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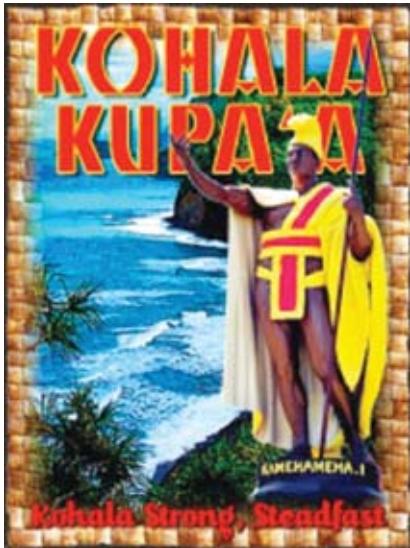
New Logo and T-Shirt Design for Reunion 2015

By Toni Withington

A new logo with both the Kamehameha statue and Pololu Valley was unveiled by the Reunion 2015 committee this month in a mailer sent to current and former Kohala residents. Across the top of the logo is the theme of the four day event to be held next July—Kohala Kupa'a.

The theme means "Kohala stands strong and steadfast in facing our future, but with a firm grasp and deep appreciation of our proud heritage."

Held every five years, the community-wide event is scheduled for July 3 through 6, 2015. It brings families and classmates back to Kohala for music, dance, historic displays and Kohala-style food at Kamehameha Park.



—courtesy of the Kohala Reunion
Kohala's Kamehameha statue and Pololu Valley are featured in the Kohala Reunion logo, which will be printed on the reunion T-shirts and memorabilia. The reunion will be held at Kamehameha Park July 3 to 6, 2015.

The mailer contains early registration forms and information on ordering classic black T-shirts with the colorful logo. The committee also wants to find out how much interest there is for guided hikes, historic tours, horse-back riding, a fishing tournament as well as commercial tours and rides on ATVs and the zipline. Suggestions for other activities for visitors are encouraged.

Kathy Matsuda, co-chair of the event, encourages early registration. The \$25 per family registration fee includes memorabilia of the reunion and a program book with coupons from Kohala businesses. Donations are also accepted to
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Hawai'i Community College Offers Online Certificate Programs in Business and Sustainable Construction

Hawai'i Community College (Hawai'i CC) is inviting local residents to enroll in a new set of accredited, online certificate programs. These accelerated programs are designed to increase students' skills and employability while accommodating their schedules and locations. The classes use an online format or a mix of online classes with hands-on field work. The spring semester will begin January 12, for which the deadline to enroll is December 1.

The new certificate programs being offered include business certificates in Business Foundations, Business Essentials, Retail Foundations, Entrepreneurship, and Virtual Office Assistant. Sustainable construction certificates are being offered in Sustainable Construction Technologies as well as Sustainable Lot Design, Preparation & Development.

Hawai'i CC is hosting open house events around the island to present the new certificate programs, answer questions and help students to enroll. An open house was held in Kohala at the Kohala Elementary School cafeteria on Thursday, November 6. With the support of Hawai'i CC staff, five Kohala residents enrolled and will be registering for upcoming spring semester classes.

It's easy to enroll. The helpful staff at Hawai'i Community College is ready to help guide you through the process. Students can register online at www.hawaii.hawaii.edu/rh or by calling (808) 934-2689.



—photo by Leslie Nugent
Representatives of Hawai'i Community College staff the table at Kohala Elementary School during an open house event for their new online, grant-funded business and sustainable construction certificate programs.

According to the Department of Labor, by 2018 two thirds of jobs in Hawai'i will require college credentials. Currently two thirds of the adult population in Hawai'i have low college credentials. The certificate programs offered by Hawai'i CC are designed to help Hawai'i residents earn college credentials; they prepare students to pursue a two- or four-year degree program while attaining specialized education that will give them a competitive edge in the job market. These programs empower
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Bathing Beauties Become Scrubbing Beauties

Algal growth on the Mahukona Park swim ladder deck creates a slippery surface, which has caused a safety hazard for swimmers.

Following Alan Thal's hip-breaking fall in July, the Hawai'i County Parks and Recreation Department committed to cleaning the deck on a regular basis to provide sure footing. There have been several slips since that time,



thankfully with no major injury. Jason Armstrong of the Parks and
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Snowy Mauna Kea seen from Kohala Mountain Road on October 13, just a few days before Hurricane Ana.

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our local workforce by increasing their skills and making them more marketable for employers.

Hawai'i CC is creating access for individuals who may not have had the opportunity to go to college in the past due to various life circumstances. Through this program, non-traditional students are given an opportunity to earn college credits in a way that fits into their busy lifestyles. Business Program Coordinator Willam Tehero Jr. recognizes that, "It is amazing for these people to have a second chance to fulfill their dreams. Hawai'i CC is a gateway for opportunity."

A number of support services are available to ensure student success. Services include tutoring, academic counseling, internships and job development. The CC also offers transcript evaluation, or Prior Learning Assessment, which allows adults to earn credit for work experience.

There is no cost to enroll. However, students are responsible for paying tuition of \$342 per class. Hawai'i CC has made it clear that

money should not be an obstacle; services are available help students create a payment plan or apply for federal financial aid and scholarships.

These certificate courses are a part of Rural Hawai'i, a federally funded project that aims to strengthen partnerships between institutions and employers. These partnerships will ensure that students develop the skills and attain the credentials they need for jobs now and in the future.

Hawai'i CC was one of four University of Hawai'i campuses to receive a Department of Labor grant to develop the classes. The grant aims to align academic programs with industry needs and increase the number of adults who attain industry-recognized certificates and degrees. The goal is to expand and improve education and training programs that can be completed in two years or less that lead to high wage and high skill employment.

For more information and to enroll, visit their website: www.hawaii.hawaii.edu/rh or contact by phone (808) 934-2500 or by email: [my future@hawaii.edu](mailto:myfuture@hawaii.edu).

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make this the best reunion in its 15-year history. Kohala Reunion is a non-profit associated with the North Kohala Community Resource Center. Checks should be made out to NKCRC with a designation for the reunion and mailed to NKCRC, P.O. Box 519, Hawi, HI 96719.

To publicize the reunion to Kohala folks currently on O'ahu the committee has planned a Pre-Reunion Potluck Picnic at Aiea State Park on February 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information phone Kathy Matsuda at 889-5801 or Dennis Matsuda at 333-2724, who are co-chairing the event.

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Recreation Department's Public Information Office says the department has been focused on the lava flow dangers in Pahoa and has not been able to keep up with the Mahukona deck. After hearing of the recent incidents, Armstrong has expressed his re-dedication to keeping maintenance workers on top of the cleaning so the deck will be safe for all.

However, erring on the side of caution when there is history of risk is often well-advised. After hearing about two more injuries on the treacherously slippery Mahukona steps, Deborah Winter, Orange Cleghorn, Melody Moore and Lynda Wallach (l - r in the

photo) did their part to combat the danger. Despite their efforts with scrub brushes, Orange pointed out that the problem isn't solved. "This needs to be done again and again," she said, "at least every couple of weeks."

When the tide is high and the steps stay wet for an extended period, the growth of slippery moss and algae is accelerated and the hazard increases. The cleaning job only took a few minutes and provided a secure surface for water entry and exit.

Mahukona swimmers need to be aware of the danger and perhaps even keep a scrub brush in the trunk of the car to take a turn at cleaning the deck.



THE COQUI CORNER

The primary focus for the Coqui Coalition has been to eradicate the frogs in the Keokea Gulch. Every Thursday night, a crew has been out scouting and treating the active frogs along the gulch. The area will need to be quiet for nine months before considered completely eradicated.

Other sites treated:

- Ainakea • Kapa`au Road • Homestead • Hawi Hill

Donations are needed at this time to continue efforts in keeping KOHALA COQUI FREE! Please consider the Kohala Coqui Coalition for your year-end donations.

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Halloween at the Emiliano's Home

Story and photos by Lani Eugenio

The Spook House in `Ain-akea was truly spooky!

Richard Emiliano, an audio-visual specialist, enlisted family and friends to turn his garage into rooms of fright. Jumping spiders, portraits of sweet family members morphing into gruesome characters, a roomful of creepy clowns, menacing mechanical mummies as well as human zombies... That is what Halloween's about, and Emiliano wanted kids to experience that.

The line of children and adults who waited to go through and the screams of terror and squeals of laughter confirmed that the Spook House was a hit.

Be there next year!



The Emiliano's two-car garage was transformed into a Halloween House.



Entries in the private pumpkin contest, which was held the night before Halloween, were displayed on the wall.



A yard of very spooky-looking graves "welcomed" visitors to the Spook House.

Halloween Princesses: L-R: Myiesha Emeliano dressed as Cleopatra, and Chyler Derla as a Greek Goddess.



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Ad Deadline: 1/9/14
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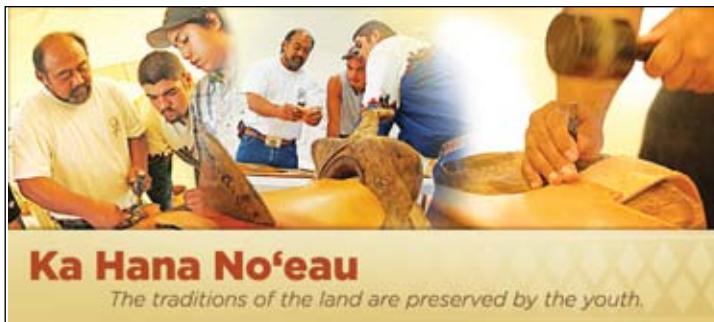
In North Kohala, one of our mottos is, "If we want it, we make it; if we broke it, let's fix it."

Decades ago, North Kohala had one of the highest rates of substance abuse and teen pregnancy in the state. Our Kohala community joined forces with Susan LaBrenz, past Director of the YWCA, Jane Testa of the County of Hawai'i Office of Aging, the Kohala Senior Citizens and many other businesses throughout the island to build a center—the Kohala Intergenerational Center (KIC).

