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## Community Input for Hawi Park Space Needed

All are invited to a meeting June 4 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Kohala Village Hub to plan care and future use of the newly acquired and now publicly-owned grassy acre fronting Shige's by the banyan trees in Hawi.

This area has been a de facto park for over 50 years and was finally purchased by the County in February of this year using the County's two percent land fund. This fund is dedicated to purchasing lands and easements to protect open spaces, public access ways and natural resources.

A dedicated maintenance fund for lands purchased with two percent funds now exists. Local community groups and nonprofits can apply to this fund for money to support locally-based maintenance and stewardship. Part of the discussion at the June 4 meeting will include how Kohala groups can access this funding to help take care of this area.

"The intent of creating the maintenance fund was to get resources into the hands of the community members who know the most and care the most about the lands preserved with two percent funds," shared Gail Byrne Baber, who helped coordinate purchase of this area. "We wanted to support local economies and create jobs supporting the 'aina."

The County will begin mowing the area soon. There is an opportunity for mowing to be taken over by a Kohala group with funding from the maintenance fund. Anyone with questions about the purchase or the upcoming meeting can call Byrne Baber at (808) 938-8880.



Image provided by Gail Byrne Baber

The grassy acre in downtown Hawi purchased by the County for public use fronts Akoni Pule Highway next to Shige's gas station and is adjacent to the big banyan trees.

## Water Flows Freely in the Kohala Ditch Once More

Kohala Ditch users are breathing a sigh of relief. As of May 13 the ditch, badly damaged in the storms of December 2014 and January 2015, is back in operation, from Honokane intake to Puakea reservoir. Often referred to by its users as "the lifeline of Kohala," the ditch provides some 10 million gallons of affordable water per day to farmers, ranchers, nurseries, two hydro-electric generators and others in Kohala, keeping their businesses alive.

Bill Shontell, executive vice president of Surety Kohala Corp., has been managing the repairs of damage done by the storms. Although Surety – a landowner and water user – has no obligation to do so, the company

has continued to maintain the system simply because it's a valuable asset to the community. But now that the ditch is back in commission, he is working to set up operations so the local users can form an organization to assume management of it.

Attorneys are working to determine the best legal structure for the group. Water user's fees and revenues from the Flumin' Kohala ditch tour operation of Kohala Ecoventures, a separate LLC under Surety's umbrella, would be used to fund ditch operation and maintenance costs.

Current projections show these two sources of funding would be sufficient to cover regular maintenance costs as well as build reserves for large repair projects.

But Senator Lorraine Inouye has other plans. According to Bob Lindsey, President of the Kohala Ditch Foundation, Inouye was invited by the Foundation to talk about the ditch in December after the storm that

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Photo by Maureen Garry

Flume 10 of the Kohala Ditch has new hot-dip galvanized steel I-beams supporting the mid-span. The original concrete and rock center pier was washed out by an 18 foot tall wall of water generated by heavy rains in December 2014.

## Mahukona Is In the Spotlight Again

By Toni Withington

Winter storms have wreaked havoc on Mahukona Beach Park and harbor. County and state crews have restored some of the facilities, but the damage was so great that extra funds will be needed to make both facilities fully functional.

The Water, Parks and Roads Subcommittee of the Community Development Plan Action Committee met with park and harbor users in April to assess the needs and to begin the process of renewal.

From the ideas presented by the people who use the park, the committee identified several projects to present to the County Department of Parks and Recreation. Officials of the Parks Department are scheduled to meet with the subcommittee on June 18.

Meanwhile the Department has arranged with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to hold its next community meeting on the possibility of a boat ramp for North

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## Public Input Sought on Proposed Harbor Improvements at Māhukona Beach Park

The County of Hawai'i Department of Parks and Recreation will hold a public hearing to gather community input regarding proposed small boat harbor improvements at Māhukona Beach Park.

Date: Thursday, June 18

Time: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Location: Kamehameha Park Intergenerational Center, Kapa'au

Representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will present an overview of the North Kohala Navigation Improvements Study and its different options for constructing a new boat ramp and breakwater at Māhukona Beach Park. Costs, benefits and impacts of each alternative will be discussed. Park users, swimmers, boaters, community members and others will be invited to offer feedback on the various options. The Department of Parks and Recreation will then study the public feedback to determine whether to move forward with the proposed federally-funded harbor improvements.

Persons who need special accommodation to attend the hearing should call 961-8311 no later than Wednesday, June 10.

For more information, please contact Jason Armstrong, Public Information Officer, at 961-8311 or jarmstrong@hawaiicounty.gov.

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## Mitigating Erosion with Sediment Check Dams and Native Plantings at Upolu Proposed

Upolu Point on our North Kohala coast is often used for hiking by visitors and residents, and is a favorite fishing area. This area, however, is significantly degraded by past ATV use, which decimated vegetation. Exposed soils continue to erode into the ocean during rains and high winds.

A project has been proposed to mitigate erosion at Upolu by installing sediment check dams and expanding the restoration of native plants to reduce wind and water erosion, which will engage Kohala High School Students and experts in the field.

The project will be implemented in partnership with the State Division of Airports, Kohala Lihikai (a locally-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit), the Kohala Watershed Partnership crews, Malama Kohala Kahakai (a project of the North Kohala Community

Resource Center) and Kohala High School.

This project builds on work launched two years ago with multiple partners, including Kohala Middle School and the National

Park Service Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. Funding for the project was provided by a grant from the Hawai'i Community Foundation.

Professionals in restoration



Photo courtesy of Gail Byrne Baber

A project to restore native vegetation and mitigate erosion in an area makai of Upolu Airport has been proposed. As part of the project, local high school aged students will learn skills valuable for careers associated with natural resource protection.

will give informational presentations about restoration projects in Kohala, with specific examples of erosion mitigation through planting native vegetation and installing sediment-check dams. Kohala High School students will be invited to participate in the project and teachers will direct decisions about student participation.

In April, Melora Purell, the coordinator for the Kohala Watershed Partnership, presented information to over 40 Kohala High students on erosion prevention work her crew has done in the Pelekane area of Kohala Mountain. Purell talked about specific techniques her crew uses, sharing before and after photos that showed stunning changes in areas previously eroded and bare that are now covered in native vegetation.

During the project students **See Upolu, Page 3**

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Prompted by her visit, she submitted a Senate Concurrent Resolution. In it she called on the state Department of Agriculture and the state Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop a plan for the State to purchase the ditch. The Resolution died on the way to the Agriculture, and the Water and Land Committees in late March. Shontell's opposition was partially responsible for its failure to pass.

Not to be dissuaded, in April Inouye put \$1.5 million into the state's capital improvement projects budget to study state purchase and management of the ditch.

She believes the current system of ownership and management involves unnecessary risk since owners, which include a mainland investment company, could sell off their land to unknown entities who may not act in the local users' best interests.



Photo by Maureen Garry

Flume 11 of the Kohala Ditch is shown on May 5, 2015, during the final days of its repair. Last steps include washing the flume interior before water flow is restored.

She believes State control provides more stability for users, and ultimately believes the state can do a better job of managing the ditch than the current structure.

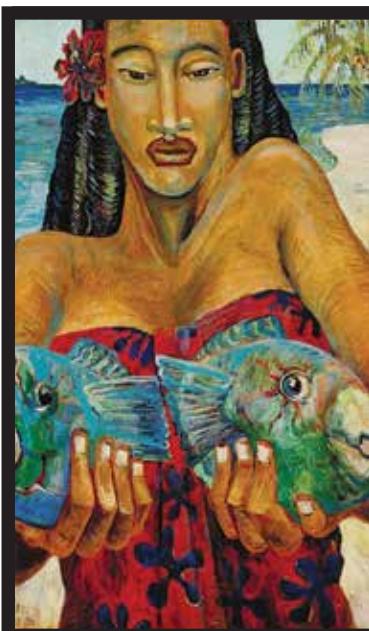
Shontell disagrees. In his mind there are three options at hand, two easy – neither of which are desirable – and one harder. The easy ones: give up and let the ditch fall into disrepair, or let the State take it over. The harder one: set up a legal organization of the users and have them take control. He believes because

it's in the users' best interest to keep the ditch well-maintained and operational, local users will respond to ditch issues faster and more effectively than under a remote and bureaucratic State administration.

