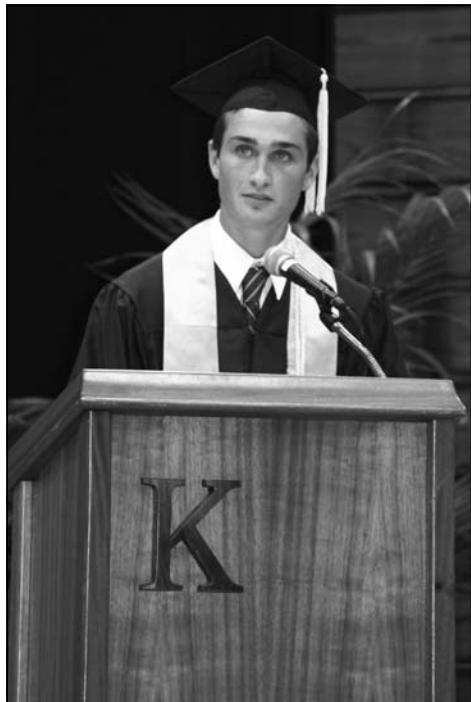


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## Congratulations Class of 2012!



—photo by Megan Solis

Valedictorian Andrew Trump addressed the graduates at Kohala High School's commencement ceremony May 19. For more about graduation, see page 10.

## Community Prepares and Celebrates Keokea Beach Park

Story and photos by Deborah Winter

After almost six years, Keokea Beach Park is rebuilt and repaired. Its pavilions had been closed since October 15, 2006, due to extensive damage caused by the 6.7 magnitude earthquake. On May 12, Keokea Park and its pavilions were reopened with an official ceremony that drew over 100 people.

Thanks to the leadership of Sarah Pule-Fujii and Friends of Keokea Park, about 75 persons also showed up on April 28 for a workday to paint picnic tables, remove and chip hau trees that were invading the parking lot, clean brush, landscape and plant. In front of the pavilion, plants now spell out Keokea, just as they once did in the 1960s (see photograph, page 3).

The restoration of Keokea Beach Park was a \$1.4 million project that included rebuilding and enlarging the main pavilion, completely renovating the kitchen, constructing new restrooms, repairing and rebuilding the small pavilion, modifying the park so it complies with federal accessibility requirements, and adding new paved walkways. The park is once again an attractive and safe place for family parties and public gatherings.

Encompassing more than seven acres, the park features picnic areas, pavilions, restrooms, and ocean access for swimming, fishing and diving.

Keokea Park has always been a family place. Several local families, including the Pules, Cazimeros, Husseys, Kapelelas, Kaohus, Yamamotos, Kupukas, and AhSans were the first friends of the park in the 1960s. Their third and fourth generation offspring were on hand to repair the park this spring, as they have so many times in the past. Many other folks, both old and new, pitched in to help prepare the park for its opening day.

This kind of community responsibility is taught early. Thanking people for

their efforts, Sarah Pule said that when she was a kid, her grandfather, Akoni Pule (who was Keokea Park's caretaker before he was a state legislator) told her that she and her cousins and friends had to pick up leaves before they could



Hundreds celebrated the re-opening of Keokea Beach Park May 12.

go swimming.

Plants for the Keokea sign were donated by Pineback Landscaping Company. When Sarah showed the owner, Andy Matsura, a picture of the

*See Keokea, page 3*

## Kamehameha Day Celebration Receives Increased Community Support

By Deborah Winter

This year's Kamehameha Day Celebration on Monday, June 11, is being planned by the biggest committee ever, 16 people representing three generations. This high level of participation represents a renewed community commitment to keep the celebration going.

Last year, festivities were curtailed because only five people were willing to serve. This year, many have come forward to help with the planning, and the day's festivities on June 11 will reflect this increased energy and devotion.

That's why this year's theme is "A`ohe hana nui ke alu `ia"—"No task is too big when done together by all."

As in previous years, North Kohala

is ground zero for Hawaii State's many celebrations because King Kamehameha was born and lived here. Unlike other festivities in Honolulu and Kona, our celebration is "down home and local,"



—photo courtesy of Kamehameha Day Committee

2012 Kamehameha Day Celebration Committee: front to back, left to right: Seated: Pat Ching, Kealoha Sugiyama, Brenda Fong, Pat Ako, Kaui Nakamura, Bernelle Camara, Dennis Matsuda, Deborah Winter, Teresa Marquez, Melissa Kahoopii, Cicely Ho`opai, Chona Ho`opai. Standing left: Steven Vega, Laddie Shim, Art Owen; Standing right: Bernard Ho`opai, Brandon Ho`opai.

showcasing groups and individuals from North Kohala in our annual celebration.

Funding has come from numerous donors. Grants were received from the Kamehameha Day Celebration Commission, as well as the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Committee Chair Cicely Ho`opai notes particular gratitude to Lehua Kalima from the Kamehameha Day Commission in Honolulu and Christine Richardson of the North Kohala Community Resource Center, for being especially helpful.

In addition, many local merchants have pitched in with donations. Everyone on the committee agrees that planning has gone smoothly because of this increased community and financial support.

The ceremony at 8 a.m. will involve a few changes. This year, about 30 feet on either side of the statue will be roped off to use a new protocol and show respect

for the statue. Spectators are invited to sit across the highway from the statue to view the ceremony and the parade. This will enable people to face the statue and appreciate the many acts of humble offerings that will be made.

The ceremony will include the Royal Order of Kamehameha, the Ahahui Ka`ahumanu, and Na Papa Kanaka O Pu`ukohola. Lei can be delivered to the statue between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m.

The floral parade will begin on Ho`ea Road this year, moving east through Hawi and Kapa`au, passing the statue, taking the Hospital Loop road, and ending at Kamehameha Park. The highway will be closed to traffic between 9 and 10:30 a.m. The Pa`u Queen, Island Princesses, and Honorees will be followed by floats and other units.

Five narrator stations will broadcast descriptions of parade entries. They will

*See Parade, page 2*

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## 'Go Skate Day' Set for June 23, Highway to Close

Roots Advocates for Youth is proud to announce the 4th annual "Go Skate Day" on Saturday, June 23, in Kapa`au.

The skateboarder parade starts at the intersection of Akoni Pule Highway (which will be closed to traffic) and Kynnersley Road at the Aloha gas station and ends at Roots Skatepark located within Kamehameha Park.

Skaters need to show up at the Aloha gas station at 10 a.m.; the Akoni Pule Highway closes to traffic promptly at 10:30 and reopens at 11 a.m. Bring your skateboard and please wear a helmet. The ride to the park is a mellow down-hill grade, ideal for all ages. It is good time for the whole family; we encourage the participation of parents and

children.

Roots Advocates for Youth thanks the Kohala Police Department for their participation and willingness to provide a safe and fun community event in support of Roots Skatepark. Each year they provide a prompt road closure, and all motorists are cleared to ensure that the highway is safely open to the skateboarders for this unique opportunity to celebrate Roots Skatepark. For more information, visit [www.rootsadvocatesforyouth.com/roots/](http://www.rootsadvocatesforyouth.com/roots/).

Kenji's House will be at the Go Skate Day event. Come by Kenji's in Kapa`au to preview the Arbor Skateboard that will be given away on Skate Day to the owner of the lucky number!

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be located at the following places:

By the Barbeque Restaurant at the intersection of Akoni Pule Highway and Hawi Hill Rd; CSC Café across from the elementary school; Aloha Gas Station on Akoni Pule Highway at Union Mill Road; Minnie's across from the Kamehameha Park Road on Akoni Pule Highway; At the statue in Kapa`au.

The public is invited to bring lawn chairs. Once again, parade participants

will not throw candy because doing so has become a liability issue.

Once the parade is concluded, a full schedule of Ho`olaulea activities will begin at 10 a.m. at Kamehameha Park. The blessing will happen there at 10 a.m. and be followed by many entertainers, including North Kohala's own Rosalyn and Mathew Kupuka`a, John Keawe, Na Kupuna O Kohala, Halau Hula Kalanumi, Aulani's Hula Halau, and Taiko Drummers.

## Rep. Nakashima to Host Community Meeting

Representative Mark Nakashima invites the Kohala community to a post-session meeting on Monday, June 4, at 4:30 p.m. at the North Kohala Public Library. The 2012 Legislative Session adjourned on May 3. Rep. Nakashima will provide a recap of the session, review of bills passed, and Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) approved for construction in the coming year. He will also meet with Kohala Seniors at their regular meeting the same day at 9 a.m. at the Senior Center in Kapa`au.

Nakashima is the representative for House District 1, which includes the districts of North Kohala, South Kohala, Hamakua, North Hilo and South Hilo.

## Women Veterans Sought for Veterans Day Program

 The Kohala National Guard Alumni plans to honor all women veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces at their annual Veterans Day program, set for November 11, 2012.

If you have served or know of anyone who has, please call Collin Kaholo at 889-6726 as soon as possible.

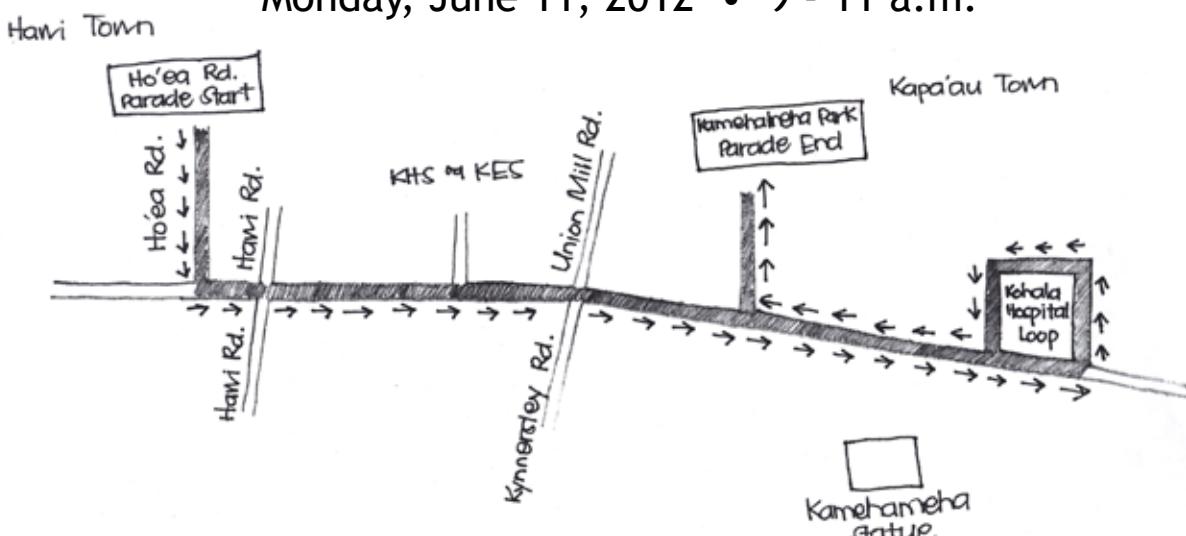
There will be 15 food booths serving ono food, including Hawaiian plate, fried fish plate, barbecue sticks, Auntie Peach's poi balls, and pastele plate lunches.

