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KNKR 96.1 Schedules Open House at New Station in Hawi

By John Sullivan

That quiet sound at 96.1 on your FM dial will soon be replaced with the amazing and incredible music, voices and sounds generated by all of us in the community. The volunteers at Kohala Radio are moving closer to going on-air after many months of hard work. If all goes well, KNKR-96.1 will begin broadcasting this summer LIVE from downtown Hawi.

We are actively looking for anyone interested in broadcasting to talk with us about becoming a volunteer, and we're especially interested in students who want to get a look at the station. One of our primary goals is to provide a broadcast training platform for students in Kohala and to get them involved in creating broadcast programs at KNKR—so, as they say, "We need you!"

To help in these efforts, we'll be



Photo courtesy of KNKR

KNKR volunteers (left to right) Pete Sullenberger, Marieke McAuthur, Carol Geertsema, John Sullivan, Len Winkler and David Ebrahimi take a moment to gather in front of the station's new sign. Months of hard work will pay off when the station begins broadcasting from the Hawi station, estimated to occur in the summer of 2015.

at the Hawi Farmers Market under the banyan tree on April 4, 11 and 18 so you can talk story about the station. We are hosting an open house on Saturday, April 18, from

10 a.m. to noon at the station, which is housed in the building next to the new Sunshine Hardware. You can see for yourself how the station is shaping up.

of the station's remodeled facilities. We have leased about 1,400 square feet of space to house our three studios, a music library, two offices **see KNKR, page 2**

Grassy Acre in Downtown Hawi Preserved for Public Access

Thanks to community support; Mayor Kenoi and Mr. Hamana Ventura of the County Finance Department; and very patient former landowners, Dave Lucas and Shelly Maudsley White; the grassy acre fronting Shige's by the banyan trees in Hawi that has been a de facto park for over 50 years is now publicly owned and will remain a community space.

"These types of open space purchases succeed because of the people of Kohala. There seems to be a deep understanding of the value of maintaining green space and agricultural lands for future generations," shared Gail Byrne Baber, who helped coordinate efforts to preserve this area. More than 600 people signed a petition in support of purchasing this area for the community. "We are also very lucky to have a mayor who has been supportive of preserving Kohala lands," continued Byrne Baber.

Mayor Kenoi was able to keep the possibility of a County purchase alive by a last minute phone call to Lucas and Maudsley White on Christmas Eve, the deadline set by

the landowners for a firm purchase offer. The project was initially projected to close in early summer of 2014 but was delayed until September due to turnover in County staff. By December the sellers expressed frustration and exhaustion regarding being stuck in limbo without a written offer while they continued to incur rental expenses for their home and gallery in Kona.

According to Byrne Baber, the purchase would not have been possible without the generosity of sellers Lucas and Maudsley White. "Shelly is born and raised in Hawai'i and Dave has lived here 35-plus years. They are very community minded people and have donated many hours and resources to preserve Holualoa town above Kona. We need to extend a huge 'thank you' to Shelly and Dave."

A number of people in the community stepped forward to help ensure this area remained a public space for Kohala. Over forty residents attended County Council hearings about purchasing the land last year, including life-long Kohala

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Photo courtesy of KNKR

New equipment is being installed in the KNKR radio station's on-air broadcast control room. Volunteer DJs and programmers will host live shows from this room in the new KNKR 96.1 radio station.

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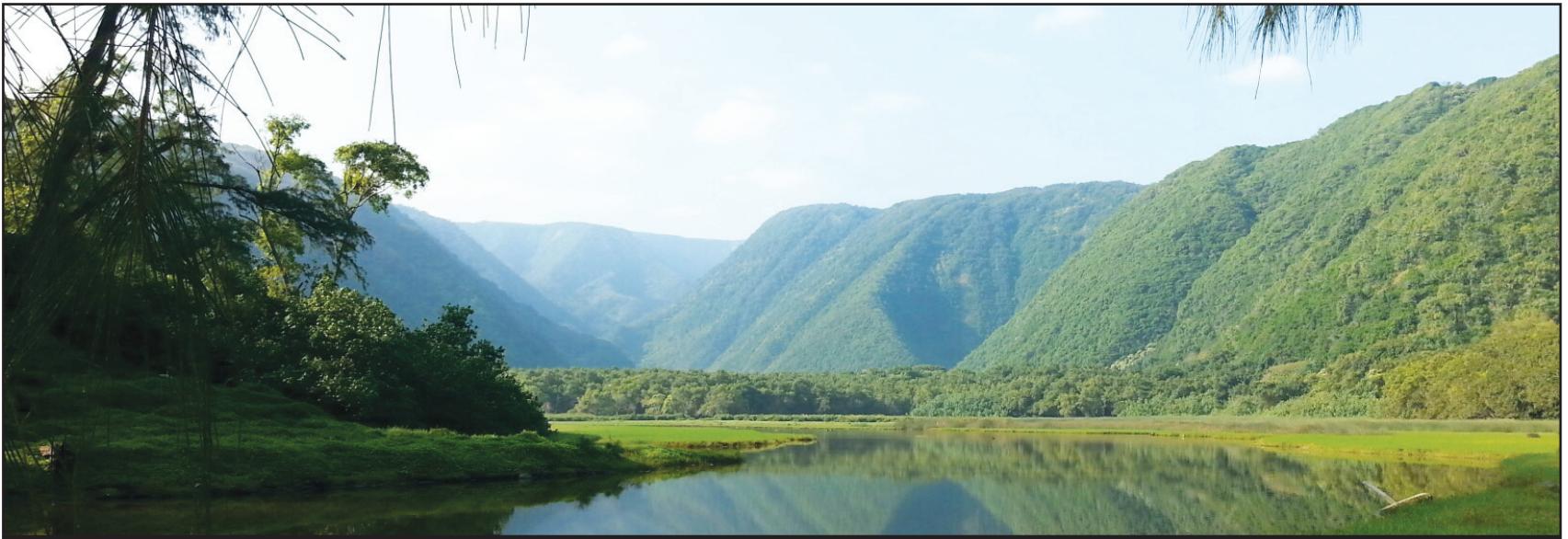


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Pololū Valley on St. Patrick's Day

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resident Jeannine Mattos who shared memories of playing in this field as a child and who continues to bring her grandchildren to this area to play. A number of local businesses sent written testimony to the Council and some testified in-person about the value of this area to Hawi merchants, including Realtor Forrest Arnold, who called this acre the heart of Hawi.

Kohala Councilmember Margaret Wille was instrumental in getting a resolution passed that directed the County to pursue a purchase. Wille emphasized that the purchase was

about smart growth and long-term economic development.

During the Council hearings Lucas and Maudsley White shared their decision-making process regarding whether to surrender their plans for a house and gallery. They spoke with a number of people around town, and after a lengthy conversation with Surety Kohala about the value of keeping this area a park decided to move forward with giving the community the chance to preserve the property for a community park. "It's a beautiful area. It should be enjoyed by every-

one," summarized Dave Lucas.

"Kohala resident Craig Williams brought enormous energy to the project at a critical time by helping to raise awareness and collecting signatures and generally doing whatever was needed," stated Byrne Baber. "He has a huge heart and has donated funds for a community celebration. Thanks, Craig!"

Funds for the purchase came from the County's two percent land fund, which is dedicated to purchasing lands and easements to protect open spaces, public access ways, and natural resources. Tax-

payers fund the two percent fund with a minimum of two percent of their real property taxes. A dedicated maintenance fund for lands purchased with two percent funds has been established, to which local community groups and nonprofits can apply for money to support locally based maintenance and stewardship.

Dates for a celebration and meeting for folks and organizations interested in assisting with maintenance of the park will be set soon and published in the April edition of the Kohala Mountain News.



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and a common room for volunteers to gather and plan. The on-air broadcast control room is where volunteer DJs and programmers will host live shows. In the production studio we will produce public service announcements, news clips, interviews and all sorts of recorded programs. It will also serve as the training studio for everyone. The performance studio is large enough for musicians to gather for live or recorded shows and for groups to have discussions over the air.

At this point the control room equipment has been delivered and installation will be complete by the open house. We have ordered the

antennae and transmission equipment, which should arrive by the end of the month. This is the final technical "link" we need before going live! We will order the rest of our equipment for the other two studios and remote broadcasts by early summer.

Another feature of the station is our music library, where we will house a variety of "old school" vinyl, CDs and other music formats, which will be constantly updated, archived and made available to volunteers for on- and off-air productions.

Our volunteer staff will be available to talk story about our plans and progress. They include:

- Marieke McArthur, who has

generously volunteered to help coordinate our volunteers (we have over 80 email recipients) who want to take part in this exciting new station. Contact Marieke at volunteer@knkr.org.

- Karl Toubman, our programming director, who can guide you through the radio programming world. Karl urges folks to go online, check out our web site (www.knkr.org) and fill out the one page DJ/Programmer application. We need enthusiastic volunteers of all ages and walks of life! Contact Karl at karl@knkr.org.

- Len Winkler, our news director, is currently developing a news department which includes local

news, weather, sports and Public Service Announcements. Len's department has already begun posting local Kohala news on our web site and he is looking for reporters, so please let the reporter in you tell Len your story. Lost pets, closed roads, accidents, sports, fires, burglaries, cow on road...let Len know. Contact him at lenwinkler@knkr.org.

KNKR is rocking. Come see for yourself on April 18 or come to one of our open meetings at the station. You can find the dates on KNKR-96.1's web site that our very own Annalene Williams created at www.knkr.org. KNKR-96.1 about Kohala, by Kohala, for Kohala.

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Organic Farmers Share Knowledge and Best Practices

Story and photo by Gail Byrne Baber

Farmers are busy people and usually can't take time off for professional development. But thanks to a grant secured by Regenerative Organic Agriculture and Pro-biotic Practices, a project of the North Kohala Community Resource Center, in 2014 a group of veteran and aspiring Kohala farmers were funded to deepen their expertise and develop collaborative relationships.

The grant's objectives included providing hands-on interactions to disseminate knowledge and experience specific to successful farming on the Big Island. This would give farmers an economic edge by sharing information on growing nutrient-superior produce and help farmers overcome the disadvantage of low capitalization through establishing a collaborative farmer hui.

