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Homecoming 2012



—photo by Megan Solis

King Christopher Roxburgh and Queen Kristine Antonio presided over Kohala High School's Homecoming January 27-28. For more Homecoming photos, see page 9.

More Coastal Lands Chosen for Public Purchase

Story and photo by Toni Withington
North Kohala again scored high on the Hawaii state and county annual priority lists for public purchase of open space lands. The possible purchase of these significant coastal lands would add several miles to the acquisitions already made in the last two years to protect the shoreline from development.

The County Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Commission (PONC) listed five North Kohala projects among the six properties prioritized for purchase using the two percent Open Space Fund for this coming year. The Legacy Land Conservation Commission, which decides which lands the state should buy, recommended funding the southern parcel of the Kaiholena ahupua'a with matching local funds.

The lands between Hapu'u and Kapanania bays, seven parcels totaling 167 acres, were listed as the second top priority by PONC. Kamehameha's family land, with two major heiau, was listed number four on the 2010 list. Called the Hapu'u to Kapanania Cultural Corridor, it is also the top priority for access preservation by the North Kohala Community Development Plan (NKCDP).

Another north coast site, two parcels totaling 48 acres at Niuli'i, was ranked third. This clifftop stretch of coast from Keokea Park almost to Neue Bay was the site of the village of Niuli'i, whose chief once ruled the entire island and

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Kohala's '6000 n 60' Team Invited to White House Science Fair

The efforts of the "6000 n 60" project had rewards beyond merely collecting batteries. Last year, four students from a group of 25 at Kohala Middle School were chosen to compete in the "Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge" with their household battery recycling project to collect 6,000 batteries in 60 days. The students, Mina Apostadiro, Rico Bowman, Genevieve Boyle, and Isabel Steinhoff, along with mentor Lani Bowman, placed first in the nation in the Challenge. The thrill of an all-expense paid trip to Costa Rica and \$10,000 savings bonds for the students were remarkable prizes for their efforts.

On January 27, however, Bowman received a call from Discovery Education and Siemens Foundation, sponsors of the Challenge, asking if the group would be interested in traveling to Washington, D.C. for President Obama's second science fair. Much to her surprise the fair was scheduled for February 7, a mere 10 days away. The girls quickly developed a display board about their project. The group was joined by Rico Bowman, who now attends Kamehameha Schools on O'ahu, and flew to the capital February 4. Before they left, the group faced two more challenges:

they were not to tell anyone why they were traveling to D.C. until the official announcement about the fair was made, only one day before the event. In addition, the day of their departure Lani

President Obama. The hysterical group boarded their flight with huge smiles and took catnaps filled with dreams of meeting the president.

The whirlwind four days will remain one of the fondest memories of their lives. Setting up displays in the White House with other winners from all over the nation was exciting. Even more exhilarating was having their display in the blue room, visiting and taking pictures in the red and green rooms, and walking down the halls with photos and portraits of the incredible history the White House holds. Their mouths were agape at the array of secret service men, guard dogs and White House staff busily preparing for the event.

On February 7, the four "6000 n 60" students along with the other exhibitors entered the White House alone - no adults allowed. For three hours they explained their project to reporters, photographers, scientists, CEOs, and government officials. The high point, of course, was when President Obama entered the room and said, "Hey you're my group from Hawai'i, howzit?" He gave a shaka to the kids, chatted a bit and received a lei. As he walked away, he mentioned to Rico that Kamehameha always beat

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—photo courtesy of Lani Bowman

6000 n 60 members, from left, Genevieve Boyle, Mina Apostadiro, Rico Bowman, Krystal Putman of Discovery Education and Isabel Steinhoff at the White House.

Bowman received word their team was one of several groups chosen to share their project with the president.

When the team met in Los Angeles, Bowman had the students review their materials. When she felt confident they "knew their stuff," she tearfully announced they were chosen to meet

Community Unites to Preserve Kauhola Point 'Lighthouse'

Story and photo by Elizabeth Pickett
"A big reason why my family and I live in Kohala is because of Lighthouse. I'm ready to do my part to make sure Kauhola Point is protected and cared for," said Jared Terpek, lifetime resident of North Kohala. On January 29, Terpek and others held an event to cultivate more community participation in safeguarding Kauhola Point. Signs around town read: "Malama Kauhola BBQ. Surfers, body boarders, fishermen, families... All welcome."

The event was the most recent in a series of efforts to raise funds to purchase 27.5 acres at Kauhola Point. A joint effort between Maika'i Kamakani O Kohala, Inc. (future property title holders), Trust for Public Land, and the Malama Kai Foundation Ocean Warriors program, the project has made it a primary objective to support community involvement throughout the process and to prioritize long-term involvement of Lighthouse "regulars" in securing the land and guiding stewardship.

Terpek, like many others, knows the significance of the area to many residents and decided to coordinate an event to bring everyone together in one place. More than 120 North Kohala residents

came to the barbecue, where they purchased t-shirts and bought bake sale items made by Ocean Warriors students. All proceeds went to the land purchase, which is set to take place this month.

More than 70 people wrote personal testimonies on clipboards set out at the entrance, entitled "Why I Love Kauhola Point." Longtime resident and avid Lighthouse surfer Brooks Thomas exemplified the testimony by saying, "This is the single biggest and



More than 120 North Kohala residents came to the barbecue organized by Jared Terpek in support of the Kauhola Point "Lighthouse" preservation efforts.

most important land protection effort that will ever happen in Kohala for generations.

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Kohala Celebrates the Year of the Dragon



—photo by Megan Solis

No fear in feeding this lion, part of the Kohala Merchants Association's annual Chinese Lion Dance in honor of Chinese New Year, held in Kapa'au and Hawi, this year on February 4. The lion danced, "ate" the cabbage at the entrance to the shops, and ushered in good fortune to local merchants.

White House, continued from page 1 Punahou in football, but Punahou beat them in basketball. The students were impressed with Obama's easygoing, relaxed nature.

The team realizes there is more to do to carry on the project they started. One of the intentions of the project was to create better household battery collection/recycling opportunities. The group continues to work toward this goal with Business Services Hawaii and government officials. As a commitment to the Kohala community, whose tremendous efforts helped the team exceed its goal of 6,000 batteries to a final number of 7,540, the team will hold another household battery collection drive. "Be Green, Recycle Your Batteries" is the theme. Collection will be from St. Patrick's Day, March 17 through Earth Day, April 22. Bins will be located outside Arakaki, Takata and Nakahara stores.

The team appreciates these merchants agreeing to do this again and asks that batteries be dropped off only during these dates. Do NOT drop at these locations after the bins have been removed. This was a problem in the past, and the team appreciates the busi-

nesses helping out despite this. The team thanks the community for its support in their fundraising efforts for their time in Costa Rica. Expenses for the recent D.C. trip were again primarily paid for by the Siemens Foundation and Discovery Education. However, the group had additional costs for the extra time, team shirts, lei and omiyage. A small fundraiser selling roasted half-chicken plates is tentatively set for Friday, March 23. Check bulletin boards for further details, see team members or call Lani at 889-5852 for tickets.

In a speech she prepared for the president, Mina Apostadiro said, "My mother, a really hard worker and a great person, always taught me to 'speak from my heart,' and I am. Many lessons were learned by doing this project but I feel the one that stuck with all of us the most is that it doesn't matter who you are or where you come from, you can always make a difference. I quote from Ghandi, 'We need to be the change we want to see in the world.' We indeed are changing the world, one battery at a time."

For more information about the Siemens Challenge, see www.wecanchange.com.

Rep. Nakashima Hosts Community Meeting

Representative Mark Nakashima invites the community to attend a mid-session community meeting at the North Kohala Public Library, Monday, February 27, at 4 p.m. Nakashima will provide updates on current legislation, and the community can share with him any thoughts or concerns. He will also meet

with Kohala seniors at the Senior Citizens Club in Kapa'au at 9 a.m. the same day.

Rep. Nakashima is the state representative for the Kohala, Hamakua, North Hilo and rural South Hilo areas.