Educational displays will be featured in Hisaoka Gym. They will highlight local groups who promote traditional culture, and include Ka Hana No`eau, lauhala hat making, displays on King Kamehameha I and Kamehameha Preschool, among many others.

The Kamehameha Day Celebration Committee is grateful for all the increased volunteer efforts, including donations of time, energy, money, goods, and heart-felt aloha. In the words of chair Cicely Ho`opai, "you can never thank everyone enough."

The Committee invites everyone to celebrate the birth of King Kamehameha I at his birthplace of North Kohala with our wonderful community. All events are free and open to the public.

## Kamehameha Day Floral Parade Monday, June 11, 2012 • 9 - 11 a.m.



## Notice to Motorists

Akoni Pule Highway will be closed in North Kohala on Monday, June 11, 2012 from 9 to 11 a.m. The Kamehameha Day Committee Floral Parade will begin from Central Hawi (Ho`ea Road Intersection), proceed through Hawi and Kapa`au town to the Kamehameha Statue, continue along the Kohala Hospital Loop and end at Kamehameha Park, where all festivities will be held.

Motorists may be stopped for as long as 30 minutes and should plan accordingly. Only emergency vehicles will be allowed through.

For additional information, please contact:  
Cicely U. Ho`opai  
Kamehameha Day Committee, Chairman  
884-5168 (home), 557-6042 (cell) or e-mail [choopai85@yahoo.com](mailto:choopai85@yahoo.com)

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park sign in the 1960s, he offered to donate the plants because his father was also a state legislator in the 1980s, and knew of Akoni Pule. Thus the new planting honors the memory of Andy's and Sarah's relatives.

During the ceremony, Sarah thanked Kevin Sakai, Parks and Recreation project manager, for his help getting speed bumps put in, handicap facilities, lights in the small pavilion, and more electrical outlets in the large one.

The celebration on May 12 was an all-day event, starting with a blessing in the morning given by Mathew Kupuka'a.

Barbara Shim Kosso of the mayor's office introduced various county officials, including Councilman Pete Hoffmann and his wife Joan, and Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation Clayton Honma,

who congratulated North Kohala for the wonderful work done by local citizens. Barbara did much to help Sarah coordinate the project and opening event.

Mayor Billy Kenoi said that whenever he comes to North Kohala, it's like taking in a sweet breath of air, because North Kohala is all about people working together to help each other and improve their community.

In turn, the community expressed its gratitude to the mayor's office for the beautiful new facilities. Uncle Sampson Cazimero and Chris Brown presented the mayor with a special wreath composed of over 500 names of local citizens who had signed a letter thanking him and the county for their efforts on behalf of North Kohala. Shiro Takata organized the petition and lei making.

Music, hula, and a huge pot luck

lunch then rounded out the festivities. Mathew and Roslyn Kupuka'a, along with Gino Amar, filled the large pavilion with sweet Hawaiian harmonies and rock and roll melodies. John Keawe played his magical music while his wife Hope danced hula that brought tears to many. She was joined by their granddaughter Shelley. The celebration continued until 8 p.m. with music and laughter. All the music and food were donated, as were the gas and tools used on the work days.

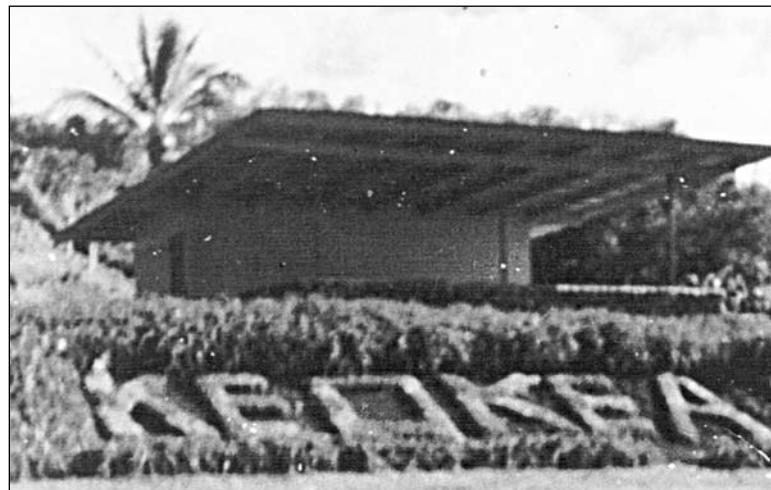
On behalf of Friends of Keokea Park, Sarah thanks everyone for coming out and adding all their aloha for a great day and celebration. The re-opening of Keokea Park is a perfect example of community and county government working together. As Clayton Honma noted, the Friends of Keokea Park is one of the very

best working groups on the island.

Citizens of North Kohala can be proud of their hard work, and the fabulous new park for everyone to enjoy.



*Uncle Sampson Cazimero and Bobby Glory prepare a lei of names of people who thanked Mayor Kenoi for his efforts on behalf of North Kohala.*



—photo courtesy of Sarah Pule and Angel Cazimero  
Keokea Beach Park Pavilion in the 1960s.



*Mayor Billy Kenoi wearing his thank you lei.*



*Councilman Pete Hoffman (l) and Deputy Parks Director Clayton Honma (r) congratulate Sarah Pule-Fujii, who led the Friends of Keokea Beach Park and its re-opening celebration May 12.*



*Mathew Kupuka'a offered blessings and gratitude for the new facilities at Keokea Park.*

## For the Rededication of Keokea Beach Park Pavilion

A Pavilion set back in its own time.  
By the sea on the tee of winds that speak  
and friends that reap the gifts of this  
special place and have sown all the same  
without a leash to keep it tame.  
Where fish abound, whales are found and  
seals with keiki can play as the surfers  
skirt across the manmade break and the  
small port.  
I got to depart on an epic sailing canoe  
race held every year to the Island of Maui  
that has been calling to me since I was

small, the gifts seem to come back tenfold.  
All those past and present who have treated  
this place as their home. I can see the gifts  
continue to be sown and the fruits born are  
worth more than gold.  
As a Quake took you away with the yellow  
tape Kapu of our day for years till funds  
could breathe life into a safe place. On the  
edge of our seats wanting to be friends  
again with this special place.  
If you find a moon light as full as can be  
and the wind stops its speech so you can

hear your own breath Kamakani O  
Kohala you can hear the Menehunes still  
creep quietly through visiting their old  
foot prints as I do for joy.  
This gifted stream a way to wash our bad  
past as it flows to the sea so can we flow  
back to this special place Keokea beach  
park that has a new modern breath as I  
stretch forth to embrace my dear friend  
and all those who helped to make this gift  
live again.

~Joshua Pa Bowman

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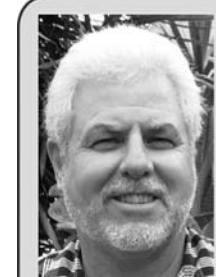
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News Deadline: 7/16/12

## Letters—

### Thanks to All Who Made Easter Celebration a Success

The annual Easter Celebration Event at Kamehameha Park on April 7 was a fun day for over 600 Kohala keiki and their families. Kohala Coalition Against Drugs, the Hawaii County Parks and Recreation, and the Kohala Lions Club sponsored the event. The event was generously supported by the 21st Century grant administered by Mr. Kyle Steinhoff.

KCAD would like to thank the members of KCAD, the Lions Club and Leo

Club, who stuffed the eggs and "hid" them on Veterans field, and Angela Hori, Lakme Nishie and their crew from the Credit Union for the wonderful games and prizes they provided. A special mahalo goes to Verna Fernandez, Bernie Bermudez, Debbie Choo, Camille Dugan, Dennis Matsuda, Keiki ID police officers, speaker Roy Valera, Micah Hood for the sound system, and Kaui and her beautiful halau.

The event was blessed with the help of

the Kohala High School volleyball team who helped in every aspect of the event and looked as if they were having as much fun as the children. Many high school teens and adults were on hand to help with crafts, face painting, and games.

KCAD strives to educate our community about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. We are happy to provide safe and fun events for our Kohala families.

Aloha,  
Christi Morgan, Kokoiki

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Dear Kohala Community,

The Kohala Robotics program has had a ride of its life! Our four senior students earned significant college scholarships related to their robotics participation and commitment. We fielded three teams to VEX US Nationals in Omaha, Neb., in March. We qualified and sent three teams to VEX World Championships in Anaheim, Calif., in April, and a team to the Super Bowl of Smarts in FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) in St. Louis, Mo., in April.

At Nationals the middle school placed fifth out of 75 nationally ranked middle school teams; the high school teams ranked 24th and seventh out of 150 nationally ranked teams. At VEX Worlds: middle school won the teamwork award and placed seventh overall amongst world-ranked middle school teams. High school teams ranked 24th overall. Then to the FIRST World Championships the high school team ranked 40

out of 400-plus.

The point of this letter is to extend our deep appreciation to all the families, businesses and members of our community who have helped to make these opportunities possible. We are grateful for our Kohala. We seek to make you proud and to honor our commitments to do our best every time.

Mahalo Nui,  
Fern White,  
Program Coordinator



—photo courtesy of K. Stanek Photos

*Kohala High and Middle School VEX Robotics teams, left to right, front: Elijah DelaCruz, mentor Alvin Kawamoto, Tehvyn Isabel, coach Cheryl Cabrera, Patrick Nelson; back row mentor Eric Dela Cruz, Adam Anakalea, Joseph Vignato, Bert Kanoa Jr., Michael Nelson, program coordinator/teacher Fern White.*

### 'We the People' Has Great Turnout - Mahalo for Support

Mahalo to all those who attended the showing of "We the People," a film by Lani Eugenio depicting the 15-year struggle for access in Kohala at the Kohala Intergenerational Center on May 8. It was a great turnout of approximately 70 people, and I just wanted to thank David Fuertes, Dennis Matsuda and Erica and all those associated with Ka Hana No`eau for giving us the logistical support for the showing of the film. Kohala Mountain News was also very instrumental in getting the information out through their newspaper.

To our panel of participants Georiana Caravalho, Marc Kinoshita, Paul Antonio, Samson Cazimero, Lani Eugenio, Robert Glory—mahalo. To Kohala musician, John Keawe, for lending his music as the background music for the film. And mahalo to Nani Svendsen for the beautiful flower leis.

As a follow up, Hui Mamalahoa was able through an "adverse possession" lawsuit utilizing HRS. 7-1 "Native Hawaiian gathering rights" to secure driving easements to the Forest Reserve for hiking and hunting utilizing the Oi`oi

Road and to Queen's bath, as well as to Hapu`u Bay and Kapana`a Bay with a foot path corridor linking both bays. Also along the old railway just above Kapa`a Beach park to the fishing area called No. Five's. These are easements that run with the land regardless of ownership for the use and enjoyment for our community and generations to come.

If you missed the viewing the film and would want a copy, please contact me at 315-8728.

