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About Kohala, For Kohala

May 28, 2021

E Lei 'O Pololū



Photo by Jacob Aki

One-hundred-foot-long segments of lei are tied together to span the entire width of Pololū Valley sand dunes.

By Aoloa Patao

On Sunday, May 2, a single-stranded lei lā'i (commonly known as ti leaf) was draped across the Pololū Valley floor to separate the public access trail from the sand dunes and beyond. A wahi pana (sacred, significant place), Pololū has ancestral and historical connections to many 'ohana in Kohala. The idea of this lei stems from a dream and is one of the mālama efforts of 'ohana and lineal descendants of Makapāla, Niuli'i and Pololū. It stretches approximately 1,600 feet--that is nearly four and half football

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Photo by Sharon Hayden

Kumu Hula Lorna Kapualiko Lim and her hālau guided attendants with protocol in pule and 'oli.

It Takes a Village to Prepare



Photo by John Winter

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) participate in a disaster drill.

You may know that our local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) generously received a 20-foot container from Hawaii Civil

Defense to store our equipment and supplies. The North Kohala CERT team is one of many volunteers. See CERT, on Page 2

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Source: File

Signs placed near sand dunes direct visitors to stay off of them and to leave the valley by sunset.

fields, a little longer than 21 competitive swimming pools, and just about the distance between Takata's and the Union Mill Post Office.

This dream turned into a reality to intentionally show aloha for the Pololū ancestors who are buried there and inform and discourage people from climbing and camping. Complimenting that effort, signs which read "NO CAMPING OVER-NIGHT ALLOWED," "Respect Cultural Sites - Stay Off" and more were strategically set along the trail.

Oral traditions tell us that our iwi kūpuna (ancestral bones) are buried in these sand dunes, a place that has been desecrated by improper use and lacking adequate markings to ensure their safekeeping.

The day prior to the draping, Kohala community members delivered their lei lā'i at Kēōkea Beach where each one was linked to another to create bundles of 100-foot lei. Fourteen and a half bundles later, it was thought that there was enough lei to cover the sand dunes.

The next day, a small group of 'ohana gathered at Makanikahiō before sunrise as Kumu Hula Lorna Kapualiko Lim and her hālau, Kawehileimamoikawēkiu 'o Kohala, guided everyone with protocol in pule and 'olī as the beat of the pahu drums and voices echoed throughout the valley. Then, a smaller group of 'ohana carried down the bundles of lei and draped it from iron tree to iron tree starting on the makai side of the sand dunes

and the Hāmākua side of the river.

The sand dunes are composed of eroded alluvial deposits, which came from sporadic flood sequences of the Pololū stream. When these sands were redeposited along the shoreline, the activity of wind and waves pushed the dunes south-east. They stretch across the valley floor and there are places where they reach heights of 100 feet above sea level. It is here where most of Pololū's inhabitants lived. The iron-wood trees that line the dunes were a more recent addition to the valley, planted in the 1950s to deter erosion.

As the 'ohana found themselves short of about 150 feet, at just the right time, another 'ohana appeared and completed the 1,600-foot lei across the valley floor. The bundles tied together created a more substantial, stronger and unified lei. It is one lei. It is the perfect representation of our community in that when we band together and combine our efforts with the right intentions and reasons, we become just like this lei.

The lei also represents the struggle to attain proper management for "public access and trails" at Pololū Valley, where we have seen enormous numbers of tourists frequent this wahi pana. It is a free-for-all with no enforcement of regulations. Let us remember this: He ali'i ka 'āina, kauwā ke kanaka. The land is a chief, the human is a servant. The people should be a servant of Pololū and not the other way around.

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teer groups in the nation prepared to respond and assist in the event of a disaster.

The North Kohala firemen on A shift recently helped fog and clean this container.

Mahalo nui to them!

CERT members, actively maintaining the supplies, recently identified some items needing replacement, for example batteries fade, medical supplies expire and food items have limited shelf life.

We are actively seeking assistance from the community.

You can make a tax-deductible donation by making checks out to the North Kohala Community Resource Center or NKCRC. Please write North Kohala CERT on the memo line.

The following is a list of items that we specifically need, in case you would like to share.

- 1. 7"x12" minimum plastic containers (airtight with lids)
- 2. Shelving units

- 3. Paper towels
- 4. Cleaning anti-viral/no-water bathing/moist flushable wipes
- 5. Batteries of all sizes (prefer Energizer)
- 6. Emergency food supplies (those with a shelf life of at least two years)
- 7. Ham radio receiver/antenna/handheld radios
- 8. 5-gallon water containers in good condition
- 9. Medical supplies: bandages, peroxide wipes, alcohol swabs, tape, slings, splints, collars, etc.

Help us be prepared for a disaster here in North Kohala. If you are planning on purchasing some of the above items for us or if you would like more information about becoming a CERT member, please contact Diana Moriarty at 808-889-5809 or April Lee at 808-989-5995.

Halaula Washboard to be Re-surfaced

By Toni Withington

Driving the highway through Halaula has been a chunka, chunka, chunka affair for several months. The Department of Water Supply (DWS) has finished installing new lines along and across Akoni Pule Highway.

This month workers have been removing all the old pipes.

But relief for drivers is on the way, according to a spokesperson for the department. A work order has been issued to repave the highway in late June. Switchover to the newly installed water lines and meters is expected to take place in mid-July.

Residents of Ma'ulili Road will unfortunately have to wait longer for relief from the rough state of their road surface, according to Jason Armstrong, a representative of DWS said.

Work on the \$13 million water well and reservoir located at the top of Ma'ulili is proceeding and the contractor, Goodfellow Brothers, is waiting for a pump permit from the Department of Land and

Natural Resources. The next steps will involve bringing heavy equipment up the road. HELCO will also be installing new power lines to run the pump.

"With all this traffic it would not make sense to re-surface the road until the heavy work is done," Armstrong said. With completion of the installations still projected for this summer, Ma'ulili residents can maybe expect to get their road back by August.