Because of the terrain it crosses, Kohala Ditch maintenance poses challenges not seen in more tame environments.

Over the years, local workers have developed specialized knowledge and skills to maintain it effectively and efficiently. The current repairs were done by only nine workers, and Shontell trusts their skills and expertise. He fears the State, with their bureaucratic red tape, would run it as they have the Hamakua and Waimea ditches—taking far too much time and money to do what local folks can do faster and more efficiently.

The future of the ditch is yet to be determined, but for now users' relief is palpable as their lifeline has once again been restored.



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## Shade Comes to Upolu Airport

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Kohala on the same day. The meeting will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Kohala Intergenerational Center (see announcement).

One of the projects put forward by the subcommittee was the building of a berm along the shore at Mahukona Park to prevent storm waves from wiping out all the landscaping, as happened in February.

Such an improvement would also need the approval of the Corp of Engineers. Other projects recommended were the repair of the parking area at the harbor and fixing the barbecue stands in the park.

While much of the landscaping at the park had been installed by the Adopt-a-Park group Friends of Mahukona before the storm, representatives of the group asked for funds and equipment to re-establish the grass and plantings around the park pavilion.

A new restroom facility located behind the pavilion has been on the Parks Department's and subcommittee's list of items wanted for over a decade.

The County Capital Improvement Budget has earmarked 2.5 million dollars for Mahukona Park improvements for several years, but none of that has shown up on the planning boards yet.

Andi Longpre, chairperson of the Water, Parks and Roads Subcommittee urges all interested community residents to attend the meeting.

By Toni Withington

The Kohala National Guard Alumni planted a milo tree by the Upolu Airport terminal last month, dedicating it to longtime airport worker Buan Damo. The new tree is expected to provide a shady place to pause at the bottom of Airport Road.

Damo had watched visitors and locals stop by at the terminal to admire the 360 degree view, sometimes having snacks or picnics at the patch of grass he maintained. He dreamt of landscaping it to provide a more comfortable place to pause.

Last year he mentioned his idea to volunteer workers for Kohala Lihikai, the non-profit that is replanting the coastal trail with native vegetation. The welcoming sign at the terminal next to the grass has also been painted by Kohala Middle School art students with the help of the group.

Joe Carvalho, chairman of Kohala Lihikai, proposed the planting of a shade tree as a service project to the National Guard Alumni,

of which he is also a member. However, last September as the plans were moving ahead Damo passed away.

In April the National Guard crew dug a giant hole by hand, mainly with the strength of 84-year-old Lefty Nakayama. Rocky Perez, proprietor of Kohala Plants, donated a milo tree. The crew also included Perez, Carvalho, Collin Kaholo,



Photo courtesy of Tim Hand

The crew from the Kohala National Alumni celebrates the planting of a milo tree in a pocket park at Upolu Airport. They are, left to right, Collin Kaholo, Harry Ching, Lefty Nakayama, Joe Carvalho and Rocky Perez. Patrick Kin and Ernest Alfonso of the State Department of Transportation Airports Division joined them.

Harry Ching and the State Department of Transportation Airports Division personnel Tim Hand, Patrick King and Ernest Alfonso.

A sign honoring Damo for his years of service to the airport will be placed in the shade he inspired.

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will receive mentoring in construction of sediment-check dams and plant restoration, and will be given a stipend at the conclusion of the project.

Student selection is underway. Documenting initial site conditions and native planting in mid-to-late May will require approximately 8 hours, split over two afternoons. Students will spend five 6-hour days on training in sediment-check dam construction during June and July, and two hours per month on-site—monitoring plantings and checking dams—from August to December. The project will conclude with a celebration in December.

This project supports local economic development and creation of a fledgling effort to create a careers pathway for Kohala students to learn about and eventually be employed in fields associated with natural resource protection.

Additional opportunities are being offered through other projects in interpretation of natural and cultural resources (funded by a Hawai'i Tourism Authority grant) and baseline characterizations for conservation management plans (funding pending through a perpetual County funding source for preserved lands).

For additional information regarding the project contact Gail Byrne Baber at 938-8880. Students who wish to apply can contact Ms. Fern White at 889-7117.

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## The Roving Reporter

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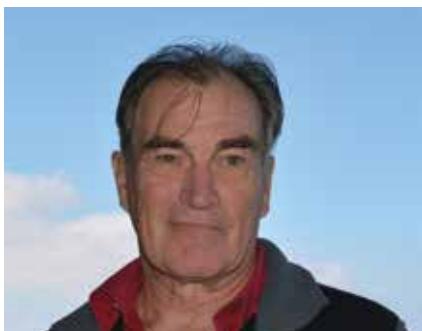
**Edna Watanabe**  
*I wanted to be part of the senior group for socialization and to do projects with them. It's fun.*



**Elsie Carpio**  
*I wanted to meet new people and have more friends.*



**Kalani Heiniche**  
*Senior Citizens gives me something to do and I can share my talents.*



**Paul Kurpita**  
*I was sitting outside on the bench and Bobby invited me in and had me introduce myself. I liked everybody. I was of age, so I decided to join. It's like family.*



**Winnie Gonsalves**  
*I came to mingle and socialize. Then they asked me to take care of the kitchen, and I've been here for 18 years. I like working in the kitchen.*



**JoanEllen McFee**  
*I joined in 1994 to find out what goes on in Kohala. There are all kinds of good speakers and activities.*

### Families with Special Needs Invited to Get Support

Caregivers for special needs children and young adults are welcomed find strength in the journey by joining the Kohala Family Support Group. Members meet the second Monday of each month from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in one of the cottages at The Hub. The group has been gathering together since January 15, 2010. Representatives from two organizations partnered to start this family support group: Susan Wood of North Hawaii Community Children's Council and Alice Bratton of Hawaii Allies as Family. Both share resources, put on workshops and give updates on what is happening with Department of Education.

The group just returned from a Special Parent Information Network Conference held on May 2 at the UH-Manoa campus on O`ahu. The gathering was packed full of presentations and breakout sessions.

The next event in the Caregiver Series will be at Kealakehe Elementary School Cafeteria on May 28 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Kei-Lin Cerf, Director of Strategic Community Development, University of Hawai`i at Hilo/Research Corporation of the University of Hawai`i will present an introduction to the building blocks of healthy development—known as Developmental Assets—that help children grow up healthy, caring and responsible. Free dinner and childcare will be provided.

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**Editorial**

**My Sincere Apology for Causing You Pain**

Dear Kohala,

I owe you an apology.

In July 2014 we ran a story written by a Kohala resident in rehabilitation for drug addiction. He seemed to be someone sincerely fighting his demons and I thought it would provide value for the community to better understand the struggle that addicts face in trying to break free.

Only months after the paper was printed did I hear details surrounding this story. Suddenly the unexplained upheaval and tight lips in our aikido community made perfect sense. His crimes severely traumatized a child I know personally, drove her family to flee to the mainland to protect her and caused tremendous grief in the community.

At the same time we gave him voice in the paper the author was actively fighting a legal battle, denying any guilt for the charges against him. He actually presented the piece to the judge as evidence of his good character. Those who knew what was going on couldn't speak because of the ongoing trial.