Mahalo,  
Jeff Coakley, Kapa`au

### A Wise View of Coral Signatures on Queen Ka`ahumanu Highway

Aloha,

I had the great honor of being invited to become an associate member of the Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club in 1973 by Elaine Flores, then president. We hiked many places and historic sites, including the altar on the King's Trail near Anaeho`omalu. This is where the annual transition of the Makahiki once

took place, with an entourage from the north meeting with an entourage from the south to make offerings in the celebration of this time of year. There were about six people, including the revered Edith Kanaka`ole and her husband. This area is known for the large petroglyph beds from older and ancient times. Mrs. Kanaka`ole commented on

the white coral writings by saying, "It is interesting that this area still inspires signature."

This has stayed with me and is what I think of every time I see new additions. This is a wise and cosmic view that needs to be considered.

Respectfully,  
Sharon Hayden, Hawi

## 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.*

### Clarification about Kauhola Point Fundraising, Public Access Issues

By Stephanie N. Naihe Laxton

Since the closing escrow of Kauhola Point property on April 13, there are person(s) claiming to be representatives of Maika`i Kamakani `O Kohala, Inc. (MKOKI) who are requesting donations from our North Kohala community for "Lighthouse," including person(s) claiming to represent our causes and projects of Kauhola Point. Currently the only campaign MKOKI is requesting monetary donations for is assistance on diesel fuel and oil for our current project of clearing brush and trees on our legal access drive down to the main gate of

the Kauhola Point property.

This campaign was initially handled through email and not published anywhere in our Kohala community. Checks or money orders are to be payable to Maika`i Kamakani `O Kohala, Inc. and sent to P.O. Box 40, Kapaau, HI 96755-0040. If anyone in our community comes across a suspicious incident of fraud, please contact our organization at 1-800-727-9166 or contact the North Kohala Police Department immediately.

Other legitimate campaigning of "in-kind donations" for our project at Kauhola Point is being sent directly to

vendors. Please note that our voluntary project manager for Kauhola Point is Keone Mackillop, who has permission from our organization to represent us on matters concerning land issues.

Update: we are currently working on three key issues, Safety, Security and Department of Land and Natural Resources rules and regulations in regards to access for our active recreational users, i.e., surfers, fishermen and the youth group of Ocean Warriors. Rumors must stop immediately of our organization not providing 24-hour access rights to the shoreline. Everything

is a transition of our responsibility and kuleana per our grant received by the DLNR's Legacy Land Conservation Program. Should you have a concern, please contact me at our toll free number. Allow us to practice KINA`OLE as the appropriate and honorable way of behaving in our community to which we have much aloha to give. We need to prepare our legal access driveway for our June 23 Dedication-Celebration for those who do not have 4x4 vehicular capabilities, especially our kupuna...MAHALO!

*Stephanie N. Naihe Laxton is president of Maika`i Kamakani `O Kohala, Inc.*

### Viewpoint –

### Concerns Persist about Questionable Behavior on North Kohala Lands

*Editor's Note: In the April 28 edition, KMN published a viewpoint piece, "Concerns about Behavior on Land in North Kohala," by Stephanie N. Naihe Laxton. Below is a follow up to that piece.*

By Stephanie N. Naihe Laxton

Mahalo for the warm response from the local community of Kohala on last month's issue regarding behavior on land here in North Kohala. More concerned community members have reported there are nonlocal people

living along the Hapu`u-Kapania area as well as down the Keli`ikipi Road in the Ahupua`a of Hala`ula. Claims to be caretaking land but not known who is the rightful landowner they are working for to care for their land or if they are just saying this to be left alone as they are claiming to be "working citizens."

This time with some clothing of a pareo now covering their private parts, it is still not secured when our strong kamakani, which blows on the coastal area, whips through their campsite.

Local recreational users and youth who jog or hike the area of Hapu`u - Kapania as well as Keli`ikipi Road are still not happy about the nakedness of humans being seen in this area.

Again, do not approach these person or persons, and call 911 for indecent exposure. Due to concerns of where they are using the bathroom and with the preservation and protection of the string of Heiau in the area from Upolu to Pololu Valley, there might be a need for monitoring by DLNR if this is occur-

ring in State Conservation areas or along our gulches where there is running water into the ocean. Rumors are surfacing which need to be confirmed if these "working citizens" on land are creating a Native American Burial Ground. Let it be known that burials on land in Hawaii County must be approved by the Department of Health and the Hawaii County Planning Department for proper permits of burials—especially if these lands are considered "Agricultural Lands." KINA`OLE! [Do the right thing!]

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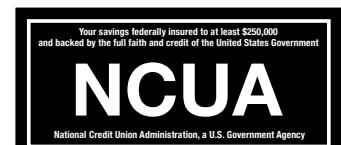
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## Full House for Police Community Meeting

Story and photo by Megan Solís

The Kohala Intergenerational Center was nearly full of Kohala residents eager to ask questions of Hawaii Police Department officers on May 15. The session was led by Area II Field Operations Assistant Chief Paul Kealoha, who was joined by Maj. James O'Connor, Capt. Chad Basque of Criminal Investigation Section, North Kohala Police Capt. Albert Cortez, and North Kohala Community Police Officer John Kahalioumi.

The officers tried to shed some light on Hawaii's new mandate that requires proof of citizenship or legal residency to get a driver's license, although licensing is no longer handled by the police department. They clarified the requirement is a federal mandate generated out of the Homeland Security Act and is required in all states. In short, as of March 5, 2012, those seeking a new or renewal license are required to present an original or certified copy of their U.S. birth certificate or passport and any other legal documents that can verify their identity, legal presence in the country, and social security number. Photocopies are not acceptable.

The crowd was unsettled to hear that they may have to leave their official documents at the licensing office for scanning—to be returned by mail. The officers said the new requirement and its inconveniences are frustrating but can help prevent identity theft and illegal immigration. They advised the

public to get specific information about what is required from the Department of Finance, which now handles driver's licensing. Information is available at their website: [www.hawaiicounty.gov/finance-dl-hi-legal-presence](http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/finance-dl-hi-legal-presence), or by calling 961-2222.

One resident inquired of Capt. Cortez about a letter by Danita Torres ["No Courtesy Warning for Broken Headlight," Kohala Mountain News, March 24, 2012, page 5] who said Capt. Cortez had told her in a meeting that "all officers are required to issue tickets for traffic infractions..." and there would be no courtesy warnings. The captain responded that the statement was inaccurate and he wanted to clarify that he does not take away officers' discretion whether to cite or give a courtesy warning. He explained that if a citation were given for every infraction, the courts would be overwhelmed. He said sometimes officers will issue citations and other times warnings, but it is up to the discretion of the responding officer.

Among the questions answered by the officers:

Do the police have citation quotas? Not exactly. The police do have guidelines and goals that are district specific and are used for comparison purposes year-to-year. There is no minimum requirement for citations to be issued



*North Kohala Police Capt. Albert Cortez, Maj. James O'Connor, Capt. Chad Basque, Assistant Chief Paul Kealoha, left to right, and Community Police Officer John Kahalioumi (not pictured) fielded questions from the public at a recent community meeting.*

and no rewards or incentives for giving the most citations; however, the number of citations an officer gives can affect his or her job performance rating.

What causes most accidents? A variety of factors from road conditions, winds, lighting, and driver fatigue can cause accidents but almost all can be prevented by slowing down if conditions are poor, or pulling off the road to rest if you are tired. As for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, the answer was simple: don't do it. If an officer encounters a driver who shows signs of DUI, he or she will administer a field sobriety test, and if the driver fails, an arrest will

be made. The alleged DUI driver would then be given the choice of taking a breath analyzer test or blood test.

Some residents wistfully recalled the days when police officers knew everyone and if they encountered someone under the influence, they would drive the person home.

A few in the audience had suggestions for better policing, such as enforcement of the no parking area on the highway in front of the Kapa`au post office. Especially in the mid-afternoon hours, cars will park to the left of the parking lot exit, blocking the view of drivers trying to pull out onto the highway. Traffic monitoring near the schools and on upper Hawi Road were also areas of concern.

When a resident asked that the yield sign in Niuli'i between mile markers 26 and 27 be moved because tourists often don't obey it, creating dangerous conditions, the police commented that although they do not have the authority to move road signs, they can act as a springboard to contact proper agencies (in this case, Department of Transportation) to address the situation. They encouraged the public to communicate concerns to the police department. The department's non-emergency number is 935-3311.



### Third-Graders Practice Healthy Lifestyles

*Table tennis instructor Len Winkler inspires third-grader Darian Nishida to rallying more than 15 volleys while Brennan Ascencion (right of Darian), Zaline Perez-Rivera, Matinella Cordero, MJ Macaspac and Cael Hooton line up to take on the challenge. Teacher Rebecca Weisz practices bouncing the ball off her racket. The three third-grade homerooms at Kohala Elementary rotate between Healthy Lifestyles activities at Kamehameha Park: swim with lifeguard Jeff Coakley and volunteer/parent Wendy Cordero; table tennis with instructor Len Winkler; and salsa with Michal Carillo.*

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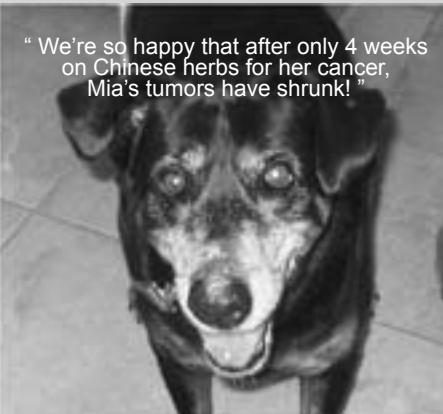
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## Mahukona Park Gets the Nod for Upgrade

By Toni Withington

Long overdue improvements to Mahukona Beach Park moved closer to reality following a public meeting between County and State officials and the Infrastructure A Subcommittee of the Community Development Plan. The structural improvements will take place in two phases. Painting and repairs of the pavilion and barbecue area will be done by volunteer workers this year. Planning for construction of new restrooms and other facilities will begin this year first with a community-wide meeting to find out what people would like to see at the upgraded park.

Bob Fitzgerald, director of County Parks and Recreation, said \$2 million has been set aside for North Kohala parks. Since \$300,000 has been spent, primarily on the newly finished Keokea Beach Park Pavilion, that leaves funds to begin planning for Mahukona Park. He welcomed the offer of community volunteers to help paint and fix the facilities now and asked for the plans in writing. To start the permanent improvements he assigned county park planner Mike Kramslow to work with the community.

The meeting held April 24 was also attended by Bobby Command of the Mayor's Office, District Councilman Pete Hoffmann and Newton Inouye of the State Environmental Health Division of the Department of Health, as well as approximately 27 community members.

John Winter of the Infrastructure A

Subcommittee described the proposed painting and repair projects in the restrooms and barbecue area. Marty and Linda Halbritter of Friends of Mahukona Park outlined possible landscaping improvements including the return of lawn in front of the pavilion.

