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AC Hears Redistricting Concerns, Plans to Address Aquaculture Project

By Lynda Wallach

The October 10 meeting of the Community Development Plan Action Committee opened with statements from George Robertson of the Puako Community Association and Patrick Sullivan from Waimea on the issue of redistricting in favor of Map 40, which Sullivan said preserves rural and agricultural interests.

This was followed by the redistricting report from Joe Carvalho, AC chair, and a member of the Redistricting Commission. He said the commission has been holding meetings in each of the nine current districts. What they are hearing is that people want to keep "communities of interest," like Puako or Waikoloa, together. According to the 2010 census, 185,079 people live on the Big Island. The commission's task is to assure equal voting representation by dividing this number into nine districts having roughly the same number of people: 20,462 plus or minus 4.99 percent. The maximum for a district is 21,483 and minimum is 19,441. Various plans that are being considered can be viewed at the Hawaii County Council website: www.co.hawaii.hi.us/council/reapp/index.htm. Select "Six Plans for Discussion."

Carvalho then spoke on the need for the AC to publish an annual report. He said the subcommittees have done a lot of work that the community needs to be aware of. The AC decided each subcommittee would work with the AC chair to summarize their goals and the progress

that has been made during the past year in implementing those goals.

The issue of open ocean aquaculture was discussed and whether the AC should take a position, not just on the currently proposed project, but on future open aquaculture projects. Rosalind Newlon, the county Planning Department representative, explained that any position must be consistent with the CDP and could fall under the stated goal that "Kohala's pristine coastline and abundance of marine life should be protected from development and be accessible to residents."

It was decided that Carvalho and Richard Leibmann of the Open Ocean Aquaculture subcommittee would review the material gathered by the subcommittee and draft a statement that, after AC review, could be presented to the department expressing concern regarding potential adverse affects of open water aquaculture. This concern is enhanced by the fact there will be no independent third-party review of the results of the current project, a pilot involving a single sphere that is already approved by the state. The Department of Land and Natural Resources has stated it does not have the resources to do a review and will leave it up to the company to assess the results itself.

Hermann Fernandez, reporting for the Growth Management subcommittee, stated its primary goal is to review and gather information on new

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Kohala Robotics Rocks Two Big Island VEX Tournaments



Bert Kanoa, Jr., and Skye Marcum of Kohala Robotics work on a recent project.

Story and photo by Fern White

Kohala Robotics programs from both the high school and middle school earned recognition and awards at two Big Island VEX tournaments. With teams from O'ahu, Maui and the Big Island participating, the HELCO VEX tournament was held September 23 at Kealekehe High and hosted 23 teams, while the Big Island VEX Invitational was held at Waiakea High and included 33 teams.

VEX robotics tournaments run qualifying rounds as seeding matches. The top eight seeds are the coveted rankings that position teams to select their alliances for quarter, semi and finals matches. Final matches run double elimination, best of three to advance.

At the HELCO VEX in Kona, robotics alliances from 22 school teams through 35 seeded matches resulted in Kohala Robotics as 50 percent of the top eight seeds. New partner to the program Kohala Middle School was fourth, Kohala High 2460 fifth, Kohala High 2460A sixth and Kohala High 2460B was eighth.

Ultimately, the top-seeded Kohala Middle 4119A and High 2460 alliance went on to share third place with the Paauilo/Honoka'a alliance. In addition, Kohala High won the award for Sportsmanship, and Kohala Middle won the Spirit & Energy Award.

At the Waiakea event on October 7 to 8, the winner of the tournament was the alliance of Waialua/Waiakea. Kohala High's 2460A team, selected in alliance with second-seed Honoka'a/Waiakea, took second place. The alliance of Kohala

Middle, (who once again ranked highest of the Kohala robotics teams after qualifying matches) with Kohala High 2460B team, tied for third place overall.

The Kohala robotics program has expanded from one high school VEX team to three VEX teams with three completely running robots. The program also includes partnership with the middle school VEX team. Both middle and high school teams work side by side, and a significant amount of growth and improvement of skills sets for students is evident. The program provides learning of

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Posing at the Pumpkin Patch



—photo by Jesus Solís

Zion Hernandez, age 5, and Amen Hernandez-K' ai (7) pose with a local scarecrow at Kohala Mountain Farm's Pumpkin Patch. The farm sold out of pumpkins by early afternoon on its first day, October 22, leaving a bare field behind.

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Successful Kohala Country Fair 2011 Draws Huge Crowds

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Some fairgoers turned ordinary Spam into works of art.

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Promoting Keiki Healthy Living at the Fair

The Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation sponsored a booth at the recent Kohala Country Fair emphasizing "Healthy Keiki" by educating parents and focusing on the importance of changing our diets and lifestyles to improve keiki health.

Children played games while others had their heights, weights, and blood pressure taken. More than 100 children, ages 3 and above, were screened, and several children were found to have high blood pressure.

The foundation also introduced the Hawaii "Living Healthy" program, emphasizing the Hawaii 5210 initiatives, including eating five fruits and vegetables a day, watching only two hours of television, exercising for one hour a day,

and zero sugar drinks.

By increasing water intake, decreasing fried foods, and eating less fast food adults and keiki can maintain healthier weights and avoid the health complications that can result.

The foundation thanks the "The Amazing Tooth Bus" and Dr. Jochen Madeisky for dental supplies provided, so important for our keikis' health.

For more information go to www.hawaii5210.com or call Dr. Garcia at 884-5191.



Dixie Adams volunteered at the Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation booth at this year's fair.

KHS Class of '66 Christmas Dinner Planned

Kohala High School Class of 1966 is planning a Christmas dinner for classmates. The event is scheduled for Friday, December 9, at 55-3457

Akoni Pule Highway, Hawi. A \$20 donation includes dinner, a t-shirt, and a door prize.

Alumni from the class of 1966 who

wish to attend should contact Carol Ching at 889-5495, Brenda (Heirakiji) Romero at 889-0611, or Mary Lou (Carvalho) Ignacio at 889-0674.

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land-use applications, especially those involving subdivisions, special use permits and variances, to report back to the AC, and to disseminate the information so the community is informed of upcoming projects affecting Kohala. He expressed concern that, because of the requirements of the Sunshine Law, new applications may not get on the agenda soon enough to be discussed in a timely fashion. Newlon agreed that any new filings will automatically be put on the agenda so that they can be discussed if necessary.

Toni Withington, reporting for the Public Access subcommittee, said the planning department reported to the subcommittee on the status of various vehicular and pedestrian accesses previously arranged by the department for earlier subdivisions but not yet implemented. Most require a grant of easement to the public from the landowner, who is required to provide a legal description of the grant of easement to the county. The county has not received any of them even though many are several years old. Withington noted specifically the roadway from Akoni Pule to the lighthouse, Coast Guard Road and Mahukona. She also mentioned the

request by the Harrison Trust to change their subdivision permit from seven lots to five, which, if approved, will no longer require them to provide mauka-makai public access.

Susan Fischer of the Infrastructure B subcommittee reported that members of the state Department of Transportation would answer questions at a Scenic Byways public meeting set for October 24.

