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Vaccinations Against COVID-19 Have Arrived



Credit: Kohala Hospital

Gino Amar receives his first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

By Maureen Garry

In the first week of January, Kohala Hospital Administrator Gino Amar rolled up his sleeve and got his first of two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Amar acted as a role model to all in the eligible healthcare workers to protect themselves and, by extension, their patients.

As of January 15, North Hawaii Community Hospital is scheduling vaccinations for essential workers and those age 75 and older.

Essential workers include first responders; correction officers; dispatchers; critical transportation infrastructure workers; teachers, childcare and education support staff; staff essential for federal, state and local government operations; and U.S. Postal Service employees.

Call the hospital at (808) 881-4668 to schedule an appointment, available Monday through Friday.

The Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) has established a call center for the general public and health providers at 808-586-8332

(Monday-Friday 7:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m.).

Email inquiries can be sent to the DOH at

doh.imb.vaxcc@doh.hawaii.gov. For current updates on the status of the vaccine, including Hawaii's vaccination plan and where you are in the timeline, go to <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/vaccine>.

The site has many more facts about COVID in Hawaii. If you like, you can subscribe to get email updates.

Shiro Takata



Shiro Takata passed away on January 12, 2021.

Story and photo by Tom Morse

On January 12, Shiro Takata passed away at the age of ninety-one. Born and raised in Kohala, he devoted his life to improving the quality of life for the people and the community of North Kohala. He was a community leader.

From helping those in need, to advocating for Kohala through political connections, to supporting local schools, he gave of his time and money. He mobilized others in the community as support. Many residents received a call from Shiro over the years asking them to volunteer, be it the Kohala Coalition Against Drugs, the Kohala Community Athletic Association – both of which he founded – or just to help a family in need.

He was always complimentary of those he called on to help.

He backed Pop Warner Football, the skate park, and the repaving of the tennis courts. The main sports field at Kamehameha Park is named in his honor. In spite of all his contributions and successes, he was always a humble man. A Lions Club member, he received their Exceptional Service Award in 2011. In 2010, he was awarded Citizen of the Year by the Merchant's Association.

In 1948, upon graduation from high school, Shiro took over management of the K. Takata Store from his parents. Shiro's sons continue the iconic store today.

He will be sorely missed.

There will be private services at a later date.

Pololu Valley Land Change Advances Without Public Review

By Toni Withington

The Board of Land and Natural Resources gave its approval last month to a plan that would allow Surety Kohala Corporation to donate five acres of land for a parking lot near the lookout at Pololu Valley in exchange for opening the door to subdivision of ten new lots on the valley ridge.

The action triggered widespread community pushback focused on the failure by Surety Kohala and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to hold a promised public discussion about the plan with Kohala residents, including those living near the proposal.

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Credit: Heather Brovsky

Pololu Valley as seen from the lookout. Surety Kohala Corporation is endeavoring to exchange five acres for a parking area near the lookout for ten new lots on the valley ridge.

An online petition calling for the protection of Pololu Valley was signed by 4,814 people as of January 13. It says: "Pololu Valley is a sacred place. A pu'uhōnua (a place of refuge, peace and safety)." It chides Surety, the DLNR and County Planning Department for advancing a project without the review of the kupuna and the community. "Our voices will be heard" it says. "We do not want more desecration at this sacred place of refuge."

At the December 11 Land Board meeting, Bill Shontell, representing Surety, said the company had been approached in 2017 by the community seeking a site for a parking lot and restrooms. He spoke of community support for the project by naming several people in Kohala, including the Sproat family, which owns land next to the lookout.

David Smith and Steve Bergfeld of the DLNR's Division of Forestry and Wildlife, which administers the valley floor and trail, told board members that they had met with the community, inferring they believed there was

support for the plan.

"The Sproats have been involved, and the community has been involved in the whole process," Smith told the board. He referenced a hike and luncheon he and other officials had with some stakeholders on April 12, 2017.

Both Shontell and Bergfeld based their community acceptance conclusions on a public meeting that was held in Kohala on November 14, 2018, when both assured the 21 attendees that more community review would take place before the matter went to the board for consideration.

While the State of Hawaii owns most of the land in Pololu Valley, Surety owns, according to current tax records, a single 86-acre parcel near the shoreline, which includes the stream and much of the wetlands.

At the time of the 2018 meeting the parties said the land exchange might include the donation of the Surety valley floor land in the plan.

The impression left at that meeting was that the transaction between Surety and DLNR

was designed to consolidate the State's holding of the valley floor by Surety's donation. This and the parking lot donation were both considered to be advantages to the public. The valley ridge subdivision was never mentioned.

No one from the public spoke at the Land Board's virtual meeting in December 2020, so on the basis of testimony from Surety and the DLNR staff, the board voted unanimously to become a partner in the plan, which will not become legal until a consolidation and re-subdivision application is approved by the County Planning Department. That process will include opportunities for public comment.

Plans for the ridge subdivision only came to public attention last June, when Kohala Mountain News got access to the draft plan as it was reviewed by the Na Ala Hele Advisory Council. It was then discovered that Surety had applied for and, in March 2019, received County Planning Department approval of ten new Pre-Existing Lots of Record within its single parcel on the valley floor.

When Kohala Mountain News published the subdivision plan in July 2020, representatives of the DLNR repeated the promise for a community vetting of the proposal.

Of the ten lots proposed by Surety, six are made up of portions of two Land Commission Awards made to Hawaiian families over a hundred years ago. Where the

lots were crossed by trails identified by the DLNR, the single awards were counted as multiple lots. Another lot is a portion of a School Grant.

In confirming the ten new lots in March 2019, the Planning Department said, "We do not have any record of the lots having been legally consolidated with each other or any other lands adjoining them."

Irene Sprecher of the DLNR explained to board members why the State, which owns the cliff land between the rim and the floor, needs to partner with Surety.

"In order for Surety to move the lots to the valley rim there needs to be a continuous area, which is why we need to enter into the consolidation re-subdivision with Surety in order for the lots to move," she said.

According to a draft map of the subdivision, Surety would create ten new lots of from three to nine acres in size along the rim of the valley, directly mauka of the Sproat property and the lookout. The lots would be accessible by an easement to the highway.

A spokesman for the Planning Department confirmed that an application for consolidation and re-subdivision at Pololu Valley has not yet been submitted for review.

The Pololu petition can be read (and signed, if desired) at <https://www.change.org/p/departement-of-land-and-natural-resources-protect-pololu-valley>.

Waipio Trail Ban Shelved

By Toni Withington

A County Council bill to eliminate pedestrian traffic on the Waipio Valley Road was set aside last month when council members decided more information was needed.

At a forum hosted by Hamakua's new council member Heather Kimball, and also at the regular council meeting, Kohala's council representative Tim Richards said the trail closure would impact the traffic at Pololu Valley trail and lookout, an area already struggling with over-use.

Other council members joined

him in pointing out other ramifications to the county beyond the Waipio Valley residents, who fear for the safety of pedestrians on the steep, narrow road. A vote was taken to postpone deliberations on the measure until more information can be gathered.