Veteran farmer Peter Risley



Jon Biloan, second from left, shares his 40-plus years of organic farming experience with aspiring and veteran Kohala farmers as part of project that funded farmers to participate in professional development and group collaborations.

was part of this group. "Any farmer will tell you that it's difficult to justify taking time away from the farm. Recognizing farmers' time is valuable is appreciated, and it's been good

to get to know other farmers and share experience and knowledge."

A variety of farming topics were taught and discussed, including nutrition-grown farming, insect

and disease control, till-free layered systems, use of effective microorganisms and earth box systems. "To till or not to till, or till once and then never again, stimulated the most passionate discussions," shared instructor Dr. Jana Bogs. "Some side-by-side trials may give us some data to inform that discussion."

The group is continuing to meet and the community is welcome to participate. "Continued collaboration will be the secret to success for this next generation of farmers," shared farmer Cab Baber.

A bio-char class will be held as soon as an agricultural burn permit is granted. "Anyone who wants to come and learn to make bio-char is welcome," stated Baber.

For more information on upcoming classes and collaborations, send an email to nutrition.grown.hi@gmail.com or call 938-8880.

Chinese New Year Celebrated at Tong Wo Society

Chinese New Year is celebrated at the turn of the Chinese calendar and is the longest festival of the year. The eve of the lunar Chinese New Year is the night of the new moon, and the celebrations continue until the Lantern Festival on the fifteenth day of the next month.

On the first day of the New Year the altar is set with traditional vegetarian offerings of citrus fruit, jai (stewed vegetables), candied fruit, rice pudding, other foods and flowers.



Photo by Rita Lai

Traditional New Year celebration offerings cover the altar at the Tong Wo Society in Halawa.



Photo by Rita Lai

Dancers in the traditional lion dance

Two days after the new moon and throughout the two week celebration, other offerings of chicken, fish, roast pork, other foods, tea and liquor are added. The Big Island Shaolin Arts dancers performed a king fu demonstration and the lion dance at Tong Wo. The lion dance is a traditional energetic dance, inspired by fire crackers, meant to transform the mythical, magical beasts that push out negative energy and replace the negative with positive energy.

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Community Farm to Welcome New Families April 3rd

The Palili 'O Kohala project was started about three years ago by a group of families in North Kohala. The families of Palili 'O Kohala developed the 1.5 acre Natural Farming Learning Lab on Ho'ea Road. They grow taro, sweet potato, pigs and chickens using Natural Farming techniques.

The idea behind the Natural Farming Learning Lab is to provide a place for families to learn together about Natural Farming within the context of Hawaiian values.

In 2014, the families of Palili 'O Kohala formed an agricultural cooperative to make and sell poi and kulolo. Kulolo is now available monthly. People can pre-order kulolo for parties or home use.

Palili 'O Kohala is welcoming the community to come work and learn with them at Community Workshop Workdays. The first Workshop Workdays will be held on Friday, April 3, from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m., followed by a local foods pot luck dinner. Children and young adults are welcome.

The Community Workshop Workday is a chance to get your hands in the dirt and to receive hands-on training in taro and sweet potato cultivation, animal husbandry and making Natural Farming inputs.

Palili 'O Kohala also has pig and



Photo by Joshua McCollough

Eruera and Elisabeth Kawe and children Terongomau, (age 6), Daywakihaa (age 4) and Nāmakaaloha (baby) learn how to grow taro and 'uala (sweet potato) using Natural Farming methods with Palili 'O Kohala.

chicken workshops coming up for people interested in raising pigs and chickens with Natural Farming methodologies. Animal husbandry workshops will be taught by David B. Fuertes and will include lessons in caring for piglets, sow breeding, building a brooding house and rearing chicks to be egg layers. All animal workshops include information about Natural Farming tech-

niques, animal husbandry basics and feeding requirements.

To register, call Andrea Dean at 960-3727 or email andrea@andreadean.com

Palili 'O Kohala is a project of Kahua Pa'a Mua. Funding support provided by the USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program, Dorrance Family Foundation and County of Hawai'i County Council.

KOKUA KOHALA 'OHANA CONCERT-BAZAAR

A CONCERT-BAZAAR WILL BE HELD FOR THE KOHALA 'OHANA WHO LOST THEIR HOME IN A FREAK FLOOD IN THE MAKAPALA-NIULI'I AREA ON DECEMBER 23, 2014.

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Editorial

Please Sign Letters to the Editor

Aloha Kohala,

First of all, many mahalos to all in the community who are pitching in and contributing to the content of the Kohala Mountain News. I get comments regularly that the paper is an interesting read, but I take no credit. It's all because you out there in the day-to-day life of Kohala bring the stories to us to share with everyone. We at the News simply cannot keep up with all the events, so you are the lifeblood of this paper, and you are doing a terrific job! Please keep those stories and photos coming, and get your friends to send theirs in, too. Your neighbors want to hear what's going on around them.

Along those same lines, we at the KMN greatly appreciate your ideas, opinions, reflections or what-

ever it is that spurs you to write a letter to the editor. I would be happy to print these letters, but to keep things transparent our policy is that the letter must be signed and include contact information before we can print it.

I recently received a letter with an interesting perspective on one of our major stories, but it was unsigned and had no contact information, so we could not run it. If you'd prefer we do not include your name with your letter, just request that it be withheld. I do, however, still need contact information to verify that the letter came from someone in the community.

Sincerely,
Maureen Garry
Managing Editor

Correction

In the County Council Update on page 13 of the February 2015 issue Johnette "Amoo" Ching-Kainoa was erroneously identified as art teacher Kyle Gonsalves. We apologize for the error.

Letters

A Message of Gratitude to...



...ALL the community members and several out-of-town supporters who contributed to the annual Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation's Christmas pledge campaign. Your contributions, large and small, came to \$26,400, which included a generous donation of \$10,000 from a California donor who has family here in Hawai.

...Betty and Michael Meinardus, for their successful golf tournament which raised over \$44,000. This was their seventh year of their sponsoring and skillfully organizing the event, which included over

120 players and many contributors from on- and off-island. Through their golf tournaments, the Meinardus' have contributed more than a quarter of a million dollars to the Kohala Hospital through the Foundation. We are humbled by their immense efforts and ongoing support.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
3rd Annual Beer, Boots, Brats and Barbeque: Saturday, May 16, at Kahua Ranch from noon to 5:00 p.m.
Mahalo, Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation

Letter from Senator Inouye

To the Editor:

In the three months following the December 23 storm that caused thousands of dollars in damage to the Makapala and Niuli'i areas, it's heart-warming to witness the resilience of the residents and the efforts to rebuild these beautiful communities.

Contrary to previous reports in your paper, I saw and inspected first-hand the destruction in North Kohala from the flood waters six days after the storm. This initially was a pre-scheduled visit, but the timing was advantageous.

While I was in the area, I observed the state road crew at work. The crew was diligent, performing above and beyond the challenges facing them, including helping to divert the traffic of both residents and visitors. There were no police or County personnel at the work site. I personally called the Big Island Highway Director, Sal Panem, to encourage him to get some help from police to relieve his men from doing traffic duty. I further suggested closing the road to allow local traffic only.

I was aware of the concerns over water flow at the Kohala ditch long

before the December storm. In fact, my visit in December was prompted by constituents and users of the Kohala ditch water after concerns were raised regarding the amount of water flowing at the time.

Resolving the situation remains a priority. I am working to mitigate the problem by bringing community partners together to collaborate on easing water access while providing opportunities and sustainability for present and future agricultural activities.

While the ditch itself, in private ownership, carries water for over 20 miles, it runs through many individually owned parcels of land to serve over 90 businesses and residences.

I am in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, the governor, our state attorneys and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, gathering information to guide me as we move forward. Being a farmer myself, agricultural sustainability is one of my priorities here at the state capitol as we do the people's work.

Mahalo,
Senator Lorraine Inouye
Hawai'i State Senator, District 4

Viewpoint

Information and opinions expressed in viewpoint articles are the responsibility of the author and do not necessarily reflect the position of the News or its staff.

ANOTHER INCINERATOR?!

By Lisa Andrews

Fabulous Mike Ewall, Founder and Director of Energy Justice Network, came to the North Kohala Public Library and shared his extensive knowledge on the subject of incinerators and other energy sources considered dirty by most of the free world, to a full house. He came all the way from Pennsylvania with his partner, Tracy, with the explicit goal of helping educate Hawai'i County communities on this very urgent topic for our island.

The presentation included a fascinating PowerPoint presentation on incinerators and other energy sources that was enlightening, to say the least. The audience learned facts like: dioxin, at a few parts per trillion, can feminize a rat; filters/scrubbers on incinerator exhaust stacks are easily tampered with – just a screwdriver can allow (and has allowed) countless toxins to be released without detection; and incineration is not only one of the most polluting, but one of the most expensive, ways to produce energy.

Regarding the biomass incinerator slated for Hawai'i Island, the plan is to burn green waste from the eucalyptus tree harvesting project – while the supply lasts. Our friend Mike Ewall taught us a few things about biomass incineration, like: biomass incineration is dirtier than coal (since it's not regulated like coal); CO₂ from any source (even green sources) takes its toll on the ozone layer and most importantly, biomass incineration companies are commonly open to being paid to burn other types of fuel (rather than just paying for green waste fuel). This might include tires and other toxins, for example. For more information on biomass incineration etc., see <http://www.energyjustice.net>

What can we do NOW? On Tuesday, March 31, at 1:30 p.m., Zero Waste will be on the agenda of the County Council meeting. The public will have an opportunity to give testimony to support Zero Waste Solutions legislation—3 minutes or less.

Write letters to the editors of West Hawai'i Today and the Hilo Tribune Herald in support of zero waste solutions.

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HI House of Representatives Update

We are half way through the legislative session and a lot has happened to date. As a member on the House leadership, it is exciting to be working with the new administration and the seven newly elected legislators. The House has drafted up the State's budget and has sent it over to the Senate for further review.

Traditionally, the legislature gives a lump sum of money to departments for repair, maintenance, renovations, ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance and health and safety. It is hard to say how much money will be allocated to certain projects in our district. It is my job to work with each department to get our fair share. Take an example from a lump sum of money given to the Department of Education (DOE).

The DOE released its list of repair and maintenance projects this upcoming fiscal year starting July 1, 2015. These projects were developed with the approval of

school administrators. A total of \$1,377,000 was awarded to:

Kohala Elementary School for reroofing and drainage improvements

Kohala Middle School for reroofing, replacing gutters and downspouts, and replacing ramps

Kohala High School for reroofing with overall whole school renovations

In this draft budget, there are monies to expand the VA long-term care facility on the island of O'ahu, in addition to the Hilo facility. This long-term care facility is needed for all our veterans, including those who live in Kohala.

