of which I am honored to represent, are the stepping stones for us all as we enter a time of economic recovery. We may still have much to endure; however, I am encouraged that we will recover, as we are all in this together.

This chapter will include different approaches to revitalize our people and their livelihoods through the advancement of our economy. As you all know, I am and will always be a huge advocate for all facets of agriculture. I believe that agriculture will be our ticket to economic recovery for Hawai'i Island. As this pandemic has proven, we can no

longer depend on tourism to be our bread and butter; we must work with what has been here all along, agriculture. Through new policy and initiatives, we can advance the many facets of agriculture with proven and new opportunities that will allow agriculture to excel.

While sitting in on a National Association of Counties (NACo) Board of Directors meeting along with 85 other members, we were addressed by President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris.

Their focus was strictly on the County level of government, stating how the County Council sector of government is a true dedication to the people they serve and how those constituents are the purpose for our commitment toward economic recovery. President-elect Biden touched on how much was endured during the 1930s, the post-Depression era, and how initiatives were garnered, and legislation passed to boost the economy through public

works type of projects. Although we are not the only state looking for economic stability, it is encouraging to know that nationwide we are and will continue to work toward policy changes to better assist our island communities.

It is my intention to continue to be a watchful eye of our County's budget – your tax dollars – and continue to work toward a future that we can succeed in economically, logically, environmentally and culturally here on Hawai'i Island for today, tomorrow and generations to come. That all said, I will be on the lookout for opportunities both in agriculture and in infrastructure transportation as tools to move us forward. If you have any viable information or suggestions you would like to be considered, please feel free to contact my District 9 offices.

As always, it continues to be a great privilege to serve as your Councilman. Wishing each one of you a very safe and healthy Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New Year!

## Talk Story with Ilea



Ilea Bain, PsyD, is a clinical psychologist at Hamakua-Kohala Health.

"Someone recently told me I pity myself too much for the trauma I have been through, to move on already, and stop giving my past so much power. How do I know the difference between dwelling in self-pity and actually dealing with an emotional issue?"

This is a great question and one I hear often. Lack of education and open discussion around emotional health issues can create an understandable insecurity about how we navigate our emotional experience. This can make us question if we are "doing it right" or criticize ourselves for still feeling upset about something that happened to us. Many people judge themselves as emotionally weak, whiny, or immature for not healing as fast or as easily as they think they should. Usually these are internalized messages we received throughout our life about what is acceptable and what is not.

Many of us want to avoid emotional pain because of the ways it can be dismissed as not being

important or real. There has been a societal discounting and rejection of the wisdom and importance of our emotional selves, which leads to negative stigma associated with emotional pain and a discomfort in witnessing each other experience it. Some of us try to move on from our feelings so quickly, we neglect to become curious about and reflect upon the importance of what they might be trying to tell us. Achieving the healing and change we desire is counterintuitive in that

to truly "get over it," we have to go through it. The more we resist, the stronger it tends to become and the longer it persists, ironically making it appear like we are dwelling in our suffering. I had a supervisor who once said, "If you want to stay sad, do everything in your power to avoid being sad."

Additionally, many of us have been taught that healing is linear--that there is a clean start and finish to it. We hold ourselves to that oversimplified idea and judge ourselves when we don't meet

that expectation, which tends to only intensify our suffering. I find real healing to be more like traveling along an undulating spiral; as we go through time and new experiences, we tend to revisit our core wounds from new places. Ideally, this twirling up, down, and around is not in vain but serves to deepen our understanding of what has impacted and shaped our lives most, providing meaning and depth to our experience and contributing to our wisdom

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and maturity. Rather than becoming attached to the expectation of someday finally arriving at the unrealistic target of Fully Healed, I encourage people to bear witness to and appreciate the journey of riding the inevitable waves of life. As we are inherently social creatures, we also have a deep need to have our emotional truths witnessed compassionately by another. When this social component is missing or the other person is poorly attuned to our need to be heard, it can cause us to stay stuck on a particular issue until resolution of our need can be found.

Thus, an important way to differentiate dwelling on an issue from being present to our pain, is whether or not learning and growth is occurring. The saying, "the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again expecting a different result" applies well. For example, if we touch a hot stove, it would benefit us to acknowledge the pain and incorporate that into learning what to do differently in the future. Dwelling in self-pity is similar to touching the stove again and again, focusing our attention on how much it hurts or constantly lamenting the initial mistake of touching it, instead of choosing to learn from the pain and make better future decisions.

Want to participate in this column? Please write to talkstory-withilea@gmail.com. Each month I will select a story or theme to share in this column. I will not disclose any names or identifying information.

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## He Leo Wale Nou E: Oral Histories of Kohala Kama'āina and Return to 'Āina Based Education



*Credit: Kaiakahinali'i Ka'ōpua-Canonigo studied 'āina-based education for her project with the Wahi Kūpuna Internship Program.*

By Kaiakahinali'i Ka'ōpua-Canonigo

He leo wale nou ē, here are the voices presented for you. In the traditional oli (chant), Kūnihi Ka Mauna, chanted by Hi'iakaikapoliopole at Kaua'i to enter and retrieve Lohiau for her sister Pelehonuamea, she is met with an oli pane (response chant) allowing her to enter. The oli pane responds, "Eia nō ka uku lā o ka leo, a he leo wale nō, ē" meaning, "Here is the reward for the call, a simple voice." (Emerson 1909) Drawing from this chant in the story, in the context of this paper, he leo wale nou ē offers this simple voice back to the 'āina and people from where it came.

When beginning this project, I had a difficult time imagining

how I, someone who has spent little time in Kohala, was to give back to this place through the wealth of knowledge that I was privileged to obtain through the Wahi Kūpuna Internship Program this summer, let alone all from a distance that came with this pandemic. From my former education at a culture-based school grounded in 'ae like Hawai'i (Hawaiian values), I was taught to be humble and cautious when doing anything related to an 'āina (land) that I am not familiar with, out of respect for the kūpuna (elder) and kupa'āina (native) there, but also for the land itself. With that in mind, I chose to conduct this project predominantly focused in Community Ethnography, interacting, learning, and discussing with Kohala community members about a topic dear to my heart, 'Āina-based education.

'Āina-based education, like many different types of knowledge our kūpuna (elders) held, cannot simply be described in a short sentence. 'Āina-based education is constant and moving, it is the active motions of establishing connection to place, and therefore to culture. My project focused on documenting voices of Kohala, regarding existing 'āina-based education programs, how more opportunities can be provided, more programs can be developed, and understand previous challenges faced in order to help forward 'āina based education in Kohala.