For Affordable Housing, Collin Kaholo reported the main problem still facing the subcommittee is not having the land on which to build affordable housing units, nor the funds to purchase land. He has met with several entities and individuals regarding donating land, but nothing concrete has happened. As to whether rentals are viable as part of the affordable housing mix, Kaholo said the consensus of the committee is that maintaining rental property is an issue since many renters are not as invested in the upkeep of their property as those who own, but it will not be ruled out if the community wants it.

Toni Withington informed the AC that the Infrastructure A subcommittee has formed a project through the North Kohala Community Resource Center called the North Kohala Park Management Group, which will be

able to receive donations to do work on all the parks in Kohala. The group is already beginning work on the existing bathrooms in the pavilion at Mahukona. They will be soliciting donations for plumbing fixtures, tile and other materials. They will also work with the county to get an accurate map of all the water transmission lines servicing Kohala and then date them to see which are the oldest and most in need of repair or replacement. Keokea Beach Park is open until 6 p.m., but the pavilion is still under construction. The completion date is not known.

Withington asked about the subdivision at Mahukona which, she said, has impacted all sorts of things including access and the conditions at Mahukona and Kapa'a parks. Since it is not a new subdivision, it does not appear on the land use report and therefore does not come up for discussion at AC meetings. Newlon said she would try to get information on the status of the subdivision, and it was suggested that someone from the Kohala Preserve Conservation Trust be invited to address the AC.

The next meeting of the NKCDP Action Committee will be Monday, November 14, at 4:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. The public is urged to attend.

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life skills, critical thinking, communication, science, math, business management and time management all rolled into one fun, high-pressured learning environment.

The robotics program is a year-round commitment. On November 7, Kohala Robotics will assist the North Kohala Public Library's anniversary celebration. A display and demonstration with robotic interaction will be available. On November 26 Kohala robotics will offer the brush bot kits display and sales at the annual craft fair in the school cafeteria.

The teams will travel to O'ahu December 1 to 3 to compete at Pan Pacific VEX Championships at the Hawaii Convention Center. Over 112 teams from Hawaii, China, Thailand, and the mainland will compete. And January 7, 2012, kicks off the large robot season with FIRST, (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.) Botball begins in February/ March, and underwater robotics also begins in the spring.

The Kohala robotics program meets in the evenings three to four times weekly, and during the intercession the teams met daily for five-hour sessions.

Kohala Robotics is supported in part by 21st Century Community Learning Center and is a North Kohala Community Resource Center project. Donations are always needed and appreciated. For details, contact Fern White, program coordinator, at 889-7117 ext 249.

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Resource Recovery Reduces Rubbish at Fair

By W. Tyler Gee

Amidst the hustle and bustle of families, dogs in costume, great food, games, and booths at this year's Kohala Country Fair, there was also a dedicated group of volunteers who were hard at work watching what you eat. Not, that is, what you put in your body, but instead what it is you left behind.

Indeed, while this year's fair grew in size in a great new location, one thing managed to stay the same: the rubbish.

For the last four years, Edward Pollock has organized and spearheaded a group of volunteers as they have sought to prevent "recoverable resources" from making their way into our landfills. As evidenced by this year's highly successful waste diversion, with 29 bags of recoverable items (not counting the 10, five-gallon buckets of piggy food collected!) compared to 11 bags of rubbish, the effort is hardly a waste of time. This year, with Pollock mentoring lead volunteers Leah Mizuta and her husband Stephan Gould, along with 24 other volunteers manning three booths in four two-hour shifts, the crew was able to sort and process the trash of literally thousands of people attending the fair.



—photo by Edward Pollock
Jessica Wieloh, a four-year veteran working with Resource Recovery, poses with bags of recyclable materials that were kept out of the landfill.

While it is certainly laudable that many businesses at the fair this year

chose to use compostable to-go items, what few realize is that when these items are deposited into a traditional landfill they fail to break down because of the lack of oxygen flow that would be present in a proper compost. Adding to the problem is that now that people are finally accustomed to putting things into the recycle bin instead of the rubbish, it turns out that these compostable products are not recyclable either.

Indeed, confusion over what goes where seemed to be the general theme for people when bringing their items up to the Resource Recovery tents. While it is easy to tell where the food goes (and the kids loved slopping food in for the piggies), the differences between what is compostable

versus what is recyclable are not always easy to see. While some fair-goers were veterans of the Recovery tents and had no problems sorting their own, many others seemed not to realize that their plates, forks, knives, and cup were all compostable. But thanks to this year's group of volunteers and organizers, the fair was once again able to recover a significant amount of resources. Not to mention feed a few pigs.

Correction to Galo Fernandez Story

In the September 24 issue of Kohala Mountain News, the story "Galo Fernandez Inducted in Sports Hall of Fame" reported that the Kohala Makule team was started by Fernandez. The team was reportedly also started by Raymond Vega and was originally called Kita's Makules.

Paradise Postal Service Under New Ownership

By Megan Solís

The friendly face behind the counter remains the same, but now it belongs to the new owner of Paradise Postal Service in Hawi. Richard Elliott, who has worked at the shipping/copy/business center for almost a year and half, took over ownership of the small business from Natalie and Thomas Edholm, M.D., effective September 1.

Paradise Postal provides Kohala with private mail boxes with personalized service; shipping via FedEx, UPS and USPS; as well as printing, copying, faxing, laminating, and label printing services. Elliott said he can create and process many types of documents including flyers. And no need to drive to Kona for passport pictures as he has a Kodak machine that can print them for you on the spot. The store also has Internet connectivity, and projects can be sent by email so they will be ready when customers arrive.

Elliott provides more than just basic business services, however. He brings with him a wealth of experience in providing computer support in hardware, software and training. He is incorporating his other business, "Da Computer Guy," into Paradise Postal's expanding list of services. Elliott has more than thirty years' experience in information technology, most recently as Enterprise

IT Project Manager for Albertson's in Boise, Idaho, and had his own consulting business, Co-Active Technologies. Elliott is Microsoft, Network and A+ certified and can service your computer either at the store or in your home.

The reduction in window hours at Hawi post office also prompted Elliott to expand the store's hours, to help those in the community whose schedules make getting to the post office difficult. The store's new hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

A big believer in supporting the Kohala community, Elliott has made a few other changes at the store, including stocking postcards, greeting cards, prints and giclees by Greg Boyer, a local watercolor journalist who paints scenes of the local area. Additionally, the store will feature an Aloha Board with "Great Art to See in Hawi" with a new presentation by a local artist each month.

He has recently gotten involved in the Scenic Byway project "to be one of many voices in the development of our community," and he supports all local business and "green" initiatives.

When Elliott moved to Hawi, he thought it would be short term, but he described what he found here as his "nirvana" and plans to make Kohala his permanent home. He is an avid golfer, a

conga player, and music lover. He loves to be in the water and believes in living aloha. "I want to thank everyone in the community that has and continues to support me and Paradise Postal Service," he said.

Elliott plans to continue to expand services and welcomes requests from the community. He is having a mailbox sale for November: all mailboxes are 10 percent off for a six-month lease and 15 percent off for a one-year commitment.

Contact Paradise Postal Service at 889-1112 or paradisepostal@gmail.com.

Craft Fair Supports Kohala's School Organizations

The Kohala High School Christmas Craft Fair will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, November 26, at the school cafeteria. The community can expect lots of beautiful handmade crafts and gifts, creative baked goods, and delicious food items. This is a great way to support school groups while getting ready for the holidays.