The author, Ed Schmidt, was ultimately convicted and is now serving time on multiple charges.

Normally criminal conviction does not warrant an editorial. Some being put in my shoes would not mention it and "let sleeping dogs lie." But that's not for me.

In my ignorance of the situation I unwittingly injured those who were already suffering deeply, which I truly regret.

For that mistake and the additional pain it caused, I sincerely apologize. Kala mai ia`u.

May our community be safe,

Maureen Garry

**Letters**

**Gratitude for Those Who Take Action in Our Small Town**

Anyone who picks up a copy of the Kohala Mountain News can be assured that "small town America" is alive and well. The paper's volunteer reporters provide coverage that includes a broad cross-section of the community. There is always something of interest, even for someone who doesn't read newspapers anymore. An example is the annual Trash Bash art show held April 24, Upstairs at the Kohala Coffee Mill in Hawi. The excellent story written by Leslie Nugent in the March issue (about the upcoming Trash Bash) is a good example of good home town journalism. I was impressed with Karen Rosen's write up posted next to her entry. Karen wrote: "What a wonderful way to create beauty with what has been left behind..."



Trash Bash Mahalo poster Courtesy of Trash Bash Committee

Our trash is such a resource. It is material that comes in different forms and is available in abundance everywhere we look. There is no throwing away, so we might as well transform it." It is a blessing to live in a small town that has artists who demonstrate how to make our world less polluted and more sustainable. They are an inspiration for everyone to repair, reuse and recycle rather than continuing our throw-away habits. Tim Head

← Participants in the 9th Annual Trash Bash model some of the artists' creations. The show is on display at the Coffee Mill until June 18. Top: Colleen Nevins Middle, left to right: Karen Rosen and Rebecca Parks Bottom: Haley Graham

**CDP Action Committee Update**

**Affordable Housing, Cultural Preservation, Commercial Farming and Green Waste Container Among Topics at Meeting**

By Lynda Wallach

The May 11 meeting of the North Kohala Community Development Plan (NKCDP) Action Committee (AC) opened with a discussion of the investigatory subcommittee's recommendations to amend the Hawai'i County General Plan. The Planning Director has initiated a comprehensive review of the General Plan which was last revised in 2005. Comments are due by June 6.

The AC's discussion focused on the section of the plan dealing with affordable housing in North Kohala. John Adams had researched the state of affordable, self-help and elderly housing, including all projects current and planned, in order to suggest

updates to the North Kohala profile in the Plan. Among other projects, he found that there are thirty-one units of self-help housing and eight units are still unsold. Lani Eugenio questioned whether \$300,000 for a house one builds oneself could be considered affordable, underscoring the long-held understanding that "affordable housing" isn't very affordable in North Kohala. Adams suggested that we should encourage the building of duplex and fourplex rental units that are more affordable. He said there are no rentals available in Kohala and young people, especially, are having to move to places like Waikoloa to find affordable rentals. The AC voted to amend their recommendations to include a

statement that the County should encourage programs of affordable housing, self-help housing and rental housing. John Winter said that the Affordable Housing subcommittee under Colin Kaholo had been grappling with this issue for several years and had run up against constant roadblocks. Since Kaholo stepped down, the subcommittee has not been active, but Winter said he hopes to have someone to head it in the near future.

Next on the agenda was the formation of a Historical and Cultural Preservation subcommittee. Though the Seniors were the first to be approached to see if there was interest in such an endeavor, Winter stressed that if and when

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## County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilwoman Margaret Wille

### Intra-Community Bus Service Coming to North Kohala

#### BIG NEWS:

One of my priorities for North Kohala has been to establish an intra-community shuttle bus service. Well that is about to happen! I am now working with Tiffany Kai, the County's Director of Mass Transit, to work out the schedule. To start with I expect it will be a limited number of trips – but at least this is a start. We will track the ridership (see how much it is used) and then determine if we can justify more trips each day. Currently we are researching where the bus should run to and from and where the key pick-up locations will be located. Keep in mind however, that as long as you are in a safe location you can flag down the bus.

#### MORE ON MASS TRANSIT:

A major upgrade to our island-wide mass transit system is one of my highest priorities. I am happy to report we are as well making good progress island wide. At the initial presentation by the various departments of their proposed budgets, the County's mass transit budget had no funding for an upgrade of our mass transit system. Several other council members and I stressed that we need to a big upgrade to our mass transit operations. As a result, the mayor's revised budget added funds to mass transit including a master plan upgrade study. In my opinion this is big accomplishment – really big.

With respect to North Kohala: in addition to adding an intra-North Kohala shuttle bus, I would like to see regular bus service directly from North Kohala to Kona as well as to Waimea. This would allow those who work in either of those areas the opportunity to commute by bus based on a reliable schedule.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS:

Before being elected, I had no idea how many exciting and spe-

cial events I would have the honor of participating in as a member of the County Council. For example, here are some events I attended between Saturday May 2 and Saturday May 9:

Saturday, May 2, I participated in Habitat for Humanity's Women Builders' Event at the Kamakoa affordable housing development in Waikoloa Village. Along with some 30 other volunteers – mostly very skilled women – we hammered in bracing, stapled Tyvek and installed flashing and windows. Much accomplished!

Later in the day I attended the Special Olympics island-wide weightlifting competition at KC Stallsmith's Crossfit Studio in Waimea. There I had the honor of giving out awards to each of the winners. The competitors were awesome.

Sunday, May 3, I stopped by the Senior Health Fair at North Hawai'i Community Hospital and had lunch with other attendees.

Monday, May 4, I gave a Council update at the North Kohala Seniors Club meeting and introduced the group to Josie Sweeney. Josie manages our County Coun-

cil North Kohala videoconferencing site. Big thanks to the Senior Club President Bobby Glory for his leadership. Upon leaving there, I attended the North Kohala Middle School May Day celebration, a beautiful presentation with amazingly talented kids! Then in



Photo courtesy of the Office of Margaret Wille

Councilwoman Margaret Wille at the finish line of the May 9 Charity Walk. This event is sponsored by the Hawai'i Lodging and Tourism Association and helps hundreds of charities.

the evening I attended a fundraiser for Shirley Derigo's Alec and Duke Derigo Foundation at Mauna Lani Beach Club's Napua Restaurant. Special thanks to owner Brandon Lee for hosting this event and to part-time resident John Phillips for his contribution to make this event so successful.

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 5 and 6, I was in Hilo for Council meetings. As usual, these meetings were filled with items of interest, including my ethics and agricultural use exemption bills, along with the 2015-2016 budget discussion. With an 8-0 vote we also passed a landmark Zero Waste Compost Resolution! Very exciting! We were also scheduled to have an executive session to discuss whether to use the services of the Maui Corporation Counsel office to assist the Ethics Commission in its review of Mayor Kenoi's alleged ethics violations. I urged the Council to instead hold this

discussion in open session. I was pleased the other council members agreed to open session. In order to avoid a conflict of interest, we then voted to approve the using legal services of a Maui County attorney rather than using our Hawai'i County Office of the Corporation Counsel, the legal advisor and representative of all County officers.

#### MORE SPECIAL EVENTS:

Thursday, May 7, I attended the Waimea Community Association meeting held at Hawai'i Preparatory Academy and gave an update of the Council's budget proceedings. At that meeting we heard from students at Dr. Bill Wierking's energy and robotics laboratory. If you have not been there to see the cutting edge science going on, you will be so proud and so astonished by the student's accomplishments.

Friday, May 8, I attended the Office of Aging's Outstanding Older American Award Ceremony held at the Hilton Waikoloa. Great fun with so many of my friends from Waimea, Waikoloa and North Kohala.