For more information, call Rep. Nakashima's office toll free from the Big Island at 974-4000, ext. 6-6680.

Santiago `Ohana Named Scout Family of the Year

By Kathy Matsuda

Albert Jr. and Maria Santiago of Troop 56 were selected as the 2011 Hamakua-Kohala District Scout Family of the Year.

The annual award is given by the district for noteworthy service by a husband and wife registered in scouting. The Hamakua-Kohala Scout Family is held up as a perfect example of the scouting program's values, and the Santiagos have made these values a part of their everyday lives.

The Santiagos have three children: Brandon, Larissa, and Albert III, who is an Eagle Scout. Albert Jr. is an assistant scoutmaster, and Maria is a committee member. In its selection, the district noted that Albert Jr. has been a tremendous help to the district, chairing the Makahiki and Camporee, and recently taking on the position of Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner. The family's enthusiasm for scouting rubs off on others, and they are a great source of



—photo courtesy of Skip White

The Santiago family was recently selected as the 2011 Hamakua-Kohala District Scout Family of the Year. Pictured from left to right are Albert III, Albert Jr., Larissa and Maria Santiago.

inspiration to all new leaders.

The Santiagos are members of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and are also very active in the Kohala Puerto Rican Club. They are very giving members of the community.

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 was later the site of one of the first sugar mills in Kohala. It is the location of one of the last remaining premier hala groves. Lauhala weavers throughout the state revere the leaves from this grove.

The only project listed higher than these is the purchase of a shoreline easement at Banyans in Kailua-Kona, which was number one.

Three other large parcels of land on the leeward coast made repeat appearances on the PONC list. Mahukona, 434 acres of land between Mahukona and Kapa'a parks was listed fourth. Keawenui Easement, coastal access on 166 acres including Keawenui and Keaweula bays, was fifth. Kukuipahu-Haena Corridor, the former Parker Ranch land between Kapa'a Park and Puakea, a whopping 1,750 acres, was named sixth. Both the Mahukona and Kukuipahu lands are recommended for public purchase in the NKCDP, County Ordinance 08-151. Mahukona and Kukuipahu have made the county priority list five times out of the six years the program has been in place.

Funding for these possible purchases is subject to actions by the mayor, the County Council and agreement of the land owners. Some of the land owners have indicated a willingness to sell; some have not.

Closer to the possibility of shifting from private to public ownership is a 35-acre lot at Kaiholena on the leeward

coast. In December the Legacy Land Commission put this parcel on its 2012 priority list for purchase. With approval of the legislature and the governor, the state would put up \$1.45 million of the sale price, and the Ala Kahakai Trail Association, a local nonprofit organiza-



Niuli`i is the location of one of the last remaining premier hala groves. Two parcels at Niuli`i ranked third on the county annual priority list for public purchase of open space lands.

tion, would raise \$153,000.

This lot is the sixth and final lot at Kaiholena to get in line for funding. The 264-acre parcel makai of Akoni Pule Highway was once scheduled for a massive resort development in the 1980s. This plan was dropped amid strong opposition from the Kohala community. It was sold and subdivided in the 1990s. The land has been described by Bishop Museum as having the "highest concentration of pre-contact archaeological sites in the State."

Two years ago the county purchased the northern three lots for \$6.5 million. The two central lots with a total of 77 acres have been funded \$2.95 million by the county and \$1.65 million by the state though the sale is still being processed. The acquisition of the last Kaiholena parcel would preserve in open space almost an entire stretch of seven miles along the leeward coast.

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 erations to come."

Ocean Warriors students Caylah Carvalho and Anayah Tabiolo added, "We are really excited to be part of saving Kauhola Point and are taking care of it with cleanup days and by picking up trash."

Ocean Warriors' ongoing cleanup days are expanding to include water quality, fish, ophi, and coral monitoring, as well as native plant restoration. The Warriors program at Kauhola was one of only three programs in US Region 9 (and the only one in Hawaii) to be funded by the EPA Environmental Education Program. The offices of Senators Mazie Hirono and Daniel Inouye sent congratulatory letters to Malama Kai for the success of the students' activities.

"Involving both students and adults in meaningful long-term stewardship of a coastal area in this way is both powerful and innovative. Surfing down at Lighthouse was when I first saw Ocean Warriors, and I was so inspired that now I'm co-coordinating the program," shared Tom Loomis. "To build a ground-up process that involves kids from the beginning and that is joined by the full spectrum of community is special and should be the widespread model."

The gathering brought together many players, including Stephanie Naihe Laxton, president of Maika'i

Key to all the purchase of public open space is local stewardship and management of the land. So far three entities have stepped forward—all with the commitment to keeping stewardship within the Kohala community. Kohala Lihikai was incorporated last year and is already stewarding the land makai of Upolu Airport with plans to work with government agencies and private land owners in caring for coastal lands. Maika'i Kamakani O Kohala will be stewarding the 27 acres at Kauhola Point (Lighthouse) when that sale, funded by the Legacy Land Fund and local donations, takes place this year. The Ala Kahakai Historical Trail, administered by the National Park Service is working on implementing a locally based stewardship program for each section of the trail that will reach from Upolu Point along the west side of the island to Volcanoes National Park.

Kamakani O Kohala, Inc. She addressed the group stating, "When we accepted the DLNR Legacy Land funding, we agreed to a number of stipulations including supporting stewardship. [Maika'i Kamakani] is creating an advisory board made of fishermen, surfers, kupuna and Ocean Warriors." Laxton is adamant that the area be managed from the ground up, with a limited carbon footprint, protecting the historical integrity, and supporting those who have been actively caring for the area. "I was impressed at how much everyone loves Kauhola, and encouraged because there is a strong camaraderie and spirit by and for the people who know, love, and use the place."

"This is a dream come true," added landowner Jenifer Davis. "It makes me happy that when I'm a little old lady I will be able to come here, sit in my favorite spot, and know it will remain undeveloped and cared for always."

Brian Thomas, also a frequent surfer at Lighthouse shared, "Seeing everyone together made me appreciate the community we live in and how we come together to do the right thing for the good of the places we love and each other."

Amidst cheers and heartfelt support, the Ocean Warriors students summed it up with their motto, saying, "We care. We learn more. We work with others to take action. We love Kauhola Point!"

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Letters—

Dear Kohala community,

My name is Kiera Javillonar. I am a seventh grader at Kohala Middle School. I ask that you stop graffiti. We should stop graffiti because you write things all over Kohala. I think that graffiti should have a law. If someone sees you doing graffiti, then you should get fined. Graffiti is bad.

Keep Kohala Graffiti-Free

Whoever paints the walls, and everything else that people do graffiti on, must have a hard job. They have to keep painting over graffiti over and over again. Please try to keep our town graffiti-clean. We have so much beauty in Kohala. By the Kamehameha Park pool, there is sometimes graffiti. It makes it look so ugly. Graffiti can make

everything in Kohala look ugly. Then we won't have any beauty in Kohala. Please keep Kohala clean. We don't want to make Kohala look like the ghettos like in O'ahu. Again, keep our town clean.

Sincerely,
Kiera Javillonar

Grow Pono, Kohala!

Dear Kohala community,

My name is Kakano Maikui. I am a seventh grader at Kohala Middle School. I want to tell you about growing pono. Growing pono to me is thinking about one another, helping each other out and no bullying. In my school we are working on growing pono. I would like the whole Kohala town to grow pono. I heard there's been a lot of stealing and bullying. I would like us to try to grow pono. Our community to me would be much more friendly if we all had pono. Thank you for listening to my opinion.

