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About Kohala, For Kohala

July 23, 2021

Kynnersley Road Officially Joins Neighborhood Watch Program



Photo courtesy of Blaine Duque

Kynnersley Road resident Blain Duque (left) and his 'ohana with Officer Dayton Tagaca after the installation of a Neighborhood Watch sign. Kynnersley Road is now the second active Neighborhood Watch community in Kohala. Neighborhood Watch programs take an "extra eyes and ears" approach to crime prevention, bringing together local officials, law enforcement, and citizens for the protection of their communities.

Kynnersley Road has become the second active Neighborhood Watch community in Kohala.

Community Police Officer Dayton Tagaca, along with Block Captain Blaine Duque and his 'ohana, posted both Neighborhood Watch (NHW) signs for Kynnersley Road on July 1.

Since becoming part of NHW, several concerns of residents have been noted and projects such as

speeding and illegal parking were addressed. Duque has been a diligent Block Captain and continues to be available when other concerns are brought to his attention.

Those interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch Program on their street or in their subdivision can contact Community Police Officer Dayton Tagaca at dayton.tagaca@hawaiicounty.gov or (808) 889-6540.

Land Purchase at Māhukona Given a "Go"



Credit: Mark Grandoni

Rough water washes over the remains of Māhukona pier in this 2005 photo by the late Mark Grandoni, past president of Ka Makani O Kohala.

By Toni Withington

Hawaii County Council this month passed a resolution authorizing the County to enter negotiations for the purchase of 642 acres of land at Māhukona. The vote was unanimous.

The process to conserve the land between Māhukona and Kapa'a parks in open space is already underway between Hawaii Islands Land Trust and the Canadian firm that took ownership over in foreclosure proceedings in 2012. The County's entrance into the discussions as a possible funder is a giant

step toward protecting the land from future development.

The move comes 31 years after Chalon International of Hawaii unveiled a master plan of the land for an 18-hole golf course and tennis complex with 345 hotel units and 170 one-acre residential lots.

At its July 7 meeting, the Council received 68 letters of support for the resolution and six people spoke in favor. They were Shae Kamakaala of Hawaiian Islands Land Trust (HILT); Chadd Paishon, master navigator and spokesperson for Na Kalai Wa'a;

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People who prefer an appointment are asked to email QNHCVaccine@queens.org and include their name, date of birth and phone number, or they can call 808-881-4668.

Find information to prepare for appointment at covid.queens.org/north-hawaii-vaccination.

Kona Community Hospital

COVID-19 vaccination clinics have ended.

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Toni Withington, spokesperson for the four Kohala groups that have nominated the land to the county's Open Space priority list since 2006; Patty Anne Solomon, with family and long-time connections to the land; and Hinano Lewis, a teacher at Kohala Elementary School.

Na Kalai Wa'a, a nonprofit Hawaiian group that houses its voyaging canoes on the land and stewards the navigational heiau, is working in partnership with HILT to negotiate the sale.

Shae Kamakaala, the Director of 'Aina Protection and General Counsel for HILT, said Māhukona is the first indigenous-led conservation project undertaken by the land trust. Chadd Paishon said Māhukona "is a place of respect that connects people all across the Pacific."

Patty Anne Solomon, who for many years has served as an interpreter of culture at Māhukona, said the place is "not just a heiau and historic treasure, but a way of life." Many of the written testimonies chronicled years and lifetimes of recreational use of the land.

Hinano Lewis said Māhukona is where the schools take students to teach about the ocean and protecting land.

As spokesperson for the four groups - Malama Na Wahi Pana O Kohala, Ka Makani O Kohala Ohana, Malama Kohala Kahakai, and Maika'i Kamakani O Kohala - Toni Withington thanked HILT and Na Kalai Wa'a "for their steadfast commitment to caring the project

forward."

Discussion among council members was all positive. Councilmember Matt Kaneali'i-Kleinfelder called the large project "daunting." Tim Richards, who introduced the resolution, said, "There are many details to work out, but it can be done."

The Māhukona land is listed number one on the County's 2020 Priority list for public purchase. The resolution authorizes the County Finance Department to negotiate for a purchase or conservation easement using the 2% Open Space Fund that currently contains \$19 million. The County is not expected to be the only funder of the purchase since HILT is seeking other open space and legacy conservation funding. The price of the land and the eventual holder of title have not been settled on.

Chalon purchased 18,000 acres of land from Castle and Cooke (Kohala Sugar Company) in 1988. Though zoning for the Chalon resort was granted in 1993, the company was not able to comply with the conditions attached to the permits. Successors to the company, Surety Kohala Corporation and Kohala Preserve Conservation Trust, twice attempted to keep the zoning alive by scaling down the resort and subdivision without success.

The Māhukona land and 6,500 acres of forest and pastureland above the north coast were subject to foreclosure to a creditor in 2012. Representatives of the creditor approached HILT about a conservation sale in January 2020.

County Moves to Demolish Māhukona Park Pavilion



The 70-year-old pavilion at Māhukona is slated to be celebrated in a "thank you" ceremony on September 11.

Story and photo by Toni Withington

Before a whole new facility is built at Māhukona Beach Park, the County has plans to demolish the 70-year-old pavilion. Steps to do that and replace it with a temporary platform are in the works, Maurice Messina, director of the Department of Parks and Recreation said at a meeting June 17.

Meanwhile, those who have fond memories of the wood structure are planning a Demolition/Goodbye/New Beginnings of Māhukona Pavilion gathering for Saturday, September 11, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Save Māhukona Action Committee and the Parks, Water, Roads Group have been meeting with Messina monthly and are insistent that a celebration of the pavilion be made before it is torn down. Moderator Noelani Rasmussen said a committee would take responsibility for planning a respectful event.

In an email, Messina reminded the organizers of the celebration that the wrecking crew won't be around until all the permits required to remove the building are in order. Removing the lead paint and pesticides in the soil will take expensive precautions. It could take some months, he said, but the funding has been secured and he doesn't anticipate any delays.

"We really want to make sure the community understands that the process is lengthy, and is aware that they will be seeing the pavilion there for some time after the cer-

emony," Michelle Hiraishi, deputy parks director, said in an email confirming the September 11 date.