The issue of the feral cat population revolved around the Parks Department's allowing of Trap, Neuter/Spay, Release (TNR) at many parks around the island. Fitzgerald acknowledged that some campers and park users have complained about the number of neutered and fed cats at Mahukona. Subcommittee chair Giovanna Gherardi said the group has held four open meetings with people from all sides of the issue. A joint effort is underway to lower the cat population, move feeding stations, install signs and put together a possible education program in the schools about alternatives to abandoning cats and kittens at parks. Several people spoke in favor of the effort. Bobby Command said it could be a model for other communities also bothered by feral cats.

Newton Inouye of the Health Department said his agency would help monitor the safety of the park in light of the Parks Department's acceptance of the TNR program. He applauded the group for seeking soil sample testing and re-landscaping the lawn area.

At a meeting a week later the Mahukona group agreed to sponsor a community-wide gathering to get ideas for future improvements to Mahukona Park in mid-June.

## Managing the Mahukona Cat Colony

In response to complaints about the cats at Mahukona, the Mahukona Cat Colony Caregivers (MCCC) are working with Bob Fitzgerald, director of County Parks and Recreation, and the Infrastructure A Subcommittee of the North Kohala Community Development Plan to remedy problems.

"Many people don't understand what we're doing and so are very negative about the cat caregivers," says Kate Sterling, one of the faithful few who looks after the cat colony. "They see us as the *cause* of the things they don't like." She stresses that the MCCC does much more than just feeding the cats. Their goal is to reduce the cat population through the trap-neuter-return program (TNR), a system that has been successful in many places. Several cat round-ups per year result in large numbers of cats being spayed or neutered. The cats are returned to the area where they were trapped, and the colony gradually dies out because the cats can't reproduce.

"We constantly cull out injured and diseased animals," says Norman Fojtasek, another cat caregiver. The group also removes, socializes and adopts out kittens. So, with all this effort, why are there still so many cats at Mahukona and other parks in Kohala?

By far, the biggest source of new cats in the parks is people dropping off their unwanted animals, says Janet Mello, who also cares for cats at Mahukona. People are basically good-hearted, she points out. They don't want to send cats to the Humane Society, knowing that the animals will be euthanized if not adopted within a certain period of time. What they don't realize is that dumping a cat at one of the parks dooms it to a lot of suffering while continuing to swell the numbers of cats competing for the food being distributed.

The TNR approach *does* work, the

cat caregivers say—if people don't continually replenish the population of cats faster than it can be allowed to die out. The answer to this thorny predicament lies partly in educating the public. The best solution is for people to spay/neuter their pets before large numbers of unwanted animals are produced. That way, many of the strays that eventually end up at the parks wouldn't exist in the first place. People who do find themselves with animals they can't keep would do those animals a kindness by calling the Humane Society; a quick death, if an animal can't be placed in another home, is far easier than expiring over a period of months due to disease and starvation.

The cat caregivers would also like people to know that their program includes regular clean-up days at the parks. People see that a lot of cats inhabit the parks and make assumptions that aren't true: that the colony isn't being managed, that feeding brings in more cats, that cats are responsible for things that aren't their fault, such as spreading disease. Some people steal the food set out for cats, which drives the cats back to the parking lots and camping areas: just where they are most not wanted. "If you think the problem is bad now, you should see how bad it would be if the cat caregivers weren't doing all they do!" Kate Sterling says.

Meetings between the MCCC and the Infrastructure A Subcommittee have brought about plans to move some of the cat feeding stations farther away from the camping areas. This process is not so simple, since it involves making new trails, and no one wants to damage unknown artifacts or petroglyphs in the area. Also, moving the feeding stations immediately would interfere with an upcoming cat round-up. The cat caregivers want the community to know that improvements are being implemented, even if not as fast as some people would like.



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## Young and Old Celebrate May Day - Lei Day



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### Seniors Celebrate May Day with Songs and Stories from John Keawe

By Kealoha Sugiyama

On May 14 beautiful slack key music could be heard coming from the Kohala Senior Center... then laughter, singing and guitar playing. Those lucky enough to be in the center were honored by the beautiful music of Kohala's favorite son, John Keawe. The seniors were celebrating May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii, and so the seniors made and brought their lei to enter in the lei contest.

The minute that John started playing slack key music, the seniors were spellbound. John began telling of his marriage to his sweetheart, Hope, in 1973. John said he knew his marriage was going to last because there was "hope" from the beginning.

John then told about being with a local group and that he was in the background because he was a shy person. As the years went on he began playing slack key. As fate would have it, he was invited to play at his friend's new recording studio in Waimea which needed to be tested. A CD of his playing that day was given to John, which he just stuck in a drawer for two years. John shared with Hope that perhaps he needed to move forward with his music but he was hesitant about the whole ordeal. But behind every good man is a great woman, and this is the encouragement that he got from his wife: "Suck it Up and Do It." Those words earned John his first Na Hoku Hanohano Music Award. The rest is history.

John mesmerized the seniors with his song list: "Papa Come Play with Me," about caring for his two granddaughters when they were young and how they wanted him to play with all their girly things and make up, and "Kauholo," about the chief Nae`ole taking the baby Paiea (Kamehameha) through Kohala to Awini for safety from Chief Alapa`i Nui. As he played that instrumental song, you could feel the chase of the warriors and the moments for resting and eating. "Hawaiian Man" brought tears to my heart, and John had the seniors sing part of the song with him. That moment was so precious.

With all the beautiful songs that John has written and the demand for his performances, he felt it would be great if Hope would dance his stories through hula. At the time Hope was not confident with her hula dancing and so she hesitated, to which John replied, "Suck It Up and Do It." Well, that's another history

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*The Kohala Senior Citizens Club celebrated  
May Day/Lei Day with a lei contest and  
music and stories by special guest John  
Keawe.*

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*Kohala Elementary School May Day Court with Kumu  
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## Library Launches Summer Reading Program

North Kohala Public Library invites Kohala's readers to participate in the annual summer reading program, "Dream Big, Read!" May 29 to July 13. This summer's reading theme provides wonderful possibilities for reading and fun-filled library programs for all ages.

Each child, teen, or adult who registers and maintains a reading list will receive a different prize every week. Of course parents and older siblings can read to younger children—and since it's summer, the reading choices are for fun. The program is open to all ages and includes grand prize drawings for teens and adults in addition to weekly incentives for visiting the library.

Programs, story time, crafts and other activities abound during the five-week program. Stop by the library for a flyer outlining the entire schedule, or call 889-6655.

Preschoolers are invited to story

times at 10 a.m. on June 1, 8, 29 and July 6, 13, 27. The stories, games, and crafts will center around themes of night time, stars, nocturnal animals, and dreams.

Two special family night programs for ages 5 and up will focus on Hawaii's native mammals. Justin Viezbicke, marine conservation coordinator for the National Marine Sanctuary, will give a slide presentation on monk seals at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 4.

At 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 9, Hawaii's 'Bat Man' Frank Bonaccorso will give a presentation on the Hawaiian bat.

The Summer Reading Program is possible with the support of the Friends of Bond Memorial Library, the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, and the Hawaii State Public Library System.

Please contact the library three weeks in advance if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed.

## Monk Seals in Kohala? Learn All About It at Library Talk

In response to recent monk seal sightings at beaches along the Kohala Coast, Justin Viezbicke, marine conservation coordinator, will give a presentation on this species at North Kohala Public Library at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 4.

The Hawaiian monk seal is the most endangered seal species in the United States, with only an estimated 1,300 seals remaining. As many beach-goers have recently discovered, some of these seals live right here on the Big Island. It is exciting, but also dangerous to encounter a monk seal at the beach.

In the interest of safety for both humans and the seals, Viezbicke will discuss the basic biology of the monk

seal, the pupping events on the Big Island, and the recent sightings in Kohala. He will also cover the threats currently affecting the seal population and how we as community members can get involved in the protection and conservation of the endangered seal.

Viezbicke is a marine conservation coordinator for the Division of Aquatic Resources / Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. He has recently been monitoring the activity of monk seal pups on the Big Island.

For additional information or to request a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation, call North Kohala Public Library at 889-6655.

## Learning Center Receives Grant

The North Kohala Community Learning Center was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Kuki'o Community Fund of the Hawaii Community Foundation. The grant will provide support for curriculum materials, administrative support and scholarships for Learning Center classes.

The Learning Center, a three-year-old project of North Kohala Community Resource Center, provides both

adult and children's classes primarily at Kenji's House in Kapa`au. Children's programs include Western Civilization, Shakespeare, writing, art and Junior State. For adults, the center offers periodic art workshops and currently hosts a fibre arts circle for knitters, quilters and stitchers.

Please contact Susan Lehner at 345-4084 or slehner@hawaii.rr.com for information or visit [www.kohalalearning.org](http://www.kohalalearning.org).

## Operation Vacation Gives Respite to Returning Veterans

Operation Vacation recently hosted the first of three planned vacations in 2012 for well-deserving military families.

Staff Sergeant Travias Shamsid-Deen had just returned to Schofield Barracks in February from his third tour of duty, a 13-month long deployment to Afghanistan. He was part of the 728th Military Police Battalion where he held the position of squad leader within the Security Force section in Kabul. He has received numerous awards and medals including four Army Achievement Awards, two NATO Medals, two Iraq Campaign Medals, an Afghan Campaign Medal, and two Army Good Conduct Awards.

Having already missed the birth of two of his four children, Staff Sgt. Shamsid-Deen was happy to be back home and spend some quality time in Kohala with his wife Christina, and his two older children, Alayna and Travias Jr. Christina works for the Family Child Care Services of Schofield Barracks where she runs a home daycare center for children of government personnel. Shamsid-Deen and his wife were truly impressed with the aloha shown to them during their five-day stay in the beautiful Kohala community. They wanted to thank everyone responsible for the opportunity to help create such unforgettable memories for their family.

The family's flight from O'ahu to Kona was made possible by donations from the community. Their rental car was donated by Alamo, accommodations were provided by Kohala Country Adventures, and donated activities included Hawaii Forest & Trail zipline and waterfalls hike, along with ATV and horseback riding at Hawaii Paso Finos ranch.

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being told because we are all familiar with the beautiful hula styling of Hope Keawe. This is a true and fun story of what goes around comes around.

The seniors were truly blessed with



—photo by Kelly Vitorino

*Staff Sgt. Travias Shamsid-Deen, second from right, and his family, son Travias Jr., wife Christina, and daughter Alayna with Operation Vacation coordinator Joe Vitorino, far right.*

The family's meals were all generously donated by our local restaurants including King's View Café, Gill's Lanai, Minnie's, Fig's Mix Plate, and CSC Café. Additionally, they had the opportunity to attend this year's popular Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation fundraiser held at Kahua Ranch.

Operation Vacation provides all-expense paid vacations for soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan to allow them to reconnect with their families in the peaceful surroundings of North Kohala. The Hawaii chapter was started in 2010 and has since provided free vacations to Kohala for six soldiers and their families.

Two more vacations are planned for later this summer and during the holidays to coincide with returning brigade units. The program is currently in need of donated miles to sponsor the inter-island flights and cash. To learn more about sponsoring or donating to the program, please contact Joe Vitorino at 884-5625.

the gift of John Keawe's songs, music and stories. We learned that John is not only a great singer, fantastic songwriter and slack key musician, but a funny, funny comedian. We were entertained to the max. Mahalo John.

