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Outpouring of Aloha for Kohala Family

Story and photo by Jesús Solís

When Kayden Valenzuela went to check on his pups early the morning of November 7, he was preparing to go about his usual routine as a Kohala Middle School student. What he wasn't prepared for was the smell of smoke.

After checking on his pups, Kayden noticed a fire had started between the hedges and shack behind the house. He said he felt a little scared, but he called for his mother, younger sister and cousin, who were all in the house, to come outside because there was a fire. All of them were able to get outside safely, and firefighters were called to extinguish the blaze. Sadly, the Valenzuela family lost their home and many of their possessions, but the loss has been lightened as the community has come forward with donations to provide for the family's needs.

Looking on the bright side, Kayden said he's happy that everyone got out safely and they have a place to stay now, but it was hard to lose so many things, especially his beloved ukulele. Between classes and during breaks at school, Kayden could often be found strumming his ukulele. Losing it in the fire was heartbreaking.

But as word spread through Kohala, generous people came forward to give the family not only the daily essentials for living, but also the things that feed the soul... aloha, malama—and for one boy—an ukulele.

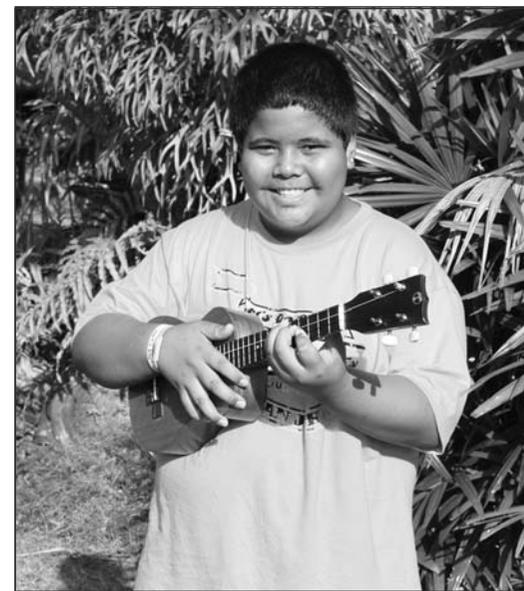
In fact, Kayden now has five ukuleles received as gifts from people in the community.

The family has moved to a relative's home in Halaula as they begin to pick up the pieces and salvage what they can from their burned home. Kayden's

mother, Kimi, said it made her feel a little better after she was able to retrieve some pictures and the hospital birth certificates of her children.

Kimi said she feels proud of her son for alerting the family to the danger. Mostly she is overwhelmed by the support and aloha that the community has given her family. When asked if there is anything else the family needs, she said, "I can't think of anything that the community hasn't already given us. It's just a blessing to live here in Kohala where the community all comes together and helps."

Kayden Valenzuela strums one of his new ukuleles, a gift to replace the one he lost in a fire at his family's home.



Scenic Byway is Pau, But Community Faces Long Road Ahead

By Megan Solís

The ad hoc Kohala Scenic Byway Committee announced November 9 that it will no longer pursue the creation of the Kohala Scenic Byway in the state scenic byways program.

Citing an openly hostile atmosphere and divisiveness that has ravaged North Kohala, the committee stated that community unity was more important than pursuing the project.

Opponents to the byway requested—because the state scenic byway designation was approved in October—that the byway be de-designated as a state scenic byway.

On November 14, the project's fiscal sponsor, North Kohala Community Resource Center, sent a letter to David Zevenbergen, Hawai'i scenic byways coordinator, requesting the scenic byway be de-designated. Zevenbergen

could not be reached for comment.

The end of the byway project is the culmination of a conflict that emerged in late summer but roared to the surface in recent weeks and has generated feelings of distrust, pain and betrayal on both sides.

How Did We Get Here?

The first rumblings of concern about the project seemed to focus on the issue of the name of the byway: Ke Ala `O

Kohala—The Way of Kohala. Rumors circulated that the byway name would replace "Akoni Pule Highway," named in honor of former state Representative Akoni Pule of Kohala, who lobbied for the construction of the coastal highway in the 1960s as an alternate route to the narrow and sometimes treacherous Kohala Mountain Road. The highway was completed in 1973. Many com-
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Akoni Pule, the Man Behind the Highway

By Lani Eugenio

Much has been written about Hawai'i's Highway 270, Akoni Pule Highway, but much less is known about the man behind the highway.

Pule served in the Hawai'i House of Representatives almost straight through from 1946 to 1969, in both the territory and in the state, representing his home—Kohala.

Known as "the quietest man in the Legislature," Pule always worked without fanfare or publicity. But his subdued nature, small stature—he stood 5 feet 4 inches—and his being a high school dropout did not prevent him from being a powerful force

in the legislative process and one of Hawai'i's longest-serving members in the House of Representatives.

Lena Kapeliela remembers her father's dream of linking Kohala to



—photo courtesy of Lani Eugenio
Akoni Pule, seated, and his wife Sarah in an undated family snapshot.

Kawaihae. Back then, the road along the shore ended at Mahukona; the mountain road to Waimea was the only way in and out. Kohala was a self-contained community with most residents working for the sugar plantation, but when the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel opened in 1965, its Kohala employees had to traverse the mountain road up to Waimea, then down to Kawaihae. At night, exhausted workers would

drive home on the narrow, winding road through wind, rain and fog.

Plans for a coastal route were first drawn up in 1960, but the only action taken for 10 years was paperwork. It was Pule who pushed relentlessly for a safer route to the hotel and for an alternate access to Hawi and Kapa'au. He was instrumental in getting the necessary state and federal funds to complete construction of the highway.

Pule also helped secure the money for the civic center next to the police station in Kapa'au. He was the force behind much of the highway construction on the Big Island and was a staunch advocate for better water systems and better public education. He was active in the fight to bring a deep-water harbor to Kawaihae. Powerful interests in Hilo fought the Kawaihae harbor, but Pule fought back and helped to get the law

passed in 1947 that created the port. It was these achievements that led teacher and community leader Frances Hasegawa to actively campaign for the highway to be named after Pule, who died before its 1973 completion.

Pule was born in 1906 to an English-Hawaiian father and a Filipino-Hawaiian mother. Of the 14 children in his family, only five boys and one girl survived to adulthood. Bright and athletic, Pule enjoyed school but had to quit in the 11th grade to help his family. However, that didn't stop him from educating himself. Much of his spare time was spent reading, and later he took correspondence courses.

At 19 he married Sarah Moku and had 12 children, five of whom died at an early age. Pule never shunned good, honest work, cleaning the roadside as a

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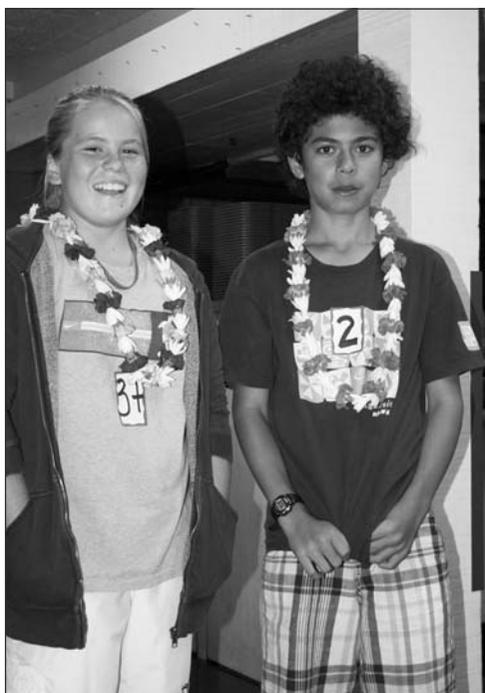
Artists of all ages are encouraged to drop off their piece(s) December 1 through 9, and invite family and friends to see the show. Opening night is Saturday, December 20, from 5 to 8 p.m. Entry fee is \$5 with all sales proceeds going to the artist. The exhibit will be on display through December 30. For more information, call 987-3902.

