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Discovery Garden at KES Continues to Grow

When the keiki are away, the volunteers come out to play!

You wouldn't have guessed it, but summer break for the Discovery Garden at Kohala Elementary School (KES) has been anything but down time.

If you were to take a tour today, you'd notice that the awesome community volunteers have been busy building an irrigation system spanning 500 feet, as well as a wheelchair-accessible raised bed. You will marvel at the incredible Filipino garden that the custodian, Nana Nellie, started during the 21st Century Summer Blast Program with the help of all of the K-5 campers.

Mahaalo to Sustainable Kohala, Kohala Lions, Malama Honua Fund and Sunshine Hardware for their help off-setting project costs.

KES Principal Danny Garcia is a strong supporter of the school garden program, which he started in 2010 and has watched grow with every passing year.



Kohala Lions volunteer Jesus Solis keeps a smile on his face while building the wheelchair-accessible raised bed.

In reflection he says, "With the addition of the FoodCorps Program and Service Member Jane Lee last school year, our KES Discovery Garden Program had its greatest year of produce and education. Students from kindergarten to grade 5 spent hours in the garden learning, working, eating and having fun. We had our largest amount of food grown, over 600 pounds! Jane was a huge asset working with teachers and volunteers, in addition to establishing solid business partnerships that will provide infrastructure and sustainability for our garden. Our students continue to grow academically and emotionally because of our Discovery Garden Program."

KES Discovery Garden thanks 2014 - 2015 Service Member Jane Lee for her contributions to the school and welcomes the new FoodCorps Service Member Kayla Sinotte for the 2014 - 2015 school year. FoodCorps is a privately and publicly funded non-profit, with teams in 17 states who are getting their hands dirty at school gardens and teaching youth about real food.

Service with FoodCorps looks different at every site and in every state. Go to www.foodcorps.org to find out more about how you can help keiki grow up healthy. Applications for the 2015 - 2016 school year open in January 2015.

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Kathy Matsuda Receives Lions Club Exceptional Service Award

Each year the Kohala Lions Club makes an award to a person in the community who makes significant contributions to foster programs for youth. Kathy Matsuda has been selected to receive the 2014 Lions Club Exceptional Service Award. The award was presented to Matsuda at the annual Lions Club Luau on August 23.

Matsuda has participated in the Boy Scouts of America for the past twenty-five years and the Girl Scouts for the past four years. She has organized the Kohala Okinawa Children's Day Camp for the past nine years. For the past seven years she has been involved



*—photo courtesy of Kathy Matsuda
Kathy Matsuda is the recipient of the 2014 Kohala Lions Club Exceptional Service Award. The award is given to a Kohala community member who has made significant contributions to youth programs.*

with RMD Kohala Taiko Drumming. She has been an advisor for Project Grad for the past five years, and she ran the Kohala Country Fair Keiki Section in 2012. Matsuda is also involved with the St. Augustine Episcopal Church Bible Camp, Children's Religious Education and Sunday School program.

Past winners of the award include Hermann Fernandez, Toma Raymond, Shiro Takata and Tom Morse. The award includes a \$500 donation by the Lions to

the winner's charity of choice. Matsuda chose the St. Augustine Episcopal Church's outreach programs as the recipient.

Veterans' Clinic Opens in North Kohala

Dr. Ann Cox, NP, has successfully brought a Kona Rural Health Outreach office serving our veterans to North Kohala. The clinic, which opened about two months ago, is located at the senior center building on the side fronting Akoni Pule Highway.

Cox has solicited grant funding and already opened clinics in Ocean View and Waimea, staffing those offices on alternate days. Since opening the first clinic in Ocean View just over a year ago, she has already seen over 250 veterans for over 650 office visits.

The grant funds garnered were not enough to both rent a facility and run the new clinic. Only by the generosity of the Senior Center's donation of the space rent-free is the clinic able to be housed in North Kohala. Dr. Cox is deeply appreciative of the Center's generosity and desire to serve the community's veterans.

Veterans can go to the clinic for their normal care, such as consultations, follow-up visits, medication refills and small office procedures. They will be referred out for any services not available in the office, which at this time includes lab work.

Dr. Cox and Dr. Nelson will still be available in Kona if that location is preferred. Dr. Cox has access to all medical records electronically and can see all records on file from prior Kona office visits via computer in Kohala.

Office hours on Kohala are Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call either Haydee at 331-4534 or Sandy at 331-4521 to make an appointment. Dr. Cox is currently able to see approximately four patients per day but will soon be bringing a nurse on staff to increase the clinic's capacity. So far she has been able to see patients within a week of their phone calls.

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Giving a Voice to Small Farmers and Local Food Advocates

By Marcy Montgomery

Hawai'i Farmers Union United (HFUU) came to Kapa'au on August 14 to host an introductory meeting about the services the union provides to small farmers, food enthusiasts, chefs and "everyone who eats." HFUU founder Vince Mina and Kona Chapter President Steve Sakala greeted a crowd of over 24 local residents. They first made it clear that HFUU is not a labor union. Rather, it is a group of food system advocates who focus on "three legs" of services: having a voice for small farmers in our state and federal legislatures, promoting regenerative soil and healthy foods education, and promoting mentoring and cooperation between farmers, and between farmers and food consumers.

"Although agriculture represents a third of the state's economy, only 0.4 percent—less than half a percent—of the state budget is provided for agriculture," according to Sakala. This gap in support for a major industry directly impacts local farmers through a lack of agricultural infrastructure development and lack of help with invasive species prevention and removal. The HFUU is actively bringing agriculture into the state and local conversation. The 2013 Food Summit saw soil health discussed for the first time; Natural Farming was included in a bill brought before the legislature; and, in the State Democratic Convention, seven pieces of regenerative agriculture legislation were introduced. Mina and Sakala reported that legislators welcome hearing direct reports of the needs of small farmers and that, in a political environment dominated by big corporate agriculture, the voices of Hawai'i's small farmers need to be raised loud and clear as an important step towards reclaiming and protecting our local food systems.

One example of projects the Union is promoting, which was well received by the audience, is regional compost and soil amendment development sites. These sites would serve farmers to help regenerate fertile soils and could include local biochar and Natural Farming amendments. Another project the HFUU supports

works with local government to facilitate new types of land use models that promote increased land access for farmers, with on-site clustered housing, through a land trust model that is being developed on Maui and has great potential for replication in

Kohala. A third project underway is participation in food safety taskforce efforts to ensure small farmers can afford to improve the food sanitation conditions on their farms in order to comply with new state requirements. Group buying power, discounts at

local merchants and group rates on vision and dental insurance are other services the HFUU is providing its membership as day-to-day savings.

Challenges presented by the audience of local growers are to find ways to level the playing field for all farmers, to develop a legally recognized category for intern farm help, and to improve ways to support mentoring that connect experienced business-savvy farmers with beginning farmers. Others cautioned about making sure to include Hawaiian Homelands regulations for agriculture when addressing representatives of the legislature, and to keep developing local grassroots initiatives that are not reliant on government funding. "Cooperation is what levels the playing field in the face of corporate ag business," and "The power comes from people joining forces to have a say about our land, to fight for our sovereignty," were sentiments expressed by the audience. There was unanimous interest in promoting sustainability through cooperation among farmers. In the audience were business owners actively connecting farmers to new markets, including local restaurants like the recently-opened Local Dish, and ag-tourism, as is being provided by the newly-launched Kohala Grown Farm Tours.

The National Farmers Union is the oldest union representing small farmers in the United States and has given a strong show of support to the Hawai'i Farmers Union United in the form of a \$150,000 grant to help develop chapters throughout the state. There are already 500 HFUU members, and Hawai'i Island chapters have formed in Kona and Ka'u. To start a Kohala chapter, 10 local food system supporters—growers, producers and consumers—are all that is required.

If you would be interested in learning more about the union, please see www.hawaiifarmersunionunited.org, where laws and membership information can be found. The introductory meeting was hosted by One Island and the Kohala Green School. If you have questions about the local chapter development, you can email greenschool@oneisland.org.

Creativity Takes Flight at Dragonfly Theatre Company

Every year campers in the Dragonfly Theatre Company's summer camp partake of an extensive theatre experience on a nut farm in Hawi. Campers convene on the farm for two weeks in July to go in-depth into a collaborative musical theatre experience. They not only learn to act, sing and dance, they also learn behind-scenes crafts such as costume and set design, sewing costumes, making props and painting

sets.

The 2014 production of the *Wizard of Oz* took place on July 26 in a 30-foot yurt on the nut farm. One of the campers' colorful and creative set pieces was a yellow brick road block-painted from one side of the yurt to the other.

Dragonfly is a sponsored project of the North Kohala Community Resource Center.



Campers and staff from the Dragonfly Theatre's 2014 production of *The Wizard of Oz* pose on "the witch's castle" (a fallen cypress tree). The theatre camp runs for two weeks during the summer.