Through this process, I have had the privilege of interviewing and documenting the mana'o of four kupa'āina of Kohala in order

to better understand their experience in the field of education throughout their lives, how 'āina-based education has developed over the years, and the current need for 'āina-based education. These kanaka (human) have spent their lives striving to improve the education system in Kohala and throughout Hawai'i through teaching, program development, administration, all while incorporating 'ike 'āina (place-based knowledge), and 'ike kupuna (ancestral knowledge). To provide a well-rounded perspective about 'āina-based education in Kohala, I interviewed a kūpuna (elder), kumu kula (school teacher), haumāna (student), and a kumu 'ahahui 'āina ('āina-based organization teacher).

The first person I interviewed was 'Anakala Fred Cachola, a kupa'āina of Kohala āpau, historian, kupuna, and lifelong educator. 'Anakala Fred has an immeasurable amount of knowledge, experience, and perspective not just about Kohala education, but about education systems in Hawai'i as a whole, and life in Kohala in its entirety. The next person I interviewed was 'Anakē Kēhaulani Marshall. 'Anakē Kēhau is also a kupa'āina of Waimea and currently the Executive Director of the 'āina-based education organization Ulu Mau Puanui, a collective working toward managing and restoring the agriculture and field systems of Puanui, Kohala. The third person I interviewed was Kumu Trevor Atkins. Kumu Trevor is a kupa of 'Ōla'a, Puna, but has kupuna and

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kuleana in Kohala. Kumu Trevor is a kumu kula at Hālau Kū Māna Public Charter School for the past 13 years and was even a formative kumu of mine in my years at Hālau Kū Māna.

Last but not least, I wanted the perspective of a haumāna, someone of the new generation and their perspective on how the current state of the schools in Kohala are, and Pua Souza was that person. Pua is currently a student at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, studying to get her PhD in education. Pua's perspective to me represented a new generation of educators ushering a new wā for 'āina-based learning in our school systems.

The questions I asked revolved around topics of 1) 'Āina-based opportunities, 2) Program Development, 3) Curriculum Development, and 4) Challenges Faced. The knowledge shared by the interviewees is prevalent towards forwarding the movement for 'āina-based education in this district. Moreover, their unique experiences, perspectives and outlook is now documented and may be useful to other 'āina-based organizations, haumāna, and aspiring kumu. When reviewing the different responses, two common themes emerged from the knowledge each of them shared. The first theme, that the community should work towards integrating Hawaiian values and Kohala kuana'ike (place-based knowledge) into schools to the point where it is normalized. The second theme is on creating one cohesive communication network between 'āina-based organizations and the schools to build and strengthen relationships and create consistent lasting partnerships.

Through my experience of 'āina-based education as a kanaka, a student, and a child of administrators and teachers in this system, I have experienced first-hand the wealth of knowledge, perspective, and grounding that an 'āina-based education gives to young Hawaiians. It is because of my experience that I feel so passionately about this topic, further wanting to have it available to all youth in Hawai'i and inspiring this project in efforts to interpret the needs of Kohala kupa'āina, and their vision of 'āina-based forms of education in their wahi. With this research and compilation of mana'o, I hope that it can contribute to developing these I hope that it can be used as a guiding source to eventually create this needed communication network between 'āina-based organizations and the schools to build/strengthen relationships and create consistent, lasting partnerships between all Kohala 'āina programs.

If you would like learn more about my project and read the full report, please visit <https://www.huliauapaa.org/wkip-2020.html>. No laila, eia nā leo Aloha 'Āina 'o Kohala nei, eia ka uku o nā leo, a he leo wale nou ē.

**Kohala Imu is Next Step in Food Sustainability Ambitions**

*Credit: Peggy Piasoski-Wills*

*The new imu pit is sealed in concrete and uses mechanized stainless steel crates to lower the food into the pit. For sanitary reasons, a layer of plastic – rather than dirt – is added on the top.*

*By Ken Wills*

Gazing toward a gray sky that was returning the favor with a light sprinkle, Kahu Kealoha Sugiyama sang a Hawaiian chant of thanks while blessing a commercial imu oven that organizers hope will advance Kohala's food sustainability goals.

"We are so blessed in Kohala with the sweet breath of the sun, the rain that has been falling on the 'āina, bringing new growth, new opportunities. Look how green and lush our pastures are because of this rain, and we say mahalo," Sugiyama said as several dozen residents watched the ceremony at a five-acre property in Kapanāia.

The volcanic rocks were already glowing red from the fire as the imu was prepared for a test run on Thanksgiving Eve, ahead of state certification by health officials.

The commercial imu is the fulfillment of a dream by organizers of Kahua Pa'a Mua, a nonprofit organization based in Kapa'au, and was funded by a \$10,000 grant awarded to 17-year-old Aukea Ka'aekuahiwi. The grant was awarded by Running Strong, an organization established by Native American Billy Mills, who staged an upset victory in the men's 10,000-meter race at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. He used his fame to help advance the dreams of other Native American youth and others.

"This is the first part of our mission, an ethnic imu where the public can have fundraisers, do their own home imu for their families and make value-added like lau lau and kalua pig," said

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Running Strong grant winner Aukea Ka'aekuahiwi (left) addresses the crowd while Davey Fuertes looks on.



Credit: Peggy Piasoski-Wills

Kahua Pa'a Mua Executive Director David Fuertes (left) and Kahu Kealoha Sugiyama pass the makana, the gift, as part of the imu blessing.

Carol Fuertes, officer secretary / treasurer at Kahua Pa'a Mua.

"We're encouraging students who have pig projects. You'll notice we have a breeding pen, and a lot of students are raising their own animals. On top, we are thinking of doing a KAPA - Kohala agricultural processing area - and we're planning to pursue a kitchen, a vegetable-processing area and an open-air gathering area for farmers market or classes."

The organization aims to pass on traditional farming and animal husbandry methods by pairing students with tutors, with the goal of having families raise their

own food and sell their excess in the community.

North Kohala has achieved significant progress, despite the recent COVID-19 challenges, toward a goal of supplying 50 percent of food from locally grown sources.

As recipient of the Running Strong grant, Ka'aekuahiwi described his proposal.

"A couple of years ago, we had the opportunity to go to Washington, D.C. to receive the grant. We had to explain what we would do with the money," he said. "The project would make a sow pen, and make a cooker, and also something that could give back to

the community, so we thought of the imu to have a place that allows us to sell to the general public as well as for home use."

Traditional Hawaiian imu cooking incorporates layers of wood, lava rock, banana stumps and ti leaves, and moistened burlap, with the uncooked food packed securely within the vegetation. Finally, the layers are covered with dirt to hold in the steam and heat. The pig or other meats and fish and vegetables typically cook for hours in this way and when the layers are peeled off, the meats are moist and tender.

The Kohala imu added some modern touches, both to meet

state sanitary requirements and for convenience.

As the prepared meats were lowered in to the imu, Sugiyama passed around a makana, a gift, wrapped in ti leaves. These included sweet potato, Hawaiian sea salt and a banana, each with symbolic meanings. He asked attendees to add their mana before placing the makana inside the imu to be cooked along with the food.