Applications for vendors are available at Kohala High, Middle and Elementary school offices. Deadline for vendor applications is the first week of November. For more information, contact Teresa at 889-7117.

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Letters—

A Few Missed Mahalos from Coqui Coalition

Due to a software error, the Kohala Coqui Coalition inadvertently omitted the names of three donors in our recent

letter of thanks to the community. We wish to acknowledge Joan Channon, Hap Tallman and Mely Mina for their

contributions, which help keep Kohala coqui free. Thank you for your support!
Kohala Coqui Coalition

Kohala Volleyball Star Seeks Help in Achieving Dreams

Aloha,

My name is DJ Wong, and I am a volleyball team player for Kohala High School. This past year our team won the Big Island title championship. We were designated the "all tournament team," and I received both the most valuable player on the team and player of the year awards. I was also voted as one of the "Fabulous Fifteen" among all players in the state. Volleyball has been my one true passion for as long as I can remember, and I take pride in being a humble team member who is always trying to improve myself and others on my team.

Recently, I made the Kuikahi Vol-

leyball Club Team, located on the island of O'ahu. Only three young men were chosen from the Big Island to play for Kuikahi, where we will be challenging our skills by playing with others who are more skilled. It is in my best interest to improve myself overall as a player through practicing with people at a higher caliber than I am. My goal is to attend college on a sports scholarship, and I have started the process for NCAA registering to increase my chances of an athletic scholarship with the support of my guidance counselor, Melody Neitfield. Additionally, I have committed to coaching the Kohala girls volleyball team as my senior project.

I have to travel off-island every other weekend for practices in O'ahu. I will also be traveling to the Junior Invitationals in January held in Anaheim, California, along with the Junior Olympics held in Dallas, Texas. I have a chance to do something special and go somewhere in life with my volleyball skills, and so I am respectfully asking for donations to assist me with travel costs during this important time in my life. Any donation is deeply appreciated and may be sent to P.O. Box 1607, Kapa'au, HI 96755. Thank you so much in advance for your support.

Mahalo,
Donald Wong, Jr.

Stealing Hurts the Whole Community

Dear Editor,

It is sad to say that I now truly understand why close-knit communities in olden days, as described below, had such a harsh penalty for those who stole. I had two Shindawa weed whackers taken from my farm shop... they hung out of the way, under my home. It feels sad to know the Kohala I have known... where you feel safe and everyone cares for others, where you can keep things unlocked because there is a level of respect... is changing.

Stealing tears at the fabric of a community and impacts more than just one person. Please know how wrong it is to steal.

"Although we lived in a communal society and much of the family possessions were owned by the whole community, each individual's personal possessions were treated by others with the greatest respect. A person's belongings were seen as part of himself, and to trespass on his possessions was to violate the man himself. To steal from

someone was to take part of his mana (personal power); therefore anyone who was a thief was expelled from his family. No mistake (or crime) was seen as worse than this. To steal, one had to plan, and the taking was a deliberate act against another." From "Tales from the Night Rainbow: An Oral History as told by Kaili'ohe Kame'ekua of Kamalo, Moloka'i - 1816-1931, by Pali Jae Lee and Koko Willis, page 29.

Thank you,
Randee Golden

Kohala Resident Objects to Treatment of Coqui

Dear Editor,

At this year's Kohala Country Fair, the Coqui Coalition had set up a display with baby coqui frogs. These frogs were being kept in small plastic containers with no air holes and exposed to sunlight. I witnessed numerous dead and dying frogs being kept in inhumane conditions. It bothers me that no one else is offended enough to

put a stop to this outrage.

As an organic farmer, I am against poison chemical sprays of all types and recognize the value of the coqui frog as a fellow member of the ecosystem. It is one thing to spray to keep coquis away from your home and business, but it's another to start a nonprofit that supposedly benefits the community that then goes out and makes a spectacle of mis-

treating defenseless frogs.

I am a part of this community. I have lived my entire life in Kohala and I don't want intolerant people representing my community in such a negative way.

Sincerely,
Dylan Trumpy

Editor's Note: Kohala Coqui Coalition declined to comment on this letter.

Viewpoint

Information and opinions expressed in viewpoint articles are the responsibility of the author and do not necessarily reflect the position of the News or its staff.

A Few 'Bad Apples' Jeopardize Coastline Access

By Beth Robinson

The admirable goal of a shoreline access trail from Pololu to Coast Guard to Kawaihae has been actively pursued by many Kohala people for decades and by the North Kohala Community Access Group (NKCAG) since its inception during the Community Development Plan process.

Recently, in large part due to those efforts, Kohala has benefited from several additions to the west side shoreline public lands, as reported earlier in KMN. Those acquisitions provided a much-needed sense of reward and accomplishment to members of the group and collaborating organizations. A similar effort is currently in progress at Kauhola Point (Lighthouse).

Nevertheless, some of the most difficult challenges to the long-term goals of the group remain. Acquiring the lands or

securing public access across private land is only a first step. Kuleana—or in planning lingo "stewardship"—of the land or trails, with respect for the rights of the public AND the landowners, is an increasing focus of the NKCAG and its partners.

For the group to achieve its goals on behalf of the entire community, it is necessary to have the cooperation of our neighbors who happen to be the fortunate owners of the coastline properties. These private land owners have valid concerns about liability issues associated with the use of their property, about who will care for and maintain the trails and culturally significant sites along the coastline, and about violations of the normal boundaries of neighborly behavior.

During this summer's fishing tournaments a few "bad apples" took chain saws and fence cutters along with their

fishing gear to the coastline between Kapania and Hapu'u, where the landowners are committed to providing reasonable access. When the short tournament was over, three different fence lines had been trashed just so the fishermen could drive a bit closer to their chosen spots.

But that did not end the abuse.

With the fences down and truck tire tracks pointing the way, impressionable young people have been riding ATVs and off-road motorbikes up and down the coast including over and through Hale o Ka'ili—the first heiau dedicated by Kamehameha I to the war god Kuka'ilimoku. In this area are remnants of trails built by the King, as well as buri-als of kahuna associated with the heiau.

Not all the fishermen in the tournament are from Kohala, and perhaps
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Viewpoint — Break the Cycle of Domestic Violence: Tell Someone

By Capt. Richard Miyamoto,
Kohala Police Dept.

October has been designated as the "Commemorating Domestic Violence Awareness Month" here on the Big Island. To promote awareness, here's a little information about domestic violence on the Big Island.

During September, police officers on the Big Island responded to 519 calls involving domestic violence. Out of these calls, 34 resulted in the arrest of the responsible person. So far this year there have been 4,218 domestic calls which have resulted in the arrest of 393 people on the Big Island.

An arrest occurs when a police officer, with or without a warrant, has reasonable grounds to believe that the person is physically abusing or has physically abused, a family or household member, or if a "Warning Citation" is issued to a person and the person either refuses to leave the

residence or violates the terms and conditions of the citation. (HRS 709-906)

Not every call results in someone getting arrested, but we hope that every call results in someone getting help to stop the "Cycle of Violence."

Even on our beautiful island, domestic violence is a problem. Getting help for both women and men to break this cycle, to protect themselves and their children can be as easy as telling someone.