This is a wonderful chance to enjoy the diversity of artistic expression to be found here in Kohala. See you on Opening Night!

Hawi Student Top Speller in HPA Contest

Hawaii Preparatory Academy eighth grader Ziggy Bartholomy, right, of Hawi, won the school's spelling bee on November 3, with sixth grader Nalani Wall placing second. Bartholomy and Wall now advance to the Hawai'i Island District Spelling Bee on January 7, 2012, at Haili Christian School. The winner of the district competition will represent the Big Island at the state spelling bee on O`ahu.

—photo courtesy of Hawaii Preparatory Academy



Lineker Earns Double Gold Medals

Kohala resident Maria Lineker took home two gold medals at the 2011 Origins International Martial Arts Festival in Anaheim, California. Lineker placed first in both the Open Karate Womens 18-plus Open Hand Kata and the Traditional Karate Womens 45-54 Open Hand Kata.

Sponsored by Disneyland resort and Origins Events, the festival featured international competitors and a variety of martial arts disciplines, including the 1st Annual International Kobudo Championship and the 9th Annual PUI Specially Challenged Martial Arts Championship.

In addition to competition, the event included seminars by Master level teachers and judging and refereeing clinics. With the competition so close to Disneyland, Lineker took a little time to visit the park for the first time.

"It was enlightening to see others have as much fun as me riding rides I was tall enough to ride, too," she said.

Lineker, who teaches karate-do



—photo courtesy of Maria Lineker

Sensei Maria Lineker celebrated her gold medal wins by visiting with Mickey Mouse after a recent tournament in California.

classes in Kohala and Waimea, commented, "It was good to see healthy egos developing. We all have an ego, but the difference between healthy and unhealthy ego is the manner in which we use it, and the security or insecurity which develops from it. Manners are most important to the karateka, and guarding against impetuous courage is heavily stressed in and out of the dojo or the student does not come to my class. In the class, ego is left outside. Outside the class it is expected that you mind your manners and defend yourself if necessary."

Lineker thanked Sensei Skip Ettinger of Fort Lewis, Washington, for his instruction in the history and

techniques of the art, and her husband, Michael, and her understanding family for "putting up with my energy or lack of sometimes for they are closest to my heart."

Sensei Lineker continues to offer classes to all ages 5 and up. For more information call 889-1828.

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laborer and working on the sugar boats whenever they anchored at Mahukona Wharf. He did a stint as a policeman and was later employed by the Kohala Sugar Co., working in the warehouse. He came into contact with candidates of both the Republican and Democratic parties as a business agent for the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. This stirred his interest in politics.

In 1942, he joined the Democratic Party and was first elected to the territorial House of Representatives in 1946—a significant win because at the time Republicans ran the Territory of Hawai'i. Pule was defeated in 1950, but the loss didn't keep him away from politics. For the next two years he served as a janitor at the House of Representa-

tives, awaiting a comeback and learning the ropes of the Legislature. He was elected again in 1952 and never lost another election.

Representative Pule worked tirelessly and passionately for his island district. His limited schooling forced him to work hard to prove his competence, reading laws and legislative bills thoroughly to make sure he understood them. His \$12,000 legislative pay was supplemented with a part-time county job as caretaker of Keokea Park.

He was proud of his janitorial work. The park was clean and manicured. He was the kahu of this `aina. For lunch he picked `opihi, wana and ha`uke`uke, seasoning them with chili pepper and the other edible plants growing in the park. He could gather food from the ocean

during his break and after work. His aloha for his kuleana translated into a commitment to serve the people of Kohala.

Pule resigned from legislative office in 1969 due to a spinal ailment. His wife, Sarah, who worked as his legislative aide, was appointed by Governor Burns to finish out her husband's term.

State and county leaders mourned Pule's death in February 1971.

"All who were privileged to know him were impressed by his honesty, his decency and his sincerity," Gov. John A. Burns said at the time. "Like his Kohala district, Akoni was ruggedly straightforward in all his relationships with others. In a very real sense, he symbolized the natural goodness of Hawai'i."

Speaker of the House Tadao Beppu said: "I must give him credit for much of

the development along the Kohala region. He was instrumental in teaching the other members of the House the history of the Islands and of the Hawaiians."

Family members say it was a matter of heart. "Our dad loved his religion and God. He loved his family with all his heart, and he was very proud of it (that which he loved)," daughter Kapeleli said.

Pule truly represented Kohala. He gained the respect of his district and his colleagues through his intelligence, diligence and passion to serve. He embodied the spirit of the land and its people. He lived simply, loved generously, cared deeply and spoke kindly. Pule is the man who opened Kohala to the world, and the world to Kohala. Quite a legacy for such a simple man!

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munity members were incensed at the prospect of the highway no longer bearing the name of their beloved Kohala leader.

Byway committee members insist, however, that changing the name of the highway was never part of the plan. The highway would remain Akoni Pule Highway on road signs, maps and official addresses. They contend that the name change was a rumor started by some opponents as a means of inciting community opposition. They say the Ke Ala 'O Kohala byway designation was a means of creating an overall theme for the byway project, not a change to the road's name. The byway application does not indicate any plans to change the name of the highway.

Word spread that the byway was intended to increase tourism, including providing access for tour buses, more cars, more tourists and more commercialization of Kohala. A website and subsequent video published by a group called Malama Kohala made accusations that called into question not only the purpose of the byway but also the intentions and integrity of the byway committee, NKCRC and members of the North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee. The video was shown at an emergency public meeting called by byway opponents on October 23.

Through the website and video,

Malama Kohala alleged, among other things, that byway committee members had been "hand-picked" and implied that members of the committee and NKCRC board would benefit personally from byway grant funds by using them toward "development, property acquisition and income," and describing the project as a "money making marketing machine." It also stated NKCRC would receive up to 15 percent of all funds received for the project.

At the scenic byway committee's public meeting held on October 24, byway members identified themselves and stated that they had not been "hand-picked" but had volunteered to be on the committee. They also said they were not paid for their work and that part of the scenic byway process was for the ad hoc group to disband and be replaced by a Corridor Management Plan group to include people from across the community, along with a series of public meetings.

The byway committee also contends that the only land purchases proposed were for preservation or community use, similar to the recent purchases of shoreline properties by the county and state, not for commercial development.

NKCRC, for its part, sent out a letter to the community on November 1 to explain that all of its board of directors are uncompensated volunteers and that the resource center's fee schedule (effective February 1, 2011) for all projects, including the byway, is 5 to 8 percent.

Malama Kohala also alleged that byway meetings had been deliberately secretive "non-public meetings by invitation only" as a way to prevent the public from knowing about the byway plans.

The committee says that the public was welcome at meetings and that an article about the scenic byway proposal was first published in KMN in November 2010 including the next meeting time and location, and was followed by six more articles from December 2010 to September 2011. Byway opponents, however, said that publishing articles in KMN was not sufficient means to reach the whole community.

At the standing-room-only byway meeting at Kohala school cafeteria on October 24, many people, including the Pule family, said the committee did not do enough to inform and involve the community from the beginning by meeting with kupuna, talking with the Pule

Public Meeting to Address Use of Upolu by Marines

A public meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 30, at Waimea Elementary School cafeteria for comment on a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal by the U.S. Marine Corps to base two new aircraft in Hawaii. The move would include occasional use of the airstrip at Upolu Point.

According to the draft EIS, the aircraft, the MV-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft and the H-1 Cobra and Huey helicopters, would be based at MCBH Kaneohe but perform some operations out of Pohakuloa Training Area

and Upolu Airport. The document estimates operations at Upolu would increase by about 23 percent, or 250 operations, annually.

For more information, the EIS is available to be downloaded at <http://mcbh.usmc.mil/MV22H1EIS>.

Members of the public may submit comments on the draft document through Dec. 26 to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Attn: EV21, MV-22/H-1 EIS Project Manager, 258 Makapala Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI, 96860-3134.

family, and posting notices of meetings around town on bulletin boards and sandwich boards. Committee members have conceded that, in retrospect, they should have done more outreach, but they defend their intentions behind the project.