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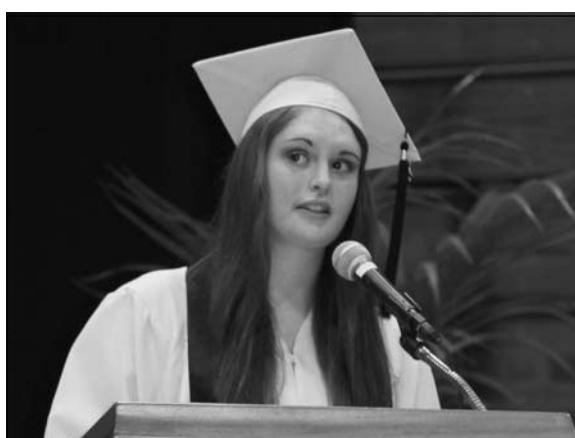
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## Kohala High School Class of 2012

Kohala High School's Class of 2012 was comprised of 73 students, including valedictorian and merit scholar Andrew Trump and salutatorian Delani McAulay. Commencement ceremonies were held May 19 at Hisaoka Gym. The graduates are listed below, along with their post-graduation plans.

Congratulations to the Class of 2012!

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## Congratulations Graduate, New Vice President of Kohala Nonprofit

Congratulations to Lauren M. Cabaniss, who graduated with honors on May 12, 2012, from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, receiving concurrent Bachelor of Arts degrees in English and Hawaiian Studies.

Proud parents are Patrick E. Cabaniss of California, and Bill and Stephanie Naihe Laxton of Hala`ula, North Kohala. Proud grandparents are Joanne Cabaniss of California, Virginia L. Naihe of Hala`ula, North Kohala, and Sharon Laxton of Tennessee.

Lauren is a 2008 Dean's List Honors graduate of Kamehameha Schools, Kapalama, O`ahu, and a former Dean's List Honors student of Pacific University in Oregon. She holds membership in the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and Makawelu-Zuri Akiamano Aki President, Alpha Gamma Delta-Delta Sigma Chapter (AGDDSC) and Ka`ahumanu Society Kohala Chapter. She is a former tutor-mentor of UH athletes and current student assistant with the Hawaii Inuiakea School of Hawaiian Knowledge (HISOHK) – Awaiaulu, which is a team of reviewers who transcribe newspaper documents from Nupepa Kuakoa, proficient in Hawaiian language.

She is the founder and former president of Kamehameha School's Pagemas-

ters Book Club; senator for HISOHK's Associated Students of the University of Hawaii; AGDDSC's Vice-President Scholarship; New Member/Social/Delta Experience coordinator, and as of March 2012, the new vice-president of 501(c)(3) nonprofit Maika`i Kamakani `O Kohala, Inc.

Miss Cabaniss plans to continue her education at the University of Hawaii at Manoa to pursue a Masters degree in Hawaiian Studies.



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## North Kohala Seniors Graduate from HPA

Three North Kohala seniors graduated at Hawaii Preparatory Academy's commencement ceremony on May 25. The graduates and their post-secondary schools are: Aniela Chertavian, Savannah College of Art and Design; Forrest Kobzev, University of Hawaii at Manoa; and Carson Magoo, Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo.

## Miho Fujii Sails Around the World on Semester at Sea

Miho Fujii, of Kapa`au, is one of nearly 570 students who sailed this spring on Semester at Sea (SAS), the U.S. shipboard program for study abroad.

Fujii and her fellow classmates recently finished a 105-day voyage to 12 countries around the globe. This 108th voyage of Semester at Sea departed Nassau, The Bahamas, on January 19 and traveled to Dominica, Brazil, Ghana, South Africa, Mauritius, India, Singapore, Vietnam, China, Japan, and Hawai`i. The voyage ended in San Diego, Calif., on May 2.

The voyage made its penultimate stop in Hilo, where Fujii took classes her first year of college and where she first learned of SAS. She was also able to give her family a personalized tour of the MV Explorer, her floating home for the past several months.

Fujii, a food science and human nutrition major at University of Hawai`i at Manoa, knew that seeing the world would benefit her college coursework. Rather than focus on nutritional facts and statistics, she spent the semester exploring the cultural context of food, from a South African cooking class to a Brazilian culinary academy to a Japanese tea ceremony.



—photo courtesy of Semester at Sea  
**Miho Fujii poses at the Taj Mahal in Agra, India, just one of 12 countries she visited through the Semester at Sea program.**

including groundbreaking visits to countries such as the former Soviet Union, China, Vietnam, Cuba, and Myanmar. Participants have met with prominent leaders including Fidel Castro, Anwar Sadat, Indira Gandhi, Mikhail Gorbachev, Corazon Aquino, Sidi Mohammed, Mother Teresa, Bishop Desmond Tutu, and Nelson Mandela.

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## Kohala High School Ag Program Grows Again

Story and photo by Andrea Dean

For 30 years Uncle David Fuertes was the agriculture teacher at Kohala High School. In its glory days, the ag program made \$25,000 per year by growing and selling its own products. The program emphasized entrepreneurship and leadership skills, as well as agricultural skills. They had a greenhouse, certified kitchen, four acres of vegetables and animal pastures. Many of Kohala's leaders today were students who were mentored by David in the Hawai'i FFA (Future Farmers of America) program—including Kohala High School principal Jeanette Snelling and Adriel Robitaille, the new ag teacher. After attending college it was Adriel's dream to come back to Kohala and revitalize the ag program. That dream is now becoming a reality.

On Earth Day, Saturday, April 21, David Fuertes, former Hawai'i FFA



*Volunteers laid long lines of irrigation pipe as part of the renovation work being done to Kohala High School's ag program.*

back the jungle from the classroom.

Rebuilding the program is a major project, but the Kohala Ag program is already host to a new chicken coop (with chickens), a pasture with goats, a taro lo'i and an aquaculture tank (fish coming soon...now that there is water!)

## BOH Accepting Applications for 2012 Monty Richards Award

Bank of Hawaii is now accepting applications for the 2012 Monty Richards Hawaii Island Community Award. Hawaii County nonprofit organizations are invited to submit applications by July 6. The award is open to any non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization in Hawaii County, and provides one or more grants totaling up to \$25,000. Nominations may be made by the public or by the organizations themselves.

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From 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., traffic on Akoni Pule Highway between Waimea/Kawaihae junction and just west of Hawi (near Upolu Airport Road) will be restricted to local traffic as safety permits. Vehicle traffic may be subject to delays.

Travelers are advised to take the Kohala Mountain Road as an alternate route.

Likewise, traffic on Queen Ka`ahumanu Highway between Mauna Lani Drive and Kawaihae Road will be restricted during the hours of 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., except to local and resort traffic as safety permits.

Drivers who must use these routes are advised to allow extra travel time. For more information, call 808-334-3400.

## Anatomy Workshop Offered in June

The North Kohala Community Learning Center is offering an "Anatomy Lab Intensive" for students aged 12 to 19 years. The hands-on workshop—a full year of anatomy labs in just two days—is offered Friday and Saturday, June 8 to 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Hawi.

Medical terminology, laboratory techniques and record keeping will be utilized throughout as students prepare and critique lab reports. Tools, safety equipment, games, handouts, web resources and more will be provided to keep students' interest high and help them learn deeply. We'll examine tissues using the ProScope HR™, the latest technology in digital microscopy, and compare animal structures to virtual human structures using Visible Body 3D Human Anatomy software.

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*The KHCF Board*

*Tommy Tinker, President*

*Dixie Adams, Co-Chair for the Event, and her Cowboys and Cowgirls.*



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## Action Committee: New Meeting Times for Public Involvement

By Megan Solis

At its public meeting May 14, the North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee announced new meeting times for the monthly AC meeting, as well as some of its subcommittees.

Beginning in June, Action Committee meetings will start at 5 p.m. Evening meeting times are problematic for the county, which requires that a Planning Department representative attend AC meetings, but it does not have the funds to pay for overtime. The new start time will hopefully be more convenient for working residents and encourage them to attend the meetings.

Though normally held on the second Monday of the month, the next AC meeting is set for Monday, June 25, due to a scheduling conflict with Kamehameha Day activities. Because the June meeting will be late in the month, there will be no AC meeting in July.

AC chair Joe Carvalho reported on the plans for a website to help improve communication with the community. The cost of developing the website would be about \$1,200 with another \$30 per month for maintenance. The law precludes the committee from accepting or administering funds, including money for a website, and volunteers are not allowed to manage the website. Furthermore, an interactive website—even a Facebook page—can potentially violate the Sunshine Law, according to Rosalind Newlon, the Planning Department's NKCDP project manager.

Newlon said the county's West Hawaii office doesn't have resources to manage a separate website for each CDP and wants the action committees to make use of the county's current CDP website, instead of developing their own site. She said they are working to make the CDP website—with meeting agendas, approved meeting minutes, and land use reports—easier to use. There was discussion of sending out a group email to inform community members of upcoming AC meeting agendas, which Newlon said she could do once a month.

Some confusion was expressed about communication between AC members and the public, especially about sub-

committee work being done. Newlon said individual AC members can talk to the public about what has transpired at a previous AC meeting or inform of what is on an upcoming agenda.

Newlon reported the land use permit report showed no new activity except for tentative approval with conditions of the L-Three Holdings, Inc., subdivision permit, which proposed subdividing approximately 119 acres into five lots averaging 23.79 acres near Hawi Road and Akoni Pule Highway.

Although on the agenda, Gail Byrne Baber's presentation about Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Commission was postponed to the next AC meeting.

In subcommittee reports, Hermann Fernandez of Growth Management said the subcommittee's primary concern is how to provide timely recommendations to the Planning Department and Action Committee while also keeping the community updated on proposed developments. Because of strict and often short timelines, it can be difficult to disseminate information to affected neighborhoods for input from residents. They are working to outline detailed procedures to facilitate communication with planning, the AC, and the community. The next Growth Management meeting is Monday, June 4, from 6 to 7 p.m. at Surety Kohala's office in Hawi.

Reporting for Public Access subcommittee, Toni Withington said a celebration of the purchase of Kauhola Point lands is planned for June 23. [See story page 19.] With regard to the purchased lands, Stephanie Naihe Laxton said that rumors that Maika'i Kamakani O Kohala, Inc., the new owners and caretakers of the property, would be locking up areas and not providing 24-hour access, were not true. Work is being done to clear trails and provide pedestrian access prior to the June 23 celebration, but it is a process that takes time. She encouraged the public to contact her if they have questions about Kauhola Point and public access there. [See page 5 for Naihe Laxton's article on this issue.]

Among other projects, the access group reports that the county has approved a

resolution to accept land on Coast Guard Road from the federal government so it can eventually make the corner where the red cinder road is an access for Mo'okini Heiau and Kamehameha Birthsite. Withington also reported on trail alignment projects at Puakea Bay Ranch and Kohala Kai. The next access group meeting is Wednesday, June 6, at 4:30 p.m. in the Old Courthouse in Kapa'a.

