

# Kohala Mountain News

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## Hawai'i Forest and Trail Brings New Zipline to Kohala

Story and photo by Frank Morgan

North Kohala is getting a new zipline business, utilizing the most modern technology, equipment and layout in the islands. "Kohala Zipline, Elevated Inspiration" will begin operations with eight trips a day in August, according to Rob Pacheco, the founder and president of Hawaii Forest & Trail, which owns the new company.

One of the unique features of Kohala Zipline is the fact it is "tree-based" (others are ground-based) with 90 percent of the tour time zipping from tree platform to tree platform, high among the stand of Eucalyptus Robusta trees, some as high as 140 feet in famous Halawa Gulch in Hala'ula on lands owned by Kohala Preservation Conservation Trust and Surety Kohala Corporation. It will have nine lines, five suspension bridges, and run just under a mile in length in the nearly three-hour trip. Five groups can be on the course at the same time.

"We hired Bonsai Design of Colorado, one of the most experienced zipline contractors in the world, and brought in Victor Gallo from Costa Rica, one of the best builders in the business," Pacheco

said. (The zipline phenomena began in Costa Rica, where there are today more than 300 such operations.) "Together we have created not just an adventure but an experience that is challenging, exciting, inspirational, and historical -- it is set in King Kamehameha's family's gulch, where he lived as a young man and where lo'i (terraces) for taro still exist."

Bonsai Design also brought in a team of professional arborists to inspect and certify every tree used. The lumber for the platforms and buildings came from the gulch's trees, also known as "swamp mahogany," and were planed on site.

The zipline will have close to 30 employees, most of them from Kohala. More than 150 people applied at a job fair two weeks ago. "In the past we've hired people from all over the Big Island but we've never seen the quality of people that exists here," Pacheco said. "They ranked high in intelligence, experience, attitude and dedication, which is so important in this business." The guides—two for each group of eight guests—will undergo 60 hours of training for certification in accordance with the Association for Challenge Course Technology

(ACCT) standards.

Other features include redundant safety rigging of dual steel cables (coated to reduce the whiny noise) with double trolleys and lanyards, and a 100 percent "clipped in" policy where guests are never unclipped until they are on the ground. Uniquely, guests can control their own speed and braking on the course.

With another Zipline already operating in North Kohala, Pacheco undertook this major investment with the encouragement and support of Surety Kohala and because of Hawaii Forest and Trail's connections, reputation, and experience in eco-tourist and adventure travels.

Founded in 1993, it is devoted to the island's natural history, with eight Nature Adventures that span the island, including the very popular Kohala Waterfall Adventure, also on Surety lands, plus two tours to Volcanoes National Park, a hike on the rim of Waipio, a Mauna Kea summit and sunset trip, two bird watching tours, and a visit to Hualalai volcano and Kona coffee country. In all tours, HFT guides stress the natural and cultural history of Hawaii.

"We like to think of this as an 'interpretative' experience, one in which our guests can truly connect with the beauty, resources, and history of this very special place we call Kohala," Pacheco said.



Rob Pacheco, owner of "Zipline Kohala," in front of one of the wooden platforms at the Halawa Gulch site.

## A Welcome Place for Kohala Visitors... and Residents Too

North Kohala Community Resource Center's long-awaited Kohala Welcome Center is nearly finished. The Center has completed the public restrooms and is installing a beautiful hallway of storyboards for both the community and visitors to enjoy. The corridor tells the story of Kohala both past and present. To enhance this experience the center is developing a "Kohala Guides" program with volunteers from the community who will greet visitors, answer questions and provide additional information to make their visit the best possible. A blessing and dedication are scheduled for early September.



—photo courtesy of NKCR

A good time was had by all at NKCR's "Mahalo BBQ" for the wonderful volunteers who built the new public restrooms.

## Action Committee Encourages Public Input on Roads, Redistricting

By Lynda Wallach

The July 11 meeting of the North Kohala CDP Action Committee (AC) opened with a statement by Toni Withington regarding the Waiaka Bridge at the intersection of Kohala Mountain Road and Kawaihae Road in Waimea. The State Department of Transportation (DOT) Highways Division has issued a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the replacement and realignment of the bridge. They are proposing six possible realignments including a roundabout. Withington suggested that, since this intersection is of importance to all of us who live in North Kohala, anyone concerned might want to look at the alternatives and make a recommendation to the DOT. It is a long-term project, but the EA has a 30-day time period for comment. Information on the EA can be found at the Office of Environmental Quality Control website: <http://oeqc.doh.hawaii.gov>. Under Shared Documents, click on "EA and EIS Online," click on "Hawaii," then

click on "2010s." The EA for the bridge is the last document on the list.

AC Chair Joe Carvalho then reported on the proposed county redistricting, which is done every 10 years after the completion of the census. It is the process of redrawing electoral district boundaries in order to ensure equal representation. Carvalho stated the redistricting software is now online and open to the public at <https://redistricting.hawaii.gov/districting/districting.html>. He said the software is not difficult to use, that members of the public are encouraged to create and submit their own redistricting maps and that all serious plans will be considered.

The AC considered proposed projects for inclusion in the 2011-2012 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget. These projects would be added to a wish list that the county council and administration would like to see accomplished in the next year or two. Projects can be added at any time and are prioritized by

the mayor and the county council. Giovanna Gherardi said the Infrastructure A subcommittee would most likely be submitting a CIP by March of 2012 for permanent restrooms at Mahukona. Collin Kaholo reiterated the need to expand the county cemetery which is filling up and which lies in a flood zone.

Carvalho returned to the issue of the open ocean ahi farm already approved by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). He expressed concern that the community does not fully understand the nature of the project. The AC voted to create an investigative

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## Need Some Retail Therapy?



No need to drive to Kona! See our feature on the shops and galleries of Kohala, pages 6 - 9, including the story about how As Hawi Turns got its name.

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Hawi Post Office: New Hours Won't Be Changed

Story and photo by Frank Morgan

The Hawi Post Office's new hours of operation began June 18 with the reduction from seven to two and a half hours each week day. Saturday hours, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., remain the same.

While a number of petitions were circulated to retain the old hours, and efforts were made by Sen. Josh Green, M.D., West Hawaii, and several citizens' groups to have the Honolulu Post Office reconsider its actions, there will be no change.

Sen. Green wrote postal officials about his concern that the changes created unnecessary hardships on the community. Their response was that the move was necessary because of the U.S. Postal Service's nationwide belt-tightening



Postmistress "Hoku" Rocha loads mail into the new boxes at Hawi Post Office.

due to severe financial losses. Duke Gonzales, the Honolulu office's public relations director, said the new mailboxes had to be utilized and that Hawi residents could go the Kapa'au post office when Hawi is closed.

Said Sen. Green, "I understand the need to live within a budget, but I am concerned these changes are too severe for our community. I've asked that they revisit this decision in three months if it doesn't work for us."

One modification by the post office was to order metal parcel lockers to be placed in the new outdoor

mailbox facility because of concern that the small amount of space in the little Hawi office would be even more jammed with packages. Postmistress Shelli-Ann ("Hoku") Rocha will place packages in the lockers and put a key in the addressee's postal box. Once the package is removed, the door is automatically locked and Ms. Rocha will collect the keys later.

One of the banks of outdoor mailboxes will be removed to accommodate the lockers. Of the 240 remaining mailboxes, 150 have been taken by residents who were on a waiting list.

While her daily working hours have been reduced from eight to six, Ms. Rocha says she has not encountered any problems in delivering the mail.

Law Enforcement Report for June 2011

During the month of June, North Kohala police officers responded to 148 calls for service. This included five traffic accidents, 31 complaints, and 112 miscellaneous calls for service. Officers arrested two juveniles during the month of June, both for being a runaway. Nine adults were also arrested during June, two for abuse of a family or household member and seven for outstanding warrants. One of the warrants was for drug offenses which had a bail amount of \$20,000.

Other reported investigations for June are noted in the table below:

DATE	OFFENSE	LOCATION	ITEMS TAKEN
6/07/11	THEFT	Kohala Ranch	Trailer

There were no reports of burglaries or unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle.

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subcommittee to obtain information from DLNR about the farm, which can be used to inform and educate the community. The subcommittee will report back to the AC at the September meeting.

During Subcommittee reports, Hermann Fernandez of Growth Management announced that he hoped to have more participants at the meeting on July 18. A responsibility of this subcommittee is to review land use and permit activity requests and to investigate and bring to the AC any areas of concern such as a variance being requested currently to permit a seven-lot subdivision without providing the required minimum water supply and roadways. Anyone interested in serving on the subcommittee can contact Fernandez.

Marlene Ching then reported on the many projects the Public Access subcommittee is involved with. A high priority is work on a master stewardship plan for all of North Kohala's public access: to the coast, along the coast and to the mountains. Another is the work being done at the Upolu Airport area, where fencing is almost completed and plans for plantings should be underway soon. (See related story on page 3.)