At the meeting with the two groups, Messina said Parks the Department was allotted \$400 thousand for the demolition of the pavilion and construction of a platform-deck for public use over the pavilion footprint. The platform is expected to be for the use of parkgoers as a stage or place to hold parties, or just to picnic off of the rocky ground.

Permits are expected to be easier to get because it will be on the same site with simple design that can use County staff to build it "in house."

"Construction of the new pavilion and restrooms is still over two years away," Messina said.

Even though the department is mandated to upgrade 16 other parks to American Disabilities Act standards, Māhukona is the only construction project on the department's slate.

Last month Councilmember Tim Richards managed to slip into the Counties Capital Improvement budget a \$5 million designation for Māhukona Park.

Messina re-iterated that the planning for the new park would be "community-driven." With fifteen acres available for park use, the new facilities are expected to be located mauka of the old pavilion due to predicted sea level rise. Whether the platform remains as part of the park or is removed is up to the community and users.

A Young Man's Vision - Clyson Marquez



Credit: Jeffrey Coakley

Left to right: Amoo Ching Kainoa, Honey Pat Ching, Clyson Marquez and Hinano Solomon. The three women are mentors to Clyson in bringing his Hawaiian lei plant nursery vision to fruition.



Credit: Jeffrey Coakley

Left to right: Jaime Fernandez, Taylie Ann Ching Carvalho and Cael Kauanohe Galdones do thier part to help Clyson Marquez with his nursery project.

By Jeffrey Coakley

In 1975 the last truck hauling sugar to Kawaihae, driven by Samson Cazimero, left the Halaula base yard and brought an end to the Kohala Sugar Company and with it, the end of employment for many Kohala residents.

However, another change was coming that many did not see and that affected the lives of Kohala residents for generations to come: a change in the land tenure. From the waving fields of sugarcane to the barbwire fences, gates and the raising of cattle.

The open cane-haul roads were now closed and no longer did the people have the freedom of access to go to mauka or makai, taking one

of the many cane-haul roads that were used to transport sugarcane stalks to the mill.

However, the raising of cattle is a huge and at times risky investment – drought conditions and unstable prices to name a few. Protecting your investment is a must, as your livelihood depends on it.

Clyson Marquez, a recent graduate of Kohala High School and student of Hawaiian cultural arts, came up with an idea. If people were no longer physically able to gather those plants that were endemic to their Hawaiian culture, then he would raise those plants and make them accessible for the kūpuna of Kohala and Kohala's people.

His plan was to start a garden

paradise of Hawaiian native plants in Honomakau, below Kohala High School, with the help of his mentors Honey Pat Ching, Amoo Ching and Hinano Solomon, a half-acre of land being donated by Honey Pat with lots of room for future expansion. Wallace Ching, Richard Marquez, Hualalai Keohulua, Dash Kerr, Bert Kanoa, Kell Matsuda, Godfrey Kainoa and Brandon Belmarez of Aikane Nursery were a big help with the groundwork to get the project started. Also, students of Amoo Ching's Unupa'a Summer Program of 2021 were a big help and worked very hard in helping to prep the

ground, laying a weed mat, weeding, planting, and shoveling mulch for weed and moisture control.

One planting that I was impressed to find was that of pili grass. Abundant in times past, pili grass was used to thatch the hale, or homes, of our Hawaiian ancestors, but it's hard to find today.

I noticed there were a group of younger elementary- and middle-school aged children. I asked Clyson what their role in the project was. He told me he wanted them to learn to take care of the plants as they would themselves, to be healthy physically and mentally strong. To speak positively to the plants, encouraging them to grow and for them to respect the 'āina. He said, "We all have dreams, but we need to work at it." Part of that dream according to his mentor Amoo Ching, that has pretty much become a proverb is to "Keep Kohala, Kohala."

Clyson's life has not been an easy one, but still he forges ahead, working at it to make it happen one day at a time, as an example to his younger team members and with the help of his adult mentors.

Ka Lei Ke'ia 'Āina Aloha – My Dream is to Grow a Native Hawaiian Lei Plant Nursery for my Kohala Community. It will take time, but with a vision and a plan it's already taking root.

Clyson's project was funded through the Running Strong for Native American Youth and North Kohala Community Resource Center.

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Kohala Stewards for Pololū



On July 10, the Pololū Stewardship Program was announced to the public. In concert with the announcement, volunteers met at the trailhead to perform trail maintenance and beach clean-up while kūpuna from the Protect Pololū 'ohana greeted visitors and provided cultural and public access information.

Story and photo by Lehua Ah Sam

On Saturday, July 10, Protect Pololū project worked with Nā Ala Hele to close the trailhead parking area for maintenance in a community-wide effort to clean the trailhead area, trail and beach. Over 40 volunteers from our Kohala community gathered at 7 a.m. to begin the arduous tasks of cutting back the over grown haole koa and Christmas berry trees that had begun to obstruct the view of the beach from the lookout. Crews of volunteers also went down to the beach to remove vandalized signs, pick up litter, and clear areas of the trail from overgrowth.

Kūpuna from the Protect Pololū 'ohana greeted visitors as they came to visit the valley. They provided cultural information, as well as education about public access areas and the nature of the managed Nā Ala Hele trail that goes from the lookout to the base of the cliff. In just half an hour, over 150 visitors came through the lookout area. Some visitors even pitched in with the clean-up effort, picking up bags of micro-plastics from the beach.

This community clean up coincided with the public announcement of the Pololū Stewardship Program: a partnership between Nā Ala Hele, KŪPU and Protect Pololū

Project, which is funded by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. In June, the families and community organizers of Protect Pololū became an official project under North Kohala Community Resource Center. The project then partnered with DLNR's Nā Ala Hele Trail and Access program to envision a stewardship program for Pololū. Nā Ala Hele met with Protect Pololū 'ohana and prioritized better signage with education about the cultural sites, property lines, and the dangers of the wilderness area of Pololū and the following valleys. Four part-time positions were created as a 6-month trial project to better manage the

large number of visitors that are currently inundating the valley.

The steward program will begin in August, and signage will begin to be installed in the next couple of months. Keep an eye out for future opportunities to help Protect Pololū with clean ups and other community education opportunities.