The North Kawaihae Small Boat Harbor also made it on the budget for plans and design for improve-

ments to the marginal breakwater. There are also plans to construct drainage improvements near mile 10.6 of Kohala Mountain Road.

Attention ladies! Governor Ige met with the House of Representatives to answer questions and share insights. The Governor mentioned the lack of female applicants to fill vacancies of Boards and Commissions. There is a list of vacancies online and I encourage the women of Kohala to apply for these positions.

The list can be found here: http://boards.hawaii.gov/apply/vacancy_list/

Ed Sniffen is the newly appointed Department of Transportation's Highways Division deputy director. We discussed improvements to Kohala Mountain Road



Courtesy of the Office of Cindy Evans
Representative Cindy Evans

and the need to pave it and ensure the width of the road allows for the passage of large vehicles. We also discussed improving the shoulders of the highways to meet appropriate and current engineering standards. I would like your opinion on the safety of approaching the scenic lookout and the possibility of signage on Kohala Mountain Road. Do you support signage? Are there any other changes you think need to be in place to ensure the safety of Kohala drivers on the road?

Please call Ryan Mandado, (808) 586-8510, who works in my office. Our office will do our best to address any concerns. I encourage you to be active in this legislative session. You can create an account on www.capitol.hawaii.gov to sign up for hearings, receive updates and submit testimony. Your strong voices and involvement this session is important for our district and community.

Sincerely,
Representative Cindy Evans

Police Department Update

Owners Can be Fined for Noisy Dogs

Aloha North Kohala! I would like to discuss an issue that seems to have been with us since dogs became man's best friend. Yes, I am talking about noisy barking dogs.

Having a noisy dog can cause you to be in violation of the Hawai'i County Ordinances (refer to Hawai'i County Code 4-24) should you fail to address the situation, which could result in a fine from \$25 to \$200. Rare cases may result in confiscation of your dog. I don't know first-hand of any incidents where police have taken dogs from their owners, but I have been involved in an incident where a dog owner was ordered by a judge to give up his dogs due to excessive complaints and observations of violations.

A noisy dog is defined as a dog barking continuously for 10 minutes, or a dog barking intermittently for 20 minutes within a 30 minute period, without provocation. For instance, a dog that barks

at a jogger who takes a break near its property and in view of the dog could be understandable. However, if it's established that the property is along a heavy foot traffic path and the dog barks constantly, that situation will need to be addressed. The owner may be held responsible to provide proper training for the dog to recognize the difference between a passerby and an intruder.

Feelings are mixed about barking dogs. Some neighbors feel safer because a dog barks, because it signals them when something unusual is happening in the neighborhood. These neighbors would feel unsafe if they don't hear a dog bark at all. Some neighbors can't stand any noise. No matter what is going on in their neighborhood they just want to be left alone in peace and quiet, therefore a barking dog really upsets them. Then there are the types of neighbors that don't really mind anything at all. Whether their environment is noisy or quiet they

can just relax through any condition.

There are ways to address the problem of a barking dog. First off, courts require the complainant to contact the neighbor and inform them of the irritation. Some folks may feel uncomfortable about this; however, should the matter be brought to court proceedings, consideration may not begin until this step is taken. If the notification is unsuccessful, the complainant may need to show that the attempt has been well documented, whether by certified letter or video of complainant knocking on the owner's door, any means necessary and within good standing.

Many people don't realize the Hawai'i Island Humane Society is the organization to call with an animal complaint matter. The Society is deputized by the courts and they enforce laws involving animals. The Humane Society will meet with you and address your

concerns. One exception to this rule is if an animal attacks a human, then you should call the police immediately.

If the problem persists and you have all steps documented, the police will address this matter through enforcement. Be aware, however, that if there's no complainant to testify then the courts may view no one being disturbed. We may show that there had been calls for police assistance, but if the calls show up as anonymous and no one testifies the courts may call the complaints null and void. This is because in our court system everyone has a right to an impartial trial and the right to face their accuser.

Should you need more information, helpful brochures are located at the North Kohala Police Station.

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County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilwoman Margaret Wille

MARCH 31 IS IMPORTANT. On March 31 the Council's Environmental Management Committee will hear a handful of Zero Waste bills and related resolutions aimed at "reduce, reuse and recycle." Over the past decade the Council has passed many resolutions urging the mayor and the Department of Environmental Management to pursue our county's Zero Waste policies. However, resolutions are not law. On the other hand a bill, once passed, is a county ordinance and it is the law.

The underlying purposes of the bills scheduled to be heard on March 31 are as follows:

First is the intent to divert all compostables from the landfill waste stream and instead make these organics available for making compost for our farmers, landscapers and residents. It makes no sense for farmers to be buying imported compost when the county is filling its landfills with organics needed to make compost. Besides, the major downside to filling our landfills with organics is that these materials create toxic methane fumes that the county must then contract to vent from the landfill, which puts us at risk of State of Hawai'i and federal EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) fines. We have been in violation of the Clear Air Act every

month for the past three years.

The second intent is to divert recyclables from the landfill waste stream and maximize their reuse and recycling.

Another intent is to redirect a small portion of the trash from East Hawai'i to the West Hawai'i sani-



Margaret Wille
District 9 Councilwoman

tary landfill so as to hit the discount threshold of 300 tons of trash going to this landfill each day. We are now at about 285 tons per day. That change alone will net the county a savings of between \$60,000 and \$70,000 a month.

A specific component of these bills is a prohibition against disposing of compostables and recyclables

in any landfill by 2018. This allows commercial haulers trucking up to six cubic yards of trash to use the transfer stations at no cost for acceptable organics and recyclables. It also requires haulers to provide a separate facility for source-separated organics and recyclables. Currently all commercial haulers are required to truck their trash to the landfill without any separation of compostables and recyclables.

A second bill will introduce a partial "pay as you throw" program. As proposed, every household would be able to dispose of a certain amount of landfill trash a week at no charge, but volumes above that allowance would be subject to an additional fee. In this way we can avoid a major tax hike and avoid the prospect of having to build a new landfill.

If you are willing to come support these bills and offer your suggestions, please call my office (887-2043) to find out what time public testimony will be scheduled. If you cannot attend the March 31 council meeting, don't forget to watch this session live stream or from the archive file available on the internet at

http://hawaiicounty.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=1

STATE LEGISLATION OF GREAT IMPORTANCE:

HOUSE BILL 197 draft 2 concerns the amount of revenue the counties will receive from the Transient Accommodation Tax (TAT) revenues. This bill would remove the current cap on the counties' portion. A number of years ago, when that cap was imposed, the counties were assured the cap would only be temporary until the economy improved. Well, the economy has improved yet the cap on our county portion has yet to be removed. Originally the counties' portion was 95%, but most recently it was 44.8%. Assuming we can get this bill passed and the counties' portion is specified at least at 44.8%, this would likely mean an additional \$14-20 million in county revenues.

Bill 197 draft 2 has now passed in the House and been referred to the Senate. This legislation was not expected to pass in the House, but it did. We need the Senate to approve this bill with a 50/50 split between the State and County.

You can check on the status of HB197 at http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=197&year=2015.

With much aloha,
Margaret Wille
Councilmember for District 9
North and South Kohala

IN REMEMBRANCE OF WARREN VIGNATO

I lost a part of my life today with the passing of a dearly beloved and revered friend, Warren Vignato. I also learned a painful lesson that I will carry to my ending days, and that is, "If you care for and love someone, let them know," for life is a fleeting, transient and fickle thing which all too soon drifts away into the mists of time.

As I sit here trying to organize the many memories I have of this wonderful, warm and gentle man, I gaze at Warren's business card -- on which is a photograph of a much younger figure, climbing up a coconut palm with the caption "1960". This photo was taken when Warren was just starting his first tree trimming business on the island of Oahu. He had many fond recollections of those early years living in a "commune," which we would discuss at length during our daily morning meetings, year in and year out, at the Kohala Coffee Mill. We met at 6:00 a.m. for Warren, like me, was an early riser.

Warren was a man rich in body and spirit, imbued with innumerable admirable qualities too numerous to mention in this short account. However, there are some that must be touched upon.

He was a quiet, contemplative man, a humble individual, with a wry sense of humor who, most importantly, never took himself too seriously.

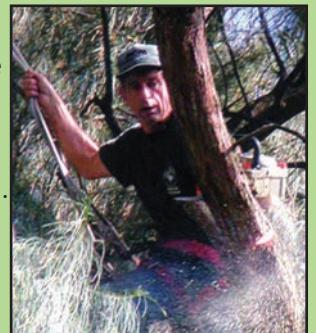
Also, as many of the women in North Kohala are keenly aware, Warren loved the fairer sex to distraction. Always looking for new female companionship he would often regale me with hilarious, ribald stories better left untold! He was a true bon vivant. He loved life and his innumerable friends, one of which I feel much honored to have been considered.

Above all else -- I believe this was his most admirable quality -- Warren was a man of great personal honor, a concept sadly lacking in today's "it's all about me" society! Honor and integrity were the bedrock of his being. He will be sadly missed.

Goodbye dear and beloved friend. I must believe that somewhere in the great beyond you are happily working on your cherished trees and awaiting your innumerable friends to arrive and share in your joy.

Your much-saddened friend,

Craig Williams



Hardware Store Expands into Larger Hawi Location

According to Hawaiian tradition, anything a person touches gets the infusion of their mana, or

who they are and their contribution to the business. The owner, Greg Chilton, received a banana leaf for



Photo by Tom Morse

Sunshine True Value Hardware Store's representative Kathy Roswell presents plaque to Jake and Greg Chilton at the store's Grand Re-Opening on February 27 as Kahu Kealoha Sugiyama looks on. The store has relocated to the old Hawi Gym from its smaller, original Kapa'au location.

divine power. Using this principal, Kahu (Minister) Kealoha Sugiyama performed a blessing ceremony at Sunshine Hardware's Grand Re-opening Celebration on February 27 to bring the staff's mana to the store.

The ceremony begins with a puolo, or container, which was crafted from ti leaves. It contains "the gift of aloha." But before the aloha can be shared, the puolo must be opened.