And finally, Saturday, May 9, I walked in the Hawai'i Lodging and Tourism Association's Charity Walk held at the Mauna Lani Resort. Hooray for all of us who contributed and walked the three miles! Hooray also for the Shops at Mauna Lani for hosting the post walk refreshments and award ceremony.

#### AND SO:

Now you might ask just how I get any work accomplished – legislation, individual inquiries and concerns, and big picture projects. Somehow I fit that in too – with a lot of help from my staff Dave Hirt and Donni Sheather.

With much aloha,  
Margaret Wille  
Councilmember District 9  
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# New Hawi Hale Mural Completed

The Hawi Hale Building proudly showcases its new mural "Double Trouble" by renowned artist Avi Kiriaty. Born in Israel in 1957, Kiriaty moved to Hawai'i following the birth of his first child, Keytoe. He initially lived on Kauai then moved to the Big Island for a time. He currently

lives with his family on Maui. Kiriaty has worked in many art media including oil painting, linoleum block printing, sculpture and water color. As noted on his website, "His works are a feast of lush colors and bold lines," inspired by the Polynesian lifestyle. Kiriaty's work has been featured worldwide in art shows, publications and documentaries. A collection of Kiriaty's oil paintings on paper can be viewed at Ipu Kane Gallery in the Hawi Hale building.



Photo courtesy of Ipu Kane Gallery

Artist and owner of Ipu Kane Gallery, Michael Harburg etches a Hawaiian honu design onto an ipu, or gourd. Harburg practices the Ni'ihau method of decorating ipu, which he has expanded from the traditional monochromatic theme to multicolored designs.

Ipu Kane Gallery opened in

December 2013. The gallery is dedicated to the perpetuation and creation of ipu (gourds) decorated with the Ni'ihau method. In this method, a design is lightly etched on the skin of the green gourd. Dye from the inside of the gourd permeates the shell of the gourd to create a unique art piece. Michael Harburg, artist and owner of the gallery, learned the general outline for this method from Dr. Bruce Kaimiloa Chrisman, a medical doctor who rediscovered this unique art medium. For over ten years, Harburg's work in this medium has evolved from the single color method used originally to multicolored techniques. Harburg demonstrates the gourd technique at Ipu Kane Gallery. He also will participate in this year's cultural demonstration during Kapa'au's Kamehameha Day celebration.

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the subcommittee were formed, it would be open to all interested individuals who would then define the scope of its activities. He added that there is a table of historic sites in North Kohala in the current General Plan, but there are many sites that are not listed, and one of the jobs of the subcommittee would most likely be to identify those additional sites. A motion was made and passed to empower Faye Yates, who has offered to chair it, to investigate whether sufficient interest exists within the community to form a Historical and Cultural Preservation subcommittee, and to report back to the AC next month.

Keoni Mackillop of the Public Access subcommittee told the group that the subcommittee has contacted the County about the problems with squatters and motorbikes at the Hapu'u - Kapa-naia corridor near the Kapalama Heiau. The County has a pedestrian walkway in the area. They are also working with the County about issues at Pahoa Beach, where there have been complaints that a landowner is not allowing access to the public.

Winter, who was reporting for the Water, Parks and Roads subcommittee, said that he and Toni Withington have been told that the County has received a shipment of containers, and that Kohala has been put on a priority list to get a container for green waste at the transfer station within the next few months.

Susan Fischer of the Power, Viewplanes and Erosion Control subcommittee attended a NextEra open house, where she was told that NextEra Energy wants to buy HECO because Hawai'i has the highest potential for alternative energy in the nation. She also reported that the reason the electric company is pushing for smart meters is that the smart meters in an area can "talk" to one another, and if someone calls with a problem, the engineers are able to see

if there are any other problems in the area and address those while they are there

Finally, Lani Eugenio said that the Agriculture subcommittee had met and discussed the difficulty in being a commercial farmer. Various ideas were formed to help local farmers, including promoting farm tours and other activities that can sustain the farm, sponsoring talks by experts on such topics as soil management and marketing, forming a network and using the resources of The Hub to help farmers use their certified kitchen to manufacture products using their crops.

The next meeting of the CDP AC will be on Monday, June 15 at 5:00 p.m. at the Kohala Senior Center. Members of the community are encouraged to attend.

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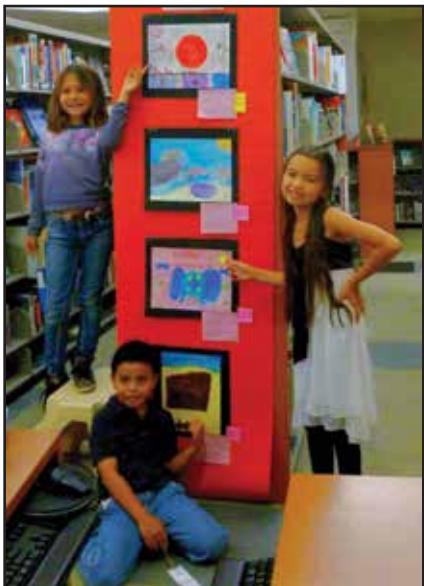
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Kohala Elementary School second grade students  
Top: Marley Yamamoto, First Place "Big Red Lollipop"  
Right: Christine Kimball, Honorable Mention, "Junie B., First Grader: Aloha-ha-ha!"  
Bottom: Kenneth Matsuda, Honorable Mention, "Tops & Bottoms"

Maya Maki, First place,  
Kohala Elementary School third grade,  
"Harry the Homeless Puppy"

Keith Luga-Benedicto, First Place,  
Kohala Elementary School fourth grade,  
"Dinotrux"

The 96th Annual Children's Book Week took place this year from May 4-10. The nationwide literacy initiative carries on the tradition of celebrating books and the joy of reading, dedicated to instilling a lifelong love of reading in children.

Book Week began in 1913 with the librarian of the Boy Scouts of America, Franklin K. Matthews, working diligently to promote higher standards in children's books.

In Kohala, children made posters of the books they read during the week and submitted them for a poster contest. All submissions were from Kohala Elementary School except one from Kohala Mission School.



Faith Cordeiro, First Place,  
Kohala Mission School,  
"Fly Guy Meets Fly Girl"

Madelyn Jessop, First place,  
Kohala Elementary School kindergarten,  
"A Grand Old Tree"

Devin Lugo-Benedicto, Honorable Mention,  
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## June 11 in North Kohala: A Day Filled With Culture and Celebration

With the theme "Na Ohana 'O Kohala," this year's June 11 Kamehameha Day Celebration is planned to honor families and provide an enjoyable day filled with music, food and activities for young and old.

This annual event will start at the Kamehameha Statue in Kapa'au shortly after 7:30 a.m., with ho'okupu presented by the Hawaiian societies that come each year to share lei, chant and sing in honor of Kamehameha I. Individual offerings and lei draping will follow.

The annual Pa'u Parade begins at 9:00 a.m. near the North Kohala Community Resource Center in Hawi and travels to Kapa'au past the Statue and back to Kamehameha Park. In association with the theme of family, this year's parade will feature local keiki riders to represent the Hawaiian Islands.

The 2015 Pa'u Queen is Roberta Ku'ulei Keakealani, who is part of the Maunu family of Kohala. The daughter of Robert K. Keakealani



Photocourtesy of Kamehameha Day Committee

Roberta Ku'ulei Keakealani, 2015 Kamehameha Day Pa'u Queen

and Carol Thomson, she comes from a long legacy of paniolo culture and tradition, with her family participating in and teaching about pa'u for generations. Her three daughters, Kamehana (age 16), Nahe (age 14) and Ka'io (age 4) will be riding as her escorts.