Located in the heart of Kohala, KIC was built by community volunteers and completed in 2002 after 10 years of work and \$2.5 million spent. The land was donated by Chalon International, transferring ownership to the County of Hawai'i. Nine years ago an O'ahu-based nonprofit, the Partners In Development Foundation (PIDF), leased KIC from the County Parks and Recreation Division. They established two flagship programs, Tutu and Me, a traveling preschool, and Ka Hana No'eau Youth Mentoring Program with AVID partnering in four area schools.

For the past 9 years, Ka Hana No'eau Mentoring Program was fortunate to service over 700 students from grades 7 to 12 from Kohala Middle School, Kohala High School, Honoka'a High School, Paauilo Middle School and Konawaena High School. The afterschool "hands on" mentoring programs built upon students' self-esteem and skill development

Ka Hana No'eau Program Closing



— ka hana noeau logo courtesy of Partners in Development Foundation

in 10 areas.

Programs offered to the students included Animal Husbandry, Culinary Arts, Hawaiian Saddle Making, Natural Farming, Automotive Technology, Graphic Arts, Taro Production, Ukulele Construction, Landscaping and Farm to Table.

Ka Hana No'eau provided training funds to teachers in each of these schools to establish the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program. Teachers from the schools were trained to implement various strategies to raise students' achievement scores.

Unfortunately, after nine years of steady funding, the Ka Hana No'eau Mentorship Program was not awarded the US Department of Education's Native Hawaiian Education Program grant this year and regrets to announce its closing in all of the schools.

There had been many community partners, mentors and staff personnel who worked tirelessly for over nine years, for which we are very appreciative. As program director I would like to personally take this opportunity to express my mahalo to each and every mentor; staff member; teacher; KIC advisory board member; County

of Hawai'i Parks and Recreation Division staff member; PIDF, our parent non-profit, staff member; parent; and especially the mentees who have made this program such a success. Over 90 percent of our mentees are college graduates, and some are still attending

post-secondary education. I wish you all the success as you become the next generation of contributing community members.

Mahalo to the many people who participated in our monthly 'Ohana Nights, annual Hoike and the fun and innovative sustainable-food "Cook Off" competitions. The success of our program is credited to everyone working together with commitment for the success of the students to reach their highest potential. They are the future leaders of our island home.

With sincere mahalo,
David Fuyertes,
Program Director of Ka
Hana No'eau Mentorship
Program

Column: Ask Kohala

Regarding Dorito Salad

Susan Barnes responded:

The first time I tasted Dorito salad was over 20 years ago at the Taste of Kohala Celebration. Many folks worked long and hard the day before and were served a local meal afterward. I believe it was Lehua and Dennis Matsuda who brought the Dorito salad (along with menpachi and other goodies). You might check with them.

When asked, Lehua Matsuda confirmed they used to own Kohala 'Ohana Grill, located in the Kohala Center, in the early 2000s. They closed it in 2005. Every plate had a choice of potato mac or Dorito salad. It was a very popular dish made of Romaine lettuce, shredded Cheddar cheese and crumbled Doritos topped with a dressing made of mayonnaise, sugar and vinegar. People loved it so much they would order pans of salad to pick up and take home, where they would sprinkle the Doritos and drizzle the dressing on just before eating. Lehua doesn't know exact proportions for the dressing, but advises people to just stir it up and taste it, adjusting the ingredients to their liking. She also notes that the dressing gets better after a few days, which allows the flavors to marry and the dressing to thicken. She used to take the salad to all the parties they attended, though she doesn't remember whether she invented the recipe.

"Your" Community Christmas Tree

Aloha and generous holiday wishes,

As we did last year, Janice and I will be providing the North Kohala community with a lighted Christmas tree this holiday season. Thanks to the generosity of the owners of Kar Tow Kohala, the tree will be placed at the intersection of Akoni Pule Highway and Hawi Hill Road in front of Hawi Barbecue (formerly Sammy D's).

We would like the community to consider this tree as their own tree, to be tastefully decorated with their own unbreakable ornaments or Christmas memorabilia. The tree might also be used as an excellent location or backdrop for any holiday activities such as caroling, bake sales, donation stations, Christmas music, etc.

Santa Claus is planning to visit the tree on Saturday, December 13, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. He wants his photograph taken with all of North Kohala's keiki and families, who must bring their own cameras to this memorable

photographic occasion.

Santa also requests that Kohalans share their bounty and good fortune by helping those less fortunate in our community with a donation to his food and toy drive! All non-perishable, non-expired foods will be accepted.

Visitors to the tree should be respectful of Kar Tow Kohala by not parking in their driveway or in any way disrupting their ongoing business activities.

During this festive time it would be magical if local merchants join in spirit of the season by decorating their storefronts with the new and very inexpensive LED lights and decorations. These light strands can remain lit all night long for less than the cost of a burning 25 watt bulb and will really illuminate the holiday spirit of Hawi town.

We wish all North Kohala residents a safe, happy and memorable Holiday Season, accompanied by PEACE ON EARTH.

Craig and Janice Williams

Letters, continued—

Mahalo for Supporting VEX Robotics

Dear Kohala Community!

The Kohala VEX Robotics program wishes to extend its tremendous appreciation and gratitude to everyone in Kohala for their support. We especially wish to say mahalo to the many organizations and individuals who give monetary donations. We are just blessed beyond words. Thus a brief explanation here may help.

As many know, our program was launched at the close of another successful youth program, the Electrathon Marathon. We began our robotics program at the high school level in 2008. We now have three age levels of programs. Every year Kohala has sent at least one team to the world championships. To put that into perspective: there are over 10,100 VEX robotics teams in the world. Only eight percent are eligible for competition at the World Championships. Last year Kohala had three teams there!

Unfortunately, 21st Century Community Learning Center funding is not available this year. Still, we maintain our program with volunteer mentors. We are housed in the Old Bond Memorial Library for a small monthly fee to the Hawai'i State Library System; we pay monthly electricity use at the building. We continue to recycle our start up robot kits for all grade levels through trades, participation by mentors, and

some grant funds from Friends of Robotics Hawai'i and a NASA Space Grant. However, we currently rely entirely on fundraising and donations to maintain the program with supplies, motors, parts and travel.

The North Kohala Community Resource Center (NKCRC) sponsors our program and distributed our statistics to several funders who support robotics. Usually NKCRC assists when we have special needs such as travel to Japan or China.

Each year it is more challenging to qualify to the world championship. Therefore, when Kohala Middle VEX teams 4119A and B received an invitation to China in July, mentor Alvin Kawamoto readily accepted. Since then the team has raised funds in a variety of ways, including services and specialty foods. It turns out that two teams from our tiny town will be representing Kohala, along with three school teams from Hawai'i! We could not have done so without everyone's support.

Mahalo nui to everyone and anyone who got a car washed, bought some goodies, came to our annual craft fair or simply made a donation because you support opportunities for youth that move them to global heights.

With sincere gratitude,
Fern White, Program Director
Kohala VEX Robotics

Viewpoint

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Let's Work It Out Between Mutually Respectful Adults

By Padma Laycock

It was a simple situation: a young woman carrying her infant on her bare chest at the Hawi Farmers Market, feeding on demand. I was only one of many women who were deeply disturbed and angered as we turned to see two police officers standing in front of her, taking down her information.

On the surface, a woman breaks a law that applies to females but not to males. Here's the first inequity. Nothing sexual was implied by her absence of a blouse. She had a baby carrier and baby on her chest. Coverage was not complete. So what? Certainly her intention was to nurture her baby in a most natural way. Nothing more.

Personally, I think this is an example of an issue which penetrates deep into the heart of women and their rights. Yes I was triggered, remembering when my baby was born 37 years ago at a time when midwives were pistol-whipped and jailed in California. Things have changed.

It is not enough that the Europeans came and made illegal the

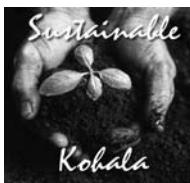
most important aspects of the Hawaiian culture—the dance, the language, the canoe, the healing practices. And that has changed.

We, in the present, come to Hawai'i because it's a place where we think life can be more natural, the way it once had been. Yet, for this moment under the banyan tree to be interpreted as something other than what it was causes me to question. Perhaps a conversation instead of a call to the police would have been sufficient, the pono way to handle it. The subsequent over-reaction, with the presence of men in uniforms, distorted a simple act and turned it into something it was not. There was a collective gasp in that moment, wondering about our freedoms, especially as women and the most primal task we have, forging the relationships we create with our children.

I am reminded of the song of Iz in which he inquires, "How would they feel?" (the ancestors).

Who was really offended here? "All womenkind," in the words of one.

We live in parallel worlds in
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Sustainable Kohala Presents

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December Event:

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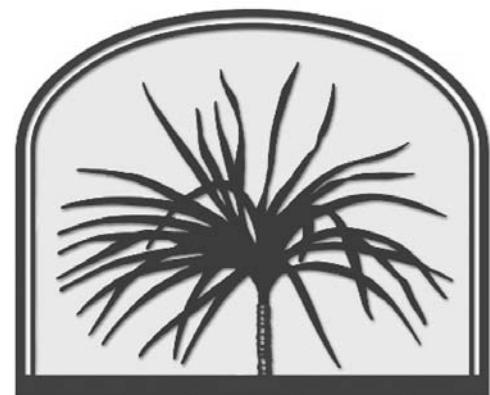
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County Council Update—

December is “Buy Hawai`i Island Grass Fed Beef Month”

UPDATE FROM THE DESK OF DISTRICT 9 COUNCIL MEMBER MARGARET WILLE (Happily, I won re-election so will be continuing this monthly column!)