Byway committee co-chair Scott Bedingfield said, "We are sorry we didn't do a good job of making clear how the proposed scenic byway would continue the community's goals. Although the committee will no longer meet, as members of this community we will reach out individually to our neighbors in order to listen to their concerns, as we hope to learn from our mistakes."

However, supporters of the byway say that the lack of transparency charge should more correctly apply to Malama Kohala, a self-described "grass roots group of concerned community residents," who do not identify themselves anywhere on their website or video. In fact, at the October 23 anti-byway meeting, a KMN representative asked the host who he was and who Malama Kohala was, to which the host responded, "there are dozens of us in the community and our names are on the petition." When asked, he refused to provide his name.

Though many community members who signed Malama Kohala's petition have come forward publicly to state their opposition to the byway, the people who produced what the byway committee, NKCRC, and others in the community have called "lies, misinformation and twisting of facts"

still remain unidentified publicly.

Where Do We Go From Here?

The scenic byway project is pau, but the Kohala community continues to feel the effects of its controversy.

At the most recent CDF Action Committee meeting, the tension was palpable, and communication and distrust were the main topics during the public comment period. After some angry and emotional statements from both the public and committee members, it was decided that discussion of how the committee can better communicate with the people of Kohala and generate more public input would be added to next month's agenda. There will be an opportunity for public comment at the meeting, set for Monday, December 12, at 4:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

All who have spoken publicly for or against the byway have said they love Kohala and want to preserve it. Both sides appear to have been fighting for what they believed was best for the land and community they love. No doubt it will take time for the wounds caused by this controversy to heal. But healing can and will happen only if both sides are willing to talk, listen to each other, reach out in various ways, and develop more effective and inclusive ways of communicating—with respect and aloha. That's the Kohala way.

KMN is reprinting an article on Akoni Pule, the man behind the building of Akoni Pule Highway, on page 1 of this issue. For letters and viewpoint articles on the Scenic Byway and on the NKCRC, see pages 4 - 6.

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Letters—

Community Voices About The Scenic Byway

Editor's Note: Due to the volume of letters KMN received on the issue of the Scenic Byway, we are unable to print all of them, but have taken excerpts of some letters. We appreciate the effort that was put into them and wish we had space to print them all. Mahalo

On behalf of the concerned citizens of North Kohala, we stand united in saying NO to the North Kohala State and National Scenic Byway Programs. We request immediate de-designation and termination for the North Kohala Scenic Byway.

Sarah J. Pule-Fujii

The [North Kohala Community] Resource Center has been the subject of a thinly veiled attack during the discussion about one of our sponsored projects – North Kohala Scenic Byway. A video has been circulating which raises questions about our practices and suggests that we have an agenda to harm the community. We are deeply saddened about the unnecessary pain and confusion this has caused our community. We want to be sure you know the facts about the Center. Here is a summary of our record since opening our doors in 2002: Total number of community projects sponsored: 127. Total money raised for the projects: \$7.7 million.

I really appreciated that NKCRC attempted to share some information with the community with their "Open Letter to the Community." However, as impressive this data appears to be on the surface, one has to wonder what this \$7.7 million was spent on. Moreover, how many of these projects really were a success; in other words, how many were sustainable, and are still viable today? It is not that difficult to get grants for projects, where no follow-up and accountability is involved.

I think it is important for the community to know whether or not these grants serve any real purpose,

Total compensation paid to Center's Directors: \$0. People who have given money to the Center: 1,039.

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We remain committed to our Mission Statement: "We support and sponsor projects beneficial to the North

Kohala community and its residents. We value projects that will tend to bring the community more closely together." Some of our projects include KCAA, the Kamehameha Day Celebration, Kamehameha Statue Maintenance, Kohala Cheer and Dance Club, KCAD, Kohala Ditch Restoration, Coqui Coalition, Kohala Country Fair, Living Journals and KHS Robotics to name just a few.

We appreciate all the support the community has given us over the years and especially over these last few days. Please visit the Center or go to our website at www.northkohala.org for more information.

NKCRC Directors and Staff

other than bring in management fees and provide paid employment for one or two staff members of the NKCRC. Accordingly, I would appreciate if the NKCRC would see fit to open their books just a bit, and publish an 'Accountability Summary,' showing the results of all of their projects sponsored thus far.

Another obvious question comes to mind: the open letter by the NKCRC shows that their management fees are from 5 to 8 percent; then why have they demanded up to 15 percent for the Scenic Byway project (ref. Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement dated 11-5-2010)?

NKCRC writes, "We are deeply saddened about the unnecessary pain

and confusion this has caused our community." All I can answer to this is, stop pushing your agenda without the input from the community; get the OK from the people right from the very start. After all, it is the NKCRC which causes the pain to the community, by selecting projects like a 'Waste Processing Facility, including a Gasification Plant' very near and upwind from homes, or this Byway project, without asking for prior consent from the community. NKCRC, ask the community first before you pull the trigger, and your standing in the community will improve over time; it is that simple.

Frank Maier

I watched the video used to turn the community against the scenic byways program for the second time, and I wondered how a small group with no history of helping the community were able to portray themselves as the community watchdog, yet the real community watchdogs were the very people they attacked. Toni Withington and Fred Cachola have probably done more to protect Kohala's coastline than all the signers on the petition combined. Most disturbing is their portrayal of the NKCRC and members of the community who have volunteered thousands of hours for this community while they themselves have done little or nothing.

Jim Sargent

A whole lot of Kohala folks say they don't want any change in Kohala. Everyone knows change is what life is all about. Try never growing old. So I have to ask at what period of time should we freeze Kohala in? Before or after King Kamehameha died? Before or after the plantation closed?

This group [Malama Kohala] and website used tactics that are absolutely unacceptable in the civil world of aloha that we try to live in here. They had every right to their opinion and every right to express it, but they had no right to do it in the way that they did using fear and lies to gain support. This is not how we do things in this community.

In the future, there will be many more rumors flying in the winds of Kohala—we must all realize how powerful rumors are and how they can change the way we think. Some of these rumors will be about important things that will really matter to us and will need our attention to find the

truth. Some will be downright silly. What did we learn about ourselves and our neighbors from this stink over the Byway rumor? Will we let the next rumor bring us together or will we let it tear us apart? Remember—we control the rumors, they don't control us.

Joe Ayer

The question is how do we heal from the horrible damage these folks have done? How do we come back from the lies and fear that they have spread? I have great faith in North Kohala, and over the years here I have seen that Kohala has a way of taking care of itself. Truth eventually surfaces and love eventually returns. This time, however, we all need to make a conscious effort to repair and

to return to the good will that is the hallmark of this community. We must learn to respect, love and appreciate the diversity of all types that live here. Diversity of background as well as diversity of opinion must be allowed to flourish. We must relearn respect of all, especially of those who are different and share different viewpoints.

Peter Pomeranze

Last week I saw and heard a video that was made by people who did not identify themselves. This video vilified the North Kohala Community Resource Center. It also attacked the Center's organizers who have worked hard for the community.

For the people in the video to lie and suggest that Bob [Martin] and the other people connected with the Resource Center make money through the Center is very upsetting. Do they have some personal animosity toward the Center, or some personal hidden agenda? I don't know, but why are they so afraid to put their names on their work? The nerve of them to attack the very people who are trying to help the community, and to create such a shameless and disgusting public spectacle in front of us all.

Alan S. Axelrod

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I am saddened by recent inaccuracies and stink circulated about one of the North Kohala's most effective and valuable organizations, the North Kohala Community Resource Center. NKCRC has enabled small community groups to realize big dreams. There isn't anyone who lives in Kohala who hasn't benefitted from NKCRC's diligent work. Whatever your opinion about the Scenic Byway proposal, we should all be thanking rather than slandering NKCRC.

What is most disappointing to me is the angry and fearful tone that has saturated recent communications, especially when much of the anger and fear is based on false information. North Kohala is a gem of place that needs the very best from ALL its citizens to discuss and guide its future. North Kohala deserves our open hearts and minds, our respect and humility, our deepest listening to each other, especially when we have different viewpoints. The most creative and effective solutions are reached when opposing opinions are addressed with a spirit of collaboration and aloha. Not stink. Please, let's clean it up.