Opening the leaves of the puolo as he spoke, Kahu Kealoha presented each member of the staff with a different flower to represent

prosperity; his son, Jake Chilton, received a Bird of Paradise to bring the feeling of the paradise we live in; and the employees each received torch ginger to represent the flames of their mana.

The staff members were invited to put their flowers into the puolo, which then became a bouquet reflecting the gift of aloha as it flows through them. It became a thing of beauty representing who they are and the service they are to provide.

Greg Chilton put the bouquet at the cash register to become a makana, a gift offering.

Kohala Style Fashion Show Entertains While Building Skills

On Friday, February 27, a crowd filled the newly renovated Barn at the Kohala Village Hub to watch the Kohala Style Fashion Show. It was produced by Kohala High School Senior Isabel Steinhoff, who is looking forward to having a career in Event Planning. Her production showcased three local businesses

Kahj Maunu who threw down the beats for the runway models and Pomai Carvalho who photographed the event.

Guests enjoyed viewing the stylish fashions, listening to the upbeat music and enjoying the delicious snacks.

This night could not have been

in Hawi: Aloha Man, As Hawi Turns and Olivia Claire Boutique. Isabel's mission was to bring awareness to the local



Photo by Maile Lincoln

Staff and models from the Kohala Style Fashion Show, which featured clothing and accessories from three Hawi boutiques, strike a pose. Kohala High School senior Isabel Steinhoff produced the show, as she intends to pursue a career in event planning.

boutique shops in Hawi. Local models worked the runway showing off clothing and accessories from the stores. Models included seniors Genevieve Boyle, Karisse Café Ayoso, Denae Rivera and Felipe Ruvalcaba; junior Isaiah Moreno and third grader Maya Maki.

Others seniors that helped in the production were Lai Bello-Coito and MaryAnn Emeliano that baked all the snacks for that night, Kassie Kometani who emceed the event,

possible without the support of our community: Lehua Ah Sam and Jack Boyle from the Hub, Derek Higa from Show Systems Hawai'i, Jill Maki of Alohama,

Lisa Ebrahimi of As Hawi Turns, Catherine Miller of Olivia Claire Boutique and members of the Lions Club for helping with security and parking. Also a special mahalo to project mentors Jenna Vega, Jason Muse, Shirley Garcia-Nakamura and Maile Lincoln.

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Kohala Country Fair Committee Needs Volunteers

By Maya Parish

The Kohala Country Fair celebrated its 30th anniversary last year on October 4, 2014, a beautiful sunny Saturday. Approximately 3,500 people, Kohala residents and visitors alike, came out and enjoyed the fair on the ʻIole makai fairgrounds. Each year, the family-friendly event offers something for everyone, including all-day musical entertainment, loads of keiki activities, a wide assortment of food and craft vendors and plenty of comfortable shaded seating from which to enjoy the day.

The one-day event is a sponsored project of the North Kohala Community Resource Center and is organized by a small, but dedicated, committee of Kohala residents. The fair committee is currently looking to fill two key positions: Booths chairperson, and Keiki Zone chairperson. Without people to fill these positions, the fair committee will be hard-pressed to deliver the fair in 2015. The Kohala Country Fair committee wishes to produce a fair in 2015 and is hoping that two or more Kohala residents will volunteer to assist in continuing this long-standing and valuable community tradition.

The fair committee meets once a month from April to July, with weekly meetings starting in August until the day of the fair, the first Saturday of October. While the

fair committee works hard on all aspects of the event—from layout, vendor coordination, t-shirt design and entertainment to PR, accounting, food and craft booths, keiki activities and more—the committee has quite a bit of fun at their meetings as well. The committee is made up of individuals who care deeply about Kohala, are passionate about

mittee that are currently open are both vital to the fair's success in 2015. The Booths chairperson is responsible for inviting and coordinating with all of the food and craft vendors, collecting payments, and assisting with placement in the fair's layout. Last year's booth organization was extremely well done and offered a selection of delectable

cuted and offered activities for all age groups including pony rides by Kohala Equine Education Center, a rock wall climber, a bouncy house, workshops with the Hiccup Circus, and the unforgettable Zoo Choo train for tots. Both the Booths and Keiki Zone chairpersons from last year's committee have pledged to offer support and guidance to the people volunteering to fill those roles on the 2015 fair committee.

At the 2014 fair, Kohala kupuna and other community members were overheard enjoying the talented entertainment headliner Robi Kahakalau; the delicious assortment of food; and the powerful ha'a, a bent-knee dance which became known as hula after the 1800s, shared by the visiting QLCC men's group from Waianae, "Kia'i ʻO iwi O Ka'ala". The fair committee needs help to ensure that this valued and valuable tradition of entertainment continues in Kohala in 2015 and into the future.

Laulima (people working together) is truly necessary for an event like this. Can you step up and help support the country fair? Any interested volunteers, for the Booths and Keiki Zone positions, or for any other aspect of the fair, please contact Kohala Country Fair chairperson Nino Ka'ai at nino@hawaiiintel.net.

Mahalo nui loa from the fair committee.



Photo by Mark LeRoy

Men from Waianae perform a ha'a, a bent-knee dance which became known as hula after the 1800s, at the 2014 Kohala Country Fair. The current fair committee needs two more volunteers so they may continue the 30-years-old fair tradition into 2015.

the fair, and who would welcome others who wish to offer support to the fair with open arms.

The two positions on the com-

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Peer Mediators Encourage Classmates to Talk it Out

Conflict is an inevitable part of life. Some people seek to avoid or withdraw from conflict, taking a more passive approach, while others confront conflict head on, sometimes with verbal or physical aggression. Students in North Kohala are learning to address conflict in a proactive, positive way through peer mediation.

Peer mediation is both a program and a process where two or more students involved in a dispute (the disputants) meet in a private, safe and confidential setting to work out problems with the assistance of two trained student mediators. West Hawai'i Mediation Center, located in Waimea, is the organization that provides the training and support to get these programs up and running in West and North Hawai'i schools. All three Kohala schools offer peer mediation to their students.

Peer mediators, who work in pairs, do not make decisions or try to solve the problem for the disputants, but rather work towards a win-win solution for both parties in order to avoid further trouble. Peer mediators at elementary schools take part in a two and a half hour training, then are present on the playground to help students resolve issues that come up during recess. Kohala Elementary School's program is coordinated by Principal Danny Garcia.

At the middle and high school level, the mediator training is over 12 hours and focuses on the nature of conflict, positive communication skills, critical thinking, collaboration and active listening. During the final day of training, the peer medi-

ators participate in many mock mediation sessions, during which they are mentored by adult mediators or trained counselors. After the peer mediators are trained and the program is ready to launch, anyone at the school can refer students to mediation, including the students themselves. An important element of mediation, however, is that it is always voluntary.

helps students resolve conflict in a peaceful way using respectful communication. It helps prevent fights at our school and reduces violence, creating a happier and more peaceful school environment. Through peer mediation, students learn to express their feelings in a productive way, and the training that peer mediators receive gives them important tools that will help them

middle and high school peer mediators from around the state for a day of presentations and mini workshops, most of which are led by the students themselves. This year seven schools, represented by a total of approximately 150 students and program coordinators, participated in the conference at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Attendees were inspired by the number of

young people committed to creating more peaceful schools. Importantly, the event linked together students from many different backgrounds and island communities. Kohala Middle School mediator Kayleen Cordeiro was grateful for the chance to interact with high school mediators who have more

experience doing mediation. "I got to observe how they do mediation and what helps them when they are struggling. I gained a lot of knowledge. The conference was amazing."

Attending the conference also helped the students understand that they are part of something larger. High school mediator Patrick Nelson said, "It was eye opening. I learned a lot and saw how successful these programs can be." Many students were inspired by the presentations by Kapa'a High School, which has formed a very strong, active Peer Mediation and Peaceful Schools program over the past seven years. Their message to their fellow mediators was that they all needed to get more involved, to stop being bystanders to teasing and bullying, and to be part of the solution by being active leaders in their schools. "It motivated me to speak up and stand for others," said middle school mediator Mya Bartsch.



Photo by Robyn Skudlarek

Peer mediators from Kohala Middle and High Schools attend the 28th Annual Peer Mediation Conference in February 2015.

(Left to right) Melony Tavares of West Hawaii Mediation Center, Kayleen Cordeiro, Myshayla Gusman, Mya Bartsch, Anela Medeiros, Kayla Francisco, Robyn Skudlarek of West Hawaii Mediation Center, Kohala Middle School Counselor Lauren Canton, Skyler Marcom-Robinson, Patrick Nelson

Positive outcomes at the school level include reduced disciplinary actions, a decrease in fighting and violence and a greater sense of peacefulness and security within the school community. Students who serve as mediators learn important skills they will use throughout their lives, and most mediators feel very proud of the service they are offering to their peers – and they take it very seriously. "The peer mediation program has been a great asset to Kohala High School, and the mediators have demonstrated tremendous professionalism when facilitating mediation," said Jennifer Marlowe, coordinator for the program at Kohala High School.

Lauren Canton, who helped to establish the middle school program, feels that "peer mediation

to develop and maintain healthy relationships in their own lives."

West Hawai'i Mediation Center is currently working with six elementary, four middle and two high schools in West and North Hawaii. Robyn Skudlarek, a Kohala resident, is the youth programs coordinator for the Center and says, "The pilot program for middle and high schools has really taken off. We started with Kohala Middle in late 2012 and have added five more schools in just over two years. It's been an exciting and busy time, especially so because we took eight middle and high school mediators from North Kohala schools to the 28th Annual Peer Mediation Conference in Honolulu in mid-February."

The conference brings together

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Longtime KMN Layout Editor Retires

Anne Fojtasek, who has been with the Kohala Mountain News (KMN) since its inception in 1997, has retired from the paper. Anne served mainly as the layout editor, although she had short stints as stand-in managing editor, designed many of the ads and served as a copy editor during the entire time she handled the layout. She will remain in Kohala to enjoy the life she has built here over the decades.

The paper's origins go back to when the original editor, Charlotte "Char" Donat, got a personal computer. She thought it would be fun to start a local paper, so assembled a group of friends who met once or twice a week for several months to plan a publication.

The team consisted of Donat as the managing editor, Bob Martin as the business manager, Leslie Patton as a news reporter, Audrey Veloria as the circulation editor and Fojtasek as the layout editor.