L-R: Anna MacFarland, Grace Todd, Olivia Halbritter, Maggie Frohmader, Kimara Pasco, Laif Showalter, Carla Orellana, Malia Mitchell,

Michael Boose, Angelique Kokal, Naomi Brookes, Emily Thompson, Morgan Swan, Dante Lopez, Sydney Wiernicki.

"Come out, come out, wherever you are..." Played by Anna MacFarland, Glinda, the good witch of the North, sings the munchkins out from their hiding places during rehearsal to meet Dorothy, who "fell from a star." The children painted their "houses," which are mounted on lightweight garment racks with wheels and, when viewed from the other side, double as apple trees. Left to



right: Anna MacFarland, Stella Brookes, Kiki Mitchell, Lacy Goble, Jax Dorrance, Bradley Carlson and Orion Dorrance.

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To build upon the success of the past year, we have the exciting opportunity to increase the benefits and impact of the Discovery Garden to the 400+ students at KES with the addition of a garden PTT (Part Time Teacher). Currently, only one person (the Food-Corps service member) is responsible for all garden class instruction as well as garden maintenance. KES needs \$12,965 per year to hire a PTT to sup-

port a sustainable school garden program.

The PTT and the garden teacher will form a collaborative team and together ensure higher-quality instruction for students as they experientially learn math, science, Hawaiiana, interpersonal skills, art, pono behavior, music, critical thinking, language arts, environmental education and nutrition in the garden. Can you help make this a reality? Stop by the North Kohala Community Resource Center and speak with Megan Solis, or call 889-5523.



Mrs. O'Donnell's third-grade class is loving the salad from the garden that they grew and harvested!

—photo by Jane Lee

Volunteers Joey Gamiao (left) and Ben Lasale (right) put their backs into their work while installing irrigation with Service Member Jane Lee (middle).



—photo by Jesus Solis

Action Committee Challenges Lead to Call for "Retraining" from County

The North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee (AC) was called to task for what the County Planning Department called "acting outside the scope of its authority," and future meetings of the committee were suspended until all the members could attend "a mandatory training" this month.

The suspension, issued by planning director Duane Kanuha, came three days after the July 14 meeting of the AC. At that meeting, reported in the July 26 Kohala Mountain News, the committee complained of numerous unannounced changes and delays in getting responses on several issues from the Planning Department, which oversees its official activities.

John Winter, chairman of the AC, said the volunteer members of the committee have struggled with a frustrating lack of communications with the department. In a letter to Kanuha he welcomed an opportunity to work out solutions to these frustrations during the session.

The long list of committee and subcommittee complaints at the July meeting led to confusion over which of the AC's actions the Planning Department was challenging. Bobby Command, deputy director of the department, later pointed specifically to the seating on the committee of a long-standing member after the department determined that her term had expired, and the AC's sending of emails to all members regarding the replacement, which Kanuha thinks may violate the Sunshine Law.

Before the County Council approved the appointment of Lani Eugenio to the AC, the Planning Department, without notice, changed its procedures for review. Afterwards

the Department informed the AC that Eugenio would be replacing Susan Fischer, whose term had expired, but who had agreed to continue to be active. John Winter, chairman of the AC, wrote to the Department in June requesting that Eugenio replace either Hermann Fernandez or Collin Kaholo, who were no longer sitting on the AC, citing that the committee is short-handed due to their absence and because the committee was having difficulty maintaining a quorum. The department did not respond.

Therefore at the July meeting AC Vice Chairman Jon Adams, who was presiding, asked the Planning Department representative Terry Dunlap about Winter's request and whether Fischer could resume her position at the meeting. Dunlap said he didn't think so. Adams then accepted a motion to allow Fischer to sit in so the AC could have a quorum and do business. The motion passed unanimously.

"The Planning Department is not interested in punitive actions," Command said in an email, "but there is obvious confusion as to what the AC can and cannot do. As described to us, some of the actions were potential violations of the County Code and HRS" (Hawaii Revised Statutes). He said the department wants to help the AC "brush up on the Sunshine Law," which limits appointed board members from talking to each other about matters before it outside of scheduled public meetings.

The retraining session, scheduled for August 26, will be attended by Kanuha, Command and a county attorney.

Winter has asked that the session include discussion of the outstanding issues of contention with the department as well. "Please work with us more cooperatively. We have struggled for years to be notified or included in many decision-making processes that would help us adequately do the jobs for which we volunteer," Winter said.

MAHALO NUI FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THE PRIMARY!

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Letters—

Request for Equestrian Etiquette on Sidewalks

Dear Editor,

I often see equestrians on Akoni Pule and the streets of Kapa'au, many times with their horses on the sidewalks too.

The horses drop bucketfuls of poop onto the sidewalk, their riders leaving pedestrians and wheelchair people, like me, to deal with it.

It is very strenuous going uphill on Akoni Pule in a wheelchair, so I turn around and go backwards. Since I cannot really see where I am going, sev-

eral times I have run into piles of poop large enough to stop my progress.

Equestrians should take responsibility and clean up after their horses or fit the horses with a diaper. They are imposing their horse poop upon the rest of us with no thought of cleaning it up. It is a violation to allow a pet to poop on the public streets and sidewalks without cleaning up after it. I don't know if a horse qualifies as a "pet," but the spirit of the law is that those respon-

sible clean up after their animals.

When you are seated five feet off the ground you don't notice horse poop as much as when your wheelchair wheels roll through it.

I do not want to start a feud, but riders do need to take responsibility for the messes they leave.

Be a good neighbor and scoop up after your horse, please.

Mahalo,
Jim Philyaw
Kapa'au

Many Mahalos for Heaven on Earth

By Alan Thal

I would like to thank those of you who wished me well after I broke my hip in a fall at Mahukona on June 10.

Kind offers of food and help with tasks were unexpected and so welcome.

I was helped immeasurably by dear, old friends and especially from

three friends who moved in with me. I couldn't have done it without their help.

This community is just that: a community that comes together in times of joy and crisis.

I feel so blessed to be here in Kohala and to awake and go to bed with gratitude and a smile.

Somebody asked me what my idea of heaven was like. I said it would have blue skies, a big ocean, palm trees and most importantly, fine, loving people. Thank YOU for giving me Heaven.

In gratitude,
Alan Thal
Hawi 8/8/14

Heroic Rescue at Mahukona Saves Life

Dear Editor,

It's completely and utterly impossible to thank someone adequately for saving one's life. The magnitude of a "thank you" can never match the immense gift of having one's life saved. Everything comes up short when I try to write down my appreciation. Nevertheless, I want to try.

Brian Carvalho and Terrence Alcoran came to my rescue on the 12th of August at Mahukona. I was near drowning and being pounded by swells when these good Samaritans spotted me across the bay, sprang into action and saved my life.

It's possible the enormity of what happened can only be understood by three people: my two heroes and me.

Brian and Terrence, I will be forever grateful, and thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Aloha,
Erika Valentine
Cheesbrough



—photo by Erika Cheesbrough
Brian Carvalho and Terrence Alcoran express their heroic aloha with wide smiles. The duo pulled Erika Valentine Cheesbrough from punishing waters at Mahukona and, in her words, saved her life.

Is Ron Gonzales Qualified by Residence to Represent District 9?

Dear Editor:

Hawaii County Charter, HRS § 3-3, requires our County Council candidates to reside and vote in District 9 if they want to represent us. On July 24 *West Hawaii Today* published an article on Ron Gonzales that raises questions in my mind about his qualifications. This is not "dirt," as he alleges, but simply asking if he is telling voters the truth about his qualification for office. Let me tell you why I don't think he is qualified to be on the November ballot.

State law (HRS §11-13) says your residence must be your *permanent home*, your domicile, and the same law says you can't make someplace else your residence unless your current intention is to live *there* permanently. In the newspaper, Gonzales said that until May 1 he was using his Honoka'a family home as his legal

address, but then he "switched my residency to District 9." He asks us to believe he made a *room* in Waikoloa Village his permanent home? And he said he took the room more than three years ago so he wouldn't have to commute between his job at Queen's Market Place and Honoka'a.

The Hawai'i Supreme Court has agreed that in order to relinquish one's residence there must be an intent to remain permanently at the new place where one is physically living and to simultaneously *permanently* abandon the previous place of abode. The Court also ruled that the location of one's spouse and children can be relevant to determine if one has actually permanently abandoned the old residence. Is Ron asking voters to believe he has permanently left his family in Honoka'a while he permanently lives in a rented room? Just askin'.

And on his current voter registration form, listing the *room* in Waikoloa as his legal address – he still lists his PO box in Honoka'a as his permanent mailing address and his campaign committee's official address! So not only does he leave his wife and children in Honoka'a, he wants us to believe he is going to commute to Honoka'a to pick up his mail! He won't commute to go home but he will commute for his mail? Just askin'.

Finally, he says "I'm really trying to run a clean campaign. It would never occur to me to dig up dirt." But he hasn't told those Forward Progress superPAC people from Honolulu to quit running \$20,000 worth of negative lies about Margaret Wille, has he?