He ali'i ka 'āina he kauā ke kanaka. The land is a chief, and we the people are the servants ('Ōlelo No'ēau 531). As servants, the people of Hawai'i were considered to be stewards of the land, rather than land owners or users. This tradition of stewardship will continue with our Pololū families and the Protect Pololū Project.



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Mahalo Kohala!

For the many years living in Kohala, in that very home, I had never ever thought that this type of event would happen to my family and me, but it has. I thank the Lord my family and I are safe. We will continue to live, prosper and be strong for one another.

A huge Mahalo to Kohala, Waimea, and Puako Fire Stations;

and to Kohala's Police Department. We appreciate all you could do.

We are deeply touched with the outpouring and ongoing help that I have seen and received continuously from family and friends near and far, and the community – with all my heart I want to thank everyone. Thank you to all who has given the time and support, whether it

be food, water, clothing, financial (GoFundMe), or words of comfort etc.... I am beyond words and very grateful.

We have a long road ahead of us, but my father once told me long ago that, "The house can burn down but the land is still there; you can rebuild again and build better."

Mahalo Nui, Asencion Family

Fireworks Traumatize Animals

Dear Editor:

I would like to bring the community's attention to the trauma so many of our pets suffer due to fireworks. My dog Beau has a terrible time with the explosions. He is terrified and shakes uncontrollably. I have tried so many ways to help him, but none have been effective.

After the July 4 fireworks, Beau was completely incapacitated and couldn't even get up to walk the next morning. The vet came to my house in the afternoon and confirmed Beau did have a stroke. Fortunately, by that time Beau was able

to stand and walk a little bit. He was not put down for now, but the vet told me to sedate him early that afternoon in case more fireworks were shot that night.

I'm very grateful he did not have to be put down, but very upset all this trauma – and now a debilitating stroke – is due to the fireworks. I've lived here 24 years and remember that, until six years ago, this used to be such a quiet neighborhood every 4th of July and New Year's.

So sad for our pets...

Clemencia Quintero-Sweeney
Resident of Maliu Ridge



Credit: Clemencia Quintero-Sweeney
Beau suffered a stroke due to 4th of July fireworks.

Hawai'i State House of Representatives Update

From the Desk of District 7 Representative David Tarnas

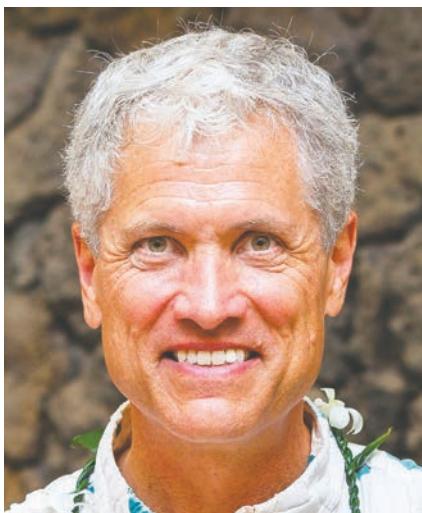


Photo courtesy of David Tarnas
Representative David Tarnas speaks for North Kohala as a member of the Hawai'i State House of Representatives.

Aloha, friends and neighbors! I am grateful to have had the opportunity to return to the State Capitol in May, June, and July as the State Legislature reconvened to complete the 2020 Legislative Session in an abbreviated and socially distanced format.

The shortened session and modified procedures did not allow enough time for many of the bills which were introduced this year to complete the legislative process, and the Legislature will have to reintroduce these bills during our next session. However, the Legislature did pass a variety of important measures addressing the COVID-19 crisis and our State's most critical needs, including appropriating relief funds to provide direct benefits to Hawai'i residents, adjusting the State budget, and amending key State laws.

Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security

(CARES) Act and the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (PPPHEA), Congress designated about \$1.3 billion in federal funds for Hawai'i to address the COVID-19 public health emergency. In late May, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 75, which designated about half of these funds for immediate COVID-19 response programs, including upgrades to the State Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) systems. The bill provided funds for traveler health screening, contact tracing, personal protective equipment, and outbreak response to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Additionally, the bill appropriated funds to each of the counties, including \$80 million to fund COVID-19 response programs in Hawai'i County.

Upon reconvening in late June, the Legislature passed another bill (Senate Bill 126) to appropriate the State's remaining share of federal funding to programs providing relief directly to residents. The key programs supported by this legislation are:

- Enhanced Unemployment Insurance benefits of an additional \$100 per week to eligible recipients, available after federal unemployment benefits end (\$230 million).

- Rental housing assistance program (\$100 million statewide; \$12 million for Hawai'i County).

- Grants to assist child care facilities to maintain or resume operations, clean and sanitize, and pay or train employees (\$15 million).

- Purchase and distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) to hospitals, childcare facilities, elderly care facilities, businesses, non-profits, and schools (\$100 million).

- Health assurance security initiatives at airports statewide (\$90 mil-

lion).

- Workforce development programs and retraining (\$36 million).

- Grants to support emerging industries to produce cleaning supplies and PPE (\$15 million).

- Food assistance to families in need (\$5 million).

- Commercial fishing industry support (\$3 million).

- Support for 2020 graduates of public high schools, including college counseling and an online class (\$2 million).

Beyond these fiscal and COVID-19 relief bills, the Legislature also passed a variety of measures amending State laws. These bills have now been sent to the Governor, who has until September 15 to sign or veto each one. A few highlights of the measures recently passed by the Legislature are:

- HB2543 expands the Preschool Open Doors Program, appropriates funding for early childhood education, and sets goals for the expansion of public early childhood education programs statewide.

- HB285 requires police departments to report instances of officer misconduct to the Legislature. It also requires the Law Enforcement Standards Board to review and recommend statewide policies and procedures relating to law enforcement, including the use of force.

- SB2060 amends coastal zone management laws to further protect against the impacts of sea level rise and coastal erosion.

- HB1854 requires the Department of Agriculture to identify and publish best practices for the treatment of Little Fire Ants.

- HB1523 appropriates \$6.4 million of federal COVID-19 relief funding to cover the costs of devices (such as electronics to support dis-

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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.

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Ads and News: 8/13/21
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 tance learning) for public schools with high student need.