"DWS really appreciates the patience Kohala people have shown, and we will get this done as quickly as possible. The pandemic has had its effect on progress," he added.

The DWS is funding the well and reservoir project through a low-interest loan from the State of Hawai'i's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Residents or customers who have questions about the construction project may call DWS Project Engineer Larry Beck at 961-8070, or DWS's Communications Branch at 961-8050.

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Family Home Burns to the Ground



Courtesy of Asencion Family
The Asencion family home in Kapa`au has burned to the ground; they must start over. Those who would like to donate to the family may do so via their GoFundMe page at <https://gofund.me/d8627f97>.

On May 16, Hawaii Fire Department responded to a fire that destroyed and eventually collapsed the Asencion family home on Ma`ulili Road in Kapa`au.

Two people were inside when the fire started, but no one was

hurt. The garage, a second structure on the property, was also severely damaged.

The fire spread to the brush in a pasture south of the property, which was quickly extinguished by the fire department.

The primary structure is considered a total loss, tallied at \$400,000. All the family's possessions are gone, including housewares, clothes, personal necessities, food, mementos and pets.

The Red Cross has responded

to provide initial aid. In addition, a classmate of one of the children has started a GoFundMe page where anyone can donate to help the family start over.

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Mahukona Park Renovation Will Cost About \$4.4 Million



Parks Director Maurice Messina (third from left) met April 29 with members of Save Mahukona Action Committee. Also attending were members of the Parks, Water, Roads Group of the Community Development Plan.

Story and photo by Toni Withington

Two years after the Mahukona Park Pavilion was condemned, the head of the County Parks and Recreation Department (P&R) predicts that it will cost approximately \$4.4 million for demolition of the old structure and building a new facility.

Maurice Messina, P&R director, told a meeting of the Save Mahukona Action Committee this month that the plans include \$400,000 for the demolition of the pavilion and removal of hazardous waste, which is the priority of P&R. The other

\$4 million would pay for the planning, environmental and land use permits, and construction of a new facility on the 15 acres the County controls at Mahukona harbor.

He reassured the meeting of twelve socially distanced residents that the department would hold meetings with Kohala people before the new plans are finalized to get ideas for what the park should look like and what should be built. Messina also said P&R is working the Planning Department to determine if Fair Share funds can be used for the new construction.

“The Mayor, the County Council and Planning Department are all on board for getting the park up and running,” Messina said.

While supplying a continuous water source to the park remains an obstacle, Messina said that would be worked out even if water needs to be trucked in.

As to other problems at North Kohala parks, he said he is seeking funding toward repairs to the swimming pool, the gym roof and the gym bleachers. When asked about the problem of feral cats, Messina said the administration is trying to

find a viable solution. Other County departments are also experiencing this issue.

Wild pigs are a big pest, Messina continued, particularly at Kamehameha Park. P&R is working to contract with individuals to assist in pig trapping and removal. Anyone interested in assisting should contact the P&R main office.

Karen Martinez of the Save Mahukona group moderated the meeting, which was attended remotely by Michelle Hiraishi, P&R’s deputy director.

After the business part of the meeting, Maydean Bowman and Patty Solomon talked about the history of Mahukona and its connections to the people of Kohala.

Bowman’s grandparents lived in the village that surrounded the harbor. Her grandfather directed the ships in providing landing boats and bridges to bring cargo and passengers ashore. She said her aunt was the last to move from Mahukona back to town. She suggested a historical plaque be placed to identify the site and importance of the village.

Solomon said Mahukona has always been a gathering place. Once the village of many homes also had restaurants and stores. She would like to see interpretive walks through the site of the village be arranged for those interested in the history.

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Trash at Kohala Skate Park

Dear Kohala,
Whenever I go to the Roots Skatepark, I notice that the skatepark has trash everywhere you look. I think that you should pick up any trash you see.
Mahalo for taking care of our skatepark.
Huck Christensen
Second-grade student at Kohala Elementary School

Mahalo for Kindness and Service

I would like to thank the Kohala Hospital and the Hamakua-Kohala Health Center for their amazing Aloha in their COVID vaccination procedures. My wife, son, grandson and I wanted to have the shots. Being able to attend the Hospital and the Health Center calms any issues of reluctance to take the shots. The Hospital staff and the Health Center staff were amazing. Thank you for what you do and will continue to do in the future. You folks are amazing.
John Watterson

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,
The State Legislature has concluded the 2021 session with the successful passage of over 200 measures addressing public health, environmental protection, and a sustainable reopening of the economy.

When the legislative session began in January, we faced a nearly \$2 billion shortfall in the State Budget, which threatened furloughs and devastating cuts to social services. Utilizing \$1.6 billion of federal funds directed to the State through the American Rescue Plan Act, alongside careful budgeting and efficiency measures across the State government, we were able to pass a balanced budget without cutting funding to critical services. The State Budget approved by the legislature restored \$81 million in funding to key safety net services, including sex abuse treatment, HIV and tuberculosis prevention and care, homeless services, and child protective services. It also included funding for many capital improvement projects (CIP) in our district.

The Legislature also passed many bills to help shape a future of greater economic and environmental sustainability. This includes legislation which reforms the Hawai'i Tourism Authority to support sustainable tourism as our economy reopens and allows counties to levy

Transient Accommodations Tax, supports broadband infrastructure expansion and equity, and sets clean transportation goals and supports electric vehicle infrastructure. We also passed legislation to prevent dramatic increases in unemployment insurance rates for employers.

As Chair of the House Committee on Water and Land, I worked with the Committee members to amend and approve over 60 bills and resolutions which went on to pass the full Legislature. In addition, I was able to secure legislative funding for numerous important projects in the district. Below, I've summarized areas of focus and funding highlights this session. For details, please contact or visit my page on the Hawai'i State Capitol website, www.capitol.hawaii.gov.