Lanric Hyland
Kapa'au

County Council Update—

News from the Desk of District 9 Councilmember Margaret Wille

By Margaret Wille

KAMEHAMEHA PARK SKATE PARK UPDATE:

As you may recall, we secured a commitment of \$35,000 from the County Department of Parks and Recreation for materials to complete the skate park. We also have another \$35,000 I sponsored from District 9 contingency funds to cover labor costs. We are now in the procurement process, obtaining bids for this construction, so completion of the skate park is on track. We also have a commitment from Parks and Recreation for a number of picnic tables.



DISTRICT 9 CERT SUPPLIES:

We're still waiting on the \$10,500 of District 9 CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) supplies approved by the Council in May 2014. These emergency supplies will be shared among North Kohala, Waimea and Waikoloa.

UPCOMING CONTINGENCY FUND ALLOCATIONS:

Other North Kohala contingency

fund allocations I am sponsoring include:

- \$2000 for the Kapa'au Hawai'i Wildlife Center
- \$2000 for the North Kohala Coqui Frog Eradication Project
- \$2000 in prize money for the North Kohala Anti-Bullying Campaign

I will announce other North Kohala Contingency Fund allocations at a later date.

PARKS AND REC BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR NORTH KOHALA PARK REPAIRS:

Some \$1.5 million is in the 2014 - 2015 County budget for repairs at the various North Kohala Parks. A timetable for these repairs is not yet available.

RESOLUTION AFFECTING NORTH KOHALA'S CLOVER LEAF DAIRY:

On August 6 the County Council unanimously passed Resolution 481-14 to protect North Kohala's Clover Leaf Dairy and other smaller dairies around the county in their effort to fight Big Island Dairy's petition for waiver from the state's wholesale milk minimum price standards. Exemption from those minimum

pricing standards would enable the O'okala Big Island Dairy to undercut the other island dairies and easily put the other dairies out of business. As an island community it is important that we ensure the availability of milk from more than one source in order to have a stable supply. This County Resolution 481-14 will be forwarded to the state milk board that will hear the matter on August 26. I requested that the hearing be held here on Hawai'i Island, but that request was denied.

REAL PROPERTY TAX TASK FORCE:

I am co-chairing the Real Property Tax Task Force. One focus has been on increasing accountability in the homeowner residence tax value exemption program. Up until now that program's qualification requirements have been lax and with little or no enforcement. The task force is recommending measures to ensure that those who receive this benefit in fact are residents here on this island. Likewise the task force is recommending changes that will ensure at least minimal commitment to agriculture in order to qualify for the agriculture use value program. Given the anticipated closing of various "loopholes," we are also recommending the homeowners value exemption be

increased to at least \$60,000 rather than the current \$40,000 exemption. By doing so we will lower the real property taxes of a large percentage of homeowners.

UPCOMING LEGISLATION:

Catchment water variance: I am working on expanding the conditions under which a homeowner can use catchment water without having to go through an expensive variance procedure to qualify. Fellow councilmember Valerie Poindexter has also been working on this issue, and a bill will soon come before the council.

Revising the County's sign ordinance: The current ordinance is complex, confusing and irregularly enforced. The direction I am taking is to simplify the ordinance, make it more business- and visitor-friendly, but still ensure that we prohibit signage that degrades the beauty of the island or makes for unsafe pedestrian ways.

For more information about any of the above matters or other Council business, please call my office at 808-887-2043.

With much aloha,
Margaret Wille
Councilwoman for North and South Kohala



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Hilton Art Auction Brings \$4000 to KHCF

Mahalo to the inspiration of Debi Bishop, the dynamic general manager of Hilton Waikoloa Village and resident of Hawi, for earmarking 10 percent of proceeds from the July 27 Hilton Art Auction for Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation.

In addition to the members of Debi's administrative team, a team of Kohala women volunteered to help with the auction. A good time was had by all!

An enthusiastic team of Kohala women volunteered to help with the 2014 Hilton Art Auction to benefit the Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation. Left to right, front row: Joan Pruchniak, Dixie Adams, Betty



—photo courtesy of KHCF

Meinardus, Erika Valentine Cheesbrough and Hana Anderson. Left to right, back row: Giovanna Gherardi and Elaine Christianson. Absent from the photo is Susan Barnes, who helped in preparation for the auction.

Hawi Park Update

Resolving the difference between the appraisal commissioned by the County and that secured by the landowners might be the next step to realizing a community park on the grassy acre fronting Shige's by the banyan trees in Hawi. Gail Byrne has volunteered her time on the project and shared, "I certainly understand the landowners' concerns. The inventory for commercial space is limited, and what commercial space is available will require them to invest in renovations. No other area in town compares to this, which is why folks in the community would like to see it become a park, and it's also why it's a lot for the landowners to give up."

The land manager for the County who usually negotiates these types

of purchases was recently appointed to a new position, which compounds the situation. If negotiations need to occur, then the position needs to be filled. If the County's appraisal is accepted, requiring no negotiations, then it's less complicated and possible that supporting staff could move forward with the paperwork for the purchase. "We are not sure what to do at this point. It's not easy being in the public eye, when this decision has profound impacts on us," stated landowner David Lucas. Hopeful, Byrne shared, "The best outcome would be for the Lucas' needs to be met and the work folks have put into creating a park come to fruition. We'll just have to keep our fingers crossed for a mutually beneficial outcome."

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New Place-Based Learning Program for Youth at `Iole This Fall Break

Kohala Institute at `Iole is offering an educational program for 4th- and 5th-graders during the upcoming fall intersession, October 6 to 10. The program, entitled G.R.A.C.E. Learning Journey, will feature activities focused on culture, the arts, sustainability and contemplation.

G.R.A.C.E. stands for the values of Gratitude, Respect, Accountability, Courage and Engagement. Students will explore what these values mean both to themselves and to others through hands-on learning on the `Iole ahupua`a. Kuleana to self, to the natural environment and to the community will serve as overarching themes for the program. Trained facilitators will encourage participants, who will in turn inspire each other, to examine the interconnection between the values in their hearts and the actions they take out in the world.

The five-day program will be packed with adventure as the children try new things and fine-tune existing skills. Sample activities include farming and conservation practices,

traditional Hawaiian weaving, creative writing, theatre games, lo`i restoration lessons, mindful trail walks, yoga, Native Hawaiian *oli* and *mele*, movement and much more!

The custom curriculum for this educational program is designed to be a journey. "We create a personal journey for our participants. Instead of telling them what to think or how to act, we create opportunities that help students to explore their own thoughts and feelings and to express their own voices about what the values of Gratitude, Respect, Accountability, Courage and Engagement mean to them," says Noelani Kalipi, Kohala Institute at `Iole's Executive Director. "We also have activities to help demonstrate how each of us impacts our surroundings and others around us, whether we mean to or not. Our goal is to help our participants to connect with themselves, their environment and with others."

While the inaugural program is geared toward 4th- and 5th-graders, Kohala Institute at `Iole plans to

offer a G.R.A.C.E. Learning Journey for 7th- and 8th-graders during the upcoming spring intersession. During the 2015 summer break, educational programs for 4th- and 5th-, 7th- and 8th- and 10th- and 11th-graders will be offered.

G.R.A.C.E. Learning Journey for 4th- and 5th-graders will run from October 6 to 10, Monday through

Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with early drop-off and late pick-up available. A limited number of partial scholarships are available for families with a demonstrated financial need. These scholarships will be awarded to qualifying families on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information and to register for the program, please visit kohalainstitute.org or call 889-5151.



Activities at `Iole G.R.A.C.E. encourage kids to examine their values and their interconnections with each other.

Olliephonic Horns Bring Good Times Rhythms

The exuberant music of the Olliephonic Horns had the crowd dancing in their seats at the Blue Dragon on Sunday, August 3. The rhythms enticed couples onto the dance floor, even a three-year-old girl who showed off her moves with her adult partner.

The group is comprised of 16 musicians playing various types of horns, drums and a bass viol, including Slyde Hyde and his famous trombone and the great, big voice of Betsy Curtis. Started in 1995 by the late Ollie Mitchell, the group specializes in big band music and entertains at the Blue Dragon on the first Sunday evening of each month.

Members of the Olliephonic Horns' brass section focus on the score while entertaining at the Blue Dragon Restaurant.

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Keiki Activities Are a Bargain at Kohala Country Fair

Keiki can start their fall public school break with a bang at the Kohala Country Fair on October 4. To celebrate the Fair's 30th anniversary, organizers have lined up the largest-ever selection of keiki activities—and made it affordable to give kids a full seven hours of fun.

Younger tots can ride the Zoo Choo train, jump for joy in the monster truck bouncer, learn how to swing a hula hoop, enter the wheelbarrow race and take home a souvenir from the photo booth. Older kids can challenge themselves as they climb the rock wall, learn to juggle, try to master the Chinese yo-yo, create balloon animals and enter the

three-legged race and other contests.