Giovanna Gherardi, reporting for Infrastructure A, said a meeting regarding improvements to Mahukona Beach Park was held April 24 with Bob Fitzgerald of Parks and Recreation, other county officials and members of the public. She emphasized that the subcommittee sees its role as a facilitator, not a decision-maker, particularly with regard to the feral cat issue. She said opinions and research are divided about how best to address the issue. Some agreements were reached regarding relocation of feeding sites and taking soil samples for testing. Other issues in the improvements include ensuring that renovations of toilets and showers are in accord with federal ADA standards by 2013. [For more on the Mahukona improvements and the feral cat issue, see page 7.]

Finally, Gherardi reported the new Park Management Program would disband. Although the program received approval from Parks and Recreation, the subcommittee came to the conclusion that program was not necessary. Initially, the subcommittee was unaware that the AC is prohibited from accepting or managing funds, which was the purpose of setting up a nonprofit parks program. They also concluded it is not needed in Kohala, pointing to the examples of Sarah Pule-Fujii and the Friends of Keokea, who got 73 people to show up for a Keokea work day, and groups like the National Guard Alumni and Lions Club, who recently completed renovation work at Kapa'a Beach Park. Infrastructure A meets Tuesday, June 5, at 5 p.m., tentatively at Hisaoka Gym but the location needs to be confirmed.

Susan Fischer, for Infrastructure B, explained that the electricity transmission line map made for the AC was based on information received from HELCO,

which is not always very specific about potential transmission routes. Also discussed were relative costs of underground vs. aboveground lines to protect viewplanes. The group will look into the technology of underground lines.

The subcommittee discussed getting someone from Kohala on the Public Utilities Commission's Advisory Group of the resource plan being created by HELCO, HECO and MECO, which is likely to include the transmission of geothermal energy from the Big Island to other counties. According to the PUC website, those interested in serving on the Advisory Group may apply by sending a letter of interest with a resume or curriculum vitae, and referencing the IRP and Docket No. 2012-0036. Letters should be sent to the Public Utilities Commission, 465 South King Street #103, Honolulu, HI 96813. The deadline to apply is June 11, 2012.

Infrastructure B will next meet on Monday, June 18, at 5:30 p.m. in the Sunday school room at St. Augustine's.

Reporting for Affordable Housing, Collin Kaholo said four participants came to the May 3 meeting to discuss a possible workshop on how to prepare financially to become a homeowner. One person is interested in taking a workshop. The subcommittee meets Monday, June 18, at 4:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

For the Agriculture subcommittee, Frank Cipriani reported on criteria and incentives available for designation as Important Agricultural Lands (IAL). They also discussed ways to use excess citrus fruits in Kohala that are going to waste. The group will meet Tuesday, May 29, and Tuesday, June 26, at 6 p.m. at Kohala Intergenerational Center.

Two AC member terms will expire in September. The county is accepting applications for the open positions. For applications, meeting agendas, minutes and land use reports, visit [www.hawaiicountycdp.info/north-kohala-cdp](http://www.hawaiicountycdp.info/north-kohala-cdp) or call Rosalind Newlon at 323-4770.

The next AC meeting is set for Monday, June 25, at 5 p.m. at the Senior Center in Kapa'a. The public is encouraged to attend AC and subcommittee meetings.



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### WHAT'S NEW AT THE RESOURCE CENTER?

➤ The KHS Robotics project received two grants in April and May to help defray travel costs to compete in World Championships. The Hapa Fund awarded \$2,500 and Lockheed Martin Corporate Donations, \$3,500.

➤ KHS Grad Night has reached their goal of \$13,000 for their celebration at the Hisaoka Gym on May 19, 2012 as well as putting aside a start-up fund for the Class of 2013.

Congratulations to the Class of 2012!

You can support our projects and the Center directly with a tax-deductible donation to the North Kohala Community Resource Center, P. O Box 519 Hawi, HI 96719 • 889-5523 • [www.northkohala.org](http://www.northkohala.org)

## Kohala Country Fair is Coming Reserve a Booth Now

The 28th annual Kohala Country Fair will be held Saturday, October 6, at the same expansive site as last year, opposite `Iole Road in Kapa`au. Organizers are increasing the number of activities and entertainment and expecting to draw more than the record-setting 4,000 people who attended last year.

The 20-member Fair Committee, headed by David Ebrahimi, has already met three times to get a jump on the expanded activities. The property, owned by New Moon Foundation, will

be utilized to the fullest, said Ebrahimi.

Booth applications were mailed out to last year's vendors on May 11, and many have already been reserved. Prices range from \$150 for food booths and \$125 for craft booths to \$25 for the "Made in Kohala" tent. Applications are available at [Booth@KohalaCountryFair.com](mailto:Booth@KohalaCountryFair.com) or at the Fair's website, [www.kohalacountryfair.com](http://www.kohalacountryfair.com). Volunteers are needed, and anyone wanting to join this important community event should contact David Ebrahimi at the Fair website.

## Vipassana Hawai`i Offers Summer Programs for Adults and Teens

Vipassana Hawai`i, a nonprofit organization in Hawi, is offering two meditation and camping retreats this summer in North Kohala. Both retreats take place in a camp-like setting on a beautiful piece of land which overlooks the ocean. Campers will need to bring their own tents.

Adults can join Vipassana for their annual 10-day retreat from June 22 to July 1, led by two international meditation teachers, Michele McDonald and Steven Smith. Participants receive instruction in both walking and sitting meditation and participate in nightly discussions. Though previous meditation experience is helpful, beginners are welcome. Great vegetarian food is provided. Cost for the 10-day retreat is \$505.

Their 2nd Annual Teen Meditation and Camping Retreat welcomes teens

aged 14 to 19 and takes place from July 3 to 8. This retreat is taught by Michele McDonald, Steven Smith, Jesse Vega, and several staff from Vipassana's partner organization, iBme. Each day the teens participate in short meditation sessions, small group discussions, and fun workshops which help them to calm and focus the mind and build self-confidence. Teens do not need any experience with either mediation or camping in order to participate. Cost is \$375; however thanks to some generous donations there are several full and partial scholarships available.

For more information contact Robyn at 889-0567; [information@vipassanahawaii.org](mailto:information@vipassanahawaii.org) or visit [www.vipassanahawaii.org](http://www.vipassanahawaii.org) where you can also download a flyer. Or visit the website for their partner organization, iBme, at [www.ibme.info](http://www.ibme.info).

## Buddhist Master Namkhai Norbu to Teach at Kohala Retreat

One of the most honorable world teachers from Tibet is returning to the Big Island after 13 years.

Professor Chögyal Namkhai Norbu will be teaching at a retreat at a private residence in Kohala, June 13 to 17.

Professor Namkhai was born in 1938 in eastern Tibet and was raised Buddhist. He is among the last of a generation of spiritual masters born and trained in Tibet prior to the Chinese takeover. Recognized as the incarnation of a great Master when he was two years old, he received the extensive traditional education of a reincarnate lama (tulku) and studied and practiced with multiple great masters in Tibet before the Chinese invasion forced him to leave his family and country. He became a Professor of Tibetan and Mongolian Language and Literature at the University of Naples,

Italy. After 20 years at the university, he now travels the world teaching, lecturing and talking about his experiences.

Professor Namkhai has written over 100 books on the Tibetan culture and the Dzogchen tradition, a unique Buddhist spiritual teaching. He is an authority on the history, literature, medicine, astrology, dance, meditation, yoga and Buddhism of Tibet. Look for the PBS presentation: "My Incarnation" about Chögyal Namkhai Norbu and his son, airing June 21.

The retreat includes public talks and demonstrations of music, dance and yoga. For more information contact: 808-937-8252 or email: [hawaiilandz@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiilandz@gmail.com). For fee information and to register online, visit <http://tsegayalgar.org/localcenters/hawaii> (spaces are limited).

### Kohala Baptist Church

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#### Sunday Services

9 am

Adult Bible Study/Kids on Mission

10:15 am

Worship Service/Sunday School



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## Summer Swimming Lessons at Kohala Pool

Swimming lessons will be offered this summer at Kohala Pool in Kamehameha Park.

Swim classes are eight to 10 days (depending on furlough and holidays) for \$10. The class schedule is:

**June 5-8 and 12-15:** 9:45 a.m. Level 3; 10-10:45 a.m. Level 2; 11-11:45 a.m. Level 1; and noon-12:45 p.m. Parent Child.

**June 18-29:** 9:45 a.m. Level 4; 10-10:45 a.m. Level 3; 11-11:45 a.m. Level 2; and noon-12:45 p.m. Level 1.

**July 3, 5-6, and 9-13:** 9:45 a.m. Level 5; 10-10:45 a.m. Level 4; 11-11:45 a.m. Level 3; and noon-12:45 p.m. Level 2.

**July 16-27:** 9:45 a.m. Level 5; 10-10:45 a.m. Level 4; 11-11:45 a.m. Level 3; and noon-12:45 p.m. Level 3.

A new class will be offered, "Adult Stroke Correction" from 7-8 a.m. Monday and Tuesday for \$15 per month. Class will be every month if enough people sign up.

For more information, contact staff at Kohala Pool at 889-6933.

## Rain or Shine, the Boys of Summer Play On

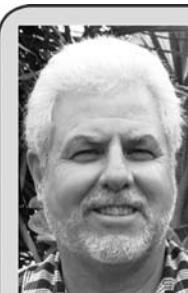
*Not even a downpour could keep the local kupuna softball teams, Kohala and Local Boyz, from their doubleheader mat chup on May 5 at Kamehameha Park. Kohala took the Local Boyz in the first game 21-9, but*

*in the second contest, the Local Boyz had Kohala sweating bullets all the way to the seventh inning, when Kohala narrowly defeated Local Boyz, 15-14. The friendly rivals followed the game with a sumptuous feast, including a roast pig, courtesy of the Local Boyz and their boosters.*

*Kohala finished up the first half of the season in fourth place for the West Division at 17-5 with Local Boyz in eighth place at 8-14.*



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**Kohala Seniors Have an  
'Mmmmmmm Ono' Boys Day**



—photo by Elsie Carpio  
George Yoshida of "Seniors Living in Paradise" made a special appearance at the May 7 Seniors club meeting.

On May 7, the Seniors celebrated Japanese Boys Day. It was a hassle to get the Senior men to be involved, so as usual, president Kealoha Sugiyama had to plan the day's event. To surprise everyone, Kealoha contacted Derek Kurisu and George Yoshida from the hit TV show, "Seniors Living in Paradise," on channel 27 to see if they would come out to Kohala. To keep the surprise, they were instructed to enter into the nutrition side of the building so they could be properly introduced to the club.