Outgoing Council member Valerie Poindexter in November introduced Bill 217, which would prohibit pedestrian traffic on the County road from the Waipio lookout to the valley floor except for valley owners, lessees, residents and Native Hawaiian practitioners.

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Hawi Farmers Market Finds a New Home!



Shoppers are welcomed with a familiar Hawaiian greeting, "E Komo Mai."



Lila and Yumbel Marassi sell clothing from Thailand.

Story and photos by Donna Maltz

Saturday, January 9, marks a happy milestone for 2021. The much-loved and missed farmers market made its debut with several optimistic vendors and happy customers. The original market located under the banyan tree was forced to shut down due to COVID, and the landlords were not planning to renew the lease. Farms were not ready to give up and took to the streets of downtown Hawi in April 2020 to sell their sought-after produce. The lack of parking limited this temporary location, and the reopening of downtown businesses makes this location unavailable.

'Ekela Kahuanui, the Social Impact Officer/Project Manager for the new market, worked tirelessly with the North Kohala Community Resource Center (NKCRC) and community members to keep the ball rolling for this new market, located at the Kohala Village HUB. Shoppers can enter under the arch emblazoned with the Hawaiian welcome, "E Komo Mai." Kahuanui stated, "The restart of the market was really made possible by the generosity of both Bennett and Delphina Dorrance, who hold the vision of food sustainability for Kohala. Their love of our community is evident in the projects they sup-

port, and I am blessed to be able to work on these for our community." She adds, "This market has the potential to serve not only all of Kohala but to become a gathering place for our community and visitors when the time is right."

The Kohala chapter of the Hawaii Farmers Union United (HFUU) is overseeing the market. Amber Smith, who is a board member of the HFUU, was appointed to be the Market Manager and is taking her volunteer position seriously. The rest of the HFUU board members have stepped in to provide signage, marketing, and outreach to the community to ensure the new

market reaches its full potential.

There are many things to consider with restarting the market, and the Union is looking for input to best serve the community. Questions such as: What are best practices to enforce being COVID-safe? What should be available for sale? Should all products and produce be made or grown in North Kohala? What is the best way to identify the produce as local and organic? When and how should the market have food booths, live music, and other fun activities to draw more people?

Howie Simon of Lotus Farm, who has been a vendor downtown

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Shoppers can sip fresh coconut juice and chew on fresh coconut meat.

for months, is excited to have a new location. "I see this new location as a great place to shop and sell my produce and have connections with other farmers and craftspeople. This is the place for our community who wish to support local businesses and farms."

Dash Kuhr, co-founder of H.I.P. Agriculture and president of the Kohala chapter of the Farmers Union said, "I'm thrilled the Hawi Market has restarted in the

center of our community. We are going to take it to the next level of abundance; health and fun are at the top of the agenda."

Erika Kuhr, cofounder of H.I.P Agriculture, says, "As a farmer in North Kohala that has brought produce to Hawi Farmers Market for over 10 years, it's refreshing that farmers and consumers have a new place to gather in downtown Hawi. Plus, I'm excited to see the community develop the most successful, sought-after market on the Big Island!"

Lila and Yumbel Marassi had a magnificent display of their produce and imported clothing from Thailand. They also provide a community with a weekly CSA (community-supported agriculture) box, and this gives them further outreach into the community.

Steve Gould, a long-time vendor at the banyan tree location who has been vending in downtown Hawi during this transition, was present with his delicious lilikoi syrup. He shared his enthusiasm for the new location. When asked about the benefits of moving to this new spot he noted, "Great parking, more centrally located across from the familiar original market, room to grow and - happily - a sheltered location to vend."

Dawn and Mariah Barnett are the co-founders of Bee Divine ~ Products from the Hive. They



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have been raising bees and producing a variety of beautiful products from their harvest are happy to bring the market back. This mother-daughter team has been sweetening our community for five years.

Dawn stated why she loves the market, "Community members serving community members with food and services to Keep

Kohala Kohala! Sustainability is our goal."

The market hours are 8-12 on Saturday. Help spread the word! If you are interested in being a vendor or interested in supporting the HFUU, please email Amber Smith at thejourneytosoul23@gmail.com to get an application. The market will be free to all vendors for the next several weeks.

Letters

Unintended Consequences of Fireworks

Dear Editor:
I am writing on behalf of the overwhelming majority of my neighbors who live above Hawi in North Kohala. On New Year's Eve, between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 1:45 a.m., our neighborhood sounded like a battle zone. This disturbance of the peace is always unpleasant for the humans in the area, especially the elderly amongst us and our veterans who suffer from PTSD. But it is simply devastating for the animal

population, who have no understanding of what is causing these terrifying sounds and vibrations. If you've ever had a dog for a friend, you'll know that they are a part of our family. And for those of us who love and care for them, it is deeply distressing to be powerless as we watch them shaking and panting for hours, petrified by the sounds. It certainly cannot be good for their hearts. I write in the hopes that you, in your capacity, can shine a light

on this issue and bring attention to the fact that a good portion of the population would like to see fireworks banned in residential areas altogether, or at least be limited in their use to the hour or so surrounding midnight. I trust you will give this concern sincere consideration, and help in ending this annual psychological assault against our innocent animal companions.

– Dov Kadima
Kohala resident

A Way You Can Support the Hawaii Island Humane Society

On January 1, 2020, 42-year-old Waimea resident Sylvia Ravaglia was tragically hit and killed near the main intersection in Waimea by a negligent driver.

We lost someone who many of us will remember as an avid horse trainer and riding teacher, swim team coach, participant in numerous marathons and triathlons, and devoted wife to Mark and mother of 12-year-old Tiffany. She was called the "Queen of Trail Running" in 2017 after run-

ning the Mauna to Mauna Ultra, a 155.9 mile seven-day race from one side of the island to the other with a 22,000 feet of elevation gain, coming in three hours before the second-place female runner.

Sylvia loved animals from an early age.

She rescued baby birds she found on horse trails, nursing them until they were able to survive on their own, as well as caring for numerous pets, including two horses, several cats and a

parrot named Tsunami.

I am inviting you to join me, Sylvia's mother, in establishing a memorial in her name with the Hawaii Humane Society, located in Holualoa, near Kona.

You may send donations to the Hawaii Humane Society, 78-6767 Mamalahoa Hwy, Holualoa, HI 96725 or via their website, www.hihs.org. You may also contact them at 329-8002 or acct.asst@hihs.org.

– Ann Wilby

Mahalo for Your Kokua

All 35 of us Artists at the Kohala Artists' Cooperative extend our deep gratitude to our community for taking the time and intention to shop with us during the Holiday Season! Your choice to shop local, to search for fun and meaningful gifts of art and crafts made by fellow friends, helped us have a very successful December in so many ways.

Mahalo!
– Kohala Artists' Cooperative

Sweet Potato Kitchen Closes

Thank you to Susan and Sweet Potato Kitchen for taking care of and serving our community. You will be missed.

– Catherine Morgan-Standard



Credit: Catherine Morgan-Standard

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 and Happy New Year!

As the Hawai'i State Legislature begins its 2021 session, this month's article describes some important changes to make it easier for the public to participate in the legislative process and provides updates on Hawai'i's COVID-19 vaccination plan.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hawai'i State Legislature has made significant operational changes to adapt to the new requirements and unpredictable nature of the coronavirus crisis.