"When the food is ready to be placed in the imu, I want the makana, your gift of aloha, to be in it. Every time something is cooked in this imu, the gift of aloha will be in it."

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# THE RISE AND FALL OF SUGAR IN KOHALA

## A One Hundred-and-Twelve Year History

### 1863-1975

By Tom Morse

**PART 3**

**NIULI'I MILL AND PLANTATION**

Charles F. Hart, a judge from Kona who came to Hawaii from England in 1850, established the Niuli'i Mill in 1877. But Hart, unlike Elias Bond of Kohala Sugar Plantation, didn't own more than sixty acres of land himself. He bought unprocessed sugar cane, mostly from Niuli'i's independent Hawaiian farmers, who, he quickly found out, felt no obligation to the new outsider. They would go to Honolulu for a couple of weeks, or go fishing, or do whatever else they felt like doing. To move from a small mill to a competitive plantation, Hart needed to acquire both land and labor. He managed to persuade the Hawaiian growers to take on cane as a commercial crop. He would advance money to get them started. The farmers did not realize that they were signing mortgages on their kuleana lands. Caught between contracts they could not read and instant amounts of cash they did not know how to budget with, more than one farmer sank

into debt. Eventually, these Niuli'i farmers were forced to sell their land to Hart.

To supervise cane planting, Hart came to rely on two Chinese, Goo Akina and Luke Aseu. They started in 1888, and by 1892 Hart's mill employed 45 Chinese, 25 Hawaiians, and 12 Japanese workers.

In 1888, Robert Hall became the manager of the mill. He continued on until 1919. Under his management, Hart's became the Robert Hall Plantation. It became the largest of Kohala's six competing mills. In 1904 it covered 390 acres and employed 250 men living in seven camps. A twelve-hour day earned the workers \$1.25.

By 1931 it had grown to 3,100 acres, after taking over lands from the Halawa Plantation in 1929. In 1932 it merged with the Union Mill. It ceased operations in 1936.

**STAR MILL**

In 1879, Daniel Vida partnered up with retiring Kohala Sugar Company manager George Williams to start the Star Mill Company in Kapa'au. Wedged between the powerful Kohala

Plantation lands and the Union Mill managed by James Renton, Star Mill was erected across from, and makai of, what was the Bank of Hawai'i building. Having no access to lower fields (Union and Kohala used these), its planters grew cane on the upper slopes above Kapa'au, where numerous dry gulches made for uneven, bumpy ground. Vida and Williams kept bidding on upcoming leases at lower lands, but they never won. In 1880 the mill had only thirty-two workers. It struggled even more when a fire in 1885 burned down all the storage sheds. In 1889 the mill closed. The equipment was sold at a public auction.

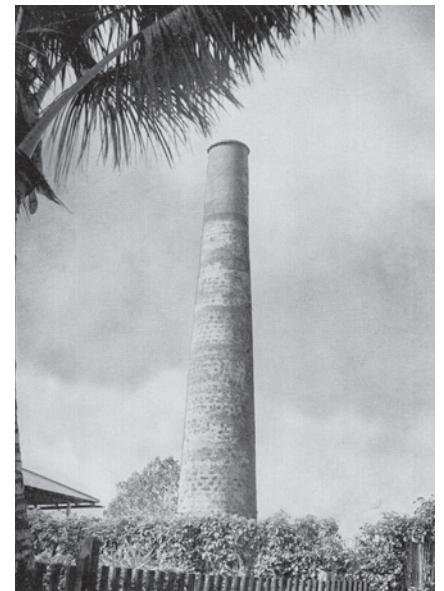
**HAWI AND HO'EA MILLS**

Robert Hind, who began the Union Mill, erected the Hawi Mill in 1881. He secured 200 acres of land. From time to time he added to his land holdings, but adhered to the principle to never buy any more land than he could pay for at the time.

His son, John Hind, soon became the manager, and did not retire until 1925.

Hawi Mill was unique in that it had only the Hind money behind it (no Honolulu agent to back it up). Having learned from the two disastrous fires at the Union Mill, Hind reduced the risk of fire by making the sides and roof of the mill building of corrugated iron, rather than the usual wood and shingles. Also, the chimney stack was ninety-two feet high. (The stack collapsed in the 2006 earthquake.)

The Hawi Mill thrived. It employed a maximum of 600 workers. Hawi Mill workers

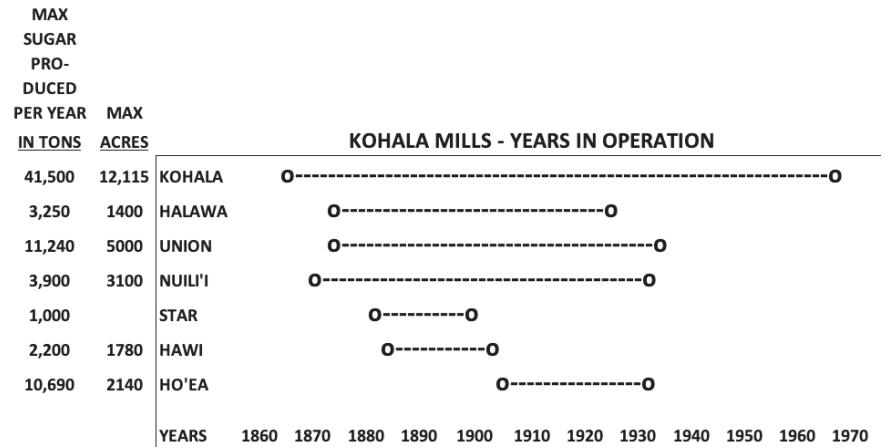


*Credit: Kohala Sugar Company*  
Kohala's most prominent landmark—the Hawi chimney, erected by Robert Robson Hind in 1878

enjoyed higher wages, and more leisure activities.

Hawi's first merchants depended on John Hind's company store, Hawi Store (where Nakahara's is today), for many of their supplies. It made sense in the days before the railroad and cars. Staples came in by ship via Mahukona, and Hind's wagon picked them up and delivered the wares to his store and also to the small ethnic stores at wholesale prices. It also stocked the shelves of its affiliate plantation store at Honoipu Landing. At the Hawi Store and Honoipu, only employees could shop.