The Kamehameha Day Committee (KDC) is honored to have Ku'ulei and her family participate, as she has been a big support to the KDC planning team. With deep knowl-

edge of Hawaiian culture, Ku'ulei was asked to provide the celebration theme for many years. Ku'ulei is a valuable resource for Hawai'i due to her willingness to share her

cultural mana'o, including the history and stories of her North Kohala homelands. She currently works as the Cultural Director for Hui Aloha Kiholo.

The parade will also feature an estimated dozen additional units and floats by community families, organizations and businesses. Kohala's Citizen of the Year, Kim Takata, will also be honored.

Festivities at Kamehameha Park will begin around 10:00 a.m. with a great lineup of entertainment planned for the entire day. Dancers of all ages from Na Kupuna o Kohala, Halau o Mana'olana and Hula Halau o Kukui will share their hula. Much of the musical talent will come from hometown musicians including John Keawe, Matthew and Rosalind Kupukaa, Pahoa, and North Shore. At 1:00 p.m. Kohala will be treated with a performance by Kuana Torres Kahele, a local favorite from Hilo with family roots at Kahua Ranch.

Added to this year's celebration are a few contests, including the resurrection of the Storefront Decorating Competition for local merchants. Community members are also encouraged to participate in the Lei Contest as well as the Pu Blowing Competition. Fliers will be posted around town with details about these contests. You can call Kamehameha Day Committee member Randee Golden at 889-0011 with any questions about these competitions.

The Hisaoka Gym will be packed with educational displays about Hawaiian culture, Kame-

hameha I, Kohala, health and sustainability. Some activities offered for festival participants include lei making, coconut and lauhala weaving, making a pala'ie, printing and



Photo by: Nancy Erger

Ku'ulei Keakealani, the 2015 Kamehameha Day Parade Pa'u Queen, gets to work.

learning the basics of quilting.

Organizations like NOAA, 'Imiloa, Na Kalai Wa'a, Pu'u Kohala, Ulu Mau Puanui, Kohala Institute at 'Iole, Kamehameha Schools, Hawai'i Wildlife Center and the National Historic Parks Ala Kahakai Trail have been invited to set up educational displays. Other organizations focused on sustainability and health will also be sharing information. A display of student art is also planned.

People will be able to learn about wood carving, growing and using olona, making ukulele and guitars, and creating Polynesian implements. New displays are being developed to teach about the Monarchy, the story of Kohala's Kamehameha Statue and Hawaiian historical symbols.

Residents and visitors are asked to remember the road will be closed till the parade is finished, which is usually by 10:30 a.m. The Kamehameha Day Committee encourages everyone to come and enjoy this special celebration of North Kohala's #1 Son and Hawaiian culture.

## Class Reunions or Homecomings? Plan Them for July

There is still time to plan for a mini-reunion for your high school classmates or for family members within the umbrella of the 2015 Kohala Reunion, the community-wide free gathering to be held July 3 to 6 at Kamehameha Park. The mega-reunion is held every five years and the last one in 2010 drew hundreds of former Kohala residents.

The four days of music, food, events, historic exhibits, tours and craft sales provides a wide variety of activities for friends and family visiting Kohala.

So far eight Kohala High School classes have signed up for special recognition at the Reunion. Several families have indicated they will be scheduling gatherings over the Fourth of July weekend.

A group of former KHS band members has put together a reunion of band alumni during the period from 1966 to 1982, when bandmaster Billy Brooks was a major influence in the community. A special exhibit of photos and memorabilia of the Brooks era will be displayed at Hisaoka Gym along with many other exhibits from Kohala's history.

Souvenirs of Kohala, including booklets published during the sugar plantation times, will be available for sale. T-shirts commemorating the 2015 Reunion have been pre-ordered, but a few will be for sale on the first day. Vendors will be selling crafts and products made in Kohala and of course there will be food booths offering foods for all tastes.

To get more information on planning your own reunion-within-a-reunion, contact any member of the 2015 Reunion committee or email co-chairman Kathy Matsuda at Kathy@hialoha.net.

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## 4th of July Weekend Can Be Planned Around the Kohala Reunion

Make your plans now to spend the 4th of July weekend at the 2015 Kohala Reunion at Kamehameha Park. The four days of music, food, exhibits, crafts and events are open and free to everyone. Former Kohala residents and folks with ties to local families are expected to come from other islands and the mainland for the big homecoming held every five years. This will be Kohala's fourth reunion.

The volunteer committee raising money to support the event called for pre-registration at 25 dollars per family and the pre-sale of tee shirts, but registration is not necessary to attend. Those who registered will get a bag of goodies along with the official Reunion Program as thanks from the committee. One hundred and sixty families have already registered, ninety two of them from outside Kohala.

"We invite everyone to come and enjoy the fun," said Kathy Matsuda, co-chairman of the event. Although registration and donations are still accepted, Matsuda said the committee is crossing its fingers and hoping they receive a grant to pull off all the programs planned for July 3 to 6. Even though centered on Kamehameha Park and the Hisaoka Gym, the reunion will include events and tours sponsored by many Kohala organizations and a historic self-tour of 52 sites around the district.

The theme of the event is "Kohala Kupa`a - Kohala Steadfast." The gym will be full of exhibits highlighting three periods of Kohala history. Early Hawaiian culture and history and the missionary influence will be highlighted the first day. Exhibits devoted to the Plantation Era will be shown on the second day. The Post-Plantation days will be showcased on the third day, illustrating events in the forty years since the sugar mills closed. The fourth day will celebrate the future with exhibits and a special interactive program to highlight the North Kohala Community Development Plan and a chance to propose new ideas for the future.

By Kim Takata

Clara Ogi was born June 9, 1924 on a coffee farm in Holualoa. Her father, a Japanese immigrant, was



Photos courtesy of Kim Takata

Clara Takata wearing a beautiful lei.

an excellent carpenter and made enough money to buy their farm. When Clara was in her early teens her father died of pneumonia leaving her mother, who barely spoke a word of English, to feed and raise her family.

The ten children all worked hard on the farm, where they raised a vegetable garden and chickens for meat and eggs. Clara said she never learned to swim because even though the ocean was right down the hill, they never had to time for the beach.

After high school, Clara became an apprentice in a beauty shop in Kona where she learned to cut hair. Before she reached the age of 20, Pualani Beauty Shop came up for sale in Kohala and her oldest brother bought it for her.

For the next 15 years Clara worked and managed her beauty shop in Hawi. Some remember her as setting fashion standards, and many women got their first perms from Clara!

Clara met Shiro Takata, who was working a few doors down at K. Takata Store, and they married in October 1955. They had their first child, Rayton, in 1957 and one year

## In Remembrance of Clara Takata

later bought K. Takata Store from Shiro's parents with the money Clara saved from her beauty shop. The following year, 1959, their second son, Jerry, was born. Clara finally closed her beauty shop and went to work full time at Takata Store.

The old Takata Store, now Bamboo Restaurant, is where Rayton and Jerry grew up. They lived in the back of the store and rode their tricycles up and down the grocery aisles.

Takata Store soon became the center of Clara's world. It was everything to her - her work, her social life and her family. It also became the stage where Clara flourished with her love of cooking and sharing food and recipes with her employees and customers. She welcomed customers into the store with a big smile and endless enthusiasm. She offered help in finding ingredients in the store as well as advice

on how to use them. She started the tradition of preparing Sunday morning breakfast for the employees, which her son Jerry continues doing today.

Clara was a hard worker and always a businesswoman. Rose Takemori shared the story of how she came to sell her ti leaf leis in Takata Store. She said she gave Clara a ti leaf lei for her birthday. But Clara said, "Oh that's really nice. I'm going to sell it." Rose responded, "No, don't sell it; I made it for you!" But Clara put a \$10 sticker on it and sold the lei later that day. She then called Rose and said, "You should make some more and we will sell them in the store."