The Capitol will likely remain closed to the public during the session to prevent large gatherings. Therefore, we have an improved system to allow testifiers to provide video testimony remotely, in addition to written testimony.

This change provides more

opportunities for you to get involved in the legislative process, without having to travel to the Capitol.

Specific instructions on how to access committee hearings remotely are available on the Capitol website at www.capitol.hawaii.gov. The 2021 Legislative Session convenes on January 20, 2021 and adjourns on April 29, 2021.

Please take the time to create an account on the Capitol website, which allows you to track bills, submit testimony and learn more about the legislative process.

For assistance setting up a personal Capitol website account, or for other questions regarding the legislative process, please visit the Legislative Reference Bureau Public Access Room website at

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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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In addition to working on bills and the State Budget this session, I will also work to keep you informed about developments and resources related to the COVID-19 pandemic. As distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine ramps up across our state, I will provide information regarding the timeline for distribution and how individuals can access the vaccine as it becomes available.

FDA approval of the COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S. provides some optimism about a safe and healthy future for our community and the world. Vaccination will not be mandatory, but our health professionals highly recommend that everyone gets vaccinated when it is available for them.

The vaccine is designed to protect individuals against the virus. According to the Department of Health (DOH), if 70-80% of

Hawaii's population receives the vaccine, we will achieve community immunity.

DOH is coordinating the State of Hawaii Vaccination Plan, which will ultimately make vaccination available to all Hawai'i residents over the age of 16.

The vaccine distribution timeline is divided into different phases, based upon which category of priority individuals fall under, and the amount of vaccine available to the State. The different phases of vaccine distribution may overlap. Within each phase, first priority will be given to the eldest individuals.

In late December 2020, Hawai'i began Phase 1A of the vaccination plan, which included vaccination of long-term care facility residents and healthcare workers, and Phase 1B, which includes vaccination of frontline essential workers, such as first responders and critical transport and infrastructure employees. Kupuna who are 75 or older are also included in this

phase.

Phase 1C of vaccinations, which will include other essential workers, individuals aged 65 to 74, and those aged 16 to 64 with high-risk medical conditions, is anticipated to begin between March and May 2021. Phase 2, or vaccination of the general population and those who did not fall under the other categories, is estimated to begin in the early summer.

Individuals will be notified that it is their turn to receive the vaccine by their healthcare provider, employer, and via general announcements from state and local leaders. According to the DOH, a new feature will be added to the COVID-19 website, www.hawaiicovid19.com, in the coming weeks for individuals who meet the criteria of the current phase to sign up to receive the vaccine. The DOH COVID-19 website has up-to-date information regarding the vaccine rollout process, the current group being vaccinated and other frequently asked questions.

You can also call (808) 586-8332 or 1-800-933-4832 (toll free) between 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. to have your vaccination questions addressed by a DOH professional.

Although the vaccine offers hope for Hawai'i in these difficult times, I urge you to be patient, and to continue to practice social distancing, wear your mask and follow recommended safety and hygiene practices. As always, please take care of yourselves and families as we work together to protect our community.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me at reptarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov and 808-586-8510. A great way to keep informed is to subscribe to my e-newsletter at: bit.ly/reptarnas-signup. For more information about the State Legislature, you can go to https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov. Mahalo for allowing me to serve as your State Representative! Please take care of each other and stay safe. Aloha.

County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilmember Tim Richards



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

Aloha! Once again, it is time for the monthly update from our office.

COUNCIL APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL CABINET

As some are aware, this past week started the beginning of the County Charter-required process

for Council to approve the Mayor's departmental appointees. This process involves Mayor Roth introducing his department head appointee before the appropriate Council Committee, and for a public inquiry of the appointee by the sitting Council Committee members.

Upon completion of discussion, the matter is acted upon by vote of the Council Committee Members to determine if said appointment is forwarded onto Council with a favorable or unfavorable recommendation.

The final Council approval for each appointment is provided at the next scheduled Council agenda.

On January 5, Mayor Roth introduced his selection of Directors for nine County of Hawai'i departments to the Council Committees.

He also shared of his inclusive cross-island appointment process, keeping good on his campaign promise regarding his appointees. Basically, he created an interview

team from across the island to vet all the applicants, who then provided him their recommendations for appointment.

In taking the responsibility of approving Cabinet appointees seriously, it has always been my practice to have a detailed meet-and-greet discussion with all appointees prior to their appearance before Council.

It saves time and it adds a more personal touch by working toward building the bridge between key members of our government. I was fortunate to have had great and pointed discussions with each of the nine County department head appointees prior to the first meeting.

Eight out of the nine appointments were successfully approved with a favorable recommendation to the full Council, which is to be heard on January 20.

They are Maurice Messina as Parks & Recreation Director, Steven I. Rodenhurst as Public Works Director, Deanna Sako as Finance Director, Ramzi I. Man-

sour as Environmental Management Director, Douglass S. Adams as Research and Development Director, Scott Uehara as Information Technology Director, Elizabeth A. Strance as Corporation Counsel, and Lee E. Lord as Managing Director of the County of Hawai'i.

The Committee on Planning postponed the matter to appoint the Planning Director until the next Committee meeting, scheduled for January 19.

I am personally excited by the appointments made by Mayor Roth and I look forward to renewed vision and fresh opportunities that can come from new leadership.

I will continue to build bridges with each Cabinet Member for the betterment of Council District 9 and for our entire island community.

I have a running list of matters that will be carried over from the last administration, as well as new and exciting opportunities

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as we move toward an economic recovery of our island and state. I am optimistic that the team of this Administration, the Council team, and the important team of our island community members will be able to work together toward a successful future for our island home.

BILL 217, DRAFT 2: RELATING TO PEDESTRIANS OF WAIPI'O VALLEY ROAD

Although Waipi'o Valley Road is not within Council District 9, I believe its usage has a direct effect on Pololū Valley. Bill 217, originally brought before the Council Committee on Public Works and Mass Transit on November 4, 2020 and again with Draft 2 on November 17, 2020 by then District 1 Council Member Valerie Poindexter, had an intention to include Waipi'o Valley Road on the schedule of roads identified as closed to pedestrian traffic due to safety concerns, with exception for emergencies.

However, after much discussion with valley residents, community members, fellow Council Members, and the then Corporation Counsel, it was determined that much more discussion and recommendations were needed. At its next reading, held on December 23, 2020, the matter was postponed to the 'Call of the Chair,' which means that the matter will be brought back up at a later time, likely after more clarification and recommendations can be identified and proposed.

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I believe that this is a very important piece of legislation, obviously due to safety concerns of pedestrians; however, also due to the increase vehicle traffic it would create, the condition of the existing road, the livelihood of residents and farmers in the valley, as well as how a closure of one of the island's prestigious hiking trails would impact our very own Pololū Valley.

I have heard from numerous concerned community members on this topic and I agree with their concerns.

We already have parking issues. A closure of pedestrian access of Waipi'o Valley would cause multitudes to flock to the next available valley trail, Pololū. Pololū is not ready for this increase. Infrastructure concerns are at the forefront.

