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Local Dogs are Canine Good Citizens



Newly graduated Canine Good Citizens with their owners. Left to right: Robin Woodley with Rye (3.5 years), Beth Goodwin with Papito (7 years), Karen Johnson with Wren (1 year), and Polly Gose with Oli (4 years) and Kina (1.5 years). /Courtesy Robin Woodley

By Robin Woodley

On Tuesday, August 16, five local dogs were certified as Canine Good Citizens (CGC) in Hawai'i. They passed a test of 10 skills, including walking on a loose leash; sitting; lying down; staying; coming when called; walking through a crowd; meeting a friendly stranger; allowing an examination by a stranger; remaining calm with noises and a moving distraction (like a skateboard, motorcycle, or shopping cart); meeting someone with another dog; and waiting without being anxious with another person while their owner was out of sight for three minutes.

These skills and behaviors are considered the foundation for dogs to be a welcome part of a community and integrate with community activities. The dogs learn calmness and impulse control, and how to handle situations that can be stressful for many dogs. The American Kennel Club regards these skills as important enough to award an AKC title upon certification by an AKC approved examiner.

This title is available to any dog of any age, breed or combination of breeds who successfully passes the exam. It's a fun and rewarding experience for both dogs and handlers.

Hala'ula Well Enters Home Stretch

By Toni Withington

Construction of the new drinking water well at Hala'ula has made big advances this month as installation of the pump, final details of the reservoir and connection to the power grid began to fall into place.

The Department of Water Supply (DWS) has been constructing the well at the top of Ma'ulili Road for two years. Once completed it will provide water for the existing users between Kapa'au and Niuli'i.

The reservoir is approximately 95 percent completed, with a leak test, paving and fencing installation remaining, according to a DWS spokesman. Installation of the well pump and motor is anticipated to be completed this month. The control building is estimated to be 70 percent done.

Paving of the tank and well sites, along with private driveway areas impacted by waterline installation, is also tentatively scheduled for September, weather permitting.

A major addition is the supplying of power to the site. Based on Hawaiian Electric Company's

schedule, DWS expects that power will be brought to the site also this month.

Work includes installing new, three-phase power that will run the pump and control building.

With the power and pump in place, testing the pump, motor, and water quality from the well will follow. The new water system is expected to begin serving the community in early 2023, according to DWS.

Besides the new well, the project includes a half-million-gallon reservoir, two miles of 12-inch waterline, plus new connecting lines and meters for users in Hala'ula. Contractor for the \$14 million project is Goodfellow Bros., Inc.

The well project and distribution system is funded through a low-interest loan from the State of Hawaii's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Contact Information: DWS Project Engineer: Larry Beck (808) 961-8070 or DWS Communications Branch: Jason Armstrong (808) 961-8050 Email: dws@hawaiidws.org.

Fishing Line Recycle Bins Installed



Disposing of fishing line at Kapa'a Beach Park.

By Wendy Noritake

Large blue tubes of brightly painted fish and fauna may catch your eyes the next time you're at either Māhukona or Kapa'a Beach Park. Swimmers, divers, and boaters who find and collect nearshore fishing line now have places for recycling this potential threat to our marine life.

Painted by children from Waikōloa Elementary School, the blue bins are located on the wharf and near the pavilion at Māhukona, and a third receptacle is close to the pavilion at Kapa'a.

The collected fishing line will be shipped to Berkley Fishing in Iowa, which has been recycling monofilament since the 1990s. The fishing line is processed into pellets and then repurposed by other companies, thereby reducing the produc-

tion of yet more plastic. Berkley has installed more than 17,000 recycling bins around the country to improve fishing conditions in rivers and lakes.

This recycling program is finally available in North Kohala after a year-long collective effort by HPA (Hawaii Preparatory Academy) Sea Turtle Research Program, South Kohala Reef Alliance, Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail, NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), County of Hawaii, and DLNR (Dept of Land and Natural Resources).

Please place only used fishing line into the bins. The lines will be collected regularly. If you have questions, you can email to Laura Jim at laura.jim@hpa.edu or Cynthia Ho at keppuakobeautiful@gmail.com.

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Kohala Disc Golf Holds Tournament



In July, players competed at the first Kohala Winds Classic disc golf tournament. The course, established in late 2021, is located at the North Kohala Golf Park. (Chelsea LaFrance)

By Alan Koons

Have you heard of disc golf? Disc golf is played very much like traditional ball golf, but with special discs or Frisbees. Like traditional golf, there are various types of putters, mid-ranges (wedges), fairway drivers (irons), and distance drivers (woods). The general rules are also similar to golf. It's one of the fastest growing sports in the world and has been for the last decade or so, and has been around formally since the mid-70s. There are millions of players worldwide and it's estimated that somewhere between eight and ten million people have played at least one round in their life. Anyone can play disc golf and it doesn't typically require the skill-set and time that traditional golf may take. So, find some discs and get on the course!

There is a newer disc golf course at North Kohala Golf Park called "Kohala Winds Disc Golf Course" (established late 2021) and it's great for beginners and more experienced players alike! The nice thing about disc golf is that it's great for all ages, very family friendly and it also doesn't hit hard on the wallet. Kids under 18 play free at Kohala Winds Disc Golf Course and Kama'aina pay \$5 for a round. Kohala Winds is very scenic, with ocean views from the northern tip of the Big Island where you can see

Maui in the distance on clear days. It's an 18-hole course that plays alongside a nine-hole, par-three golf course. Two of the holes venture into the neighboring Kamehameha County Park as well, where you can take a look at the historic WWII-era tank on display at hole seven. While the course is notably scenic, it's also notably windy, which adds a fun challenge to the course. Hence the name, "Kohala Winds."

Back in July, Kona Disc Golf and local course designer Alan Koons ran Kohala Winds' first formal disc golf tournament, called the "Kohala Winds Classic." This event attracted about 30 local residents and was a blast! There is a regular monthly handicap league at Kohala Winds the fourth Sunday of each month, when anyone can show up and join the fun.

You don't have to play every month to join. In January of 2023, Kohala Winds will host the 24th annual Big Island Open disc golf tournament, which will attract players from all over the state and mainland. For more information on the Kohala Winds disc golf course, you can visit Northkohalagolfpark.org or on Facebook, join the group "Kona Disc Golf" for happenings/course/places to pick up discs all over Hawaii Island. Aloha and hope to see you on the course!