Clara was an icon in Takata Store, and things will never be the same without her. Many people have shared that Clara was the first person they met when they moved to Kohala. She remembered their

name when they came in and she always thanked them for shopping. She set the example for what she expected from her employees... come to work on time, work steadily and efficiently and always serve the customers with a smile.

We will miss Clara and her sushi and endless baked goods that she shared with so many. We will miss her kind generous nature. We will miss her smile. But her legacy will live on in the hearts of those whose lives she touched, and the recipes she shared with so many.

Aloha Clara!



Clara Takata enjoys being in the new Takata Store, having moved from what is now Bamboo Restaurant to its current location.

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# Library News



## Summer Programs Offer Books, Movies, Kendama and Superheroes

North Kohala Public Library will kick off its summer reading program starting June 1. The program runs for seven weeks, ending on July 17. This year's theme is "Superheroes" and offers a variety of programs for all ages.

Every Monday evening at 6 p.m. families are welcome to enjoy a family film rated PG, open to ages five and up. The movies and dates are:

- June 8 - "Big Hero 6"
- June 15 - "Spy Kids"
- June 22 - "The Lego Movie"
- June 29 - "The Incredibles"
- July 6 - "Tangled"
- July 13 - "The Box Trolls"
- July 20 - "Into the Woods"

The Kohala Kendama Club, open to all ages, will continue throughout the summer and meet on Tuesdays from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Members will have a chance to practice old tricks, learn new tricks, participate in competitions and win prizes.

The Youth Book and Movie Club, open to ages nine and up, will continue this summer. On Wednesday, June 24, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. participants will discuss "The Tale of Despereaux" by Kate DiCamillo and then watch the movie. July's selection will be "Inkheart" by Cornelia Funke, with a meeting on Wednesday, July 29, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. for the movie and discussion.

A Superhero Camp for ages 6-12 will meet every Wednesday at 10 a.m. During each camp session children will make one piece of a unique superhero costume. The first session will be on June 10, when campers will create unique superhero identities and medals. Superhero capes will be the focus of the 2nd session on June 17. The third session, on June 24, will be devoted to creating superhero shields and accessories. The fourth session will be on July 1 and consist of making superhero masks and wrist cuffs. During the fifth session on July 8 kids will make superhero props and finish up their costumes. The final day of camp, July 15, will be for playing games and testing superhero abilities. Come dressed in your costume! There will be lots of photo opportunities.

The summer reading program offers something for everyone! Come to the library this summer to enjoy the programs, sign up for summer reading, read books and win prizes. There are weekly prizes for all readers: children, teens and adults!

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

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7PM		Narcotics Anonymous	Wylie Hall, 'Iole Road, Kalahikiola Church 889-6703
8AM	9:15 AM	Hatha Yoga with Morgan Cassidy	in the White tent, 53-496 'Iole Rd 889-5151
5:30PM	6PM	Insanity Classes with Ross Pagat	Solid Rock North Church 989-0966
TUESDAY			
9AM	10:30AM	Sitting Meditation with John	Meditation Hale, 53-3988 Akoni Pule Hwy 889-5151
2:30PM		Kendama Club	North Kohala Library 889-6655
WEDNESDAY			
7PM		Alcoholics Anonymous	Wylie Hall, 'Iole Road, Kalahikiola Church 889-6703
THURSDAY			
7PM		Narcotics Anonymous	Wylie Hall, 'Iole Road, Kalahikiola Church 889-6703
8AM	9:15AM	Vinyasa Flow Yoga, with Maya Parish	in the White tent, 53-496 'Iole Rd 889-5151
2PM	4PM	Hawaiian Weaving with Aunty Mele Waikiki	in the White tent, 53-496 'Iole Rd 889-5151
4PM	5PM	Beginning Hula with Aunty Mele Waikiki	in the White tent, 53-496 'Iole Rd 889-5151
5:30PM	6PM	Insanity Classes with Ross Pagat	Kamehameha Park 989-0966
FRIDAY			
10AM		Preschool Story time	North Kohala Library 889-6655

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**Hamakua-Kohala Health's  
Summer Kick-Off to  
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10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
This entirely FREE event will include face painting, bouncy houses, samples of healthy food, healthy snack demonstrations and blood pressure checks. Health and wellness services available to the North Kohala community will be showcased. Entertainers and musicians: Can you fill a 30 minute slot during the event?  
Contact Toni Carvalho at 889-6236, extension 26.

**First Film Festival Planned  
for Kohala Reunion**  
In conjunction with the Kohala Reunion festivities planned for July 3-6, Jeff Coakley will be presenting a film festival at the Kohala Intergenerational Center the evening of July 5. Featured films thus far depict independent filmmakers from Kohala on a variety of topics ranging from access and lifestyle issues to comedy. Anyone can submit a film for review and possible inclusion in the festival as long as the filmmaker is from Kohala or the subject matter is regarding Kohala. Please contact Jeff Coakley at 987-2298 for more information.

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## North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee 2014 Annual Report to the Community, Part 1

By John Winter, Chair

The North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee (NKCDP AC) has decided to try a different approach this year in reporting our progress and goals. Rather than have a public meeting we will publish an article in the Kohala Mountain News. We lose the opportunity to speak with you this way, but hope to reach a far greater number of residents. We do value your input, however, and the public is always very welcome at our regular monthly meetings.

The NKCDP AC was established in 2008 by County Ordinance 08-151. As stipulated in the County of Hawai'i General Plan (section 15.1) and in the Ordinance, it is administered and staffed by the Planning Department with the purpose to be a proactive, community-based steward of the plan's implementation and update. In other words, we are an official part of County governance and provide an opportunity for North Kohala to tell the County what we do want, rather than wait to react to decisions made for the community in Hilo.

2014 was a somewhat rocky year for us. Replacement of retiring AC members has been sluggish and a bit disorganized at the County level and we presently have only six active members, rather than the full complement of

nine. A quorum requires that five members are present (a majority of the full nine is required) and we actually had to cancel the June 2014 and January 2015 meetings for lack of a quorum. Recently, however, we have been informed that some new applicants are in the queue and about to be nominated. The entire CDP process is a new approach and several kinks need to be worked out at all levels, so we continue to work with the Planning Department (our parent organization) and the Mayor's Office (who handles applications) to make the membership process more efficient.

The real work of implementing the CDP happens at the subcommittee level. Our subcommittees are:

### Growth Management

The principal goal for growth management, as stated in the North Kohala Community Development Plan, is to direct North Kohala's growth to areas within and near existing town centers in order to preserve the district's open space and cultural resources. This subcommittee reviews North Kohala's various types of land use applications submitted to the County Planning Department, decides upon appropriate action, such as notification of and input from affected neighbors, and makes recommendations to the NKCDP AC and hence to the

Planning Department. Two other strategies are also assigned to this subcommittee. First, work with the Department of Planning to down-zone culturally or scenically important State-owned parcels identified in the CDP from County zoning categories A-5a or A-20 to a more protective category. Second, act as a liaison between Kohala cultural/historical preservation groups and the NKCDP AC. The Growth Management Subcommittee meets on the first Monday of every month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Bank of Hawai'i Building in Kapa'au.