- HB2425 amends the definition of "domestic abuse" to include coercive control. This legislation increases legal protections for people experiencing domestic violence, which often includes non-physical control. I was the first primary introducer of this bill, in response to the suggestions of domestic violence prevention experts from our community. Mahalo to the many Kohala

community members whose testimony helped this measure successfully pass the Legislature!

You can view the full text and more information about each of these bills via the State Capitol's website, capitol.hawaii.gov. Please reach out to my office if you have questions or would like to view the full list of bills which passed the Legislature this session.

As we continue to move forward through the COVID-19 crisis, I urge you to take the simple precautions

which can dramatically reduce the spread of COVID-19. Wear a mask when you are in public. Stay home when you are sick and keep your kids home when they are sick. Practice good hand-washing hygiene and social distancing. Your continued diligence helps keep our community healthy!

The COVID-19 crisis has brought hardship to many in our community. If you are experiencing depression, anxiety, or a mental health crisis, please know that help is avail-

able, and the Department of Health Hawai'i Crisis Line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please call (800) 753-6879, or text the word ALOHA to 741741 for support.

As always, I am honored and grateful to represent you, and welcome your questions and input. Please keep in touch through my regular email newsletter (visit bit.ly/reptarnas-signup) to read recent issues and sign up), via email (reptarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov), or by phone at (808) 586-8510. Mahalo!

County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilmember Tim Richards



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

Aloha! Once again, it is time for the monthly update from our office.
Resolution No. 145-21 – Autho-

rising Negotiations by County

On July 7, the full Council heard and passed Resolution 145-21, authorizing the Director of Finance to enter negotiations for the acquisition and/or conservation easement for all or a portion of the 11 Māhukona properties, ranked as the number one priority on the PONC 2020 Annual Report. I am excited for the next steps of this process, which include, but are not limited to, negotiations with the property owner(s) for the purchase and conservation easement over the land. As I have stated previously, this is beginning of the process. Long conversations with the Hawai'i Island Land Trust (HILT) and Na Kalai Wa'a showed that both are in concert with the directions that we in the community want to go. The conversations and specifics of the agreement are in the process of

being crafted. I have been assured by HILT that Na Kalai Wa'a will have a "seat at the table" as we go forward with the planning. I want to be sure that in generations to come, the intent we have all set out to do is continued and assured by the agreement that is being crafted. I will be continuing my involvement with this to be sure that 20-plus years from now, a change in leadership does not change the direction. Both the Council and Mayor Roth are extremely supportive of the protection and preservation of the critical and significant natural and cultural resources at Māhukona. We look forward to seeing this to fruition.

Hawai'i Rainbow Rangers

The press release provided by the County of Hawai'i provided the following: "As of July 1, 2021, the County of Hawai'i has assumed the

responsibility of animal control for the island. As part of this transition, a temporary moratorium of animal intake is in place, and services are limited to the care of the animals currently in the facilities. There are no plans for mass euthanasia. Concerned residents are asked to contact the Hawai'i County Police Department at their non-emergency number at 808-935-3311."

The County chose not to extend its contract with Hawai'i Rainbow Rangers (HRR) as it expired on June 30, 2021. As evidenced by many of the complaints received, HRR was never able to rise to the occasion and fulfill the complete needs of the contract. The County did try to work with HRR over the last year in helping them try to spool up, but to no avail. To help with the transition, the administration had asked

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if I might help with animal health and well-being determination as we made the changeover. I assembled a team of four veterinarians, including myself, to go to the facilities to review and give input and insight on the animals as we make the shift. Our initial review found no glaring health concerns in the animals we saw; however, there were some minor health issues that will need to be dealt with in the very near future.

One piece of information on social media concerned a "planned mass euthanasia." This was a complete fabrication and falsehood. It is unfortunate that this was put out there as there was never any discussion for that; it appears that it was put forth to incite people. A very unfortunate sequence of events.

Going forward, for the near term the County will be responsible for the animal control. During the initial 48 hours, attempts will be made to identify owners of lost animals and reunite them. At the end of the 48 hours, the program is being developed to work with animal shelter/Humane Society organizations to take animals that can be adopted. These protocols and programs are in the development stage now as the County retools animal control. Be on the lookout for additional information from the County as this program unfolds.

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

The Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation has moved forward with plans to update the hospital's dayroom to make the space more efficient and comfortable for patients and their visitors.

The Foundation had originally announced the project in their 2020 Holiday Letter. Even in these very difficult COVID times – with lockdowns, masking mandates, and social distancing – the Foundation's Board of Directors worked with the hospital staff to assess needs and, with well-known determination, accomplished what they set out to do.

The walls, windows and doors were painted in fresh new colors, and after the paint was dry, the Board was fortunate to be assisted by Kohala Custom Cabinetry, located here in Hawi. The furniture-builders—two wonderful, talented and award-winning young women—went to work to meet the needs and wishes of the hospital's dayroom users. After many weeks of hard work, which included measuring, sawing, cutting and staining, they created three beautifully built solid sapele and maple hardwood cabinets. These large cabinets will be used to store books, games, computers and other items, giving the dayroom much-needed organization, and even a touch of elegance.

Wonderful News from the Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation

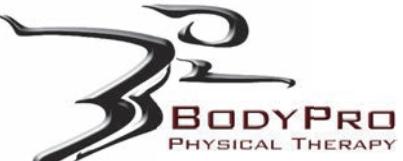


Courtesy of Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation
Nicole Gomes and Chiya Parks with one of their creations, a custom solid sapele and maple hardwood cabinet destined for use in Kohala Hospital's dayroom.

Additional upgrades to the dayroom, which are in the planning stages, include installation of automated glass doors and new ceiling tiles.

The Kohala Hospital Charitable

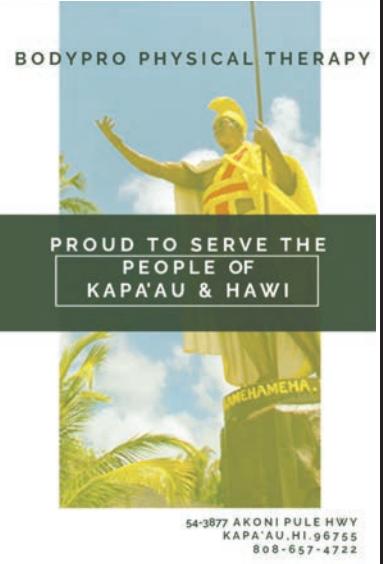
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World Refugee Day



Deacon Lani Bowman (left) and youth from St. Augustine Episcopal Church gathered on World Refugee Day. Photo by Lani Bowman

Every June 20, for the last 20 years, the globe has come together to honor World Refugee Day. This day honors the strength and courage of refugees and encourages public awareness and support of the refugees, people who have had to flee their homelands because of conflict or natural disaster.