A disc golf basket is designed to trap the disc thrown at the central pole. (Alan Koons)

'Ōlelo Hawai'i for Kepakemaka (September) Hilina`i (to believe)

By Jesse Lucas
Hilina`i means to believe, trust; to lean on, rely on. We all need people to hilina`i, those special people we can go to for advice or a listening ear. Similarly, it's important for us to reflect and appreciate when people come to us for our mana`o (thought, belief, opinion). Each of us is on a unique path either looking for or trying to ho`okaulike (maintain balance). Let us ho`omau (continue) to hilina`i each other.



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CDP Advisory Group to Hold Monthly Public Meetings

By Toni Withington

The same month that the County Planning Department announced it would no longer staff the action committees of all district's Community Development Plans (CDP), North Kohala held its first successful meeting of the new Advisory Group (AG), whose mission is to implement Kohala's CDP.

The eight members conducting the August 31 meeting were assured that the decision would not affect the workings of the Kohala AG because it was set up, with the blessings of the Planning Department, to be a possible pilot project for other districts to develop independent groups more representative of the population.

With five members of the public in attendance, the group got right to the job of re-organizing the structure of the committee, its seven subgroups, and its relationship to the County.

First, the group decided to hold monthly public meetings at 5 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month at the Kohala Intergenerational Center in Kamehameha Park. Upcoming agendas will be published in Kohala Mountain News along with reports of meetings and calendar notices. The public is encouraged to attend meetings and comment on agenda items or bring up any issues they wish the AG to address.

Officers elected to serve until next elections in January are John

Winter, Chair; David Fuertes, Vice Chair; and Alan Brown, Secretary.

Winter led the group through a draft mission statement and proposed structure for bylaws. The main goal is to implement the goals and strategies of the NKCDP. Several additions and amendments were made, and it was agreed to re-visit them at the next meeting, which is scheduled for September 28.

In bringing up the recent letter from Planning Director Zendo Kern ending the departments participation in the CDP action committees, Winter said he was part of a small committee that has been working with the Long-Term Planning division of Kern's department for a year to come up with the guidelines for an independent group with a more diverse representation of the community.

The department would be invited to attend future AG meetings, but would not conduct them as in the past, Winter said. Agendas and minutes would be shared with the department. The NKCDP is a county ordinance and attached to the General Plan.

The subgroups of the Advisory Group were described as the "work horses" of the CDP process. Winter called on members to join the subgroups and report on their accomplishments monthly. Three groups - Community Access; Affordable Housing; and Parks, Water, Roads - have continued to meet through

the pandemic. Joe Carvalho agreed to continue with Access; Collin Kaholo and Jack Hoyt will report on Affordable Housing; and John Winter will cover Parks, Water, Roads. David Fuertes and Sadie Young will work with the Agriculture group and Steve Hoffmann will re-organize the Power, Viewplanes and Erosion Control group. Growth Management group is in the process of re-organizing. The Health and Wellness Group and the Historic and Cultural Group have

not met for several years.

All groups are looking for new participants. Anyone interested in serving in the Agriculture Group contact David Fuertes at dcfuertes808@gmail.com.

Carvalho, who is chair of the new Kohala Community Plan working group, gave an update on the progress of the long-term planning arm of the overdue revisions to the 2008 NKCDP. He said the group would continue to stay in close touch with the Advisory Group.



New "Write On!" Episode Tackles Self-Publishing

By Joy Fisher

If you are a writer about to move from the writing phase to the publishing phase of your work, you might be interested in the most recent episode of Write On! in which two North Kohala writers discuss the topic of self-publishing.

Write On! is a show on Hawaii Writers Guild's YouTube channel hosted by Diann Wilson, a former Guild president.

The purpose of the show is to

offer "tips, education and inspiration" to aspiring writers.

In the most recent episode, Episode 18, Wilson interviews Eila Algood, a long-time resident of Hawi, about two of her recently self-published books - a novella titled "Smitten & Bitten" and "Estuary," a collection of eight years' worth of Algood's poetry.

Although Algood investigated

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Eila Algood, left, discusses self-publishing with Diann Wilson on Episode 18 of Write On! (Hawaii Writers Guild)

a number of self-publishing programs, she chose to stick with Amazon's KDP (Kindle Direct Publishing) program, which she had used before.

"A lot had changed since I'd used the program eight years ago," Algood conceded, but the advantages outweighed the difficulties of learning the new techniques.

Asked by Wilson if she had any last words for other aspiring writ-

ers, Algood said "Yes—enjoy the process. There's something very satisfying about publishing your work rather than just keeping it in your computer.

I think it's kind of serving humanity to share our work because each of our voices is so unique."

Episode 18 of Write On! is available to the public at no charge and may be found on the YouTube channel "Hawaii Writers Guild."

Kohala Writers Group Open to New Members

By Joy Fisher

Diane Revell, the new facilitator of the Kohala Writers Group, has announced that the writers support group is now open to new participants.

Revell began facilitating the group on September 1 when its original leader, Eila Algood, stepped down because of other commitments. The group meets on Zoom every other Thursday from 2 until 4 p.m.

"The purpose of the group is to help aspiring and experienced writers improve their work," Revell explained. Participants take turns reading aloud up to three or four pages of a work-in-progress or a standalone piece while simultaneously sharing the written text onscreen. After the reading is com-

plete, other members provide feedback. The author can specify what kind of feedback is requested.

"Participants need a computer with the Zoom app," Revell explained, "but the free version is adequate." There is no charge to participate in the group. Interested persons who have questions or would like to participate in the group are invited to email Revell at diane.b.revell@gmail.com. She asked that they put "Kohala Writers" in the subject line.

The Kohala Writers Group originally met in the North Kohala Public Library. When COVID-19 put an end to in-person meetings, that group consolidated with another group that met in people's homes and shifted to the online Zoom format.

North Kohala Community Development Plan Advisory Group

[Editor's Note: The Kohala Mountain News will be the Paper of Record for the new NKCDPAG. We are publishing the full September agenda so the public may better understand the structure of these meetings. In the future, we will publish a short notice listing the next meeting's date, time, place, subcommittees and business adjacent to a summary the previous meeting.]

Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Kohala Intergenerational Center, Kamehameha Park Road, Kapa'au

AGENDA

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Announcements
4. Public Comments: Members of the public are invited to speak to any items on the agenda. Public comments and input are welcome at designated periods at the beginning and end of each meeting. They may, however, be entertained during AG discussions if the situation warrants. Please raise a hand to be recognized. Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes in length per agenda item, subject to the discretion of the chair. Recommendations for agenda additions for the next meeting should be made during the input session at the end of a meeting.
5. Public Comment on Agenda Items
6. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
7. Reports and Other Presentations
 - a) Subcommittee Reports
 - i) Community Access
 - ii) Parks, Water, and Roads
 - iii) Power, View Planes and Erosion Control
 - iv) Affordable Housing
 - v) Others yet formed, if applicable
- 8.) Business
 - a) Discuss and finalize Bylaws. Discuss the revised draft from the 8/31 meeting. Seek a final draft for approval.
 - b) Discuss Subgroup structures. Continued from the 8/31 meeting. Seek a final set of Subgroups.
 - c) Progress report on the Kohala Community Project.
- 9) Public Input and Agenda for Next Meeting
- 10) The next Advisory Group meeting will be held on October 26, 2022.
- 11) Adjournment

NOTICE: The purpose of the public hearings is to afford all interested persons a reasonable opportunity to be heard on the above items. A person desiring to submit oral or written testimony shall indicate her/his name and whether the testimony is her/his behalf or as a representative of an organization or individual.

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Latest Scammer Tactic

Aloha readers,
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Reports have shown that scammers are calling and claiming to be an officer from the Honolulu Police Department, stating to the receiver that they have missed a grand jury hearing on O'ahu and now they have a warrant for arrest. These "officers" are telling the receiver to

go to the nearest store, buy some kind of gift card and give them the gift card info so they can process the monies as to avoid getting arrested.

Be warned other tactics are being used. To clarify that any Hawai'i-based police department (statewide) will NEVER collect bail monies that way.

Two ways the police department does collect any bail monies, they are:

- (1) In person exact cash pay-

ment, for which the payee and the defendant will then receive a "Bail/Bond Receipt, Acknowledgment, and Notice to Appear."

- (2) Bail Bonds.

Any other method is a scam. Do not go through with the requested transaction. If you have any questions or concerns, call the police department's non-emergency number at (808) 935-3311.

Respectfully,
Officer Dayton Tagaca

Drugs and Driving

Aloha Neighbors,
I am writing with concern about those in our community that have a habitual drug addiction and access to motor vehicles. At what point do we "see something and say something"? We need to be more vigilant about reporting erratic behavior on the road, it has increasingly become more common to witness. Now that our keiki are back in school, walk-

ing along the roadsides, a drug user behind the wheel is an even larger threat to our community.

Please report erratic behavior on the roads, speeding, road rage, etc., and if you can, take note of the color of the vehicle, the make of the vehicle, and license plate number if possible. Document and take any information to the police station or call 911.

You might think this does not affect you, but it does. Drug addiction makes our community less safe and the more we "look the other way", the more it is commonplace. North Kohala needs to continue to be a safe haven for those of us that care about each other, not a safe haven for drug abusers.

Mahalo,
Darlene Scancellia

Hawai'i State House of Representatives Update

From the Desk of District 7 Representative David Tarnas

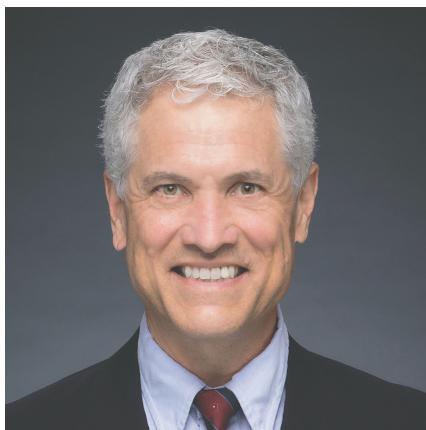


Photo courtesy of David Tarnas
Representative David Tarnas speaks for North Kohala as a member of the Hawai'i State House of Representatives.

Aloha! First, let me say mahalo to everyone who voted in the Primary Election last month. Voting is an important responsibility for Hawai'i residents who are U.S. citizens over 18. All registered voters are sent their ballot in the mail so you can vote in the comfort of your own home, send in your ballot by mail or drop it in a drop box, and track your ballot on www.hawaii.ballottrax.net. If you aren't registered to vote or didn't vote, there is plenty of time to register to vote in the General Election in November. Just go to www.elections.hawaii.gov or you may register in-person at the Post Office or State Library. It's easy to do.

Since we are beginning the new school year, I am focusing this month's legislative update on some of the key bills and appropriations we approved this past legislative session relating to public education.

Our schools are still reeling from the unprecedented challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic, and it is crucial that we continue to invest in improvements to teacher

retention, student experiences, and administrative support. The legislature made Department of Education advancements a top priority this year. The legislature appropriated \$34.5 million to pay for higher salaries to compensate public school teachers for additional experience, professional development, and filling hard-to-staff positions, which include Hawaiian language immersion, special education, and rural positions. Below are four more important education bills Governor Ige signed this summer.

- House Bill 2000 appropriates \$200 million to the School Facilities Authority to develop and expand preschool facilities statewide.

- Senate Bill 2182 establishes a statewide school garden coordinator position.

- Senate Bill 2818 establishes a statewide summer learning coordinator position.

- House Bill 1561 establishes a workforce readiness program within the Department to provide opportunities for students to earn associate degrees, workforce development diplomas, pre-apprenticeship certificates, and other industry-recognized certificates.

When students were studying from home during the pandemic, we were confronted by the inadequate internet services in our community. Some families had several students doing online classes, and parents were also working from home. The demand for online access overwhelmed our community's broadband capacity. Last session, the legislature began to address this issue by passing these four bills, which the Governor signed into law, that advance the state's effort to improve digital access for all communities across the state.