Giovanna Gherardi of Infrastructure A reported that work on Keokea Beach Park is scheduled for completion in August 2012. The priorities of the subcommit-

tee for the next 12 to 18 months will be to upgrade the facilities at Mahukona, address the issue of potable water and put together a plan for a non-profit, community-based organization for park management. Gherardi was inspired by how well and quickly improvements were made at Kapa'a Beach Park, saying it was an example of what happens when the community gets involved. Infrastructure A will also be working with the Scenic Byways committee on the concerns regarding the Pololu Valley lookout. Toni Withington reported that DOT has accepted the nomination of Akoni Pule highway into the Scenic Byways program. This has the potential of aggravating the serious problems that already exist at the lookout. A community meeting to discuss issues regarding Pololu Valley lookout is set for 5:30 p.m., August 10, 2011 at the Kohala High School cafeteria. (See related story on page 15.)

Collin Kaholo reported the Affordable Housing subcommittee has been working with Catholic Charities, who have expressed an interest in the Coast Guard property with the duplex homes as sites for housing. The properties are owned by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Parker Ranch. He also said applications for Phase II of the Self-Help (Kamakua) Project are being accepted. The first increment of this phase will consist of 12 three-bed-

room homes. Kaholo detailed the costs involved in creating a subdivision like Self-Help, which contribute to the price of the homes.

Richard Leibmann said the Agriculture subcommittee is working on a plan to meet the goal of 50 percent of food consumed in North Kohala to be produced locally. The first issue they need to

address is how to measure 50 percent.

The application deadline to replace the retiring members of the AC has been extended to August 15. Applications can be found at <http://hawaii-county-cdp.info> and at the North Kohala Public Library. The next AC meeting will be at 4:30 p.m., Monday, August 8 at the Senior Center.

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## Residents Voice Concerns at Police Community Meeting

Story and photo by Megan Solís

Police Chief Harry Kobojiri and five other police officers met with the Kohala community at an open meeting June 21 to address residents' concerns and reach

out to develop a greater closeness with the community.

The audience was largely local seniors, not shy about voicing praise, concerns and questions to the panel of officers: Deputy

Police Chief Paul Ferreira, Assistant Chief Henry Tavares (Area II Operations), Major Randy Apele (Area II Operations), Capt. Chad Basque (Criminal Investigations Division Area II), and Capt. Richard Miyamoto of Kohala Police.

Among the first topics was concern about the image of police in the community. Kealoha Sugiyama commented that when people think police, they think "speeding ticket" with no dialog except that as a parent speaks to a child. He suggested officers address the public with aloha and develop a rapport.

Kobojiri said the department is addressing this concern by having new recruits, and any officer reported for "rude" conduct, attend a training on professional behavior. Capt. Miyamoto emphasized that if anyone encounters a rude officer in Kohala, to please report the incident directly to him.

Another effort to develop rapport comes through the department's youth activities. This year the DARE program will begin for fifth-graders, led by Community Resource Officer John Kahalioumi. The department supports various activities such as Hawaii PAL basketball tournaments, GoSkate Day parade, and Kohala Coalition Against Drugs.

The officers addressed questions about individuals' encounters with police, from speeding tickets to dog bites, to how speed limits are set and the state of drug activity in North Kohala.

One listener asked how the public can obey the laws if they don't know them. Kobojiri explained it is everyone's kule-



Police Chief Harry Kobojiri (left) with Vivian Moku and Minoru Nakasato at the Police Community Meeting on June 21.

ana (responsibility) to know the laws, but people can set up a meeting with police to get education on a particular topic.

The final topic was the possibility that Capt. Miyamoto may be transferred to another precinct later in the year. He said he likes his position here in Kohala but his family is in Hilo, so he would also like to work there. The captain emphasized that the decision was not up to him, and that he will do whatever the department determines it needs. Some in the audience noted that Kohala was used as a training ground for officers for so many years, and Miyamoto has helped to retain good officers here. They expressed hope that if Miyamoto is transferred, then his successor will be promoted from within the Kohala force.

## Hawi Reservoir Undergoing Repairs

A sign announcing a maintenance and remediation project at Hawi Reservoir No. 3 was recently spotted at the top of Lincoln Avenue, just southwest of Hawi. The reservoir/dam is located on properties owned by Kamehameha Schools and State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

According to DLNR, the purpose of the project is to address deficiencies, including some believed to be caused by the October 2006 earthquake, noted in a 2007 phase I dam safety inspection. Funded by both Kamehameha Schools and DLNR, the project will lower and increase the width of the reservoir spillway; re-grade the upstream and downstream slopes for improved sta-

bility and ease of maintenance; and include improvements to the intake structures and outleetworks, according to DLNR.

Upon completion of the project, the reservoir will be reduced such that it will no longer fall within the jurisdictional limits of the Hawai'i Dam Safety Program and therefore no longer regulated by DLNR. The reservoir will continue to provide irrigation water service and storage for current downstream users.

Site work started on April 27, 2011 and is anticipated to take approximately seven months to complete. The total cost of the construction project is approximately \$870,000 and has been contracted to Willocks Construction Corp.

## THE COQUI CORNER

### LATEST UPDATE:



The current status of coqui infestations in North Kohala, as of July 7, 2011 :

**Wainaia Gulch:** Several coquis heard singing behind the cemetery. Another eradication is planned as soon as the weather breaks.

**Transfer Station:** Coquis were detected, but area treated 7/4/11. Quiet at this time.

**Kohala Nursery:** Many coquis located on Nursery property, and beginning to spread. Action needs to be taken!

**Hawi Hill:** After the last eradication in June, a single coqui is still active in the pasture. Will treat area again when the weather breaks.

**Hala'ula:** Several coquis reported throughout the neighborhood. Coalition will treat when the weather breaks.

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### August

Ad deadline: 8/12/11  
News deadline: 8/17/11

### September

Ad Deadline: 9/9/11  
News Deadline: 9/14/11

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## Letters—

Bennett Dorrance has confirmed to me in writing, in an email dated July 5, 2011, that "The lower 'Iole land is off the table as far as a location for the zero waste station ...." Bennett, a good member of our community, has shown great sensitivity to the voice of his community, and I for one appreciate this very

much. As a result of this, there will be no Zero Waste Park near and upwind from 'Ainakea homes.

I am 100 percent convinced I speak for all of you when I say, "Bennett, thank you very much for your concern for the health and safety of our community; we are indeed very grateful."

In addition, I thank the many residents who had the courage to stand by their conviction. Last but not least, many thanks to the "AGAINST" working group members.

Frank J. Maier  
For AGAINST

## Mahalo Kohala For Supporting Cowgirls Softball

The Kohala Cowgirls Softball Team would like to thank Kohala High School and the Kohala community for their support throughout the 2011 softball season, and the generous monetary donations to participate in the HHSAA State Softball Tournament on O'ahu, May 3-7, 2011.

Donors were: Arakaki Store, Bamboo Restaurant, Hinokawa Electric, Kohala Senior Citizen Softball Club, Nakahara Store, Rod's Repair, Shige's Service Station, Sunshine Hardware, Surety Corporation, Campollo's, Aleta's, J. Penner, Harold and Loretta Alcoran, Glenn and Francis Roxburgh, Braden Alcoran, Ronnie Tadio, Efren Ziegler, and all our extended family and friends.

We proudly represented Kohala High School and the Kohala community.

Thank you again,

The Kohala Cowgirls 2011  
Coaches: Terrence Alcoran  
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Kohala Cowgirls Softball Team: front row, left to right: Sheana Cazimero, Brooke Kise, Tita Alcoran, Jocelyn Campollo, Kapoe Lewis, Delani McAulay, Jordelle Antonio, Coach Stan Gonsalves. Back row, left to right: Coach Terrence Alcoran, Jovi Antonio, Hoku Cazimero, Krystal Aleta, Katherine Campollo, Casey Utemei, Chyler Imai, Hauoli Sproat-Lancaster, Tiani Luga, Coach Hauoli Alcoran.

## Pay It Forward Kohala

community. We have discussed starting a program called "Pay It Forward Kohala." Each member of our 6000 n 60 Team has agreed to give 10 hours of volunteer help to other young people who are fundraising to go on an educational trip out of state. We are hoping that other young people will join this effort.

Our program is still in the planning stages. We will continue our Macy's "Shop for the Cause" fundraising even after we return from Costa Rica. We are

hoping to use these funds to help support the "Pay It Forward Kohala" project. If anyone would like to help with planning we are tentatively scheduling a meeting on Wednesday, August 10, time and location to be announced on posters in early August. For more information or to help organize the project, please call Lani Bowman at 889-5852 or email Lani at lanibow@gmail.com or Genevieve Boyle at genlove808@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,  
Lani Bowman

## Viewpoint

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## Seniors Take Charge of King Kamehameha `Ekahi Day at Statue

By Vivian Moku

Kohala Senior Citizens Center president Kealoha Sugiyama invited all senior club members to participate in the festivities on the grounds of the King Kamehameha `Ekahi statue. This assignment was quickly accepted, and a feeling of energy and anticipation was generated.