So first, do you know what is special about December 2014? In case you did not know, December is “Buy Hawai`i Island Grass Fed Beef Month.” This is the third in a series of Council resolutions introduced by me as an island-wide promotion of our farming, ranching and food businesses. The first two in this series were October as “Eat Out at Hawai`i Island Restaurants Month” and November as “Buy Hawai`i Island Produce Month” (instead of purchasing off-island grown fruits and vegetables). *Make a point of buying Hawai`i Island grass fed beef in December! If your market does not sell local beef request it so we can become more Hawai`i Island food sustainable.*



Upcoming County Council Matters of Interest: The following bills are expected to be heard at the December 17 council meeting:

- **Low-Income Housing:** An ordinance to ensure fair treatment of low-income tenants in federally funded housing, in

particular providing—without regard to the source of the federal funds—protection from arbitrary and capricious refusal to renew tenant leases. (Introduced by M. Wille)

- **Aquarium Fish Collection:** An ordinance to provide for the humane treatment of aquarium fish, including prohibitions against prolonged starvation of collected fish and against transport of aquarium life in less than a certain minimum size container of water. (Introduced by M. Wille)

- **Agricultural Use Tax Assessment Program Amendment:** An ordinance amending the real property tax code in order to phase out the existing non-dedicated agricultural use assessment program and replace it with a short-term dedicated agricultural use program. There will be a three year transition period for the phase-out of the non-dedicated program in order to provide those in the existing program to make necessary adjustments to be eligible for the new short-term program. This amendment will bring this real property tax program into closer alignment with the purpose of promoting bone fide agricultural

use of agriculturally zoned land. (Introduced by M. Wille by referral from the Real Property Tax Task Force)

Please contact the District 9 council office to check on items, which are not available at the time of writing this column, scheduled by other council members for the December 16 and 17 meetings.

COUNCIL INAUGURATION EVENTS:

December 1 Inauguration Day: Final meeting of the 2012-2014 council will be held at 9 am in the Hilo Council Chambers. Inauguration of 2014-2016 Council is scheduled at 12 noon in Hilo, location yet to be announced. The first meeting of the 2014-2016 council will be held at 3 p.m. in the Hilo Council Chambers. This first meeting will include designation of the new council chair and assignment of chairs of the various council committees. (In my opinion, District 8 Councilmember Karen Eoff, who is now Vice Chair, should become the new Council Chair, and District 1 Councilmember Valerie Poindexter should become the new Vice Chair.) I would like to remain chair of the council’s Agriculture, Water, Energy Sustainability Committee.

There will be no bills heard at this meeting, but there will

be opportunity for public testimony, so come to our North Kohala video conference site at the old Bank of Hawai`i building to voice your vision and legislative and policy suggestions for the coming years! And don’t forget to stress the importance of keeping our North Kohala Council videoconferencing site open!

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Government is here to serve the People, but if you don’t take the opportunity to make your dreams and concerns heard, you are opting out of this important opportunity to participate in determining how our district and island-wide `ohana will address current and future challenges. By testifying at council meetings, North Kohala residents collectively played an important role in 2013 and 2014 in crafting policy and legislation before the council. Please continue to participate in your county government by testifying on matters coming before our council in the 2014-2016 term, either in person or at the North Kohala videoconference site.

With much aloha,
Margaret Wille
Councilmember District 9
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Kohala Remembers... A Tribute to Kohala Veterans

Story and photos by Lani Eugenio

"Kohala never, never forgets its veterans. Witness this ceremony today... it's not an elaborate ceremony with bands or parades, but people come here and they sit down and think about their relatives and friends who've been in the military, who've made a commitment." -- Ret. Colonel Larry Kanda

On November 11 (11/11) at 11 a.m. the Veterans Day Ceremony honored the North Kohala National Guard Alumni (NKNGA) members and all veterans who served in war and peace.

The keynote speaker, Retired Air Force Colonel Larry Kanda, recognized members of the Alumni whom he got to know while working as the State Civil Defense administrator. Of the NKNGA group during the 2006 earthquake, he stated, "They were everywhere, trying to get people back to normalcy. They are a group that will stand up when help is needed. They are not great in numbers, but they are great in heart."

The program included Master of Ceremony Joe Carvalho, NKNGA President; Collin Kaholo; musicians Rosalind and Matthew Kupuka'a; Deacon Tom Adams and Boy Scout Troup 56. A free stew lunch prepared by Kwaj, Marva and Rocky Perez was served to the audience with desserts brought by the Kohala Senior Citizen Club.

One of the songs the seniors sang was "The White Cliffs of Dover." This was a popular World War II song written when Germany had conquered much of Europe and was bombing Britain. It gave hope to the people with its lyrics promising, "There'll be

love and laughter, and peace ever after... tomorrow, when the world is free."

Colonel Kanda began his talk with, "It's always good to be home. Kohala is in my heart, it will always be."

Kanda spoke of how his hometown was a constant in his life. In his high school years, he was a delivery boy for the Nakahara stores in both Halaula and Hawi, so he got to know the families from Niuli'i to Kokoiki.

After establishing his ties to Kohala, Kanda tied in the soldiers who died in the wars. Whenever he goes to Washington DC, he visits the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and looks for the names of the Kohala boys, like John Cabrera and Randy Paro. "They were sons of Kohala; they grew up in Kohala, and the commitment they made was the ultimate," the Colonel declared.

Although there are many Kohala veterans, he personalized three of them in hopes that we remember all veterans.

Gary Hisaoka - Ho'ea town. Fought in WWII and died at 27 years old. Hisaoka was awarded the Silver Star for heroism and gallantry in combat; he saved many of his comrades. He was the brother of Ikuo Hisaoka, for whom the gym is named.

Ernest Sakai - Hawi. Killed in action in Vietnam. Col. Kanda remembers coming back from a mission and overhearing talk of fierce combat. He said he distinctly heard someone named Sakai was saving soldiers' lives. The next day he checked the casualty board and read, "SFC Ernest Sakai, Hawi, HI." That was the first time that somebody he per-



North Kohala National Guard Alumni relax after the 2014 Veterans Day ceremonies at Hisaoka Gym.

Left-right, on wall: Sylvester Pa'alua, Joseph Carvalho, Robert Glory, Rocky Perez; standing: Minoru Nakasato, Seifuku Nakayama, Collin J. Kaholo, Paul Antonio, Frank Carvalho, Llewelyn Relles, Nario Libron, Gilbert Bigtas. Not pictured: Saturnino Carpio, Ralph Galan, Harry Ching, Able Amaral, Ivan Fernandez, Adrian Galan, Benjamin Raymond, Clive Fernandez, Harry Soares, Harold Higa, Samson Rabang, Allan Kondo, Eric Hinokawa, Gerrit Pasco, Roderick Hinokawa, George Kaitoku, Gregory Galan, Helaman Kapiliela, Melvin Ako, Andrew Carvalho.

sonally knew was killed in action.

First Sergeant Samuel Solomon, Jr. - Hawi. Served in combat in Korea, killed in Vietnam. Awarded three Silver Stars and two Bronze Stars with Valor. All of those stars were for Gallantry in Action. Schofield Barracks named a school after him for what he did for his country and his state. He saved the lives of at least 44 of his comrades.

Kanda also recognized the very humble recipient of a Silver Star and two Purple Hearts, Collin Kaholo. After the ceremony, Collin was coaxed to tell the story of his awards.

He said that while on a mission he and his comrades were pinned down by Vietnamese soldiers who were hiding and firing from a little hole. "With my ignorance, I stood

up and ran right to the hole. When I got there, I dropped a couple of grenades in, and moved on. That's how our mission continued on from there."

Collin didn't know he was recommended for a medal until he was presented with the Silver Star and Purple Heart in Japan while recuperating from his wounds. "But," he sighed, "I didn't consider myself as a hero. I just saw that as a job that needed to be done. I had one thing in mind: 'I'm not gonna die in Vietnam. I'm going home.' That was my goal."

"But that's something that I try to let go," Kaholo shrugged. "I want to leave it down there in Vietnam, where it belongs." The Silver Star is not something he feels he should be recognized for.

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Hawai'i. Yes, it's illegal here to practice what is called "indecent exposure." What occurred at the farmer's market on November 1? Was she "topless" or was she breastfeeding?

Apparently the eyes that called her on it saw topless. I saw something else, as did quite a few

others that day. The veil is thin. One person sees the law being broken, another, a mother's work. A harmless, yes, harmless enough, freedom.

There is the other side, sensitivity to another's culture. I have become confused about what culture is actually in charge here. It isn't Hawaiian.

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Tiger Sharks on the Kohala Coast Warrant Caution

The October 31 tiger shark incident in the waters off Halaula Lighthouse brings to the fore the ever-present issue of water safety as it relates to living on an island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

For those who didn't see the story, a Kailua-Kona woman surfing at Halaula Lighthouse was attacked by a tiger shark on October 31. She was taken to North Hawai'i Community Hospital with injuries to two fingers.

After a close-call such as this, questions arise about dangers of being in the water with potentially lethal animals. Tiger sharks are considered the most dangerous tropical shark and are responsible for the majority of severe shark bites in Hawai'i. They eat indiscriminately, taking in a wide variety of prey. Even though the risk of being bitten by a tiger shark is less than one in a million, behind great whites and bull sharks it is thought to be one of the world's most dangerous sharks. Those who spend time in the water may wonder how to minimize the risk of a bite or a more severe attack.

So far scientists have not successfully identified the reasons why sharks bite people. Tiger

sharks are inquisitive and may circle swimmers, surfers and divers slowly at close range. But this does not always portend aggression; there is a wide range of behaviors within the species. Some tiger sharks behave aggressively while others are more cautious, making their behavior as a species unpredictable. Also, there is very little data regarding the circumstances surrounding shark bites. It's hard to correlate situations and incidents of bites without good information. Scientists are working to collect data that will help clarify what attracts or repels sharks, and what increases the risk of a shark bite.