- Senate Bill 2076 establishes the University of Hawai'i and the Hawai'i Broadband and Digital

Equity Office to convene a Broadband Working Group to determine the appropriate governance structure to operate, maintain, and oversee broadband assets.

- Senate Bill 2214 establishes a digital literacy program to be overseen by the Board of Education and implemented by the state librarian to promote digital literacy through programmatic activities, including making digital technology accessible to individuals with disabilities.

- Senate Bill 2184 establishes a Digital Learning Center within the Department of Education.

- Senate Bill 2479 requires each public housing project and state low-income housing project that is built or reconstructed after January 1, 2023, to include all broadband infrastructure necessary for tenants to have access to broadband service.

Our students will benefit from these education policy reforms and additional funding for teachers. And we also need to make sure they have safe and updated facilities. That's why I have worked hard to make sure Kohala's public schools get their fair share of the limited construction funding available across the State.

Construction plans for a new covered playcourt and outdoor assembly space at Kohala Middle School, funded by a \$3.6 million appropriation from the 2019 Legislature, continues to progress through the County's permitting process.

Design for a new gymnasium at Kohala High School is now underway, using the \$1 million in State funds appropriated by the 2018 Legislature. A consultant has begun work on a preliminary design and securing early-stage permits. The project design will be developed in the coming year. If both design and permitting proceed without any

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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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.

As our Big Island community continues to recover from the financial crisis we all faced through the pandemic, more programs and opportunities for help are becoming available. Here are a few potential avenues of financial support for families and small businesses.

Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) Application Waiting List

The County of Hawai'i Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) will open the waiting list for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) on September

19 through October 3.

The OHCD Housing Choice Voucher Program provides rental assistance to low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to help them afford housing in the private market.

There is no cost to apply, and only one application per family is allowed on the waiting list.

If issued a voucher, the eligible family is responsible for finding a suitable housing unit where the owner agrees to rent under the OHCD program.

OHCD then pays a housing subsidy directly to a landlord on behalf of the voucher recipient for a rental unit that meets minimum federal standards of health and safety and local requirements.

The voucher recipient is responsible to pay the difference allowed between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsidized by the program.

To learn more about the OHCD Housing Choice Voucher Program, please visit: www.hawaiicounty.gov/departments/office-of-housing. You may also contact OHCD at (808) 959-4642 or email inquiries to sec8info@hawaiicounty.gov.

Applications can only be completed and submitted electronically through OHCD's online portal at: www.hawaiicounty.gov/i-want-to/apply-for-a-an. There you will choose the application, if it is available.

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The FEC is in partnership with Hawaiian Community Assets and Hawai'i First Federal Credit Union.

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EmPOWER Grant program by Hawai'i Energy for small businesses and nonprofits

The 2022 EmPOWER grant is designed to support small businesses and nonprofits that have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Grants may cover 100% (up to \$5,000) of costs for capital improvement projects that help improve the energy efficiency of a facility. Qualifying projects may include, but are not limited to AC system replacements, interior or exterior lighting upgrades, and purchases of ENERGY STAR® commercial kitchen equipment. Additionally, if upgrades qualify for any of our standard Hawai'i Energy rebates,

those will be awarded in addition to grant funding. Grants will be awarded as a reimbursement, and businesses located in Hawai'i and Maui counties, and in the City & County of Honolulu, are eligible.

Kaua'i county business are ineligible. Deadline to submit applications is September 30.

For more information and details on the application and program, you can also visit: www.HawaiiEnergy.com/empower-grant.

Citric Acid

Continued efforts are needed to combat the coqui frog population in Council District 9. Pursuant to tests conducted by USDA APHIS Wildlife Services, National Wildlife Research Center, and Hawai'i Department of Agriculture, it showed that a 16% citric acid solution killed early 100% of coqui frogs on direct contact.

My office has a limited supply of citric acid to offer free of charge on a first come, first come basis. Some restrictions apply. If you are interested in a 50-pound bag of citric acid, please call my office at 808-887-2069 for availability.

Once our supply is exhausted, additional bags can be purchased from Nutrien Ag Solutions at 900 Leilani Street in Hilo or call them directly at (808) 935-7191.

As always, it continues to be a great privilege to serve as your Councilman and I look forward to working toward solutions for our community and beyond.

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delays, the project will be ready to request construction funding from the Legislature, expected to total about \$28 million, during the 2023 legislative session.

If you have questions or comments about any of these education-related bills, appropriations or

projects funded by the State Legislature, please contact me any time at 808-586-8510 or reptarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov. I am always grateful to hear from you. For more frequent updates, please sign up for my email newsletter by visiting bitly.com/reptarnas-signup. Mahalo!

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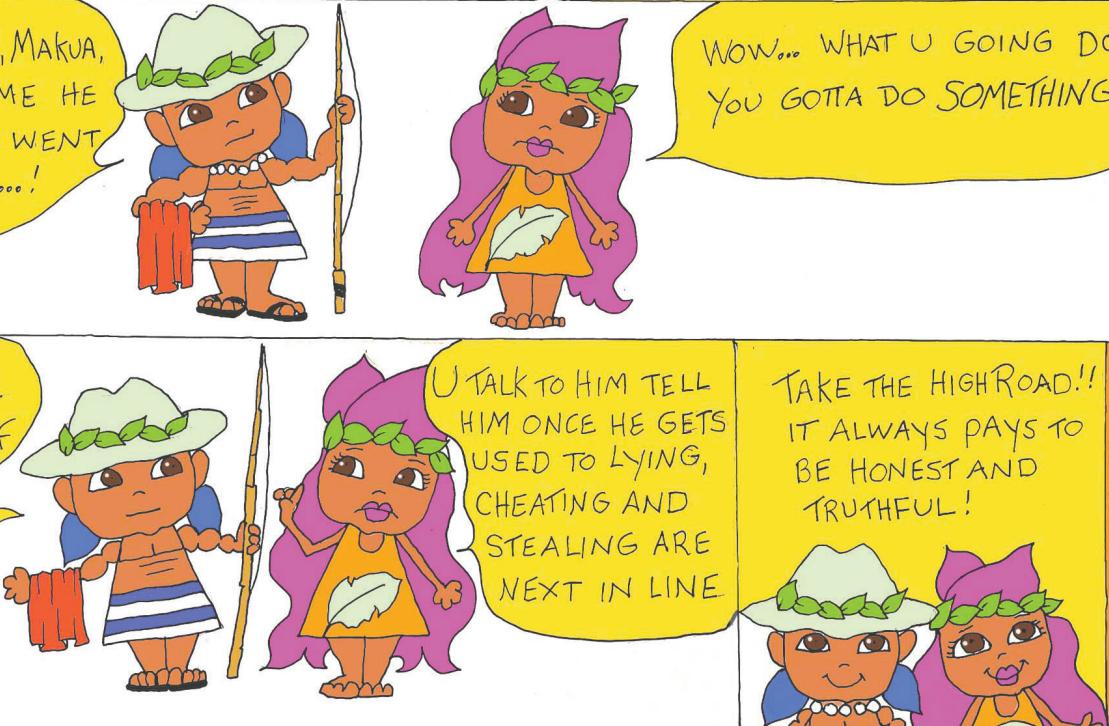
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Mahalo to the Kohala Community - Part 2