Land use planning for sustainable development

1. Administrative reform and capacity building
2. Land lease policy reform
3. Coastal land management and sea level rise adaptation
4. Land management planning and working groups
5. Land Use Approvals

Marine resource management for sustainable fisheries, resource protection, and boating

1. Resource Conservation Enforcement
2. Licensing and regulating gear and take of species
3. Setting mooring fees, ocean tourism fees, managing abandoned vessels
4. Capital improvement project funding
 - a. \$40,000 for Kawaihae Commercial Harbor improvements
 - b. \$1,600,000 for Kawaihae North Small Boat Harbor dock and breakwater
5. \$350,000 for Anuenue Fisheries Research Center improvements
6. Submerged land leases for harbor improvements

Agricultural land management for sustainable food production

1. Agricultural land property management
2. Strengthening the Farm to School program and local produce purchasing
3. Investment in processing, irrigation, and agricultural lands
 - a. \$750,000 in CIP funds for

Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant upgrades

- b. \$500,000 in CIP funds for Waimea Irrigation System upgrades

State parks and forestry management

1. Capacity building for State Parks management
2. State Parks infrastructure improvements in District 7
 - a. \$2.3 million for Hapuna Beach State Park water system and roadway repairs
3. Strengthening Forest management and tree nurseries
 - a. \$750,000 for the State Tree Nurseries
4. Protecting native forests and ecosystems
 - a. \$8 million for watershed management and restoration projects.
 - b. \$875,000 for research and programs to combat the spread of rapid 'ohia death

Housing, development authorities and transit-oriented development

1. Affordable Housing
2. Creating and managing development authorities
3. Infrastructure to support transit-oriented development

Education

1. Supporting Public Schools
 - a. \$2,200 bonus to each full-time and half-time teacher to support teacher retention and an additional \$7.4 million to the Honoka'a-Kealakehe-Kohala-Konawaena Complex Area for school-level programs, which can include social, emotional, mental, and physical health services; STEM and sustainability projects; career and technical education, and more
2. Economic diversification and workforce development
3. Investments in public education facilities
 - a. \$2.5 million to begin work for a new gym at Kohala High School
 - b. \$1.8 million for planning and construction of a multi-purpose building, including a certified commercial kitchen space at Kanu o ka 'Aina New Century Public Charter School
 - c. \$460,000 for campus fire alarm system at Kohala Middle School

State Highway Improvement Funding

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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.

June Deadlines
Ads and News: 6/11/21
Calendar: 6/18/21
Distribution: 6/25/21

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Ads and News: 7/9/21
Calendar: 7/16/21
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1. Kawaihae Road, Waiaka Stream Bridge Replacement/Realignment: \$8 million in additional funds for construction to replace the existing bridge, realign bridge approaches, reconstruct the Route 19/Route 250 intersection, and install safety improvements.

2. Waimea Regional Safety Improvement Project: \$22 million in funding was appropriated for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; this project is now being implemented.

More information on the proposed improvements is available in the project's Draft Environmental Assessment here: <https://bit.ly/3vEKqgk>.

I am encouraged by the accomplishments of the State Legislature this session. And, there is much more to do. I welcome your feedback about the legislation which passed this session, as well as your input as we prepare for the 2022 session.

I am very grateful to serve as your District 7 Representative. Please reach out with your questions, comments, and feedback any time, by phone at 808-586-8510 or by email to reptarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov. Please also consider signing up for my e-newsletter at <http://bitly.com/reptarnas-signup> to stay in touch with legislative and community updates. Mahalo!

Council Resolution authorizing the Director of Finance to enter negotiations for the acquisition and/or conservation easement for all or a portion of these properties at Māhukona should be on the Council Committee agenda in June 2021.

The intent of the PONC process is to identify and prioritize qualifying open lands worthy of preservation.

These Māhukona properties are definitely worthy of being protected to conserve the critical and significant natural and cultural resources that are abundant there.

The resolution allows the County to start negotiations with the property owner(s). At present, the legal owners of these properties have been identified as Mahukona South, LLC, which owns 9 of the 11 parcels; Mahukona North, LLC, which owns one parcel; and Mahukona, LLC, which owns the remaining parcel. The negotiations method is not a quick one, as noted by the County Department of Finance; however, it sets into place the priority in which the PONC funds should be utilized and sets into motion the purchase process.

Māhukona Beach Park

Under the direction of Maurice Messina, the County Department of Parks and Recreation has been meeting with the community to address their concerns regarding the shuttered beach park pavilion, restroom availability and the overall park amenities. With numerous environmental and safety concerns needing

to be addressed, discussions continued in identifying the various stages of the required demolition of the existing beach park pavilion. At present, the County is working towards preparing the beach park as a "shovel-ready" project on paper, to capitalize on potential federal infrastructure funds through the American Jobs Plan. These federal funds could further assist the County with the overall cost to redesign and re-build the facilities at Māhukona Beach Park, as well as provide safe access to the beach park for all to enjoy. Stay tuned for more information as this project advances.

Capital Improvement Project Funds

Although Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds were previously designated for the Māhukona Beach Park renovations in Fiscal Year 2019-2020, I am submitting an additional CIP Capital Budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the sum of \$5 million. Being able to have these funds identified for the Māhukona Beach Park renovation adds another level of funding to be used for the design and rebuild of the park pavilion and the parks amenities.

As you all, I look forward to Māhukona being preserved, protected, conserved, and facilities rebuilt to serve our island community for generations to come.

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

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.

MĀHUKONA

Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Commission Annual Report

In a communication from Mayor Roth in January 2021, the 2020 Annual Report of the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Commission (PONC) was transmitted to the Council. Ranked as the number one priority for acquisition with PONC funds are the 11 Māhukona properties in the ahupua'a of Kaoma, Hihiu, Māhukona, Kamano, Kou and Kapa'anui, totaling over 642 acres. A



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Mayor Seeks Applicants for CDP Action Committee

By Toni Withington

Mayor Mitch Roth is looking for applicants to become members of the North Kohala Community Development Plan (CDP) Action Committee. This comes amidst reports that the mayor and Planning Department are contemplating moves to cut back the independence of the six County districts that currently have action committees.

The committees were formed at the insistence of residents of during the drafting of the individual CDPs over ten years ago in order to give the people of districts a seat at the table on decisions important to them. Adopted by ordinance, the CDPs are the legal underpinnings of the County's 20-year-long General Plan.