Thus, I am grateful that Bill 217, Draft 2 has been postponed and is being revisited.

It is important to me that legislative decisions are made with good information that takes the entire island community into consideration.

Stay tuned for more on this matter in the near future.

As always, it continues to be a great privilege to serve as your Councilman. If you have any specific questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office. Stay healthy and safe!

Talk Story with Ilea



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

shame associated with admitting to and taking responsibility for these aspects within us. What constitutes the shadow is largely contextual to culture and what individuals and society deem to be acceptable or unacceptable. Some examples of shadow could include anger, rage, greed, prejudice, sexuality, self-righteousness, selfishness, aggression and violence.

In the absence of conscious introspection and self-reflection, many people avoid facing their shadows by using the psychological defense mechanism known as projection. Projection occurs when we assign an element of our personality or self to another person or group. We can project both positive and negative qualities onto others but most often, we tend to project our undesirable feelings, behaviors or impulses in order to lower our anxiety. After all, if it is someone else's bad trait and not ours, then we don't have to admit to having faults or weaknesses. For example, someone who bullies others and fixates on pointing out all their flaws is likely insecure with himself or herself but rather than admit to those personal insecurities, projects them onto others in order to feel better temporarily.

While all humans have both

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"The best political, social, and spiritual work we can do is to withdraw the projection of our shadow onto others." – Carl Jung

Since the pandemic began, there has been an understandable increase in anxiety, fear, and uncertainty, accompanied by less critical thinking, increased reactivity, and greater polarization amongst people. All of which contributes to more of our personal and societal 'shadow' aspects emerging more intensely.

So what is our shadow? Our shadow includes any aspect of self that we tend to deny, suppress, or avoid facing or showing others because of the pain or

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Kohala Real Estate Market – 2020 Review

By Beth Thoma Robinson R(B)

Home Sales Continue Strong in 2020

A combination of pandemic-driven buying and historically low interest rates increased the number of sales and pushed up home prices in Kohala and throughout Hawaii in 2020.

Prior to this year, we had gradually rising prices, around 3-4 percent per year since 2017, as inventory became tight at the lower price points. In 2020, we saw prices climb even at the higher price points due to an increased number of buyers in that segment of the market.

To summarize:

- 65 homes sold in 2020 in Kohala, compared with 50 homes in 2019.

- The lowest home price in 2020 was \$236,000 for a foreclosure; the highest residential sale was \$5,900,000 for the oceanfront estate at Puakea Bay Ranch.

- Prices have increased but are still below where they were at the peak 12 years ago.

Although the statistics say the median home sale price rose from \$511,250 in 2019 to \$577,000 in 2020, the increase in median price is not saying that each home sold for 13 percent more than it would have last year. Median price refers to the distribution of sales: half the

homes sold for less and half the homes sold for more. The main factor driving this higher median was more sales of expensive properties.

Opportunities for First-Time Home Buyers

In 2008, the lowest-priced home sale in Kohala was \$345,000. In 2020, there were 23 sales under \$500,000 and the average was \$395,000. Mainly these were first-time homebuyers, thanks to low interest rates.

The 2020 median price of \$395,000 for a starter home, with little or no down payment, translates into a mortgage cost (not including taxes and insurance) of \$1,650 per month at today's rates, just below three percent. In 2008, when the interest rate was more than double what it is today, that same monthly payment would have meant the buyer could only qualify for a \$275,000 mortgage. That is why we see first-time buyers in the \$400,000 price range today. It would be hard to find a three-bedroom rental for that monthly payment!

Homes on Acreage Dominate Higher End Sales

Homes that sold between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 had a record year. There were 29 sales in 2020, compared with 18 sales in 2019. This included three new

homes in the Hanaula Village subdivision on 10,000 square foot lots, but at this price point most sales are homes on larger lots, 1-20 acres in size.

There were also 11 sales over \$1 million, compared with seven in 2019. Four of these were over \$2 million, compared with only one in that price range in 2019. Mostly these are malihini buyers, and the sellers also are either non-resident or returning to the mainland. Some newcomers were looking for a second home, which then became their primary residence because of the pandemic.

Three of the four sales over \$2 million were at Puakea Bay Ranch, and one was the farm sometimes called the Kenny Loggins estate, after the original owner.

No Increase in Land Sales or Prices

The MLS shows 19 vacant lots were sold in 2020, compared with 20 parcels in 2019. The lowest price was \$150,000 for a 15,545 square foot lot in Hawi. Lots around 20 acres continue to sell for a bit under \$600,000. Prices on comparable lots were stable.

However, only one portion of the biggest land sale in Kohala in 2020, the 485 acres in Makapala that sold for \$2,625,000, was reported in the MLS. The same buyer also purchased the sur-

rounding lands formerly belonging to Surety Kohala that had been foreclosed in 2012. The newly created Ho`okipa Ranch totals approximately 7,000 acres, which will remain in agricultural use.

There were no sales of oceanfront parcels in 2020, although the 93 acres at Kapania remains in escrow waiting for the County PONC fund to complete its purchase for open space and preservation of the Kapalama Heiau.

Even though vacant land prices are not increasing, larger parcels of vacant land are not affordable for local families and farmers. Per the guidance in the NK CDP, there are also few parcels that could be re-zoned and subdivided to provide more affordable housing options. Thus, the cost of land remains the biggest obstacle to affordable housing in Kohala.

Forecast for 2021 – Tighter Housing Inventory

As of January 2021, there are 13 homes in escrow and only 18 active residential listings. Only two listings are under \$500,000; half of the active listings are above \$1 million.

That leaves many buyers waiting for new listings to come on the market and attractive ones get multiple offers in a short time. In other words, expect 2021 to continue to be a seller's market.

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constructive and destructive traits within, we tend to set ourselves up for problems when we acknowledge only one side of the coin. When we focus exclusively on our desirable qualities and refuse to acknowledge our shadow parts, they tend to creep deeper into our unconscious and come out in more explosive, distorted and uncontrollable ways later on. When someone relies too heavily on the use of projection, they also tend to blame negative circumstances on others and fail to take responsibility for their role in any problematic or undesirable outcomes. This finger pointing can breed dangerous misunder-

standings and damage between people or groups, as most of us resent being on the receiving end of undesirable projections and often react negatively in return. On the surface, this cyclical blame game can make it seem easier to live with ourselves because if all the problematic behaviors exist outside of us, everyone else is the bad guy responsible for our suffering and we are the good and righteous victim. However, this oversimplified splitting of good versus bad only deepens our sense of being powerless and ineffective, leading to even more projection.

Nonetheless, projection is an inevitable and necessary compo-

nent in our psychological development as it also enables us to have empathy for one another. So it's not in our best interest to try to eliminate it altogether but rather, the ideal would be for us to develop greater self-reflective awareness and self-control in our responsibility. That way, in the event of casting a projection, we can start to recognize the personal origin of the projection, stop displacing it onto other people, and instead reclaim and integrate it into our conscious awareness. With increased self-awareness comes greater consciousness. Taking personal responsibility for our whole selves allows for greater choice in behavior. With

greater choice comes increased self-acceptance, tolerance of differences, empowerment, patience, compassion, understanding and emotional maturity. All of which leads to more cohesive and peaceful functioning, both inside and out.