First of all, supervisor Winnie informed the seniors that we needed to spruce up the "inside, outside the hall, and grounds to make the place maika'i." That was workday on Friday. Decoration of na lau ame pua also took place that day, and lei-stringing ensued. Seniors made four 16-foot leis. There was a real sense of enthusiasm, kokua, fellowship,

responsibility and camaraderie.

King Kamehameha Day was a real test of belonging; seniors were assigned to a table to receive fragrant leis and na pua `o Hawai'i: myriad leis (ho`okupu) to pay homage to Ali'i Nui Kamehameha `Ekahi. The leis came from Hawaiian civic clubs throughout Hawai'i nei, the hotels along our Kohala-Kona coasts, groups, and individuals who na mea aloha `o Hawai'i, especially for Kohala nei.

For many years, Auntie Mabel A Tolentino na kokua in organizing the lei-draping; however, the seniors, assigned by President Kealoha, took responsibility. Our own octogenarian Uncle Suse` Soares honored us with his presence, in

accepting na ho`okupu to be placed at the feet of the king.

When a ho`okupu was received by Kealoha, it was handed to na kupuna wahine hand-to-hand until it was given to Uncle Suse`. Quite impressive. (Someone observed that one of the horses ridden by Na Ali'i Wahine Holo Lio had taken a chunk of Kealoha's kihei na ki-smile.)

The senior club has "young" seniors who could master the wind while draping na lei – Robert Glory, Brother James Kelson and many others lent their ikaika (strength.)

Mahalo nui loa to all KSCC members and many others who gave of their time  
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## Kohala Enjoys the Fruits of its Labor at First Community Harvest



—photo by Megan Solis

*Rosie Rosimo cuts grapefruits for juicing and for li hing mui. Rosimo was one of many volunteers who prepared fresh local food at Kohala's first Community Harvest Day.*

Kohala's first Community Harvest Hawai'i - Ho'umeke a Hanai at Kohala Intergenerational Center (KIC) in Kapa'au was a true community event. Residents were invited to bring in their excess harvest to contribute, with the abundance to be preserved and shared in the community.

The event began June 24 with teams collecting from the community, assisting those who have difficulty harvesting their own produce (especially those tricky coconuts!) Community members also dropped off their excess produce at KIC.

On June 25 more produce arrived. Prep crews cut, peeled, cooked and squeezed to prepare hearty fare to be preserved or cooked up for a delicious feast.

Project coordinator Andrea Dean describes planning the first event as "an exercise in trust—we were planning a large community food event where we didn't know anything in advance. Important things such as how much food we would have to work with, what kind of food and how many people were coming to eat! But in true Kohala community fashion everyone pitched in, we had a lot of food and everyone got to eat and enjoy."

The community contributed: 30 pounds of taro; 80 pounds of pumpkin; 4 pounds of green beans; 500 pounds of citrus; 175 coconuts; 50 pounds of avocados; 47 pounds of vegetables and herbs; 5 pounds of cassava; 53 pounds of bananas; 30 pounds of guava; 9 pounds of papaya; 4 pounds pineapple; and 130 pounds of beef.

Volunteers made Hawaiian stew, taro in coconut milk, beef stir fry, beet/carrot/cassava patties, pickled beets, pipikaula (jerked beef), poke-style smoked meat, guava jam, guava catsup, fruit sorbet, mixed juice, coconut milk, dried fruits, fruit salad, li hing mui grapefruits and fruit smoothies.

A crowd of about 70 people enjoyed the meal, and the crew made boxes of fresh, local food that were distributed through the Kohala Senior Nutrition program and the Food Basket.

Community Harvest Hawaii is the second Saturday of every month; the next Community Harvest Day is set for Saturday, August 13. The focus for August is on Filipino food. If you have fruits and vegetables you want harvested, or a skill or recipe to share, please call Carol Fuentes at 889-5391. Excess fruits and vegetables can also be dropped off on Friday, August 12 from 3 to 7 pm or on Saturday morning between 8 and 10 am. Community Harvest Hawaii is a partnership between the North Kohala Eat Locally Grown Campaign, Ka Hana No'eau and Ho'ea Agricultural Park, with fiscal agent support from the North Kohala Community Resource Center. It is funded by an Island Innovation Fund Grant.

For more information about the project, visit [www.communityharvesthawaii.org](http://www.communityharvesthawaii.org) or call Andrea Dean at 960-3727.

## The Mystery of the Kohala School Ring

*Help Kohala Mountain News solve a mystery! The ring pictured at right was recently found by a Kohala resident as he was cleaning out his garage, and he is trying to find the owner. The 1948 Kohala Elementary/High School woman's ring has the initials ALR engraved inside. If you can help solve this mystery and return the ring to the rightful owner, please contact KMN at 884-5986 or email [kmneditor@hotmail.com](mailto:kmneditor@hotmail.com).*



—photo by Megan Solis

## Kohala Teams Score at HI-PAL Basketball Tourney

Four Kohala teams took first or second place at the Click It or Ticket 3-on-3 basketball tournament June 4 and 5 in Kea'au. The event was one of two June tournaments sponsored by Hawai'i Police Department's Traffic Services Section and the Hawai'i Isle Police Activities League (HI-PAL).

Forty-two teams, with 170 players, participated in 84 games in Kea'au in the following age groups: 5 to 6, 7 to 8, 9 to 12, 13 to 14, girls 10 and under, girls 12 and under, girls 14 and under, and girls 15 to 17.

The winning Kohala teams were:

Age 5 to 6 division, first place—Kohala: Reeve Cazimero (coach), O'shen Cazimero, Easton Hoshida, Layden Kauka, Landon Kauka, Koby Agvayani, Lawrence Kauka (coach);

Age 7 to 8 division, second place—

Kohala Gold: Javin Perez, Leiana Carvalho, Elijah Antonio, Rebekah Fong, Paul Antonio (coach);

Girls 12 & under division, second place—N.S.P. #2: Brittney Badua, Jessica Tenorio, Tezrah Antonio, Na'ai Solomon-Lewis, Keone Emeliano (coach); and

Age 13 to 14 division, second place—Kohala Magic #1: Ramon Cubangbang (coach), Justin Agbayani, Shawn Ramos, Leo Agbayani, Sean Arellano (coach).

Two more tournaments were scheduled for July in Honoka'a and Pahoa; results were not available at press time. The next Click It or Ticket 3-on-3 basketball tournaments are scheduled for August 13 and 14 at the Kawanakoa Hall gymnasium in Keaukaha and Sept. 10 and 11 at Laupahoehoe High School.

For information about HI-PAL activities, call the office in Hilo at 961-2220 or 896-9710.

## Sustainable Kohala to Show Free Film

Sustainable Kohala will show an award-winning film called "The Economics of Happiness" at 7 p.m., August 14, at the Algood Barn.

A discussion of global trends presents voices from six continents including Samdhong Rinpoche, the Prime Minister of Tibet's government in exile, Vandana Shiva, Bill McKibben, David Korten and Zac Goldsmith. The film explains why climate change and peak oil require us to work together to rebuild local economies. The good news is that as we relocalize, we not only reverse disturbing global environmental trends, but also restore our own sense of community, meaning, and well-being. "Happiness" promotes faith in humanity and trust that we can build a strong local economy here. The film is free and open to the public.

The Algood Barn is at 55-3309 Ho'ea Makai Road. Go down Ho'ea Road one mile. Turn left onto private road (Ho'ea Makai Road - no sign) and go 4/10 mile. Turn right at Algood Barn sign. Park makai of two-story bamboo barn and enter on mauka side.

For more information, contact Deborah Winter at 889-6901.

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and effort to make the event extra special; and kudos to the extraordinary leadership and planning of our president. Na mea nui 'olu'olu, nui nahe-nahe, nui-nui maika'i, ame iki King Kamehameha 'Ekahi (Ali'i Nui) ke ike nui moani keala. The statue was so fragrant with the many leis and ho'okupu by those who paid homage. Aloha and mahalo nui loa.



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## Kohala Shops and Galleries: North Kohala Tourism, Part 3

Story and photos by Megan Solís

Since the closure of the last sugar plantations in the mid 1970s, Kohala has struggled to find an economic base that will not only bring financial stability to the region, but also help retain its rural atmosphere. As tourists have discovered the physical beauty of Pololu Valley and historical sites related to Kohala's native son, King Kamehameha I, they have increasingly been drawn to the charm of the plantation towns along the way.

Beginning with Ackerman Galleries some 30 years ago, shopkeepers and artists have opened up their small shops and galleries, moving in and renovating old plantation buildings and offering something unique to the growing number of tourists as well as Kohala residents.

Today, there are about 20 small shops and galleries that offer handcrafted and unique items from jewelry, lotions and clothing for the body, to paintings, wood carvings and ceramics for the home—Kohala has it all. We even have Hawaiian-grown cigars and antique kimono!

What follows is a brief description of just some of our shops and galleries though certainly not an exhaustive listing. So, visitors, take a look at the abundance of what Kohala has to offer. And those of you lucky enough to live here, take a second look at our local shops when you're searching for that unique gift that says Kohala!