All of the action committees of the six districts that have so far formulated their own community development plans have been suspended during the more than a year-long pandemic shut down. Hamakua never even held one meeting before it was shut down.

North Kohala CDP Action Committee has been one of the most active, bolstered in part by the six advisory working groups that carry out the strategies of the plan.

The action committee held its last regular meeting on June 17, 2019. Starting in 2009, the committee had met monthly under the rules set by the Planning Department.

However in 2017, at the Planning Department's insistence, the Kohala meetings were reduced to bi-monthly, finally ending entirely in 2019.

In December 2020 the Planning Department conducted a Zoom meeting of all action committees to announce that it was shifting the format to an Island-wide Community Development Plan Action Committee, which would meet quarterly.

Three members of the normally nine-member North Kohala committee attended.

Plans for how or why the individual action committees would evolve were vague. No meetings have been held since. The North Kohala CDP clearly states that an appointed action committee will make recommendations to the County about issues important to the district.

Last month the mayor told a meeting of the League of Women Voters that the County Planning Department was anticipating changing the structure of the Action

Committees to an island-wide caucus, instead of being advocates for their district's individual interests. Planning Department staff had recommended the change to cut costs, Roth said.

A May 12 press release said the county is looking for more people willing to serve on the North Kohala and Ka'u CDP committees. "Many applications have been received from other regions and are under review," it said.

According to the press release: "The purpose of CDPs is to: 1) translate the General Plan's broad statements into actions specific to the planning area; 2) to improve and advance community resilience; and 3) provide civic dialogue for citizen engagement."

"CDP Action Committees are essential to our planning process and ensure that the interest of our community is represented," Mayor Roth said.

The release said that Action Committees are responsible for implementing resident-driven solutions from the CDPs that positively transform their communities in partnership with a network of businesses, nonprofits and community leaders. Committee members must be residents of the district and are

appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the County Council.

"Applicants must be willing to commit to up to a four-year term, attend regular (quarterly) meetings during evenings and weekends, and invest a minimum of eight hours of work each month advancing CDP implementation through work on priority projects/initiatives.

They should have a deep love for their community, a passion for equity, and a motivation to work for the greater good of their community," says the County press release.

Former North Kohala Action Committee chair John Winter commented that the work of the committee is not overwhelming.

"The real work is handled by existing working groups and the AC's principal job is to oversee that and consider the larger perspective. Every AC member is expected to serve on one of the working groups where they can get involved with Kohala matters on a subject of particular interest," Winter said.

Interested applicants may find more information or apply at www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/boards-and-commissions or www.hawaiicountycdp.info/ or contact Pōmai Bartolome at pbartolome@hawaiicounty.gov.

North Kohala Golf Park

By Chelsea LaFrance

The North Kohala Golf Park is a low-cost, non-profit community project under the North Kohala Community Resource Center. The golf course, located in our rural community, serves folks from all over our island. In the 90s it was built to provide a recreation area for children to learn and play golf, seniors to get out and enjoy the game and people in-between to sharpen their skills.

In 2016 the course closed down and a group of volunteers banded together to get it re-opened and turn it into a 9-hole, par-3 course, up from the original 6-hole course. Before I became the volunteer project director, we spent days with our children there teaching them the basics of golf, getting out of the house in a safe and fun setting.

I was asked to take over the park this past October with a long list of needed things to do and improve. My vision for the park is to improve the playing conditions (make real putting greens) so that families, students, seniors and golf lovers can have a place to enjoy being outside, doing something new or practicing something they love.

I want a park that embraces community involvement and supports other community groups by creating a venue for fundraisers, a safe place for learning and a park that gives the community a sense of pride.

The Golf Park borders the Roots Skatepark at the bottom of Kamehameha Park. With the growing interest of skaters and golfers, we have decided to put a safety barrier in-between the two properties.

HPM Building Supplies was generous enough to donate the supplies for us to get this done to ensure the safety of all who come to enjoy both properties! We have also worked with Alan Koons, the Disc Golf Representative for Hawaii, to raise the funds to put in an 18-hole disc golf course alongside our 9-hole traditional golf course. The baskets for this have been ordered and should be installed by the fall. Since we have taken over the park, we have successfully brought in the monies to get our irrigation systems and new greens started. We hope to start those projects this summer.

The Golf Park runs and is able to stay open because of our community's support and the amazing group of volunteers we have that maintain the course daily. Without those people the course would not be able

to thrive! We greatly appreciate all that our volunteers do and the community support we have from businesses and private donors.

With all these add-ons and improvements, we are hoping to offer a great area for anyone and everyone who wants to "get out and play!" Please visit our website northkohalagolfpark.org for more information.

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Hawi Farmers Market Update, Featured Farmer and Recipe



Tess Libed loves the markets and making friends. (Left to right): Tess's daughter Desiree, one of Tess's granddaughters, and Tess at the Waimea Market, held on Wednesday and Saturdays at Pukalani Stables.

Leandro and Tess Libed are regular vendors at the Hawi Farmers Market.

Story and photos by Donna Maltz

The favorable spring weather brings an abundance and a variety of immune system-building fruits and veggies—the Saturday Hawi Market is the perfect place to mingle, shop, and support local businesses.

This week's featured farm is

Tess Garden, owned and operated by Maritez and Leandro Libed. Maritez, better known as Tess, moved to Hawaii from the Philippines in 2009. This hard-working, tenacious woman started her business with her children by her side. Her husband Leandro reunited with his family three years later, after

getting citizenship. He shows up every Saturday at the Hawi Market. The loving couple farm five acres that they lease from the Hāmākua Agricultural Cooperative.

The climate here is like the Philippines, making it natural for them to show off their green thumbs, which is seen with the stunning

produce they provide our community.

When not at the markets, you will find Tess and her husband working their farm. They bring more than just fresh produce. In keeping their Philippine values, they invite their own 'ohana, from kupuna to keiki,

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they gather all together and eat as one. They do believe in the saying that “the family that eats together will stay forever.”