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

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Mahukona Land Purchase Takes a Leap Forward

Story by Toni Withington

The possibility of purchasing the land at Mahukona for cultural preservation and public use moves closer and closer. Multiple organizations have been pulling together funding sources to protect the coastal land between Mahukona and Kapa'a parks in open space. County funds, state funds, and private donations – all will be going into the yet-to-be known price for the 600+ acres of land, currently owned by a Canadian organization and controlled by a Florida holding company.

The Mahukona land hit the jackpot recently when it became known that the County Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Commission (PONC) named Mahukona both #1 and #3 on its 2020 priority list for purchase using the 2% Open Space Fund. The list is included in the mayor's report on the commission's findings, which is expected to be accepted by the County Council soon.

Why both #1 and #3? Because the land was nominated by two organizations. Hawaiian Island Land Trust (HILT), in conjunction with Na Kalai Wa'a, nominated the full 600 acres formerly owned by Surety Kohala, including acreage mauka of Akoni Pule Highway.

The four Kohala groups that have successfully nominated the land to the PONC list since 2008, included only the 434 acres makai of the highway.

All groups are working for the same goal, conserving the former Crown Land that is studded with historic sites, including Hawaii's navigational heiau, known throughout the Pacific.

Also towards keeping open Kohala's favorite ocean recreational area. The joint project has been named Māhukona Navigational & Cultural Complex.

In addition of seeking County funds, HILT and Na Kalai Wa'a last year applied to the State for support from the Legacy Land Preservation Fund. Stage two of

the grant will be submitted in February and presented to the Legacy Land Conservation Program Commission in March. The effort is being spearheaded by Shae Kamaka'ala, Director of 'Aina Protection at HILT. She is seeking community support for that presentation.

In order to support initial project costs and create a source of matching funds, HILT has also launched a Mahukona Fund where everyone can contribute to the effort. Foundations are also being asked to donate. Kamaka'ala, who has been working on the project for over a year from her home in Hilo says:

"HILT has successfully raised \$44,500 towards the \$215,930 goal to launch our effort to protect this irreplaceable part of the Kohala coastline. Mahalo to all of our generous donors who have stepped forward to help us as we continue raising the purchase price to protect Māhukona. Every bit of support helps!"

Donations to the fund can be made easily online at www.hilt.org/mahukona.

Tax deductible donations to the fund can also be made by phone to (808) 791-0730 or by mail to Hawaiian Islands Land Trust at 126 Queen Street, Ste. 306, Honolulu HI 96813.

The website also contains lots of information about the importance of Mahukona and a long list of supporters.

An appraisal of the land is underway to determine the price, but all the groups participating have expressed confidence that, with multiple sources, the funds can be raised.

"Working towards a hopeful conservation purchase to protect Māhukona—forever—is an opportunity and kuleana that we are so blessed to be a part of. The task is no small one, yet, our HILT Board of Director's and staff have made a commitment to this multi-year effort. We will need each and every one of us to truly Mālama Māhukona," Kamaka'ala said.

Under-Served Kohala Students to Receive Support from O'Neill Foundation



Credit: Partners in Development Foundation

The Partners in Development Foundation has received a \$27,027 grant from the William J. and Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation to help meet the needs of Kohala Complex students.

In December 2020, Hawaiian nonprofit Partners in Development Foundation received a \$27,027 grant from the William J. and Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation for the Piha Me Ka Pono program. The funding will provide North Kohala community students additional educational support and resources to enhance their school experience, which has been drastically altered due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, community workshops will be offered based on the needs of the community and can include, but not be limited to, financial literacy, first aid and CPR, Hawaiian culture, and other certifications.

Piha Me Ka Pono sparks unique partnerships with community agencies to meet the needs of Kohala Complex students and their 'ohana, servicing beyond academic requirements

like collaborating with the high school culinary arts school students to cook and prepare food for community events and health assistance to build a healthy and resilient community.

Past and current partnerships and efforts allow Piha Me Ka Pono to supplement innovation and keep up with the ever-changing needs and challenges of the community, particularly with the pandemic. These projects include utilizing a 3D printer to create PPE such as masks, Medical Assistant Certifications for high school students, and a resilience hub that supports working parents with a safe place where their child can be supported with their distance learning and interact with others during the pandemic.

To learn more about Piha Me Ka Pono or support their efforts, please visit pdf.org.



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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 FOUR

THE PROCESS OF GROWING SUGAR CANE

Sugar cane was grown on the plantation. Some of these were owned by the sugar company, and some were owned by independent landowners, who leased their land to the sugar companies. Hawaiian mills of the 1860s were typically powered by animals and water. Mill capacity was small, and plantations were limited in acreage. In the early models, cattle were used to power the rollers. The cattle were tied to a rope, and when walking around the machine would turn a gear that then turned the rollers that were attached to the adjacent gear. By the 1880s, almost all mills were powered by steam or a steam/water combination. Other expensive equipment came with steam power: such as iron rollers to crush the sugar and extract the juice, vacuum pans used in boiling, and centrifuges to prepare higher quality sugars at a faster pace. But more important, steam-powered mills and corollary equipment demanded extensive acreages of cane to make them pay, and a year-round workforce to maintain the field operations.

Adequate rainfall was always a concern in Kohala. During a drought period in 1898, when heavy, dark clouds were seen over the dry fields, but no rain was forthcoming, workers attached dynamite to a very large kit with a long line and a long fuse. The fuse was lit with the hope of creating rain. Although tried a few times, the experiment was unsuccessful. It did, however, terrify dogs on the ground.

This is how the process worked in the first plantations and mills. Over the history of sugar, all of the processes were mechanized to some extent.

Workers did a variety of things depending on what season it was. To start with, fields were plowed, hoed, cane segments were planted, and the fields were watered. Sections of cane would be laid horizontally in rows. A new plant stem grew from the bud. The



Source: Dorrance Collection

Oki ko.

plants would be tended to as they grew. Workers would do weeding, insect control, and rodent removal - though children were often hired for the latter task. Generally, irrigation was required. At lower elevations, the duration from planting to harvest is about twenty-four months. Mature canes grew to about twelve feet high.

When the crop was ready for harvest, dry leaves were stripped from the stalks by hand, a grueling task. An alternative was developed whereby the fields would be set aflame.

When the flames died down, all that remained were the juice-filled cane stalks.

Then workers swung a machete as they walked to cut the high stalks, a process called oki ko in Hawaiian. The cane was cut close to the ground, row after row. A cane knife was used to cut the cane into five-foot lengths. Dust filled the air, and workers were battered

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Source: Capital in Sugar – J. A. Mollett

Plowing.