Here are some agencies and telephone numbers that may be helpful: Police - 911; Turning Point for Families - 935-8229; 24-Hour Hot Line - 322-7233; Alternative to Violence (West HI) - 323-2664; Child Protective Services (Kona) - 327-4787; Family Courts (Kona) - 329-2790.

The Hawaii Police Department's website (hawaiipolice.com) also lists more agencies and contact telephone numbers in the "Services" tab. Help is out there: all you have to do is ask.

Viewpoint — Organ Donation Saves Lives, Spreads Aloha

By Raymond and Sharon Moniz

Our daughter, Juliamay K. Moniz, passed away at age 37 on August 22, 2010. Though she had lived in Arizona for several years, she was born in Hilo and raised in Kohala. When she died, the organ donor organization in Arizona contacted us and asked us if we wanted to donate any of her organs. Our plans had been to have her cremated, but when we were contacted we decided to let them use whatever they could to help those who were in need. It was a decision we had to make very quickly but one we have never regretted since, in the past year, the organ donor organization has told us that 24 people have been helped by her gift.

One of the most important and unanticipated responses we received was from the donor organization who forwarded to us a grateful letter from

the man who had received one of Juliamay's corneas. He told us he is a 56-year-old locomotive engineer with one son, three stepsons and a grandson who calls him "papa" and whose hobby is restoring old semi tractors. He said, "I cannot be thankful enough for the gift I received so I can continue with my job and I can enjoy my family and grandson." The day he mailed it to us was the same day we commemorated the first anniversary of her death. What a coincidence! We will correspond with them again through the donor organization.

We gave this gift with our true aloha, and it continues to bring us more aloha in return. We feel that our daughter's spirit lives in all those she has helped. We encourage others to register as organ donors; you will be giving to others another chance in life.

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they do not appreciate this area as the heart of Kamehameha's kula iwi (homeland). But it is depressing to see boulders that have been placed by our kumu to protect the heiau dragged to the side, to allow tire tracks and toilet paper to decorate the sacred site.

Needless to say this lack of kuleana

also makes it very difficult to gain and maintain the trust of the landowners.

The NKCAG would welcome users of the Hapu'u to Kapania shoreline to join its meetings at 4:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Kohala Senior Center, learn about the history of the area, and help us in our efforts to promote both historical preservation

and recreational use. We hope through education and community involvement to replace these selfish acts of vandalism with a sense of pride, especially in

our younger generations.

Mahalo,
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Group



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This Little Pig Tended the Garden...



—photo by Star Baker

Kohala Elementary Discovery Garden student Olivia Baker introduces the program's new garden helpers, Oinky and Wilbur. The pigs are in a mobile pen so they can help eat weeds, till the soil and fertilize. Their skills are used to make the student gardeners' jobs easier.

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Kohala Library Hosts 1st Anniversary Celebration

By Janet Lam

The North Kohala community celebrates the first anniversary of the North Kohala Public Library from 3 to 5 p.m. on Monday, November 7.

Everyone is invited to join in the birthday celebration featuring food, games for keiki, robotics demonstrations, and Hawaiian music by John Keawe.

The North Kohala Public Library opened in November 2010. The completion of a new library realizes a longtime dream for Kohala. Discussions of a new public library go back as far as the 1980s, and various planning concepts emerged through the 1990s. Under the guidance of then-representative Dwight Takamine and librarian Dawn Shibano, a Kohala Library Committee formed in 2001. Following years of meetings to secure library funding, the committee received a donation of land from Surety Kohala Corporation. In October 2005, Gov. Lingle released money for the design of the new library followed by construction funding in January 2008. Isemoto Construction Company began clearing land in March 2009, prior to the April 24 groundbreaking ceremony.

The new 6,000-square-foot library incorporates environmentally friendly features that will earn it a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental

Design) certification. The new library is powered by wind and solar energy yet also offers abundant natural daylight and fresh air.

In its inaugural year, the library's staff has purchased an additional 3,000 books and DVDs for the library. The number of computers for community use has increased from three to 10.

With a larger facility and a community meeting room, the library has also been able to offer many programs that would never have been possible in the Bond Memorial Library. Programs have included classical music concerts to standing-room-only audiences, performance poetry, storytellers, Hawaiian history lectures, educational programs on writing memoirs, saving electricity, and feng shui. Children's story times, homeschool programs, and an adult reading group meet regularly.

The library hours are: Monday, noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The library is staffed by librarian Janet Lam, librarian assistants Joleen Soares and Vicki Rowe, janitor Patsy Pasco, and two student helpers, Jenna Nickl and Adam Anakalea.

For additional information on the library and the anniversary celebration, call the library at 889-6655.



—photo courtesy of Kohala Public Library

After planning and wishing for more than 20 years, the people of Kohala are enjoying the library of their dreams.

Concert, Jewelry Workshop Offered at Library

North Kohala Public Library hosts a concert of Halloween and Autumn Tunes performed by Kohala music students from 4 to 5 p.m. on Monday, October 31.

Adrienne Cherry's piano students, along with guitar students of David Gomes, and students of Wendy Hindley playing flute, clarinet, or recorder will fill the library with sounds of the season. Everyone is invited to enjoy the entertainment by Kohala's young prior to an evening of Halloween festivities.

On Monday, November 28, jewelry artist Sid Nakamoto will demonstrate a simple and beautiful jewelry design for the next adult and teen craft program. Nakamoto offers two sessions of the same program—at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Materials will be provided for

participants to create their own jewelry piece.

Due to the popularity of these jewelry workshops, a limit has been placed on the number of participants. Call the library at 889-6655 to register for the afternoon or evening session of this program.

The library's adult and teen craft programs are free, and materials are donated by the artist or the Friends of the Library. The library is located adjacent to Takata Grocery Store in Kapa'au.

Please call the library three weeks in advance of the program if you require a sign language interpreter or other special assistance.

Contact the library at 889-6655 for additional information.

NKCRC's Annual Online Auction Begins Nov. 1

The North Kohala Community Resource Center announced its second annual online auction will be held November 1 through 15. The auction is available on the center's website: www.northkohala.org; and there will be extensive email broadcasts.

The generously donated items this year range from adventure tours to jewelry to furniture and art. Many pieces will go on display in the NKCRC office

windows starting Monday October 24; the public is invited to stop by and take a look at many of the fun gifts to bid on.

The Resource Center is a 10-year-old nonprofit organization that provides support, training and access to funding for projects that benefit the North Kohala community. It currently sponsors more than 70 community improvement projects.

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Kohala Salutes Its Veterans at Area Events

The Kohala National Guard Alumni presents a Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Field, Kamehameha Park, at 11 a.m., Friday, November 11.

The ceremony will include posting of colors and pledge of allegiance led by Kohala Boy Scout Troop 56; guest speaker Rep. Mark Nakashima; a Veterans Day address from retired Navy Capt. Linda Lewandowski; music by the Kohala Seniors; and special recognition of veterans who served in the Vietnam War.

The public is encouraged to attend in honor of our nation's veterans and active duty military personnel.

Concert and Luncheon for Veterans

In a continuing effort to honor the service of veterans of United States Armed Forces, Operation Vacation is sponsoring a Salute to the Troops luncheon and concert for all local veterans and active duty military. The event will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, November 12, at Ranch Vitorino in Kohala. Call Joe Vitorino at 884-5625 to R.S.V.P.