Sincerely,
Kakano Maikui

County Dog Laws Misunderstood or Ignored

I appreciate our Police Department's effort drawing attention to a longstanding serious problem, by posting letters in the KMN; however, we need their enforcement of current laws. Our police department is doing a great job, keeping speeding drivers in check, but do little if anything, on their own, to address the ongoing dog problem they were pointing to; it is dangerous to walk our streets, and noisy dogs interfere with a good-night's sleep. Letters are fine, but enforcement is far better, and more effective. Why wait for a complaint? Dogs are easy to see and hear; enforcement should be no problem; sec-

tion 4-12 Fees needs enforcement also. Dog owners may not fully understand what the meaning of the law is. Under Chapter 04, section 4-24 (a). Noisy means, barks, bays, cries, howls or makes any other noise, at any time day or night. "Section 4-24 Noisy dogs. (a) No person shall keep any dog which barks, bays, cries, howls or makes any other noise continuously or incessantly for a period of ten minutes or barks, bays, cries, howls or makes any other noise intermittently for a period of twenty minutes within a thirty-minute period of time to the disturbance of any person

at any time of day or night and regardless of whether the dog is physically situated in or upon private property." Just because a dog takes a breather in between its noisy behavior does not eliminate the violation. Penalties can reach up to \$200 for such violations. Every dog owner wants to be a good neighbor, and probably never considered that other neighbors would like to walk on our public streets, without fear and apprehension, or sleep without illegal dog noise. Some are terrified even from small dogs.

Respectfully,
Frank J. Maier

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.

Open Letter to Peter Ho, Chairman and CEO, Bank of Hawaii

Dear Mr. Ho,
I worked in the fifties for major Canadian national banks; I know how crucial a local bank is to a community, and that is why I read the letter of January 27, 2012, announcing the closing of the Kohala branch, with sadness. Surely you appreciate, a bank is more than a business; it is also a community support system. This is especially true with our local seniors, many of whom are either unable or afraid to use online banking services, for various reasons. Trying to educate them in using online services will not work; for most elderly, learning is no longer easy or even possible. What about those people who have no computer to begin with? I fear it includes the majority of our seniors.
Reading about you, I found the following, "Peter Ho puts helping people high on desires—*Honolulu Advertiser* (Mar 21, 2010)." Mr. Ho, this is your God-given chance to live up to your desires, and to demonstrate that your service priorities are still in the right place. Closing the Kohala branch would be contrary to helping people, in my opinion. I know that Bank of Hawaii has an excellent financial record; I refuse to believe that your bank would abandon our seniors/community, who contributed so much to make your bank suc-

cessful for 90 years. Closing this historic branch would appear ungrateful, and totally devoid of the Aloha Spirit.
Our business community will also suffer; which business owners have the time to travel to Waimea, to accomplish their basic banking needs? Yes, we are in an economic slowdown, but as sure as the sun will rise tomorrow, so will the business climate in our community. Signs of increased tourist trade are everywhere. A community without at least one local full-service bank is doomed to stagnate. This plan to close our local bank appears very short-sighted and ignores the potential of our community; it throws in the towel in defeat. The closing of this branch signals to us that your bank has given up on our community. This is not the bank I know, and learned to respect in the aftermath of our national banking disaster.
I appreciate that there are compelling short-term business reasons why your bank came to this decision. However, when looking at the long-term, this decision will prove to be wrong, not only in the business sense, but also in the human sense. Taking away a community banking support from a struggling community, trying to rebuild itself appears to be an apathetic and calculated action. There are ways to make this work for

the benefit of the bank and the community. For example, this branch does not require three bank clerks, excluding the Manager, and yet this is what I saw January 30, 2012, while making my deposit. We, I am sure, are willing to wait a little longer in-line to get service, if that, and other cost savings, like opening three days a week only, help to keep this branch open.
Keeping this branch open, for the sake of the community, is priceless marketing for your bank. When prospective customers learn about this, they will be confident to bring their business to your bank. I implore you to exercise your executive power and veto this planned closure of our branch.
Respectfully,
Frank J. Maier

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'The Taste of Kalo' Grows a Strong Community in Kohala

The Taste of Kalo will be held Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Kohala Intergenerational Center in Kamehameha Park (behind the Hisaoka Gym). The event will feature the "Kalo Challenge," in which local teams compete for the first-place prize in an "Iron Chef" style cook-off using taro and other surprise ingredients.

Teams include: The Mayor's Team with Mayor Billy Kenoi and Chef Eric Rouelle; The Governor's Team with Dwight Takamine and Russell Kokubun; The Senators Team with Malama Solomon, Josh Green and Gilbert Kahale; The Representatives Team with Jerry Chang and Clift Tsuji; The Councilmembers Team with Fresh Onishi and David Shiigi; Partners in Development Foundation Team with Danny Goya and Alison Masutani; Bozo Boyz with Ted Matsuda and Kell Matsuda; Kahua Pa'a Mua Team with John Hirota and Bob Lindsey; ILWU Team with Eli Miura and Sunny Ware; Korean Natural Farming Team with Royanne Shiigi and Kim Chang; and the Filipino Radio Now Team with Eddie O and Rose Ombac. Prizes will be awarded for Most Sustainable, Most Unusual, Most Savory, Most Creative, Most Aromatic, Best Presentation and the People's Choice Award.

The public is also invited to show off their cooking skills by entering the Best Salad Dressing Contest. The entry deadline for the salad dressing contest is February 29; entry forms can be picked up at the Kohala Intergenerational Center, by calling 884-5838, or downloaded at www.communityharvesthawaii.org/kalo.

The opening ceremony is at 9 a.m., followed by an address by the mayor and then the introduction of the Kalo Challenge teams. The MC for the day will be Eddie O. from LAVA 105.3. Judging of the Kalo Challenge and Best Salad Dressing will take place at 11 a.m., with the public invited to eat at noon.

Palili 'O Kohala—a 10-family taro-growing cooperative in Kohala—will be providing the kalo for the day and also offering pork with beef laulau for sale in advance for three for \$8. It will be available for pickup on the day of the event between 2 and 4 p.m. To order laulau in advance, call Bert Kanoa at 889-0431. Please leave a message with your name, phone number, and how many laulau you would like to order.

Ka Hana No'eau will be providing free chili and rice bowls. As a fundraiser for their youth mentoring program, value-added products such as jam and BBQ sauce will be for sale. The Ka Hana No'eau students will display their projects, including traditional Hawaiian saddle making, hand-made ukulele, culinary arts, natural farming, taro growing, graphic arts, biotechnology, machinery, AVID, early childhood care, and animal husbandry.

Every month, the Community Harvest Hawai'i project welcomes the community to drop off their excess fruits, vegetables and herbs. On Friday, March 9, between 3 and 7 p.m., the fruits, vegetables and herbs donated by the community will be the "surprise ingredients"

used by the Kalo Challenge teams.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Grammy and Hoku Hanohano Award winners Cyril Pahinui and John Cruz, who will be joined by special guest, Ernie Cruz, Sr. Halau NaKipu upu'u under the direction of Kumu Hula Micah Kamohoali'i will perform hula. The Taiko group Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko

Kohala/Waimea will also perform.

The Taste of Kalo is a joint project of Partners in Development Foundation/Ka Hana No'eau, Palili 'O Kohala, Hawai'i FFA Foundation, and Community Harvest Hawai'i. Call Ka Hana No'eau for more information at 884-5838 or visit: www.communityharvesthawaii.org/kalo.

Turn Your Trash Into Art

It's time to breathe some new life into your everyday trash!

The 6th Annual Trash Bash Art Show takes place Saturday, April 21, from 6 to 9 p.m., upstairs at The Kohala Coffee Mill.

This year's art show encourages artists to showcase and transform everyday trash and give it new life. The goal is to continue to change the way we as a community define re-use. Let's find and inspire new ways of keeping recyclable items and trash out of our landfill.

The creative possibilities are limitless. You can check out the Trash Bash

website for ideas and links to amazing examples of Trash Art. Join in the fun and help us re-use, reduce, and recycle.

Together we CAN make a difference!

Please bring artwork ready to display, clearly labeled with artist's name, to the Kava Kafe-Upstairs at the Mill on Monday, April 16, between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Entries MUST be received by April 16. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Entry forms are available online at kohalatrashbash.com. There is a \$5 fee per entry. For more information visit the website or call Colleen at 889-5009.