One factor that might be important in provoking a shark to dine is blood in the water. Sharks have been credited with the ability to detect one drop of blood miles from its source; however, this is a gross exaggeration. Sensitivity of the shark's olfactory system, or sense of smell, varies depending on the substances smelled and ranges from one part per 25 million to one part per 10 billion. That equates to between ten drops in a home swimming pool and one drop in an Olympic size pool. Speed and direction of water

current also influence the shark's ability to detect blood, so bleeding downstream from a shark provides a measure of safety above bleeding upstream.

Not all bites are actual attacks meant to provide a meal, though. Sometimes a shark will bite as a means of figuring out whether what is bitten is good to eat. Depending on the assessment, the shark will then either leave or come back for more. Whether it's because of limited sight, increased density of prey or some other unidentified factor,

murky waters, as often occur in areas of high rainwater run-off, also tend to increase the risk of a shark bite.

Dangerous tiger sharks frequent Hawaiian waters and feed indiscriminately. Their razor-sharp teeth and inquisitive, unpredictable behavior warrant commensurate caution and respect. Until more is known about why sharks bite humans, prudent measures include staying out of the water when bleeding or when the water is murky, especially during times of increased run-off.

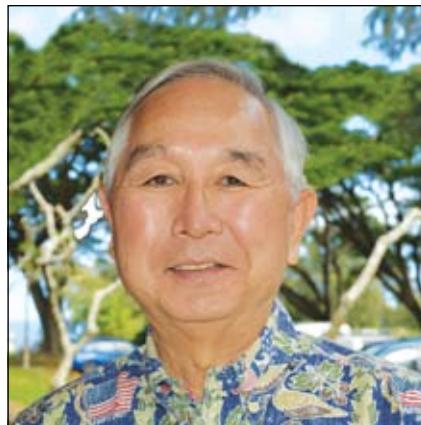
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"There are a lot of guys who gave their lives for the cause, but I came home walking."

Let us not forget the many soldiers from the Vietnam War who left as innocent boys and came back as broken men. They shun Veterans Day, as it's a memory they'd rather forget because of the trauma they experienced in war and the drama they faced in United States after returning home, the country they fought for. Soldiers were ridiculed and spat upon because of this contro-

versial war, although these young men had nothing to do with being forced into battle. At that time, their choices were to sign up for military service, be drafted, or go to jail. No matter what our beliefs are about war, let us respect and honor our soldiers and realize that they live in adverse conditions and sacrifice their lives so that we at home can live in comfort in the lifestyle we choose.

The Kohala community thanks the members of the North Kohala National Guard Alumni for helping us remember.



Colonel Larry Kanda gave the keynote speech at North Kohala's 2014 Veterans Day ceremonies. Kanda grew up in Kohala and honored the local veterans who gave so much for their country.



Veteran and longtime Kohala resident Collin Kaholo serves as the president of the North Kohala National Guard Alumni. Kaholo was honored in the 2014 Veterans Day ceremonies for his service.

Feast of St. Nicholas at St. Augustine Returns

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Kapa'au will be sponsoring a Feast of St. Nicholas for youth on Friday, December 5, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Children will meet in Walker Hall and learn the significance of St. Nicholas. A Jesse Tree, with roots deep into the Christian past, will be decorated. Pizza will follow. All children, regardless of religious affiliation or none, are invited. Please RSVP to the church office at 889-5390.

Children will be given \$3.00 vouchers to St. Augustine's Keiki Shopping Spree to be held on Sunday, December 7, from 11 a.m. to noon at St. Augustine's thrift shop.

St. Augustine Thrift Shop Keiki Shopping Spree

On Sunday, December 7, from 11 a.m. to noon, children are invited to shop for their 'ohana and friends at St. Augustine Thrift shop. Children ages 3 to 12 will be able to buy gifts and have them wrapped free of charge. Sorry no niele (nosey) adults allowed! This is a fun time for children to learn the joy of giving at Christmas in an affordable, fun way. Children attending the Feast of St. Nicholas at St. Augustine on December 5 will receive shopping vouchers.

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North Kohala Grows Markets for Local Food with USDA Grant

The North Kohala Eat Locally Grown Campaign has been awarded an \$83,530 grant from the USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program. The campaign is a sponsored project of the North Kohala Community Resource Center. The project supports small farmers and

increases access to locally grown food for the low-income population by continuing to manage the EBT (electronic benefit transfer) booth at the Hawi Farmers Market and by providing fresh fruit and vegetable boxes to families through the Sacred Heart Food Basket. It will also expand market opportunities for local farmers and producers by advertising and marketing for the Hawi Farmers Market and the agricultural tourism initiative Growing Agricul-

tural Tourism in North Kohala. A "Made/Grown in Kohala" label will also be developed to help build awareness about food that is grown and produced in North Kohala. The two-year project began this September 2014.

"The EBT booth at the Hawi Farmers Market ensures that all members of our community have access to fresh, locally grown produce and value-added products. The EBT booth also supports and stimulates our local economy: last

year, the over \$36,000 in EBT sales went directly to local farmers and producers," says Project Manager Leslie Nugent.

The North Kohala Eat Locally Grown Campaign was one of 183 awardees nationwide for this highly competitive grant. On September 29, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the award of over \$52 million in support of the growing organic industry and local and regional food systems through five U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant programs. Most of the grants were authorized through the Agricultural Act of 2014 (the 2014 Farm

Bill), including the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) Farmers Market Promotion Program and Local Foods Promotion Program, and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) Organic Research and Extension Initiative (OREI) and Community Food Projects (CFP) grant program.

Since its establishment in 2009, the North Kohala Eat Locally Grown Campaign has been growing the agricultural economy in North Kohala by spearheading community capacity building, market building and public outreach initiatives.



—photo courtesy of North Kohala Eat Locally Grown Campaign

Leslie Nugent, Project Manager of the EBT program at Hawi Farmers Market, displays 'Food Bucks' which allow EBT recipients to buy fresh local produce from the farmers market. The program will continue with support from the USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program.

Lokahi Treatment Center Cutting Hours For Lack of Clients

Concerned Kohala citizens are once again coming together to address the street drug epidemic that is spreading throughout our community.

The need is real. Hawai'i's rate of drug abuse is four times the national average. Back in the late 1990s Lani Bowman first addressed the drug problem by starting the group Team Kohala. Through those efforts Kohala became the first district on the island to start organizing a statewide movement.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye appropriated over four million dollars to help fight the drug epidemic through education, awareness, prevention and treatment. Funds have since been depleted, and drug use and distribution are now soaring. Even so, treatment services are being threatened.

Big Island Substance Abuse Council, which operated a therapeutic living home for substance abuse in North Kohala, closed its doors in June of 2013 after 12 years of operation. Lokahi Treatment Center, an outpatient drug counseling center also dealing with anger management and court-ordered clients, has been servicing our Kohala community since then.

Lokahi staff member and

Certified Substance Abuse Counselor Verna Chartrand is a veteran in this field and has made a tremendous, positive impact in the lives of addicts hoping for recovery from drugs and alcohol. She was born on the island of O`ahu and believes in both western and island cultural practices in healing the whole person. Her techniques are truly transformative.

If we do not take advantage of our services here now, court-ordered Kohala residents and the ones who are seeking help for themselves will need to travel to either Waikoloa or Honoka`a for the same services.

Lokahi stresses that people can come in on their own; there is no need for a court order or doctor referral. If payment is an issue Chartrand will work with the client to find funding, so lack of funds should not be a barrier to reaching out for help. She will never turn anyone away for lack of ability to pay.

If you or anyone you know needs help please call Chartrand at Lokahi Treatment Center in Kapa`au at 889-5099.

If you would like to participate in the revival of Kohala Residents Against Drugs, please call 889-5852 or 895-2963.

Free Locavore Cooking Class with Erika Kuhr

Sustainable Kohala is proud to present a free workshop on how to cook local food crops on December 13 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Hawai'i Island provides diversity of soil, climate, water and people. By cooking and eating the abundance that grows well in Hawai'i, residents can honor the gracious island we live on. Learn how to prepare and cook Polynesian foods like taro, breadfruit, cocoyam and plantain. These local starch crops are under-utilized,

gluten-free and grow easily in your backyard. Kuhr has developed many delicious recipes for them.

The versatility of produce makes cooking fun and beautiful. We will sample food cooked and enjoy each other's company.

The locavore class is hands on, so please come with shoes on, hair back and your favorite fruit, vegetable or spice grown in Hawai'i. Remember, we will be cooking with what is in season and available in Kohala in December.

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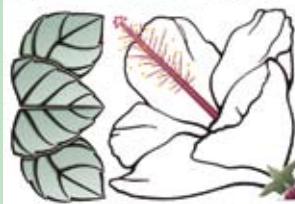
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Hawi Farmers Market Supports Local Agriculture

There's a party going on.... At least that's what it seems like every Saturday morning under the banyan trees in downtown Hawi, where island-dwellers and tourists alike gather between 8 a.m. and noon to buy and sell goods and services at the Hawi Farmers Market.

Local farmers selling their fresh produce represent the core of the market, but plenty of value-added product vendors bring out their treats to take some of the work out of eating local.

Businesses and individuals



Teresa, a college English major and WWOOF program participant hailing from New York, staffs the Hawai'i Island Retreat table.

sometimes set up a table just for the day sell to anything from yard sale or fundraising items to seated

back and neck massage. And of course there's the food, whether breakfast or lunch, which



Alma Adolph brings smiles and fresh produce from her Pa'auilo farm to the Hawi market.

—photos by Maureen Garry

invites market goers to stop and sit down at a table while enjoying a freshly-cooked bite to eat or their favorite beverage.

On a typical Saturday the market hosts from 20 to 30 vendors. Surety Kohala owns the land under the banyans, but the market is run by Lehua and Dennis Matsuda. They took it over last year after long-time manager Rick Chalker passed away.