At that time Fojtasek had no experience with graphic layout software, only word processing. She got a one-hour lesson in the PageMaker program she would be using, and then was on her own. With a keen interest in making the paper visually pleasing, she made mock-up newspapers to practice with the software, likening the process to assembling a jigsaw puzzle. Each piece—whether a news story, photo or advertisement—would need to fit just right with those around it to make the overall aesthetics work.

The first issue, published in November 1997, was the front and back covers of the Takata advertising booklet. A short two pages long, it introduced the Kohala Mountain News to the community and asked for community participation in putting out the news of Kohala. The newspaper staff requested that larger businesses here—especially Takata's, Kohala Pacific Realty and Sunshine Hardware—take out ads in the paper to support its printing.

The second month's edition doubled in size, from just the front and back covers to the covers plus the pages inside the covers.

The very next month, in January of 1998, the paper was printed as a separate eight-page publication and continued in this format for several years before bumping up to

12 pages, then 16, finally becoming the 20-page paper it is today. "I do remember one issue that had only four pages," Fojtasek says. "We just didn't have the advertising that time to support any more." The original Kohala Mountain News (January 1998 to January 2001) came out every two weeks instead of once a month.

Hagadon Printers in Honolulu originally printed the paper, the files being sent to them electronically via



Photo courtesy of Kohala Mountain News
Anne Fojtasek, longtime layout editor for the Kohala Mountain News, retired from the paper in February 2015. She was a member of the original 1997 staff and continued with the paper in its various forms until her retirement

an FTP (file transfer protocol) client. Given Kohala's rural infrastructure the transmission was not always dependable, and if the connection dropped for just a second, the entire transfer process would need to be started over again. This reality led to many months of working into the wee hours of the morning prior to printing. Fojtasek recalls one stretch in 2008 when she went three days straight without sleep. Her computer failed so she had to start from scratch on a new one, rebuilding all the ads and recreating many of the graphics.

KMN was printed for several years at Hilo Bay Printing to save on the cost of shipping the finished

product from Honolulu. However, their equipment would eventually influence the paper's very existence. In January 2001 an important component of a Hilo Bay printing press failed and a replacement needed to be shipped from Germany, a process that took several months. The presses were down.

"We couldn't find anyone else who would print the paper at a price we could afford," Fojtasek remembers. "The February issue had been prepared but was never printed."

When Shiro Takata was offered a refund of his pre-paid advertising money, he declined the checks and instead asked Fojtasek to produce several pages of news for his ad book again. She gladly took the opportunity to write a variety of small news stories, each from 50 to 150 words in length and always with a positive slant. "Great practice for writing tight!" she says. Shoppers would take their advertising booklets home to learn what was happening about town.

Although Fojtasek wanted to get KMN published again she couldn't drum up enough people to take on the job. But when the 2006 earthquake hit, things changed. The community felt the lack of communication that a local paper provides, and a new group started talking about reviving the paper. Fojtasek was happy to serve as the layout editor once more.

The first issue of the new KMN was published in January 2007. After several issues with guest editors (Fojtasek and Andrea Dean were two of them), Joel Kennedy took over as managing editor. Tim Head and Suzanne Sasaki wrote stories. Jill Kupitz, daughter of KMN's current publisher/ad sales manager Tom Morse, was the advertising editor.

Fojtasek loves that KMN is a community effort, with residents adding their talents to produce a forum where diverse segments of Kohala talk to each other, increasing interest in community happenings. For example, the Kohala Community Development Plan meetings have the most participation of any community on Hawai'i. She believes this can be partly attributed to the sense of community

people get from the paper.

On wisdom gained from working with KMN, Fojtasek recalls that in the beginning she was not aware of the blood, sweat and tears she would shed, and the constant learning that would be required, to produce a quality publication. She has no regrets, though, especially appreciating that as a reporter she got to know the community in ways she never would have otherwise.

KMN is dear to her heart because Kohala is dear to her heart. She happily put many years of effort into the paper and feels confident she is leaving the publication she nurtured so carefully in competent hands. She looks forward to more time for meditation, playing piano, gardening, writing, exercising and enjoying family. Of her retirement she says, "Free time is like a vacuum: things rush in to fill it. But that's fine because the process offers me so many opportunities to grow."



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Peer mediation is one of many tools that schools can use to create a more peaceful school environment. One of the most important tasks in establishing a mediation program is simply getting the word out to the students and the community, making sure that as many people as possible understand that this is a viable, and most importantly, confidential, way to solve problems with other people.

Kohala High School mediator Anela Medeiros expressed the overall message well when she said, "I think it's important that students understand that there is a mature way to settle their issues without letting it escalate to extremes. If they are willing to talk it out and be open-minded about solving their problem, peer mediation would be a great choice."

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Reunion Registration Extended

By Toni Withington

While the heavy rains of February may have been good for plants, it did hinder registration efforts by the Kohala 2015 Reunion committee at the Saturday Hawi Farmers Market. Because of this, registration of families to attend the four-day event in July has been extended to April 15.

Kathy Matsuda, co-chair of the event, encourages pre-registration and pre-sales of event T-shirts so the committee can expand the many activities offered at the community-wide reunion held every five years. This year the event is scheduled to take over most of Kamehameha Park from July 3 to 6. It will feature music, dance, local foods, crafts and exhibits of Kohala's history, and pride in the successes of its native-born.

So far many former Kohala residents have signed up to return for the fourth reunion, some in conjunction with family and KHS class

reunions. Everyone interested in Kohala, new and old, is encouraged to attend at the reasonable rate of \$25 for an entire household for the four days. Registration also includes a booklet listing and describing all events, along with discounts and gifts from local businesses.

Tables will be set up around town to continue pre-registration. Forms sent out to every post box in December can be returned by mail to Reunion, P.O. Box 96, Kapa`au, HI 96755. Additional forms can be requested from Kathy Matsuda at 895-2025 or email Kathy@hialoha.net.

The committee is also seeking donations. The registration fees and donations are used to help the committee determine expenses. Tax deductible donations can be mailed to Kohala 2015 Reunion in care of NKCRC, PO Box 519, Hawi, HI 96719. "The more funding we can raise ahead of time, the better the event we can put on," said Matsuda.

Weekly Events in April

Please note these events meet every week.

MONDAY

- 7PM Al-Anon meeting with Laura, Walker Hall, St. Augustine's 884-5833
- 7PM Narcotics Anonymous, Wylie Hall, 'Iole Road, Kalahikiola Church
- 8-9:15 AM Hatha Yoga with Morgan Cassidy, White tent, 53-496 'Iole Rd
- 5:30-6PM Insanity Classes with Ross Pagat, Solid Rock North Church 989-0966

TUESDAY

- 9-10:30AM Sitting Meditation with John, Meditation Hale, 53-3988 Akoni Pule Hwy
- 2:30PM Kendama Club, North Kohala Library 889-6655

WEDNESDAY

- 7PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Wylie Hall, 'Iole Road, Kalahikiola Church

THURSDAY

- 7PM Narcotics Anonymous, Wylie Hall, 'Iole Road, Kalahikiola Church
- 8-9:15AM Vinyasa Flow Yoga, with Maya Parish, White tent, 53-496 'Iole Rd
- 2-4PM Traditional Hawaiian Weaving with Aunty Mele Waikiki, White tent, 53-496 'Iole Rd
- 4-5PM Beginning Hula with Aunty Mele Waikiki, White tent, 53-496 'Iole Rd
- 5:30-6PM Insanity Classes with Ross Pagat, Solid Rock North Church 989-0966

FRIDAY

- 10AM Preschool Storytime, North Kohala Library 889-6655

Email weekly calendar listings to kmncalendar@hotmail.com or call #339-4951

Hawi Now Has Full-Service Beauty Salon

Skincare specialist Kathie Babben has changed her location to downtown Hawi, joining Fusion to create a convenient salon offering complete hair, nail and skin services.

A licensed aesthetician with 27 years of experience, Kathie has helped more than 18,000 women with their skin problems – including sagging facial muscles, acne, sun damage and aging skin.

While benefiting from her technical expertise, clients enjoy a relaxing, pampering experience in a quiet, garden-view room, including hand and neck massage with most treatments.

To help clients improve and maintain their skin, Kathie teaches how to choose and use skincare products correctly, especially when it comes to an anti-aging skin routine.

"Many people are confused by heavily-advertised, over-the-counter products that don't even penetrate the skin but clog the pores. A skincare routine based on pro-



Photo courtesy of Kathie Babben

Licensed aesthetician Kathie Babben performs a facial treatment. Babben recently moved to Fusion salon, which now offers a full range of services ranging from hair and nails to skin treatments, waxing and tinting.

fessional guidance can deliver the results you're looking for, and you can maintain it simply once you understand what your skin needs," says Kathie.

Kathie also offers head-to-toe waxing, including Brazilian bikini waxing.

"A properly designed eyebrow shape can enhance your eyes and finish your look, even without makeup," says Kathie, who also tints eyebrows and lashes.

To address facial aging that is more than skin deep, Kathie offers the nonsurgical Microcurrent facelift to activate sagging muscles and restore facial contours.

Joe Sedillo, master hair stylist and owner of Fusion, and Kristian Ellazar, apprentice stylist and manicurist, provide all nail and hair services. Fusion is located at 55-3339 Akoni Pule Highway, phone 884-5400.

To reach Kathie please call or text 333-4843 or visit skincarebykathie.com. Skincare consultations are complimentary.

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Special note: donation items can be dropped off at St. James Episcopal Church or the Reuse Store at the transfer station (to right of HI5 redemption building).

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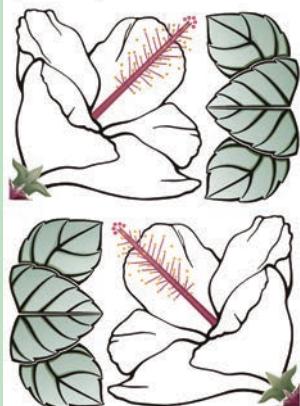
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Four Kohala Projects Awarded Young Brothers Grants

Four projects serving North Kohala youth recently received a total of \$2,300 in grants from Community Advisory Grants of Young Brothers, Ltd. The awards, ranging in size from \$500 to \$1,000, were presented to KHS Aquaculture, Kohala Youth Ranch, Kohala Community Athletic Association and Keiki Yoga Kohala at a ceremony February 13 at Tutu's House in Waimea. All four projects are sponsored by North Kohala Community Resource Center.