Faye Murata would like to show her appreciation for the people of Kohala. This is Part Two of a two-part series.

By Faye Fusako (Nakatsuka) Murata

What better way to learn English than learning how to drive?

By the way, as a student from Japan there was something that I learned even before English or getting accustomed to life in Hawai'i. Can you guess what it was? Yes, I had to get a driver's license. In Kohala, you couldn't go anywhere without a car. There were no bus services, and most students walked to school. My cousin, who was a teacher, had a 1954 Chevy. Soon after I arrived in Kohala, my cousin had to move to the mainland, so she left her car with me. I got a driver's license, but do you know how? I will unveil the story, so continue reading.

Near the King Kamehameha statue there was a police station and sign that read "Driver's License." I went in and asked the officer on duty "Is there where I can take my driver's license?" I think he understood me because he returned with examination papers. It was a multiple choice test. I answered without even knowing what the questions meant.

I just guessed the entire test. So, I failed the first time, then the second time, and then another time. As you can imagine, I repeatedly

took the written so many times I lost count. Honestly, I don't think I ever passed. However, one kind officer eventually passed me since he felt so sorry for me. My time to celebrate was short; up next, the road test.

The road test was not easy for me at all since I was driving a Chevy and had limited English comprehension. Being only 4'10" in height and 100 pounds, plus not knowing English fluently, I could not understand what the examiner was saying and therefore failed that road test, plus several others later on.

Maybe the examiners were speaking too fast, but I could not understand and react in a timely fashion per their directions. After multiple attempts (like my written test) I was feeling a sense of achievement, although brief. I think I was improving. During one driving road test, I thought I was almost done and could "sense" passing. Then the examiner asked me to parallel park between two cars. Panic struck me. But I knew God was with me and fortunately I was able to park between the two cars on my first attempt. I got my driver's license.

Earning my Allowances

My new life began, but I did not have any allowance from my parents in Japan. I'm sure they wanted to provide me with some financial

support, but they were challenged having to support seven members in the family, especially during a time of rebuilding of Japan.

My first real job was working for teachers living in the teacher's cottage, from cooking to ironing their shirts and trousers. I can't forget the days I spent ironing shirts and trousers for 25 cents each. I took the job, because I needed the money.

On Saturdays, I did the house cleaning for the teachers' and school staff's homes; they all gave me a job. They knew my situation and knew I was working hard, besides studying. At that time the wages were 50 cents per hour. But I'll never forget the first time I got paid. I even earned some money selling oranges. I recall that we had an orange tree close to where I was living. I would pick the oranges, place them in a box and peddle bushels of oranges for a dollar a bucket.

I would drive to Lower Camp where lots of different ethnic groups were living. People would gather around me, calling me "the Japanese girl" and probably did not want the oranges, but they bought the oranges just to help me. "Thank you to all those folks."

During the three years before graduating from high school, I mastered the art of making lauhala slippers. I used to sell to many stores on the Big Island.

News went around that I had

a car and I could drive. One day the owner of the Nakahara Store in Hāwī asked me if I was interested in raising pigs? I said "What raising pig?" The owner gave me a 25-pound pig to raise. I raised the pig as I was taught. About six months later, the little 25-pound pig had grown to 300 pounds. Then Mr. Nakahara bought the pig from me at a good price. I did it again and again, until I graduated from high school. Raising a pig was very hard work. I had to wake up daily an hour early, pick up the pig's food (slop), which were neighbors' leftovers in the morning, and return to feed the pig, then take a shower go to school. This is why the job needed a car.

After school I had to pick up leftovers from other homes. There was a house that had a bucket that was very high, which I couldn't reach. The owners tried to avoid cats and dogs in the trash. The people of the home were kind and lowered the bucket for me. Can you imagine that sometimes I spilt the contents (slop) on me? Even with the "slop" I had a good time, just because I had a driver's license.

Eventually I graduated from Kohala High School and relocated to Oahu to pursue my post-secondary career.

Personal Information

Education: Business College

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Kohala High School Football Team

Story and photo by Tom Morse

At press time, the KHS football team has a 2-3 record, beating Pahoa 36-6 and Kau 36-6, while losing to Honoka`a 29-0 and Hawai`i Prep 12-7 and Kamehameha Hawaii 40-0. Remaining home games: Sep 24: Honoka`a, Oct 8: Hawai Prep, Oct 22: Kamehameha Hawaii.



Kohala High School 2022 Football team.

Faye, contined from Page 7

– Accountant degree; Chaminade University, Bachelor of General Studies (B.GS); University of Hawai`i at Mānoa, Masters in Curriculum and Instruction (M.Ed.); Certified Exercise Instructor

Teaching Career: St. Louis School (over 25 years teaching Japanese and the first female hired to teach at St. Louis High School); Chaminade University, joint 10 years; Kapiolani Community College, joint 10 years; Hotel and Banking Industry; Marshall Island – Majuro (working for Chaminade University); exercise

instructor for Moiliili Community Center (presently).

Awards: Fulbright Scholar at Tokyo University; International Award for my painting, received award in Japan.