The Hawi Mill operated until 1903. John Hind built a brand-new mill at Ho'ea two miles below Hawi. It opened upon the closing of the Hawi Mill. So, the



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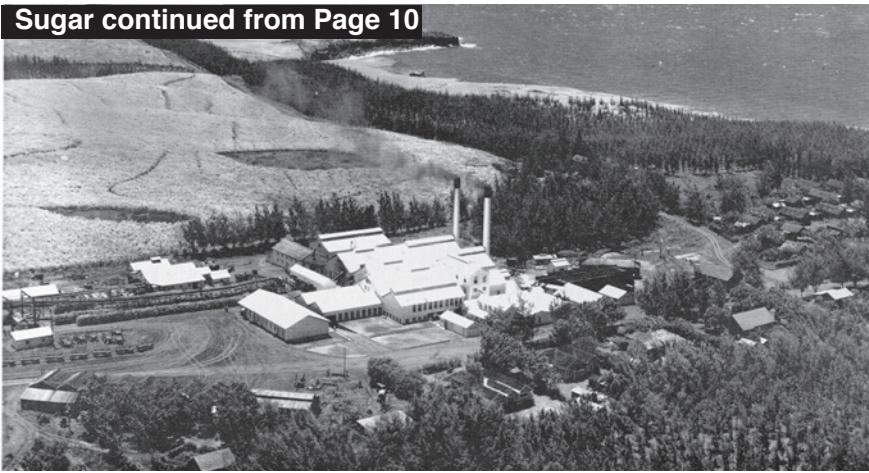
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*The great sugar factory, monumental achievement of John Hind, of Hoëa. (1925)*

town of Hawi really had one continuous mill in operation from 1881 to 1936.

The Ho`ea mill was more pro-

ductive and efficient to operate. Cane was water-flumed from the fields on an efficient downhill course

MAP LOCATION	PLANTATION	YEARS ACTIVE
A	BEECROFT AT PU'UHUE	1879-1930
B	PUAKEA	1886-1930
C	KA'AUHUHU *	1918-1927
D	KAHEI *	1918-1927
E	HUALUA	
F	KOKOI'KI	
G	KAHUA	1883-1883
H	PUEHUEHU PLANTATION CO.	1889-1897
	THOMPSON & ASSOCIATES	1882-1888
	KYNNERSLEY BROS.	1883-1887

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At Ho`ea, three camps included fifty-six houses. A branch of the Hawi Store opened.

In 1909, Hind installed a hydro-electric plant driven by water from the Kohala Ditch. Ho`ea and its workers enjoyed electricity for the first time.

Production at Ho`ea peaked in 1915. It merged with the Halaula mill in 1932. It was shut down shortly after the consolidation in 1937. The Hawi fields continued to supply sugar cane to the Halaula mill.

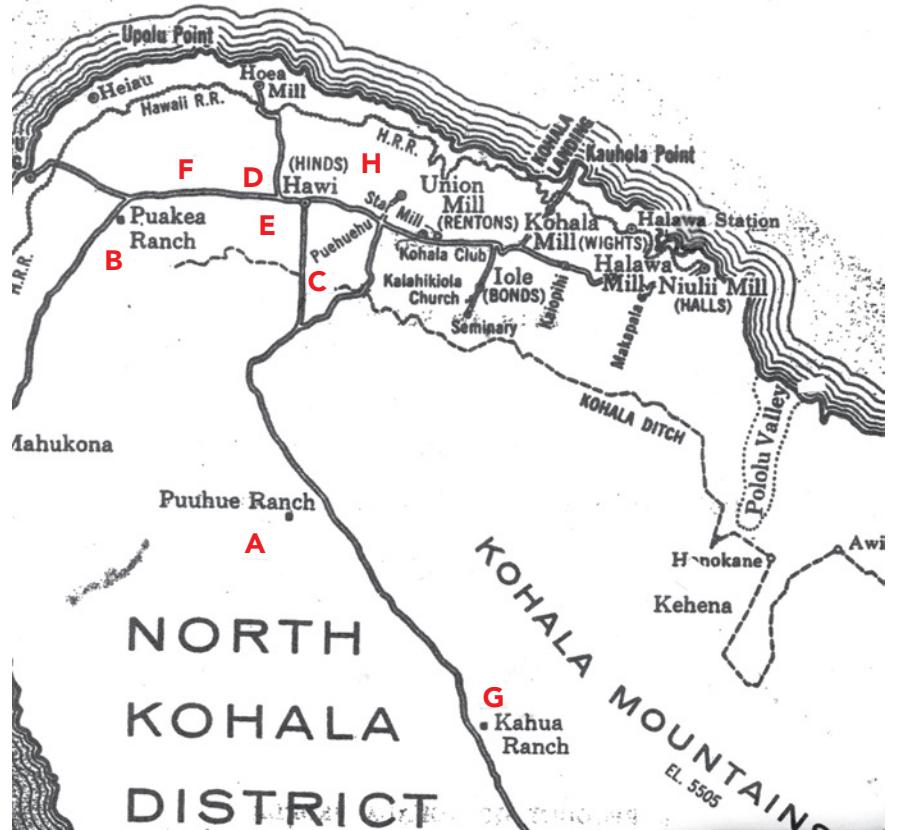
John Hind bought a half interest in lands at Puakea. From

around 1915 through 1929, he successfully raised and harvested sugar cane there.

**SMALLER PLANTATIONS THAT SOLD THEIR CROPS TO KOHALA MILLS**

**Becroft Plantation**

The largest of the independent planters at 400 acres, Becroft sold their cane to the Union and Hawi mills. Production peaked in 1890 at 800 tons. But the higher altitude's stronger winds and less sunshine at Puuhue made it less productive.



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*Kohala was home to many smaller sugar plantations that sold their crops to Kohala mills.*

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Puakea Plantation  
James Wight's daughter leased lands from his estate at Puakea to grow sugar cane. John Hind secured a fifty percent interest in return for grinding rights at the Hawi Mill. Tonnage ranged from 600 to 1,700 tons per year.

**THE AGENTS**

Every Kohala mill was represented by an agent at one time or another. Most planters did not have the capital to afford the equipment necessary to build a mill to process the harvested cane, so they formed a corporation with the agents in Honolulu. The planters contributed the land, the agents the dollars. The agent also negotiated the sale of the crop in the American market. In bad times, the agents' influence with banks and governments kept the plantations afloat.

The agents also secured immi-

grant workers for the plantations. The plantation owner might tell his agent, "I am placing an order for twenty Filipino workers." The agent would place newspaper advertisements in the Philippines, touting the wonderful opportunities available to work in Hawaii. The agency would arrange for shipping the respondents to the requesting plantation.

Over time the agent's function evolved far beyond marketing, shipping and purchasing to one of central management. They provided technical direction for field and factory. For all practical purposes, the agency became a holding company for the plantation network.