KHS Aquaculture, under the leadership of Frank Cipriani, provides aquaculture education to Kohala High School students through the school's agriculture program. The mission of the aquaculture program is to train and certify graduating 'Aquaculture Technicians' for high entry-level positions in the aquaculture industry, with opportunities for stipend internships, postsecondary education and careers in aquaculture. Students have the opportunity to enroll in the Aquaculture Training Online Learning program administered by University of Hawai'i Aquaculture Extension Service.

Kohala Youth Ranch is an innovative program that utilizes horses for personal growth and learning, providing free equine-assisted education services for at-risk youth on Hawai'i Island. Since 2012 the Ranch, under project directors Joe and Kelly Vitorino of Hawai'i Paso Finos, has served 296 participants, including teens and youth from

Kohala High School, Sunday's Child Foster Youth Program, Ke Kama Pono Safe House for Girls and the Humane Society's New Leash on Life boys program.



Photo by: Michael Foley
Frank Cipriani, right, receives a grant award for the KHS Aquaculture program from Glen Hong, President of Young Brothers, on February 13.

Kohala Community Athletic Association (KCAA) has been serving North Kohala youth for over 30 years. KCAA is run by a dedicated group of volunteers who organize and sponsor healthful activities for boys and girls ages 5-14. Activities include biddy and age-group basketball, volleyball, flag football, t-ball, softball and pitch ball. In addition to teaching activity-specific skills and sportsmanship, KCAA also helps youth develop healthy interpersonal relationships with others.

Begun in 2007, Keiki Yoga Kohala is a school-based program that

brings yoga and healthy lifestyles education into Kohala Elementary School classrooms. Their mission is to help the over 350 KES students and teachers establish and maintain a lifetime of physical health and emotional wellness, find enjoyment and success in physical activity, develop stress reduction strategies and skills, develop greater focus and concentration and transfer yoga skills to other academic and social situations.

Since the inception of the Community Advisory Grants program in 2001, Young Brothers has contributed nearly \$900,000 to approximately 920 non-profit organizations throughout the state of Hawaii. As an inter-island freight handling and transportation company with a full fleet of barges, tugs, and shoreside equipment, Young Brothers offers service to ports on Kauai, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, O'ahu, and Hilo and Kawaihae on the Island of Hawaii.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to one of these projects, send your check to NKCRC, P.O. Box 519, Hawi, HI 96719 with the project name noted on the memo line. NKCRC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to increase the number of successful community projects that benefit the North Kohala community.

If a Disaster Strikes, Will You Know What To Do?

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training helps you and our community to be ready in the event of disaster. Participants learn about potential threats and skills needed to provide assistance in an emergency. The course covers preparedness, search and rescue, fire suppression, triage, basic first aid, communication, disaster psychology and more. Hands-on exercises and simulations assist you in putting this new knowledge into practice. North Kohala CERT encourages all North Kohala residents to participate in this training to take better care of their households and neighborhoods. The training builds community resilience, a key to effective response and quicker recovery.

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Kickoff for Kohala Reunion 2015 Held on O`ahu

Kohala family members living on O`ahu gathered this month at Aiea State Park pavilion to begin Reunion 2015 with food, music and good company. Many of the 30 people attending the kickoff will be here for the community-wide reunion scheduled for July 3 through 6. This will be the fourth and largest event, which is held every five years at Kamehameha Park.

The Aiea potluck picnic turned into an old fashioned kanikapila with music by Rodney Cazimero on guitar and Rudy Antonio on ukulele.

The organizers, Fred Cachola and Connie Chun, printed large maps of the former plantation camps, asking people to identify where they and others lived.

"We had folks from all over the place," said Cachola, "like William Rodenhurst from Niuli'i; Hirano, Naungayan and Rudy Antonio from Halaula down camp; Rodney Cazimero and his sister Jean Hirakuji and others from Hawi; Ara-

kakis from Camp 17; Barbara and Shirley Queja and Kahiamoe from Ho`ea; Adrian Ah Tou from Union Mill; Mr. Fukuda, whose family established Fukuda Store; Dr. Goro Uehara's family; and many others.

"It was a good time to get caught up on news and events of different families—where they are now; [and] their careers, children, grand children..." he added. The gathering lasted hours longer than originally planned.



Reunion 2015 gathering on O`ahu with Louie Cabrera, Rudy Antonio on ukulele, Norman Arakaki, Bobbi Bowman Green and Gloria Byrd Teo.

Photo by: Rose Antonio

Little Fire Ants Reported in Kohala

By Dr. Jana Bogs

They're tiny, about 1/16 of an inch long, but they pack a punch! Little fire ants (LFA) have been a real stinging menace over in the Puna district, and have also been reported in the Kona district. Some farmers have had to leave their farms because the ants have so far proven impossible to eradicate. Despite efforts by state workers to inform the public about the threat and prevent spread, there is now a report of little fire ants here in Kohala.

The local chapter of Hawai'i Farmers Union United (HFUU) will be hosting Heather Forester, an invasive ant support technician from the Hawai'i Ant Lab in Hilo, to speak on little fire ants Tuesday, April 14, at The Barn at the Kohala Village Hub. The meeting, which is free of charge, will start with a potluck at 6 p.m.

Little fire ants usually come into a new area in the soil of potted plants. All potted plants brought

into Kohala should be checked before planting them in the yard or otherwise giving them a home. Participants in the April HFUU meeting will learn an easy way to check potted plants and survey property in general for LFA. Everyone is



Photo courtesy of dlnr.hawaii.gov

Little fire ants, which inflict a painful sting, crawl on the end of a chopstick. The ants have thus far proven impossible to eradicate from other parts of the island and have now spread to Kohala.

encouraged to attend to learn more about LFA and how to prevent their spread.

Nominations for Pride of Kohala Wall Sought

The Pride of Kohala committee for the 2015 Kohala Reunion is requesting nominations for the "Pride of Kohala" wall.

The criteria are that the person must have been born and raised in Kohala and been significantly recognized. First preference will be given to those recognized internationally, then nationally, statewide, and lastly, island wide.

Please send in your nomination along with background on the nominee to Lani Eugenio at lani_live_aloha@yahoo.com or call 315-8728.

You will be contacted to provide specific information.

Kohala High School Class of 1985 Reunion Planned

Kohala High School's Class of 1985 will be celebrating their 30th year class reunion June 26-28, 2015.

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Kamehameha Day 2015 ~ Celebrating Kohala Families

By Randee Golden

Mark your calendars to make sure you're in town for Kohala's annual Kamehameha Day Celebration, held each year on June 11. With the theme of "Na Ohana 'O Kohala" (The Families of Kohala), organizers plan to create a full day of celebration, education, participation, music and good food for all Kohala families and anyone else lucky enough to be here that Thursday in June.

"It's all about celebrating the Mo'i, our King," shared Kamehameha Day Chair Bernard Ho'opai, who has helped run this event with his family and friends on the Kamehameha Day Committee for the past seven years.

As Kohala tradition holds true, the day starts early in the morning to acknowledge King Kamehameha with a traditional lei draping ceremony at his statue in Kapa'au. The annual Pa'u Parade will then grace Akoni Pule Highway, starting in Hawi at 9:00 a.m., traveling past the statue in Kapa'au, and ending at Kamehameha Park, where the



Photos courtesy of the Kamehameha Day Committee

Ka'ahumanu Society members honor King Kamehameha with song each year.

celebration continues till 4:00 p.m. Continuous entertainment featuring music and dance performances, food booths offering varied local dishes and lots of activities will be featured at the ho'olaulea.

This year, the Hisaoka Gym will

be filled with informational booths and experiential activities. A new and expanded team of volunteers is working to bring a variety of practitioners that will either demonstrate their craft or provide those interested with a chance to experience

conch shell blowing and student art competitions are also being planned. Details on how to participate will be shared in future KMN articles and on posters throughout the area well ahead of this annual community event.

what they do.

Besides inviting weavers, lei makers, quilters, carvers and other Hawaiian cultural practitioners, the team is also asking organizations to set up informational booths that share about history, culture, Kohala, health and sustainability.

Contests designed to encourage community participation will also be offered this year. Merchants will be invited to once again decorate storefronts throughout the district, with winning designs receiving prizes. Lei,

Kohala Sound Designer Wins Industry Honors

Kohala resident Robert "Bob" Shoup traveled to Los Angeles in February to accept well-deserved accolades from his peers. He and other members of his crew won the Golden Reel Award for Best Sound and Music Editing of a Feature Animation for "Big Hero 6" - a Walt Disney Animation Studios film.

Shoup acted as the Supervising Foley Editor for this film, but was known in the industry as "Mr. Everything," since he could fill whatever sound effects position was needed.

This recent award mirrors Shoup's first Golden Reel Award, which he claimed in 1983 for "Never Cry Wolf."

A farm boy at heart, Shoup and his wife Liz Montague moved to Kohala in September from Northern California.

Their home was near Skywalker Ranch, where he created masterful sound effects for George Lucas'



Courtesy of Motion Picture Sound Editors Association

Kohala resident Robert Shoup (far right) and members of his crew accept the Golden Reel Award for Best Sound and Music Editing of a Feature Animation for "Big Hero 6." The annual Awards acknowledge the year's best work in sound editing for Dialogue, Automated Dialogue Replacing (ADR), Effects, Foley and Music categories.

Skywalker Sound for over 25 years. The couple now owns a home on a peaceful acre where they enjoy

picking avocados, papayas and macadamia nuts. Both active in the Seniors Club, they claim to have

"won life's lottery" by moving to Kohala and are thrilled with their new home in paradise.