For the last three years, St. Augustine Episcopal Church has participated in Community Awareness by creating signs such as "Jesus Was a Refugee" and "Love Your Neighbor!"

This year, St. Augustine youth joined Deacon Lani Bowman for Prayers around St. Augustine's Peace Pole to learn more about the day and the importance of world peace. They also learned more

about refugees and how important it is for us to empathize with their plight and in turn practice peace in our personal lives and the community. Youth shared what peace means to them and shared prayers for peace.

This sharing set the stage for youth to create their own informational signs. "Be kind," "Live Aloha," and "Peace and Justice" were a few important messages presented to the congregation and community on our roadside fence.

Perhaps next year more of our community will join St. Augustine's in commemorating this special day as a reminder to be peacemakers in our 'Ohana, community, nation and the world!

Kohala Adventures Shakeup

By Tom Morse

The pandemic, and then the break in the Kohala Ditch, have changed things. ATV tours and Flumin' da Ditch have ceased operations. Kohala Zipline, after an extended absence, has returned. A new tour to the waterfalls on UTVs (utility task vehicles) has begun.

CLOSED

ATV Outfitters

Run by Bill and Sandie Wong of Kapa'au for twenty-three years, this operation permanently closed in early 2021.

Flumin' da Ditch

Run by Surety Kohala, it was forced to close because of the April 2021 break in the Kohala Ditch. It had operated for twenty-five years.

OPEN

Kohala UTV Adventure

Surety Kohala has started a new operation (KUA for short), using the crews from the closed ditch tours. UTVs are somewhat like ATVs, but larger and canopied.

Kohala Zipline

Recently reopened, run by Hawaii Forest and Trails.

Kohala Waterfalls Adventure

Also run by Hawaii Forest and Trails, four-wheel-drive vehicles take customers to Kohala waterfalls.

Kohala Senior Citizens Club to Resume Activities

By Tom Morse

After a long hiatus due to COVID-19, the Kohala Senior Citizens Club will begin meeting again in early August, according to President Faye Yates. The meetings will be held outdoors at the pavilion at the Takata Field in Kamehameha Park Mondays at 9:00 a.m. The Club has about 120 members.

For more info, contact Faye at 889-0383.



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Mayor Roth Fields Questions on KNKR



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On the air: (left to right) Mayor Mitch Roth and County Councilmember Tim Richards spoke on KNKR Thursday show "Kukakuka with Kalani." In the studio were Toni Withington, Cheryl Rocha, Jeff Coakley and Gerald Skelton.

Story by Toni Withington

From questions about sheltered student bus stops to community development plans, Mayor Mitch Roth took on problems of Kohala daily life during a KNKR radio appearance on June 16.

The top issues facing our county now are food sustainability and alternative energy, the mayor started out. Council member Tim Richards, who appeared with him on Jeff Coakley's show "Kukakuka with Kalani," agreed that a priority is producing our own food from many sources and feeding those who aren't working now.

The questions from listeners were more Kohala-based. Gerald Skelton of the Ainakea Neighborhood Watch asked if parents could themselves build a shelter for school children who have to wait for the bus in bad weather.

"There's no law that says the community can't," Roth said. Cheryl Rocha, also from

Ainakea, asked if the County would designate a pet park for people to exercise their dogs. Roth said Parks and Recreation Department would consider that if Kohala people formed a Friends of the Park group that would accept responsibility for taking care of the area.

Both Roth and Richards said planning and building a new Māhukona Beach Park is their "Number One priority" when it comes to funding county parks. Several residents talked about how they miss the park.

In response to a listener who criticized the way County Planning Department has completely stalled the North Kohala Community Development Plan's (CDP) Action Committee (AC), Roth said he has directed the department to pause the work of the ACs to reach out and get more direction from the six districts that have the resident-powered committees.

While noting that North Kohala

had the most vibrant community participation in the county's CDP process, he said new guidelines for working them need to be adopted in line with the reduced budgeting and staff requirements of the Planning Department. He challenged active community members to sign up for time commitments to the new ACs to strengthen the program.

When reminded of the community's concern about missing children and human trafficking, Roth

cited statistics that almost all the children reported to the police are runaways, who are at great risk to themselves. He said the police take great efforts to return the children to where they should be.

He mentioned that Scott Shi-raichi is the new captain of police for Kohala.

When asked his advice for young people, Roth said, "Have the courage to strive for your highest goals."

Pataos Making Vows



Photo Credit: Chris Brown

Congratulations to the newlyweds Jessica Brown and Aoloa Patao, who were married on July 17 at the Brown home at Kaauhuhu Homestead. They are both teachers at Kohala High School and have families with a long history of life in Kohala. They plan to continue the legacy and make Kohala their home. Warmest wishes to the happy couple.

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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 TEN TRANSPORTATION FIELD TO MILL

The mature cane, once cut, had to be transported to the mill. Once milled, the raw sugar was packed in 110- to 125-pound bags to be transported to ships off the Kohala coasts.

Pushing cane downhill through water-filled flumes was an ideal method of transportation in early days. But makai cane laborers, smaller plantations, and mauka places without surplus water struggled with heavy carts and oxen. A caravan might have nine wagons, each pulled by four yoke of oxen, requiring three men to assist - two to manage the oxen, one to work the brake. As early as 1880, traction engines with four cars each started to substitute for the heavy oxen teams. Mules were introduced, as were Caterpillar steam tractors and diesel trucks.

Cane was also flumed downhill on long trestles across deep gulches. Portable flumes in the cane fields were connected with these stationary flumes at varying intervals.