Although her children work other jobs, they continue to help with the family business. The entire family gets together daily and shares a meal. From kupuna to keiki, everyone is well-fed, respected and loved.

Tess attributes her successful organic agricultural practices to crop rotation and growing a variety of nitrogen-fixing beans. One of her most prolific crops is okra, a healthy staple vegetable in the Philippines. The productive farm is their sole source of income and where they get the bulk of their food. Besides selling at the markets and feeding their extended family, they wholesale their crops to KTA and local restaurants.

The State provided land for the formation of the Cooperative project, which has proven to be a successful model for our island’s food security, encouraging farmers with affordable leases, and water from the Hāmākua ditch. The average size of each farm is seven to eight acres. The cooperative is made up of a community of farmers supporting each other and the Hawaii Island community by successfully producing fine quality, sustainably produced Hāmākua agricultural products.

Today about 72 farmers share 800 acres of usable farmland and are granted a 35-year lease, expiring 2033. Grants were initially used to allow the farmers to get planted, and The Department of Agriculture put in the water infrastructure with water from the Hāmākua ditch.

Senator Daniel Inouye was responsible for much of the improvements to the Hāmākua Ditch system. It is essential to have ongoing leadership in spearheading more projects to help secure food security and regenerative agriculture programs for our islands. The Hawi farmers’ market and the rich soils in Kohala could generate more food for our community if we had more affordable land and water.

Many of the farmers like Tess and Leandro, who are part of the farm cooperative, sell their produce island-wide and at the Hāmākua Harvest’s Farmers Market on Sundays, where they have a coop-

erative stand in addition to their single-vendor booths.

Our small, growing market has learned a lot from other markets and farmers around the island and is dedicated to serving our community.

The market welcomes vendors like Tess and her husband and actively seeks more vendors.

Enjoy this traditional Filipino recipe from Tess Libed.

Pinakbet

- 1 small onion
- 2 cloves garlic
- 3 medium tomatoes, minced
- ½ small squash, peeled and cut into cubes
- 1 cup water
- 5-7 okras, ends trimmed, cut into halves
- 1 bunch long beans (sitaw), cut into 3-inch lengths
- 3 middle bitter melon, cut into bite-size slices
- 3 large eggplants, cut into bite-size slices
- 3 tablespoons oil
- ½ pound pork belly, chopped
- 4 tablespoons fish sauce
- Optional: shrimp paste

Preparation Time: 15 min
Cook Time: 30 min
Total Time: 45 min
Servings: 6

In a pot over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and garlic, then cook, stirring regularly until softened. Add pork and cook until brown. Add tomato and cook until softened. Add fish sauce and continue to cook for about 5 minutes. Add remaining vegetables and cook until tender, about 10-15 minutes.



Pinakbet is a traditional Filipino dish.

*Correction
The Cassava Pizza recipe on page 8 of the April issue did not include credit to the recipe’s author, Erika Kuhr. We apologize for the omission.*

Hamakua-Kohala Health Conducts Blessing



*Courtesy of Hamakua-Kohala Health
The Old Kohala Club Hotel will be renovated and become the Hamakua-Kohala Health Kapa’au Clinic.
Left to right: Irene Carpenter, CEO of HKH; Christine Richards; Diana Moriarty; Fred Burian; Nidhi Chabora; and Dixie Adams.*

As a community organization, Hamakua-Kohala Health (HKH) is moving forward with the renovation of the Old Kohala Club Hotel. On April 26, Kimo Ho’opai conducted a blessing of the site. Attending the blessing were members of the board of directors, community leaders, and the CEO of Hamakua-Kohala Health.

“The work can now begin to bring a new community health center to Kohala coast,” said Irene

Carpenter, CEO of HKH.

The Aloha spirit was present at the celebration at the old hotel. Sharon Cariaga-Alfonso, Business Development Director and Regina Gantala, Clinic Operations manager coordinated the event.

Staff from HKH were on hand to celebrate the blessing of the future home of the Hamakua-Kohala Health Kapa’au Clinic. The day was bright and warm, a great day for a blessing.



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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 EIGHT

WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO WORK IN THE FIELDS AND MILLS

Before 1900, the workers worked six days a week planting, weeding, chopping and hauling wood, cutting and hauling cane. A much smaller number of workers in the mill continuously ground, boiled and packaged sugar.

The whistle to get up was blown at 5:00 a.m. If you didn't get up, a policeman would kick the door in and chase the worker out of bed. After a quick breakfast, the boss would march the workers to the fields in groups of about twenty-five. They worked from 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a half-hour lunch break. Teams would work on planting, watering, hoeing, ploughing, cultivating, ditching, stripping dead leaves off the cane stalks, cutting the cane, carting the cane, or loading the cane onto carts.

The most difficult task was "hole hole," stripping the dead leaves from the mature cane. They worked in the hot sun, sometimes in gulches where there was no breeze. The edges of the cane leaves were sharp enough to cut skin. Wasps pervaded. To protect themselves they had to wear heavy clothing.

Cutting and loading the cane produced clouds of red dust. When the whistle blew to end the workday, workers would run back to the camp to enter the communal baths before the water became too dirty.

The workday was long, the labor exhausting, and both on the job and off, the workers' lives were strictly controlled by the plantation owners. Each planter had a private army of European American overseers to enforce company rules, and they imposed harsh fines, or even whippings, for such offenses as talking, smoking, or pausing to stretch their backs in the fields.

Children also worked in the fields. In Kohala in the 1950s, most males began in the fields as "hoe hana boys" after school each day at age fifteen. When they graduated from high school, they became pesticide sprayers. They were given a five gallon can of spray and assigned by a luna to a 110-acre section where they might spray for a week. Eventually they might drive a tractor used for spraying. Possibly, they later drove a cane-haul truck.

The highest paying jobs were in the mill, where the tasks were more complex. Mill workers got to live closer to the mill. If your father worked in skilled or semi-skilled trade, young men would probably learn that trade.



