

The Maui News policy on letters

The Maui News welcomes and encourages letters to the editor. The letters should be brief and to the point and on subjects of general interest. Letters must be signed and include an address and phone number where the writer can be reached during working hours for verification. The writer's name and community will be published.

Letters should be limited to 250 words or less with shorter letters being given priority. Letters of any length are subject to editing. Typed letters are preferred but others will be accepted if they are legible. Letters to third parties will not be published.

Poetry is not accepted.

Letters may be mailed to The Maui News, 100 Mahalani St., Wailuku 96793; or may be faxed to 242-9087.

Who was King Kekaulike?

School deserves a better name

In reference to Timothy Hurley's article on the Kekaulike site blessing (June 1):

I don't know where Mr. Hurley got his information on Kekaulike being one of the most powerful chiefs of Maui. But I would like to clarify some facts on Kekaulike.

He was a ruling chief and a very cruel one. He abused the people of Hawaii, desecrated their lands, took all their possessions, then slaughtered them and fled back to Maui.

Kekaulike was also a coward. He delighted in going to war against the people. But when my great grandfather pursued him for his cruel treatment of the people, he was so afraid, and with his family, warriors and advisers, fled from Alapainui. He was seized with a violent illness by Ke Akua, and it killed him.

It is appalling that school officials and community leaders would choose to name the first Up-country high school after an "evil one."

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