When everyone was in place, Kealoha announced that Honolulu has Perry and Price, but on Hawai'i island we have "Seniors Living in Paradise" hosts, Derek Kurisu and George Yoshida. Derek, being the comedian, kept the seniors in laughter while preparing a special oriental-style salad with all the goodies. The real fun came when Derek did the tasting and responded with his usual and famous "mmmmmm ono." Then a few of the ladies and men did the tasting and imitating Derek's "mmmmmm ono." Those seniors will be fea-

tured on "Seniors Living in Paradise" in June at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Kealoha was careful to let Derek know that attendance at the Senior meetings are between 85 and 95 members to make sure that he prepared enough food for all. To put everyone in the mood for the occasion, Kealoha decorated the center with a 15-, 10- and 6-foot koi fish right in the meeting hall. It gave the feel that those fish were swimming in mid-air. It was a real surprise to all, and the food was mmmmm ono!

**Saving Money, Saving Energy... One Lightbulb at a Time**

In May, Kohala Elementary School Parent Hour hosted Hawaii Energy educator Helen Wai, who impressed upon parents, grandparents and fifth-grade students that we can make a difference in saving electrical use by purchasing energy-saving appliances, lighting and water heating. Wai emphasized the need to unplug devices (computers, printers, cell phone chargers, TVs) when not in

use and to replace incandescent bulbs with Energy Star Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) which use about 70 percent less energy and can last about 10 times longer.

Wai conducted a similar community workshop on energy savings and financial literacy on April 12, hosted by Planet Pioneers and Sustainable Kohala. Learn more, especially about cash incentives, by visiting [www.HawaiiEnergy.com](http://www.HawaiiEnergy.com).

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## Cowboys and Cowgirls Finish Seasons at State Tournaments

Story and photos from *Ka Leo Na `Opio*

Kohala High School volleyball, softball, and tennis teams didn't bring home state championship trophies, but they have every right to be proud of their great accomplishments this season.

After an undefeated season and a Division II BIIF Championship last year, the Cowboys volleyball team received a tough schedule for the 2012 season. They were slated against perennial Division I powerhouses Waiakea and Kamehameha along with a group of strong teams. Despite the challenges, they still finished the season with a strong 10-4 record. The boys qualified for the state championships with a straight set win over Ka`u in the BIIF tournament semi-finals.

Unfortunately, the Cowboys lost a heartbreaking five set match to Seabury Hall in the first round of the state tournament. The team showed great resilience; after going down 2 sets to 0, they fought back and forced a fifth set. However a slow start in the fifth set cost them as they fell to the taller Seabury team. The Cowboys rallied the following night as they beat Pahoa in five sets.



*KHS Seniors Delani McAulay, left, Andrew Trump, center, and Donald Wong Jr. finished their high school sports experiences at the state tournaments.*

In their final game the Cowboys lost to Waimea when the game ended after a time limit. The volleyball team loses six seniors, all starters: DJ Wong, Christopher Roxburgh, Jory Ayoso-Fernandez, Elias Hood, Kekoa Werner, and Kulia Aviero-Kalaniopio.

The girls softball team had one of its best seasons in the past few years. The Cowgirls finished with a 9-3 record

and qualified for state in a hard fought game at home versus Konawaena. The Cowgirls lost in the BIIF Championship game to Kamehameha 5-1.

But the team had a rude awakening in the first round of the state tournament against a much bigger Waipahu team, which jumped out to an early lead and never surrendered any runs en route to an 11-0 victory. The Cowgirls came back

the next day with a fire in their bellies when they faced a familiar Honoka`a team. The Cowgirls strung together some big hits to win 6-2. The following night Kohala lost to St. Francis 9-3 to finish their season.

Senior tennis player Andrew Trump finished his season with a 7-2 record after missing his first two matches due to basketball. He was the No. 8 seed in the BIIF Boys Singles Tournament and was able to grind out two wins to qualify for the state championships.

At the state championships, Trump got knocked out in the first round 6-1, 6-1 to Leilehua's Brandon Bersola. Trump said he never developed a rhythm in the match and found himself scrambling to chase down balls. For more Kohala High School news, visit [www.kaleonao-pio.com](http://www.kaleonao-pio.com).

## HWC a Finalist in Toyota Program

Hawai`i Wildlife Center announced recently that it has been selected as one of 500 nonprofit finalists in Toyota's 100 Cars for Good program, in which the automaker is giving 100 cars to 100 nonprofits over the course of 100 days. The center was selected as a finalist from more than 4,000 applications nationwide.

Each day 100 Cars for Good is profiling five finalists at [www.100carsforgood.com](http://www.100carsforgood.com). Individual members of the public are able to vote for whichever nonprofit they think can do the most good with a new vehicle. The nonprofit with the most votes at the end of each day will win one of six Toyota models. Runners-up will each receive a \$1,000 cash grant from Toyota. Hawai`i Wildlife Center will be up for consideration on June 22.

"We're grateful for this incredible opportunity to showcase our mission to protect, conserve and aid in the recovery of Hawai`i's native wildlife," said Rae Okawa, HWC development coordinator. "We hope everyone will visit [www.100carsforgood.com](http://www.100carsforgood.com) on Friday, June 22, to vote for us. A new vehicle would really be a game changer for our

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## KMS Robotics Team Earns Special Award at World Tournament

Story and photo by Fern White

In alliance with robotics teams from California and Waiakea Middle School, Kohala Middle School VEX team won seventh overall of 152 teams from around the world in the VEX World Championships held in Anaheim, Calif., in April.

KMS also won the judge's Teamwork Award, one of only six awarded at the entire tournament including four divisions of high school. Their team thus was one of only two Hawaii teams bringing home an award from the VEX World Championship. This award is a special honor because it is a judged award; in other words the judges "interview" the students, observe the team on and off the field, and read the team's bio/ background and essay about their values.

Kohala High School had two robots at the VEX World tournament: one

team placed 36th overall, and the second team ranked 55th. Just fewer than 600 teams, over 10,000 youth representing over 20 countries, competed in the event. Teams played 10 seeding round matches to qualify for double elimination finals.

In addition to the tournament competition, Kohala High School senior Michael Nelson completed a live television broadcast aired on NBC affiliate, KFVE on April 20. Nelson was interviewed alongside the president of VEX, Paul Capolino, by morning news anchor Steve Uehara.

Finally, Kohala was front and center at the VEX World Championships, when Nelson and Adam Anakalea took the stage in opening ceremonies to introduce the



*The Kohala Middle School VEX robotics team proudly show their 2012 VEX World Championships Teamwork award: left to right are mentor Alvin Kawamoto, Patrick Nelson, Elijah DelaCruz, coach Cheryl Cabrera and Tehvyn Isabel.*

Volunteer of the Year award recipients Art and Rene Kimura.

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## All Welcome at June 23 Kauhola Point Celebration

Join your community to celebrate the permanent protection of Kauhola Point. The Trust for Public Land, Maika`i Kamakani `O Kohala, Inc., and Malama Kai Foundation's Ocean Warriors Program will host a ho`olaule`a and land dedication at Kauhola Point from 12 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 23.

The event will include a blessing, lunch, Hawaiian music, speeches, and the opportunity for all to share their love for and knowledge about Kauhola aka

"Lighthouse." The public is invited but must RSVP by June 10 to laura.kaakua@tpl.org or (808) 524-8562.

The 27.5-acre Kauhola Point property to the east of the road down to the lighthouse is now owned by the Kohala nonprofit Maika`i Kamakani `O Kohala, Inc. for the benefit of the public. Maika`i will ensure that access is maintained for recreational and cultural practices, and that the land will remain undeveloped open space for Kohala to enjoy in perpetuity.

## HI-PAL 3-on-3 Basketball Tourney Set for Kohala

The Hawai`i Police department's Traffic Services Section and the Hawai`i Isle Police Activities League (HI-PAL) are sponsoring their annual "Click It or Ticket" 3-on-3 basketball tournament. Eight events are planned around Hawai`i island, with a tournament set for Kohala on July 14 at Hisaoka Gym in Kamehameha Park.

Team entries are being accepted in the following age groups: 5 to 6, 7 to 8, 9 to 10, 11 to 12, 13 to 14, high school boys, girls 10 and under, girls 12 and under, girls 14 and under, and high school girls. The age cutoff date is December 31, 2012.

A player may play in only one division during this tournament. Each division will be limited to the first 10 teams. (Organizations wishing to enter multiple teams are asked to enter one at a time and as space becomes available, additional teams can be entered.) Each team

must complete a registration packet prior to the tournament. Completed packets must be turned in two weeks prior to each scheduled event date.

Completed packets should be dropped off at the Hilo police station's Community Policing office (the former Receiving Desk on the first floor) or at the Kona police station's Receiving Desk.

The high school division boys and girls games will be played and completed on the scheduled Friday nights. During those scheduled dates, activities about child restraint and seat belt usage and DUI education will be available at the various gyms.

Teams interested in participating or anyone requesting additional information may call Officer Joseph Botelho, Jr., in East Hawai`i at 961-2220 or Officer Randy Morris in West Hawai`i at 326-4646, extension 258.

warranty will be provided for each vehicle, compliments of Toyota Financial Services.

The center is Hawai`i's only state-of-the-art rescue, rehabilitation, research and education facility exclusively for native wildlife. It takes a hands-on and comprehensive approach to conservation and species recovery and currently has the only facility in the state that meets all federal, state and local standards for accommodating large-scale rescue and rehabilitation of sick, injured or oiled wildlife. The center serves all Hawaiian Islands, including the Northwestern Islands extending to Midway and Kure Atolls. HWC is the only Cars for Good finalist from Hawai`i in the animal welfare and wildlife category.

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ability to transport animals, especially when we need to bring sick, injured, or oiled wildlife to the center for potentially life-saving treatment and subsequently, when we need to transport rehabilitated animals to their release site."

For more information on Hawai`i Wildlife Center and its efforts to win one of Toyota's 100 Cars for Good, visit HWC's website at [www.hawaiiwildlifecenter.org](http://www.hawaiiwildlifecenter.org) or follow them on Facebook or Twitter at [www.facebook.com/hawaiiwildlifecenter](http://www.facebook.com/hawaiiwildlifecenter). For complete information on 100 Cars for Good and profiles of all 500 finalists, visit [www.100carsforgood.com](http://www.100carsforgood.com).

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## THE COQUI CORNER

Several eradications have been done in North Kohala this month:

- One in Hawi (that had been singing off and on for weeks)
- Another in Halaula (first reported in early May)
- And three different coquis at the Catholic Church in Hawi (with three separate eradications)

Currently there are new reports of a frog up Halaula Hill and at Homestead. Plans are to treat the areas once the frogs are located. Another frog was reported in Wainae Gulch, but we believe it may be the same frog recently treated in Halaula. Wainae Gulch appears to be quiet.

Mahalo for your continued support! Help Keep Kohala Coqui Free!

Report coquis to the **Coqui Hotline: 889-5775**

Donations are gratefully accepted through North Kohala Community Resource Center.