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Art Show Fundraiser Benefits Skate Park

Roots Advocates for Youth is hosting its "Skate and Create for Concrete" Art Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, March 31, at Hisaoka Gym. The event is a fundraiser for construction of Phase Two of Roots Skate Park at Kamehameha Park in Kapa'au.

Organizers are seeking artists to submit pieces for sale, with a preference for works that contain skateboarding, surfing, BMX or Motocross motifs. The groups also seeks event sponsors, silent auction donations, live art demonstra-

tors or clinics, and prizes for the youth recycled skate art contest. There will be first, second and third-place prizes for three age brackets and multiple honorable mention prizes.

Art submissions are due by March 23 and can be sent to P.O. Box 946, Kapa'au, HI 96755, or call Richey at 895-2909 for pick up.

A conceptual drawing of Phase Two of the park can be seen at <http://fivemtn.org/nhdhc/roots-skatepark.html>.

An Evening of Poetry, Music with Gavin Harrison

Poet Gavin Harrison invites the community to a poetry reading: One Love One Song - Ecstatic Poetry, Music, Stories of Awakening, on Saturday, March 10, at the Algood Barn in North Kohala.

Harrison's website states, "Gavin's poetry is infused with love, humor, wisdom, joy and humanity. He challenges us to take seriously the possibility of unconditional freedom, now! His life is deeply rooted in the ecstatic Sufi poetry of Rumi and Hafez. His words evidence a wild and awakened heart." Gavin will be accompanied by fellow North Kohala resident, Joey Bradley, on ukulele.

Participants are invited to arrive at 5:30 p.m. for an optional time of silent togetherness—for meditation, reflection, a quiet cup of tea, or to reserve a seat. Guests are asked to arrive by 6:20 p.m. when the property gates will close; the event begins at 6:30 p.m. Chairs and cushions are available; guests are asked not to bring a chair, but may bring their own cushion or blanket.

There will be a community desert potluck afterwards with filtered water, hot/iced tea, milk and sweeteners available. This is a zero-waste event, so guests are asked to bring their own mug, glass and plate.

Harrison gratefully accepts donations at poetry events. This is how he covers his living expenses. The suggested donation for the evening is \$25.

The Algood Barn is located at 55-3309 Ho'ea Makai Road, Hawi. From the

Akoni Pule Highway, turn onto Ho'ea Road. Go exactly one mile and turn left (there are double farm gates and a Private Road sign.) Go 4/10 of a mile and there is a farm gate to the right with the name Algood on it.

Harrison leads meditation retreats in Hawaii and South Africa. He is a



—photo by Wendy Wagner
Gavin Harrison

student of tai chi, yoga and qi gung. Ordained as a Buddhist monk, he is a recipient of the "Unsung Hero of Compassion" award, presented to him by His Holiness the Dalai Lama for kindness and quiet dedication to others. He is a poet, musician, artist and the author of "In the Lap of the Buddha." For more information about Harrison and his poetry, visit his website, www.gavinharrison.net. Please call Wendy Wagner for further information, should you not have access to the Internet, at 889-5105.

Hawaiian History 'Talk Story,' Jewelry Making Offered at Library

North Kohala Public Library will host two "talk story" sessions on Hawaiian history with North Kohala historian, Boyd D. Bond.

The first session on Monday, February 27, will focus on "The Royal Women of Hawai'i." In the second presentation on Monday, March 12, Bond will discuss "The Story of Kohala," giving an overview of the history of Kohala from its beginnings to the present. Each hour-long presentation begins at 6:30 p.m.

Call the library at 889-6655 for more information about this popular lecture series.

For those with a creative urge, jewelry artist Sid Nakamoto will demonstrate a simple and beautiful jewelry design for the next North Kohala Public Library Adult and Teen craft program on

Monday, March 19. Nakamoto will offer 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 Nakamoto's 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 Store.

Contact the library three weeks in advance if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is required.

Schools Host Spring Fest March 3

The community is invited to attend Kohala Schools' Spring Fest at the Kohala school complex cafeteria, Saturday, March 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The free event is sponsored by 21st Century Community Learning Centers as an outreach to parents and community members to help keep them informed about educational resources for Kohala's children.

The event will showcase 21st Century programs; offer community resources to parents; provide activities for younger children; and host a variety of informational booths about local programs and organizations.

Concessions will be available. For more information, contact Kyle at 333-6219.

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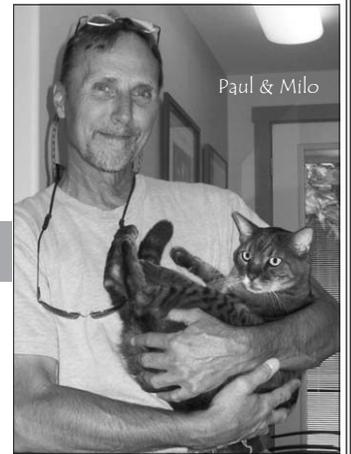
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North Kohala Treasure Hunt Benefits Yoga Ed

Back for another memorable evening, the North Kohala Treasure Hunt will be held Saturday, March 31, at 5 p.m. at the North Kohala Community Resource Center in Hawi.

This popular event is filled with intrigue, mystery, and battle of wits, so gather a team and sign up at the resource center. There are spaces for 13 teams of four to six people, \$100/per team. All ages are welcome. The proceeds for this fundraiser benefit the Yoga Ed Program, a fiscally sponsored project of NKCRC, which provides yoga instruction for

Kohala public schools.

The Treasure Hunt is known to be whacky, unpredictable, and challenging, so a wide spectrum of skills among team members is beneficial. Each team will receive a map, an implement bag, and instructions of how to negotiate their way through Hawi and Kapa'au, solving clues and vying for the grand prize. Refreshments and music follow the event.

Enter early at NKCRC as it's limited to the first 13 teams. For more information on the North Kohala Treasure Hunt, call Jan at 895-5377.

Middle School Hosts Family Celebration March 8

Parents of Kohala Middle School students are asked to reserve Thursday evening, March 8, from 5 to 7 p.m., to come to the school and celebrate student achievements, school programs, and a renovated campus. A free dinner as well as entertainment will be part of this special community event.

Included will be presentations by students about their new advisory hale (houses in Hawaiian). The hale teams participate together in activities such as community service, lunchtime intramurals and Makahiki games.

These groups were named after student-selected values, chosen as attributes of living pono, the overarching theme for the school. To live pono means to

continuously work to make right choices based on being respectful and harmonious to everyone and everything. Activities and experiences are designed to help students build strong understandings of themselves and their *kuleana* (responsibility) to their *'ohana* (families), community, and environment.

Family involvement in all levels of education is important, so parents are encouraged to come celebrate with their middle school youth. Those wishing to attend are asked to return the school's invitation RSVP by February 29 to help with planning. If you are a middle school parent wanting to attend and have not yet received an invitation, please contact the school at 889-7119.

Marquez Promoted to Chief Master Sergeant

Kohala's Kyle R. Marquez was promoted in October 2011 to the rank of chief master sergeant, the highest Air Force enlisted rank with the exception of the chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

Chief Master Sgt. Marquez serves as the operations superintendent, 341st Civil Engineer Squadron, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont. In this capacity he is responsible for advising the commander on matters influencing the morale, welfare, training, readiness and effective utilization of the flight's 215 enlisted military and civilian personnel from eight Air Force specialties as well as the maintenance and repair in support of real property valued at \$4.3 billion to include 165 missile site facilities spread across 13,800 square miles.

Marquez grew up in Kohala and was a Kohala High School graduate with the class of 1988. He is the proud son of the late Robert "Bobby" Marquez and Pamela Marquez.

He entered the Air Force in August 1988. His background includes numerous positions in the civil engineer career field at the squadron and major command level.



—photo courtesy of Pamela Marquez

Airman Basic Kyle Marquez in 1988; and Chief Master Sgt. Marquez today. Marquez was pinned with his new rank on January 14, 2012.