### North Kohala Community Access Group

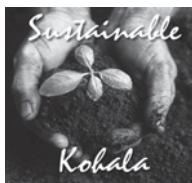
In 2014 the group focused on helping the County to finalize several Grants of Public Access Easements that had been required by earlier subdivision action, but not officially adopted. These included the Hapu'u to Kapanai trail, the Halelua trail, the Halaula Mill Road access to Lighthouse, two different trails at Ainakea, Pahoia Beach trail, Upolu East trail and the Ranch at Puakea trail. Some of these trails are open to public access whereas others are still in the process at the Planning Department. One new public accessway on the leeward coast at Kohala Kai caused a big stir in the County Council, initiated by some members of this group. The conflict eventually led to an agreement between the landowner and Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail to create a conservation easement to protect the ancient Ala Loa and the seaward portion of the subdivision. The group is working with the adjoining landowner, Kohala Shoreline LLC (seaward of Kohala Ranch), to create a plan for public access as well as Ala Loa and historic site preservation in 2015. In addition the group drafted Guidelines for Interface with the Planning Department to make for smoother communications regarding public access. It has also initiated requests to the Department to undertake changes in County rules and procedures

for public access based on problems identified in the NKCDP. The group also worked with other organizations to improve public access and coastal restoration at Upolu Airport with Kohala Lihikai, at Kauhola Point with Maika'i Kamakani O Kohala, at Akoakoa Point with Kamehameha Schools, at Puakea Bay Ranch with Ala Kahakai and Na Ala Hele State Trail System.

### Water, Parks and Roads

In 2014 this subcommittee continued to monitor the Adopt-A-Park teams that were created to attend to the health and needs of Keokea, Kamehameha, Kapa'a, and Mahukona Parks. They also generated a report evaluating the water supply needs in Kohala and are using that report as the basis for negotiating system improvements with the Department of Water Supply. The report was presented to the Water Board to make it part of the public record. It was received quite well by the Board. They worked with the Waste Management Division to get greenwaste delivered from the facility at Pu'uanaulu to the county yard at the top of Ho'ea Road. They continue to work with Waste Management to install a greenwaste bin at the Ka'auhuhu transfer station to finally have a system in which Kohala's greenwaste is diverted from the landfill to the mulch facility and made available in our neighborhood. The committee is presently addressing the potential of having Pratt Road available as an emergency bypass route should the Akoni Pule Highway ever become blocked. In 2015 the subcommittee will concentrate on their negotiations over water supply and greenwaste, and gather/evaluate property owner and public input on Pratt Road. The Water, Parks and Roads subcommittee meets the last Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. in the Senior Center (behind the Kamehameha statue).

*End of Part One. The report will be concluded in next month's issue.*



## Sustainable Kohala Presents

### Free Sustainable Saturday Series, 2015

#### Rescheduled from the February event, which was postponed due to high winds Emergency Communication Workshop

Using social media (Facebook, Twitter) for emergency communications and recovery

Learn about Puna's experience with the grassroots network that emerged during Hurricane Iselle and has continued with the lava flow.

Neighbors, web experts, County and State government and private-sector relief organizations came together to connect offers of help to support those in need.

Presenter: Denise Laitinen of DLC Hawaii Media, Hilo

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### KOHALA CALENDAR JUNE 2015

	START	END	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	VENUE	PHONE
1	MON		Summer Reading sign-up starts		North Kohala Library	889-6655
8	MON	5:30PM	7:30PM	Kohala Parent Support Group Meeting	The Cottage @ the HUB	895-3578
8	MON	6PM	Family Film Night	Big Hero 6	North Kohala Library	889-6655
9	TUES	11AM	Adult Reading Discussion:	To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee	North Kohala Library	889-6655
10	WED	10AM	Superhero Camp	Superhero Medals	North Kohala Library	889-6655
13	SAT	10AM	2PM	Summer Kick-Off to Wellness Health Fair	Hamakua Kohala Health, free event	Hisaoka Gym 345-4219
13	SAT		Emergency Communication Workshop	Presented by Denise Laitinen of DLC Hawai'i Media,Hilo	The Barn @ the HUB	895-3578
15	MON	6PM	Family Film Night	Spy Kids	North Kohala Library	889-6655
17	WED	10AM	Superhero Camp	Crusaders Cape	North Kohala Library	889-6655
18	THU	5PM	7PM	Mahukona Harbour Improvements	Public Meeting	Kamehameha Park 961-8311
20	MON	6PM	Family Film Night	The Incredibles	North Kohala Library	889-6655
22	MON	6PM	Family Film Night	The Lego Movie	North Kohala Library	889-6655
24	WED	10AM	Superhero Camp	Super Shields	North Kohala Library	889-6655
24	WED	2PM	Youth Book & Movie Club	"The Tale of Despereaux"	North Kohala Library	889-6655
24	WED	4PM	5:30PM	Restorative Yoga Therapy class	with Carla Orellana, Certified Yoga Therapist, by donation	in the White tent, 53-496 `Iole Rd 889-5151
24	WED	5PM	Parks, Water & Roads Subcommittee	Monthly Meeting	Old Courthouse	882-7611
27	SAT	11AM	12:20PM	Community Meal	At St. Augustine Church	Walker Hall 889-5390
27	SAT	10AM	12PM	Thrift Shop	At St. Augustine Church	889-5390
30	TUE	5PM	6PM	CDP subcommittee	Power, Viewplanes, & Erosion Control, contact Susan Fischer	Old Courthouse 882-7611

Email calendar listings to [kmncalendar@hotmail.com](mailto:kmncalendar@hotmail.com) or call 339-4951.

### Learn to Swim at Kohala Pool

Sign-up for the Learn to Swim summer classes at Kohala Pool will be held June 2 – 5 from 2 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.  
 Costs: \$15.00 per child for Sessions A, B and C and \$10.00 per child for Session D (short session).  
 Payment will be accepted by way of cash or money order.

June 8 - June 19 Session A  
 Junior Frogman 9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.  
 Level 2 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
 Level 1 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  
 Pre-School 1 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

July 6 - July 17 Session C  
 Junior Frogman 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.  
 Level 4 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
 Level 3 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  
 Pre-School 3 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

June 22 - July 2 Session B  
 Junior Frogman 9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.  
 Level 3 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
 Level 2 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  
 Pre-School 2 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

July 20 - July 28 Session D (short session)  
 Junior Frogman 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.  
 Level 4 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
 Level 3 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  
 Level 2 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

\*No lessons will be conducted on holidays as the pool will be closed

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 889-6703

### Kohala Baptist Church

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[www.kohalabaptist.net](http://www.kohalabaptist.net)

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 Deacon Thomas Adams  
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## Kohala Kowboy VEX Robotics is Recruiting

Kohala Kowboy VEX Robotics program is recruiting participants from grades 9-12. The program held its Annual Complimentary Community Dinner on May 2 to extend its gratitude for support over the season.

The dinner included students' stories and sharing. Members of the public, of all ages, were invited to try their hand at driving and working the robots.

Since the new VEX season has already started, interested students should sign up at the school office now. Robotics involves broad-based, hands-on interactive Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM).

Students interested in videog-

raphy, finance and money management, electronics, motors or fabrication of machines should join.

Robotics involves lots of speaking with different-age groups and adults, so students should join if they like to speak in public.

If students like to plan events, make travel arrangements and organize they should join.

Of course, if students know nothing about any of this, but they are brave, respectful and willing to learn, then they really should sign up soon.

Applications are available from Ms. Fern White, Program Coordinator.