Vendors have formed an organization that rents use of the land, paying fees to Surety to cover the cost of insurance. Regular vendors—those that have been selling for several months straight—get to choose a spot and have it saved for them. Walk-in vendors can



"Big Jake" offers organic heirloom vegetables and living art grown on Ho'ea Road.

find the market's manager Auntie Mamo, usually seated at the corner of the grass near Shige's station, to register for the day and be assigned a spot. If the regular vendors do not show up by 8, their spot is available for a walk-in vendor. All vendors are welcome, but if the market is too crowded that day, those from outside Kohala will be turned away.

Live, local musicians play nearly every week for tips only. The usual line-up rotates between three musical groups, who get first crack at the schedule. Newcomers are always welcome to come and play. Unfortunately, however, many times in the past these folks haven't shown up, disappointing the organizers and making the market experience less than it could be. This has led the organizers to give preference to the regular performers.

Hawai'i State Department of Health mandates that all value-added foods be prepared in a certified kitchen or have a waiver, and has already come out to the market at least five times in 2014. If food laws are not followed, the vendor gets one chance to come into compliance or be fined.



Hawai'i's Simple Gourmet Chocolate is made with fine island ingredients and can be used as a dip, topping or spread.

In addition, non-service dogs are not allowed in the market due to health and safety requirements.

Residents are encouraged to bring their electronic benefit transfer, or EBT, cards to the EBT Booth



A market anchor, Chaba Chalker works hard serving up authentic Thai food.

to get "Food Bucks" to spend at the market.

A small sampling of vendors and their goods includes:

Alma's Garden – Alma Adolph grows her own vegetables in Pa'auilo mauka, which include carrots, beets, romaine lettuce, arugula, chard, kale, cilantro, bush beans and tomatoes. She gets fruit and additional items from a friend and three farmers in Hakalau. Alma started at market in 2014 and loves the drive here. She says,

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 “People love my vegetables and my smile.”

Chaba’s Thai – Chaba Walker came to Kohala in 1999 from Thailand, started selling at the

created over 20 flavors so far and uses such ingredients as astragalus, olena, lemon, honey, ginger and lilikoi. His sodas will be on Kona Brewery’s new menu in December.



Ru’s Coconut Chews draw raving fans for their fresh, gourmet island candy based on the Philipino candy “bukayo.”

market in 2000 and has been a landmark there ever since. Her restaurant is situated next to the live music and provides tables for patrons to relax and enjoy a meal.

“Parker” - James Robert Parker, better known as Parker, sells whatever is in season. His offerings range from `ulu chips and dried banana chips to dragonfruit, lychee and mango.

Kupono Soda Works - Daniel Walsh makes what his friend Kirk Archer calls “the best hippie soda around.” Noticing that tourists had the choice of alcoholic beverages unique to Hawai`i but no healthy choices, Walsh started making soda using local medicinal herbs six years ago. He has



Frances Reiha offers fresh chicken eggs from her Kokoiki farm.

soil for maximum nutrition and health. He uses local dairy farmer Ed Botelho’s cow manure as fertilizer, since the cows are exclusively grass fed.

North Kohala Coconut Services - Grace Hedemann and Malakai Torres team up to offer

multiple products and services related to coconuts. Torres services the trees, encouraging better health by trimming and watering. The couple sells coconuts at the market and delivers them in bulk to customers’ homes. Soon they will be offering fresh coconut cream to local coffee shops.

Pepeekeo Farm - Theodora Chandler brings food from Hamakua, Puna, Volcano and Hakalau. She markets a wide variety of produce ranging from Hamakua mushrooms to fresh fern shoots. Chandler donates unsold produce to St. Joseph’s Catholic or St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church.

Hawai`i Island Retreat - Owners Jeanne Sunderland and Robert Watkins raise a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables along with Nubian goats. Fresh goat cheeses include feta, chevre, gouda and ricotta. Their goat milk creations also include ice cream in chocolate, maple, mango and cardamom and spice.

Sol Kitchen is a popular spot because he cooks up organic food and local favorites and offers plenty of comfortable seating.



Theo Chandler and family bring a wide variety of fresh produce from the Hamakua coast and east side of the island.



Kohala Lions Support Vision Care

By Tom Morse
 In October eight members of the Kohala Lions Club conducted eye sight testing for all first graders at Kohala Elementary School, where they also sponsor the annual “Sight is Beautiful” poster contest. As part of their vision care program, the Lions collect

donated eyeglasses for distribution to the needy.

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Kupuna Honored With Fine Dining and Entertainment

Story and photos by Lani Eugenio

Mahalo, Island Breeze Ministries!

The kupuna of Kohala were honored with a scrumptious



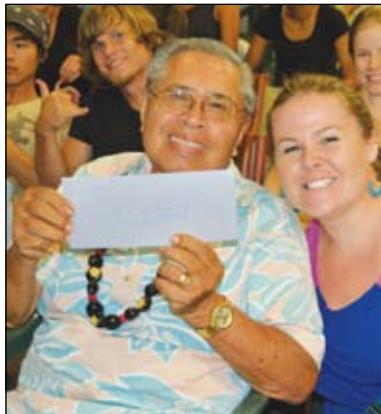
Lorraine and Bobby Glory enjoy the evening.



Fire Dancer Moa Noble ends a "night to remember."

dinner and professional entertainment at the Makapala Retreat on Friday, November 7. This is the fourth year that Eruera and Lis Kawe and their helpers have gone "all out" for the kupuna. Many of the members of the Island Breeze Ministries are of Polynesian ancestry whose cultures respect the wisdom of elders.

The kupuna were served fine-dining style by youth waiters and waitresses from the community. Some servers were the grandchildren of the people being served. Other helpers were from all over the world. All guests were pleased with and grateful for the evening of fun and entertainment.



Alfonso Mitchell is presented with tickets to a luau at a hotel.

The Kawe family and the Island Breeze Ministries thank the Kohala businesses for donating

gift certificates and other prizes for the for the Lucky Number drawings.

Composting Workshop

St Augustine's Green Faith Program, along with Recycle Hawai'i, recently sponsored a composing workshop. It was done in concert with America Recycles Day on November 15. Sam Robinson, garden educator at Kohala Middle School and Recycle Hawai'i community educator, opened the session with explanation of the program and review of information-filled packets.

Noah Dodd, another community educator and garden coordinator at HPA, gave a heartfelt presentation on Zero Waste philosophy. Participants learned how they can compost and recycle as much as 80 to 90 percent of their household waste. Attendees were also reminded that we live on a finite island on a finite planet. Everyone needs to recycle our finite resources with great care and concern.

The county is now faced with options to waste management which include a possible incinerator, with a projected cost of approximately \$150 to 200 million. Dodd reminded the group of the need to make educated and envi-

ronmentally-sound decisions. He stressed that each of us needs to be involved and voice our views. Noah's passion for taking care of our planet and educating people was evident throughout the workshop.

Dodd's descriptive and animated presentation on the ease and effectiveness of composting held the audience's attention as he demonstrated composting techniques. He also explained the science behind composting, helping the audience understand many principles, such as why carbon- and nitrogen-rich materials are important.

The last part of the workshop included a hands-on project with each participant making a bag of their own "bokashi." Bokashi is fermented organic matter with effective microorganisms that accelerate the composting process. If anyone is interested in making their own bokashi, Green Faith will be sponsoring a bokashi-making workshop in the near future. Please call Lani Bowman @ 889-5852 if you are interested.

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Fern White and Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH), International Regional Director Dana Vennan accept the Veterinarian of the Year award on behalf of Dr. Manny Himenez of O`ahu. The award was given at the Good Vibrations PATH, Intl. Annual Awards Ceremony November 1, 2014, in San Diego, CA.

Equine assisted therapy has long been recognized as a useful treatment for physical, cognitive and emotional challenges, helping clients find strength and independence through the power of the horse. Instructors must be

certified before working with clients, and one such certifying body is the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH), International. PATH was formed in 1969 as the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association.

Fern White, a Kohala High School educator, is certified through PATH and provides services at Lio Lapa`au in Hawi. White maintains her certification annually through professional development and continuing education events. She recently attended PATH's annual conference in San Diego where she engaged in several trainings and participated in their horse expo. In addition, White had the opportunity to establish contact with a Wounded Warrior program participant, Staff Sergeant Aaron Heliker, who returned from multiple deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan with traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Heliker is the inspiration for a recent documentary on how horses help our heroes. A local screening will be held in Kohala; the dates and location are to be announced. For more information contact Fern White at 896-0316.

Hawi Woman Among Ranking International Choral Singers

By Toni Withington

Elaine Losey of Hawi recently competed in the Sweet Adelines International contest in Baltimore, Maryland. She and 30 other singers from the Honolulu Blend Show Chorus placed third in the small chorus division earlier this month.

The chorus, under the direction of Bonnie MacKibbon, is the first chorus from Hawai`i—either men's or women's—to qualify to sing on the international stage. To enter this competition the chorus placed first in the Sweet Adelines International Regional Competi-

tion held in Anaheim California in April 2013 with a total score that was among the top five given to the over 200 small choruses in the Sweet Adelines. The singers presented a 15-minute, three-song program on the theme of traveling on a 1940s train.

Although she was the only singer from the Big Island at the contest, Losey said there are four Sweet Adelines living on island. They are looking for other women who would like to sing a cappella four part harmony. Contact Elaine Losey at Belosey@gmail.com if you're interested.





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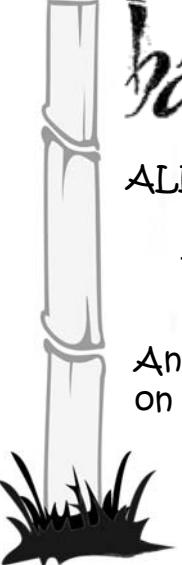
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Halaula Well and Mahukona Park Restrooms Get Action Committee Nod

By Toni Withington

The Action Committee (AC) of the Community Development Plan called on the county to get moving on funding the new water well at Halaula and improvements to Mahukona Park. Those two items led a long wish list of projects prioritized by the committee at its meeting October 13 for the County's capital improvements budget for next year.