Special Recognitions: Published autobiography book titled "ALOHA", published in Japan; T.V. program on Olole Channel 54 "Faye's Genki Taiso"; Hawai'i News – article in Honolulu Star Advertiser "Young at Heart"; chosen from Hawai'i's KIKU TV program "The Wisdom of Hawai'i's Elders"; special recognition from School in Japan; special recognition

from then-Governor Abercrombie; special recognition from Banking Association.

Memo

I graduated from high school almost at the bottom of my class, but I did receive my diploma, the same one that others received. Currently, graduates from the class of 1958 and other classes, gather every second Thursday of the month in Honolulu. Our leaders are Betsy (Shimabukuro) Tamanaha and Myles Kurashige.

In 1967, I started a summer program between St. Louis School and Tsuchiura Nichidai High School.

This program is still active after 50 years.

In closing....

All during my lifetime I've volunteered helping others, because the reason I am here today is because from Day One the people of Kohala on the Big Island were very nice to me. "I try to help and support them now, because of my experiences way back when I first arrived not knowing a word of English." It is my time to pay it back to all those who helped me get to where I am today.

Thank you and Aloha to those who helped me throughout my life.

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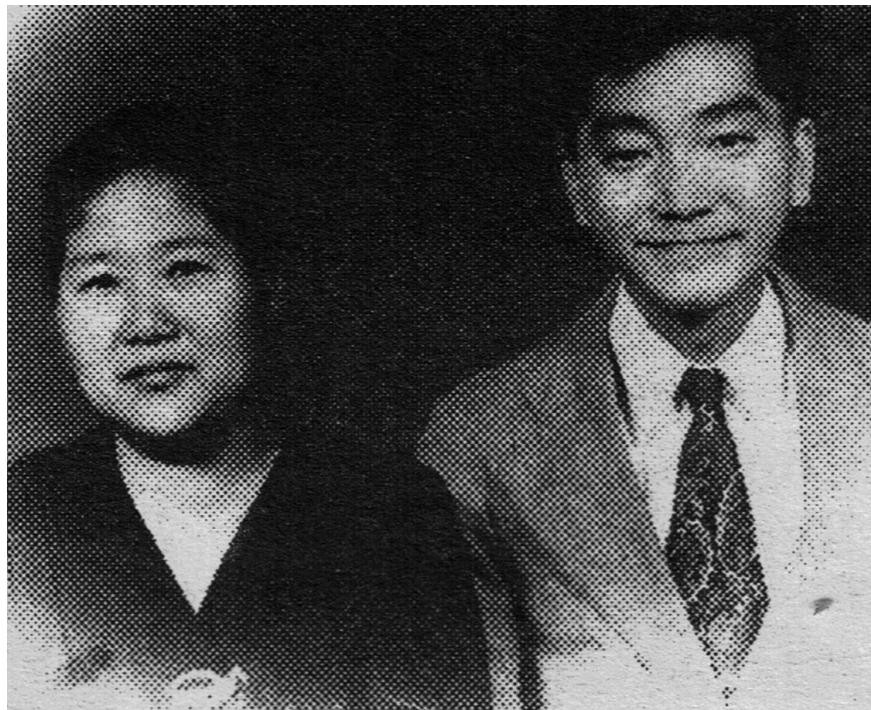
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Nanbu and Hori



The Nanbu building today (say Non-Boo)/Tom Morse



Miyako and Yoshio Hori. (File)



Ayataro and Toyo Nanbu. (File)

By Tom Morse

The Nanbu Building in Kapa`au was a hotel for many years. Built in 1898 and frequented by salesmen selling to the plantations, it was rather a rough place. Patrons often carried rifles, and fights were common.

It was purchased by Ayataro and Toyo Nanbu in 1917.

Under their ownership it included a general store, restaurant, bar, pool room, bakery, and a reception room that was the site of weddings and community meetings. There was a large fish pond in the back. The rooms were on the second floor. The hotel was very popular during the war years, and during the heyday of the six sugar plantations.

Today, the first floor houses The Old Hawaiian Trading Company, Pomaika`i Cafe, and Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate.

The Nanbu's were businesspeople, well respected. He worked up front in the store, she cleaned and cooked in the back. They lived in the back of the building. He was President of the Jodo Mission and was considered the leading busi-

nessman in the community. Eventually, she contracted cancer; he took her back to Japan, where she died. He returned and was buried in the Jodo Mission in Kapa`au in the early 1960s.

In 1932 Ayataro gave the bakery to his nephew, Yoshio Hori. When the sign Yoshio verbally ordered from a Waimea sign maker arrived, it read Holy's Bakery. Rather than order a new sign, Yoshio decided that would be the bakery's name, which survives to this day.

When Yoshio was a teenager, his family moved to Kohala, where he met his wife, Miyako Yanagida. The couple had eight children, two girls and six boys.

The bakery fed the G.I.s and traveling Japanese salesmen who stayed at the hotel during the war. It was known for its buns with a Japanese filling. In 1950 the bakery began selling frozen apple, peach, pear and coconut pies to stores. It still does today.

One daughter, Margaret, took over the business well before the founders passed away.

The Nanbu Building

The streets of Kapa`au were unpaved well into the 1950s. Water overflowing from the gulches turned the streets into a brown, oozing mud. The hotel remained in

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Big Island Substance Abuse Council's Kohala 'Ohana Fun Day

By Dr. Hannah Preston-Pita

The Big Island Substance Abuse Council (BISAC) hosted the Kohala 'Ohana Fun Day event which included a health fair, keiki activities, entertainment, a sports clinic, thrift shop, and much more. The purpose of the event was to provide a free, fun-filled event for the whole family to celebrate the strength of

the community and to bring awareness about BISAC's services in Kohala.

BISAC is very grateful for the continued community support and for the ongoing support from groups such as the the Kohala Village HUB, Wellness and Recovery for Kohala, and Partners in Development.

Dr. Hannah Preston-Pita, CEO of BISAC stated, "It was truly remarkable to see the people of Kohala participate in our event. We, alongside our partnering agencies, were able to celebrate the community and bring resources to the community."

Since 1964, BISAC has been inspiring individuals and families

to reclaim and enrich their lives in the wake of the ravages of substance abuse and poor mental health. They offer a continuum of services that are culturally appropriate and aligned with the ever-changing behavioral health field.