His previous assignments include bases in Alaska, Georgia and Hawaii. Marquez also served overseas in Japan and deployed in support of Operations Southern Watch, Desert Fox, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and New Dawn.

Prior to assuming his current position, Marquez served as the superintendent, Hickam Public Works Division, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

Among his many awards and decorations are the Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with oak leaf

Kamehameha Day Resumes Full Schedule

The Kamehameha Day Committee announces a full schedule of activities for Monday, June 11, to celebrate the birth of King Kamehameha I in North Kohala.

The day will include an early-morning ceremony and lei-draping at King Kamehameha I's original statue; a floral parade from the North Kohala Community Resource Center in Hawi to the statue in Kapa'au with a descendant of Kamehameha, grand marshal, Pa'u Queen, colorful pa'u princesses, and floats; and, this year, the resumption of ho'olaule'a festivities at Kamehameha Park in Kapa'au. Food booths, exhibits, and stage entertainment are planned.

The committee invites everyone to help create this year's celebration. The

planning meetings take place the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Kamehameha Park concession area.

Please contact the following people for specifics: Food booths—Teresa Marquez: 889-6000; Pa'u princess or private mounted units—Bernelle and Wilton Camara: 889-5665; parade floats—Chona Ho'opai: 884-5168; statue ceremonies—Laddie Shim: 889-5213; educational exhibits at ho'olaule'a—Dennis Matsuda: 333-2744.

For questions or to donate time, money, or equipment contact Committee Chair Cicely Ho'opai at 557-6042, 884-5168, choopai85@yahoo.com. For information on the schedule and celebration details, visit www.kamehamehadaycelebration.org.

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Resource Center Celebrates 10 Years of Serving Kohala



Giovanna Gherardi, executive director Christine Richardson and president Chris Helmuth with the 10th anniversary cake.

Story and photos by Frank Morgan
More than 250 people turned out for a gala celebration of the 10th anniversary of the North Kohala Community Resource Center at its Hawi headquarters on Saturday, February 18.

The three-hour party started with a blessing and a dedication, followed by music, food, entertainment by David Gomes and Sons of Kohala, and recognition of sponsored projects.

What began as one man's vision has raised almost \$8 million to fund a total of 127 diverse Kohala projects, ranging from coqui frog eradication and a skateboard park to a recycling center and the state's first wildlife center. Thirty-one of the 127 projects have been successfully completed.

"I do not believe there is one person in North Kohala that has not been affected positively by the work of the Resource Center," said Jon Adams, longtime resident and former owner of Kohala Pacific Realty.

The nonprofit organization does not initiate projects; it only serves as an umbrella for people and groups to plan and fund projects beneficial to the community. "The Resource Center started as a way to go beyond traditional bake sales and car washes to raise money," says Bob Martin, the founder and first president of NKCRC.

"And we thought the best way was to teach people how to plan projects, write grant proposals, and find the right funding sources." In other words, teaching people to fish rather than feeding them for a day.

Of the 70 current projects, 16 percent are in recreation, 10 percent in education,

17 percent in culture, 11 percent in wellness, 18 percent in agriculture, 10 percent in art, and 17 percent in community. These include the Kohala Mountain News, Hawi Farmers' Market, North Kohala Artists' Coöperative, Kohala Country Fair, Kohala Ditch Restoration, Kohala Senior Citizen Club, North Kohala Community Chorus, a summer musical camp for children, a Taiko Drum club, maintenance of the Kamehameha Statue, and a High School Football Boosters Club.

Among the nine original projects recognized at the celebration were:

- Malama O'Kohala Cultural Resources (Fred Cachola) strives to protect the significant cultural and natural resources along the Kohala coast from Upolu to Kawaihae and Hapu'u to Kapanaia.

- Konea O'Kukui Garden Restoration (Nani Svendsen) established a historic homesite and lo'i (taro garden) as a model of restoring the land as a means of reconnecting to the earth, spirit, and the culture.

- Kohala Coalition Against Drugs (Richey Riggs) has worked successfully for the last 11 years to keep Kohala's youth safe and drug free through education and anti-drug activities.

The Center, headquartered in the 75-year-old Fukada building, recently opened its "Kohala Welcome Center," staffed by 14 volunteers who tell the Kohala story to residents and visiting tourists alike. The full-time staff consists of Christine Richardson, executive director, and Juanita Rivera, executive assistant.

For more information, call 889-5523 or go to the NKCRC website at www.northkohala.org.



Bob Martin, board member Amy Meyer-Sullivan, Councilman Pete Hoffman, and executive director Christine Richardson in front of the North Kohala Community Resource Center.



Bob Martin, Christine Richardson, and President Chris Helmuth at the conclusion of the ceremony.



Resource Center founder Bob Martin received an award for his work in creating the Center.



Grace Nanbu and friends identify their high school band in one of the many storyboards on the wall of the new Kohala Welcome Center.



Kahu Kealoha Sugiyama gave the blessing as Bob Martin added a flower to the celebration vase.



Sharon Hayden and Sheri Sproat enjoy the lavish buffet.



Gino Amar and the Sons of Kohala performed for the 250-plus people who came to celebrate the Resource Center's 10th anniversary.

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Kohala High School Homecoming 2012



The freshmen class of 2012 showed their school spirit at the Homecoming Parade January 28.



—photos by Megan Solís and Vahan Chertavian

The 2012 Homecoming Court are, back row, from left: Senior Attendants Arjansen Mariano and Caitlyne Campollo; King Christopher Roxburgh and Queen Kristine Antonio; Junior Attendants Jayvimar Arellano and Amber Souza; and front row, from left: Sophomore Attendants Haruto Fuertes and Jocelyn Campollo; and Freshman Attendants Timmy Pontius and Cheyenne-Marie Cazimero-Granito.



The King and Queen and their court perform a dance during halftime of the Homecoming game between Kohala and HPA.



Junior Kala`i Kapeliela flies in the air as he takes a shot in the varsity Homecoming Game against HPA January 27. Despite an exciting game, Kohala lost 47 to 52.



The sophomore class float was representative of this year's Homecoming theme: "Blow Away HPA."



Junior Attendants Jayvimar Arellano and Amber Souza wave to the crowd during the Homecoming Parade.



Queen Kristine Antonio and King Christopher Roxburgh complete their reign with a ride in the Homecoming Parade.

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Bays English Muffins, 6 ct.	3 ¹⁹
Banquet Pot Pie, 7 oz.	2/2 ⁴⁹
Marie Callender Pies, chocolate, banana, coconut, 28 - 38 oz.	9 ⁵⁹
Chef America Hot Pockets, 4 oz.	1 ¹⁹
El Monterey Burrito, 8 ct.	4 ⁴⁹
Inland French Fries, 32 oz.	3 ²⁹
Hormel Ham Patty, 12 oz.	2 ⁸⁹
Haagen Dazs Ice Cream Bars, 3 ct.	2/6 ⁹⁹
Amy Pockets, all types, 4.5 oz.	2 ⁶⁹
Bailey Ground Pork, 16 oz.	2 ⁹⁹
Pierre Sandwiches, select types, 6 - 7 oz.	2 ⁵⁹
Smuckers Uncrustables, 4/2 oz.	2 ⁵⁹
Mays Picnic Patty, 2 lb.	10 ⁹⁹
Melona Ice Cream Bars, 8 ct.	6 ⁷⁹
S&S Saimin, ohana pack, 9/4.5 oz.	5 ⁶⁹
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Bud Light, 18 pk., bottles or cans	15 ⁹⁹
Yellowtail Wine, 750 ml.	5 ⁹⁹
Columbia Crest, 750 ml.	9 ⁹⁹
Fetzer Wine, 750 ml.	6 ⁹⁹
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Jose Cuervo, 750 ml.	15 ⁸⁹
Smirnoff Vodka, 750 ml.	12 ⁹⁹
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Early Time, 750 ml.	8 ⁹⁹
Bacardi Rum, 750 ml.	12 ⁴⁹
Crown Royal, 750 ml.	21 ⁹⁹

From Lighted Signs to Parks, CDP Action Committee Addresses Community Needs

By Megan Solis

Lighted signs, identifying important agricultural lands, and a new park management program were among the varied topics discussed at the February 12 meeting of the North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee.