Two agencies in particular were important to Kohala's mills. As previously described, Reverend Bond established an agency relationship in 1863 with Castle & Cooke through his missionary

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MILL	MILL OWNER(S)	AGENTS	DATES ACTIVE	MERGED WITH (DATE)
KOHALA	ELIAS BOND	CASTLE & COOKE	1863-1973	
HALAWA	JAMES WIGHT, JUDGE ATKINS	J.T. WATERHOUSE	1873-1929	
UNION	ROBERT HIND, JAMES RENTON (1881)	DAVIES & CO.	1874-1937	KOHALA (1937)
NIULII	FREDERICK HART, THEN ROBERT HALL	DAVIES & CO.	1879-1936	UNION (1932)
STAR	DANIEL VIDA & GEORGE WILLIAMS	IRWIN AND CO.	1879-1899	
HAWI	ROBERT HIND, THEN JOHN HIND	DAVIES & CO.	1881-1904	
HOEA	JOHN HIND	DAVIES & CO.	1904-1936	KOHALA (1931)

*By Tom Morse*

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	5PM	6PM	MEDITATION COURSE	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	917-293-3427
	5PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ASHLEE CHEEK	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH	989-0966
	6PM	7PM	WOMEN'S RECOVERY DHARMA MEETING	ZOOM	464-4411
	6PM	7PM	TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	OLD COURT HOUSE	889-1099
WED	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	BAPTIST CHURCH	889-5675
	12PM	3PM	THRIFT SHOP	ST AUGUSTINE'S	889-5390
	2PM	4PM	OPEN GUIDED ART STUDIO	ARTISTS' CO-OP	783-1158
	2:30PM	4:30PM	TEENS X2 SOCIAL 10-19 YRS	ARTISTS' CO-OP	989-5995
	4:30PM		KOHALA CARES FOOD DRIVE	HUB PARKING LOT	
THU	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
	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	BAPTIST CHURCH	889-5675
	9AM	10:15PM	HEALING CIRCLE	NANI'S GARDEN	805-452-9501
FRI	4PM	6PM	THRIFT SHOP	ST AUGUSTINE'S	889-5390
	5PM	6PM	MEDITATION COURSE	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	917-293-3427
	5PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ROSS PAGAT	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH	989-0966
	6PM		TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	OLD COURT HOUSE	889-1099
	7PM	8PM	NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETING	WILEY HALL ON IOLE	805-452-9501
SAT	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	BAPTIST CHURCH	889-5675
	9AM		HEALING CIRCLE FOR ADDICTS, ALCOHOLICS	NANI'S GARDEN	805-452-9501
	12PM	2PM	MUSIC LAB	ARTIST'S COOP	333-8026
SUN	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	BAPTIST CHURCH	889-5675
	10AM	11AM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	FARMERS MARKET	889-0404
	10AM	11AM	WEST AFRICAN DRUMMING CLASS	ARTISTS' CO-OP	987-4243
	11:30AM	12:30PM	WEST AFRICAN DANCE CLASS	ARTISTS' CO-OP	987-4243
	6PM	7:15PM	RECOVERY DHARMA MEETING	KAVA CAFE	805-452-9501

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Residents in several neighborhoods worked together to get rid of noisy coqui near their homes. Mahalo to those of you that acted when coqui hitchhiked to your home on the family car. Acting early helps prevent larger infestations.

For eradication strategies and methods, check us out at the [kohalacoquicoalition.org](http://kohalacoquicoalition.org) website. You can also call and leave a message at the **COQUI INFORMATION LINE at 889-1777**

Mahalo to the state and county for supporting our efforts. Tax-deductible donations are gratefully accepted through NKCRC, P.O. Box 519, Hawi Hawaii 96719

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friend, Samuel Northrup Castle. Castle & Cooke was started in 1851 by two former mission secular agents, Samuel Northrup Castle and Amos Starr Cooke, who were lay members of a Protestant New England missionary group that arrived in 1837. Castle became business agent for the mission, and Cooke a teacher. They were released from their missionary obligations after fourteen years. Their early business success was due in part to winning the mission trade. It was not until 1910 that Castle & Cooke, as a firm, acquired an ownership interest in the Kohala Sugar Company, though it had served as its agent for nearly 50 years.

Theo H. Davies & Company was the agent for four of Kohala's mills: Union, Niuli'i, Hawi and Ho'ea. Theo Davies' founder was Theophilus Harris Davies, a Welshman who arrived in Hawaii in 1856 under a five-year contract to act as a clerk. He helped set up his sponsor's merchandising business, then later opened his own store. He was adept at raising capital in London, and helped finance a total of twenty-two plantations during his career. Davies retired in 1890 and returned to England, where he acted as guardian to Princess Ka'iulani during her studies there.

**THE BIG FIVE**

Castle & Cooke and Davies and Co. were two of the Big Five Honolulu-based agencies that openly monopolized the sugar trade. They exported sugar from the Islands, and had it refined in their wholly owned California and Hawaiian Sugar Company (C & H Sugar), whose refinery, the largest in the world, was on San Francisco Bay.

**THE BIGGER PICTURE  
ONCE SUGAR BEGAN**

These important events had a major effect on the sugar industry in Hawaii:

- 1.) The American Civil War (1861-65): Greatly raised the export value of sugar.
- 2.) Reciprocity Treaty (1875): Allowed sugar from Hawaii to be sold to U.S. without a tariff.
- 3.) McKinley Tariff (1891): Added a tariff to Hawaiian sugar shipped to the U.S.
- 4.) Hawaii Became a Republic (1893): The Hawaiian monarchy was overthrown.
- 5.) The Hawaii Organic Act (1900): The U.S. annexed Hawaii; labor contracts became illegal.

The sugar industry was the prime force in transforming Hawaii from a traditional, insular, agrarian and debt-ridden society into a multicultural, cosmopolitan and prosperous one.

The American Civil War added to the demand for Hawaii's sugar on the mainland because southern sugar couldn't be delivered to northern states. During the war, the price of sugar multiplied more than six-fold, from four cents per pound in 1861 to 25 cents in 1865. Hawaii's sugar exports to California soared during the U.S. Civil War, but the end of hostilities in 1865 also meant the end of the sugar boom.

The U.S. tariff on sugar posed a major obstacle to expanding sugar production in Hawaii during peacetime, as the high tariff, ranging from 20 percent to 42 percent between 1850 and 1870, limited the extent of profitable sugar cultivation in the islands.

Sugar interests helped elect King Kalakaua to the Hawaiian throne over the British-leaning

Queen Emma in February 1874. Kalakaua immediately sought a trade agreement with the United States.

Hawaii's Reciprocity Treaty with the United States was signed in 1875. This treaty allowed sugar and other products from Hawaii to be sold without a two-cent-per-pound tariff in the United States. In return, the United States received land in the area of Pu'u Loa, later known as the Pearl Harbor naval base. Clearly, the motivation for the U.S. was military. As a result, Hawaii's sugar industry doubled its output after four years. From 1875 to 1880, in five years, Hawaii went from having twenty sugar plantations to sixty-three. During the twenty-years that the treaty was in effect, the economic benefit to the Hawaiian sugar industry was close to ten million dollars.