For more information about BISAC and all of its programs, call 808-969-9994 or visit www.bisac.org.



Na Kupuna 'O Kohala. (Hannah Preston-Pita)



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Hula Hālau o Mana'olana o Kohala. (Hannah Preston-Pita)

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Margaret Hori. (Bruce Omari)

operation until the 1960s. Shuttered for many years, by the 1990s it was in a terrible state of disrepair. The roof had blown off.

To understand how it came to

be refurbished, we need to go back to 1988, when a man who lived in Ireland, Tom Quinlan, decided to ride his mountain bike around the world.

He planned his trip around his address book and, it so happened, that book contained a listing in Kohala.

Quinlan rode his bike from the Kona Airport to Kohala and fell in love with the area. Qualified as an architect in his native Ireland, he served his practicum in Freiburg, Germany, where he specialized in historic building restoration. In Kohala he was taken by the architecture of many old buildings.

In 1996-97, Quinlan conducted a restoration feasibility study for the dilapidated Nanbu Building. The property extends into the roadway and is below the level of the road. Because of its condition, the property had no value, so no bank loan was possible for the \$325,000 needed for the restoration. His study showed that projected rents could repay the funds to an investor via a long-term lease.



The Nanbu Building before restoration. (Courtesy of Tom Quinlan)

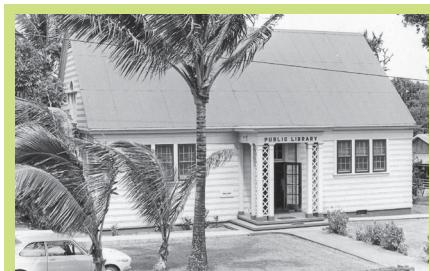
Quinlan made presentations to the Kohala Lions Club and The Rotary Club of North Hawaii in Waimea.

One member of the Rotary Club agreed to make the investment, and a 35-year lease was signed with the owner, Margaret Hori, daughter of the original owners. The restoration

began in 1998.

It reopened in October 1999. The upstairs portion was converted to office spaces, requiring the addition of several supporting posts in the lower, soon-to-be, retail portion.

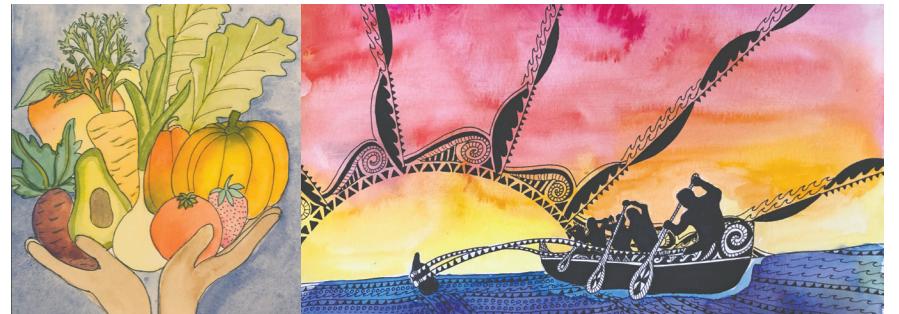
In 1999, Quinlan was successful in getting the building listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



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Hāmākua-Kohala Health Center. (Ross Pagat)



North Kohala Archery Club. (Hannah Preston-Pita)



Lorlei Clouse face painting. (Kathy Matsuda)

WEEKLY EVENTS IN OCTOBER 2022

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DAY	START	END	EVENT	VENUE	CONTACT
M-S	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	ZOOM	889-5675
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	4:30PM	6PM	BELLY DANCE FITNESS	CALL FOR LOCATION	238-6111
	5:30PM	7PM	PICKLE BALL	HISAOKA GYM	333-8712
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WED	12PM	3PM	THRIFT SHOP	ST AUGUSTINE'S	889-5390
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	10AM	3PM	BIG ISLAND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL	THE HUB	969-9994 X860
SAT	8AM	12PM	FARMERS MARKET	THE HUB	313-338-7090
	10AM	11PM	FREE GOLF LESSONS	NORTH KOHALA GOLF PARK	KOHALAGOLF@GMAIL.COM
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Archery practice. (Ross Pagat)

Annual Auction to Support NKCRC

By 'Ekela Kahuanui

It's time again for the North Kohala Community Resource Center's Fundraising Auction, starting October 7 and running through October 17. This event is in its eleventh year as one of two activities funding the operation of NKCRC, whose mission is to support successful community projects that benefit North Kohala.

All the action will happen for 10 days online at the Center's website, www.northkohala.org. There you will also find information about the various projects that are a part of this resource center, whose purpose is to support organizations through education, training, and building bridges to project funding sources.

Each year a wide selection of auction items are donated by individuals and businesses. They include gift certificates for adventures, restaurants and hotel stays. Massages, art, jewelry, antiques and other special items will also be for sale.

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Kohala Koboji Mission Revitalized With Preservation Grant



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The weathered Shingon symbols (mon) on the front façade of the Kohala Koboji Mission were replaced, matching the original design.

All photos courtesy of Kohala Koboji Mission.

As the Kohala Koboji Shingon Mission closes in on its centennial anniversary, the Kapa'au congregation has taken steps to repair and preserve the historic campus.

The building complex—including the temple, community hall, priest's cottage and community kitchen—dates to 1924. The historic temple on Hawai'i Island has served the Kohala community with both church services and community events, including hosting the Aikido Dojo Club since 1995 and continuing traditional ceremonial events such as O-Bon and mochi making.

However, the ravages of termites and weather caused leaks and damage to roofs, walls and flooring for all of the buildings. Coupled with the inability to gather during the Covid-19 pandemic, the congregation was concerned with the ability to use the property for future generations.

The mission feared that without significant funding and immediate aid, the buildings would be lost.

A historic preservation grant from the Freeman Foundation in cooperation with Historic Hawai'i Foundation has helped to stabilize and repair the temple, making it usable and safe for continuing church services, community gathering and educational events.