Keiki and adults alike will be inspired by the award-winning HICCUP circus. After their onstage performance of stilt-walking, acrobatics, juggling, magic, and comedy, these multi-talented youngsters will enter the Keiki Zone to teach many of their tricks.

"Our goal is to provide games, rides, contests and



The one-of-a-kind trackless Zoo Choo train will take little ones around the fairgrounds in style.



Tug-of-war contests for all ages will take place in front of the main stage at the Fair.

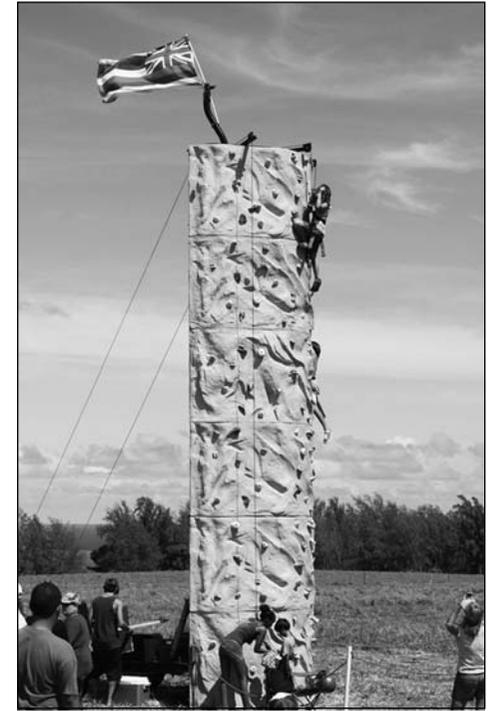
adventures that will keep youth of all ages engaged and entertained from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.," says Keiki Zone chairperson Maya Parrish.

To help make fair day affordable as well as spectacular for families, the fair will sell wristbands for \$15 that will allow unlimited access to most activities within the Keiki Zone.

"Having five children, the amount of money I need to be prepared to spend at an event is a serious issue. I love the idea of all-day passes for the Keiki Zone. I'm sure it'll help me save a whole lot of money on entertaining my kids, and will allow me to stick around longer to enjoy the music," says chairperson Nino Kaai.

For those who prefer them, single-ride tickets will also be available. Outside the Keiki Zone, there will be pony rides and roping lessons for a separate charge.

Space in the Keiki Zone is still available for booths featuring children's activities and products. Contact



—photos courtesy of the Kohala Country Fair Committee

Keiki can safely take their climbing ability to new heights at the Kohala Country Fair.

Maya at 365-3416 or maya@kohalainstitute.org. For more information on all fair activities, as well as volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.KohalaCountryFair.com.

Vote Ron Gonzales for County Council, District 9

Ron Gonzales is honored and humbled by all your support as we move forward to the General Election in November.

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- **Water:** Ron will work to find ways we can better secure a water source for Kohala so more homes can be built to house our hardworking families. Ron will also work to ensure water infrastructure is kept up for farmers and ranchers.
- **Mahukona:** Ron will work to repair, restore and maintain this community-gathering place along the coast. We are deserving of a clean, safe park for all of us to enjoy.
- **Skate Park:** Ron will work to secure the necessary funding to complete the skate park. Our keiki deserve a place where they can safely skate and play.



- **Hunting and Fishing:** This is a way of life for so many of us in our district; that's why Ron will work with all necessary stakeholders to ensure that we have access to the mountains and the sea.

Ron will highlight these issues because we need to responsibly grow and develop our district so our keiki have a strong future while remembering our kupuna and the lifestyle they have passed down to us.

Together, we can make our community even stronger!

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Grand Opening of Real Estate Office in Downtown Hawi

Hawaii Luxury Real Estate (HLRE) recently announced the opening of an additional office, this one located in downtown Hawi.

Many remember David Firestone, Kohala resident and real estate expert, who has been successfully selling real estate in Kohala for over 15 years. Firestone made a career move to join Ahmad Mohammadi, the Principal Broker for HLRE, in Mauna Lani Resort in early 2013. The business did so well that Dave approached Ahmad to open a second office in Hawi. After they found a beautiful storefront location and invited select agents to join the brokerage, a new real estate office in downtown Hawi has emerged.

Real estate in Kohala is still a great untapped secret. When people approach HLRE to find a property with natural beauty and a secluded atmosphere, the agents always direct them to Kohala.

Those who live in Kohala know why. They already enjoy the significant, rich Hawaiian culture and heritage. The native landscape proudly displays some of the most breathtaking pastoral land, oceanfront cliffs and secluded private nooks on the Big Island.

Kohala has been discovered and well sought-after by many famous



—photo courtesy of HLRE

The staff of Hawaii Luxury Real Estate celebrates the opening of their new office in downtown Hawi.

L-R: Diana J Mahaney R(S), Efrelyn Abellera (Marketing), David A Firestone R(S), Ahmad Mohammadi R(B), Rachel T Mohammadi R(B), Connie Firestone

celebrities, including Oprah Winfrey and Kenny Loggins. A handful of the most expensive luxury homes on the Big Island are perched on the ocean cliffs of North Kohala.

Although HLRE has listings and transactions in luxury resorts like Mauna Lani, Mauna Kea, Waikoloa Beach and Hualalai Resorts, they are also successfully marketing and selling in local communities like Hawi, Kapa`au, Kohala Ranch, Waimea and Waikoloa Village. Adding to the mix, they deal in oceanfront, land, commercial and investment properties.

The grand opening of the Hawi office on August 4 brought brokers and agents from the Kohala real estate community and over 70 neighbors

and clients. The entire staff felt welcomed and supported and looks forward to becoming an integral part of the Kohala community.

Kohala Seniors Enjoy Fun Day

By Vivian Moku

Undaunted by the impending inclement weather, the Kohala Seniors looked forward to the August 4 Fun Day, held at the Kamehameha Park concessions and picnic area. We were promised by our versatile President Robert Glory there would be no semblance of a regular meeting (maybe). Yea!

Upon arriving at the picnic site, we were greeted by the aroma of brewing coffee permeating the air and delicious coffee cake. Joanelle's whistle brought us to attention as the official FUN DAY was to begin.

President Glory gave an enlightening blessing for a safe and fun day, followed by "Hoonani Ika Makua Mau."

A slew of announcements came forth. I don't remember all of them, but do remember two important things: 1) You can turn in all your unused and expired medication in Kamuela, and 2) There will be farm tours. Call Andrea Dean for more information.

Seeing our friends after a month is something to look forward to, with lots of talk-story and fellowship. There were snacks to be shared, and the highlights were funny jokes by

Doreen Paro, and Bingo. The members are very generous in donating prizes. Everyone goes home with a prize.

The seniors shared a potluck luncheon of salads, entrée and desserts. It never ceases to amaze us. Yummy!

Everyone enjoyed the music—Margot's ukulele band Na Wahines with the guitar accompaniment of President Glory added to the renditions. Impromptu solos of nostalgic Hawaiian songs by Libby, and na hula by na wahine of the club.

Thanks for the singing of Margot's ukulele band, AKA Kanikapila.

As much as most of us would like to continue singing, dancing and talking story, it's time to clean and pack up.

Mahalo Nui Loa to all that came and enjoyed themselves, and to all the talented cooks, bakers and ever-tireless kitchen crew. A great Mahalo Nui Loa and Aloha Nui Loa from the Executive Board and your ever-thankful President Glory.

Another Mahalo Nui Loa to all who donated to the extra (kamea ai ame namomona) to replenish our kitty.

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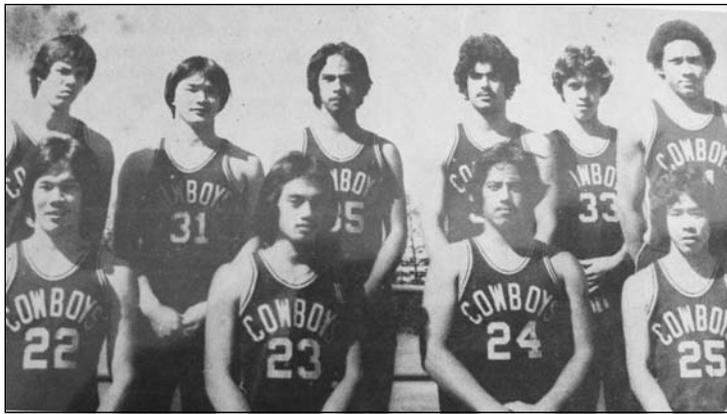
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Kohala Basketball Reunion

By Kaleo Perez

Thirty-six years ago, the Kohala High School Cowboys basketball team enjoyed its first undefeated regular season under the direction of Head Coach Harris Moku, assisted by Joe Mattos. It was an amazing accomplishment for the 1978 Cowboys. Beating Hilo twice in the season, a feat that has probably never been accomplished by any other team in the modern era, was a big highlight. Unfortunately, the '78



—photo courtesy of 1978 Kohala High School Yearbook

1978 Kohala Cowboys

Front row: Dale Estabilio, Robin Ashimine, Andrew "Gunga" Stevens, Vance Fujii

Back row: Gregory Perez, Raymond Rocha, Kaleo Perez, Mike Carvalho, Don Fernandez, Eddie Iona

Cowboys lost in the post season round robin, and the overall championship went to Hilo. The Cowboys went on to BIIF (the Big Island Interscholastic Federation) playoffs in the State "A" postseason tournament in Hilo.