This is the first year for the event, said Vitorino, organizer of Operation Vacation, a program to provide free Kohala vacations for soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. The program will also be hosting the third soldier for 2011 during Veterans Day week. Sgt. Carlson was recently injured in a mine explosion and although he lost his right eye he is



Kohala Boy Scout Troop 56 will present the colors at this year's Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11.

now able to use his left eye and is in recovery. Vitorino said they are looking forward to meeting Sgt. Carlson and his wife Kelly during their vacation. Carlson will also be a special guest speaker at the Veterans Day ceremony at Kamehameha Park on November 11.

Planet Pioneers Gearing Up for Applications

Planet Pioneers is the leadership, mentorship program dedicated to fostering a more sustainable Kohala. The first year will be geared toward Kohala High School students.

Planet Pioneers will be accepting applications from Kohala High students on its website [www.planetpioneers.org] starting in early November. Applications will close out on November 26. The application process will be completely online. The selection committee, made up of Planet Pioneer volunteer teachers, board members and Hawaii-based partners, will choose six students who will make up the initial group of Pioneers.

The application will focus on a student's leadership potential and commitment to the program. Along with providing the usual personal details, students will also have to answer five short essay questions. The application packages will be presented anonymously to the selection committee to ensure a fair selection process. While Planet Pioneers is looking for successful students, grade point average and grade level will play only a minor role in selection. Leadership, motivation and commitment are

the deciding factors.

The selection committee will choose up to 10 potential Pioneers. Those 10 will then interview with board members and partners, and the final six Pioneers will be chosen. The program plans to announce the selectees on December 5.

Planet Pioneers will be holding informational sessions at the high school in Room N-31 on October 27, November 3 and November 10. The meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. Parents and students are invited to attend.

Program kick-off will be January 4, 2012, with a trip to NELHA in Kona. Pioneers will meet twice a month on Wednesday afternoons. Generally, one Wednesday will be dedicated to visiting and meeting with sustainability leaders and entrepreneurs on the island. The other Wednesdays will be used for hands-on project work.

Planet Pioneers is a project of North Kohala Community Resource Center, which provides fiscal sponsorship for the initiative. Contributions for Planet Pioneer program activities for students can be made direct to NKCRC but must be specifically designated for "Planet Pioneers."

Kamehameha Statue Conservator in Kohala for Book Release

Glenn Wharton, art conservator, returns to Kohala for the release of his new book, The Painted King. The book chronicles his journey, both professionally and personally, during the restoration of the original statue of Kamehameha the Great in Kapa'au. The public is invited to join him at the Senior Center, behind the statue, at 2 p.m. November 20, for a panel discussion, book signing and celebration.



—photo by Sharon Hayden



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27th Annual Kohala Country Fair Provides



Tasha Bermudez, adorned with butterfly face paint, waits her turn for the bungee jump ride.



Bungee jump: "He'd fly through the air with the greatest of ease, that daring young man on the flying trapeze."



Keiki had the opportunity to learn some roping skills with some animals that don't run away.



Conductor Timm takes a trainload of children on a ride around the fairgrounds.



"Country Pride, Country Roots" was the theme of the 27th Annual Kohala Country Fair, and the community came out in droves on October 1 to show its pride and experience the fair at its new expanded location.

David Ebrahimi, chair of the fair committee, estimates about 4,000 people attended the event, filling the large on-site parking lots and lining Akoni Pule Highway with parked cars on both sides.

He noted that although some in the community were skeptical about moving the fair from its traditional location under the banyans in Hawi, once they saw the venue and its layout, the potential for

(see next page)



As Hawi Turns won the lua decorating contest with their haunted (out)house theme.



A dancing hot dog (aka Justin Shontsukichi) helped draw in people to the Project Grad booth.



Leilani Scovel, Brooke Derby and Lynda Wallach (left to right) were among the many

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Many Kinds of Entertainment at New Venue

a spacious, expanded fair become clear.

The open pasture land for this year's event was provided by New Moon Foundation, and Ebrahimi hopes the fair can continue to work with the foundation to use the site annually.

Fairgoer Naomi Bermudez loved the openness of the new fair location, noting that parking was easier and it felt less crowded; and Pake Gonzalez compared it to a "Kohala Woodstock." Although some said they missed the shade of the banyans, overall the feedback from fairgoers was positive.

With expanded rides and games for the keiki, ongoing live music, food and craft vendors, exhibits and demonstrations, silent auction, tug of war, and the chance to express creativity through Spam carving, there was something for everyone at this year's fair.

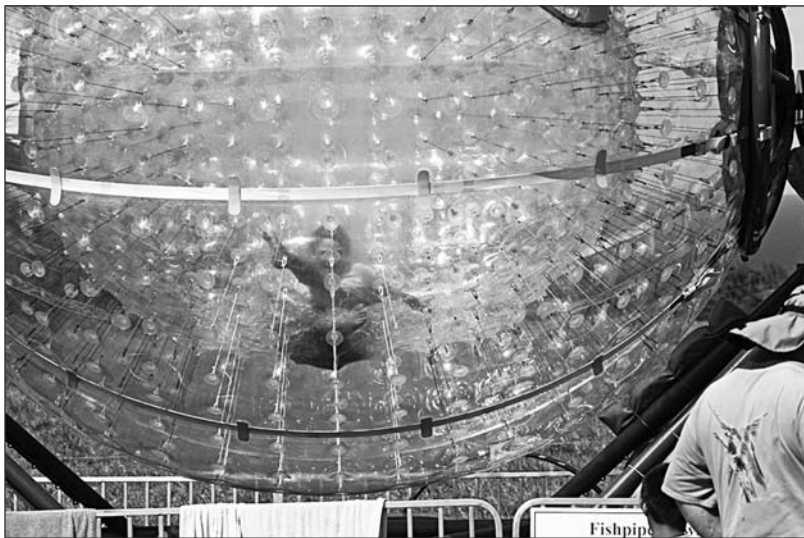


Lisa Ebrahimi of As Hawi Turns mans the Kohala Book Shop booth.

Photos by Cheri Gallo, Frank Morgan and Megan Solís



Some brave souls dared to scale the heights of the rock climbing wall.



The Fishpipe, a giant rotating barrel with flowing water, was a new and popular addition to this year's activities. Riders slide over 400 yards on the slippery surface.



The cars kept on coming and lined Akoni Pule Highway as people flocked to the fair.



The crew at 808 Hui printed this year's Country Fair t-shirts.



Several teams competed in the Tug of War, but Team N.S.P., shown above, beat The Hunters to win the championship.



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Columbia Crest Wine, 750 ml.	9 ⁹⁹
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Crown Royal, 750 ml.	19 ⁹⁹
Jose Cuervo Tequila, 750 ml.	13 ²⁹
Captain Morgan Parrot Bay Rum, 750 ml.	11 ⁹⁹
Smirnoff Vodka, 750 ml.	11 ⁹⁹
Bacardi Rum, 750 ml.	11 ⁹⁹
Woltschift Vodka, 1.75 liter.	11 ⁹⁹
Tanqueray Gin, 750 ml.	16 ⁹⁹

Upolu Airport Coast Restoration Moves Ahead

By Toni Withington

A variety of local groups from seniors to students have volunteered to help restore the coastal land makai of Upolu Airport. Planting of native grass and brush is expected to keep the eroded bluff from sending soil onto the reef and fishing sites below.