Source: Dorrance Collection

Hapai ko



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Gardening Gloves of Mr Sakamoto of Hawi, Hawaii

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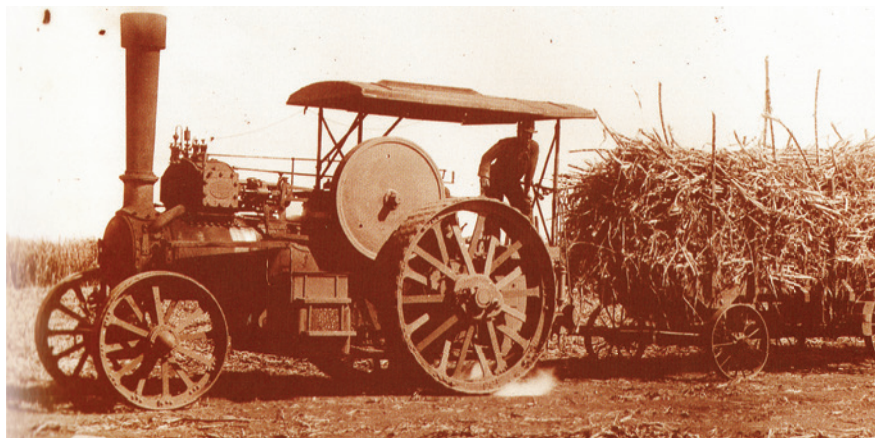
Oxen harvest.

Credit: Hawaii State Archives



Horse and mule harvest.

Source: Hawaii State Archives



Steam tractor harvest.

Source: Hawaii State Archives

by the sharp edges of the cut stalk. The temperatures made the work unbearable.

The cut cane was loaded by hand (hapai ko) onto oxen-drawn wagons, and taken to the mill for processing. Pay was about one dollar per day. Drawn wagons were used until the 1930s. Oxen were used at first, and then mules. By 1880, steam tractors did the hauling.

Women were sometimes part of the labor force, but at harvest time, all hands were needed. School was shut down, and children helped bring in the cane.

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The Mill – The Process of Milling Sugar Cane, Workers.

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Sprucing Up at Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart Catholic Church was the site of rooftop repairs and termite tenting in December, just in time for Christmas celebrations.



Credit: Toni Withington



Credit: Frank Hustace

Hua'ōlelo / Hawaiian Word for 'launuali 2021(January)

'Ōlelo

By Ka'aina Ishimine

'Ōlelo: Language, speech, word, statement.

'Ōlelo No'eau / Hawaiian Proverb:

"I ka 'ōlelo no ke ola, i ka 'ōlelo no ka make."

Translation: "In speech there is life, in speech there is death."

Explanation: Words have the power to construct or destruct.

It is important to think before speaking, as words can't be taken back after being said.

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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
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	6PM	7PM	WOMEN'S RECOVERY DHARMA MEETING	ZOOM	464-4411
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	WED	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	BAPTIST CHURCH
12PM		3PM	THRIFT SHOP	ST AUGUSTINE'S	889-5390
2PM		4PM	OPEN GUIDED ART STUDIO	ARTISTS' CO-OP	783-1158
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6PM		6:30PM	FREE RMD TAIKO CLASSES	WALKER HALL	895-2025
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	10AM	11AM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	FARMERS MARKET	889-0404
	10AM	11AM	WEST AFRICAN DRUMMING CLASS	ARTISTS' CO-OP	987-4243
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Kupuna Softball Returns

By Tom Morse

Senior softball returns on February 13. One of Kohala's two teams, Local Boyz, will participate with nineteen other teams island-wide. As in the past, the season will be divided into two segments.

Local Boyz Schedule for the First Portion of the Season:

- February 13 – HOME
- February 20 – Away
- February 27 – HOME
- March 6 – Away
- March 20 – Away
- April 3 – HOME
- April 10 – HOME
- April 17 – HOME
- April 24 – Away

All home games are played at Kamehameha Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays.

COVID-19 precautions will be exercised:

- Social distancing at all times.*
- Players in the dugout will wear cloth masks.*
- Umpires and catchers will wear cloth masks.*
- The dugout areas will be disinfected before and after games.*
- No social gatherings after the games.*

Community Mural Project Depicts Kohala Culture



Victorious Punia detail.

Story and photos by Raven Diaz

Last year brought many unexpected changes and much transformation to Kohala, and beyond. In an effort to respond and offer positive focus and redirection in pandemic times, Feed Hawaii and 1Heart HUB sponsored the Kohala Village HUB community mural project. The objective of the project was to provide a mo'olelo, or story, in images of Kohala culture and values as we meet challenges and emerge with resilience in post pandemic times. Lead artists Raven Diaz (White Raven Creations) and Kanoa Castro (Mele Murals) brought a beautiful blend of styles and storytelling to the space through vibrant colors and images of themes and myths from the Kohala region. The project started with four Zoom-based community forums as a chance to brainstorm and collect ideas from key leaders and kupuna in the community, as well as any interested community members.

Based on this input, the artists laid out the lines for images. Community members were then invited to come help paint in six different open-air events. Social distancing was easily observed due to the large outdoor area of the mural space. Kids, adults and

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Makali'i wa'a.

elders came out to support the project and have fun painting! The images focus on represent-

ing the main values of Food, Arts, Culture and Ecology. There are three main mo'olelo, or legends,



Detail from the Punia and the Shark panel.



Ocean Floor mural.

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"He`e" detail from the Ocean Floor mural.




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Happy New Year from the Coqui Coalition!


It's a new year, but our eradicators are continuing the fight. Iole, Ainakea, Hawi town, Kentia Nursery, Omachi Road, and upper Kynnersley received treatment in December. Kamehameha Park Road and other sites were also treated.

Mahalo to those of you that are taking care of the back yard coquis and helping to keep your neighborhood quiet. We appreciate your energy and involvement. Please don't grow apathetic. All major infestations start with only a few coqui.

For eradication strategies and methods, check us out at the kohlacoquicoalition.org website. You can also call and leave a message at the **COQUI INFORMATION LINE at 889-1777**



Mahalo to the state and county for supporting our efforts.



Tax-deductible donations are gratefully accepted through NKCRC, P.O. Box 519, Hawi Hawaii 96719

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"Communitree" panel detail.



Kohala Cowboys 2020 victory.

represented: `Iole and Makali'i, Punia and the Shark, and the Law of the Splintered Paddle.

Kohala Village HUB co-founder Delphina Dorrance says, "It was such an honor and inspiration to turn pandemic-driven town silence into a burst of life, color and story through art ... capturing community perspectives through neighbors' minds, hearts and hands, and revealing some of the flavors and spirit of Kohala.

The mural's meaning deepened as it was brought to life on the remains of Luke's/HUB PUB, which had burned down exactly one year prior to COVID closures."

She goes on to say, "Art is always here for human souls. This visual form of storytelling is able to capture bigger moments of life, the environment, and community history and vision."

Currently, the mural is open for public viewing with COVID safety protocols posted. There are QR codes posted throughout the various panels that serve as a self-guided tour resource.

Simply download a QR code reader app to your phone and you can stroll by the images while listening and watching the explanations and history behind them.

The Kohala Village HUB has plans to host weekly markets on-site soon, and there will be an ongoing opportunity to add family names to the "Communitree" panel, representing the interconnectivity of our diverse and vibrant community through the metaphor of our endemic plants, the koa'ia and 'iliahi or Sandalwood trees.