Other projects high on the list are solar panels for Kapa'a Park, a sloping roof to stop leaks at Ikuo Hisaoka Gym and a greenwaste bin at the transfer station.

The Department of Water Supply reported to the committee last month that construction of the well at the top of Halaula-Maulili Road has stalled over the purchase of the land for the already approved well. Having the well up and running would guarantee the continued flow of water, even if something happened to the Hawi wells or pumps.

Improvements to the parking lot and a new restroom building at Kapa'a have been on the County's budget for several years. Currently \$2.5 million is designated for these improvements, but the Parks Department has shown no progress in moving the project ahead. Several people spoke in favor of getting the restroom project going. Bringing electricity to Kapa'a Park has also been listed before, but the idea of using solar panels to power the park pavilion at the isolated park has only recently been pushed by the AC's Subcommittee on Water, Parks and Roads.

That subcommittee has also been pressing the Department of Parks and Recreation to put out bids to build a new sloping roof over the gymnasium's flat roof, which leaks through vents when it rains.

The County Environmental Services Department has agreed to install a separate bin for green waste at the Kaauhuhu Transfer Station but is looking for funds to move the metal waste bin to make room for the new one. About 50 percent of the household waste

the county now hauls to Kona is yard and garden waste.

The Action Committee also agreed to send a letter to the Planning Department regarding the procedures for filling vacancies on the AC. The department's actions recently have left the committee short of members for reaching a quorum.

The Growth Management Subcommittee reported that it has called for postponement of approval of a nine-lot subdivision in Kohala Estates until planners can hear comments from folks in the nearby subdivision of Kailapa in South Kohala.

The Community Access Group reported moves by Kohala LLC, a landowner with coastal property just makai of Kohala Ranch, to establish a public access trail and location of the ancient Ala Loa along the shore. It also noted problems with the Planning Department regarding the designation of public access on the road in Halaula toward Kauhola Point (Lighthouse).

The Water, Parks and Roads Subcommittee said it will be encouraging owners along Pratt Road to participate in discussions about keeping the road clear for emergency traffic when needed.

The Power, Viewplanes and Erosion Control Subcommittee announced it is arranging a community meeting to allow Neil "Dutch" Kuyper, CEO of Parker Ranch, to introduce Paniolo Power, a plan to build a new micro-grid to supply electricity to the ranch, Waimea town and North Kohala. The grid would be powered almost entirely with alternative energy sources.

John Winter, chairman of the AC, reported that Frank Cipriani has resigned the committee. His position on the Agriculture Subcommittee will be filled by Lani Eugenio.

The Action Committee is actively seeking new people to serve their community by being a member. Those interested can contact any AC member or the County Planning Department in Kailua-Kona.

Library News



Presentation on Double Hull Canoes to be Given by Local Captain

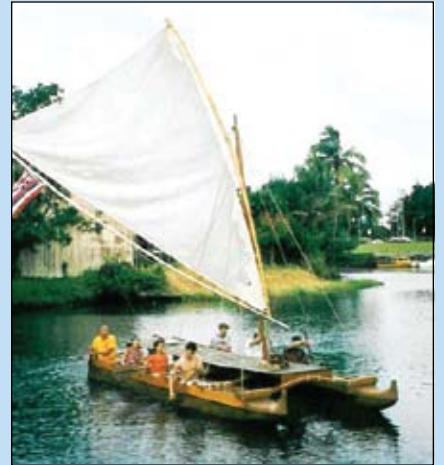
Sailor and canoe builder Kiko Johnston-Kitazawa will give a presentation on Wa`akaulua, the Hawaiian double hull canoe, at 6 p.m. Monday, December 8, at the North Kohala Public Library in Kapa`au. This program was previously scheduled for October 20 and canceled due to Hurricane Ana.

This will be a unique library program as Johnston-Kitazawa, known as "Captain Kiko," plans to bring a double hull canoe into the library to explain the canoe's design and operation. The audience will have the opportunity to examine the many features of the canoe up close and personal.

Captain Kiko, has spent most of his life sailing, building boats and exploring the Big Island. Growing up in Hilo as the son of a surfboard and outrigger canoe builder, Kiko had his first sailboat at age 14 and a captain's license at age 18. He has sailed from Hawai'i to California, Washington and Canada several times.

Captain Kiko studied seamanship and navigation under Captain David B.K. Lyman and Captain Norman Pi`ania as well as apprenticing with boat builders on the mainland. He builds double hull canoes, leads sailing tours and teaches canoe building.

Call the North Kohala Public Library at 889-6655 for more information. Contact the library three weeks in advance if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is required.



Captain Kiko's double hull canoe sailing in Hilo Bay.

North Kohala Community Development Plan

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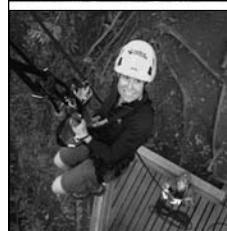
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By Lisa Andrews

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- Mr. K's Recycle & Redemption Center: Styrofoam and #6 plastic, 815 Kino'ole Street, Hilo, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. daily
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- Household batteries: Takata Store collection bin by newspaper stands
- Ewaste: second Saturday of every month at Waimea Recycle and Transfer Station (residential only). Does NOT accept microwaves, cracked CRTs, disassembled electronic devices or parts.
- Ewaste: for cash, search "electronics recycling" on the internet
- Kohala Library: inkjet cartridges and toner
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- 1 Mon 6-7 pm, CDP Growth Management Subcmte. Mtg., public invited, old Bank of Hawaii bldg., Kapa`au.
- 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.
- 4 Thu 6:45 pm, Kohala Hawaiian Civic Club Membership Drive, Kamehameha Park Gym conference rm., Pua, 895-7345.
- 6 Sat 8:30-10:30 am, "Walking in the Wild" guided silent walks w/ Gavin Harrison, by donation, meet in the hale, 53-496 'Iole Rd., 889-5151.
- 8 Mon 4-5 pm, KCAA T-Ball/Pitchball registration, boys & girls ages 5-8, free, includes uniform, Hisaoka Gym, Kim, 895-1939.
- 8 Mon 4-5 pm, KCAA Boys Basketball registration, ages 9-14, free, includes uniform, Hisaoka Gym, Kim, 895-1939.
- 8 Mon 5-6:30 pm, CDP Action Cmte. Public Mtg., Senior Ctr., Kapa`au.
- 8 Mon 6 pm, Wa`akaulua: the Hawaiian Double Hall Canoe Discussion and Demonstration, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 9 Tue 11 am, Adult book discussion group, Reader's Choice by Jane Austen, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 10 Wed 8 am, No. Kohala Merchants Association Mtg., Resource Center, public invited, Richard, 889-1112.
- 10 Wed 10 am, Homeschool Wednesday for ages 6-9, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 10 Wed 5-6:15 pm, CDP Power, Viewplanes & Erosion Control subcmte. mtg, public welcome, Senior Ctr, Susan, 882-7611.
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- 11 Thu 6:45 pm, Kohala Hawaiian Civic Club Membership Drive., Kamehameha Park Gym conference rm., Pua, 895-7345.
- 17 Wed 2:30 pm, Afterschool Movie featuring: "Maleficent" rated PG, for ages 6 and up, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 17 Wed 4-5 pm, Christmas Ornaments w/ Parks & Rec, register Dec 1-12, all ages, free, Hisaoka Gym, 889-6505.
- 18 Thu 1:30-2:30 pm, Kohala Hospital Auxiliary Mtg., Hospital Pavilion, new members welcome, Dixie, 889-5730.
- 18 Thu 6:45 pm, Kohala Hawaiian Civic Club Membership Drive., Kamehameha Park Gym conference rm., Pua, 895-7345.
- 20 Sat 8 am-2 pm, "Christmas Angels" Toys for Tots, all ages of keiki, free, Hisaoka Gym, 889-6505.
- 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 Winter Break for public schools through January 9.
- 22 Mon 5:30 pm, Family Fun Night: Holiday Stories, Games, Crafts, and Refreshments, for ages 4-9 and their families, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 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 6-9 pm, Christmas Eve candlelight service, light meal to be served, free, all are welcome, under the banyan trees in Hawi.
- 26 Fri 9 am-5 pm, HI-PAL Basketball Classic, ages 5-14, (Friday thru Monday, 12/29), tournament fees apply, Hisaoka Gym, 889-6505.
- 27 Sat 11 am-12:30 pm, Free Community Meal, St. Augustine's Walker Hall, Thrift Store open 10 am-12:30 pm.
- 30 Tue 5 pm, CDP Parks, Water & Roads Subcmte, public welcome, Senior Ctr., andi@hawaii.rr.com.
- 31 Wed 2-4 pm, Youth reading and movie discussion group, "Tuck Everlasting," by Natalie Babbitt, grades 4-7, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
- 31 Wed 6 pm-midnight, New Year's Eve celebration, games, mochi pounding, music, food, free, St. Paul's Church in Makapala, across from Makapala Retreat.

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Kohala Real Estate Market – Prices Up in 2014

By Beth Thoma Robinson

As we near the end of the year, we can project the number of homes sold in 2014 in Kohala will be just slightly lower than in 2013, with prices trending higher. From Puakea to Niuli'i (and excluding the lower Kohala communities like Kohala Ranch and Kohala By the Sea), there were 35 homes sold as of early this month, with six more in escrow.

At the affordable end of the market, only 15 home sales in Kohala in 2014 were under \$350,000 (including two in escrow), compared with 29 in 2013. The middle range of the market, prices above \$350,000 but below \$500,000, has seen the most growth with 12 sales in this range, double the number in 2013.

At the start of the year there was only a four-month inventory of homes for sale, which meant that prices were likely to trend upward. The statistics for the year show that is what happened. The lowest priced home for sale (an un-permitted cabin on one acre) is listed at \$329,000. In contrast, just last year 29 out of 48 sales were priced less than \$202,000!