Photo Credit: Bishop Museum

HOE HANA BOYS (MAUI, 1911)

Workers shopped at company stores and lived in company housing, much of which was meager and unsanitary. Until 1900, plantation workers were legally bound by 3- to 5-year contracts, and "deserters" could be jailed. For many Japanese immigrants, most of whom had worked their own family farms back home, the relentless toil and impersonal scale of industrial agriculture was unbearable, and thousands fled to the mainland before their contracts were up.

Many workers began to feel that their conditions were comparable to the conditions of slavery. The plantation management set up rules controlling employees' lives even after working hours. They were not permitted to leave the plantation in the evenings. There were rules as to when they had to be in bed – usually by 8:30 in the evening – no talking was allowed after lights out.

Plantation life was also rigidly stratified by national origin, with Japanese, Chinese and Filipino laborers paid at different rates for the same work, while all positions of authority were reserved for European Americans. The lunas (overseers) appealed to the nationalism of each group, such as posting each group's attendance the day before at the start of each day and encouraging to work hard to make their "race" look good. The police arrested deserters. Workers were not allowed to vote, for to do so they had to be a citizen of Hawaii. They were called by number, never by name. Skilled positions in the mill, and lunas in the fields were almost all white men.

Plantation owners often pitted one nationality against the other in

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labor disputes, and riots broke out between Japanese and Chinese workers.

The Hawaiian sugar planters deliberately recruited illiterate men who were either single or willing to leave their family behind. The Board of Immigration in Hawaii failed to consider the needs of the immigrants that they were accepting, specifically from China. Chinese men were brought over to Hawaii to serve as workers. However, they did not bring over any women, which led to complaints of prostitution and sexual perversion. The Board of Immigration later then brought Chinese women to the islands in order to limit prostitution.

In the early years, the plantation owners would only take on men, since women were deemed useless. Most Asian women were illiterate, since education for a female child was deemed irrelevant and even jeopardized her chance for a good marriage in her homeland. But by 1900, women were as much as ten percent of the workforce; they were paid less than their male counterparts.

The Hawaii Sugar Planters Association fixed wages by plantation area in 1901. For Kohala the monthly rate was twenty dollars.

A worker's life was centered almost entirely on the plantation, and the plantation was not always a pleasant place. Workers and their families lived in plantation housing in "neighborhoods" with people of the same nationality. Food and other products were bought from the plantation store, with money made by working on the plantation.

The workers and their families went to plantation churches; children went to school at plantation schools; the sick went to plantation hospitals.

Virtually every facet of a worker's life occurred on the plantation. Many workers fell into debt because of their extremely low wages, and they were generally ignored and abused by the luna and managers.

Hawaiian law prohibited physical punishment of indentured laborers. In the 1800s, however, enforcement of the law was problematic. If a worker was arrested for desertion, he would go before a judge, who would also be a planter.

All the sessions would be in Hawaiian or English. Some plantations had their own police forces with powers equal to those of the regular police. Warrants were not required.

Immigration sparked by the sugar companies had an everlasting effect on Hawaiian culture, creating a multicultural society, along with the emergence of a new language – Hawaiian Pidgin.

The language emerged as immigrants on plantation farms struggled to communicate with one another. In seeking a common language to communicate through, a hybrid primarily influenced from Hawaiian, English, Japanese, Chinese and Portuguese languages emerged.

Labor costs increased significantly when Hawaii became a state and workers were no longer effectively indentured servants. The hierarchical caste system plantation managers sought to maintain began to break down, with greater racial integration on the sugarcane plantations. Workers began to discover they had rights, and in 1920 waged the first multi-cultural strike.

In Kohala, wages rose 32 percent between 1935 and 1938, and another 68 percent between 1942 and 1945. Total employment costs rose from \$1,000,000 in 1942 to \$2,500,000 in 1952.

Next Month: Strikes Throughout Hawaii, Unionization and Strikes in Kohala

Coffee With Cops



Photo by Toni Withington

To celebrate National Police Week, Officers Jonathan Bartsch, Justin Cabantine and Dayton Tagaca invited people to join them in a Coffee with Cops session at the Kohala Coffee Mill on May 11. The informal setting allowed for some lively discussions and good stories.

Bon Dance Cancelled

Hawi Jodo Mission has decided to cancel the 2021 Bon Dance, traditionally held in August. The Kohala community has been very supportive of this annual event which honors our dearly departed family members and friends. Hawi Jodo Mission greatly appreciates your understanding, and we look forward to great celebrations in the near future. Please continue to be safe and stay healthy!



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Kohala's Water Quality Gets Good Grades

By Toni Withington

The annual water quality report is available online and once again Kohala's measured levels remains remarkably clear. Drinking tap water here is very safe.

The data tables used to be sent to rate payers with their bills each spring.

However, for the past several years, one has to go to the Department of Water Supply (DWS) website to see the figures.

The only change in the 2020 report is a slight rise in the level of nitrates, which is from fertilizer use, leaching from cesspools and natural erosion.

The maximum number of particles per million gallons allowed in safe drinking water

is 10, but the figure from Hawaii wells is 0.56, well within the safe levels.

That figure has been rising gradually since the 2011 level of 0.38 particles per million gallons.

The level of sodium, which is not from salt water but from natural erosion, has remained consistent in Kohala since 2011 at 23 particles per million gallons.

The amount of what is called disinfection byproducts has fluctuated some over the years, but is considerably low for public drinking water.

To see the full 2020 water report, go to the DWS website at www.hawaiiidws.org and click on Water Quality Reports then North Kohala Water Report.