### HAWI

#### Elements Jewelry & Crafts

John Flynn and his wife, Prakash, opened Elements Jewelry & Crafts in 1999 to showcase John's handmade jewelry and encourage local artists. In the early days John made his jewelry in the front window of the shop.

In the 12 years since Elements opened, they have moved from Kapa'au to Hawi and filled the shop with high-quality work from fellow local artists and jewelers, as well



as colorful fair-trade toys, items for the home, and the work of award-winning designers. Everything in Elements is made by hand.

For local residents, Elements offers a wide selection of beautifully handmade jewelry and gifts for any budget, a very friendly and helpful staff of five Kohala residents (who even keep a wish list to help spouses and partners choose the right gift), and competitive prices.

During most of the year about two-thirds of Elements customers are visitors, many of whom have part-time residences here and shop frequently. During the Christmas season, three-quarters of customers are Big Island residents.

Elements is open daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in downtown Hawi next to Bamboo and across from the Kohala Coffee Mill.

### As Hawi Turns

Back in 1991, the small dress shop in Kapa'au closed its doors, leaving North Kohala with one second-hand clothing store in Hawi, upstairs from the liquor store. When that store closed too, all that was left was Nakahara dry goods with beautiful bolts of fabric and a little bit of clothing. Bamboo Restaurant had not yet opened, and there was no coffee shop. Hawi looked like a ghost town with a real estate office. That is when Lisa Ebrahimi realized that a small clothing store could be viable in North Kohala.

As Hawi Turns first opened its doors in May of 1992 with a street party, music and food, an event that the shop continues to celebrate every year with its fall sale. The shop originally opened across the street in the little building which was previously Clara Takata's salon and home to Kohala Pacific Realty. It has since been a tattoo shop and most recently sells candy and crack seed. Ebrahimi was in business for six months at the first location before moving to the shop's current location in the Toyama building.

After 19 years, Ebrahimi has seen a lot of businesses open and close in North Kohala. She recalls, "When the sign 'As Hawi Turns' went up on the building, I was in the grocery store and overheard people asking about the new Japanese tour company called 'Ashui

Tours' and I realized that it was my store they were asking about. Some people thought I called it As Hawi Turns because that is where the cyclists turn around for the Ironman, but really it was because the store was a meeting place for ladies to come and talk about each other."

Now the store is full of merchandise for everyone in the family, baby clothes for the infants and scarves for great grandma, shoes for Dad and board shorts for the teens and for the ladies... they've got it all.

Ebrahimi notes, "I have customers from New York City to Paris who love our clothing and jewelry. If you haven't been in the store recently, come by. I think what I love most about having the store is seeing different people in town wearing clothes we helped pick out. Also I love seeing all the teenagers who have worked in As Hawi Turns come back to visit and tell me how happy they are that the store is still there, in downtown Hawi, and we are planning on staying thanks to all my wonderful customers."

### The Gallery at Bamboo

Located inside the renowned Bamboo Restaurant in the Old Takata store, the gallery features works by local artists and unusual gifts from the Pacific, most notably tropical toilet seats from Australia.

lia. As colorful and unique as its restaurant sister, the gallery offers handmade koa furniture, home décor, Hawaiian quilts and unique kitchen utensils and cookbooks. With a large selection of aloha wear, jewelry, sarongs and fragrant lotions, shoppers are sure to find just the right gift. Hungry? Lunch at Bamboo, sip on a lilikoi margarita and then browse the shop. The gallery and restaurant are owned by Joan Channon. Don't miss the upstairs gallery! Closed Mondays.



### Mother's Antiques and Fine Cigars

Located in downtown Hawi next to Bamboo Restaurant, Mother's Antiques and Fine Cigars was opened primarily to supply fine cigars to the owner. The cigar

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shop has the largest supply and variety of fine hand-rolled cigars on the island and also features the only Hawaiian-grown cigars from Kaua'i.

Established in 1990 by Jon and Dixie Adams, the shop is also a place to sell the imports and antiques they have collected on their travels around the world. Their daughter, Katie Adams, is the shop manager, and she and employees Isabelle Chainet and Connie Firestone are always ready to help customers find the perfect cigar.

Mother's has a regular clientele as well as catering to tourists and offers a kama'aina discount.

The shop's hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, but Katie notes, "If you get here early, you might find the owner smoking a cigar at 7:30 in the morning."

### Hawi Headquarters

Hawi Headquarters is a funky boutique that functions primarily as a smoke shop, but also sells local, happy art and jewelry, as well as kites. The shop also offers locally made glassworks and wooden pipes, including the artistry of Big Island glassblowers.

Why open such an unusual shop in tiny Hawi? Owner Marci Elizondo explains, "Opening the shop wasn't so much a choice as an opportunity: the

owner of the shop in its previous incarnation was leaving the island and we jumped. Also we live in Kohala and would be the only smoke shop outside of Hilo or Kona. The shop is unique not just because it is the only one of its kind in this neck of the woods—on the island, even—but as happy and grateful community members we have hosted various free, fun events over these three years, like kite fests where we make pancakes and coffee and fly kites at a beautiful Kohala property, kickball tournaments on the keiki field at Kamehameha Park, and the weekly Ultimate Frisbee league, which we initiated two years ago."

The percentage of tourist customers has grown over time, but most customers are Big Island residents and people that stumble onto the hole-in-the-wall shop – visitor and local alike. Of interest to local residents are the convenience and quality of items available to them without driving all the way to Kona, as well as kama'aina discounts.

The shop is located in the Kohala Trade Center behind Lighthouse Liquors and is



open every day: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, noon to 8 p.m.; and Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Visit them online at [www.HawiHeadquarters.com](http://www.HawiHeadquarters.com).

### Olivia Clare Boutique

Olivia Clare Boutique, located in the Kohala Trade Center building, offers handcrafted items made in Kohala and the Big Island.

Owners Kathryn and Fred Miller and Audrey Frydenlund opened the shop a year and a half ago, moving to their current location last March.

The boutique proudly carries Kohala Big Island Organics made in Kohala by Michelle Weyrick. In addition to her wonderful bath and body products, she is introducing a new line of organic teas, artisan sugars, and salts. Another unique product line is Hot Lava Clothing by Tammy Perillo. Visitors and locals love her hand-stitched clothing, especially her children's line and men's aloha shirts made with real coconut buttons!

Frydenlund explains, "What makes our shop unique is the variety of quality handcrafted products that you won't find anywhere else, many of which are limited edition or one of a kind."

Frydenlund and Kathryn Miller make all of the jewelry at the boutique. The delicate orchid line and hand-forged hoop earrings are a favorite, and the wire-wrapped rings at the entrance of the store always get the first look. Miller also makes beautiful island-inspired hair clips. She loves antiqued buttons and sews them on all of the purses in the shop. Each button is one of a kind and very special, with some being over 100 years old.

For food-lovers, the shop offers lilikoi butter, jams, and award-winning

lilikoi vinaigrette, made by Debbie Choo of Kohala's Finest LLC, using locally grown fruit. More local, handcrafted items include: candles, perfume, sarongs, hats, Kailua-Kona Chocolates, art, cards, pillows and napkins.

"Locals really love our keiki section and handcrafted jewelry. We offer a good variety in a great price range," said Frydenlund.

Olivia Clare's is open seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Living Arts Gallery

The Living Arts Gallery, located on the mainstreet of Hawi in the Hawi Hale, opened its doors on June 11, 2009, with the motto, "Take Heart, Make ART!" For the past two years, this artist-owned and cooperatively run fine arts gallery has featured only quality fine art by Big Island artists.



"We give our artists a gallery in a space that reflects the heritage of our community," says owner Mary Sky Schoolcraft. The gallery shows the art of 50 island artists, from expressive oil paintings and substantial sculptures, to intricate beadwork, ceramics, photography, whimsical watercolors, and Chinese brush paintings.

"Several of our artists have recently won awards in statewide shows, including the plein air paintings, woodblock prints and unique volcano pots. We feature a lot of original, one-of-a-kind artwork here," says Mary Sky. "It's worth the drive to Kohala to see art that

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you won't find anywhere else."

The gallery has attracted visitors from around the world. It also hosts community concerts, poetry readings, and artist's receptions, and offers a kama'aina discount. On August 13 the gallery hosts a "Meet the Artist" book and print signing with award-winning artist Karen Spachner, illustrator of the "Keikilani" series of children's books.

The gallery is staffed by its own artists, who are happy to "talk story" with any visitors to the gallery. Open daily 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 808-889-0739 or visit [www.livingartgallery.net](http://www.livingartgallery.net).

### Kathleen's Creations

Kathleen's Creations is a full service bead, jewelry and gift shop that carries handmade items by many adults and children in the Kohala community. The shop's aim is to meet its customers' beading needs by offering a full range of beads, clasps and findings. Owner Kathleen Crampton is particularly proud of their gemstone collection. "Whether you are looking for a tiny item or a fabulous necklace, we hope you will feel the spirit of aloha in our store," said Crampton.