The following year, the Cowboys returned nine seniors, joined by three juniors, and the 1979 Cowboys repeated another unbeaten season. They also swept the round robin tournament and took the overall title as BIIF Champs, the very first in the history of Kohala High School. This was an extraordinary accomplishment.

The 1979 Cowboys went on to the State "AA" tournament on O'ahu, seeded sixth out of eight teams. This remarkable journey continued with the Cowboys upsetting third-seeded Waipahu in the

first round of the tournament.

The undefeated season was blemished by the Cowboys first loss to Moanalua in the State semi-finals. Needless to say, it was a dream season and the cap on an awesome two-year run for the Cowboys of '78 and '79. Most notably, these two years brought great excitement and joy to the Kohala community, as scores of supporters attended the games both home and away, filling the bleachers.

Coaches Moku and Mattos did a superb job in leading the '78 and '79 teams to undefeated seasons and into the post-season. They worked hard in getting these teams to gel and perform at a high level. They accomplished what no other Kohala coaches have done before in any sport: reeling off two straight undefeated seasons, and then taking the first Kohala

BIIF title in 1979. Additionally, Coaches Moku and Mattos coached the Cowgirls and won titles with their teams as well. And, when Coach Moku retired, Coach Mattos took over the reins as head coach and won more BIIF titles with the teams that followed.



—photo courtesy of 1979 Kohala High School Yearbook

Coaches Joe Mattos and Harris Moku

The Cowboy players started their basketball careers as youngsters in age group Parks and Recreation leagues and benefited from the coaching of Galo Fernandez. Coach Fernandez instilled the basics and fundamentals, and the discipline that would stick with the players throughout their childhood playing days and into the high school ranks. Coach Fernandez was influential and instrumental in teaching the skills and knowledge of the game, which would help the players throughout the high school careers and beyond. Coach Fernandez worked hard with his young players and started to build the foundation for earning the future championships these youngsters would claim.

Though the years have passed, the cherished memories hold strong. The players are all residents in the state of Hawai'i, as are coaches Moku, Mattos and Fernandez. A simple thought and conversation of a reunion to bring the players and coaches together one more time blossomed into a full-blown effort to make the



—photo courtesy of 1979 Kohala High School Yearbook

1979 Kohala Cowboys

Front Row: Chucky Reyes, Claude Carvalho, Vance Fujii, Moses Bautista, Robin Ashimine

Back Row: Dale Estabilio, Matthew Kahoopii, Eddie Iona, Don Fernandez, Gregory Perez, Kaleo Perez, Jeffrey "Bully" Cannon

reunion a reality. The emphasis was to recognize and honor the coaches for their accomplishments and contributions to Kohala athletics.



—photo by Rhonda Ching, daughter of Coach Fernandez

Coach Galo Fernandez and young basketball team
Front row: Nat Matsuda, Helaman Kapiliela, Jeffrey "Bully" Cannon, Claude Carvalho, Robin Ashimine
Back row: Coach Galo Fernandez, Kaleo Perez, Dale Estabilio, Don Fernandez, Clement Kanehailua

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In honor of the coaches, a reunion of the '78 and '79 teams took place on Saturday, July 26, at the Jodo Mission Hall in Hawi. Along with the coaches and team members, family, friends, retired school faculty and community supporters attended. Unfortunately, Coach Mattos fell ill and was unable to attend the event. Prayers were offered for his recovery and comfort for him and his family. It was a potluck event put on by the team members. After dinner, there was a program of speeches and presentation of plaques and certificates to the coaches, including a proclamation from the Honorable Mayor Billy Kenoi, who could not be present. The evening was filled with much enjoyment, conversation and reminiscing of those championship years. This event was truly a remarkable reunion, with the attendance of all but five of the players from the two-year period. It was a memorable occasion and will be cherished for years to come.

Team members in attendance were:

1978 Team:

Seniors Andrew "Gunga" Stevens, Raymond Rocha. Missing Michael Carvalho.

Juniors: Gregory Perez, Kaleo Perez, Don Fernandez, Eddie Iona, Dale Estabilio, Robin Ashimine, Vance Fujii

1979 Team:

Seniors: Dale Estabilio, Eddie Iona, Don Fernandez, Gregory Perez, Kaleo Perez, Vance Fujii, Robin Ashimine. Missing: Jeffrey "Bully" Cannon, Chucky Reyes.

Juniors: Moses Bautista. Missing: Matthew Kahoopii, Claude Carvalho



—photo by Kathy Perez

Front row: Coach Harris Moku

Left to right: Kaleo Perez, Vance Fujii, Andrew "Gunga" Stevens, Moses Bautista, Eddie Iona, Raymond Rocha, Gregory Perez, Dale Estabilio, Don Fernandez, Robin Ashimine



—photo by Kathy Perez

Front row: Coach Galo Fernandez
Left to right: Kaleo Perez, Vance Fujii, Andrew "Gunga" Stevens, Moses Bautista, Eddie Iona, Raymond Rocha,

Gregory Perez, Dale Estabilio, Don Fernandez, Robin Ashimine

Girls basketball players Dede Fernandez, Julie McPeek, Patty Marquez, and Liz Bautista pose with Coach Moku at the 2014 Kohala Basketball Reunion.



—photo by Kathy Perez

Chris' Corner

Making a Difference in the Community

By Chris Brown

On Saturday, July 26, I was invited to attend a gathering to honor Kohala basketball coaches Harris Moku, Joe Mattos and Galo Fernandez at the Hawi Jodo Mission Hall. There is an article in this month's Kohala Mountain News that describes the festivities, but I thought I would put in my two cents.

The get-together was organized by Kohala's Kaleo Perez, who is now a retired police officer on Kaua'i. The party was well-attended with guests from Maui, O'ahu and Kaua'i, in addition to the Big Island. It was obvious from testimonies given by attendees that the three coaches are admired, loved and much appreciated for all the time, effort and support that they gave to the boys during their years of basketball as pre-teens and high school students.

The boys shared memories of time spent traveling to other schools for competitions and time spent at the state basketball championships, in addition to the many hours of practice, of course. It was enjoyable to see a bunch of guys who seem to get along so well and can look back on a most exciting high school experience with such fond and fun memories.

On another note, voting will soon take place and I hope all will take advantage of the opportunity that can greatly affect our lives over the next years.

I will end with a couple of anonymous quotes that I feel are appropriate. First: "You could be the difference between a good leader winning or losing." And second: "Bad politicians are elected by good people who do not vote." Please do your part and vote in November.

THE COQUI CORNER
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Movie Theaters in Kohala

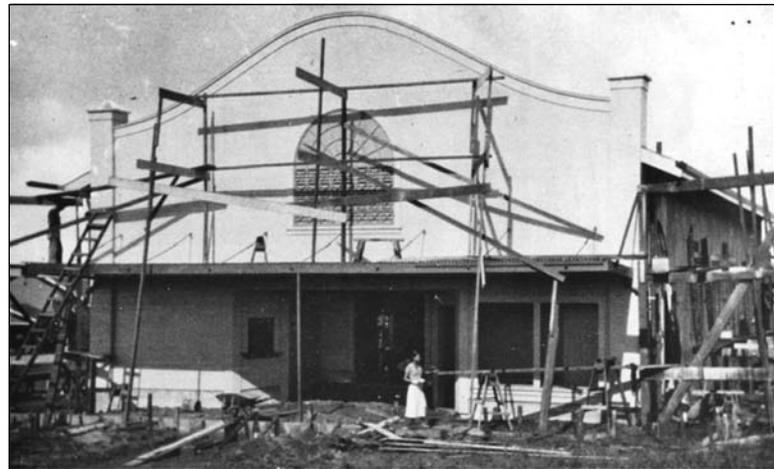
The Hawi Theater 1935 - 1973

Second in a Series

By Tom Morse

Koichi Sugiyama, the oldest of four brothers, managed all six silent film theaters in Kohala from the mid 1920's to the mid 1930's.

His brother Harold Sugiyama, eight years younger, married Teruko Fujitani in 1933. In 1934, at age twenty-nine, Harold decided to build a 250 seat theater for public use in Hawi. He



—photo courtesy of North Kohala Public Library reference room
Hawi Theater under construction – 1934

equipped the theater with two sound projectors, a relatively new technology. (Two projectors were required to permit a transition between movie reels). Harold was the projectionist; Teruko the cashier. Harold also became a policeman in Kohala in 1933 and worked his way up to captain of the Kohala District. Teruko was the postmaster at the Kapa`au Post Office in 1941.