Directing the effort is the North Kohala Community Access Group with the cooperation of the State Airports Division and the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. The lead partner from the community will be the new official arm of the access group, Kohala Lihikai, a recently incorporated nonprofit. Six community groups have already volunteered to help with the trail work, sign painting and re-planting efforts.

The coastal land near Upolu Point has been stripped of vegetation by off-road vehicles in recent years. When completed, the area, which is already open for passive use, will sport native plants and a trail for fishermen, hikers and picnickers.

Mike Isaacs, one of the leaders of the restoration, is working with the agencies to prepare the legal authorization for the local groups to work on the land. School kids are being lined up to paint the signs. Keiki naupaka plants are being provided by Airports Division. Plans are being drawn up for a watering system to get the plants and grass started growing on their own.

Before any work happens, the whole site will be inspected by Kohala kupuna and an archaeologist from Ala Kahakai to be sure any historic sites or remnants of past use are cataloged and preserved.

Chauncey Wong-Yuen, Hawaii district manager of airports, reminded the groups and local community that any

access to the airport runway, such as walking dogs, is prohibited by federal law as a safety measure since the airport is still active. The shoreline area is open to public use, even before the restoration activity begins.

The access group is calling for help with the project from anyone in Kohala.

The group meets the first Wednesday of every month at 4:30 pm at the Senior Center. Meetings are open. For more information or to participate in the project, call Toni Withington at 884-5476.



—photo by Howard Olsen

Firefighters Rescue Dog

Early Monday morning September 12, two men from the North Kohala Fire Department successfully rescued a small dog that was hopelessly tangled in underbrush down a steep gulch off Akoni Pule Highway. A pedestrian heard the distressed animal and phoned for help around 7:30 a.m. Firefighters arrived quickly and completed their job in minutes. The dog had been trapped for several hours and was weak from dehydration and exhaustion. She also appeared to be suffering from serious health issues and neglect and may have been abandoned or tossed out. She was turned over to the Hawaii Island Humane Society for evaluation.



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Hawaii Meth Project Presentation Shocks Students

Story by Daryl Diaz

Guest speaker Jennifer Phakoom, a representative from the “Hawaii Meth Project,” attended Kohala High’s School-Wide Bonding on September 7 to educate the students about the drug crystal methamphetamine, more commonly known as meth or ice. From how meth is made, to being sold, to being used—the information had an impact on the students’ views about the drug.

Ciera Lucas, a senior at the school, talked about what she finds the most shocking from the presentation: “It’s surprising that people can be addicted to meth after seven seconds of trying it.” She continued, “I didn’t know ice makes people crazy to the point that they’d kill innocent people. For example, when that addict threw his neighbor’s 2-year-old baby over the bridge or when another addict stabbed an eighth grader for his iPod.”

Sophomore Selina Keawekane feels the same way. She also found other facts about meth surprising. “It’s unbelievable that Hawaii is ranked No. 1 for meth use in the work place and that, out of the whole nation, Hawaii is ranked No. 2 in use of meth.”

Both students want to tell, not just peers, but everyone to be careful and smart about decisions. Just like on the bracelet they received from Hawaii Meth Project, they say, “Not even once.”

Law Enforcement Report for September

During the month of September, North Kohala officers responded to 182 calls for service. This included three traffic accidents, 33 complaints, and 146 miscellaneous calls for service. They arrested four juveniles, all involved with possession of drugs in school. Three adults were also arrested during September: one for an outstanding bench warrant, one for abuse of a family or household member, and one for disorderly conduct. Other reported investigations for September included:

DATE	OFFENSE	LOCATION	ITEMS TAKEN
9/07/11	THEFT	Hawi	Copper wire
9/11/11	THEFT	Hawi	Water pump/hose
9/16/11	BURGLARY	Kapa`au	Bicycle
9/26/11	THEFT	Kapa`au	2 Weed trimmers

Aunty Peaches Poi Balls Coming to Kohala

Kohala’s Warrior Aquatic Swim Team is pre-selling tickets for Aunty Peaches “onolicious” Poi Balls in anticipation of pickup on Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot at St. Augustine’s Church. The team will also hold a car wash and garage sale to raise funds for the team to participate in the Short Course State Championships to be held in Kona this coming December.

Anyone interested in supporting the team and purchasing a pre-sale ticket—just \$9 for a box of 12 poi balls—may contact team captain Kassie Kometani, or team members MarvelAnne Clark, Maya Inglis, Naomi Ney, Kendra Twist, or Yuki Zbytovsky, to help them represent Kohala in the upcoming State Championships.

These swimmers train diligently seven times per week combining morning and afternoon sessions of intense dry land and swim workouts. They are among the top-ranked swimmers on the Big Island, proudly representing the Kohala community. The team looks forward to and appreciates the community’s support.

Hawaii Wildlife Center Sets Grand Opening Date

Following years of fundraising, grant writing, designing and permitting, and hundreds of hours of volunteer efforts, the Hawaii Wildlife Center will celebrate its grand opening Saturday, November 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

“It has indeed been a long and rewarding journey. There are far too many individuals, companies and organizations to thank but on behalf of our board of directors, we are enormously grateful and excited to finally be opening our doors and implementing our vision,” said Linda Elliott, the center’s president and director. The public is invited to attend the grand opening.

Kumu Hula Raylene Ha’alelea Kawaiaea will conduct the blessing, and invited dignitaries will have the opportunity to express their support of the center. Following the symbolic untying of a maile lei, Kohala Middle School students will provide tours of the facility. There will be performances by students of Kohala Hula Halau Kalaniami Alilao O Hawai’i Nei and entertainment by Na Hoku Hanohano and Grammy award-winning slack key guitarist John Keawe.

Fundraising is ongoing for the center to ensure sufficient monies to operate, provide staffing and develop programs.

The center’s mission—to protect, conserve and aid in the recovery of Hawai’i’s native wildlife through hands-on treatment, research, training, science education and cultural programs—will be achieved through the integrated operation of three related components: the wildlife treatment facility, an interpretive lanai and an education pavilion. The 4,500 square foot building includes rooms for wildlife intake, holding, washing, drying, food preparation, lab work, medical treatment and isolation. Its location on just over two acres of land provides sufficient space for an outdoor Recovery Yard. Public visitation is welcome to enhance awareness of conservation issues and challenges. The Education pavilion will be used for training, public lectures and related projects, including opportunities for collaboration with the Kohala School Complex for hands-on learning programs in math, science and conservation both during and after school.

On November 19 the Hawaii Wildlife Center becomes the first state-of-the-art response facility in the Pacific islands exclusively for native wildlife. Visit www.HawaiiWildlifeCenter.org to learn more or to make a donation.

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Artists' Co-op Absorbs Kenji's Shell Museum

By Charles L'Heureux

Nine hundred visitors and five years later, Kenji Yokohama's shell collections in Kapa'au are making room for expanded classes and studio needs of the North Kohala Artists' Coöperative. The museum's volunteers will store the collections until they can be combined with the rest of the professionally-gathered rare shells now with Kenji's relatives. Ultimately, a permanent home with requisite display

cases is necessary.