Ron Friman reported on the proposed mobile lighted sign for emergencies and announcements. Friman has identified many types of organizations which might utilize such a sign: schools, community groups, police, etc. The project requires research into the types of technology available and what the community needs: an LCD sign with images or a digital one with text only? Costs range from \$30,000 to \$50,000. Other questions such as who would manage it, the types of messages displayed and whether people could buy advertising need to be addressed. Because the committee itself cannot receive monies for such a project, a nonprofit or a partner is needed, such as schools, police/fire, or FEMA. Friman will begin to build a team to investigate further. AC Chair Joe Carvalho suggested this project could be a Capital Improvements Plan budget item.

In new business, Giovanna Gherardi reported on ideas for community outreach to the neighborhoods. Thoughts include establishing a master email list to include representatives from community organizations, kupuna, and other groups. Gherardi has drafted a proposed letter to be sent out to such groups, asking them to designate a liaison between their organization and the action committee. An interactive website for posting news could also be available with assistance from Toni Withington's son. The cost would be about \$70 year.

The investigative group also proposed posting plain language fact sheets on key bulletin boards throughout Kohala, as well as encouraging interaction by scheduling a 20 to 30 minute segment of an action committee meeting for members of specific neighborhoods to express their concerns. Notices could be posted on bulletin boards, sandwich

boards and in Kohala Mountain News.

Hermann Fernandez reported on the issue of the identification of important agricultural lands. Fernandez said it is both a planning and an agricultural issue and a consultant is needed for identifying appropriate lands that fulfill the requirements. Fernandez said we need to keep hammering the county to budget for the appointment of an IAL consultant.

Frank Cipriani, an ag subcommittee member, explained that North Kohala was an industrial farming community until about 1976. He said we need to look at large tracts of strategically located ag land with water that remain available, and we need to identify them soon as many are being divided into 20-acre parcels or less. A letter will be written to the county planning director to push for budgeting of a consultant with the request that the letter be forwarded to the mayor and county council.

Later in the meeting, Ron Friman noted he's met a lot of passionate farmers, but what the area needs is either large tracts of land for farming of single

crops or some niche crops that can do very well. He believes that if farming is to survive in Kohala, young farmers need to be educated about the economics of farming as well as how to grow crops.

In subcommittee reports, Hermann Fernandez, Growth Management subcommittee, reported that L-Three Holdings, as part of its subdivision plan near Hawi Road and Akoni Pule Highway, has requested a variance to permit the subdivision without providing minimum water supply required by Chapter 23 subdivision with the plan to drill a well to supply water for the five lots. The subcommittee will continue to inquire of Jonathan Holmes of the planning department about issues such as where the well would be drilled and holding tank located, etc.

Joe Carvalho of the Public Access subcommittee said the group is meeting with Larry Brown, planning analyst, to review all grants of easement documents in Kohala. They will ID all the grants on a map so they can easily see where they are, the status of each, and who needs to do what.

Reporting for Infrastructure A, Giovanna Gherardi said there is a rumor of a Subway franchise coming to Kohala and expressed concern that if one franchise comes, others will follow. After discussion about whether this would be subject to the NKCDP, Gherardi said it is still important to inform the community. She will do more fact-finding and

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Golf Tournament Raises \$37,500 for Kohala Hospital

Michael and Betty Meinardus really know how to throw a party. The Hawi couple hosted and underwrote the total cost of the 4th Annual Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation Scramble Golf Tournament February 11, at Hapuna Golf Course. And it was a smashing success: 118 players from all over the Big Island showed up, twice the number as last year, and more than \$37,500 was raised to help finance the much-needed modernization of the hospital's emergency room.

Michael Meinardus, who represents the German brewer Bitburger Braugruppe, made sure plenty of his beer was available on the course and at lunch.

"Besides being a lot of fun, it was one of the most professionally organized charity tournaments anyone had ever seen," said Clive Davies of Mauna Lani.

The winning team was composed of Bob Martin, Chris Helmuth, Aaron Sienkiewicz, and Scott Bedingfield of Kohala,

recognized as among the best golfers on the Big Island. They and other winners of cash prizes returned their money to benefit the hospital, as did most winners of prizes won in a raffle.

"On behalf of Bitburger, Betty and I want to thank all the volunteers, the sponsors, and the donors for the spirit of giving so generously," said Michael. "This tournament was played in great team spirit, and I'm very happy that our little hospital will benefit so that one day we will be able to build a new emergency room. We look forward to doing it again next year."

Betty added, "A special thank you to John Watterson, Frank Morgan, John Adams and West Hawaii Concrete's Jason and Mel Macys, who made fabulous trophies for the winners, for all their help, support and generosity. We could not have done it without you wonderful people of Kohala and beyond."



—photo by Amanda Sanders
Nelson Bruno, left, and Derek Obina were two of the 118 golfers who participated in the tournament.

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report to the committee. With regard to parks, she reported a volunteer work party will powerwash Kapa'a Beach Park pavilion on February 15 and paint it March 3 through 4. The North Kohala Park Management Program is now a project under fiscal sponsorship of North Kohala Community Resource Center. Individuals or groups can "adopt a park" with one point person responsible for monitoring parks on a weekly basis, making sure parks are clean and maintained, reporting any vandalism or unacceptable conditions, and coordinating with Parks and Recreation.

During public comments, Frank Cipriani reported many people are getting infatigo (impetigo) due to conditions at Mahukona including feral cats, dry loose dirt and lack of landscaping. He said this is a serious concern that the committee needs to address. Issues such as this can be addressed through the park management program.

Susan Fischer reported for Infrastructure B that although HELCO pre-

viously stated it had no immediate plans for exporting geothermal power via undersea cable from Hawaii island to Maui or O'ahu, recent comments by Gov. Abercrombie and Lt. Gov. Brian Schatz have indicated that connecting all the island grids is becoming a greater priority. The most likely route for such a cable would be through Kohala. Fischer said presently the deepest undersea cable is about 5,200 feet deep, while Alenuihaha Channel is 6,100 feet deep. So, cable technology has to advance enough to provide a cable capable for depths of about 900 more feet.

During later public comment, John Winter said the Big Island should be using its geothermal power to satisfy its own energy needs first and then exporting surplus to other islands.

The next Action Committee meeting is Monday, March 12, at 4:30 p.m. at the Senior Center in Kapa'au. The community is encouraged to attend and participate in subcommittees. Agendas, approved minutes and land use reports are available online at www.hawaii-countycdp.info/north-kohala-cdp.

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Community Emergency Response Team in North Kohala Grows

The North Kohala Community Emergency Response Team just got a lot bigger. Nineteen members of the community took the training over four Saturdays in January and February at the Senior Center, and are now joining the 10 existing NK-CERT members. According to Bill Hanson, Hawaii County Civil Defense CERT coordinator, the North Kohala CERT is now the largest one of its kind on the island. John Winter, head of NK-CERT, is thrilled by the turn-out and thinks that our isolated community will be well served by this team.



—photo by John Winter

Andrew Miller, Fire Department CERT instructor, helps the new trainee class save "Rescue Randy" at a recent four-day training session.

Because professional first responders (who provide fire and medical services) are typically overwhelmed in the immediate wake of a major hurricane, earthquake, or other disaster, community members may have to rely on each other for help.

The new trainees learned basic assessment, medical, fire suppression, and rescue techniques to help treat victims, mitigate hazards and save lives without becoming casualties themselves. In

addition to their own teamwork skills, they became familiar with county, state, and federal emergency operations and chain-of-command procedures. They also learned about trauma and handling pets in emergencies as well as terrorism threats.