The theater opened in 1935. Films were rented from Consolidated Amusement, a company started in 1913 that operated a chain of theaters in Hawai`i. The theater was not a financial success, and the building was sold to Consolidated Amusement in 1940.

The theater was located on Hawi Road across from Luke's, between Shige's and the banyan trees. Presumably the Sugiyamas, and then

Consolidated Amusement, leased the land from the Kohala Sugar Company.

That year, 1940, was the year movie theaters for the community burst into full bloom. Koichi opened the Kahei Theater in Hawi. Consolidated Amusement opened the luxurious Kohala Theater in Halaula (more on these in future articles in this series). Consolidated briefly closed the Hawi

Theater for refurbishment, and then reopened it with its own staff. Actually, the staff members of both the Hawi and the Kohala theaters were somewhat interchangeable. Many of their employees were Kohala residents. Consolidated also

bought a residence on Akoni Pule Highway to house the theater managers (the middle of the three houses between Shige's and the plantation manager's house.) In 1948 a Mr. Aguirre from Hilo was the manager.

Notable other residents employed at the Hawi Theater were Shiro Takata, custodian and usher in 1948;

Kuni Iwaoka, projectionist; Lucy Medeiros, usherette; and Rod Hinokawa Sr., usher starting in 1941, then projectionist, and finally manager by 1955.

The theater was open every night, with matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. For an extra few cents, patrons could reserve center-row seats. A concession area greeted movie goers—with popcorn, of course. Before the movies started, patrons could play Wahoo (bingo). On Wednesday nights Japanese movies were shown. On Friday nights the movies were Filipino.

The sugar union hall was across the street. Occasionally the theater was used for union meetings, especially during the strike of 1958.

In the 1940s with a selection of three theaters and not much else to do in Kohala, going to the movies was the thing to do. But by the mid 1950s things began to change. The advent of television certainly had an effect on attendance. Also the population of Kohala began to decline as employment in the sugar industry was reduced by mechanization. The industry employed 2,600 workers in 1937. By 1949 that number had declined to 800.



—photo courtesy of Faye Mitchell

Kohala resident Frank Caitano, projectionist at the Hawi Theater

Population of Kohala

1930	6,171
1940	5,362
1950	4,456
1960	3,386

In 1958 Consolidated Amusement withdrew from Kohala by closing both the Hawi and Kohala Theaters. The Hawi Theater remained closed for six years, until the Hinokawa family arranged with Consolidated to take over the operation in 1964.

It was a family affair. Rod and Lucy Hinokawa had four children, all of whom worked at the theater. Rod Sr. was the manager. Lucy and her daughter Diana were cashiers. Rod Jr. (present owner of Rod's Repair and Hinokawa Electric) was the projectionist. Eric was an usher, and Joyce sold candy and food items such as shrimp chips. And of course the theater had to

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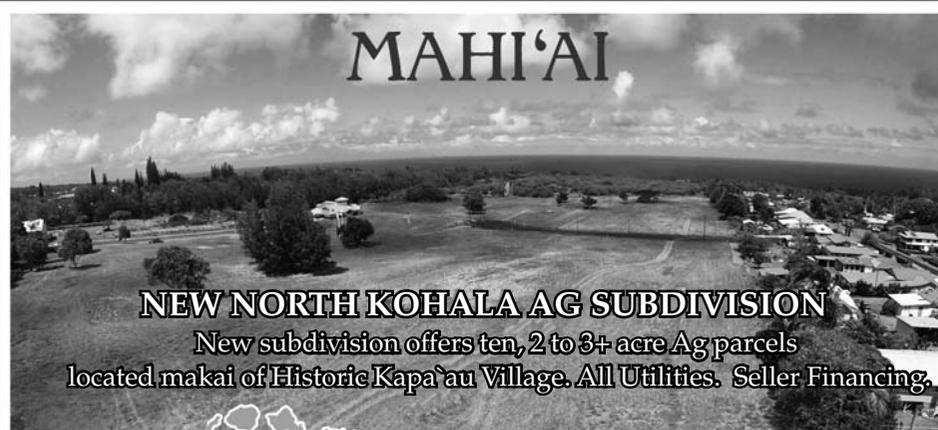
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be cleaned regularly, which meant raising all the seats by hand.

The films were rented from Consolidated Amusement. Admission was sixty cents, candy five cents. As was typical at that time, the show started with newsreels, then a cartoon or two and then the movie. The tradition of Japanese films on Wednesdays and Filipino films on Fridays continued. Although there was a stage, there was no live entertainment. Advertising consisted of hand-made flyers posted on bulletin boards around town. Luke's restaurant was right across the street; residents could have dinner and a movie in Hawi.

Attendance declined in the late sixties. Rod Sr. died in 1971. The theater closed for good in 1973. Tables, benches and chairs were placed in front of the building, and for a couple of years it was a gathering place for kupuna, who often played games with Japanese hanafuda cards. The building was torn down in approximately 1975.



—photo courtesy of Lucy Hinokawa
Rod Hinokawa in 1942

Lucy Medeiros in 1942 →



—photo courtesy of Lucy Hinokawa



—courtesy of Rod and Tina Hinokawa

After the building was torn down, Rod Hinokawa Jr. gave a black and white photo of the Hawi Theater to an artist who painted the picture shown here. The painting hung in the living room of Rod and his wife, Tina, for the past thirty years. At the time of this writing they decided to donate the picture to the North Kohala Public Library, which will have it on display for the next two months.

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Hawi Theater in 1944 – note in the background what is now Shige's Service Station, then the Aloha Service Station

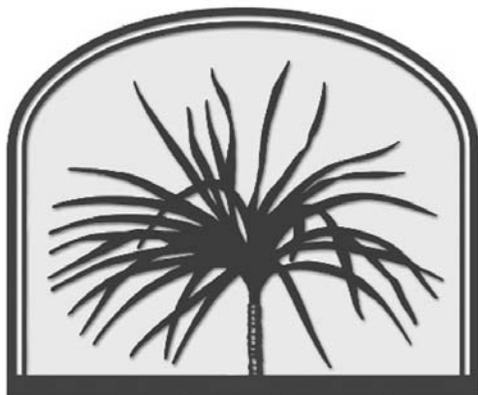


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Hawi Theater building after its closing in 1973



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KHS Trains Future Aquaculture Technicians, Requests Written Endorsements

Author's Note: The Aquaculture Program at Kohala High School is entering into its third year. The Vision this year is to train students to design, construct, test and demonstrate an "Aquaculture-supported Diversified Agriculture Cluster" at the School Farm. We are seeking your support in any capacity that you can render to further this project. Mahalo Nui Loa!

Kohala High School (KHS) had a robust agricultural education program until 2001, when state funding issues forced the closure of the program. The school's agriculture program was re-established in 2011, and an aquaponics demonstration system was added in 2012 with aquaculture officially added to the curriculum in 2013. The KHS Aquaculture program is a sponsored project of North Kohala Community Resource Center (NKCRC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2001 which acts as the fiscal sponsor for 85 projects that serve the rural North Kohala community.

The mission of this program is to train and certify graduating "Aquaculture Technicians" for high entry-level positions in the aquaculture industry, with opportunities for stipend internships, post-secondary education and careers in aquaculture. Students enroll in the school's agriculture program and attend aquaculture sessions twice a week. Lessons provide hands-on experience in the aquaculture work area where students put STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) knowledge as they learn how to maintain the current aquaponics system, as well as work to design and construct an expanded aquaculture structure. Students who demonstrate commitment to the program will be able to enroll in the Aquaculture Training for On-Line Learning (ATOLL) program, administered by University of Hawai'i Aquaculture Extension Service. Successful completion of the ATOLL program leads to an entry-level aquaculture technician certificate.



Students Gabrielle Bartolome and Kaliko Delacruz, with instructor Orion Orellana, test and record water chemistry during the 2014 summer program.

and BioFarms Hawai'i (2010 to the present). He also serves on the North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee and heads its agriculture subcommittee. He is assisted by Orion Orellana, a U.S. Air Force veteran, who brings leadership qualities and computer skills to this team. Orion holds an Aquaculture Technician certification issued by University of Hawai'i.



Instructor Orion Orellana at the fish tank with ninth-grade students during the summer program orientation.

Organization:

In September 2012, planning and construction commenced for an aquaponics system in an abandoned greenhouse at the Kohala High School Farm complex. Utilizing stock tanks and materials already on-site, as well as cash and in-kind donations, students and community volunteers constructed a functioning aquaponics system, stocked it with tilapia, and planted chard, sweet basil and two strains of lettuce. The harvest from that planting was distributed to the Senior Citizens Nutritional Program, where it was positively received.

As a result of that successful aquaponics test and demonstration, Kohala High School administration added an aquaculture course to the 2013 - 2014 agriculture curriculum.