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2/3	WED	4:30 PM		NKAG MEETING		OLD COURTHOUSE	889-0404
2/3	WED	4:30 PM		KOHALA CARES	FOOD DISTRIBUTION	HUB PARKING LOT	ALOHAPETER@YAHOO.COM
2/4	THU	4:00 PM		FREE FOOD SHARING MARKET	KOHALA GLEANING	ST AUGUSTINES	889-1282
2/8	THU	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL - TAKE OUT	AT ST. AUGUSTINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
2/10	WED	4:30 PM		KOHALA CARES	FOOD DISTRIBUTION	THE HUB	ALOHAPETER@YAHOO.COM
2/11	TUE	6:00 PM		HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED	FACEBOOK.COM/ KOHALACHAPTERHFUU/	THE HUB	KOHALA.HFUU@GMAIL.COM
2/11	THU	4:00 PM		FREE FOOD SHARING MARKET	KOHALA GLEANING	ST AUGUSTINES	889-1282
2/17	WED	4:30 PM		KOHALA CARES	FOOD DISTRIBUTION	THE HUB	ALOHAPETER@YAHOO.COM
2/18	THU	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	SACRED HEART FOOD BASKET		SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH	889-5115
2/18	THU	4:00 PM		FREE FOOD SHARING MARKET	KOHALA GLEANING	ST AUGUSTINES	889-1282
2/20	SAT	4:30 PM	6:30 PM	FREE GRINDZ HOT MEAL	KOHALA BAPTIST CHURCH	BANYAN TREE	889-5416
2/22	THU	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL - TAKE OUT	AT ST. AUGUSTINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
2/24	WED	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	RESTORATIVE YOGA THERAPY CLASS	WITH CARLA ORELLANA, CERTIFIED YOGA THERAPIST, BY DONATION	THE HUB	889-0404
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2/24	WED	5:00 PM		PARKS, WATER & ROADS GROUP	MONTHLY MEETING	OLD COURTHOUSE	889-6238
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Ke Ao O Kukuipahu: A Research Inventory for Kukuipahu Heiau



Credit: Michelle Augello
Tahiti Ahsam

By Tahiti Ahsam

Last summer (of 2020) I was blessed with the opportunity of being an intern of Huliauapa'a's Wahi Kūpuna Internship Program (WKIP), learning about Cultural Resource Management and focused specifically in the moku of Kohala on Hawai'i Island. Despite the challenges of learning online due to the pandemic, as a haumāna (student) in this program, I was able to dive into a wealth of records and 'ike (knowledge) to learn more about the moku of Kohala and Kukuipahu Heiau located in the upland region of the Kukuipahu ahupua'a.

When I first visited Kohala in the summer of 2018, I was intrigued by many historic sites

and features there were still intact, especially within the leeward region, Kohala i waho. Kukuipahu Heiau became a place that quickly caught my attention, as the name was repeatedly mentioned to me. In addition, when I asked others about heiau within Kohala i waho, and through my personal general searches, little seemed to be known. Ironically, this lack of information about Kukuipahu Heiau was what drove the focus of my research project for the WKIP.

On a surface level, sources related to Kukuipahu are scarce. However, by inventorying sources related to Kukuipahu Heiau from various ethnohistorical resources, online repositories and conducting community ethnography, I was able to gain insight on specific people connected to this 'āina (land), gather available documented information, share the gaps in knowledge, as well as begin to gain a better understanding of the previous functions of this heiau over time. This project, titled "Ke Ao O Kukuipahu" (The Light of Kukuipahu) aims to aid in the process of remembering, capture memories shared about this heiau, and compile information from different resources to re-spark the ao, or light, of consciousness for Kukuipahu Heiau.

Therefore, the purpose of my project was to create a research inventory for Kukuipahu. To do this, I first began to look through multiple online databases to find relevant information regarding Kukuipahu Heiau. Through this, I found five key terms to utilize throughout my search in eight different online repositories to

get a broader range of relevant information. From the information I gathered, I then compiled a search hit data table highlighting the number of times a key term was listed within the databases. After the search hit data table was created, I further broke down the information I uncovered by developing a table of resources for each online repository.

Aside from online sources and documents, I had the opportunity to conduct community interviews with kūpuna (elders) of Kohala to hear their mana'o (thoughts) about Kukuipahu Heiau and gain even more insight into this place. I had the privilege of interviewing Uncle Fred Cachola, a longtime educator and kupa'āina (native) of Kohala, as well as Auntie Lehua and Uncle Kanani Kaulukukui, the stewards of Kukuipahu Heiau. From these interviews, the words often used to describe this heiau were "intriguing," "unique" and "special."

Ultimately, through this research process I have come to learn that Kukuipahu Heiau is a fully intact wahi kūpuna (ancestral place) that is still being stewarded today and has a distinct connection with Hawaiian culture, understanding of 'āina, and the history of the Kukuipahu

ahupua'a, the Kohala moku, and Hawai'i Island. In general, a heiau as described by Pukui & Elbert (1986) is a "Pre-Christian place of worship, shrine; some heiau were elaborately constructed stone platforms, others simple earth terraces." Kukuipahu Heiau carries unique characteristics that differ from many other Hawaiian heiau, such as cut and dressed scoria stones, raised petroglyphs, and a marae style of construction, which are consistent with structures built throughout Southern Polynesia. This cultural site is remembered today by members of the Kohala community, is still being stewarded and is often regarded as one of the major heiau in leeward North Kohala. On May 22, 1972 this heiau was placed on the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places in which the State of Hawai'i brought this historic site under specific preservation laws. Despite being a state site and perhaps being one of the oldest heiau in all of Hawai'i, there is still much to learn about this heiau.

Over the last century, many heiau across our pae 'āina have faced desecration, modification and removal for various reasons. Some of the physical issues that heiau have faced over time

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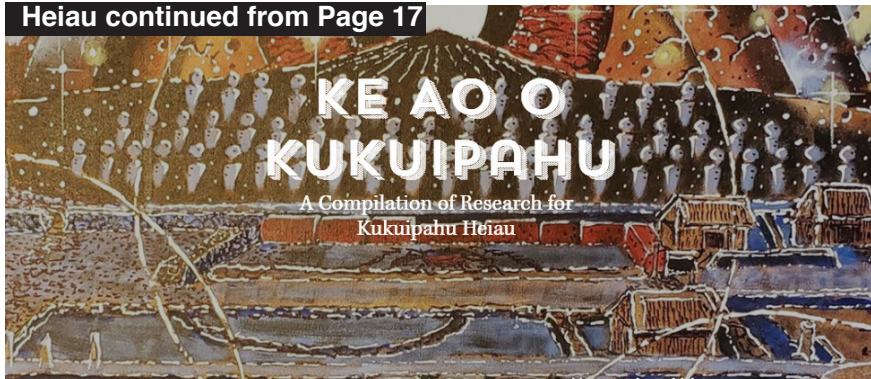
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KE AO O KUKUIPAHU

A Compilation of Research for Kukuipahu Heiau

Artwork by Kanani Lehua Kaulukukui

The artwork featured on the home page of Ke Ao o Kukuipahu website was created and provided by Uncle Kanani Lehua Kaulukukui, caretaker of the heiau.

are development, modification, removal, and gentrification. However, many heiau, like Kukuipahu, are still preserved today and serve as some of the oldest traditional Hawaiian stone structures. The intention of my project is to aid in the process of remembering this sacred place so that we may protect and preserve its mana (spiritual power).