Carla Orellana, one of the trainees, said of her experience, "I knew I wanted to be part of the solution, not one of the problems. The thought of blocking out four full Saturdays seemed like a challenge but I found myself surprised that the final day was so quickly upon us! Emergency work is demanding, but it will serve all of us to be prepared. Our ages and capabilities were widespread: youth to seniors, strong to frail, medically and psychologically experienced to novice. We all had an important part to play. Not one role was more important than any other, and we all needed to work together as a team, an 'ohana, to help the hurt and injured. I learned so much!"

CERT training can prepare us to handle emergencies better and minimize loss of life. CERTs also work on non-emergency projects that help improve emergency preparedness in their community or support volunteer activities at major events.

Anyone interested in either "registering" equipment, expertise, or special needs with NKCERT, or in taking a future training and becoming a member of North Kohala CERT can call or email John Winter (889-6901, winterj@whitman.edu).

For more information on the CERT Program, visit <https://www.citizen Corps.gov/cert/>, or check out the HI CERT website: <http://co.hawaii.hi.us/cd/cert/>.

Flying Insults Bring Shakespeare to Life

Story and photo by Megan Solis
"Thou pernicious, dog-hearted ruffian!"
"Thou reeky, onion-eyed miscreant!"

The insults were flying at a recent class at Kenji's House, but it wasn't the beginning of an after-school brawl, rather an exercise in delivering the perfect barb from the bard—William Shakespeare, that is.

It's not every day that a student is encouraged, nay instructed, to insult a classmate, but it was all in good fun as an introduction to the rich language of Shakespeare. The course is offered to Kohala youth through the North Kohala Community Learning Center, and this class is reading—and performing—the comedy, "Twelfth Night."

Though some may approach "reading" Shakespeare with dread, this class focuses on understanding the language, the culture, and the humor to make the experience both fun and educational.

During the insult exercise, students were reminded not to take any insult personally, but to use body language and voice projection to truly "hurl" their insults. The result: lots of laughter and a nice ice-breaker to warm up the class.

The group then approached a scene

from "Twelfth Night," a gender-bending farce about mistaken identity and finding one's true love. Students took turns first reading and then performing the small scene, slowly deciphering who is who and finding that all is not what it seems on the surface. Donning beards and hats, they began to take on the guise of the characters, bringing them to life. Shakespeare's plays, after all, were meant to be acted and watched, not read.

Susan Lehner and Kristin Wohlschlagel, both Kohala home school resource instructors, co-teach the class. Lehner said they were overwhelmed by the response to the class. The announcement was sent out to the Kohala home school community, and the class filled up almost immediately, she said. They plan to offer more Shakespeare classes in the spring and into the fall.

Lehner explained the Learning Center, a sponsored project of North Kohala Community Resource Center, is currently applying for grants to assist with class costs and to lower class fees across the board. The Learning Center has a website, www.kohalalearning.org, which lists course offerings. For more information, call Lehner at 345-4084 or look for posted signs at Kenji's House and area bulletin boards.



Kyle Combes, left, and Ben Von Keudell perform a short scene from Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night."

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Craniosacral Organization Receives Grant to Work with Children

Wai'oli Craniosacral has received a grant for \$2,500 from Business Services Hawaii to work with children who have attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, autism or dyslexia. The grant will also be used to work with people of all ages suffering from post traumatic stress disorder.

Wai'oli Craniosacral was established in 2010 by Bonnie Stevenson and Laura Moorehead, as a partnership, to address the health needs of North Kohala residents, with a special focus on those who would not normally be able to access such treatment. The grant was a result of Business Services Hawaii's recycling program and was one of 10 such grants given out all across the island. The gift to Wai'oli would not have been possible without the North Kohala Community Resource Center's fiscal sponsorship of the organization.

Both Stevenson and Moorehead are licensed massage therapists and certified craniosacral therapists through the Upledger Institute. They have a combined 26 years in bodywork and 12 years' experience in craniosacral work in particular.

Craniosacral therapy is a profoundly gentle and effective method of addressing the health of the membranes and cerebrospinal fluid that surround and protect the brain and spinal cord. Prac-

tioners release restrictions to increase the function of the central nervous system, thereby improving the body's immunity and affecting a wide range of medical problems associated with pain and dysfunction.

Sessions are conducted clothed and typically take one hour for adults and one-half hour for children. Recipients report feeling a deeper relaxation than anything they have previously experienced.

Dr. John Upledger, one of the pioneers of craniosacral therapy in this country, conducted research into CST while he was professor of biomechanics at Michigan State University. He led a team of anatomists, physiologists, biophysicists and bioengineers who performed and published the clinical research that formed the basis for CST. They specifically focused on the health concerns mentioned above and demonstrated that CST is dramatically effective in these areas.

Stevenson and Moorehead are currently looking for children and adults who are dealing with the disorders mentioned above, and who would be interested in receiving craniosacral therapy. The sessions will be free of charge for children and \$15 for adults.

For more information, please contact Moorehead at 895-9506 or Stevenson at 896-5225.

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KOHALA CALENDAR

March

- 1 Thu 9-11 am, CDP Infrastructure Subcmte. Mtg., Walker Hall, public invited, Giovanna, 889-5590.
- 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.
- 3 Sat 9 am-1 pm, Kohala Schools' Spring Fest, informational fair, activities for kids, free, KHS cafeteria, Kyle, 333-6219.
- 6 Tue 4-5:30 pm, Hope for Haiti Mtg., St. Augustine's Walker Hall, new members welcome, Lani, 889-5852.
- 7 Wed 4:30-6:30 pm, No. Kohala Public Access Group Mtg., Senior Center, Ted, 889-5801.
- 8 Thu 3:30 pm, Kohala Elem. SCC mtg., rm. 12, public invited, 889-7100.
- 8 Thu 5-7 pm, KMS Parent Night, school celebration & dinner, RSVP by 2/29, 889-7119.
- 9 Fri 10 am, Preschool Story Time series, ages 2-5, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 10 Sat 9 am-3:30 pm, Taste of Kalo, "Iron Chef" style cook off, salad dressing contest, live music, Taiko drummers, displays by Ka Hana No`eau, free, KIC, 884-5838.
- 10 Sat 6:30 pm, Gavin Harrison Poetry Reading, Music with Joey Bradley, Algood Barn, 55-3309 Ho`ea Makai Road, Hawi, \$25 sugg. donation (not required), Wendy, 889-5105.
- 12 Mon 4:30-6:30 pm, CDP Action Cmte. Public Mtg., Senior Center.
- 12 Mon 6-7 pm, Kohala Hawi Civic Club Public Mtg., Hawi Community Center, Rochelle, 896-3033.
- 12 Mon 6:30 pm, "The Story of Kohala, prehistory to present," a lecture by Boyd Bond, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 13 Tue 11 am, Adult book discussion group, "The #1 Ladies Detective Agency," North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 14 Wed 8:30 am-12:30 pm, `ole Volunteer Day, New Moon Foundation land, trail clean up and mahalo lunch, contact Kerry, 889-5151.
- 14 Wed 10-11 am, Homeschool Wednesdays, free, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 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.
- 15 Thu 6 pm, Kanikapila: Learn and play the ukulele with Andy Andrews, all invited regardless of experience or skill, Hawi Gallery, Richard, 206-452-3697.
- 16 Fri 10 am, Preschool Story Time series, ages 2-5, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 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 2 pm & 6:30 pm, Sid Nakamoto jewelry making workshop, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 19 Mon 3 pm, CDP Infrastructure B Subcmte. Mtg., public invited, St. Augustine's Sunday School rm.
- 19 Mon 4:30 pm, CDP Housing Subcmte. Mtg., public invited, Senior Center.
- 20 Tue 4-5 pm, KCAA registration/clinic for Girls Basketball, ages 9-14, free, includes uniform, Hisaoka Gym, Tom, 889-5049.
- 21 Wed 4-5 pm, KCAA registration/clinic for Girls Basketball, ages 9-14, free, includes uniform, Hisaoka Gym, Tom, 889-5049.
- 21 Wed 4 pm, Kohala Middle School SCC Council mtg., 889-7119.
- 21 Wed 6 pm, Kamehameha Day Celebration Cmte. Mtg., Kamehameha Park concession area, Cicely, 557-6042.
- 23 Fri 10 am, Preschool Story Time series, ages 2-5, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 24 Sat 9-11 am, KES Discovery Garden volunteer day, grade level challenges for students who bring family or friend, potluck lunch follows, Star, 896-3436.
- 24 Sat 11 am-12:30 pm, Free Community Meal, St. Augustine's Walker Hall, Thrift Store open 10 am-12:30 pm.
- 26 Mon Prince Kuhio Day, schools, state/county offices closed.
- 26 Mon 4-5 pm, KCAA registration for Girls Basketball, last sign-ups, ages 9-14, free, includes uniform, Hisaoka Gym, Tom, 889-5049.
- 28 Wed 10-11 am, Homeschool Wednesdays, free, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 30 Fri 4-7 pm, Talk Story & Artist Reception with Karen Spachner, Living Arts Gallery, Hawi, 889-0739.
- 31 Sat 10 am-5 pm, Roots Skate Park Art Show Fundraiser & Silent Auction, Hisaoka Gym, arts submissions due by 3/23, Richey, 895-2909.
- 31 Sat 5-10 pm, North Kohala Treasure Hunt, benefits Yoga Ed, team event, \$20/person, Resource Center, Jan, 895-5377.