Frank Cipriani is the program



Gabrielle Bartolome and Kaliko Delacruz expand the grow-out system by floating the rafts they fabricated over the summer.

director for this project. His involvement in the development of aquaculture in North Kohala dates back to 1976 with Big Island Prawns, Inc.; PAR-MAX Systems International, Inc. (PSI) Algae Culture (1983-1986);



An abundance of lettuce, pok choy, bush beans and tomato plants make their watery home in the deep grow tank (summer 2014).

The project team includes Erik Wierschem, the KHS Agriculture teacher; Janette Snelling, KHS Principal; Brian Simon, KHS Vice Principal; Orion Orellana, Associate Director; and Frank Cipriani, Program Director.

The aquaculture site—including tanks, covers, grows areas and electrical power—is provided by Kohala High School. Grant funding is being sought from Toshiba Foundation, Matson Foundation, Young Brothers and Lowe's Toolbox for Education. All grant funds are pending. Presentations will be made to various local civic organizations, clubs, and individuals for monetary and in-kind donations of materials and machinery. Tax deduct-

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ible cash donations may be made through the NKCRC. We are also seeking written endorsements from businesses, civic organizations, and individuals to accompany our grant applications.

Please show your support and kokua if you think aquaculture education in our community is a good idea. For more information, call or e-mail: Frank Cipriani at (808) 333-8026 or frankcipriani@biofarmshawaii.com.



Gabrielle Bartolome and Kaliko Delacruz prune the grow tank while Orion Orellena tends to other plants (summer 2014).



Workers use a net to capture tilapia from Dan Jelks' Fish Farm, which will be used to stock the fish tank (2013).

Incoming ninth-grade students talk fish on a 2014 summer program field trip to Hawi Fish Farm.



**Immediate Needs for KHS
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Library News



North Kohala Public Library Fall Programs

North Kohala Public Library fall programming for children and teens begins this month. A Kendama Club will start on Tuesday, August 19 at 2:30 p.m. and is open to all ages. It will continue to meet every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. Members will have a chance to practice old tricks, learn new tricks, participate in competitions and win prizes.

A youth book and movie club, open to grades 4 and up, will begin on Wednesday August 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. At our first club meeting we will discuss "Hoot" by Karl Hiasen and then watch the movie. The club will continue to meet the last Wednesday of every month. September's book is "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle, and the club will meet on September 24, 2 to 4:30 p.m. to discuss the book.

A teen poetry group open to grades 9 through 12 is starting on Wednesday, September 3, from 2 to 3 p.m. The club will explore different types of poetry, as well as read and write their own poetry. The group will also publish a book of their original poetry at the end of the school year.

The Home School Wednesday

program for 6- to 9-year-old children will resume in September with sessions from 10 to 11 a.m. on September 3 and 17, October 8 and 22 and November 5 and 19. The classes will continue twice monthly though the remainder of the public school year.

Each one hour Home School session features hands-on activities relating to books and libraries. "Fizz, Boom, Read" will be the theme for the year. Participants will explore various areas of the humanities relating to an action or movement, such as Dance, Write or Fly. At the end of each lesson the student will have the opportunity to create one book page covering the topic of discussion. At the end of the school year the students will then bind all the pages into a book they can take home. Students will also be able to explore their own areas of interest and research with the help of the Youth Services Librarian, Leilani Silver.

For more information and a complete program schedule, call Leilani Silver at North Kohala Public Library, 889-6655. Please call three weeks in advance to request a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation.



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Retiring KES Staff Expresses Heartfelt Thanks

Four longstanding, familiar members of the Kohala Elementary School (KES) staff have decided to enter a new phase of life.

Noreen Hagio, Mary Lou Griesser, Sharon Wilkinson and Rose Mae Watterson have each retired after long, enjoyable and fruitful careers.

Having such deep feelings for the community, the retiring staff members would like to reach out with personal statements of gratitude. They all cherish their experiences in Kohala tremendously and leave with full and happy hearts.

From second grade teacher Noreen Hagio: Thank you for this opportunity to say Thank You and Aloha!

Education has always been a family priority. Over my 25 years of teaching, the profession constantly changed, thus we teachers continued to further our education through professional development to keep current. Although hectic at times, teaching and education have been challenging but, more importantly, rewarding.

I look towards retirement with the same positive challenges and rewards. Thank you, Kohala, for allowing me to be a part of your children's education.

From second grade teacher Mary Lou Griesser: I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the children and parents I worked with over the past 43 and one half years. It is hard to believe that I taught a little more than 1,000 children. Thank you for all of your support!

I remember so many highlights. Being able to play my cello every year at the Christmas assembly for kindergarten through fifth grades and watching the kindergarten faces stare in silent awe. Developing an individualized reading program and watching the students cheer each other on when they completed a book and progressed to the next. Seeing the light come on in their eyes when they understood a concept.

I enjoyed teaching reading and math and tried to keep it simple and fun. Reading and math are life-long skills that I relate to Italian cooking—simple and wonderful.

Another highlight that is ongoing and one that I cherish: when I am driving around town or in the store, I will often hear a voice yell, "Hi, Ms. Griesser!" So keep it up, and if I can't see where you are, know that I love it.

From teacher Sharon Wilkinson: I've recently retired from Kohala Elementary after being a substitute teacher and part-time teacher at the school for 29 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed working at the school and thank the community for giving me the opportunity to work with your children. Our school and

community are very special. All the staff members at the school provide a safe and encouraging environment for your children to learn.

I will miss all the staff and children at the school, but I'm looking forward to this new chapter in my life. I'm excited to get to do the things I love...cooking, sewing, crocheting, golfing and babysitting once in a while for my new grandson Max. I also got the opportunity to do a little traveling this summer, which was fun.

You'll still see me around..and I hope to do some volunteer work in this community I love. Thanks again.

From school counselor Rose Mae Watterson: Forty two years and seven months were dedicated to first being a fifth and sixth grade teacher, then a K-5 reading resource teacher, before settling into what I was most comfortable and happy doing, elementary school counseling!

I am fortunate that I had a career

that I truly enjoyed. Working on assuring that each child, parent and staff member would have a successful day, and being part of activities such as Parent Hours, the Primary School Adjustment Program (PSAP), Healthy Lifestyles, and cultural and enrichment activities made KES the place to be.

ALOHA & MAHALO to KES's caring, hard-working staff, and to Kohala's supportive parents and community, all of whom make Kohala a special place.

Hauoli Sproat-Lancaster Recipient of Roy L. Cachola Scholarship

Helping students who have potential but might not otherwise be able to afford college is important to the Cachola family. Mr. Fred Cachola shared that he and his siblings were in a similar situation many years ago when they wanted to attend college. As a means to "give back" to North Kohala residents, the Cachola family created the Roy L. Cachola scholarship in memory of their brother who passed away in January 2001. Their mission is to support the ever-increasing educational needs and goals of people of Hawaiian ancestry to the extent permitted by law, with preference to a Kohala High School senior pursuing a college education.

The scholarship is administered through the Ke Ali'i Pauahi Foundation—a nonprofit support organization for Kamehameha Schools. After reading and reviewing each of the scholarship applications, the Cachola family reported their recommendation to the Foundation screening committee. The committee, in turn, made the final selection. This is the second year that the \$1,500 scholarship has been awarded.

The recipient of this year's generous scholarship is Hauoli Sproat-Lancaster. Hauoli is a 2014 graduate of Kohala High School, the daughter

of Ahja Sproat and Mike Lancaster and granddaughter of Patty Ann Solomon, Wes Lancaster and the late Raylene Kawaiaea. She plans to attend Colorado Mesa University in the fall of 2014 and pursue a bachelor's degree in kinesiology.

Fred Cachola, Jr., stated that he is pleased that his family "is able to

present this annual scholarship to the future leaders from Kohala High School and assist students in achieving their educational and career aspirations." Hauoli is very grateful for the generosity of the Cachola family and now on her way to Colorado Mesa for an exciting academic adventure!

Fred Cachola, Jr. met with Hauoli on August 4 to congratulate her and "talk story" about the Cachola family and their mission for the Roy L. Cachola Scholarship.



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Kohala Lions Club Holds Twelfth Annual Luau

Story and photos by Tom Morse



The Lions Club Luau, a fundraising event held on August 23, saw more than 350 people enjoy pupus, luau, dessert and drinks along with live entertainment. Proceeds from the event will benefit needy Kohala organizations in the year to come.

The Kohala Lions Club has 42 members and has been active in the community for more than 40 years.

While the women of the Lions Club prepare the food, and the men erect the tents.



Kohala Village Hub Premieres The Hub Club for Youth Education

The Kohala Village Hub is excited to announce it will soon be launching its first session of youth programming!

There will be an open house September 5 for parents and students to come and learn more about these programs and meet the wonderful instructors. The Hub Club aims to provide enriching classes for students involved in alternative schooling as well as traditional public school.