In 1891, American and British interests forced King Kalakaua to sign a new constitution requiring very high land ownership for those in power, favoring white plantation owners. Labor conditions worsened. In 1893 his sister, Queen Liliuokalani, tried to restore the power of the monarchy and Hawaiian's right to vote, and as a result was overthrown. The Republic of Hawaii was governed by those same interests.

In 1890, the U.S. Congress enacted the McKinley Tariff, which established a two-cent-per-pound bounty for domestic mainland producers. The overall effect of the McKinley Tariff was to completely erase the advantages that the reciprocity treaty had provided to Hawaiian sugar producers over other foreign sugar producers selling in the U.S. market. The value of Hawaiian merchandise exports plunged from \$13 million in 1890 to \$10

million in 1891 to a low point of \$8 million in 1892.

The advent of the Spanish-American War and the ensuing hostilities in the Philippines raised Hawaii's strategic value to the United States, and Hawaii was annexed by a joint resolution of Congress in July 1898.

Hawaii became a U.S. territory with the passage of the Organic Act in 1900. When American laws became effective in Hawaii, contract labor and the importation of contract laborers became illegal.

The labor contracts became illegal because they violated the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude. And the Territory became subject to the Chinese Exclusion Act, a racist American law which halted further importation of Chinese laborers.

When the plantation workers heard that their contracts were no longer binding, they walked off the plantations by the thousands in sheer joy and celebration. Many of the freed men left the plantations forever. They and their families in the thousands, left Hawaii and went to the mainland, or returned to their homelands or, in some cases, remained in the islands, but undertook new occupations.

Meanwhile, the planters had to turn to new sources of labor. They brought in more Japanese, Puerto Ricans, Koreans, Spanish, Filipinos and other groups.

Shifting political alliances between 1902 and 1930 permitted Cuba to have a larger share of the United States sugar market, holding 45 percent of the domestic quota while Hawaii, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico shared 25 percent.

The industry came to maturity by the turn of the century; the industry peaked in the 1930s. Hawaii's sugar plantations employed more than 50,000 workers and produced more than one million tons of sugar a year; over 250,000 acres were planted in sugar.

*Next Month: The Process of Growing Sugar Cane; The Process of Milling Cane; The Workers*

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### Trial Run Vaccine Clinic at Kona Community Hospital Is a Success



Source: Kona Community Hospital  
Maria Mundell, RN Educator, reviews electronic medical records process with nurse managers.

On Thursday, December 10, Kona Community Hospital conducted a successful trial run COVID-19 vaccine clinic.

The clinic, which was run in real-time, tested processes for the hospital's large-scale vaccination campaign that is slated to launch upon the FDA Emergency Use Authorization of a COVID-19 vaccine.

"Thursday's run-through was very successful. Employees from registration, nursing, education and IT all took part in the mock

clinic. This allowed us to identify a few gaps and tighten up our processes," said Lisa Downing, RN, BSN, Employee Health and Infection Prevention Director.

The hospital will be providing vaccinations to all West Hawaii Region employees, including those at Kohala Hospital.

"I am so proud of our team," Downing said. "We are ready to manage a mass vaccination clinic for healthcare workers, and ultimately our community, if needed."

### Be Prepared for the DMV

by Mary Lou Griesser

During our lifetimes we have all had moments when, despite the rules and regulations, a little common sense and kindness should prevail. I had this moment when I had to renew my driver's license.

Normally I would start the process at least one month before my birthday, in case there were any problems.

But due to the COVID crises, you have to make an appointment with the DMV, which had to be made online.

That didn't work because there was no calendar for November.

I couldn't reach a live human being by phone, so I called the mayor's office and they kindly got my appointment.

Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I went to my appointment on Monday but was devastated when I failed the vision test.

I envisioned becoming a prisoner in my home.

Here is what I learned and will explain for all of you to know, because I didn't.

The DMV gave me a yellow card for my optometrist to complete so I could get my license.

My optometrist fit me in the following day, and after

two hours with her I was prescribed glasses for driving and had my yellow card in hand. Now here is where the rules and regulations, but with kindness and common sense, comes into play.

After seeing the optometrist, I immediately went to the DMV. At the front door the employee told me I needed an appointment.

I noticed that I was the only person there.

No one was waiting or being serviced. It was just me. My presence would not inconvenience anyone.

I pointed out that on Monday I came from Hawi, went back home, returned on Tuesday, saw the optometrist, and now presented myself at the DMV with my yellow card.

Again, she wouldn't let me in. With tears in my eyes I asked for a little compassion and kindness; finally I was allowed to enter. It took ten minutes to complete the process and, in that time, I was still the only person there. When you go for your driver's test, see your optometrist first and get that yellow card.

I found out the hard way but now, thankfully, I can get some sleep!




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## Ka`ahele Releases Dreamy, Thought-Provoking “Trust”



Source: Ka`ahele

Songwriter Ka`ahele's new single "Trust" is available for download from major streaming platforms.

“Trust” is the unique songwriter’s first collaboration with talented Hilo based producer and Na Hoku Hanohano award nominee David Williamson of DWP Sounds. The song will be available for download on December 18 from Bandcamp, Spotify, Apple Music, and all other streaming platforms.

The two started working on this collaboration early this year, but production paused when Ka`ahele lost her father suddenly from an accident in June.

Because of this, the song evolved in a profound way, and now after everything that the world has endured in 2020, Ka`ahele feels like the subject of Trust is prevalent for most of us.

She says, “It’s been a murky, foggy, long drive. Especially regarding the internet, the virus and politics. We’ve been separated from those who are closest to us. And further separated by different views and morals.

Truth and trust feel elusive amongst illusions and strong opinions. Where is it? This song is about the ‘Trust Fall.’ I honor the things in my life that I know I can Trust, no matter what.

Even if it means the great mystery itself. Or something like the

rise of the tides, the arrival of the morning elements, or the hand of a loved one. I can trust that these things will always ‘catch me,’ no matter what.”

Ka`ahele is a frequent performer at Big Island festivals like Kohala `Aina festival and Manafest. Off-island she has performed at larger venues such as Oregon Country Fair, Shangri-la festival in Minnesota, and Yagurs Farm Woodstock Reunion Festival in New York.

She placed 3rd in Hawaii Songwriters Competition in 2018 and has been seen on line-ups including Paula Fuga, Pato Banton, Amber Lily & Tubby Love, Ydine, Medicine for the People, and Hope Medford.

Ka`ahele has a reputation of bringing authenticity to her listeners, as well as clever lyrics that are uplifting, and brutally honest – bringing awareness and at the same time making light of the human situation.

Her songs are full of food for thought, and her melodies are soothing and creative. In this new song that collaborates with DWP Sounds, existing and new listeners are really in for a fresh feel that still holds true to Ka`ahele’s authentic vibe.