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	5PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ROSS PAGAT	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH	989-0966
	6PM	6:30PM	FREE RMD TAIKO CLASSES	HISAOKA GYM	895-2025
	7PM		AL-ANON MEETING	KOHALA MISSION SCHOOL	895-2094
TUES	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	BAPTIST CHURCH	889-5675
	5PM	6PM	MEDITATION COURSE	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	917-293-3427
	5PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ASHLEE CHEEK	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH	989-0966
	6PM	7PM	WOMEN'S RECOVERY DHARMA MEETING	ZOOM	464-4411
	6PM	7PM	TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	OLD COURT HOUSE	889-1099
	6:30PM		BELLY DANCING	CALL FOR LOCATION	238-6111
WED	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	BAPTIST CHURCH	889-5675
	12PM	3PM	THRIFT SHOP	ST AUGUSTINE'S	889-5390
	2PM	4PM	OPEN GUIDED ART STUDIO	ARTISTS' CO-OP	783-1158
	2:30PM	4:30PM	TEENS X2 SOCIAL 10-19 YRS	ARTISTS' CO-OP	989-5995
	4:30PM		KOHALA CARES FOOD DRIVE	HUB PARKING LOT	
	6PM	6:30PM	FREE RMD TAIKO CLASSES	WALKER HALL	895-2025
	6PM	7:30PM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	HISAOKA GYM	889-0404
	7PM		ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	WYLLIE HALL, 'IOLE RD	889-6703
THU	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	BAPTIST CHURCH	889-5675
	9AM	10:15PM	HEALING CIRCLE	NANI'S GARDEN	805-452-9501
	4PM	6PM	THRIFT SHOP	ST AUGUSTINE'S	889-5390
	4PM		FREE FRUIT SHARING MARKET	ST AUGUSTINE'S	889-1282
	5PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ROSS PAGAT	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH	989-0966
	6PM		TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	OLD COURT HOUSE	889-1099
	7PM	8PM	NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETING	WILEY HALL ON IOLE	805-452-9501
FRI	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	BAPTIST CHURCH	889-5675
	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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Safe Families, Safe Neighbors



Police Officers Dayton Tagaca and Justin Cabantine led a meeting of residents interested in forming Neighborhood Watches.

Story and photo by Toni Withington

The Kohala Police are calling on residents to help keep our neighborhoods safe. Officer Dayton Tagaca this month conducted the first of a series of programs to encourage the establishment of more Neighborhood Watches.

A socially-distanced group of twenty people participated in the presentation at the Kohala Inter-generational Center, including members of the already-organized Ainakea and Kynnersley Neighborhood Watches.

“With only two or three officers on any watch for all of North Kohala, the police have limited time for patrolling neighborhoods,” Tagaca said. “Neighbors can help neighbors by keeping their eyes open for suspicious activity or criminal behavior on their streets.”

He described the organization of a watch area, but also gave tips on what anyone should do to keep their surroundings safe. He suggested the following:

Be familiar with your neighbors and aware of people who normally come and go on your street.

Be aware of who is gone away from town on trips.

Notify police if you see suspicious behavior or criminal activity. Calls can be anonymous.

Learn to be a good a describing suspicious individuals and vehicles.

“We need eyes, not vigilantes,”

Tagaca said. He warned against approaching anyone suspicious. He quoted the motto: “If you see something, say something.”

Officer Justin Cabantine, the community coordinator from the Waimea Station, gave a PowerPoint presentation that included exercises for being a good observer, starting with “What’s suspicious?”

He mentioned: cars driving around the block repeatedly; persons sitting in a parked car for a long time; gangs of young people with apparently no purpose; cars with lots of stuff inside or heavily weighted down; strangers stopping people on the street.

To report urgent problems, call 911 and ask for the police. For non-emergencies, call the main dispatch station at (808) 935-3311. Be prepared to give a good description of persons; their clothes; and their vehicles, especially license plate numbers.

Dispatchers will ask the questions – who, what, when, where, why and how.

Officer Cabantine offered tips for keeping homes safe from burglars. He said: make a list of valuables, identify items with a hidden sticker, increase the lighting in and around the house, and use a checklist for a home security inspection, either by yourself or with an officer.

Blaine Duque, coordinator of the Kynnersley Neighborhood Watch, described the organization of block

captains and community members. He said one of the best benefits is knowing that when on vacation, someone is keeping an eye out on your home.

Gerald Skelton, coordinator of the Ainakea Watch, reported that their group has been active for several years, and crime is “next to none.”

Lani Eugenio described the problem of missing children and sex trafficking. She said the Big Island Missing Children organization now has a website on Facebook for more information.

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KMS Students Create Art with Recycled Materials

A group of students in Ms. Mia Kolly's Kohala Middle School art class created a rainbow color wheel from trash collected while at home during virtual learning.



Courtesy of Kohala Middle School
Rainbow color wheel made from recycled trash.

Kohala Keiki and 'Ohana Receive Support from Hawaiian Electric

The Partners in Development Foundation received a \$10,000 grant from Hawaiian Electric to continue the Resilience Hub in Kohala. This project, under the Pili a Pa'a program, provides a safe space for keiki engaged in distance learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic and whose caregivers are unable to supervise them. The project launched in September of 2020 and successfully allowed both for children to participate in distance learning and for parents to reenter the workforce.

The Resilience Hub prioritized assisting Kohala School Complex teachers who do not have access to affordable or reliable childcare for their children who must continue distance or hybrid learning. The project supported teachers and other parents, largely in the service industry, to work instead of taking a leave of absence to care for their children.

"Kohala does not have a large pool of teacher candidates or substitute teachers, so the schools would

have been short-handed and may not have been able to provide quality education to the students," said Ross Pagat, Pili A Pa'a Community School Manager.

When online schooling is done for the day, Resilience Hub staff coordinate extracurricular activities like archery, gardening, cooking and 3D printing. The project promotes more than just emotional and physical health; the hub allows for keiki in the community to socialize, problem solve, follow instructions and learn ways to give back to their families.

Not only that, but the Resilience Hub served as a center for adults who needed help getting connected with services that dealt with alcohol and drug recovery. The grant enabled the project to continue this work of connecting and assisting Kohala community members with critical services.

For additional information or to learn more about Partners in Development Foundation and the Resilience Hub, go to pdf.org.



Courtesy of Partners in Development
Keiki participate in extracurricular activities like archery as part of the Resilience Hub project.

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Schools to be Fully Open This Fall

On May 17, Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) Superintendent Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto reviewed the current situation and shared plans for the upcoming academic year.