The co-op's artists need a studio for the messy arts such as printmaking, fabric dyeing, woodworking, framing and metalwork. The upstairs gallery is filling with classes hosted by the co-op and delivered by the North Kohala Learning Center, including chess, American classic literature, video production, arts and crafts for keikis, children's classic movie program, films, armchair travel shows and Hawaiian cultural studies. (Visit

www.kohalalearning.org.) The co-op gallery also hosts bimonthly art shows, and events are held in the outdoor gardens and art tent.

The museum was created by Catherine Morgan and Charles L'Heureux and maintained with help from docent Angelo Teodoro and various members of the artists' co-op. People from all over the world have been delighted by this tiny room that reflects the sustainable lifestyle of a local Japanese diver and shell scholar during the plantation days. Surrounded by his rock, shell and driftwood sculptures; tools; and personal effects, visitors are moved by the relative simplicity with which he lived fully each day.

Children delighted in the hands-on nature of the place, free to handle Kenji's artwork, while creating their own glued-shell sculptures. Sadly, these experiences will not be available anymore. Financial constraints and space needs have made it necessary to put Kenji's collections in storage and for the volunteers to work solely toward finding a permanent home.

Some of the collection will remain displayed in the workroom and in the two videos ("The Art of Diving" and "Kenji's Second Legacy") that chronicle his life and the collections.

To contribute to these efforts, go to the following web link and scroll down to Kenji's Room: www.northkohala.org/projects_current.

Talk Story and Booksigning with Dr. Hank Wesselman

Living Arts Gallery hosts a talk story and booksigning with Dr. Hank Wesselman, Ph.D., author of "The Bowl of Light: Ancestral Wisdom from a Hawaiian Shaman," from 4 to 7 p.m., Saturday, November 19.

Wesselman is an amazing storyteller, anthropologist and author of eight books. In 1996, a revered Hawaiian elder befriended him, and from their rare and intimate rapport, something miraculous emerged. Through the words and teachings of the *kahuna* wisdom-keeper Hale Makua, Wesselman was gifted with an enhanced perspective into the sacred knowledge of ancient Hawai'i.

Before his passing, elder Makua encouraged Wesselman to convey much of what had passed between them to the wider world, giving him permission to share his spiritual knowledge. Dr. Wesselman's book shares: The Bowl of Light—how we can restore our natural divine radiance; the three directives of the spiritual warrior—love with humility, live with reverence, and know with self-discipline; rituals for communing with nature, receiving wisdom from the spirit world, purifying our consciousness, and more; and the Ancestral Grand Plan—exploring the path our ancestors set in motion millennia ago, and how the plan is playing out across the world today.

A book study/discussion group begins meeting weekly at the gallery in late October. Contact the gallery at 889-0739 for a copy of the book and to sign up for the group.

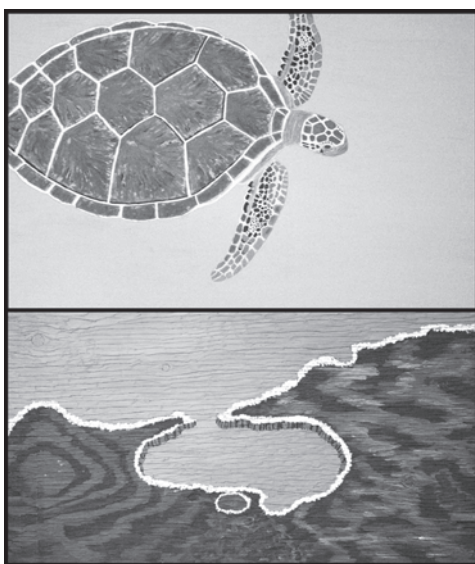
Art Show Opens at Kohala Artists' Co-op

Opening night of "Art Scene: 3 Men, 3 Mythologies" is set for Saturday, November 19, 5 to 8 p.m. at the North Kohala Artists' Coöperative on Akoni Pule Highway in Kapa'au. The public is invited. The show, which runs for two weeks, showcases the art of Scott Olson, Isaiah Price and ArtistBlake, each expressing their connections with the universe with a different focus.

Olson's work features waterscapes of marine mammals, Price displays the creativity found in natural settings, and ArtistBlake provides images of the Rainbow Culture.

Call Catherine Morgan at 960-3597 for questions about the event.

Images by Scott Olson, "Turtle" and "Baths" Acrylic on wood
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Deadline for submitting artwork and payment for the 2012 edition is November 10. Those who submit by November 1 will receive a 10 percent discount. For more information, contact Judy Rogers at 430-5689 or rogersjudy11@gmail.com.

WasteStream Not Subject to Sunshine Law

The State of Hawaii Office of Information Practices issued a memorandum opinion on whether WasteStream Kohala is a board subject to the Sunshine Law. The memo states that WasteStream is not a board as defined by the Sunshine Law because it was not created by "Constitution, Statute, rule or executive order; was not delegated any duties by the North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee (Action Committee); and none of the members of the Action Committee are a part of WasteStream." Because WasteStream does not meet the definition of a "board" it is not subject to the Sunshine Law.

The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law and governs the way all state and county boards must conduct official business; it was instituted to open up government business to public scrutiny and participation.

Kohala resident Frank Maier had requested the inquiry, claiming that WasteStream was a subcommittee of the CDP Action Committee, and as such, was subject to Sunshine Law meeting restrictions. The state based its finding on documents and arguments provided by Maier and the County of Hawaii, in opposition. The memorandum is an advisory opinion.

Seeking Performers for Talent Show Fundraiser

One Holistic Place seeks local singers, dancers and performers for a talent show fundraiser at Luke's Place, Friday, December 9, 6 to 10 p.m. Twenty local stars from Kohala will be judged by three community celebrities. Those interested in sharing their gifts can contact Rachel Allen at OneHolisticPlace@gmail.com or 756-3883.

The talent show is the first major fundraising event for the organization. Tickets include a light dinner, entertainment and the option to bid on silent auction items. Tickets are available for \$20 at the urgent care in Waimea and will be available during business hours after November 1 at Luke's Place. Tickets are \$25 at the door, children ages 5 to 10 are half price and kids under 5 are free.