The Kohala Village Hub is a new center in town. Previously known as the Kohala Village Inn, the Hub is aimed at sustainably embracing the arts, education and agriculture. The mission of the project is to provide a place and programs that model and nurture healthy lifestyle, learning, expression and enterprise for a sustainable world.

A meeting was held this past April to discuss the food portion of the project. Now it is time to turn our sights to the education portion. The aim is to provide children in Kohala the opportunity to be exposed to the arts and agriculture in a fun, engaging way.

This first session will offer classes ranging from Introduction to Sculpture and Introduction to Painting, both with Heidi Roberts, to Critical and Creative Thinking through Language Arts with experienced teacher Brian Higgins. Jack Boyle, a well traveled actor and director, will be hosting an after-school acting class. Other classes include Expressing Ideas through Photography and Drawing, Art with Literature for Preschoolers, Making Healthy Snacks for Youth and more!

Open house will be held September 5 at 4 p.m. in the Hale (the building between the Inn and the Tiki Barn). This will be a time to learn about the offerings, meet teachers and get your questions answered.

You can also come and check out one of the many ongoing classes that take place at the Kohala Village Hub each week:

Hula with Hope Keawe on Mondays at 5 p.m.

Contact Improv with Ethan Edwards Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

Argentine Tango with Yumiko Hedlund Fridays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m.

Coming soon: Bellydancing and Kirtan!

Weekly Events in September

Please note these events meet every week.

- Mon 8-9:15 am, Kripalu style yoga class w/ Kunga Ogle, by donation, white tent at Kohala Institute at 'Iole, 889-5151.
- Mon 7 pm, Al-Anon mtg., lower level, Walker Hall, St. Augustine's, Laura, 884-5833.
- Tue 8-9 am, Heart's Reflection Sitting Meditation Group, Meditation Hale, 53-3988 Akoni Pule Hwy, mauka, east of hospital, by donation, 889-5151.
- Tue 2:30 pm, Kendama Club, free, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- Thu 8-9:15 am, Vinyasa Flow Yoga w/ Maya Parrish, all levels, by donation, white tent at Kohala Institute at 'Iole, 889-5151.
- Thu 2-4 pm, Hawaiian weaving w/ Mele Waikiki (alternating coconut frond & lauhalala), by donation, white tent at Kohala Institute at 'Iole, 889-5151.
- Thu 4-5 pm, Beginning Hula w/ Mele Waikiki, by donation, white tent at Kohala Institute at 'Iole, 889-5151.
- Fri 10 am, Preschool Story Time, free, North Kohala library, 889-6655.

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Weathering the Storm: How Did Hurricane Iselle Affect Kohala?

Storms are high intensity energy experiences for everything—and this one didn't fail that for me, living in pure wind with large sections of glass windows and doors. All potential airborne stuff was removed or secured ahead of time. The house is a fort and set my mind at ease. The high winds were incredible. We (the house and I) cruised through it gracefully, with roaring wind in surround sound. —Name Withheld by Request, Hawi

I am living with such gratitude for our beautiful mountains that kept us protected and safe, and breaking up the hurricane. I will always remember the satellite images of it dispersing when it hit the mountains. —Carol Defazio, Hawi

Ananda Fojtasek and his family spent about a day and a half preparing for Hurricane Iselle in Maliu Ridge: boarding up windows, filling jugs with water, laying in a supply of candles plus extra propane, gasoline and diesel, "all the things



—photo courtesy of Ananda Fojtasek

you'll need if you don't have power," Ananda said. They brought potted plants inside and turned the refrigerator and freezer to a colder setting so that if they were without power for a while, cold and frozen foods would stay colder longer. "We even let our outside dog sleep in the car!" The Fojtaseks didn't have any damage but feel that their preparations were worth the trouble for peace of mind. They found invaluable hurricane preparation suggestions on the website www.NOAA.gov.



—photo by Tom Morse

The wind turbines outside the Kohala Library were laid on the ground and later re-erected rather than risk damage to them during the high winds.

Hurricane Iselle Fells Towering Cypress

Kohala resident Jim Land's daughters Acacia Mae (age 5), Ava (age 7) and Anella (age 2) inspect the damage the day after Hurricane Iselle blew down a 50 foot tall cypress tree



—photo courtesy of Jim Land

on Land's property. Iselle struck August 7, 2014 and was catastrophic for some windward parts of the island. North Kohala was spared from widespread damage.



And after the hurricane was over: a double rainbow hung over the land, a bit to the west of Hawi, like a promise from Mother Nature of a new day.

—photo by Charles L'heureux

Food for Thought:

A poem by Tim Head
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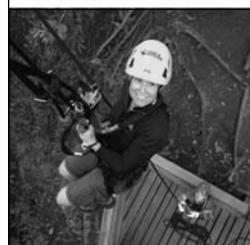
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Kohala Responds to Hurricane Recovery for Puna

By Carolyn Mondress

Initial media reports gave the impression that the Big Island had dodged the brunt of hurricane Iselle. We in Kohala were blessed by the protection of the mountains, but our brothers and sisters in the Puna District were not so fortunate.

Widespread damage, blocked roads and power outages (with no idea when they will be reinstated)

have left many residents without food, water or refrigeration.

Many kudos to the Kohala community for responding with heartfelt contributions, sending truckloads of food, supplies, equipment and manpower.

Some links to check out for interesting info: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/isellerecovery/?ref=nf> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/hawaiiivost/>



Aloha sign outside Kohala Village Inn drop-off center



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KOHALA CALENDAR

September

- 1 Mon Labor Day holiday, schools, government offices closed.
- 2 Tue 7 pm, North Kohala Reunion meeting, public welcome, Senior Ctr., Kapa`au, Kathy, 889-5801.
- 3 Wed 10 am, Homeschool Wednesday, ages 6-9, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 3 Wed 2 pm, Teen poetry group, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 3 Wed 4:30-6:30 pm, CDP Public Access Subcmte. Mtg., Senior Center, Ted, 889-5801.
- 4 Thu 6-9 pm, Green Drinks Hawi, Kava Kafe, organic networking & pupus, Forrest, 987-2365.
- 5 Fri 4 pm, Kohala Village Hub Open House, in the Hale between the Inn and Tiki Barn, Hawi.
- 6 Sat 8:30 am, "Walking in the Wild" guided silent walks w/ Gavin Harrison, at `Iole, by donation, sign up by 8:30, call `Iole at 889-5151.
- 6 Sat 8:30 am-1 pm, St. Augustine Episcopal Church Bazaar, thrift items, food, crafts, entertainment, 889-5390.
- 8 Mon 5-6:30 pm, CDP Action Cmte. Public Mtg., Senior Ctr., Kapa`au.
- 9 Tue 11 am, Adult book discussion group, "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 10 Wed 8 am, No. Kohala Merchants Association Mtg., Resource Center, public invited, Richard, 889-1112.
- 10 Wed 5-6:15 pm, CDP Power, Viewplanes & Erosion Control subcmte. mtg, public welcome, Senior Ctr, Susan, 882-7611.
- 15 Mon 2 pm & 6 pm, Simple Jewelry Craft w/ Sid Nakamoto, North Kohala library, free, call 889-6655 to register.
- 16 Tue 3:30 pm, Kohala Elem. SCC mtg., rm. 12, public invited, 889-7100.
- 17 Wed 10 am, Homeschool Wednesday, ages 6-9, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 17 Wed 5 pm, CDP Agriculture Subcmte. Mtg, public welcome, Senior Ctr., Frank, 333-8026.
- 18 Thu 1:30-2:30 pm, Kohala Hospital Auxiliary Mtg., Hospital Pavilion, new members welcome, Dixie, 889-5730.
- 20 Sat 4:30-6:30 pm, Free Grindz--Hot Meal, under the Hawi Banyans, bring a friend, Kohala Baptist Church, Sondra, 889-5416.
- 22 Mon 4-5 pm, KCAA Girls Softball registration, ages 9-14, free incl. uniform, Hisaoka Gym, Kim, 895-1939.
- 23 Tue 6:30-8:30 pm, 'Talking Story about Death and Dying,' open forum, Kokolulu Cancer Retreat, Bobbi, 238-5681, Stephen, 328-2452.
- 24 Wed 2 pm, Youth reading and movie discussion group, "A Wrinkle in Time," grades 4-7, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 24 Wed 4-5:30 pm, Restorative Yoga Therapy w/ Carla Orellana, by donation, Kohala Institute at `Iole, 889-5151.
- 25 Thu 4-5 pm, KCAA Girls Softball registration, ages 9-14, free incl. uniform, Hisaoka Gym, Kim, 895-1939.
- 27 Sat 11 am-12:30 pm, Free Community Meal, St. Augustine's Walker Hall, Thrift Store open 10 am-12:30 pm.
- 29 Mon 6:30 pm, "Horses and Horsemanship in the Hawaiian Islands," a history lecture by Boyd Bond, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 30 Tue 5 pm, CDP Parks, Water & Roads Subcmte, public welcome, Senior Ctr., andi@hawaii.rr.com.

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