The shop also repairs jewelry and offers instructions for customers to make or repair their own jewelry by appointment. Discounts are offered to frequent customers.



from Kathleen's Creations

Crampton was an elementary school teacher in Kohala for 15 years before opening her shop. She began selling her beadwork in 2003 at fairs and other stores around the island and then shared a store with Ika Vea in Kapa'au for three years. In 2008 the shop moved to its current location in Hawi. Three other Kohala residents help serve the community at

Kathleen's Creations: Gail Ching-Lee, Alexis Faisca and Victoria Fojtasek.

The shop is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See them online at [www.kathleenscreations.net](http://www.kathleenscreations.net).

### KAPA'AU Dunn Gallery

Dunn Gallery, located at 54-3862 Akoni Pule Highway in Kapa'au, offers traditional to avant-garde wood art including 80 varieties of Big Island grown woods. The gallery showcases superbly crafted contemporary, traditional and functional wood art.

Proprietor Linda Dunn opened the gallery on April 1, 2009. The gallery features the following North Kohala artists along with other Big Island artists and selected artists from around the world: Dick Medve (sculpture); Red Teichmann (joinery); Willem Chevallier (ship replicas); Tom O'Connor (turning); CJ Kenyon (beading); David Gomes (ukuleles and guitars); Ron Hester (tables); Kelly Dunn (turning and sculpture); Rachel Dunn (spindle turnings); and Susan Kobzev (cards).

Dunn Gallery also promotes and explores the creativity of wood art through education, demonstrations and exhibits. Exhibits rotate monthly with scheduled demonstrations and alternate with "Meet the Artist," a chance to talk story with a guest artist and observe the creative process. During the month of August, the third annual Vessel Exhibit will be on display at the gallery. This exhibit features assorted vessel styles, including closed and open vessel forms, segmented vessels, sculptural vessels and vessels with ornamentation, crafted from a variety of woods from Hawaii and beyond.

The gallery is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday by appointment; call 884-5808. Visit their website at [www.dunngallerywoodart.com](http://www.dunngallerywoodart.com).



### Kohala Artists' Coöperative

The Kohala Artists' Coöperative is going on its fifth year at Kenji's House in Kapa'au. Started by and for local artists, its purpose is to create more opportunities for artists to show their work and interact with the community.

"Locals and tourists alike will enjoy the diversity and refreshing originality of the gallery offerings. All of the art and craft presented is made here in Kohala,

and much of it can only be found at Kenji's," said Director Malia Welch.

Kenji Yokoyama, the house's former resident, was an avid shell collector. His studio is recreated on site as the Kenji's Room Museum.

Last year, the Artists' Coöperative created a partnership with the Learning Center to enhance the learning opportunities at Kenji's. There are now a wide variety of classes taking place both in the arts and other areas. Classes are listed online at [KohalaLearning.org](http://KohalaLearning.org), as well as in the brochures posted on bulletins across town.

The unique setting, conveniently situated in town yet quiet and peaceful, provides an ideal space for community gatherings. The gallery space is open for two-week shows, as well as a continuing display of members' work. Welch invites the public to "keep an eye out for upcoming events and stop by for a class or just to visit the gallery—it's definitely worth the walk up the drive."

Kohala Artists' Coöperative is open weekdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. Call 884-5556 or visit [www.KohalaArtists.com](http://www.KohalaArtists.com).

### Vea Polynesian Gifts

Vea Polynesian Gifts offers a little bit of everything—Hula implements such as 'uli'uli, pu'uli sticks, ipus, and ipu heke—all made right here in Kohala. Owned



from Vea Polynesian Gifts

by Ika and Puanan Vea and managed by Carol Wejrowski, the shop opened in 1976 in Hawi and later moved to the Sakamoto Building in Kapa'au.

The shop also has a large selection of drums (puniu, pahu, toere) as well as weapons made with marlin bills, shark teeth and koa or milo wood. Their jewelry selection includes one-of-a-kind necklaces made with shells, pearls, and crystals (lots of bling bling); a large selection of sterling silver jewelry; and a variety of earrings made with coconut shell to pearls to beach glass. With wood carvings and lots of tikis, cell phone charms, aprons, hats, shell leis, purses, sarongs, and even Filthy Farmgirl soaps, shoppers will be certain to find just the right unique gift.

The gift shop also shares the store with "I Love Sushi To Go," owned and managed by Loreta Shontell-Min, where you can pick up or order the freshest sushi in town.

With great gifts at affordable prices, Carol says, "we have many return customers (tourist and local) that say, 'this is my favorite store.' All the hand made items make our store very unique."

The shop is open Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays during peak season. And they are happy to stay open longer if you call and are on the way. Reach them at 889-5395.



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bookstore space of the Nanbu Building in downtown Kapa`au and has been owned by Danny Burris and Michael Gamble for four successful years. Danny and Michael felt Kapa`au, with its notoriety as an art destination, would be the perfect location for their second gallery, the other being in Arizona. Traffic is about 50 percent locals who consider Pura Vida Gallery the "go to" gallery when they need gifts or when entertaining visitors. The close proximity to Waimea, the resort areas on the Gold Coast of the Big Island, and Pololu Valley overlook also contribute to the tourist traffic for the gallery.

Everything in the gallery is American handcrafted, either in Hawai`i or on the mainland. Big Island artists include watercolorist Carolyn Lancaster, noted glass artists Hugh Jenkins and Daniel Moe, wood artist Ernie Torres, jewelry artists Melissa Soares, Lucinda Moran, Adam Shoham, and Bill Traub, as well as ceramic artists Amber Aguirre, Margaret Lynch, and Pattie Datlof. Handcrafted items also include a selection of fun, eclectic wearable art.

The busiest season is from November through April with plenty of visitors in the summer as well. Explore Pura Vida Gallery Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### ChiChi La Fong



ChiChi La Fong moved her unique resale boutique to Kapa`au from Hilo a year ago after seeing "For Rent" in her favorite historic Nanbu building. She hopes to develop a local following for her upscale contemporary clothing offerings, but grateful visitors find her when seeking quality resortwear or antique kimono. They especially like the selection of modern fiction. There are a lot of books



in the small shop, tucked into shelves along with racks of clothing.

The boutique is one of the few places island-wide for fabulous occasion dressing. La Fong says, "Quite a few ladies have found out my expert dressing skills, honed over 30 years of experience, get 'thrown in' if you have some time to work together." The guys will have to settle for aloha shirts, the occasional tuxedo, and a paperback. This must-see shop also sports some "vintage kine" and housewares. The shop is closed Sundays. Contact La Fong at 987-0887.

### Ackerman Galleries

Ackerman Galleries was founded about 30 years ago, when Gary Ackerman opened the first art gallery in Kohala, located where Minnie's restaurant is now.

The gallery was very small. Only a few tourists drove by each day, and Ackerman sold a few of his paintings and special items that he and his wife, Yesan, got from their travels. About 25 years ago the Ackermans moved their gallery to a small store across from the King Kamehameha Statue. Every year it grew and eventually took over the entire building, all five stores, and is now the gift gallery, offering fine art, paintings, fused glass, woodwork, jewelry, aloha wear, and Hawaiian gifts.

About 20 years ago, Ackerman bought the old gas station on the other side of the street and, instead of tearing it down, turned it into an art gallery, with a focus on fine art. Although it would have been cheaper to destroy the building, the renovation started the trend of fixing and saving the beautiful old buildings in Kohala and keeping the character of the town.

The whole family contributes to the success of the two galleries. Daughter Alyssa Ackerman Slaven and her husband, Ronnie Slaven, took over the gift gallery about three years ago. Ackerman and his other daughter, Camille Dugan, are both oil painters, and Camille's husband, Brian Dugan, is a fused glass artist. Alyssa makes jewelry and hand-picks all the merchandise in the store, and her husband works in back and pays the bills.

The two galleries and the family's Snack Shack restaurant next door employ 16 non-family members. The

Ackerman's mission is to support local artists and the local economy and to help the community through donations and participation in the Kohala Merchants Association.

The busiest season is from December to March, and while most of the galleries' business comes from tourists, Alyssa notes they also have many local customers, who are offered a 10 percent discount. The gift gallery, across from the statue, is open 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day of the year, and the fine art gallery is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Sundays. Visit them online at [www.ackermangalleries.com](http://www.ackermangalleries.com).

## What Visitors Are Saying about Shopping in Kohala

—photos by Aniela Chertavian



John and Felicia Titus – Simi Valley, CA

John and Felicia Titus were intrigued about North Kohala from what they had read about it in a guidebook and inquired whether it was really the birthplace of King Kamehameha I. They said Hawi sounded like a picturesque town and they wanted to come and explore. After finishing their ice cream, they planned to explore the local shops and said when visiting a place like Kohala, they look for items that are unique and locally made.