The east shore all along Kohala is mostly rocky cliffs, and the ocean

awaiting the arrival of the inter-island steamer. To get the barrels to the steamer, Hawaiian men would brave the breakers to haul small boats to the steamer that was anchored a half mile off shore. The steamer sailed the sugar to Honolulu. The Kauhola Point site faded away after the opening of the railroad in 1882.

In the early days of the Niuli'i Mill, small ships picked up sugar at a landing at Keokea and sailed it to Māhukona. The Halawa Mill also used a landing at Hapu'u (on the east shore across the gulch south of Kauhola).

THE RAILROAD

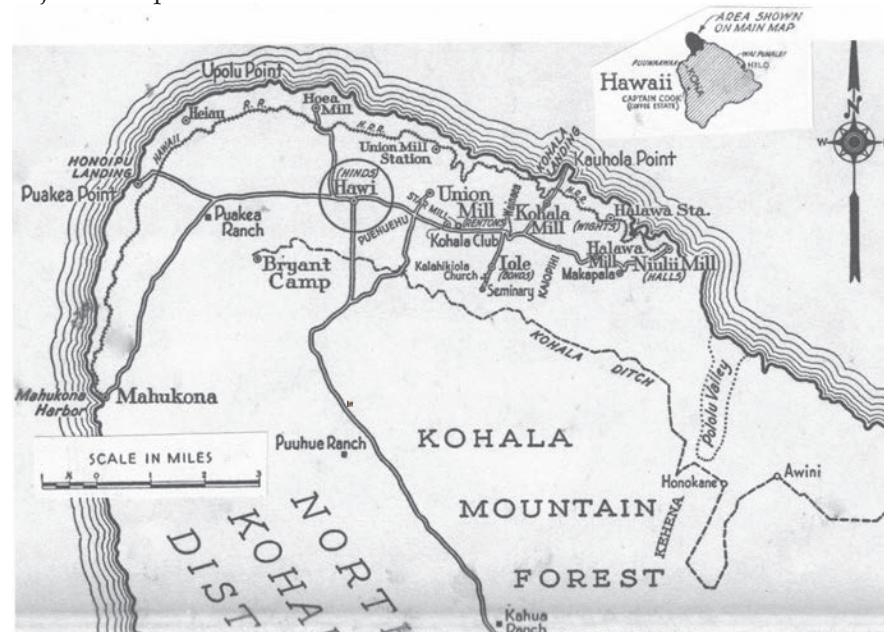
The Hawaiian Railroad Company was incorporated in 1880 by Samuel Wilder. He owned the inter-island steamship company that serviced Māhukona. He built a nineteen-mile railroad track from Māhukona to Niuli'i with one hundred Chinese laborers supervised by twenty haoles. The narrow-gauge line was completed in 1882. See "HAWAII R.R." on the adjacent map for the route.

HOW RAW SUGAR REACHED THE OCEAN TO BE SHIPPED TO THE REFINERY IN SAN FRANCISCO			
BAG	BULK	YEARS	
X		1864 - 1881	HAULED TO KOHALA'S EAST SHORE AT KAUHOLA OR HAPU'U BY OXEN OR MULES
X		1882 - 1941	BY TRAIN TO MAHUKONA - KOHALA, NIULI'I, HALAWA, UNION, STAR MILLS
X		1881 - 1912	HAULED TO HONOIPU BY OXEN/MULES, THEN STEAM TRACTORS - HAWI & HO'EA MILLS
X		1913 - 1941	BY RAILROAD TO MAHUKONA
X		1942 - 1946	BY TRUCK TO PA'AUILO, THEN RAILROAD TO THE PORT IN HILO
X		1947 - 1954	BY TRUCK TO THE PORT IN HILO
	X	1955 - 1964	BY TRUCK OVER THE MOUNTAIN ROAD TO THE PORT AT KAWAIHAE
	X	1965 - 1975	BY TRUCK TO THE PORT AT KAWAIHAE VIA AKONI PULE HIGHWAY

Credit: Tom Morse

How raw sugar reached the ocean.

is rough, especially in winter. As early as 1864, Kauhola Point, less than a mile below the Kohala Mill (where the Kohala Lighthouse stood from 1897 to 2009), was used as a boat landing for the Kohala Sugar Company. Sugar barrels from the mill were loaded onto wagons, which were pulled to the ocean cliffs by steers. The barrels were then stored in a warehouse



Credit: John Hind of Hawi

Map of North Kohala District indicates the route of the Hawaiian Railroad between Māhukona and Niuli'i with "HAWAII R.R." or "H.R.R."

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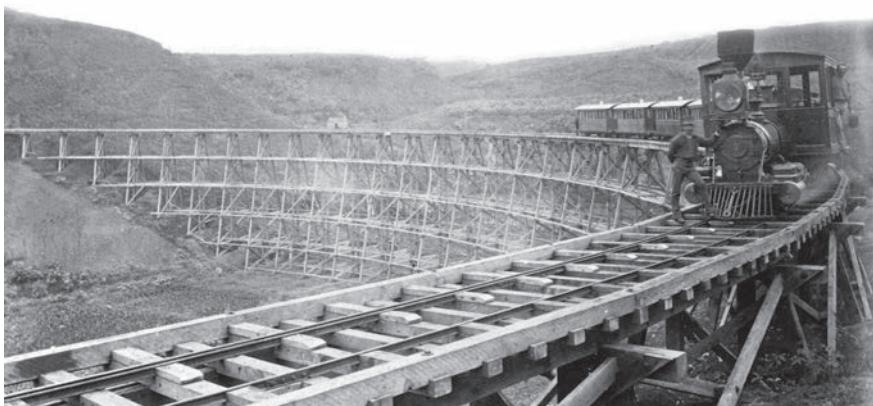
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Hawaiian Railroad locomotive #1 on the trestle near Māhukona, Hawaii circa 1882 (first year of operations).



Source: Bishop Museum

Bagged sugar to Honoipu Landing – circa 1912.

Initially the railroad carried both passengers and freight. Soon it became the main way to haul milled sugar to Māhukona for all the windward mills. For some reason, it did not directly pass by the mills. It wasn't until the consolidation of the mills in 1937 that the first spur line was constructed to connect the Halaula mill to the rail line.