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4	SAT	12PM	1PM	Mo`oheau Park Concert	Paul Arceo, Hawai'i County Band	Mo`oheau Park	961-8699
6	MON	6:30PM	7:30PM	Chinese knotting	with Barbar Chung Ho	North Kohala Library	889-6655
8	WED	10AM		Homeschool Wednesday	for ages 6-9	North Kohala Library	889-6655
11	SAT	2PM	4PM	Growing and processing plants	free workshop by Karen Thomas	Kohala Village Hub	889-0404
11	SAT	10AM	4PM	Spring Heritage Bazaar & Rummage Sale	The Spring fundraiser supports the youth programs	Kawaihae Canoe Club	885-4498
13	MON	6PM		Poetry meeting	coordinated by Joshua Bowman	North Kohala Library	889-6655
13	MON	4PM	5PM	Flag Football Registration	KCAA	Hisaoka Gym	Kim 895-1939
15	WED	4PM	5PM	Flag Football Registration	KCAA	Hisaoka Gym	Kim 895-1939
15	WED	11AM		"The White Lioness" by Henning Mankell.	Adult reading discussion	North Kohala Library	889-6655
22	WED	10AM		Homeschool Wednesday	for ages 6-10	North Kohala Library	889-6655
24	FRI	6PM	10PM	9th Annual Trash Bash Art & Fashion Exhibition	Live music, organic dinner available for purchase.	Kava Kafe Upstairs at the Mill	Coleen 345-6322
28	TUE	5PM	6PM	CDP subcommittee	Power, Viewplanes, & Erosion Control		Susan Fischer 882-7611
29	WED	4PM	5:30PM	Restorative Yoga Therapy	with Carla Orellana, in the White Tent	53-496 `Iole Rd	889-6655
29	WED	2:45PM		"Shiloh" (ages 10+)	Youth reading and movie discussion	North Kohala Library	889-6655

Email calendar listings to kmncalendar@hotmail.com or call 339-4951.

CDP AC March Meeting Minutes

At their monthly meeting on Monday, March 9, the North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee (NKCPD AC) formed an investigatory subcommittee to prepare recommendations to the Hawai'i County Planning Department to amend the Hawai'i County General Plan. The planning director has initiated a comprehensive review of the general plan and comments are due by June 6. The subcommittee will be presenting its recommendations at the next AC meeting on Monday, April 13. Members of the community with suggestions for the subcommittee can contact John Winter, Jon Adams, Joe Carvalho or Keoni MacKillop. Information on the general plan and the review can be found at www.cohplanningdept.com/general-plan.

John Winter, AC chair, presented the NKCPD AC Annual Report to the Community to the AC for approval. It was approved unanimously and will be published in the

Kohala Mountain News in lieu of a public meeting.

Keoni MacKillop of the Public Access subcommittee reported that there has been good progress toward a public purchase of Hapu'u Kapanai. There are three parcels: an ocean parcel (22.08 acres) where Hale O Kaili is located, and two parcels (7 acres) along the access road. He also stated that the subcommittee is drafting a letter to the planning department to get more information on public access easements for Lighthouse Road, Paho Beach, Upolu Airport East, Kohala Shoreline LLC and Kohala Kai. He said the public has had questions that the subcommittee has been unable to answer because of a lack of information from the planning department. The letter will be submitted first to the AC. He announced that there will be volunteer workdays at Kauhola Lighthouse on the last Saturday of every month beginning in April.

John Winter said that the next

meeting of the Parks, Water and Roads subcommittee will be held at Mahukona, where they will be meeting with the Friends of the Park to assess the impacts of the high surf there. They plan to have a similar meeting with the National Guard about any damages to Kapa'a. They will determine if any more help is needed from the Department of Parks and Recreation at either place. The meeting will be on Wednesday, March 25, at 5:00 p.m. They will also talk with representatives from Keokea to see if they need assistance from the department.

Winter also reported that there have been seven breaks in the water lines along Beers Road in the last six months, and that Toni Withington is meeting with the Water Department regarding that issue. Finally, he stated that the Intergenerational

Center is now under the jurisdiction of the County and that anyone wanting to use that facility, the old Bank of Hawai'i building or the Kohala Senior Center needs to contact Jodie Torres, Community Service Program Assistant, at the Bank building. Her number is 889-6502.

Susan Fischer announced that the meeting time of the Power, Viewplanes and Erosion Control subcommittee has been changed to the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. A question came up as to whether rules have been changed to allow community solar power grids, and Fischer was asked to look into that and report back to the AC at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the NKCPD AC will be on Monday, April 13, at 5:00 p.m. at the Kohala Senior Center. The public is encouraged to attend.

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For the Love of Trash, What's Up with Your Waste?

By Leslie Nugent

Did you know that Hawai'i Island generates about 250,000 lbs of trash per year? That's enough to fill 162 barges and averages over seven pounds per person per day.

The 9th Annual Trash Bash Art & Fashion Show is offering you the opportunity to strut your stuff and show Kohala how you creatively up-cycle, reuse and repurpose your trash.

The show will be held Friday, April 24 from 6-10 p.m. at the Kava Kafe, Upstairs at the Mill in downtown Hawi.

Following International Earth Day on April 22 and landing on National Arbor Day, the Trash Bash Art & Fashion Show will feature live music by Ka'ahale and the Isness and Foster Oren Haney. Organic dinners, fresh island 'awa, kombucha and other beverages will be available for purchase from the Kava Kafe.

The Trash Bash encourages that art and fashion be made mostly from trash. True trash is an item which cannot be recycled or composted and is thrown into the landfill. Examples are plastics which are not accepted at our recycling center, Styrofoam, CDs, fabric, clothing, old furniture, packaging, children's toys, toothbrushes and many other items.

If you are registering artwork or trash fashion, register online by Wednesday, April 22. Please bring your artwork, ready to display and clearly labeled with your name, and \$5 entry fee to the Kava Kafe on April 22 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Fashion can be worn to and showcased at the reception, where a \$5 entry fee will be collected. The art show will be on display at the Kava Kafe during the month following the show.

This year local artist Haley Graham is joining the Trash Bash coordination team. She has created a beautiful event flyer and will be helping to organize the art show.

All proceeds from the Trash Bash Art and Fashion Show entries will be donated to recycling education and outreach programs focused on youth. Tax-deductible dona-



Photo courtesy of Beth Bohn

2014 Trash Art Mosaic "Lost in Transformation," constructed out of broken pottery in a discarded satellite dish by Karen Rosen and Carol Laramée.

tions can be made to WasteStream or Kohala Trash Bash through the NKCRC.

The Trash Bash was initiated and organized by artist Karen Rosen and a committed group of trash fashionistas to raise awareness about recycling and how much trash we create in our world. Over the past nine years the Art and Fashion Show has proven to be a fun and engaging way for artists both young and old to play with reusing and repurposing materials that may otherwise be seen as waste. The Trash Bash is as much about the love of art as it is the love of our 'aina. Art and fashion are vehicles to change our perceptions,

raise our awareness and increase our appreciation for our Earth's precious resources and how we use them. Organizers Karen Rosen and Rebecca Parks share that the Trash Bash is "fun, exciting and [it's] so interesting to see people's ideas, [to see] that creativity feeds and inspires all of us." Reflecting on the journey they agree, "Doing this has changed our own personal recycling and consumption habits."

Inspiration for the Kohala Trash Bash came in part from Ira Ono of Volcano Garden Arts, founder of the Hilo Trash Art Show. The "Trash Art Show - Hawai'i Artists Recycle" celebrated their 20th anniversary this past year, featuring over 100 Big Island artists and fashion designers. The Kohala Trash Bash is joining the ranks of a national and international movement to reduce, reuse, repurpose and recycle in creative and innovative ways.

The first Trash Bash was held just after WasteStream, a project of the NKCRC and a sponsor of the Trash Bash, had begun a recycling program at the North Kohala transfer station. WasteStream's mis-

sion is "to entertain, educate and inspire Kohala residents to expand their recycling and conservation efforts." They have supported and contributed to the transfer station's development of systems to recycle non-redeemable materials including mixed recycling (cans; plastics numbered 1, 2 and 5; paper and cardboard); non HI-5 glass; appliances and batteries; as well as HI-5 container redemption.

All HI-5 donations at the transfer station redemption center for the months of March and April will be redeemed and proceeds will be donated to the Trash Bash and WasteStream.

In addition, the re-use center managed by Recycle Hawai'i at the Hawi transfer station diverts fully functioning and lightly used goods such as clothing, books and household items from being sent to the landfill, redistributing them at an affordable price to the community.

Interested in learning more about what can be recycled and where to do it? Recycle Hawai'i, a non-profit educational organization, has up to date information available online at www.recyclehawaii.org.

The Kohala Trash Bash Art and Fashion Show is sponsored by the Kohala Coffee Mill, WasteStream, Just MacNuts and Elements Jewelry and Fine Crafts. Registration, inspiration and more information can be found online at www.kohalatrashbash.com.

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Historic Kohala Girls' School Renovation Begins

Kohala Institute at `Iole is beginning construction on its GRACE Center, a multipurpose education and meeting center located at the historic Kohala Girls' School. Construction began on March 2 following a traditional blessing performed by Danny Akaka, Jr. Public access to the `Iole property mauka of Akoni Pule highway is restricted during the remainder of 2015.

The initial phases of construction will focus on the necessary infrastructure, to support the renovation and opening of the GRACE Center. GRACE is an acronym for the universal values of Gratitude, Respect, Accountability, Courage and Engagement, which are at the core of all of Kohala Institute at `Iole's programs and projects. The GRACE Center will be a multipurpose educational facility with overnight capacity serving kama`aina and visitors through a variety of mission-based programs. Kohala Institute's mission is to provide opportunities to connect with the land and universal values for a better world.

Since 1999, Kohala Institute has encouraged and welcomed public access on its property. During 2015, while construction is underway, public access to the property will be restricted. All of the hiking trails on the property are temporarily closed. The Kohala Institute staff hopes to redesign several trails for public access in the near future. The area surrounding the historic Bond Homestead and hale wa`a will remain available for public access.

"We greatly appreciate the goodwill that Kohala residents have shown us over the years," said Kohala Institute's Executive Director Noelani Kalipi, "and we are excited about the opportunities that the GRACE Center will provide in 2016 in terms of programming and educational opportunities available in Kohala."

Any questions about the construction and temporary restricted public access, including updates on trail re-openings, can be directed to 889-5151 or info@kohalainstitute.org.

Bartolome Stands Out at Poetry Out Loud State Competition

Eleventh grade Kohala High School (KHS) student Gabrielle Bartolome earned a berth at the Hawai'i State Finals of the 10th Annual Poetry Out Loud Competition. The competition was held at Tenney Theatre, Cathedral of St. Andrew, on Sunday, February 22. Bartolome was the highest ranked recital performance in Ms. Fern White's Advanced Placement English class. White and Miss Miriah Petruzzi, who teaches 10th grade English at KHS, both coached Bartolome in her practice sessions and accompanied Bartolome to the state finals. Bartolome, along with 13 others, recited their selections from memory. Each participant had to recite in round one, then a second different poem in round two. Scores were tallied. Judges included newscasters, journalists and drama coaches. Only three students advanced to the third and final round. Bartolome, the only female to advance in this

year's competition, placed third overall in the state. Congratulations go to Bartolome for her brave dedication to excellence and effort. She truly makes Kohala proud.