The market for homes in the \$500,000 to \$900,000 price range was stable, with nine sales (and another in escrow). Typically these are homes on acreage.

This year we had three sales of properties costing over \$1 million in Kohala. None were in gated communities. These were homes on three to nine acres, all west of Hawi town.

Distressed properties—either "short sales" in which the listing agent assists the homeowner in negotiating with their lender to sell at less than is owed on the mortgage, or "REOs," which are bank-owned after foreclosure—are no longer a significant factor in Kohala real estate. In 2011 to 2012 about two out of every five Kohala home sales involved a bank. In 2013, that dropped to only one out of five. In 2014, only one in ten homes were distress sales.

Vacant Land Sales Stay Strong in 2014

The upward trend in vacant land sales that started two years ago continued in 2014. By year end there should be 30 parcels sold compared with 26 in 2013, 17 in 2012, and only 10 in 2011.

Smaller, more affordable lots dominated the market. The last developer lot sold in the Kapua subdivision next to Takata Store; seven lots sold from the 10-lot Mahi'ai subdivision with its entrance off Union Mill Road, and two lots sold in the Hanaula Village subdivision. Three small lots along Akoni Pule Highway from Hawi to Kapa`au also changed hands. Most buyers are local, with a few newcomers from the mainland.

Three Maliu Ridge lots sold this year, at prices trending slightly upward to \$275,000 for a lot of just over one acre. One lot sold at Puakea Bay Ranch for \$330,000, up about 10 percent from last year's sales as well.

The `Ainakea to Kapanai area had notable sales in 2014. A 38.8 acre parcel makai of `Ainakea subdivision sold, as did three of the five parcels belonging to Vipassana Hawai'i in Halawa. Prices on these five sales ranged from \$700,000 for a 24-acre parcel, to \$1.5 million for 82 acres. Two parcels were also sold just mauka of Kapanai Bay, without utilities

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Kohala High School Cross Country Goes to State Championships

Story and photos by Melody Nietfeld

On your mark...get set...GO! The starter pistol fires and over a hundred runners scream with adrenaline sprinting at the start of an intense three-mile race hosted by Hawai'i Preparatory Academy. This was not just any race, though, but the culmination of a full season of strenuous hill workouts, repeat intervals, tempo runs, strides and endurance training. This was the final race for most cross country runners, the Big Island Interscholastic Federation (BIIF) Cross Country race, and most importantly, the qualifying race for the Hawai'i High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) Cross Country State Championships.

Triumphantly four Kohala cross country runners, Gabrielle Bartolome, Yuki Zbytovsky, Chance Souze and Josiah Adams, can now celebrate their accomplishment in qualifying for the coveted race at Central O'ahu Regional Park.

Chance Souze and Gabrielle Bartolome utilized their off-season tennis skills and leaped from the tennis courts to the cross country

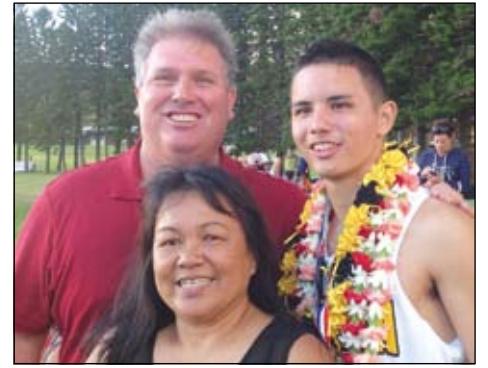
course. Throughout the season each maintained constant focus and grit to earn a well-deserved spot on the state championship roster.

As the BIIF Division II Girls Runner up this year, Yuki Zbytovsky medaled for her second consecutive year. She is a natural runner with great cross-training opportunities in the Kohala swimming pool. Undoubtedly her strength, endurance and positive demeanor are a nice fit for the three-mile race.

This year Josiah Adams took the podium to receive his medal as BIIF Division II Boys Champion. This was Josiah's fourth successive year that he went on to represent Kohala High School at the state competition. Four years ago his intention on joining the sport of cross country was to sharpen his soccer skills before the winter

On the morning of November 1, they were all waiting with excitement for the sound of... "On your mark... get set ... GO!"

And the winner is... Congratulations Josiah Adams! He placed 10th in a pack of 200 other top state runners at the HHSAA State Championships on O'ahu on Saturday, November 1. His final time was 17:00 minutes with a mile pace of 5:29!



Josiah Adams with proud parents, Evie and Tom Adams.



The four Kohala High School students who qualified for the HHSAA Cross Country State Championships (left to right): Yuki Zbytovsky, Josiah Adams, Gabrielle Bartolome and Chance Souze.

Kohala High School 1969-1975 Seniors' Reunion a Success

By Nani Svendsen

On Saturday, November 1, Keokea Park was bustling. People hurried in, arms filled with speciality pupu and hearts filled with merriment to share as they joined fellow alumni of Kohala High School from the classes of 1969 to 1975. Greetings of aloha, laughter and surprise abounded, for some had not seen their peers since graduating years ago. Classmates returned from Tennessee, Nevada and the outer islands.

Drawing a crowd of about 100 people, 90 percent being graduates, the reunion was successful in many ways.

We began by honoring those who had passed on, reading the names of each of the 45 deceased classmates—almost an entire class size during our time in high school. This served as a jolting reminder of why we should live now and celebrate good times.

The live music was provided by Matthew and Rosalind Kupuka'a, both Kohala High graduates themselves, and a bass player from Waimea. They entertained us throughout the night with a whole repertoire of rock 'n roll music from the '60s and '70s. Of course, there were a few who attempted to do the limbo dance, ultimately being more successful in getting laughs than bending. All joking aside, added musicians who gave special per-

formances were the Galan Family with four siblings. Cassandra (Candy), Ralph (Booboo), Phoebe and Adrian, who performed two songs with assistance from bass player Robert Banks, Candy's husband and a professional guitarist.

Side-splitting laughter brought on tears as class members vied to be the last comic standing. Formerly hidden talents were revealed that night with Samson Cazimero, Armstrong Yamamoto Jr. and Harold Carvalho bringing down the pavilion with jokes delivered so well we couldn't pick a winner.

All in all we had a great time. Some folks were first-time-ever reunion attendees, vowing at the end of the night to participate at the next gathering. The intermediate and high school years were trying times for some; bullying happened a lot, whether for not dressing right, being too studious or not being studious enough. Living upscale or downscaled can wear on a young person's mind and spirit. Individually, our school time could have been the best or the worst years of our lives. The reunions we host are meant to leave the worst behind and bring the best out in each of us. Humble, forgiving and forgiven. The reunions bring a second chance for all to see who we have become. Imua!

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installed, for \$400,000 each. The average price of active land listings, as with residential listings, is skewed to the upper end since so many more affordable properties sold this year. That also means that the price trend for similar properties is likely to continue upward in 2015.

season. Little did he realize how talented and capable he was as a runner. He has improved his times immensely and gained tremendous respect from his fellow runners. He has the drive and determination matched with raw talent to make him an all around athlete.

Kohala is very proud to have these four runners qualify this year for the HHSAA Cross Country State Championships.



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The Mayor of Kohala

On Saturday, October 18, people from all walks of life came to honor Samson Cazimero, a simple man who was described as one with a smile on his lips, laughter in his voice, a dance in his eyes and a twinkle in his toes.

The funeral service and the luncheon that followed were filled with family and people who connected with him through his service in the community; as a fisherman; or through his employment at Kahua Ranch, Luke's, the Kohala Sugar Company, Lapakahi State Park or the Mauna Lani Golf Course. He enjoyed 35 years at Mauna Lani, and at 80 years old the beloved employee found no reason to retire. Even guests at the hotel came to honor the man they considered an old friend.

Samson Cazimero was born in Niulii on March 27, 1934. There were 11 children in the Cazimero family, and he and his siblings attended Makapala School and Kohala High School. Samson developed a love for sports, especially basketball, at Kohala High. One of his proudest moments was beating rival Hilo High School in 1953 for the BIIF (Big Island Interscholastic Federation) championship with a final score of 68-48.

In 1954 he married the love of his life, Makapala girl Hazel Monje. Together they were devoted to the success of the high school sports programs by coaching basketball and softball teams. They had an amazing run with the Kohala High School Girls Basketball team for two decades. Hazel passed away in 1994.

In June 2014 both Samson and his late wife were honored by the Hawai'i Interscholastic Athletic Directors Association for their many years of service. The "HIADA Coaches Award" is the highest and most distinguished award given to coaches in the State of Hawai'i.

Samson was also a great diver and spear fisherman. Mary Ann Lim, childhood friend of the family, remembers how Samson's father taught all his boys to fish

and work hard. "All the Cazimero boys were great fishermen," she stated.

Elder brother Joseph, a shoreline and boat fisherman, had great respect for his younger brother.



—photo courtesy of the Cazimero Family
Samson Cazimero and wife Hazel

"Samson could free dive over 100 feet with only goggles!" he proudly exclaimed. "He saved lives, but mostly whenever somebody was lost in the ocean, they'd call Samson to retrieve the body."

Samson never refused a call. The compassion he felt for families whose loved ones were lost at sea motivated him to risk his life many times so they could have closure.

In the 1960s a helicopter was transporting a big iron drill bit when the rope snapped near Honokane Nui, plunging the drill bit deep into the ocean. The company frantically sent word out for divers to recover this significant piece of equipment. Kohala's people knew of Samson's skill and recommended him.

Samson was lowered into the ocean where the bit was thought to have fallen. With no scuba diving gear, he dove and found the drill bit. He dove down again

to secure the rope to the bit and resurfaced to signal the helicopter to pull it up. Then he had to swim to shore and walk the valleys to get home. The company was so grateful to Samson for saving their project that they gave him and Hazel an all-expense paid vacation on O'ahu.

"My brother was a good man with a kind heart," Joe added. "He would swim into Keokea with a long line of fish, then he would lay the fish on the grass and say, 'Anybody like fish... pick 'em up, but no be greedy.' He never charged people for the fish he caught."