Deborah Winter



As a member of Kohala Aikikai, I'm grateful to my strong martial arts teachers who guide me to step aside from attacks...to find the most effective ways to neutralize conflict. I am amazed when I discover humble, authentic and balanced ways to clear up problems rather than escalate into battles. I truly hope we all can build a bridge of better understanding.

Best to you...and to all who value this special Kohala community.

Forrest Arnold

Viewpoint

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Kohala Scenic Byway says Goodbye

By the Ad Hoc Kohala Scenic Byways Committee

The ad hoc Kohala Scenic Byway Committee announced November 9 that it will not pursue participation in the State byways program any further. Strong opposition from a segment of the community and the divisions caused by the resulting controversy over the proposal has convinced the volunteer committee that it needs to abandon the project. We feel the unity of this community is more important than any single project, and we

cannot continue to debate in such an atmosphere of open hostility.

This committee came together to bring the byway proposal to the community for discussion and debate. Should the community have decided to go with the project, then a permanent local Byway Management Committee would have been chosen by the community, and the ad hoc committee would disband. Claims that the ad hoc committee was manipulat-

ing the community for its own benefit are baseless, untrue, and frankly, quite painful. No member of the ad hoc committee received any benefit through their involvement, and had to dip into their own pockets for printing and other costs for flyers and notices. The project was still in the early stage of planning. Much broader community participation was being sought out and welcomed. Yet the byway proposal was falsely portrayed as a done deal.

The members of the ad hoc committee can claim a long record of working to preserve and protect the rich history and sense of place in Kohala. We have helped to create events that showcase that proud and remarkable history in ways that are respectful and practical to North Kohala. We stand by our record, and apologize for not doing a better job of making clear how the proposed scenic byway aligns with the shared goals of this community.

The byways program gives full control to communities, through their local Byway Management Committees, protecting communities from new roads being built or old roads built up. This is arguably the most important part of the byways proposal for Kohala, the power to tell our own highway departments how we want our roads to look, and what places we want to share or protect from visitor traffic.

North Kohala is in the process

of determining its own future. The Kohala Reunions of 2000, 2005 and 2010 collected the mana'o of residents, past and current, and focused on ways to protect our history and keep the stories of Kohala alive for future generations. The North Kohala Community Development Plan was written with the voices of over a thousand Kohala residents, collected during meetings held over several years. It allows the community for the first time to influence the county on future planning proposals, instead of the other way around.

Everything the ad hoc committee was trying to offer the community regarding the scenic byway proposal is consistent with the desires expressed in the above mentioned events, over a period of more than 10 years. Although many in this community are not comfortable with change, change is coming and hiding from it will not stop it. We must face the change and attempt to direct our own path through it, or change will wash over us like a great wave, without asking first or apologizing after.

The final act of the ad hoc committee is to thank those people who took the time to hear all sides and the many people who showed support for the idea of a local byway project. Going forward as individuals, we will continue to work for the benefit of Kohala and the future of Kohala's children.

For a very different viewpoint, see more on page 6



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Viewpoint — Newcomers Need to Understand the Way Kohala People Communicate

By Stephanie N. Naihe Laxton

I'm submitting this letter "personally" in response to the community's outcry of the Kohala Scenic Byways Project sponsored by The North Kohala Community Resource Center. The two public meetings occurred with not enough SERIOUS ADVERTISING for Kohala—those here longer than 25 years as birthed and non-birth residents and business owners—to show interest.

Two public meetings of 24 to 36 people prior to October 24 does not make up the "entire community of Kohala." The last meeting was advertised in our local paper "it occurred," not "when it was to occur," and I stand corrected on this if this is not so. Some may think it was done on a sneak, since there was no emphasis on its importance of "Kohala People" showing up.

If one is to advertise a headline like: KOHALA COMMUNITY, SHOW UP FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS ON KOHALA SCENIC BYWAYS WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT AFFECT THE LIFESTYLE YOU CONTINUE TO

ENJOY (any change of increased traffic DOES affect our lifestyle). Well, a headline such as this, advertised for an entire month prior to its occurrence will have everyone talking about it, but it makes us feel like we're "caught off guard." It makes us question trust and integrity. This is the part that the "non" old timers who don't really grasp our Kohala Lifestyle and about [how] our community communicates, how we ask questions, rattle cages, listen and move. We seem to be underestimated because we are a bedroom community. We have coffee talks, pa'ina talks, after work suck 'em up conversations... and when there is a feeling of disrespect it just doesn't sit well with ANYONE. Newcomers, you need to understand our dynamics.

You must disprove what is first-hand knowledge whether distorted or not, we like answers...not backstrokes, not "lookie at me I'm a victim" cuz that kind of attitude makes you look even more irresponsible and unaccountable. Just speak truth and stick to the issue...

anything else is just...OPALA!

Right now it's the community of Kohala speaking out. Malama Kohala organizers of residents and business owners provided information. If this information was not truth of "what the worst that can happen in a community," then ADDRESS IT! Can you guarantee the worst of worst will not happen to Kohala? If you can't, we don't want it. We are a community that enjoys our kickback lifestyle.

I did forewarn by email, to the Kohala Scenic Byways and a portion of NKCRC's board to take any questions posed on the Malama Kohala website and address it. I told them this before the Kohala Country Fair. I even told them to have handouts to give to the community. It went on deafened ears...

now it's all of a sudden slander?

Until there is official notification from the State DOT that Kohala is UNDESIGNATED as a Scenic Byways it will continue the ugliness. We are HISTORIC NOT TOURIST KOHALA. We're not picking on community projects sponsored that have succeeded... we want to see people stand up for community projects that have also failed. We're tired of feeling like we're being played and see you players not play fair. KINA'OLE PEOPLE, KINA'OLE!!! We want to sleep at night knowing all is well in our HISTORIC KOHALA!

Sincerely in Aloha.

Naihe is of the House of Keawe-a-Heulu, former chief legal counsel of Kamehameha I (this is my ancestral roots here in Kohala, family also to the Pule 'Ohana)

Talent Show Fundraiser for Hawaiian Health Camp

The One Holistic Place organization is holding a talent show fundraiser at Luke's Place on Friday, December 9, from 6-10 p.m. Twenty Kohala stars will provide their best talent and be judged by three local celebrities. There will be three awarded prizes each for children and adults. Interested performers contact Rachel Allen at OneHolisticPlace@gmail.com or 756-3883.

Kohala's Got Talent will be the first major fundraising event hosted by the organization, which seeks to provide Hawaiian men from the ages of 18-39 newly diagnosed with high blood pressure or with history of elevated blood pressure with the opportunity to spend seven days in an overnight health camp

in North Kohala. During the seven days, the participants learn about their illness, how to treat it, and how to prevent it from getting worse using a holistic approach. The group is provided with relevant health screenings, intensive health education, guided meditation, cultural activities, yoga and exercise, and participate in growing and preparing their food.

Tickets include a light dinner, entertainment and the option to bid on silent auction items. Advance tickets are available for \$20 at Luke's Place and at the Urgent Care in Waimea. Tickets are \$25 at the door, children ages 5 to 10 are half-price, and kids under 5 are free.

HIP Agriculture Celebrates Makahiki Season

Hawai'i Institute of Pacific Agriculture (HIP Ag) has promoted sustainable food production and North Kohala community development for more than three years with fresh produce at the farmers markets, community events and workshops, and student fieldtrips.

The community is invited to join HIP Ag on December 10, 4 to 8 p.m., for its Makahiki Harvest Celebration. The fundraiser includes a menu featuring fresh, local ingredients, guest chefs, entertainment and silent auction. For information on tickets, visit hipagriculture.org.

With the arrival of Makahiki season, HIP Ag honors Lono and his rains that reestablish the vitality of the land and nourish the gardens of the people. It is the season to celebrate agriculture, peace and productivity. Join HIP Ag in its efforts to inspire, educate and empower individuals to grow food and share knowledge, because "laulima

(many hands) is the best method."