Waltraud Steinhilber and Anne Ruehle were in Kohala visiting Steinhilber's sister and enjoying the Kamehameha Day festivities in Kapa`au. The friends were in uniform agreement about what they look for in a place like Kohala—unique jewelry! They also enjoy finding local art, and for take-home souvenirs, t-shirts are always a favorite. Steinhilber and Ruehle were about to venture into Ackerman Galleries to shop for some local treasures.



Waltraud Steinhilber and Anne Ruehle – Dusslingen, Germany



Wendy Kelly and Whitney Kelly – Colorado Springs, Colo.

Wendy and Whitney Kelly came to Kohala to see Pololu but found the towns along the way to be irresistibly charming. When asked about what they look for when shopping in a place like Kohala, Whitney said she likes to find handmade jewelry and other small, portable items that are easy to take home. Both of the Kellys agreed that they look for items that are unique to Hawai`i, not something they can easily find and order on the internet.



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Parrot Bay Rum, 750 ml.	11 <sup>99</sup>
Kendall Jackson Cab., Merlot, Pinot, 750 ml.	15 <sup>59</sup>



## Free Taiko Classes in North & South Kohala

Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko (RMD) Hawai'i celebrated its 15th anniversary of Okinawan Eisa Taiko in the islands with a sold-out recital performance at the Neil Blaisdell Concert Hall in Honolulu on Father's Day. Eighteen members from Kohala and Waimea joined the ranks of almost 100 performers for this once-in-a-lifetime event.

All four island chapters were joined by three dozen world-class performers from Okinawa. The concert was a spectacular display of athleticism, fusing traditional culture with contemporary, and creating an exciting experience for

the enthusiastic audience.

RMD Kohala and Waimea is offering new beginner classes for persons of all ages. Saturday morning classes in North Kohala started July 23 from 8:30 to 9 a.m. (please call for location). Sunday morning classes in Waimea began July 17, 9 to 9:30 a.m. at the Waimea Community Center. All beginner classes are free. Rehearsals follow, which new students are welcome to watch.

Classes may be offered in Waikoloa and Kona areas at future dates. For more information call Kathy Matsuda at 889-5801.



—photo by Jenna Vega

Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko members from Kohala and Waimea performed at the Blaisdell Concert Hall in Honolulu June 19 to celebrate the 15th anniversary of Okinawan Eisa Taiko in Hawai'i.

## Hoffmann Discusses Budget at Kohala Talk Story

By Megan Solís

County councilman Pete Hoffmann met with a small group to talk story at the North Kohala Public Library July 11.

The main topic was the recent budget battle between Mayor Billy Kenoi and the council, which had attempted to amend the mayor's May 5 budget. Kenoi vetoed the amendments, and the council was unable to get the six votes necessary to override the veto. The new budget became effective July 1.

Although a balanced budget, Hoffmann said it doesn't save expenses but is balanced by deferring some liabilities. Hoffmann said the council was seeking to change only three percent of the mayor's budget, but the mayor was unable or unwilling to compromise.

Among the provisions of the new budget, the two percent public access and open space land fund and the West Hawai'i golf subsidy were retained. The new budget also established a \$1 one-way bus fare for Hele-On riders. Hoffmann commented that our priorities are wrong when we increase fees for bus riders, typically workers, and retain a subsidy for golfers. He noted that the estimated revenue to be generated from the bus fare (about \$520,000 year) is about the same as the subsidy provided for the golf program. The bus fare became effective July 1, but fares are waived for children under age 5, senior citizens at least 55 years old, students and the disabled.

Hoffmann discussed a possible outside review of property taxes, which he supports. Although exploring what the cost

of the review would be, he said it is the responsibility of citizens to address any allegations of inequity in the tax code.

He also addressed the current revision of building codes and said electrical, plumbing and building codes need to be brought up to date from 2008. He did not know how revised codes would affect construction costs but said they are important for building safety such as hurricane and earthquake resistance. A second reading of the proposed changes was set for July 22.

Hoffmann continues to propose implementing an impact fee on new developments and construction to cover the costs of providing improvements to public facilities and services, such as roads, fire, police and solid waste. He has amended the proposal to allow for an exemption for the first unit of any development, which would include single-lot homeowners. He said the impact fee is designed to cover the capital improvement project budget and allows those funds to be directed closer to home. Hoffmann has a presentation on impact fees prepared that he would be happy to give in Kohala if there is public interest. Anyone interested in seeing the presentation can contact him at 961-8273 or phoffmann@co.hawaii.hi.us.

Finally, Hoffmann addressed the bill to reduce the use of plastic bags in the county. The final hearing is set for November 15. He expressed frustration that the plan has been talked about for three and half years and has been delayed by the hearings.

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## Discovery Garden Has Roots, Will Continue to Grow at KES

Kohala Elementary School's Discovery Garden program is here to stay, said elementary school principal Danny Garcia.

With the loss this year of The Kohala Center funding for the coordinator position held by Ming Wei Koh, there had been some concern at the CDP Action Committee meeting in June that it would mean the demise of the program. Not so, assured Garcia.

He explained the coordinator position was funded partially by KES and in majority by The Kohala Center; however the Discovery Garden was written into the KES 2011-2012 Academic and Financial Plan and will continue to be so. Garcia said he will continue to set aside funds for a 17-hour-per-week Discovery Garden coordinator yearly.

Because Koh has accepted a full-time position at Hawaii Preparatory Academy as their Sustainability Program director, KES has hired Star Baker as its Discovery Garden coordinator for 2011-2012. After interviews with several highly-qualified candidates, Baker was selected because of her extensive experience with The Kohala Watershed and Kohala Reforestation Project, as well as her current studies in the agricultural program at the University of Hawaii, Hilo. In addition, her daughter is a current KES fourth-grader. Baker and her husband have already been involved with the garden

since September 2010, attending most of the garden volunteer days, and have been the lead in developing the garden's irrigation/water catchment system.

Koh will continue to lead the school's Gifted and Talented Program students' garden/sustainability school projects this school year and will also serve as a partner/mentor for Baker. Nancy Redfeather of The Kohala Center/Hawaii School Garden Network will also continue to serve as an advisor to the garden program.

"Our students, teachers, and parents support our Discovery Garden, and we humbly ask the Kohala community to continue to support our garden," said Garcia.

## Local Youth Invigorated by HIP Ag Farm Fieldtrips

The Hawaii Institute of Pacific Agriculture (HIP Ag) hosted over 100 youth from Kohala Elementary School summer programs this past June. The weekly fieldtrips provided students with an interactive tour of the new farm site, and a look into healthy living and eating habits. KES Principal Danny Garcia was excited about the fieldtrips, and both parties look forward to future collaboration.

HIP Ag also offers farmer and community leadership training for young adults from on-and off-island. Currently in their first session with six eager students, HIP Ag invites the community to participate in a sustainable building project starting August 8. For part of the self-sufficiency aspect of the program, students will be working with local and recycled materials to create an outdoor classroom for teaching and hosting future community workshops and events.

HIP Ag is opening up the construction to interested community members who either have skills in building, materials to donate, or simply want to learn more about sustainable building techniques. HIP Ag will be hosting an end of session luau on August 13.

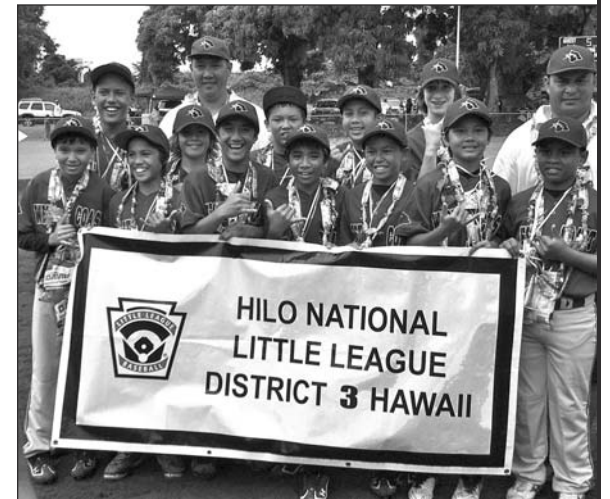
For more information or to participate in this event, email [hipagriculture@gmail.com](mailto:hipagriculture@gmail.com) or call 889-6316.

The principal said the school's vision is a Kohala Complex garden/agricultural program, not only to support core academics (science, math, reading, writing, technology), but also to prepare Kohala students with basic gardening skills

and expose them to possible careers in agriculture, horticulture, aquaculture, ranching, farming, health, nutrition, etc. The school also wants to establish a partnership with the UH Hilo agriculture program.

## Local Sluggers Earn Berth at State Little League Tourney

West Hawaii (Division 3) All Star team won the Hawaii Island Little League tournament held June 26 in Hilo. Despite the rain and mud, West Hawaii held strong with a score of 11-0 against Hilo in the championship game. The team includes players selected from North and South Kohala: Chris DeSolvo, Tate Fernandez, Jonah Hurney, Geno Sargent, and Tupu Toafili, combined with Kona players to train with Shane Alani in Kona almost daily for the past month. Their determination



has earned them the island title as well as a trip to Maui for the State tournament held the weekend of July 15, where they were slated to play Maui, Makakilo, Aiea and Kaneohe. Congratulations to these awesome All Stars!