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**ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO CURRENT HEALTH CONCERNS**

DATE	DAY	START	END	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	VENUE	PHONE
12/17	THU	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	SACRED HEART FOOD BASKET		SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH	889-5115
12/21	THU	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL - TAKE OUT	AT ST. AUGUSTINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
1/6	WED	4:00 PM		KOHALA COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP	MEETING	SENIOR CENTER	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
1/6	WED	4:30 PM		NKAG MEETING		OLD COURT-HOUSE	889-0404
1/6	WED	4:30 PM		KOHALA CARES	FOOD DISTRIBUTION	THE HUB	ALOHAPETER@YAHOO.COM
1/11	MON	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL - TAKE OUT	AT ST. AUGUSTINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
1/13	WED	4:30 PM		KOHALA CARES	FOOD DISTRIBUTION	THE HUB	ALOHAPETER@YAHOO.COM
1/16	SAT	4:30 PM	6:30 PM	FREE GRINDZ HOT MEAL	KOHALA BAPTIST CHURCH	BANYAN TREE	889-5416
1/20	WED	4:30 PM		KOHALA CARES	FOOD DISTRIBUTION	THE HUB	ALOHAPETER@YAHOO.COM
1/21	THU	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	SACRED HEART FOOD BASKET		SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH	889-5115
1/25	MON	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL - TAKE OUT	AT ST. AUGUSTINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
1/27	WED	5:00 PM		PARKS, WATER & ROADS GROUP	MONTHLY MEETING	OLD COURTHOUSE	889-6238
1/27	WED	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	RESTORATIVE YOGA THERAPY CLASS	WITH CARLA ORELLANA, CERTIFIED YOGA THERAPIST, BY DONATION	THE HUB	889-0404
1/27	WED	4:30 PM		KOHALA CARES	FOOD DISTRIBUTION	THE HUB	ALOHAPETER@YAHOO.COM
1/28	THU	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	THRIFT SHOP	AT ST. AUGUSTINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH	NEXT TO WALKER HALL	889-5390

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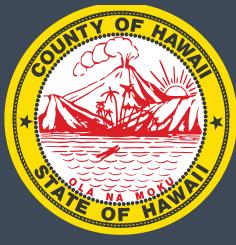
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# Just in "Thyme" for Christmas and the New Year!

There's a new shop in town, "Thyme Traveler," specializing in "unique items for extraordinary individuals."

Thyme Traveler is a retail shop in the heart of North Kohala. It serves the community with a panacea of both new and re-loved goods, including clothing, books, artwork, furniture, antiques, crystal, china, jewelry, Hawaiiana, garden goods, herbal products, gifts, and much more. A "General Store," of sorts?

Hawi-resident DeeAnne Dornick and friends started the shop with hopes of promoting the use of gently used, home-made, and hand-crafted items to help support the environment, while helping to keep our little town thriving.

Thyme Traveler was inspired by the owners' deep commitment to recycling, which is reflected in the many vintage and antique items in the shop. The shop's name is a play on words, with "thyme" from its garden sanctuary replacing the "time" that's implied in the historical differences in the varied inventory, not to mention the many antique clocks available in the shop. The play continues with many items having been collected while "traveling" around the world.

DeeAnne was introduced to antiques as a child and started collecting at age 11, after moving to Scotland, then Belgium. Every weekend for five years, she would



Photo Credit: DeeAnn Dornick

tag along with her parents to flea markets and antique stores throughout Europe, learning about the history, craftsmanship and value of their finds. DeeAnne's mother eventually opened her own antique store (Mia's Antiques and Uniques) in the heart of Illinois, which specialized in Victorian-era, European antiques. After leaving home, DeeAnne would support herself by "fixing up" and re-selling items that she had found thrown out on the streets of New Orleans.

As a budding herbalist and gar-

dener during that time, her career would take a shift into an apprenticeship that led her to becoming a Louisiana-based midwife, where she was state-licensed and nationally accredited as a Certified Professional Midwife.

As an early pioneer in the resurgence of midwifery in the U.S., students would gather to learn from her. Her school eventually became one of the country's first nationally accredited midwifery schools, known for its strong base in natural healing approaches and positive

birth outcomes.

In the year 2000, DeeAnne and her husband, Dr. Jim Berg, acquired a parcel of land on Ho`ea Road, now known as Lapa`au Botanical Sanctuary. Here, DeeAnne has designed the property into a park-like sanctuary featuring edible landscaping full of useful, endemic, rare and/or endangered plants. From the sanctuary, she will source herbs for making tinctures and salves to have available at Thyme Traveler, along with organic dried herbs, potted plants and seasonal cut flowers. Thyme Traveler will pursue partnering with Hawaii farms and beekeepers to offer value-added local products to the mix.

Whether you're looking for a new silk dress, a hand-woven basket for your knitting, an herbal salve to soothe your skin, clumping bamboo or a fruit tree to plant up the 'aina, a crystal vase for your bouquets, an organic, sweet pumpkin to eat for dinner, a rare wedding blanket hand-dyed with botanical dyes, or that special piece of antique jewelry, you just might find it at Thyme Traveler.

This December, Thyme Traveler will be open from 10 a.m. til 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, at 55-3435 Akoni Pule Highway in Hawi.

Help support the local economy. Come by, find out what's happening and shop Kohala!



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## St. Augustine's Episcopal Church Community Mahalo!

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To everyone who donated to our Diaper Bank Drive.

To support our Kohala families during this pandemic we provided a drive-through pick-up meal twice a month.

We would like to thank the many volunteers & patrons who helped us in 2020.

- St. Augustine's volunteers • Feed Kohala Initiative
- Tutu & Me Home Visiting Ohana • Relief Society Women of the Kohala Ward of the Church of Latter-Day Saints
- Kahua Pa'a Mua • HCFCU Student Credit Union
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- Gospel of Salvation - Kohala
- Kalahikiola Congregational Church
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- Kohala Gleaning • Kohala L & L
- Minnie's • TJ Local • Kings View Café • Pomaikai Café

### KMS Thanksgiving Banner Contest

Kohala Middle School students participated in a Thanksgiving Banner Contest between the six home rooms, or hales (houses). First place went to Hale Laulima.



Credit: Keali'i Carvalho

### Wiki Library Visits Have Started

**What:** Wiki Visits  
**Who:** North Kohala Public Library  
**Where:** North Kohala Public Library, 54-3645 Akoni Pule Hwy

The Hawaii State Public Library System is excited to welcome library patrons back into public libraries statewide for Wiki Visits! Wiki Visits will allow a limited number of patrons into the library for quick grab and go trips to select books and materials and for computer time at the library.

How do Wiki Visits work?