It was as a fisherman that Samson got involved in the public access issue at the closing of the Sugar Plantation. It was a time of sorrow, anger and depression. Jeffrey Coakley, who spearheaded the access group, credits Samson as one of the handful of people who stuck it out while others were ridiculing the group. Samson was committed to preserving Kohala for the kids.

Due to the group's courage and determination to take Castle & Cooke and Standard Oil to court, today public access laws are recognized throughout the state. Coakley remembers Samson as "the guy who tried to keep us

positive when everything was negative."

Kohala High School classmate Eunice Kawamoto expressed the thoughts of all their classmates when she sighed, "We're going to really miss him. He was the 'Life of the Party.'" Samson went to every class reunion, including those in Las Vegas. He was so well-liked that even the staff at the New Orleans Casino sent a card when they heard of his illness.

Samson loved music and would just get up and dance by himself. Then, with a crook of his finger, he'd get women jumping up to dance with him. And with that, other couples would join the dance floor. He truly was the life of the party! It was noticeable at the past Country Fair when hardly anyone went up to dance. "No mo' Samson, is why," someone whispered.

Samson was a friend who could be depended upon to help on home projects, food gathering or to be at a meeting for support. He gave of himself willingly and joyfully, and all with no thought of recognition or monetary compensation.

Many are impressed with silver tongues, pockets of gold and platinum knowledge. Samson had none of these, but his silver hair reflected a lifetime of service, he had a heart of gold, and platinum was the worth of his soul.

Upon meeting Mayor Billy Kenoi at the re-opening of the pavilion at Keokea Beach Park in 2012, Samson joked, "You may be the Mayor of the Big Island, but I am the Mayor of Kohala."

Samson Cazimero was borne of Kohala and represented the aloha of his ancestral heritage. He truly was the Mayor of Kohala!



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"Mayor of Kohala" Samson Cazimero and Big Island Mayor Billy Kenoi

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Kohala VEX IQ Team Wins Design Award

Newly-formed VEX IQ Team 2460P Paniolo Li'i Li'i, with their robot Bucky Baby, went to their first robotics tournament on November 1 at Kealakehe High School gym in Kona. They triumphed over the competition, returning home with the design award.

By virtue of earning the award, the team qualifies for state championship competition on Feb 22, 2015 on O'ahu.

The team is comprised of Elijah Delostrico and Grace Todd, both sixth grade students at Kohala Middle School. Their team repre-

sents the next phase of the comprehensive Kohala VEX Robotics program, which now consists of all three school levels—elementary, junior high and senior high.

The sixth grade team meets Wednesday and Friday evenings alongside the other teams in the old Bond Memorial Library.

Their achievement is remarkable: first time team going to their first competition and winning entry into the state championship competition. The program continues to display its quality and breadth, a testament to the skills of its leaders.



Elijah Delostrico and Grace Todd of VEX IQ Team 2460P Paniolo Li'i Li'i with their robot Bucky Baby win the Design award at their first tournament on November 1 at Kealakehe Gym.

Weekly Events in December

Please note these events meet every week.

Mon	6-8 pm, Open Basketball Free Play, Hisaoka Gym, free, 889-6505.
Mon	7 pm, Al-Anon mtg., lower level, Walker Hall, St. Augustine's, Laura, 884-5833.
Mon	7 pm, Narcotics Anonymous, Wylie Hall, Kalahikiola Church, 'Iole Road.
Tue	9-10:30 am, Heart's Reflection Sitting Meditation Group w/ John Gardner, Meditation Hale, 53-3988 Akoni Pule Hwy, mauka, east of hospital, by donation, 889-5151.
Tue	2:30 pm, Kendama Club, (no mtg. 12/2), free, North Kohala library, 889-6655.
Wed	6-8 pm, Open Basketball Free Play, Hisaoka Gym, free, 889-6505.
Wed	7 pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, Wylie Hall, Kalahikiola Church, 'Iole Road.
Thu	8-9:15 am, Vinyasa Flow Yoga w/ Maya Parish, all levels, by donation, white tent at Kohala Institute at 'Iole, 889-5151.
Thu	7 pm, Narcotics Anonymous, Wylie Hall, Kalahikiola Church, 'Iole Road.
Fri	10 am, Preschool Story Time, free, North Kohala library, 889-6655.

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

VEX IQ mentor Becky Weisz guides team member Grace Todd in analyzing the robot design.



—photos courtesy of Melody Delostrico



—logo courtesy of Kohala High School

KHS Aquaculture Fundraiser to Sell Fish

Kohala High School Aquaculture Program, now in its second year, is privately funded. The program raises funds by soliciting grants, accepting donations and reaching out to the community through fundraisers.

For this month's fundraiser, they will be selling fresh-water, cultured, live tilapia at the school craft fair. They will even provide ono recipes.

Where: Kohala High School Cafeteria

When: Saturday, November 29, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost: \$5/pound.

Pick-up: Kohala High Agriculture Complex fish tank between 12 and 4 p.m. Bring a container for transporting your fresh fish.

Tax-deductible donations of cash, equipment, and materials may be made, payable to the North Kohala Community Resource Center (NKCRC) and designated for KHS Aquaculture Program.

For more information contact Frank Cipriani at 808-333-8026.

Former Kohala Swimmer Wins National Event

By Toni Withington

Serena Dwyer Johnson continues winning in swimming with a gold medal in the 1,000-yard freestyle event at the U.S. Masters National Swim Meet recently.

Swimming in the 35 to 39 age group she also took fourth place in the 100-yard backstroke, fifth in the 200-yard backstroke, fifth in the 50-yard backstroke, sixth in the 500-yard freestyle, and eighth in the 200-yard freestyle.

Johnson swam in junior swim programs at Kohala Pool and for Hawai'i Preparatory Academy swim team. She now lives in Vancouver, Washington, where she, her husband and her children, ages 7, 9 and 11, swim for La Camas Swim and Sport. She visits her family in Kohala frequently.

Congratulations to 1st Quarter Honor Roll Students!

The following scholars earned a 3.5 or higher grade point average during the first quarter at Kohala High School.

Seniors: Adams, Josiah; Agbayani, Mikael Justin; Bartsch, Mikaela; Boyle, Genevieve; Bello-Coito, Laikai; Bello-Coito, Laikai; Carvalho, Maranda; Dollaga, Don Ryan; Kometani, Kassandra; Kupukaa, Dalyn; Lavides, Jerwin; Malasig, Amber; Marcom-Robinson, Skyler; Matundan, Alexis Ella; Medeiros, Michael; Pontius, Timothy; Rivera, Denae; Ruvalcaba, Felipe; Steinhoff, Isabel; Van Zandt, Ashlyn; Vanzandt, Melina.

Juniors: Alejandro-Cazimero, Kiana; Apostadiro, Mina; Apostadiro, Zaylee; Badua, Brittney; Bartolome, Gabrielle; Cubangbang, Patricia; Dela Cruz, Elijah; Faisca, Tyra; Juan, Melody; Kawaaauhau, Kuhao; Medeiros, Anela; O'Donnell, Christopher; Sahagun, Melanie; Salvador, Joey; Santiago, Tayvon; Tenorio, Jessica; Zbytovsky, Yuki.

Sophomores: Aki, Kevin Jr.; Alaimo, Cailey; Apostadiro, James; Boyle, Gabriella; Fuertes, Cole; Hageraats, Valerie; Javillonar, Kiera; Kapelliela, Karly-Ann; Keyes, Jamesen; Noble, Mikee; Viernes, Estefie; Yamasaki-Cazimero, Desha.

Freshmen: Agbayani, Camylle Jayde; Alaimo, Carrie; Anderson, Maya; Arraujo, Louis; Bueno-Arellano, Ezekiel; Caniff, Miranda; Carvalho, Caylah; Castillo, Nicole; Clark, Mary Marvelanne; Fuertes, Cheyenne; Hooton, Reece; Jose, Jashel Mae; Ramos, Angelu.

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Not Just for the Birds

It has been three years since the construction of the Hawai'i Wildlife Center (HWC) was completed and two years since HWC has been open for wildlife response. In that short time, the HWC has taken in many different patients with a variety of injuries and ailments—impact, predator attacks, malnutrition, etc.—which included six distinct federally threatened or endangered species. HWC has also participated in valuable conservation programs, including the most recent translocation of critically endangered Laysan ducks from Midway to Kure Atoll in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. In addition, HWC has continued to work with students from the Kohala Complex and participate in community outreach events.

Though HWC spends the majority of its time with caring for our native wildlife, they want everyone to know that they are not just for the birds.

“Our community has been a huge part of why we have been able to achieve this state-of-the-art wildlife hospital and continues to be an important part of our ‘ohana,” said Linda Elliott, president and center director. “We wouldn’t exist without their support.”

In honor of this support, and in celebration of the HWC’s third birthday, HWC is offering free

community events at the center every Saturday in November.

“The community has been very patient and supportive of us as we continue to develop our public facilities. It is my hope that our Bird-Days Saturday events this month will give our community the opportunity to come visit us, have some fun and catch up,” said Development Coordinator Rae Okawa.

Bird Days kicked off with a community doodle project and a wildlife response talk. During the talk, HWC Wildlife Technician Sarah Davis shared how to identify the different types of native birds in Hawai'i and what to do if you find an injured bird. The public is encouraged to contact HWC for assistance with a wildlife rescue, and HWC staff will be happy to



—photo courtesy of Hawai'i Wildlife Center
A Hawai'i Wildlife Center wildlife technician describes the five different types of native birds in Hawai'i and gives identification tips to nearly 30 attendees at the center's most recent BirdDays event, a wildlife response talk covering rescue basics.

help. At press time the following weekends were planned to feature a block printing presentation and a painting party with award-winning artists Caren Loebel-Fried

and Patrick Ching, respectively. A seabird talk with biologist and photographer Robert Shallenberger is planned for the final weekend, November 29.



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