Hawaii schools have proven to be safe spaces throughout this crisis, with no transmission of the virus occurring at any HIDOE facility. Three essential strategies have brought this about: directing students and staff to stay home when sick, consistent mask-wearing and proper hand hygiene.

Now that COVID vaccinations have been approved for adolescents

ages 12 and older, high schools have been paired with health care providers to offer vaccinations to interested students and families. HIDOE is now focusing on middle school campuses.

With these systems in place, she is optimistic positive changes can be sustained schools will resume a sense of normalcy in the fall. For the 2021-22 school year scheduled to begin on August 3, all HIDOE schools will be fully open for daily, in-person learning. This includes resuming co-curricular and extra-curricular activities such as clubs, band and athletics.

Buckle Up for Safety

By Dayton Tagaca, North Kohala Community Police Officer

In an effort to have motorists and passengers better protect themselves in the event of a motor vehicle crash, North Kohala police continue their efforts to issue citations to those violating the state seat belt and child passenger restraint laws. The cost of a ticket for not buckling up is \$102 on Hawaii Island.

Hawaii's seat belt law requires

that all front and back seat motor vehicle occupants wear their seat-belt.

The child passenger restraint law requires children under four years of age to ride in a child safety seat, and children between the ages of four and eight years to ride in either a child safety seat or a booster seat. In seatbelt/child restraint violations, the driver of the vehicle would be cited.

Kohala Filipino Club



Courtesy of Kohala Filipino Club
(Left to right) Pilila'i Kaai, Molonai Emeliano and Mark Sahagun are the 2021 Filipino Club scholarship recipients.

By Shirley Garcia-Nakamura

The Kohala Filipino Fiesta, traditionally held in October, will be cancelled again this year. Though we have did not have a Fiesta last year, we still managed to give out three scholarships to deserving seniors who applied based on their Academic Achievements, Vocational Plans, Financial Need, School and Community Involvement and the Importance of their

Heritage. This year's recipients are Mark Sahagun, Pilila'i Kaai and Molonai Emeliano.

We thank the community for their continued support of reviving our cultural practices and traditions to pass on to future generations and carry out our mission to revitalize, sustain and perpetuate our Filipino Culture through years to come. We look forward to celebrating our heritage together soon.

KOHALA MONTHLY CALENDAR JUNE 2021

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO CURRENT HEALTH CONCERNS

DATE	DAY	START	END	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	VENUE	PHONE
6/2	WED	4:00 PM		KOHALA COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP	MEETING	SENIOR CENTER	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
6/2	WED	4:30 PM		NKAG MEETING		OLD COURTHOUSE	889-0404
6/8	TUE	6:00 PM		HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED	FACEBOOK.COM/KOHALACHAPTERHFUU/	THE HUB	KOHALA.HFUU@GMAIL.COM
6/14	MON	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL - TAKE OUT	AT ST. AUGUSTINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
6/17	THU	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	SACRED HEART FOOD BASKET		SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH	889-5115
6/19	SAT	4:30 PM	6:30 PM	FREE GRINDZ HOT MEAL	KOHALA BAPTIST CHURCH	BANYAN TREE	889-5416
6/23	WED	5:00 PM		PARKS, WATER & ROADS GROUP	MONTHLY MEETING	OLD COURTHOUSE	889-6238
6/24	THU	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	THRIFT SHOP	EVERY WED & THU SEE WEEKLY CALENDAR	NEXT TO WALKER HALL	889-5390
6/28	MON	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL - TAKE OUT	AT ST. AUGUSTINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
6/30	WED	4:00 PM		RESTORATIVE YOGA THERAPY CLASS	WITH CARLA ORELLANA - BY REQUEST	CALL FOR LOCATION	238-6111

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Kohala Class of 2021 Graduates Thank You


The Kohala High School Class of 2021 would like to thank everyone who helped make their dreams of graduating high school become a reality. Special thanks to Kohala Kentia for donating decorations, special thanks to all our family, friends, coaches, trainers, caregivers, and teachers along the way. Special thanks to Holy Bakery Pies, Molokai Sweet Bread, Braddah Pops and Pahala Pops for all the fund-raising opportunities. Also, a big thank you Kohala Community for celebrating with us during our motorcade graduation procession. And, of course, Thank you to the Kohala Police Department officers who worked to guide our way.

KHS Summer Activities

<p>Credit Recovery June 7 – July 16 \$75.00/per student 7:30–11:30 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Application and Enrollment Fee due by June 2</p> <p>Senior Matriculation "Summer Melt" Thursday, June 10 FREE Thursday 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Culinary Classroom Open to all graduated Seniors and Parents Seniors and parents will receive "The Naked Roommate" and "The Naked Roommate Parent Edition" books, plus a College Send-off Basket Light refreshments and ono dinner provided</p>	<p>Summer Bridge Program Monday, June 14 – Wednesday, June 30 FREE Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Breakfast served 7:30–8:00 a.m. Lunch served 12:00–12:30 p.m. KHS STEM Area and Honomaka'u Farms Open to incoming 9th and 10th graders Introduction to Career and Technical Education Pathways: NR Food Systems, R&C Construction, Entrepreneurship and Law Enforcement Learn Hawaiian Culture and Values pertaining to Kohala `Aina Hana`u Hands-on learning on Honomaka`u Farms: experience "farm to cafe" first-hand Malama our farm animals: rabbits, quails and pigeons Dress code: You'll be working on the farm, so dress accordingly</p>	<p>Freshmen Kick-off Rally Thursday and Friday, July 29 and 30 FREE 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. KHS Gym and Campus Freshmen ONLY Jump start to meet administrators and become familiar with CTE Pathways: Natural Resource Food Systems, Residential and Commercial Construction, Entrepreneurship and Law Enforcement. Jump start familiarity with campus, participate in fun activities and hear some awesome special guest speakers. Water, snacks, refreshments and lunch provided!</p> <p>For more information, please contact Cicely Isabel, Summer Programs Coordinator at cisabel@kohalahs.com or 808-746-0482.</p>
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