—photo by Faye Mitchell

## Reading and Writing and 'Rithmetic...

Sharpen those pencils and brush off the backpacks, it's back-to-school time! Students return to the classroom on August 1; so drivers, be cautious and watch for children crossing streets and waiting for buses.

### Important dates to know:

#### July

- 25 Mon 8:30 am – 12:00 pm, Kindergarten K.A.M.P., orientation for parents and kindergarteners, KHS Cafeteria, 889-7100.
- 26 Tue First day of school for teachers, Kohala public schools.
- 27 Wed 6:30 pm, Ninth Grade/ New Student Orientation; meeting for incoming ninth-graders, new students & parents; KHS Cafeteria, 889-7117.

#### August

- 1 Mon First day of school for students, Kohala public schools.
- 19 Fri Statehood Day – no school.
- 25 Thu 5:30 pm, Kohala Elementary open house & SCC meeting, KES, 889-7100.

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## Local Swimmers Headed to Maui and O`ahu

Naomi Ney from Kohala Warrior Aquatics represented the team at the USA Swimming Long Course Age Group State Championship held in Kihei, Maui, from July 15 to 17. Head coach Jeffrey Coakley was there to offer encouragement and advice to the 10-year old swimmer. (Results were not available at press time.)

The following weekend, four Warrior teammates, Marvelanne Clark (10), Maya Inglis (11), Kassie Kometani (14), and Yuki Zbytovsky (13), are headed to O`ahu for the USA Swimming Junior Age Group Championships, accompanied by assistant coach Bill Inglis.

These youth, along with fellow team members Sydney (7) and Bayleigh (11) Wiernicki, have trained five days per week during the rigorous long-course season, which concludes with these meets. Swimming is often portrayed as an individual sport and performance is in fact measured on an individual basis, but the Kohala Warrior Aquatics team is very much that—a team. They train together, cheer for one another, celebrate victories, and console when there is disappointment.

In preparing for the State and Junior Championship meets, many of the swimmers switched to two-a-day practices, arriving at the Kamehameha Park Pool at 7 a.m. for a one-hour workout

followed by an afternoon workout from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m. Notching up daily practice yardage in the 1,000 to 2,000-plus range is not at all unusual and is combined with core and cardio work to enhance swimmer conditioning.

"The girls have all worked hard and they always do a great job when representing Kohala at the swim meets,"

shared Coakley. "I am proud of what they've accomplished amongst very

stiff competition and I know they'll do their very best at the Maui and O`ahu meets."



—photo by Vicky Kometani

**Kohala Warrior Aquatics Team:** front row Asha Inglis, left, and Sydney Wiernicki; second row left to right, Keala Gusman, Maya Inglis, Marvelanne Clark, and Naomi Ney; third row, left to right, Kassie Kometani, Yuki Zbytovsky, and Bayleigh Wiernicki; and top row, assistant coach Bill Inglis, left, and coach Jeff Coakley.

## Novice Swim Season Begins August 8

What do Olympian Michael Phelps and Kohala's Olympian Daniel Coakley have in common? They both started their swimming careers as novice swimmers.

The County of Hawaii Novice Swim season begins August 8 and ends with a championship meet October 29. Anyone up to the age of 17 years old who can swim 25 yards non-stop and attend at least three practices per week is welcome to join.

Participants will learn the four competitive strokes of front crawl, back crawl, butterfly and breaststroke. They will also learn dive starts and turns.

Friendly competitive swim meets will be held at the Laupahoehoe, Kona Community Aquatic Center, Konawaena and Kawamoto pools with a championship meet for team trophies



—photo courtesy of Jeffrey Coakley

**Coach Coakley with some of his novice swimmers** at the Pahoia pool.

Registration cost for the three-month program is \$25.00 per swimmer. To register or for more information contact Kohala Swimming Pool senior lifeguard Jeffrey Coakley at 889-6933.

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**Saturday, August 13th, 10 am — 3 pm KOHALA COMMUNITY HARVEST DAY**

Kohala Intergenerational Center (behind Kamehameha Park Gym)

**HARVEST** your extra fruits and vegetables (citrus, avocados, guava, breadfruit, lilikoi, banana... anything!). If you need us to harvest for you, we can do that too— call Carol at 889-5391.

**BRING** your bounty. Drop off on Friday, August 12th, 3 - 7 pm or Saturday, August 13th 9 - 10 am, and then stay and help prep and eat! Lunch at 1 pm.

**HAVE FUN** while preparing and processing the food into a community feast and into products to share. **LEARN NEW** food preparation and preservation skills each month. August is **FILIPINO FOOD** month. Got vegetables and recipes to share? Lots of **MUSIC** and **LAUGHTER**.

**EAT** a community prepared meal and **CONNECT** with your community—old timers, newcomers, all ethnicities, all ages.

**SHARE** food with others—your fresh, local food donations will be distributed back into the community through the Food Basket and Kohala Senior Nutrition Program.

**MORE** at [communityharvesthawaii.org](http://communityharvesthawaii.org). Let us know if you are coming and what you will bring... or just show up.

*Community Harvest Hawaii is helping to build a local, sustainable food system in North Kohala and is a project of the North Kohala Community Resource Center and a partnership between the North Kohala Eat Locally Grown Campaign, Ka Hana No'eau and the Ho'ea Agricultural Park. The project is funded through the Island Innovation fund.*



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## Scenic Byway Wins Early Approval

Akoni Pule Highway successfully rolled through its first bend on the road to being named Hawaii Scenic Byway Ka Ala `O Kohala—The Way of Kohala. The Highways Division of the state Department of Transportation recently approved the nomination prepared by the local committee. "Now comes the work of preparing for community leadership of the project," said Scott Bedingfield, co-chair of the ad hoc committee, which has been meeting weekly.

An open public meeting to share ideas for decisions yet to be made will be held Wednesday, August 10, 5:30 p.m., at the Kohala Elementary and High School cafeteria.

The byway will run along Akoni Pule Highway, which will keep its name, from Honokaa Gulch near Kawaihae to Pololu Valley. Kohala's multi-layered history will be the focus of the driving experience. Using the suggestions from the public meeting the committee will prepare the application for state designation of the byway, including plans for a long-term local byways committee and a management plan to enhance the values chosen by Kohala people.

History is expected to play a big part in planning for the byways program. The benefits of the designation will allow the community to tell its story and preserve significant historic sites, to empower the community in making funding decisions for highway and associated projects,



—photo by Toni Withington  
*Akoni Pule Highway will retain its name if the road is approved as Hawaii Scenic Byway Ka Ala `O Kohala.*

and to focus the visitor experience on the history, culture and natural beauty of Kohala.

The management plan, which forms much of the next round of the byways process, will set up the method for identifying and evaluating the importance of the many points of interest along the corridor. This also gives the community a chance to de-focus and protect more fragile places from public view.

Sponsor for the Ka Ala `O Kohala byways project is the North Kohala Community Resource Center. For more information about the public meeting or the byways committee, contact Scott Bedingfield at 896-9001 or Judy Rogers at 430-5689.