At the mills, laborers loaded flat beds by hoisting bag after bag of sugar. Trucks pulled the flat beds to the railroad cars that waited for the locomotive to pick them up for the journey to the port. Each railroad car could haul 300 one-hundred-pound bags of sugar. During the first twenty or so years of the plantation railroad, construction freight cars were almost always small four-wheeled vehicles with lever band brakes and link-and-pin couplers.

In the 1880s railroads burned wood, or dried cane if they could not get wood. By 1918, oil was the primary fuel used to create the steam that powered the locomotives.

Wilder died in 1888. In 1889 all the mills, except Hawi, banded together to buy the railroad from his estate. With the emergence of automobiles, passenger revenue diminished, until it was eliminated in 1915.

Because the railroad charged a flat rate per ton to each mill to haul sugar to Māhukona regardless of how near or far the mill was from

Māhukona, John Hind of the Hawi Mill refused to use it; his mill was closest to Māhukona. Instead, he used the Honoipu Landing on land he owned near his mills. (Again, see the map at the start of this story for the location. Look in the upper left). Steam tractors towed long lines of wagons loaded with sugar from Hinds' mills. Hinds acquired his own fleet of five sailing ships and loaded them, by means of a steel-wire cable system from a cliff at Honoipu to the ship anchored off the coast, with sugar and other freight.



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Source: R. R. Hind, Bishop Museum, and Sugar Islands by Wm. Dorrance. The four-masted schooner Muriel, a part of Hinds' fleet, discharging cargo at the Honoipu Landing.

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Photo by Tom Morse

Honoipu Bay today (at the end of Old Coast Guard Road).

In the 1880s and 1890s, Hinds' ships sailed the sugar directly to San Francisco for refining, completely bypassing Māhukona.

The railroad went through a period of loss until 1912, when it surrendered control to Castle and Cooke. The new ownership immediately offered John Hind a forty-five percent ownership in the railway and a position as president. Hind used the Honoipu Landing no more.

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	6PM	6:30PM	FREE RMD TAIKO CLASSES	HISAOKA GYM	895-2025
	7PM		AL-ANON MEETING	KOHALA MISSION SCHOOL	895-2094
TUES	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	BAPTIST CHURCH	889-5675
	9AM	10AM	TAI CHI WITH PETER BEEMER	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	OUTSIDE GYM
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	7PM		ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	WYLIE HALL, 'IOLE RD	889-6703
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	9AM		HEALING CIRCLE FOR ADDICTS, ALCOHOLICS	NANI'S GARDEN	805-452-9501
SAT	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-5675
	8AM	12PM	FARMERS MARKET	THE HUB	313-338-7090
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
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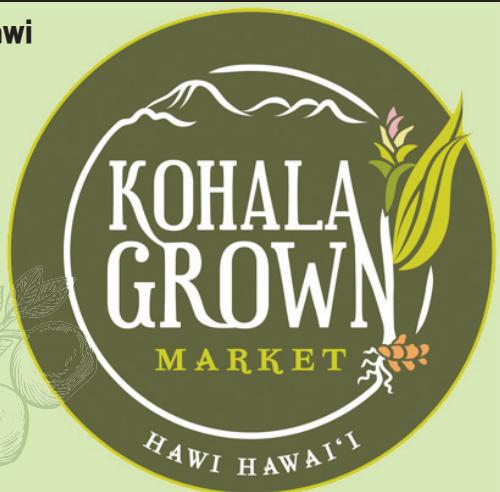
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GENE-ius Forensic Investigation by KMS Students

Story and photos by Wendy Nickl

Fingerprints! Foot castings! Biometrics! Blood spatter! DNA! Kohala Middle School students were immersed in a crime scene investigation as part of a state-wide GENE-ius Day Program.

The University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, along with GEAR UP Hawaii, sponsored our students' participation in this amazing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) forensic science investigation.

The GENE-ius Day Program is an innovative STEM enrichment program for talented middle school student, and our Kohala students were fortunate to enroll for the first time, as the camp shifted to an online format that allowed neighbor island student participation.

In the week-long class, nine KMS students were first introduced to a crime scene with victims, suspects and evidence collected.

Each day, students learned about a new forensic science concept that could help them solve the crime. There was daily hands-on use of science materials and equipment. Fake-blood liquid, fingerprint powder, casting materials and more were used enthusiastically by the students.

Our KMS students were placed into teams with students from across the state and guided by Mr. Ty Shitanaka, who met with students virtually from Oahu, and with Summer Bridge teachers Jenny DeSilva-Stevens and Brooke Kise.

Here is what the student teams investigated and learned about each day:

Day One - Hair sample analysis.

Day Two - Bloodstain pattern analysis.

Day Three - Fingerprint dusting and analysis.

Day Four - DNA evidence and Footwear impressions.

Day Five - Final Verdict and Family Day. The students compiled their evidence in their groups and presented their findings in a virtual Zoom meeting with family members.

The students enjoyed the intensive, hands-on course. Madelyn Jessop, grade 7, said, "I was glad to learn about the blood system because it was informational." Aiden Padilla, grade 6, stated, "This class changed me because I want(ed) to be a fireman but now I want to be a crime detective." Another student shared, "This class changed me because I didn't

know we were going this far into the learning!" And from Kilinoo Cookman, "My favorite part this week was the blood splatter. And I learned about fingerprints. And I also learned about DNA matching."

STEM fields have grown three times as fast as jobs in non-STEM fields in the last 10 years. To accommodate for the rapid growth, the U.S. must produce approximately one million more STEM-degree graduates than we have currently to meet the demands of the economy. At Kohala Middle School, we have used federal GEAR UP grant money to support our students in learning and growing academically through valuable opportunities such as the GENE-ius Day Summer program.

Mahalo to Kohala Middle staff Kirk Kiriu and Gina Rocha, Summer School teachers Brooke Kise and Jenny DeSilva Stevens, for the school support and instruction. Mahalo to Kristin Matsumoto and Ty Shitanaka from UH Manoa CTAHR, and Dana Pettys, our West Hawaii GEAR UP coordinator, for guiding our school towards the GENE-ius program.

As for whodunnit, if you see one of the Kohala Middle GENE-ius student scientists, check with them on the Final Verdict!

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Kohala Middle School's Summer Culture and Career Program



Students in the KMS Culture and Career summer program enjoy a day of coastline and marine awareness with Auntie Lei and Kara.