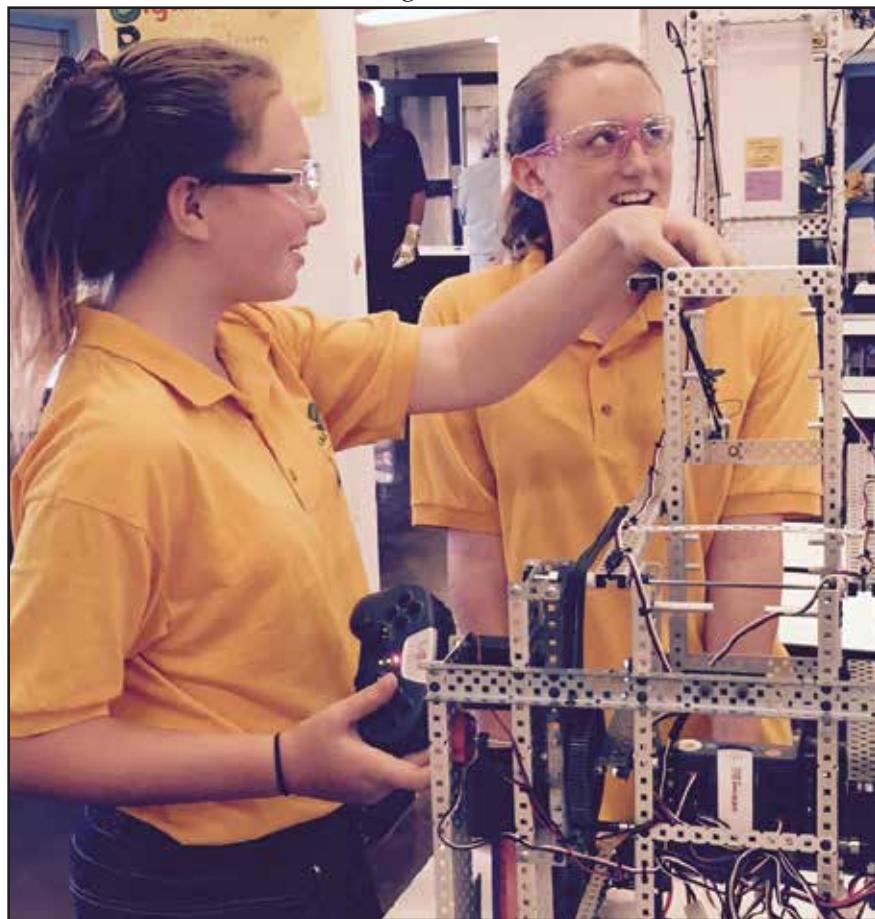


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Jada Hook (l) and VEX Robotics partner Morgan Swan (r) discuss their strategies for sharing their robot with the guests at the Annual Complimentary Community Dinner. Program participants offered the dinner as an expression of their gratitude for support.

## TMT and Mauna Kea Discussion Continues



Photo by Kehaulani Marshall

According to Hawaiian spiritual practices, Mauna A Waieka [Mauna Kea] serves as a portal to Heaven.

By Lani Eugenio

On May 6, Na Unupa`a O Kohala provided a forum for the community to understand both sides of the Mauna Kea Thirty Meter Telescope issue.

Doug Simon, Executive Director of Canada-France Telescopes, and Kalani Flores, instructor at Hawai'i Community College and Mauna Kea advocate, did short presentations after the film, "Mauna Kea - A Temple Under Siege." The audience then had the opportunity to have their questions answered.

There was positive feedback from the audience and the panel. Many said they had learned much more than they expected.

Kalani Flores felt that, "Sharing a Hawaiian understanding of our aloha for the land and our sacred Mauna Kea allows everyone to realize their divine connections to these islands of Hawai'i."

Doug Simons stated that the meeting paved the path forward "for developing a lasting community vision for the future of

Mauna Kea... We honor Mauna Kea by seeking common ground through respectful dialog...

Even if we do not know what the outcome of that process will be, we firmly believe it is through such an inclusive process, where the diverse members of our community feel comfortable conveying their mana`o, beliefs, passion and visions, that we can honor each other, and in doing so, Mauna Kea."

Jeffrey Coakley, moderator for the evening, was impressed by the aloha extended to both presenters and the respect for each other's mana`o.

"The sharing of one's mana`o is a sacred thing as it comes from deep within the spirit, and at times it takes courage to do so. I appreciated the meeting participants' respectful attitude."

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## Cowgirls Head to HHSAA Softball Tournament on O`ahu

By Keira Javillonar

Congratulations to Kohala High School's softball team on securing the second seed for the entrance into the HHSAA (Hawai'i High School Athletic Association) tournament on O`ahu, which is taking place from May 12 – May 16. [Editor's note: The Cowgirls had advanced to the second round of the tournament at press time.] The girls started their season off with a tough loss against Keaau, but then redeemed themselves during their game against Ka`u, taking the win. After their first two games they struggled against Hilo and Waiakea, losing to both by a total of only three points. They brought themselves back together by going on a five game winning streak, TKO-ing Kealakehe, Hawai'i Preparatory Academy, Konawaena and Honoka`a, taking advantage of one forfeit from Pahoa after they dropped out of the remainder of the season.

Going into playoffs, the Cowgirls were standing in the second seed. They faced the Honoka`a Dragons in their first game, which was a double-header at Kamehameha Park. The Cowgirls blew the Dragons away in both games. The first game ended in the fifth inning because of the mercy rule, as the score was already 10-0. The

second game ended the same way – final score 13-2. The victory of both games is what secured the Cowgirls a spot in the State Championship tournament. Because of their position in the playoffs, the Cowgirls gained the opportunity to play in the championship game against Kamehameha High School for the BIIF (Big Island Interscholastic Federation) title.

On May 1 Kohala and Kamehameha traveled to the Old Airport Park to play in the first round of championships. The Cowgirls came to play and so did the Warriors. Kohala's defense was on it but made a few mistakes. They hit the ball really well but Kamehameha's defense was working hard. The Cowgirls managed to bring one run home in the 7th inning. The game ended 7-1 after seven innings with Kamehameha taking the victory.

The next day both teams returned to the field to play the second game of championships. The Cowgirls were doing their best to hold the Warriors down but little mistakes cost them a lot. They had a hard time hitting off Mykala Tokunaga, Kamehameha's pitcher. The girls knew how important that game was and they really wanted the title. They scored one run in the bottom of the fifth inning. The game ended in the sixth inning because of the

mercy rule. The score was 11-1, Kamehameha.

It was an honor for the girls to be able to play in the championship game. The girls really wanted it and they showed it by how they played. Kamehameha was really surprised by the way Kohala played. It was the opportunity of a lifetime to have a chance at the softball BIIF title for this year, being that no team sports for Kohala took a title this year and softball has not had a BIIF title since 2008.

"I feel our season started off a little slow due to the fact we have a young team and everyone was still trying to mesh together, however, things picked up," says Denae Rivera, a senior and the shortstop for the Cowgirls. "This is an unforgettable season and a great way to end my high school softball career. "Making it to the championship game feels amazing, because it was earned with a group of girls who all wanted the same dream. I want to thank the team and the coaches for making it the best season yet," said Ashlyn Van Zandt, a senior and the third-baseman as well as a pitcher.

Kohala's catcher, the last senior, says, "I feel that this season was a good learning experience. We started off a little rocky, didn't quite click as a team yet. As the season went on, we bonded

better and played more as a team. Before the season had started, my coaches asked all the players what their overall goal was. Every girl said 'to win BIIF's.' We made it to the BIIF championship game. But when we got there, we fell short. It kills me that we didn't accomplish our goal. As a senior, I took it really hard. Then I realized, although we lost, we're still going to States. We have this last chance to show everyone what we're capable of. And that's what we're going to do."

As the season comes to an end, the head coach of the Cowgirls softball team concludes his thoughts on the season. "How I feel... I feel proud of the team, just because of dedication that you guys had this year as a team and not playing as individuals. I think we did have a successful year. It could've been better, but we gained the experience of how to play as a team and being as a unit and having unity within the team. States is just a plus for us, I think, and that was just a goal that was set by the team. Making it to States is just the topping on the cake. I hope the team made the community proud, and their school. We still can do a little more work with ourselves as a team, but overall I think we had a great season."

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