In the past six months HIP Ag exposed over 150 students to sustainable farming and healthy eating practices; fed 200 people an organic, local meal at their open house and farm fresh festival; hosted four community workshops on Hawaiian medicines, vermicomposting, bee guardianship, and bamboo construction; and conducted their first sustainable agriculture training courses for postsecondary students.

HIP Agriculture is rooted in service, seen by the community participation imbedded in its agriculture training courses. The six students enrolled in a recent session have volunteered at the Kohala Country Fair, processed and prepared food for Community Harvest Hawai'i, joined Kohala Elementary for their after-school garden program, and helped facilitate two fieldtrips for Honoka'a Middle School.

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Community Involvement a Hot Topic at Action Committee Meeting

Only two items were listed under new business on the agenda of North Kohala Community Development Plan (NKCDP) Action Committee meeting on November 14, but the public had much more it wanted to discuss.

Toni Withington spoke about making meetings more relevant to the community by reaching out to get people to come to the meetings to discuss issues and problems. She suggested outreach to one neighborhood each month through bulletin boards and talking to neighborhood leaders.

Susan Fischer reported that minutes from the September 12 and October 10 meetings were not yet ready for approval. AC chair Joe Carvalho announced the committee would welcome a volunteer who would take meeting minutes, as it is difficult for active participants to also take notes.

In new business, the committee

addressed a letter drafted by the open ocean aquaculture subcommittee with recommendations about the project to the county planning director. The committee has debated for several months whether the fish farm project, which falls under the state's jurisdiction, could be addressed under the CDP. Because the project could potentially affect the Kohala coastline, the committee decided the subject did fall within its purview to address with the county.

The letter notes that the NKCDP addresses the protection of natural resources and our coastline and quotes the county general plan regarding management and use of natural resources in a manner that "avoids or minimizes adverse effects on the environment." The letter urges the county to "review these ventures in a timely and comprehensive manner to insure they comply with stated goals of our general plan and the NKCDP."

After the committee voted to approve the letter, some members of the public protested that they were not given the opportunity to speak about its content until after the vote had been taken.

Committee members explained the meeting protocol provides a period for public comment limited to the beginning and end of the meeting, and there is no interaction between the committee and the public during the rest of the meeting.

Giovanna Gherardi reported a letter was sent to the county requesting restoration and renovation of restrooms at Mahukona and Kapa`a beach parks be included in the Capital Improvement Project budget. No other projects have been proposed for the CIP budget at this time.

Addressing frustration about the restrictions on public comment, Carvalho encour-

aged participation in the subcommittees, where "the real work happens" and there is no limitation on discussion. Subcommittees include Agriculture, Growth Management, Public Access, Infrastructure A and B, and Affordable Housing.

The committee later decided to include discussion of a process for community communication and input from the public on next month's agenda. The next AC meeting is set for Monday, Dec. 12, at 4:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Action Committee agendas, approved minutes and subcommittee reports are available online at www.hawaiicountycdp.info/north-kohala-cdp/action-committee-materials.

Editor's Note: Due to space constraints, KMN is unable to provide a summary of the subcommittees' reports in this issue.

Free Emergency Response Training in North Kohala

How can we prepare for emergencies such as hurricanes, earthquakes, fires or floods? One of the best ways is to join the North Kohala Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Hawai'i County is No. 1 out of 3,140 counties in the United States for potential to be impacted by hazards. North Kohala is particularly isolated, so we need to be prepared.

CERT Training offers four consecutive Saturday sessions, including emergency preparedness, fire, emergency medical, search and rescue, disaster

psychology and animal care. Trainings are typically in Hilo or Kona, but with enough committed volunteers a training can be offered in North Kohala, presently scheduled for January 14, 21, 28; and February 4. Training is free.

For more information on the CERT Program, call or email John Winter at 889-6901, winter@whitman.edu, to take the training and become a member of North Kohala CERT or to "register" your equipment, expertise, or special needs with CERT.



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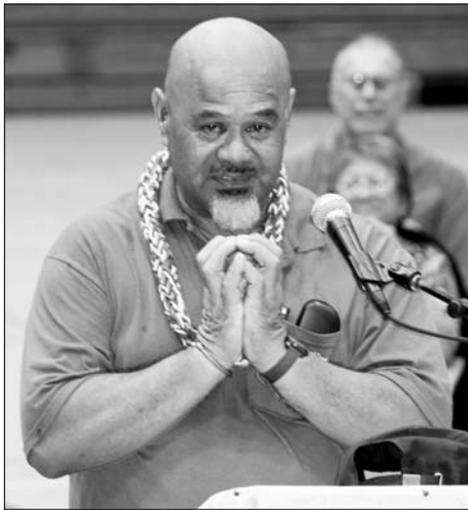
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Kohala Expresses Its Gratitude to Veterans

—photos by Megan Solís



Retired 1st Sgt. Collin Kaholo paid special tribute to his fellow National Guardsmen from Kohala who were called up in 1968.

Even Mother Nature shed her tears on Veterans Day, as the rain fell and the Kohala community gathered inside Hisaoka Gymnasium to honor those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

This year's ceremony, presented by the Kohala National Guard Alumni, paid special tribute to veterans of the Vietnam War and the young men of the National Guard in Kohala who were called up for service in 1968.

The ceremony opened with posting of the colors by Boy Scout Troop 56 and the singing of the national anthem and Hawai'i Pono'i led by Christine Vega. Father Ray Elam gave the invocation.

Joe Carvalho was master of ceremonies, and retired 1st Sgt. Collin Kaholo gave the welcoming address. Kaholo was one of the 46 men called up from the National Guard to active duty in 1968. A Purple Heart and Silver Star recipient, Kaholo later read aloud the order requiring them to report to Schofield Barracks.

Other speakers included Rep. Mark Nakashima; retired Navy Capt. Linda Lewandowski; Joe Vitorino of Operation Vacation; and guest speakers from Schofield Barracks, Sgt. Galen Lowers and Sgt. William Carlson.

All attendees were treated to a plate lunch following the ceremony.

Sgt. Carlson is an active duty soldier who recently returned from Afghanistan where he was severely wounded by a roadside bomb while clearing a village laden with mines. He received a Purple Heart medal. Carlson and his wife, Kelly, were guests of Operation Vacation, a program in Kohala to provide needed respite to veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan and their families. The Carlsons were given complimentary accommodations by Hawaii Island Retreat and a free rental car from Alamo Car Rental, all arranged by Vitorino of Operation Vacation.

Vitorino and his wife, Kelly, also hosted a Salute to Veterans gathering for all veterans at their home, an event which included a concert and luncheon.

Many of the veterans seated near the front stage had served in the Vietnam War, but those from World War II, Korea, and Iraq were also represented.

Although the spotlight of this year's event was on veterans of the Vietnam War, all veterans were honored, including these from World War II. Each veteran was asked to stand and then was given a lei and saluted by a boy scout.

Joe and Kelly Vitorino of Operation Vacation hosted a Salute to Veterans luncheon and concert. Left to right are: Rodney Cazimero and Pat Coughlin, who provided entertainment, Kelly and Sgt. William Carlson, guests of the program, and the Vitorinos.



Sgt. Galen Lowers, of Schofield Barracks, addressed the crowd at the Veterans Day Ceremony November 11.



The Kohala Senior Citizens Club honored veterans through song with renditions of three patriotic anthems, including America the Beautiful.