Email calendar listings to kmncalendar@hotmail.com or call 884-5986.

New 'SISTAS' Project Slated for 3rd and 4th Grade Girls

SISTAS (Sisters Involved in STEM To Achieve Sustainability) is a model program to engage young Kohala girls in STEM subjects (Science, Technology Engineering and Math) in a fun and hands-on way. Lani Bowman, the project's creator, teaches a technology class "Wa'akunewa I ka Ikena" in fifth grades throughout the Big Island.

"It's awesome to see students so excited about science. We... do hands-on projects focusing on energy and basic electricity," said Bowman.

A recent conversation with a third-grade Kohala girl who enthusiastically shared her love for science led Bowman to develop the SISTAS Program.

After recent successes in mentoring team 6000 n 60 and Wa'akunewa I ka Ikena, Bowman feels younger students need to become involved and empowered. She chose girls because she feels a single-gender group at that age is easier to work with. She also wants to see more women in STEM careers.

"Presently Kohala has no 4-H or Girl Scout program. Perhaps something like SISTAS would not only help get them interested in STEM but serve as a new after-school activity. I'm vaguely familiar the GEMS program (Girls in Engineering, Mathematics, and Science) for fifth-grade girls. I think SISTAS will be different. Hopefully SISTAS will encourage more girls to participate in the GEMS program," said Bowman.

Bowman has worked with David Fuertes, whose Ka Hana No'eau program has been an inspiration to her.

Her present involvement with Ka Hana No'eau and the training she's received from Dr. Cho, a Korean natural farming "expert," inspired her to partially focus the program on food sustainability. Another inspiring project, Palili O Kohala, involves 10 families in growing traditional Hawaiian starches for their own food resources as well as for sale. A goal of the North Kohala Community Development Plan aims at Kohala being 50 percent food sustainable by 2018. The above projects, SISTAS and other community efforts all aim to help the community to work toward this goal.

Bowman explained, "I teach kids about how we are the most remote land mass on earth and that presently only about 10 percent of our energy needs are met with renewable resources. We need to focus more on sustainability in all areas of life, not just raising our own food. These kids will be the adults who will have to live with the decisions made today. They need to be aware of what they may be facing if they don't get involved."

The SISTAS sessions will focus on STEM basics emphasizing sustainability in an engaging and participatory way.

"I want the girls to walk away with something tangible as well as having a fun and inspiring experience," said Bowman.

The eight-week pilot program is slated to begin in early March. All third and fourth-grade girls in any educational setting, public, private or home school are welcome to apply. There is no cost for

the pilot program. There will be a limit of 12 girls; times and days will be arranged to best fit parents'/girls' schedules.

For further information and to register, call Bowman at 889-5852 or email

lanibow@gmail.com subject: SISTAS. Kohala Intergenerational Center, Ka Hana Noe'au, Palili O Kohala and Wa'akunewa I ka Ikena are partnering with SISTAS in this effort.

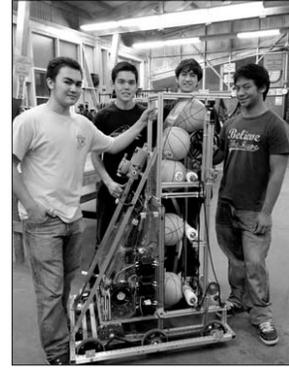
Kohala Robotics Heads to Nationals

Story and photo by Fern White

Kohala High School Team 2460 has earned a berth to VEX US Nationals slated for March 15 to 17 because the team is 10th in the nation in robot skills. Michael Nelson, team captain, drove the team robot at the Pan Pacific VEX Tournament that included 104 teams from around the world. Driver skills scores were recorded and ranked. Currently, Kohala, with the same score, is ranked 17th in the world. KHS robotics is comprised of two programs: VEX and FIRST.

Not to be outdone, Kohala Middle School Robotics VEX team 4119A, a rookie team, beat out 24 teams at the Stevenson Middle School Invitational January 28. As tournament champions, the team is qualified for two higher level championships: National VEX Robotics Championships, March 15 to 17 in Omaha, Neb., and World

VEX Championships April 18 to 21 in Anaheim, Calif.



From left to right, Michael Nelson, Adam Anakalea, Joey Vignato and Bert Kanoa enjoy their FIRST robot nearly completed and ready to ship to regionals on O'ahu March 22 to 24. The same robot and team have already earned a berth to the FIRST World Championships in St. Louis, Mo., April 25 to 28.

This middle school VEX team is part of the KHS robotics program. Both after-school programs focus on high-quality products and performance. The teams are raising funds to travel through various events such as the recent Super Bowl breakfast, grants, and donations. Kohala robotics thanks the community for its continued support and appreciation of student success.

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TASTE OF KALO

Kohala Intergenerational Center
Kamehameha Park (behind the Hisaoka Gym)

SATURDAY, MARCH 10
9am-3:30pm

KALO CHALLENGE

11 local teams compete "Iron Chef" style for first place in a cook off using taro and other surprise ingredients. Taste and vote for the People's Choice Award!

Mayor's Team
Mayor Kenoi & Chef Eric Rouelle

Governor's Team
Russel Kokubun & Dwight Takamine

Senators
Josh Green & Bob Lindsey

ILWU
Eli Miura & Sunny Ware

Kahua Pa'a Mua
John Hirota, Alexa Tim

Partners in Development
Alison Masutani & Danny Goya

ENTERTAINMENT

John Cruz
with special guest Ernie Cruz, Sr.

Cyril Pahinui
Halau Na Kipu'upu'u
Kumu Hula Micah Kamohoali'i

Taiko group Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Kohala/Waimea

COMMUNITY HARVEST HAWAII

Bring your extra fruits, vegetables and herbs from your yard on Fri., March 9th these will be the "surprise ingredients" used by the Kalo Challenge teams and fresh food boxes will be distributed to the Kohala Food Basket and Senior Nutrition Program.

LAULAU FOR PICKUP

Palili 'O Kohala is offering pork with beef laulau for sale in advance for \$3 for \$8. Available for pick up on the day of the event. To order call Bert Kanoa at 889-0431.

BEST SALAD DRESSING CONTEST

Think you have the best salad dressing? Enter the Best Salad Dressing Contest—entry deadline Feb. 29th.

YOUTH DISPLAYS

Ka Hana No'eau students will display their projects, which includes traditional Hawaiian saddle making, hand-made ukulele, culinary arts, natural farming and more!

LOCAL FOOD

Kalo, Chili and Rice, Salad and more!

For more information Call Ka Hana No'eau 884-5958 or visit: www.communityharvesthawaii.org/kalo

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