KOHALA CALENDAR

November

- 1 Tue 4-5:30 pm, Hope for Haiti Mtg., St. Augustine's Walker Hall, new members welcome, Lani, 889-5852.
- 2 Wed 4:30-6:30 pm, No. Kohala Public Access Group Mtg., Senior Center, Ted, 889-5801.
- 3 Thu 9-11 am, CDP Infrastructure Subcmte. Mtg., Walker Hall, public invited, Giovanna, 889-5590.
- 3 Thu 6-9 pm, Green Drinks Hawi, Kava Kafe, organic networking & pupus, Forrest, 987-2365.
- 4 Fri 10 am, Preschool Story Time series, ages 2-5, Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 4 Fri 4-7 pm, Kohala Hospital Auxiliary annual Spaghetti Dinner, St. Augustine's Walker Hall, \$8, tickets at Mother's Antiques in Hawi or Auxiliary members, Dixie, 889-5730.
- 5 Sat 9 am-noon, Kohala Aquatics team, car wash/ rummage sale, poi balls pickup- \$9 presale, St. Augustine's Church, contact team members for tickets.
- 7 Mon 3-5 pm, Kohala library 1st anniversary celebration, public invited, Janet, 889-6655.
- 9 Wed 8 am, No. Kohala Merchants Association Mtg., Resource Center, public invited, Bobby, 889-0505.
- 9 Wed 10-11 am, Homeschool Wednesdays, learn about the library & research techniques, free, Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 9 Wed 6:30 pm, KHS SCC mtg., rm. D-24, parents & community welcome, 889-7117.
- 11 Fri 11 am, Veterans Day Ceremony, Kamehameha Park, public welcome.
- 11 Fri Veterans Day, schools, county & state offices closed.
- 12 Sat 9 am-1 pm, Annual bazaar, Kalahikiola Congregation Church, Iole Rd, Kapa'au, lunch plates for pre-sale, 889-6703.
- 12 Sat 11 am, Salute to the Troops Luncheon and Concert for local veterans and active duty military, Ranch Vitorino in Kohala, call Joe to RSVP, 884-5625.
- 12 Sat 10 am-3 pm, Community Harvest Day, drop off produce 8-10 am, KIC, Andrea, 960-3727.
- 13 Sun 12-5 pm, Kohala Mission School Cultural Festival featuring John Keawe, ethnic food booths, hula, Taiko Drummers, waterslide, silent auction, free, 430-0501.
- 14 Mon 4:30-6:30 pm, CDP Action Cmte. Public Mtg., Senior Center.
- 14 Mon 6-7 pm, Kohala Haw'n Civic Club Public Mtg., Hawi Community Center, Rochelle, 896-3033.
- 15 Tue 11 am, Adult book discussion group, "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian," Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 16 Wed 8:30 am-12:30 pm, 'Iole Volunteer Day, New Moon Foundation land, help to maintain trails, stay for catered lunch, Kerry, 889-5151.
- 17 Thu 1:30-2:30 pm, Kohala Hospital Auxiliary Mtg., Hospital Pavilion, new members welcome, Dixie, 889-5730.
- 17 Thu 3:30 pm, Kohala Elem. SCC mtg., rm. 12, public invited, 889-7100.
- 18 Fri 10 am, Preschool Story Time series, ages 2-5, Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 18 Fri 5:30-9 pm, Kupuna Dinner, Makapala Retreat Center, free for seniors, RSVP by Nov. 4, Jenna, 889-5082.
- 19 Sat 9-11 am, KES Discovery Garden volunteer work day followed by potluck lunch, Star, 896-3436.
- 19 Sat 9 am-1 pm, Treasures Helping-Hand Store, Assembly of God, Hawi Rd., free meal: 10 am-1 pm, 889-5177.
- 19 Sat 10:30 am-12:30 pm, Hawaii Wildlife Center grand opening, public welcome, 345-8421.
- 19 Sat 4-7 pm, Talk Story & Booksigning with Dr. Hank Wesselman, author of "The Bowl of Light," Living Arts Gallery, Hawi, 889-0739.
- 19 Sat 4:30-6:30 pm, Free Grindz -- Hot Meal, under the Hawi Banyans, bring a friend, Kohala Baptist Church, Sondra, 889-5416.
- 19 Sat 5-8 pm, "3 Men, 3 Mythologies" art exhibit opening, Kenji's House, Kapa'au, on view through 11/2/11, 987-3902.
- 20 Sun 2 pm, Glenn Wharton booksigning & discussion of "The Painted King," Senior Center.
- 23 Wed 10-11 am, Homeschool Wednesdays, free, Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 24 Thu Thanksgiving Holiday, schools closed Thursday & Friday, 11/25.
- 25 Fri 10 am, Preschool Story Time series, ages 2-5, Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 26 Sat 9 am-3 pm, Christmas Craft Fair, food, toys, gifts, KHS cafeteria, Teresa, 889-7117.
- 26 Sat 11 am-12:30 pm, Free Community Meal, St. Augustine's Walker Hall, Thrift Store open 10 am-12:30 pm.
- 28 Mon 2 pm & 6 pm, Jewelry-making Workshop with Sid Nakamoto, Kohala library, 889-6655 to register.

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Date Set for Dinner to Honor Area Kupuna

The date is set—Friday, November 18—for the second annual “Kupuna Dinner” to honor North Kohala’s seniors.

Last year, more than 50 excited kupuna from North Kohala came out to the Makapala Retreat Center for a special event in their honor. The center

ning, not one guest left without a smile on their face!

“It was really our joy to get to spend time with them and serve them,” said Elisabeth Kawe, wife of center director Ed Kawe. “Last year was such a success... we really look forward to doing it again this year.”

This year’s event will run from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Pupus will be available upon arrival, and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The evening will also include a luau show, door prizes and hopefully some live local entertainment during dinner.

“The event is at no cost to the kupuna,” said Ed Kawe. “Last year we were so blessed by the generosity of our community through donation of food and

door prizes for the event... it was overwhelming, and we hope for the same response this year.”

Organizers welcome the donation of food and gift certificates from individuals or businesses. Because this event has a limit of 75 guests, attendees must make a reservation by November 4. To donate or RSVP, call Jenna at 889-5082.



—photo by Jenna Vega

Bobbi and Jo Estabilio enjoy the evening at last year’s Kupuna Dinner.

is actually the Old Makapala School, and many of the kupuna who came had attended school there. Now run by Island Breeze Ministries, the center’s staff came up with the idea to host the event because they wanted to hear the kupunas’ stories, let them roam around and reminisce, and provide a nice dinner and show. By the end of the eve-

Kohala Kids Take a Break at Camp Lokahi

More than 40 kids, ages 6 to 14, from Kohala, Kona and Waikoloa recently joined in a day filled with fun, food and friends at Camp Lokahi in Makapala. The day camp, held on October 3, included activities such as a rope maze, archery, crafts, grass games, and of course, the 75-foot Slip-n-Slide.

Repeat camper, Genevieve Boyle, 14, of Kohala, said, “I’ve been to Camp Lokahi many times—this day camp definitely is fun, but the full camp is 10 times more fun! My favorite part of camp is seeing others who haven’t been to camp before have so much fun and see what Camp Lokahi is all about!”

An Airsoft track was also run, which grabbed the attention of 12 of the campers. The Airsoft boys spent the entire day down in the gulch having one big match, team against team! Waikoloa resident Brayden Overpeck, 13, said, “Airsoft was the most fun ever!” His mother, Kim Overpeck, said, “My three kids have so looked forward to this day for over a month! They came home totally thrilled, but thoroughly exhausted! They had so much fun and cannot wait to come back for the full spring break camp!”



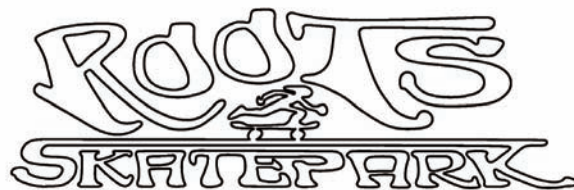
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Raeghan Overpeck, left, of Waikoloa and Genevieve Boyle of Kohala show off the fun creations they made during crafts.

Camp Lokahi was started in 2006 to be a place where kids can come to feel safe and have fun on school breaks. Operating out of the Makapala Retreat Center, the full-time volunteer staff run three camps a year: two three-day camps during spring break and over summer vacation, as well as the fall day camp.

Camp Lokahi will be running their full spring break camp in March for kids ages 9 to 12, with a possible overnight camp for 13 to 16-year-olds. For information, call 889-5082 or email islandbreezehawaii@gmail.com or find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/islandbreezemakapala.

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