Students hiked the Kaulana Manu Nature Trail to kilo (observe) a Hawaiian forest.

Story and photos by Jenny De Silva Stevens

This summer, Kohala Middle School did a month-long, two-session summer program for rising sixth, seventh and eighth graders. A total of 20 students attended the Culture and Career embedded program, whose theme was 'Imi 'Ana Ka 'Ike Mo'omeheu (Seeking Cultural Knowledge).

We focused on a wide variety of 'āina, kai and wai lessons. Students learned about watersheds, ahupua'a, climate change, phenology of 'ōhia and koa, rapid

'ōhia death (ROD) and identifying native, invasive, non-native and canoe plants, wahi pana connections (special places), the nature table, mo'okūauhau (genealogy) and making natural sunscreen.

We visited the Kohala Institute at 'Iole on a day-long field trip to learn about the ahupua'a, its history and the work that is being done to restore the area. We planted kalo (taro), played o'o 'ihe (spear throwing) and toured the facility.

The first session went camping at the Mauna Kea Recreation Area cabins. We hiked the Kaulana Manu

Nature Trail, where the students were able to kilo (observe) a Hawaiian forest. Kalani Kaniho of Pu'u Huluhulu Ranch and Cheyenne Perry of the Mauna Kea Watershed Alliance were our two guest speakers on this trip. At Pu'u Huluhulu Ranch, our students learned about ranching and what it takes to operate a ranch in this area, plus had fun bonding at the ranch house. Cheyenne Perry took us on a hike of Pu'u Huluhulu and taught us more about the native plants on the pu'u, history of the area and the work that's being done to restore native plants

in the Mauna Kea area. Session 2 had presentations from the Fishing & The Barbless Hook Project, Wai of Laupāhoehoe and Hawaii Experimental Tropical Forest. Our first field trip was to Ulu Mau Puanui, where we were hosted by Kehaulani Marshall and Healohamele Genovia. We learned that this area was farmed by early Hawaiians and how they sustained their rain-fed intensive farming for centuries. We planted kō (sugarcane) and hiked up to the top of the pu'u.

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NOTICE OF POWER OUTAGE July 29 (8 P.M.) to July 30, 2021 (6 A.M.)

Hawaiian Electric announces a scheduled power outage that will affect customers in North Kohala.

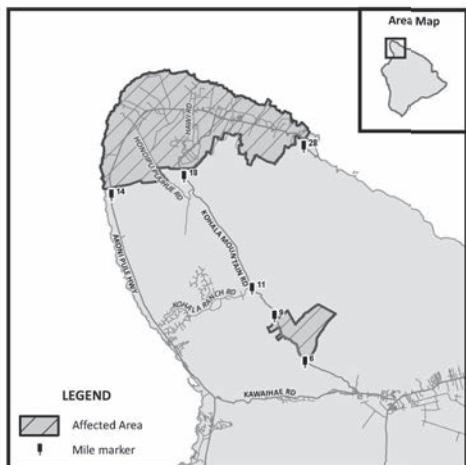
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Students watch presentation at Ulu Mau Puanui on planting kō.



Enthusiasm shows at the beginning of the Pu'u Wa'awa'a hike.

Our second field trip was to Pololū. We were joined by Megan Lamson and Stacey Breining from the Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, and Uncle Keone Emeliano and his sons. We cleaned the beach of 65 pounds of marine debris. We also learned about some native plants and animals, and the history of the valley.

Session 2 also had an overnight camping trip and did an uka (upland) to kai (ocean) trip from Pu'u Wa'awa'a to Kalaemanō. At Pu'u Wa'awa'a we learned more about the 'ōhia forest and the conservation work being done in the area. We hiked nearly six miles, straight up to the 3,967-foot elevation and back down. We offered our leo (voice) in chants to the 'āina and forest, and to Kohala in the dis-

tance. We can now say that we have been to the top of the highest pu'u on our island.

We then traveled down to the Ka'upulehu Interpretive Center at Kalaemanō to meet Auntie Leina'ala Lightner, who hosted us overnight. Our guest speaker there was Pwo Navigator and Senior Captain Chadd Paishon from Nā Kālai Wa'a, Makali'i Voyaging 'Ohana. Uncle Chadd taught us about the Star Compass, non-instrumental navigation and voyaging.

The next morning, Auntie Lei and Kara took us to the coastline and showed us the ancient technique of harvesting pa'akai (Hawaiian salt). We learned about the people of this ahupua'a and some of the mo'oleo (stories) and legends of the 'āina.

On his last day of work as our principal, our students offered their final Ōli Mahalo to Mr. Alan Brown. We thank Mr. Brown for always supporting our summer programs. Enjoy retirement, Mr. Brown; you deserve it!

Our Gear Up grant also provided us with a college and career presenter. Ka'ohi Gomera spoke to our students about her college and career pathway and shared her journey as a Kohala Middle School student to her present job as an Executive Assistant at Mana Maoli on O'ahu. She stressed having good academic habits and how being an AVID student at KMS helped her be successful.

Our program staff consisted of five DOE teachers – Jenny De Silva

Stevens, Chyler Imai, Brooke Kise, Wendy Nickl and Sachi Uehara – and our Educational Assistant Kaid Nickl. We also would like to thank Gina Rocha, Kirk Kiriū and our custodians for all their help, and Gary Romero for assisting us on the Mauna Kea trip. We could not have had these amazing experiences without funding from our Gear Up grant and the awesome teaching partners from Teaching Change and Kupu. Mahalo nui loa to Leilā Dudley, Zach Cook, Blaire Langston and Olivia Sagarang. We made true connections to people and places through this summer program and we are grateful for all the opportunities.

'A'ohē u'i hele wale o Kohala (No youth of Kohala goes empty-handed).

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8/9	MON	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL - TAKE OUT	AT ST. AUGUSTINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
8/19	THU	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	SACRED HEART FOOD BASKET		SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH	889-5115
8/21	SAT	4:30 PM	6:30 PM	FREE GRINDZ HOT MEAL	KOHALA BAPTIST CHURCH	BANYAN TREE	889-5416
8/23	MON	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL - TAKE OUT	AT ST. AUGUSTINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
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