- Wiki visits start at the top of the hour and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis
- A limited number of library patrons will have up to 45 minutes to find books and materials, ask for assistance, use copiers or use a computer
- The last 15 minutes of each hour the library will be closed for disinfecting high touch surfaces
- Library patrons are limited to one Wiki Visit per day
- Newspapers, magazines and reading areas inside the library are not available yet

Everyone entering the public libraries will be required to follow mandated health and safety protocols at all times while inside the library. Visits are limited in compliance with public health guidance to reduce exposure for all and to allow for proper disinfection of all high touch areas.

We appreciate the public's patience as we continue to phase in our library services for the community.

As our menu and mode of services may have changed since publication please contact us for information on current library services.  
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### Happy Holidays!!



The staff and Board wishes everyone a safe and warm Holiday filled with Aloha. Mahalo for your friendship and generosity throughout the year.

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# Kohala Middle School Staff & Students Wave "Mahalo!"

Kohala Middle School Staff and Students want to thank our Kohala families and community for their support of our school. Mahalo Nui!



Credit: Sheri Preston  
Principal Alan Brown (left) and Liz Bautista



Left to right: Kathie Pasco, Wendy Nickl and Pela Terrell



Left to right: Chyler Imai, Rhaejah Lajala-Fernandez and Tim Buli



Peter O'Donnell (left) and Chyler Imai

## 'Olelo Hawai'i for Kekemapa 2020 (December) Hana

By Ka'aina Ishimine

Hana means work, task, duty, process. It is one of the Kumu Waiwai, the Hawaiian Values. Hana is used in this Olelo No'au, or **Hawaiian Proverb: 'A'ohe hana nui ke alu 'ia.**

This proverb means: No task is too big when done together. If everyone helps, it lightens the workload.

It feels like we all, as a community, have done well to help each other end the year on a positive foot.

**KALA CORP PRESENTS: "HAPPINESS" THE LIFE AND TIMES OF KA AND LA, MENEHUNE COUSINS OF KOHALA**

STORY BY KALA CORP ILLUSTRATED BY KRISTI KRANZ

EH, LA... YOU KNOW HOW US MENEHUNE LIVE FOREVER?

SO, WE'VE SEEN PLENTY HUMANS TRY FOR FIND HAPPINESS AND CONTENTMENT IN THEIR LIVES

YA, WE WAS HERE BEFORE HERE WAS HERE!

YA, BUT MOST PEOPLE DON'T LEAVE THIS WORLD VERY HAPPY

THEY SPEND THEIR LIVES CHASING WEALTH AND POWER ONLY TO FIND THESE THINGS DON'T "BRING" CONTENTMENT. I KEEP HOPING THEY'LL FIGURE OUT THAT "KINDNESS IS THE ROAD TO HAPPINESS"

YA, KA, I HOPE THAT, TOO...

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## New Project Pursues Solutions to Wastewater Challenges

By Gail Byrne Baber

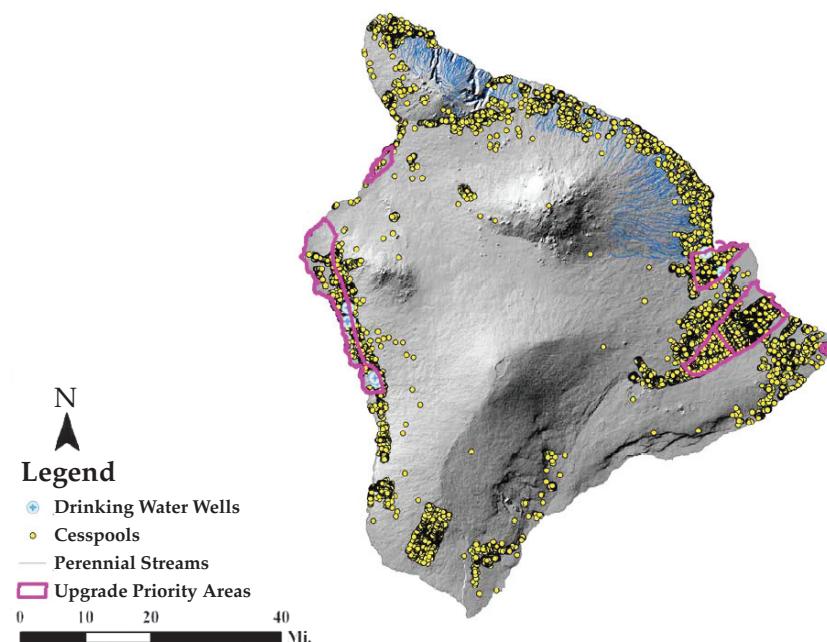
Most of us don't spend much time thinking about or maintaining our cesspools or septic systems until they begin to stink or back up, creating a mess. More recently, selling a home or refinancing might also trigger some attention to these waste systems that we tend to forget about.

But in recent years studies of the impacts of cesspools and failing septic systems on Hawaii's shorelines and ocean water quality have confirmed that Hawaii needs to better manage its wastewater.

Approximately 88,000 cesspools release 53 million gallons of raw sewage into Hawaii's groundwater daily. Failing septic systems also contribute to this pollution and can pose the same risks as cesspools.

Hawaii Island has the highest number of cesspools – 50,000 – and accounts for 27.3 million gallons of cesspool effluent daily, polluting drinking water, posing risks to human health, impacting marine environments, and threatening local reefs and recreation as well as the tourism industry.

System failures can impact business, and everyone wants to avoid enforcement actions by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) similar to those



Source: Report to the Twenty-ninth Legislature, State of Hawaii 2018 Regular Session, Relating to Cesspools and Prioritization for Replacement. <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/FW18-NARS-FY17.pdf>  
 Hawaii cesspool locations, priority areas for upgrade, potentially affected drinking water sources, and perennial streams.

that have happened on Maui and other parts of Hawaii Island in the last two years.

Wastewater Solutions, a project of the North Kohala Community Resource Center, was launched earlier this year to identify potential solutions for wastewater challenges in North Kohala.

The project will assess various options, including the potential for a regular cesspool and septic system education and maintenance program.

Christine Richardson, Executive Director of the North Kohala Community Resource Center, has been part of the working group

and shared, "Cesspools are a problem everywhere in Hawaii. Kohala tends to tackle things head on, working together. We have a greater opportunity to develop community driven solutions here than in many parts of the state."

There are things we can all do to ensure our cesspools and septic systems are working better, which also helps homeowners save money. Making sure there are no leaking faucets is a big one. Just a small leak over time can overload these systems.

Avoiding flushing fats and oils down the kitchen sink and composting food waste instead of using the garbage disposal helps to keep systems from clogging. Of course, never flush personal hygiene products down the toilet. Since the beginning of COVID, septic and cesspool pumpers have seen an increase in calls for pumping due to wipes being flushed down toilets.

Wastewater Solutions will be asking for community input and sharing their work in the upcoming months. Stay posted and, in the meantime, perhaps take a moment to check for leaks that can overload our cesspool and septic systems – a small thing we can all do that can collectively begin to make a difference to protect Hawaii's oceans.

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