—photo courtesy of Joe Vitorino

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Kohala Hospital Goes Under the Knife, Sort Of



—photos by Clayton Corotan

If you've been to Kohala Hospital lately, you may have heard a lot of hammering and sawing going on. No, the staff hasn't started using medieval medical techniques—the building itself has been getting a facelift, of sorts. Work is almost complete on a lanai renovation project to convert unused patio space between the main hospital and the day room into two much-needed office spaces for the nurses. Photos above show a "before and after" look at the work. The project was paid for by Kohala Hospital Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary recently held its spaghetti feed fundraiser, which helps to support projects like the renovation. Volunteers served 500 dinners, and 35 dinners were donated to the Food Bank. About \$4,000 was raised, which will go directly to Kohala Hospital as needed for the residents, staff and hospital. Spaghetti feed volunteers included, from left to right, Diane Pasalo, Tito Pasco, Ana Garcia, Lynda Wallach, Carol Masuhara, Cindy Morse, Bunny Horning, Momi Soares, Dixie Adams, Pat Kalua, Marian Reyes, Susan Barns, Bill Kaye, Jeannette Hensel, Barbara Summerfield, Ida Otake and Pat Pasco. Not pictured: Irma Lai.



—photo by Megan Solis

Tree Decorating Ceremony Offers Way to Remember Loved Ones

Everyone is invited to attend North Kohala's annual Hospice Tree Decorating Ceremony, to be held this year on Friday, December 9, next to the Senior Center in Kapa'au. This event, sponsored by Hospice, is organized to remember, acknowledge, and celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed. Music will begin at 4:30 p.m., with the ceremony to start at 5 p.m.

Kohala's Senior Citizens Club is coordinating this year's event. Club members will begin the evening by sharing some holiday songs. Entertainment will include music by students from Kohala Middle School and a performance by taiko drummers from Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko (RMD) Hawai'i.

Participants will be able to purchase a tree ornament that can be personalized with a message and hung on the community Remembrance Tree. These ornaments will also be on sale in front of Takata Store on select days during the end of November.

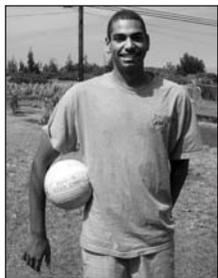
Many local hospice organizations arrange tree lighting/ornament hanging ceremonies during the holidays, times that are often difficult for those grieving the loss of a loved one. This event is one more way to celebrate and support community members, a tradition in Kohala that brings the true meaning of the season to life. Contact Kealoha Sugiyama for further information at 889-0171.

Sustainable Kohala Shows Free Film: Dirt

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For more information call Deborah Winter at 889-6901.



In the last issue of Kohala Mountain News, Letters to the Editor, a Kohala High School volleyball player, Donald Wong Jr., wrote that he made it to the Kuikahi Volleyball Team on Oahu, an honor only 3 Big Island kids reached. (Coach is Keoni: 342-1626) His mom is a single parent and works hard to support her son's athletic and scholastic goals. He flies to Oahu twice a month for practices, then in February to Anaheim, then hopefully in July to Texas for the US Junior Olympics. If you have MILEAGE POINTS with Hawaiian Air, please consider donating to his mom's Hawaiian Air Mileage Plan under the name Levitra Wong, plan # 174 889 210, or donations by check to Donald Wong, P.O. Box 1607, Kapa'au, HI, 96755. Phone: 443-6156

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Coors, 18 pk., bottles	16 ¹⁹
Budweiser, 18 pk., bottles	16 ¹⁹
Natural Beer, 24 pk., cans	16 ⁴⁹
Becks, 12 pk., bottles	12 ⁴⁹
Kendall Jackson Chard., Avant, Sauv. Blanc., 750 ml.	11 ⁹⁹
Yellowtail Wine, 750 ml.	5 ⁹⁹
Barefoot Wine, 750 ml.	2/10 ⁹⁹
Fetzer Wine, 750 ml.	2/12 ⁹⁹
Crown Royal, 750 ml.	19 ⁹⁹
Jose Cuervo Tequila, 750 ml.	13 ²⁹
Smirnoff Vodka, 750 ml.	11 ⁹⁹
Karkov Vodka, 1.75 liter	12 ⁵⁹
Bacardi Rum, 750 ml.	11 ⁹⁹
Tanqueray Gin, 750 ml.	16 ⁹⁹

Community Celebrates Library's First Year



—photo by Megan Solis

Despite rainy weather, the library was teeming inside and out November 7 as the community celebrated the first year anniversary of the North Kohala Public Library. Above, Kahu Kealoha Sugiyama gives the blessing as librarian Janet Lam presents the offering to open the celebration ceremony. Kohala's own John Keawe played and sang to the enjoyment of many. Meanwhile, robotics teams from Kohala, Honoka'a and Paauilo demonstrated their robotics magic, and keiki enjoyed the jumpy house and giant slide. Many others took the opportunity to explore the library and its bounty of books, periodicals, music and movies.

Kohala Ground Golf Team Treated to a Winning Surprise

By Tito Pasco

On October 28 the Big Island senior citizens gathered at the old Kona airport field for a day of ground golf. The annual Halloween Ground Golf Social started off with refreshments, and the players mingled with acquaintances before the warm-up exercises began with music from Elvis Presley.

The playing course was a challenge as friction took its toll: putting strokes became power strokes to penetrate through the terrain as all the teams struggled from beginning to end. The morning got humid as the game proceeded, and cold water was served to keep everybody hydrated. Competition was very bloodthirsty as teams of monsters, witches and goblins challenged each other for first place.

After nine holes of ground golf, sweat showed on the team's uniforms. The Kohala women and men's teams wore pink attire in support of the fight against breast cancer, as other clubs wore different colors to represent their districts, and Halloween characters blended with the theme of this event. Score keepers tallied up their team's points to be calculated. Each team member had a chance to participate in the longest drive competition.

After the morning sports events were done, we headed to the pavilion decorated with Halloween treats for a festive buffet lunch, followed by a Halloween costume contest and the announcements of the winners for ground golf.



Enjoying Halloween Ground Golf play were, top, left to right: George Rivera and Tito Pasco; and bottom, left to right: Margaret Coutie, Alfonso Mitchell, Madeline Kawai, Meximo Guitang, Rose Rosimo, Lucy Pasco, Mino Nakasato and Mamie Bramlett.

In the longest drive category in second place was George Rivera, from Kohala ground golf team. After the announcements were made for third- and second-place winners for the ground golf social, the rest of the teams waited patiently for the first-place winner to be announced: the Kohala men's ground golf team. Team players were George Rivera, Mino Nakasato, Alfonso Mitchell, Meximo Guitang and Tito Pasco.

The day ended with a great feeling of victory for the Kohala ground golf team as the challenging day gave a Happy Halloween treat!

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KHS Freshman Runs All the Way to State

Kohala High School freshman Josiah Adams had an impressive first season on the school's cross-country team this year, capping it off by qualifying for the Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) State Championship held on Maui October 29.

Assistant coach Melody Nietfeld said Adams' performance in the three-mile has continued to improve with each race this season. He placed 22nd out of 230 boys at the Big Island Interscholastic Federation (BIIF) cross-country meet on October 22 with an impressive 18:38 time. The top 38 BIIF runners qualify for the state championship race,



—photo by Melody Nietfeld
Josiah Adams

and Adams not only earned his state spot but was the fastest ninth grader on the Big Island. At the HHSAA championship, Adams placed 99th overall but took eighth in the state among the freshmen.

"Josiah has incredible natural athletic talent," said Coach Nietfeld, noting that the BIIF coordinator had recently announced that Adams was voted as "BIIF-Boys All-League Honorable Mention." Adams is also active all year with AYSO Soccer and will begin to play on the KHS varsity boys soccer team.

And as if that wasn't enough, he also earned a spot on the first quarter honor roll.

Magazine Profiles NKCRC as 'Great Small Nonprofit'

"HawaiiBusiness" magazine profiled North Kohala Community Resource Center (NKCRC) in its November 2011 issue for its success as a small, community-based organization.

In the article "6 Great Small Nonprofits and What Makes Them Succeed," author Dennis Hollier chose six small nonprofit organizations in Hawai'i to illustrate each of six characteristics that exemplify successful nonprofits.

NKCRC was chosen as an example of "community-based organization," described as a network rather than a pyramid structure. "Solutions don't trickle down from experts or authorities, they well up from countless sources in the community," Hollier explains.

NKCRC acts as fiscal sponsor for some 70 community projects in North Kohala.