## KOHALA CALENDAR

### August

- 1 Mon First day of school, Kohala Public Schools.
- 2 Tue Kupuna Softball League state championships, Old Kona airport, continues through 8/4, for game times for local teams, see [www.kupunasoftware.com](http://www.kupunasoftware.com).
- 3 Wed 4:30 – 6:30 pm, No. Kohala Public Access Group Mtg., Senior Center, Ted, 889-5801.
- 3 Wed 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Bon Dance Practice, Hawi Jodo Mission, Jean, 756-5896, or Kathy, 889-5801.
- 4 Thu 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Bon Dance Practice, Hawi Jodo Mission, Jean, 756-5896, or Kathy, 889-5801.
- 4 Thu 6:00 – 9:00 pm, Green Drinks Hawi, Kava Kafe, organic networking & pupus, Forrest, 987-2365.
- 5 Fri 10:00 am, Preschool Story Time series, Kohala Library, 889-6655.
- 6 Sat 6:00 pm until 6 am Sunday, Relay for Life, Veterans Field at Kamehameha Park, Maile, 334-0010.
- 6 Sat O-Bon festivities, 4:00 pm-cemetery visitation; 6:30-church service, 7:00-Bon Odori, Hawi Jodo Mission, Jean, 756-5896, or Kathy, 889-5801.
- 7 Sun O-Bon festivities, 10:00 am-church service; 12 noon-Fune Nagashi (sailing boat), Mahukona, Jean, 756-5896, or Kathy, 889-5801.
- 8 Mon Sustainable building project begins, help create an outdoor classroom, HIP Agriculture, Dash, 889-6316.
- 8 Mon 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Biddy Basketball Clinic & Registration, grades 5-8, free including uniform, Hisaoka Gym, Tom, 889-5049.
- 8 Mon 4:30 – 6:30 pm, CDP Action Cmte. Public Mtg., Senior Center.
- 8 Mon 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Kohala Haw'n Civic Club Public Mtg., Hawi Community Center, Rochelle, 896-3033.
- 9 Tue 4:00 – 5:00 pm, KCCA Volleyball Clinic & Registration, grades 4-8, free including uniform, Hisaoka Gym, Tom, 889-5049.
- 10 Wed 8:00 am, No. Kohala Merchants Association Mtg., Resource Center, public invited, Bobby, 889-0505.
- 10 Wed 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Biddy Basketball Clinic & Registration, grades 5-8, free including uniform, Hisaoka Gym, Tom, 889-5049.
- 10 Wed 5:00 pm, Kohala's Pay It Forward, call for location, Lani, 889-5852.
- 10 Wed 5:30 pm, Public mtg. about Scenic Byway Ka Ala `O Kohala, KHS cafeteria, Scott, 896-9001 or Judy, 430-5689.
- 11 Thur 4:00 – 5:00 pm, KCCA Volleyball Clinic & Registration, grades 4-8, free including uniform, Hisaoka Gym, Tom, 889-5049.
- 12 Fri 10:00 am, Preschool Story Time series, Kohala Library, 889-6655.
- 12 Fri 3:00 – 7:00 pm, drop off excess produce for Community Harvest Day, KIC, Andrea, 960-3727.
- 13 Sat 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Community Harvest Day, drop off produce 8-10 am, KIC, Andrea, 960-3727.
- 13 Sat 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, `Iole Volunteer Day, New Moon Foundation land, help to maintain `Iole's trails, stay for catered lunch, register with Kerry Balaam, 889-5181.
- 13 Sat 12:00 – 5:30 pm, Meet the Artist with Karen Spachner (children's book illustrator) book and print signing, refreshments, Living Arts Gallery-Hawi, Mary Sky, 889-0739.
- 14 Sun 7:00 pm, "The Economics of Happiness," a free film sponsored by Sustainable Kohala, Algood Barn, 55-3309 Ho'ea Makai Rd, Deborah, 889-6901.
- 15 Mon 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Last sign-ups: Biddy Basketball Clinic & Registration, grades 5-8, free including uniform, Hisaoka Gym, Tom, 889-5049.
- 16 Tue 11:00 am, Adult book discussion group, "The Red Tent," Kohala Library, call 889-6655 for info.
- 16 Tue 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Last sign-ups: KCCA Volleyball Clinic & Registration, grades 4-8, free including uniform, Hisaoka Gym, Tom, 889-5049.
- 16 Tue 4:00 – 5:30 pm, Hope for Haiti Mtg., St. Augustine's Walker Hall, new members welcome, Lani, 889-5852.
- 18 Thu 1:30 – 2:30 pm, Kohala Hospital Auxiliary Mtg., Hospital Pavilion, new members welcome, Dixie, 889-5730.
- 20 Sat 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Treasures Helping-Hand Store, Assembly of God, Hawi Rd., free meal: 10 am – 1 pm, 889-5177.
- 20 Sat 5:00 – 6:30 pm, Free Grindz -- Hot Meal, Hawi Banyans, Kohala Baptist Church, Sondra, 889-5416.
- 25 Thu 5:30 pm, Kohala Elementary open house & SCC mtg., KES, 889-7100.
- 26 Fri 10:00 am, Preschool Story Time series, Kohala Library, 889-6655.
- 27 Sat 11:00 am – 12:30 pm, Free Community Meal, St. Augustine's Walker Hall, Thrift Store open 10 am – 12:30 pm.
- 27 Sat 5:00 pm, Kohala Lions Club Luau fundraiser, \$20, see Lions Club members for tickets or call 884-5986.
- 29 Mon 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm, Jewelry-making Workshop with Sid Nakamoto for adults & teens, Kohala Library, 889-6655 to register.

Email calendar listings to [kmncalendar@hotmail.com](mailto:kmncalendar@hotmail.com) or call 884-5986.



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## GoKohala.com Celebrates 8 Years and a New Look!

More than eight years ago, Kohala's professional local marketing and design company, Kucera Design and Productions (KDP), envisioned a website that would showcase the culture, beauty, history, events, and activities of Kohala while being a valuable resource for visitors and community residents alike. In addition, KDP saw the need for a virtual visitors' center where website visitors could gather valuable information about Kohala's businesses.

This vision would eventually become the very popular and successful GoKohala.com website. With thousands of visitors each month, GoKohala.com has become the number-one-visited website for anything relating to Kohala. With the tagline, "Your Source for Everything Kohala," people from around the world and even in Hawaii have discovered and appreciated the unique qualities that make Kohala so cherished through visiting GoKohala.com.

GoKohala.com is essentially a portal where Hawaii residents and worldwide visitors can experience Kohala virtually and attain resourceful information. Being in the "electronic age," many visitors use their iPhones or Smartphones to find information once they're on island or even in Kohala. Beautiful and artistic photos of Kohala's landscapes, towns, vistas and annual events such as Kamehameha Day can also be found and viewed on the site.

One of GoKohala.com's valued clientele, Denise NeKrush, owner of Star Light, Crystals, Jewelry, Art & Rare Treasures, shares, "I love having our shop on GoKohala.com. It is an opportunity to reach out to people all over the world and in our community who are interested in visiting our specialty shop. We have had visitors find us on GoKohala.com when searching for crystals and other related terms. I also love the way Wendy and Clark Kucera of GoKohala.com have captured the pureness, heart, culture and pristine beauty of North Kohala that many of us cherish and want to preserve as 'Historic Hawaii' for our families, visitors and future generations."

Another respected client, Beth Thoma Robinson R (B) of Hawaii Life Real Estate Services LLC, commented, "Since I don't have a physical storefront, many of my real estate clients find me online. Hawaii Life's website covers the entire

state, which is like sifting through the wide end of a funnel. If someone already knows they are interested specifically in Kohala, being on GoKohala.com is like pouring them directly into the narrow end of the funnel. The other reason I love GoKohala.com is that clients' questions about Kohala can be answered right on the website!"

Ha'aheo Neves, director of sales and marketing for Big Island Eco Adventures, another appreciated client, sums it up this way: "We advertise our company's three businesses on GoKohala.com and feel it's a great way to reach people both in Hawaii and around the world. It's a valuable online resource; and visitors and residents can access the site and discover that we offer exhilarating zipline courses through BIEA, accommodations at our hotel, the Kohala Village Inn, and a restaurant and bar, Luke's Place and the Tiki

Lounge, with viewable online menus and our live music lineup found on GoKohala's events and entertainment calendar. We feel that GoKohala.com shares similar values that our company embraces and are pleased to see that Kohala, Hawaii is being represented in a way that honors our area and is supportive of local business."

For more information about the website, visit [www.GoKohala.com](http://www.GoKohala.com) (also available through [www.VisitKohala.com](http://www.VisitKohala.com)).



## Artist Booksigning at Living Arts

Karen Spachner, a new member of Living Arts Gallery in Hawi, will be signing books and prints at the gallery all day on Saturday, August 13.

Spachner's watercolors express a joyful celebration of tropical Hawaii, with vibrantly colored island scenes animated with geckos, mermaids, and

even dancing cows. Spachner majored in art at Dean College, Franklin, Mass., and studied at the NY School of Visual Arts. She was the artist for several Hawaiian firms' image campaigns and is well known for her illustrated children's books, "Keikilani, The Kona Nightingale" and "The Volcano Adven-

tures of Keikilani."

She was an active exhibiting member of the Kailua Village Artists Cooperative for almost 20 years before recently relocating to North Kohala, and her works can be seen in many homes, galleries, and public buildings in Kona and around the world.

## KES Student Aludino Receives Lex Brodie Award

Kohala Elementary School's Christianelle "CJ" Aludino was the recipient of the monthly statewide Lex Brodie's "Thank You ... Very Much" award.

Student writers in grades four to 12 are invited to submit a letter describing their appreciation to someone who may be a parent, teacher, friend—anyone who has touched their life. CJ wrote to his dad.

CJ, his parents Eric and Frecia Aludino, and his fourth-grade teacher Elizabeth Bauers were flown to Honolulu in June where they were honored at the Perry & Price breakfast show on KSSK.

CJ received a \$100 gift certificate; his class was awarded a \$250 gift certificate which Ms. Bauers used to order each classmate books. Bauers also received a \$250 Lex Brodie's Tire Company gift certificate; CJ's charity of choice, the American Diabetes Association of Hawaii, received \$250; and his family and teacher received a two-night stay at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani.

CJ was also honored at the school's year-end Aloha Assembly, which was attended by the president of Lex Brodie and seven island-wide managers.

The program is sponsored to reinforce

the value of appreciation for others and inspire students to say, "Thank you very much!" Aludino's winning letter is reprinted below:

Dear Dad,

Thank you for helping me with my homework. You are also helping me become a better person and helping me become a better learner.

You're the greatest dad in the whole world and smartest person I know. You are a better basketball player than Kobe Bryant and better than The Rock!

Mahalo,  
CJA

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