To ensure that this research inventory for Kukuipahu was accessible to the community, I designed a website that would allow the community to access and build upon this research inventory. In sharing this inventory and insight in the form of a website, I hope that the Kohala Community can utilize this resource to aid in current and future stewardship efforts of this sacred site as well as to continue the process of restoring the identity and mana that this

heiau holds. Kukuipahu Heiau is a special wahi kūpuna that needs to be preserved in order for future generations to experience, connect with, and learn about it.

In continuing this project, I am currently working with Aunty Lehua and Uncle Kanani Kaulukukui to take over the website and use it for stewardship and future restoration efforts. With their non-profit family organization, the Kuamo'o Foundation, their ultimate goals for the future of this wahi kūpuna is first stabilization and then restoration of the heiau. They are currently working with a State archaeologist to include historical and family oral histories into the Archaeological Inventory Survey (AIS). To view the website and learn more about Kukuipahu Heiau, please visit <https://kuikaunupaa.weebly.com/haumanaprojects.html>

Interdenominational Christmas Community Meal Brings Cheer



Photo credit: St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

On December 22, children ages 0-12 were able to pick up a free, new, unwrapped toy at the James Walker Hall. Deacon Lani (left) and Aria Rasmussen play with the new toy Aria picked out.

By Melanie Sahagun

Every year, the Kohala Ministerial Association gathers to celebrate the holiday season at the Annual Interdenominational Christmas Dinner at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. However, this event was cancelled this year to assure the safety of our community. Despite the setback, St. Augustine's partnered with the Kohala Ministerial Association at our Christmas Community Meal on December 21. More than 650 hot meals were distributed to the community! We also delivered meals to senior citizens at the

Ainakea Senior Residences.

Community members were able to enjoy the drive-by entertainment from Mila Polevia, Gospel of Salvation-Kohala, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Kalahikiola Congregational Church and Kohala Baptist Church. We also collected new, unwrapped toys for children in Kohala and canned food for the Kohala Food Basket. Although the community wasn't able to celebrate the holiday season all together, we were still able to spread the Christmas cheer!

See Cheer, Page 19

Kohala Lands Rank High on Open Space Priority List

By Toni Withington

Kohala's rewards for its decades of work to protect the entire coast in open space came in spades this year as all eight different projects nominated by the four community groups that work together ranked high on the County's Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Commission (PONC) priority list.

On the north coast, the ongoing project to preserve the homeland

of Kamehameha I was ranked #4 under the name Hapu'u to Kapanai Cultural Corridor and #5 under Halelua (Lighthouse to Hapu'u Bay). Within the cultural corridor, the County has already purchased 23 acres at Hapu'u and is waiting for the purchase of 93 acres at Kapanai to close escrow soon. Two more parcels between those two, as well as Halelua, have been approved by County Council and are waiting for County action.

On the leeward coast, besides Mahukona, five other projects have been called important lands for preservation. These are Kaupalaoa (lands makai of the two coconut palms), Lamaloloa (land near Lapakahi State Park with the shipping container), Honoipu (part of the old Coast Guard Station), Kukuipahu-Haena Corridor (the vast lands between Kapa'a Park and Puakea) and Keawenui (a beautiful set of coves north of Red Hill).

The groups nominating the lands are Malama Na Wahi Pana O Kohala, Kamakani O Kohala Ohana, Malama Kohala Kahakai and Maika'i Kamakani O Kohala.

Other projects named to the PONC list include #2 Kiolaka'a in Ka'u, Ka'u Ola Mau in Ka'u, Keakealaniwahine in North Kona, Pepe'keo 'Aina in South Hilo, Pahoehoe 1st La'aloa in North Kona, Magic Sands La'aloa in North Kona and Kea Ala Kakou in North Kona.

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Children dress up as Joseph, Mary, Jesus, the three kings, two angels and a shepherd for the Nativity Scene.

KMS Christmas Wreath Competition



Photo credit: Kathy Matsuda

Hale Mana students (left to right) Faith Alejandro Cazimero, Ariana Sibayan, Necole Garcia, Noreen Lucas, Jussaine Basilio, Gene Ferris, Alyssa Bautista, Sarah Pagala, Advisor Wendy Nickl and Rhaejah Lajala Fernandez.

Kohala Middle School students are part of one of six home-rooms, or hales (houses).

The hales wanted to flex their creative muscles, so held a Christmas wreath competition.

Wreaths were hung on the school fence for the community to enjoy. After all the votes were tallied, Hale Mana earned top honors.



Hale Mana's wreath.



Kawika Kihara and Milicent Perez.

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New Middle School Covered Play Court Gets Green Light

By Toni Withington

The new facility for sports and community gatherings at the Kohala Middle School moved closer to a reality this month. Jolene Vesasco, Project Coordinator of the State Department of Health, said construction is anticipated to start in June.

Plans for the project are still pending county permit approval. The Environmental Assessment was accepted as showing no sig-

nificant environmental impact.

The proposed one-story structure will provide students at the school a sheltered area for physical education classes; a play space during recess; a flexible space for creative projects, school gatherings, and celebrations. It will hold 401 people.

The new space will allow the entire school to gather in one place under shelter during inclement weather conditions.

The 8,653 square foot structure will be located on the current soccer field makai of the auxiliary classrooms. The play court will provide one regulation size basketball court, four half-court basketball courts, one regulation size volleyball court and two practice volleyball courts. The covered, but open-air, structure will be completely enclosed and secured by a continuous chain link fence with locking gates.

A new 20-foot-wide asphalt driveway will be built over the existing 12-foot-wide driveway. Changes to on-campus vehicle circulation and parking configurations are not proposed. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a new accessible walkway will connect the proposed structure with existing ADA-compliant walkways and ramps connecting to the buildings on campus.

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Panel 3: KA: CUZ WE DOUBLE CUZ

Panel 4: LA: HOW YOU FIGA?

Panel 5: KA: CUZ MY MUDDA IS YOUR FAODDA'S SISTAH - SO THAT'S ONE "CUZ"

Panel 6: LA: AND MY FAODDA IS YOUR MUDDA'S BRADDA, DAT'S ONE UDA CUZ...

Panel 7: KA: SO CUZ, WE DOUBLE CUZ. SO, CUZ, WE CUZ CUZ!

Panel 8: LA: SO WHAT YOU LIKE ME CALL YOU? CUZ CUZ, DOUBLE CUZ, DOS CUZ, CUZx2, WHAT?

Panel 9: KA: JUST CALL ME CUZ... I STILL THINKING ABOUT THAT BRUDDA/SISTAH THING, MAKES MY HEAD HURT!!

Panel 10: LA: OK! DAT'S HAU!

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Special visit from Santa Claus and his lead reindeer, Rudolph, wishing the community holiday cheer.



Hale Ike's wreath.



Hale Akamai's wreath.



Aunty Ahja joined in the fun and made a wreath.



Hale Aloha's wreath.



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