"The impact on the community is positively stimulating and greatly appreciated. To everyone's relief, church members have not had to come regularly to the temple and empty buckets of rainwater due to the excessive roof and wall leaks, as well as having to navigate around the rotted deteriorated open flooring." – Eugene Amar, Jr., Director of the Board, Kohala Koboji Shingon Mission

The project included termite tenting for all four buildings and repairs to the temple. The temple received a new roof, partials walls and floors, repairs to baseboards

and moldings, underlying structural repairs, and flooring. The project also installed rain drips to direct water away from the problem areas. The connecting corridor to the community hall was also reroofed and side walls repaired. The final step will be to paint the entire building.

The preservation work was conducted under the guidance of historic architect Lorraine Minatoishi. The general contractor was Quality Builders. Kristina and Rikko Varjan provided project management.

The Mission said that the project has brought about renewed inter-



The old roof of the Kohala Koboji Shingon Mission was rusted through and leaked.



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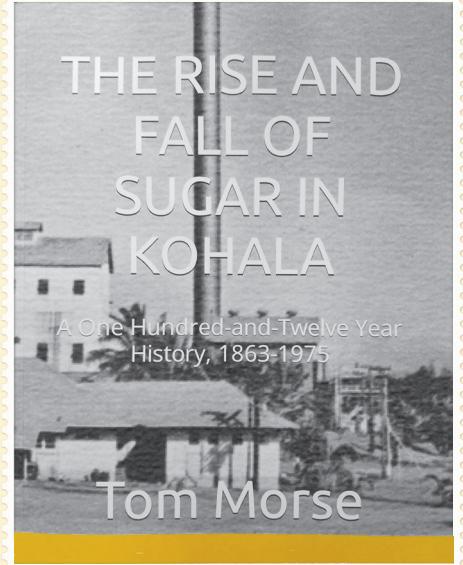
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9/28	WED	5:00 PM		CDP ADVISORY GROUP	MEETING	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	
9/30	FRI	6:30 PM		FREE MOVIE NIGHT	LIGHTYEAR	HUB BARN	889-0404 EXT. 104
10/1	SAT	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	KOHALA COMMUNITY FARMER'S MARKET		KAMEHAMEHA PARK	225-3666
10/3	MON	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	CHESS CLUB	BEGINNERS AND VETERAN PLAYERS ARE WELCOME	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
10/5	WED	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	LEGO CLUB	COME BUILD WITH LEGOS	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
10/5	WED	4:00 PM		KOHALA COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP	EMAIL IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM FOR ACCURATE DATE & TIME	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
10/5	WED	4:00 PM	7:00 PM	KOHALA NIGHT MARKET	VENDORS & ENTERTAINMENT	HUB MURAL	
10/5	WED	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	PRESCHOOL STORYTIME	GREAT FUN FOR 2 - 5 YEAR-OLDS	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
10/5	WED	7:00 PM		TEMPLE OF SPIRITUAL HEALING	GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP	54-3876 AKONI PULE STE 4	989-5995
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10/8	SAT	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	OUR HAWI LIFE	ART SHOW BY ELIZABETH PICKETT AND TOM LOOMIS	ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE	854 1058
10/10	MON	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	CRAFTING BOOK PUMPKINS	FREE CRAFT! ALL MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
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10/15	SAT	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	KOHALA COMMUNITY FARMER'S MARKET		KAMEHAMEHA PARK	225-3666
10/19	WED	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	PRESCHOOL STORYTIME	GREAT FUN FOR 2 - 5 YEAR-OLDS	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
10/19	WED	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	LEGO CLUB	COME BUILD WITH LEGOS	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
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10/26	WED	5:00 PM		CDP ADVISORY GROUP	MEETING	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	
10/31	MON	4:30 PM	6:30PM	HALLOWEEN AT THE HUB	TRICK OR TREAT, CONSTUME CONTEST: AGE 0 - 17	HUB MURAL	889-0404 EXT. 104

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est and commitment from both the church members and the public and has catalyzed support for additional projects such as interior painting and floor coverings.

"More members are coming to services now and are happy about the major repairs," said Amar. "They are sharing their excitement

and enthusiasm about the grant project with the larger Kohala community. The Historic Hawai'i Foundation-Freeman Foundation grant has made all this possible after all these years."

Amar said they are looking forward to resuming community gathering and events when

pandemic-related closures ease. "In 2022 we had to cancel a popular community mochi pounding event," he said. "Later this year we plan to invite the community for a temple blessing ceremony and mochi making."

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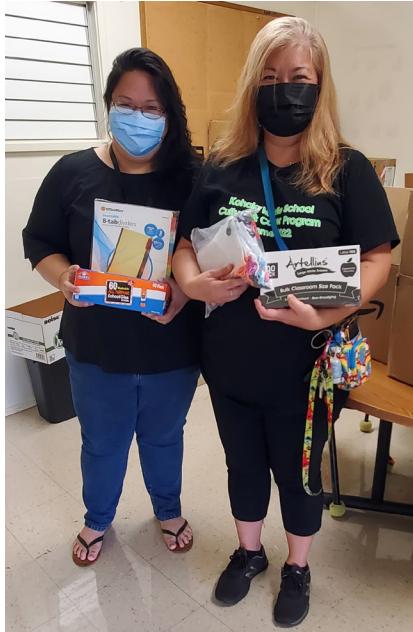
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and school supply distribution for the safety of our community; however, we knew we still wanted to help in any way we could to donate school supplies for our students. KMS is one of 11 schools we help each year, with over 3,000 students

who benefit annually. We look forward to having our summer health fair events in the future but are grateful to have partnerships such as those at Kohala Middle School Admin and Staff to help with costs for students' school supplies.

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Mahalo for the donations go to Kohala `Ohana Support, headed by Denni Keyes; Hāmākua-Kohala Health Center, headed by Kai Gacayan; Overflow Church, with Pastor's Jared and Tiana Miyamoto; St. Augustine Episcopal Church, with Youth Director Kathy Matsuda; and the Kohala Village HUB.

Left to right: Tiana Miyamoto, Kohala Village HUB Assistant Program Manager; Renee Bautista, Kohala Middle School Officer of Student Affairs; and Kathy Matsuda, Kohala Village HUB Program Manager. (Wendy Nickl)

Heather Hook, a representative of Hāmākua Health Center (left) with Kohala Middle School Principal Trisha Sanborn. (Silia Emeliano)

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