Poetry Out Loud uses a pyramid structure that begins at the classroom level, advances to a school-wide competition, then to state competitions and ultimately to the National Finals. Poetry Out Loud awards over \$100,000 in



Photo courtesy of Fern White

Gabrielle Bartolome (center) is flanked by her proud coaches Miriah Petruzzi (l) and Fern White (r) following the awards ceremony at Tenney Theatre on O`ahu at the 2015 Poetry Out Loud State Finals.

prizes to students and schools at the state and national levels. More information may be found at <http://poetry-outloudHawaii.weebly.com> or <http://www.poetryoutloud.org>

KHS Speech Club Celebrates Dr. Seuss Read Aloud Story Hour



Photo by Fern White

Gabrielle Bartolome, Alexis Ella Matundan, Denae Rivera, Tim Pontius and Josiah Adams (standing) along with Isabel Steinhoff and Kassie Kometani (sitting) continue to celebrate reading aloud their favorite Dr. Seuss books for fun in Ms. Fern White's AP English Literature class. Students identified literary devices as well as motifs and themes. The fun closed Quarter 3 studies with real, farm fresh green eggs, furikake rice and Spam!

Kohala High School Speech Club (KHSSC) members always celebrate Dr Seuss' birthday! Each year KHSSC members don striped hats and big red bow ties and then walk over to the North Kohala Public Library. On February 27, in partnership with Librarian Leilani Silver, KHSSC students enlivened the Friday morning story hour the library regularly hosts. Dressed in red, black and white, Tanya Adams, Jashel Jose, Kumulani Kaai and Mark Macaspac rendered lively readings aloud for the public as

toddlers, parents and grandparents enjoyed the Dr Seuss readings. KHSSC is an affiliate of the National Forensic League. Its mission is to increase public speaking opportunities for high school students. One aspect of membership and club participation is community service. This year the club has continued several community service activities that do not ask for any donations and simply serve.

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Kohala High College Skills Prep Program Hosts 8th Graders

Writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading (WICOR) are the foundation skills of instructive activities in AVID. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. Kohala High School (KHS) has been a part of the college skills preparation program, established in California over 30 years ago, since 2006. In the program, teachers implement best practices and AVID instructional strategies in courses across a variety of content areas. The AVID mission and the Kohala High vision are, "Creating a community of college and career ready, lifelong learners." Both involve student achievement and readiness for college and career.

In collaboration with Kohala Middle School AVID elective teacher Jenny Stevens, on March 9 KHS AVID elective teachers Kehaulani Hedlund and Debbie Okubo hosted the 8th grade AVID students for the first ever Shadow and Share. After greeting the 8th grade students seniors Justin Agbayani, Mary Ann Emeliano and Michael Medeiros shared their insights about AVID, their aspirations and college destinations. Then



Photo by Fern White

AVID students from Kohala Middle and Kohala High for the Shadow and Share Day held March 9, 2015 at the high school:

8th grade AVID students: Sadey Alip, Makamae Edayan, Kayla Francisco, Shania Fuertes, Kaimi Hook, Cheylin Imai, Taisa Masalosalo, Aliyah Page, Mekaila Pasco, Daejha Rivera, Isaiyah Salvador, Morgan Swan and Alika Viernes.

9th grade AVID students: CJ Agbayani, Dahlya Brooks, Kiele Carpio, Cheyenne Fuertes, Jacob Hook, Reece Hooton, Symphony Kauano, Cayshen Laau-Silva-Mahi, Zaztaney Matsu, Kaid Nickl, Angelu Angel Ramos, Jeshua Shaw and Dayton Torres-Salvador.

10th grade AVID students: Tanya Adams, Maylin Anjo, Kiera Javillonar, Karly Ann Kapeliela and Dylan Torres-Salvador.

9th and 10th grade AVID students served as hosts. Each individual 8th grader was matched with an upper grade level AVID student. Partners went to lunch, and then proceeded to shadow two of the afternoon classes.

Some 8th graders commented that the experience was at first

scary, but once they got into classes and knew that their partners were there to support and introduce them to high school courses, they felt better. Teachers for a variety of classes welcomed the visiting 8th grade students. "It was interesting to hear the high school teachers talking to the class," commented

Kaimi Hook.

During the last class hour of the day, all AVID 8th, 9th and 10th grade students reconvened for a critical thinking paper tower building activity. Daejha Rivera, AVID 8th grade, commented, "The tower building was a fun challenge of teamwork." Collaboration and communication were the key skills. AVID high school tutors Samantha Armitage and Jacob Frost, both VISTA volunteers who work with AVID students weekly as tutors, assisted with the closing activities for a fun Shadow and Share day. At the closing, two more KHS AVID seniors, Melina VanZandt and Kealen Figueroa, shared their aspirations and AVID success stories.

Kohala High currently has four sections of AVID elective courses: 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, and will offer all four once again next school year. AVID registration at the high school is currently underway. Students may pick up applications from AVID Site Coordinator Ms. Fern White or the AVID elective teachers.

For information on the AVID program, call 889-7117.

Kohala High Fights Meth with New Mural

By: Nicole Castillo

Over the past years, Kohala High School has been getting new murals put up around the school, and this March Kohala High welcomes a new mural through the Hawai'i Not Even Once Mural Project, or NEOMP. The Mural consists of a beautiful background of marine animals and the words NOT EVEN ONCE in the middle of the mural. Not Even Once is a phrase of the Hawai'i Meth Project.

Crystal methamphetamine, or crystal meth for short, is a highly addictive drug stimulant that



Photo by: Nicole Castillo

Kohala High School students and visiting artists with their newly painted mural urge students not to try methamphetamine, or crystal meth. The phrase "Not Even Once" comes from the Hawai'i Meth Project's Not Even Once Mural Project, which has funded 10 murals across Hawai'i in the past 12 months.

people take by snorting, smoking or injecting it with a needle. Methamphetamine is a dangerous and potent chemical that can destroy the body, causing serious health conditions including memory loss, aggression, psychotic behavior and potential heart and brain damage.

The Kohala High mural is NEOMP's 10th anti-meth mural over the last 12 months in the state. The artists were Ken Nishimura (East3), Trysen Kaneshige (Tkay2) and Aranzazu Ascunce (Atres). The tag names - East3, Tkay2 and Atres - are the names the artists

the struggle that he went through to become drug free touched many hearts of Kohala High students.

Kohala High School students would like to thank the artists that have dedicated their time to make this mural, and everyone else who made this mural possible.

use to sign their art.

The school unveiled the new mural on March 6. Not only did the students see the unveiling of the beautiful mural but they also got to hear a story told by Derwin Nunes, a man who was once a meth user but fought his way out to being drug free. His story of

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KHS Basketball Season Finishes Strong

Story by Kailena Kaaekuahiwi

Congrats go to the Kohala High School varsity basketball boys for having another great season. Winning all 12 games during regular season, getting second place for BIIFs (Big Island Interscholastic Federation competition) and third for States (Hawai'i High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) Championships), the team sure knows how to make not only the school, but the community, proud.

The team consisted of five seniors, two juniors, three sophomores and a freshman. They played their hearts out on the court. Teamwork is what got them to win the games and be a family on and off the court. Each teammate always got possession of the ball during the game; there was never a person on the court that didn't get the ball.

Being known as BIIF champions was an important title to the basketball boys and the whole Kohala town. They wanted to take not only the BIIF title, but States title all in one year.

This year the varsity basketball boys played Honoka'a High School for semi-finals of the BIIF tournament that was held at the Hilo Civic Audi-

torium on Friday, February 20. Defeating the Dragons 88-71 got them qualified to play for the title on Saturday, February 21, against the Pahoia Daggers. Unfortunately, a loss to the Daggers 75-62 the next day put them in second place in the BIIF tournament. They played their

On February 25 the 12 varsity boys and the four coaches flew to O'ahu to play in the 2015 New City Nissan/HHSAA Boys Basketball Championships. The first game for the Kohala Cowboys was held on February 26 at Kalani High School against the Seabury Hall Spar-

one step closer to the championship game at the Stan Sheriff Center. That game determined who would win the title and become champion for Division II. Kaiser was the team to beat, and the boys made the fans proud for not giving up no matter what the score was. The Cowboys played a really good game, but sadly, missed the three-pointer at the buzzer, ending the game for the night. The final score was 50-47.

That didn't end the run for them, though. They still had the chance to play for third place against Hawai'i Baptist. Playing this team would determine who got third and fourth place. This game was held on Saturday, February 28, at the Stan Sheriff Center on O'ahu.

This was the same day as the Championship Game to see who got first and second place.

Winning this game with the final score of 69-48 got our Cowboys third place in the 2015 New City Nissan/HHSAA Boys Basketball Division II Championship. Great way to end the season Cowboys!

The 2014-2015 basketball team consisted of seniors Kealen Figueroa, Justin Agbayani, Shawn Ramos, Hana Carvalho and Mikala Jordan; juniors Kainalu Emeliano-Solomon and Chance Pang; sophomores Cole Fuertes, Kahua Kualii and Kamaalea Emeliano-Solomon; and freshman Maui Hook. Head coach Don Fernandez and the three assistant coaches James Marquez, Kihei Kapeliela and Kona Fernandez round out the Cowboys team.



Photo by Kihei Kapeliela

The 2014-2015 Kohala High School Boys Basketball team came in third in Hawai'i High School Athletic Association's statewide Division II. This win capped an undefeated regular season (12-0) and winning second place in the Big Island Interscholastic Federation championships.

*Front row (left to right): Maui Hook, Chance Pang, Kealen Figueroa, Hana Carvalho, Kainalu Emeliano-Solomon, Kamaalea Emeliano-Solomon
Back row (left to right): Kahua Kualii, Cole Fuertes, Shawn Ramos, Mikala Jordan, Justin Agbayani*

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tans. Defeating Seabury Hall 76-51 placed them in the semifinals the next day against Kaiser. This was an important game, because it was

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