Hollier notes, "The success of NKCRC is the quintessential bottom-up, self-organizing body that is com-

munity-based development." He uses the example of the Community Harvest Hawaii program begun by Andrea Dean of North Kohala Eat Locally Grown and David Fuertes of Ka Hana No'eau of a project created and controlled through grassroots efforts with the resource center acting as the fiscal sponsor needed to generate funding.

Three criteria were used in deciding which nonprofits to profile: "1. [...] responsible and active boards of directors who exercise prudent oversight and governance; 2. [...] ethical and transparent in their operations; and 3. [...] managed in just as businesslike a fashion—in accounting, human resources and planning—as their for-profit counterparts."

"Hawaii Business" is an award-winning magazine that covers major issues affecting the state's businesses. Founded in 1955, it is the oldest regional business magazine in the United States.

Kohala High's Leo Club Leads Food Drive

By Andrew Trump

The Kohala High School Leo Club is participating in the Hawaii Island Food Fight sponsored by Nativefm.com. The Food Fight is a competition between schools across the Big Island. The first community drive was held on Sunday, October 25 at Takata Store. Leos also distributed "Food Boxes" to Nakahara store, Arakaki store, and the library. The club's goal is to raise 2,000 pounds of food for families in West Hawaii. A tentative calendar of activities for November and December has been posted at various community centers in Kohala.

The Leo Club is a service organization for Kohala High students in asso-

ciation with the Kohala Lions Club. The club has the largest membership of any at Kohala High, and on October 23 about 30 students decorated food boxes in addition to making signs for advertisement.

Senior member Jenna Nickl said, "It was a successful first activity. Leo Club has helped me get to know some underclassmen better and feel like I'm giving back to the community."

Students are excited to get the food drive running and get as many pounds of goods as possible.

Organizations, businesses, or clubs interested in sponsoring a food drive to support this effort can call Leo Club advisors: John Kometani, Beldon Kealoha or Howard Hashimoto at 889-7117.

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Seniors Honor Firemen

October 10 marked the beginning of Firemen's Week so Senior Club president Kealoha Sugiyama planned an activity to honor our firemen. Those on duty that morning who attended the seniors' celebration were Acting Captain Mark Provencal, Andrew Miller, Keone Roback and Jeffrey Maki.

President Kealoha then presented each fireman with a special framed poem which he read followed by leis, coffee mugs filled with cookies, and tickets to the fundraiser spaghetti dinner which were donated by senior Joan Ellen McFee. Kealoha also contacted county councilman Pete Hoffmann to present the firemen with a proclamation.

After being honored with the gifts of aloha, the firemen were treated to an ono five-course Chinese brunch that was prepared by senior Doreen Paro.

Because all the firemen on duty were being honored at the Kohala Senior meeting, President Kealoha assured the senior members and the firemen that they could relax and enjoy the celebration because Kealoha had a backup plan just in case there was a fire. As everyone looked puzzled, Kealoha called upon Auntie Mary Cabrera who entered the senior center with a long garden hose and stood watch next to the firemen's table as they ate.

At the conclusion of the meal and celebration, President Kealoha presented acting captain Mark and team with a large bottle of white wine (fire water) and a closing statement: "We appreciate all you do for us and our community."

First Quarter Honor Roll at KHS

Kohala High School recently announced the list of students earning a place on the first quarter honor roll with a grade point average of 3.2 or above:

Seniors: Adam Anakalea, Jovi Antonio, Kristine Antonio, Kuliama Aveiro-Kalaniopio, Calsie Carvalho, Weston Cazimero, Daryl Diaz, Tristan Francisco, Amanda Hasegawa, Elias Hood, Chyler Imai, Bert Kanoa, Jr., Breann Kapeliela, Duke Kiriu, Kira Ledward, Kealohi Matthey, Delani McCauley, Rayven Medeiros, Sean Moiha, Michael Nelson, Jenna Nickl, Michael Saragos-Galon, Andrew Trump, Casey Utemei, Lindsay Ventura, Ellaine Viernes Obero, Donald Wong, Jr., Clayton Yamamoto, Jr., Kaylyn Yamura;

Juniors: Anjalika Agustin, Jayvimar Arellano, Cammeson Carlos-Ellazar, Justin Meikle, Shaleshalyn Perez-Stevens, Michelle Sahagun, Dylan Snelling, Kaululani Vinluan, Montana White, Kanani Wishard;

Sophomores: Tihani Anakalea, Carley Arraujo, Venus Asencion, Koa Bartsch, Geronimo Boyle, Jocelyn Campollo, Daylan Higa, Chawncy Kaholoa-Kumukoa, Mariah Letzring, Summer Murai, Samara Shaw, Raina Thering, Chelsea Ventura, Eloisa Viernes Obero;

Freshman: Josiah Adams, Genevieve Boyle, Kadence Coito, Isabel Steinhoff, Kahuliau Kaai, Kassandra Kometani, Skyler Marcom-Robinson, Alexis Matundun, Jonah Palacay, Timothy Pontius, Riley Uehana, Cheyanne Yamasaki.

Kohala Robotics Team Scores in Kea`au

Story and photo by Wendy Nickl

If you think Legos are annoying little bits of plastic that clutter up your home, think again! On November 5, Kohala Middle School's First Lego League (FLL) robotics team placed second overall out of 11 teams in the East Hawaii District FLL competition. This win garnered the team a spot in the FLL Hawaii

categories, but hopeful as they placed third in the exciting Robot Game portion of the competition. Leon Chan, head mentor, and Justin Moniz, assistant mentor, have been coaching the team since August. Chan said, "When other teams kept winning the individual categories we were getting worried. It was great when they called out our team number for the state competition!"

When the Kohala team's number, 4180, was announced, joy erupted in the team and the small but enthusiastic crowd of parents and family supporters from Kohala and Hilo.

The FLL introduces young people 9 to 14 to the fun and excitement of science and technology while building self confidence, knowledge and life skills. FLL challenges kids to think like scientists and engineers and reaches 25,000

students across the United States and over 5,000 from other countries. Team members build robots but also have to research and prepare for judged interviews in robot design, core values and project development. Adult mentors do



The Lego Robotics team includes, left to right, head mentor Leon Chan, Maya Anderson, Mary Marvelanne Clark, Kaid Nickl, Miranda Canniff, Nicole Castillo, and assistant mentor Justin Moniz

Championship Tournament, scheduled for December 2 at the Blaisdell Center in Honolulu.

At the district meet held at Kea`au Elementary School, the Kohala students and coaches were nervous as they did not win first place in any of the sub-cat-

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Batter Up! Keiki Learn Some T-Ball Basics



—photo by Megan Solis

After completing a course in T-ball basics, the graduates of the Parks and Recreation T-Ball for Tots clinic proudly show off their medals, certificates and goody bags on October 28. The clinic, taught by Aunty Renee Gonsalves, offered 3- to 5-year-olds with no T-ball experience a chance to learn the fundamentals of how to stand at the plate and hold the bat, keep their eyes on the ball, know the bases and how to run around them, and how to catch and throw the ball. Players and coaches met each Friday at Veteran's Field for one hour for four weeks in October. Family and friends watched the sometimes humorous and sometimes impressive play of the keiki.

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not attend the competition interviews, but from feedback the team received, the Kohala students presented their data skillfully and conducted themselves with confidence. This year's FLL theme was "Food Factor," in which team members researched food safety, processing, transportation, contamination, and food preparation, and created solutions to ensure food safety.

The KMS team members: Maya Anderson, Miranda Canniff, Nicole Castillo, Mary Marvelanne Clark, Kaid Nickl, along with Mr. Chan and Uncle Justin, would like to thank their supporters including Hana Anderson for providing the team shirts, Janean Stone for coordinating the funding for the team, Patricia Champagne for her support, the elementary school FLL team for their advice and guidance, and their families for all their help (and frequent infusions of food and drink). Next stop, Honolulu!