## KOHALA CALENDAR

### June

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|--------|--|
| 1 Fri  | 10 am, Preschool Story Time series, ages 2-5, North Kohala library, 889-6655.  |
| 2 Sat  | 8:30 am-12:30 pm, `Iole Volunteer Day, trail clean up & mahalo lunch on `Iole land, Kerry, 889-5151.   |
| 2 Sat  | 8:30 am, "Walking in the Wild" guided silent walks, monthly, Bond Homestead, Kapa`au, by donation, call `Iole at 889-5151.                                   |
| 4 Mon  | 9 am-1 pm, Vacation Bible Camp thru 6/8, St. Augustine Episcopal Church, free, to register call Kathy, 889-5801.   |
| 4 Mon  | 4:30 pm, Rep. Nakashima Comm. Mtg, public invited, North Kohala library.   |
| 4 Mon  | 6 pm, Growth Management Subcmte. Mtg., public invited, Surety Kohala office, Hawi, Hermann, 889-1464.  |
| 4 Mon  | 6:30 pm, The Hawaiian Monk Seal: a presentation by Justin Viezbicke for ages 5+, free, North Kohala library, 889-6655.                                       |
| 5 Tue  | 10-11:30 am, Knitting & Quilting Circle, every Tuesday, beg. to adv., all fiber arts, Kenji's, 987-3902.   |
| 5 Tue  | 1 pm, 6 Weeks of Clay Art for Kids, Tues/Wed thru 7/11, Hisaoka Gym, \$20 materials fee, Kenji's, 987-3902.  |
| 5 Tue  | 4-5:30 pm, Hope for Haiti Mtg., St. Augustine's Walker Hall, new members welcome, Lani, 889-5852.  |
| 5 Tue  | 5 pm, CDP Infrastructure A Subcmte. Mtg., call for location, public invited, Giovanna, 889-5590.   |
| 6 Wed  | 4:30-6:30 pm, CDP Public Access Subcmte. Mtg., public welcome, Senior Center, Ted, 889-5801.   |
| 6 Wed  | 6 pm, Kamehameha Day Celebration Cmte. Mtg., Kamehameha Park concession area, Cicely, 557-6042.  |
| 6 Wed  | 7 pm, AA Mtg. every Wed., Kalahikiola Church Annex house, `Iole Rd.  |
| 7 Thu  | 6 pm, Blues workshop, open to players of all ages and levels, bring your instrument and learn to play the blues, free, Hawi Gallery, Richard, 206-452-3697.  |
| 7 Thu  | 6-9 pm, Green Drinks Hawi, Kava Kafe, organic networking & pupus, Forrest, 987-2365.   |
| 8 Fri  | 10 am, Preschool Story Time series, ages 2-5, North Kohala library, 889-6655.  |
| 8 Fri  | 6-9 pm, Art opening "Dream Time" by Megan Price, Kava Kafe-Upstairs at the Mill, free, 889-5015.   |
| 11 Mon | 8 am, Kamehameha Day activities, lei draping at statue 8 am, parade 9 am, ho`olaulea 10 am at Kamehameha Park, free.   |
| 11 Mon | 10:30 am-5:30 pm, free birthday cake & art sale at Living Arts Gallery, Hawi, 889-0739.  |
| 12 Tue | 9-11 am, Children's Collage Workshop, ages 6-16, \$10, Kenji's House, 987-3902.  |
| 12 Tue | 11 am, Adult book discussion group, "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society," North Kohala library, 889-6655.                                     |
| 13 Wed | 8 am, No. Kohala Merchants Association Mtg., Resource Center, public invited, Bobby, 889-0505.   |
| 16 Sat | 9 am-1 pm, Treasures Helping-Hand Store, Assembly of God, Hawi Rd., free meal: 10 am-1 pm, 889-5177.   |
| 16 Sat | 4:30-6:30 pm, Free Grindz--Hot Meal, under the Hawi Banyans, bring a friend, Kohala Baptist Church, Sondra, 889-5416.  |
| 16 Sat | 5:30 pm, Gavin Garrison Poetry Rdg., Music w/ Joey Bradley, Algood Barn, 55-3309 Ho`ea Makai Road, Hawi, gates close 6:20 pm, \$25 sugg. donation, 884-5288. |
| 18 Mon | 4:30 pm, CDP Affordable Housing Subcmte, public welcome, Senior Ctr, Collin, 880-6726.   |
| 18 Mon | 5:30 pm, CDP Infrastructure B Subcmte, public welcome, St. Augustine's Sunday School rm, Susan, 882-7611.  |
| 19 Tue | 5-7:30 pm, Community Collage Art Show opening, free, \$5 to enter art piece, show open thru 7/3, Kenji's, 987-3902.  |
| 21 Thu | 1:30-2:30 pm, Kohala Hospital Auxiliary Mtg., Hospital Pavilion, new members welcome, Dixie, 889-5730.   |
| 21 Thu | 6 pm, Ukulele workshop, open to all ages & levels, bring an ukulele & join the kanikapila, free, Hawi Gallery, Richard, 206-452-3697.                        |
| 23 Sat | 10 am, Go Skate Day, Aloha gas station at Kynnersley & Akoni Pule Hwy, highway to close 10:30-11 am from start to Kamehameha Park, free.                     |
| 23 Sat | 1-4 pm, Food Self-Sufficiency Community Data Gathering, KIC, Andrea, 960-3727.   |
| 23 Sat | 12-2 pm, Kauhola Point Ho`olaulea, public invited, RSVP by 6/10, Laura, (808) 524-8562.  |
| 23 Sat | 11 am-12:30 pm, Free Community Meal, St. Augustine's Walker Hall, Thrift Store open 10 am-12:30 pm.  |
| 25 Mon | 4:30-6:30 pm, CDP Action Cmte. Public Mtg., Senior Center.   |
| 26 Tue | 6 pm, CDP Agriculture Subcmte. Mtg, public welcome, KIC.   |
| 29 Fri | 10 am, Preschool Story Time series, ages 2-5, North Kohala library, 889-6655.  |

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

## North Kohala Community Plans for Food Self-Sufficiency

By Andrea Dean

Native Hawaiians produced enough food in North Kohala to feed a population of 30,000. Today, we have a population of about 6,000, and we import about 85 percent of our food.

The North Kohala Community Development Plan (CDP) states a strong desire to "Keep Kohala, Kohala." As a historically agricultural community, part of "Keep Kohala, Kohala," is the strong community that results from the sharing and bartering of food and animals from individual homesteads, and the gathering from the mountains, gulches and ocean.

About 80 percent of the land in Kohala is zoned for agricultural use. According to the CDP, "The sentiment of Kohala residents is generally that they would like to see this land utilized for agriculture. One of their biggest concerns is the misuse of this land for luxury subdivisions and/or 'gentlemen estates.'"

North Kohala has a strategy and goal in its CDP as follows:

**Strategy 1.4: Promote and Support a Community of Diversified Agriculture.**

**Goal:** The Kohala community will produce 50 percent of the food it consumes.

In addition to wanting to maintain the rural, agricultural flavor of Kohala, there are other benefits to increased

diversified agriculture and food self-sufficiency.

### 1. Reliable, Affordable and Safe Food Source

Many people worry about "if the ships stop coming" or if parts of the global food supply are disrupted or unhealthy due to pathogens, radiation, war, terrorist attacks or lack of supply. There is also concern over increasing fuel prices and how that will affect the cost of food in Hawai'i.

### 2. Healthier Population and a Healthier Community

Many of our community's health problems are related to a poor diet of imported processed foods—57 percent of Hawai'i's population is overweight and obese and this increases the chance that they will suffer

from diabetes, high blood pressure, heart attack, stroke and many other related diseases. Childhood obesity is on the rise and puts our keiki at risk for all of these same diseases. Increasing the affordability and availability of fresh, local, sustainably grown, nutrient rich foods is healthier for the community.

### 3. More Food = More Farmers

Small farming must be profitable in order for our youth to want to start new agricultural businesses in the community. The more we support local farmers and local businesses, the more money we will keep in our local economy.

### 4. Strong Families and Community

Small family farms create opportunities for families to work together. A strong agricultural community has strong relationships between growers and consumers, and business to busi-

ness. Relationships between people are also built around food production, preservation, harvesting, sharing and eating.

How will North Kohala achieve its goal of 50 percent food self-sufficiency?

Well...that is up to you!

There is currently a community-based process for developing a Strategic Plan for achieving the 50 percent goal, and we are gathering input from as many people in the community as possible.

You can participate by:

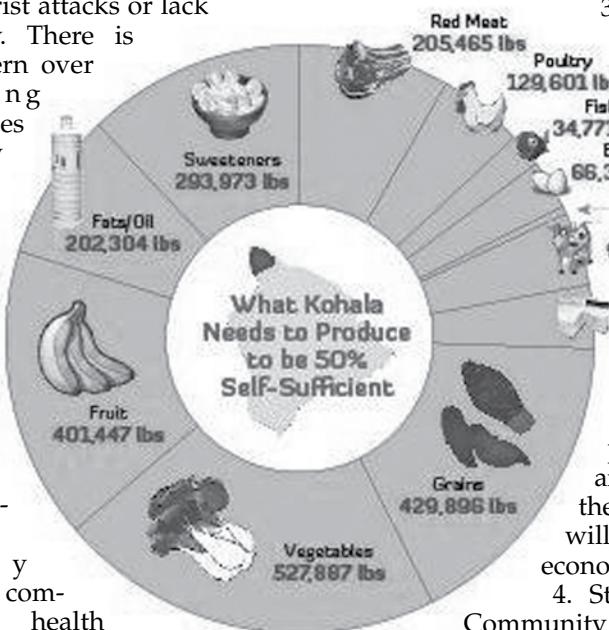
Hosting an 'Ohana Dialogue meeting at your home, business, church, school or organization. Call Andrea Dean at 960-3727 or andrea@andreadean.com.

Share your mana'o online at eatlocalhi.org/kohala.

Come hear the results of the community data gathering on Saturday, June 23, 1 to 4 p.m. at the Kohala Intergenerational Center.

"Growing a Local Food System in North Kohala—Strategic Planning for Food Self-Sufficiency" is a project of the North Kohala Eat Locally Grown Campaign, Ka Hana No'eau and Kohala Intergenerational Center with assistance from the Hawai'i Alliance for Community Based Economic Development (HACBED). Funding is provided by the County of Hawai'i and Kaiser Permanente.

—graphic courtesy of Andrea Dean



## PLANNING FOR FOOD SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN NORTH KOHALA

**The North Kohala CDP states:**

### STRATEGY

#### 1.4:

Promote and Support a Community of Diversified Agriculture.

### GOAL:

The Kohala community will produce 50% of the food it consumes.

### How will we get there?

The North Kohala community is now working on a Strategic Plan to reach that goal.

It would be good to have more jobs in Kohala

What if the ships stop coming in?

Keep ag land in agriculture

Will food get more expensive as fuel prices rise?

*Food Self-Sufficiency*

Sustainable Agricultural Economy  
Cultural Food & Traditions

Food Security  
Resilient Community  
Healthy People  
Education

### WANTED: Community Input!

Host a small group meeting at your home, church or organization before June 15th  
Call Andrea 960-3727 or email andrea@andreadean.com.

Learn and share your mana'o online at [eatlocalhi.org/kohala](http://eatlocalhi.org/kohala)

Please join us

**Saturday, June 23rd**

**from 1 - 4 pm**

at the Kohala Intergenerational Center to hear the results of your input.

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