KOHALA CALENDAR

December

- 1 Thu 9-11 am, CDP Infrastructure Subcmte. Mtg., Walker Hall, public invited, Giovanna, 889-5590.
- 1 Thu 3:30 pm, Kohala Elem. SCC mtg., rm. 12, public invited, 889-7100.
- 1 Thu 6-9 pm, Green Drinks Hawi, Kava Kafe, organic networking & pupus, Forrest, 987-2365.
- 2 Fri 10 am, Preschool Story Time series, ages 2-5, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 4 Sun 7 pm, Dirt the Movie, free film by Sustainable Kohala, Algood Barn, 55-3309 Ho`ea Makai Rd.
- 5 Mon 6-7 pm, CDP Growth Mgmt Subcmte. Mtg., Surety office, Hawi.
- 5 Mon 6:30 pm, Christmas movie: Home Alone, free, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 6 Tue 4-5:30 pm, Hope for Haiti Mtg., St. Augustine's Walker Hall, new members welcome, Lani, 889-5852.
- 7 Wed 10-11 am, Homeschool Wednesdays, free, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 7 Wed 4-5 pm, KCAA registration for Boys Basketball, Girls Softball (last sign-ups), ages 9-14; T-ball/Pitchball ages 5-8; free, includes uniform, Hisaoka Gym, Tom, 889-5049.
- 7 Wed 4:30-6:30 pm, CDP Public Access Subcmte. Mtg., open to public, Senior Center, Ted, 889-5801.
- 8 Thu 4-5 pm, KCAA registration for Boys Basketball, ages 9-14; T-ball/Pitchball ages 5-8; free, includes uniform, Hisaoka Gym, Tom, 889-5049.
- 9 Fri 10 am, Preschool Story Time series, ages 2-5, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 9 Fri 4:30 pm, Hospice Tree Decorating Ceremony, all welcome, Senior Center, Kealoha, 889-0171.
- 9 Fri 6-10 pm, Kohala's Got Talent fundraiser, \$20 incl. dinner, entertainment, silent auction, Luke's Place, Rachel, 756-3883.
- 10 Sat 5-8 pm, Open Community Art Show Opening Night, Kenji's House, \$5, show continues to 12/30, 987-3902.
- 12 Mon 4:30 - 6:30 pm, CDP Action Cmte. Public Mtg., Senior Center.
- 12 Mon 6-7 pm, Kohala Haw'n Civic Club Public Mtg., Hawi Community Center, Rochelle, 896-3033.
- 12 Mon 6:30 pm, Christmas Sing-along with Aunty Audrey Veloria, free, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 13 Tue 10 am, Adult book discussion group, "Snow Falling on Cedars," North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 13 Tue 4-5 pm, KCAA registration for Boys Basketball, ages 9-14; T-ball/Pitchball ages 5-8; last sign-ups, free, includes uniform, Hisaoka Gym, Tom, 889-5049.
- 14 Wed 8 am, No. Kohala Merchants Association Mtg., Resource Center, public invited, Bobby, 889-0505.
- 14 Wed 6:30 pm, KHS SCC mtg., rm. D-24, parents & community welcome, 889-7117.
- 15 Thu 1:30-2:30 pm, Kohala Hospital Auxiliary Mtg., Hospital Pavilion, new members welcome, Dixie, 889-5730.
- 16 Fri 10 am, Preschool Story Time series, ages 2-5, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 17 Sat 9 am-3 pm, Garage & Bake Sale to benefit Kohala Senior Athletic Softball, Hisaoka Gym.
- 17 Sat 9 am-1 pm, Treasures Helping-Hand Store, Assembly of God, Hawi Rd., free meal: 10 am-1 pm, 889-5177.
- 17 Sat 4:30-6:30 pm, Free Grindz--Hot Meal, under the Hawi Banyans, bring a friend, Kohala Baptist Church, Sondra, 889-5416.
- 19 Mon Kohala schools closed for winter break thru 1/3.
- 19 Mon 6:30 pm, Christmas movie: A Christmas Story, free, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 21 Wed 8:30 am-12:30 pm, `Iole Volunteer Day, New Moon Foundation land, help to maintain `Iole's trails, stay for catered lunch, Kerry, 889-5151.
- 21 Wed 10-11 am, Homeschool Wednesdays, free, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 21 Wed 4:30 pm, CDP Affordable Housing Subcmte. Mtg., open to public, Senior Center.
- 21 Wed 7-9 pm, Winter Solstice/Holiday Concert, live music w/ Karen Miller, bring an instrument & join in, Living Arts Gallery, Hawi, 889-0739.
- 23 Fri 10 am, Preschool Story Time series, ages 2-5, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 24 Sat 11 am-12:30 pm, Free Community Meal, St. Augustine's Walker Hall, Thrift Store open 10 am - 12:30 pm.
- 24 Sat 6 pm, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, free dinner, 7 pm service, under the Hawi Banyans, all are welcome, Kohala Baptist Church, Sondra, 889-5416.
- 26 Mon County/State offices closed for Christmas holiday.
- 30 Fri 10 am, Preschool Story Time series, ages 2-5, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 31 Sat 6 pm, New Year's Eve Mochi Pounding, free dinner followed by mochi pounding and fireworks, all are welcome, Kohala Baptist Church, Sondra, 889-5416.

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Hawi Gallery, Art & Ukuleles Finds Its Niche

Sometimes things are just meant to be. When Richard and Lee Bodien arrived in Hawi from Seattle last July, they brought with them a container full of art and musical instruments with plans to open an art gallery. Later that month, with just art on the walls and instruments in the windows, they opened Hawi Gallery, but fortunately they didn't get a sign made right away.

Richard Bodien explains, "When I told my neighbor Raynard that I was going to sell a few guitars too, he began telling people I was opening a music store. That generated so much excitement that I decided to move forward on that. My first sale was an ukulele. So Hawi Gallery is now Hawi Gallery, Art & Ukuleles."

The double doors open to an eclectic mix of unique and unusual musical instruments, artifacts, guitars, locally crafted jewelry and accessories, and vintage Hawaiiana. In the front room, ukuleles and other instruments hang in the windows and along the walls. The constantly changing selection includes new, used, and vintage instruments from such brands as Big Island, Collings, Ibanez, Kamaka, Kohala, and Martin; local luthiers are represented by Kohala's David Gomes (his original "Picasso Bass Ukulele" is now on display), Guy Sasaki from Kona, and Bryan Luker from Hilo.

Musicians will appreciate the



Richard Bodien, above, and his wife Lee recently opened Hawi Gallery, Art & Ukuleles. In addition to being a musician and artist, Bodien is a ghostwriter and editor of books, scripts, concepts, etc.

shop's selection of vintage sheet music for the ukulele and the array of unusual instruments including a resonator ukulele, banjoleles, a mando-banjo, dilruba, harmonium, glass flute, baritone horn, and lap steel, acoustic, and electric guitars. Hawi Gallery also carries accessories such as strings, tuners, and their exclusive "special-sauce" guitar picks.

am happy to share my knowledge and experience as a musician and a parent to help them find a good, usable instrument that will inspire musicianship at a price they can afford," said Bodien.

The gallery's multiple small rooms are full of artwork, artifacts and more instruments. Colorful paintings adorn the walls, giving the odd spaces a cheerful atmosphere. Many of the paintings are Bodien's own work, but the gallery also features the work of local artists including Susan Kobzev and Jocelyn Zaretsky, as well as handcrafted woodwork, leatherwork, sculpture, beading, ipu heke, 'uli 'uli, and keawe weapons from Hawai'i island craftspeople. New and vintage aloha shirts round out the shop's offerings.

All are welcome to join Hawi Gallery's free Blues Workshop the first Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. He also has plans for a monthly Ukulele Workshop for all ages and levels, as soon as he can find someone to lead it.

Bodien says new signs for the shop are coming soon, but look for the ukulele hanging over the door next to Marylou's. He welcomes people to stop by any time to chat or jam.

Hawi Gallery, Art & Ukuleles is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day but Wednesday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays.

—photo by Megan Solis

The shop caters to novice musicians as well.

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