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## Hundreds Return To Celebrate Kohala Reunion

By Toni Withington

Kamehameha Park rang with voices young and old as the community celebrated Reunion 2015, its fourth four-day reunion over the July 4 weekend. Several hundred former residents returned for the festivities that celebrated Kohala's history and explored ideas for the future.

Meanwhile, the present was filled with families and classmates partying with returnees, who came to enjoy their local roots with food, music, dancing, history exhibits and cooking demonstrations. Newer residents were welcomed into the traditional Kohala style of celebrating cultural diversity.

Highlights of this Reunion were a greased-pig chase for kids, fresh pressed sugar cane juice, a festival of Kohala-made films, a beautiful award-winning Hawai-



Photo by Joan Shropshire

Members of the Kohala High School Class of 1985 gather at its drink booth.

Front row (left to right): Terrance Alcoran, Ryder Paalua, Charlie Batad  
Back row (left to right): Gigi Alcoran, Clinton Hiraoka, Lulu Victorino, Rita Maria, Michael Cruz, Candy Lucas, Theresa Meikle, Toma Edwards and Ralph Tashjian

ian quilt named for the winds of Kohala and facilitated sessions to voice ideas for the future. Exhibit around the Hisaoka Gym floor recalled the history from ancient

times to the post-plantation era. Kohala Pride celebrated the achievements of those born and raised here.

Every five years letters are sent

out to a growing list of former Kohala residents inviting them back to feel the strong ties that bind the community. Planning for the event takes over a year and is a celebration of volunteerism. Funds are raised by selling T-shirts and volunteer registration of families.

Kathy Matsuda, co-chairperson of the event, said the wide-based turnout and perfect weather cheered on everyone who was involved with the festivities at the park as well as the tours, open houses and cultural demonstrations that took place around town.

The new radio station, KNKR FM 96.1, broadcast the opening ceremonies on Friday and the Independence Day Ceremony put on by the Kohala National Guard Alumni on Saturday. Speakers for those events included Robert Lindsey, head of

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## Kohala Middle School Recognized in the 2015 E Ola Pono

Kohala Middle School (KMS) and participating students, in collaboration with Kohala Unupa`a, were awarded first place in the annual E Ola Pono campaign's middle school category.

E Ola Pono means living in harmony with everyone and everything around you. E Ola Pono is an annual campaign to challenge students to engage in activities which promote pono, peace and kindness. The Pono campaign extends an open invitation to any

group of five or more students who participate in groups, clubs and other school programs. All grades from K-12 can participate. Awards are given in three categories: elementary, middle and high schools.

KMS UPLINK program participants, in collaboration with Kohala Unupa`a, were this year's main participants. KMS centered their campaign on after-school experiential learning outings. The

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Photos by Mike Frailey

Students submitted video reflections on their experiential outings as part of the E Ola Pono Campaign at Kohala Middle School. (from left to right): Hokani Maria, Summer Coito, GabbyTomas, Arwin Hasegawa, Makamea Edayan, Mia Fuertes, C.J. Aludino and Alika Viernes

## Roots Skatepark to Lose Funds if New Donations Are Not Secured

By Richey Riggs

Roots Skatepark, located in Kamehameha Park, is ready to expand and is seeking support island-wide to build the second phase of the park.

This project is organized by Roots Advocates for Youth, an ambitious group of volunteers and skateboarders, to benefit the rural community of Kohala.

In 2007 the skatepark committee received a donation of nearly an acre of land on a lot adjacent to the beautiful Kamehameha Park. The lot was valued at \$180,000 and gifted from E.W.M. Investments. At that point the project went from a dream to a growing reality, a real community effort. Roots Advocates for Youth, a 501(c)(3) non-profit formed specifically to be eligible for this donation, was awarded a \$10,000 Tony Hawk Foundation Grant to help fund the first phase.

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Photo by Anna Pacheco

A young skater waits for others to clear from his path before dropping in off the raised edge, or "coping". Dropping in requires skaters to face down fear, and is one of the big hurdles skaters must overcome.

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A rainbow arcs over the verdant landscape near Pololu after a summer shower July 6, 2015.

By James Grenz

### Celebrating a Healthy Summer in Kohala

On June 13 island residents explored the fun and informative Hamakua-Kohala Health fair at Kamehameha Park.

Over 300 attendees enjoyed the free event featuring children's activities, healthy food, a variety of entertainment, and extensive information from 33 different community partners and vendors.

Highlights of the day included taiko drums, keiki and kupuna hula, face painting, a raffle, a rummage sale and a special capoeira (Brazilian martial art) demonstration.

Representatives from the National Kidney Foundation were on hand for kidney health screenings with instant results, the Hawai'i Police Department and Prosecutor's Office offered keiki ID's, and enthusiastic youth flocked to the jump castle and water slide.

Numerous educational



Photo courtesy of Kohala-Hamakua Health

Keiki practice a simple tree pose during the yoga demonstration at the Hamakua-Kohala Health fair.

resources were on-hand including Hamakua-Kohala Health (diabetes education, Tobacco Coalition and first aid); and classes from the Kuleana Wellness Center in Waimea, Hui Malama Ola Na

Oiwi and the Kohala Village HUB. HMSA representatives spread the word they are actively recruiting Blue Zones Project leaders, and energetic attendees broke a sweat at short fitness workouts.

**KMS, continued from Page 1** group outings focused on learning about the `aina and the community's history, participating in current community issues and concerns such as sign-waving to promote awareness of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) and drug addiction and awareness, while exploring many other community-related activities.

After participating in the experiential learning outings, students wrote and filmed outing reflections which were included as part of the Pono Campaign submission package.

Kohala Middle School earned the first place prize for the middle school category in Hawai'i for their efforts, which means there will be recognition and monetary awards to help further promote the pono environment the students created.

Congratulations to Kohala Middle School, all the E Ola Pono Campaign student participants and Kohala Unupa advisors Amoo Ching Kainoa, Mike Frailey and Renee Bautista for their work on E Ola Pono.

**The Takata Family would like to thank everyone who supported us through the loss of Clara Takata on April 17, 2015.**

**We were deeply touched by the many cards, flowers, phone calls, and koden we received. We are sincerely grateful!**

**All the monies were donated to local organizations, including:**

North Hawaii Community Hospital	North Kohala Community Resource Center
Kohala Hospital	Kohala Firemen
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By remaining focused, the group secured a \$15,000 Atherton Family Grant with the assistance of Christine Richardson and Juanita Rivera at the North Kohala Community Resource Center. That funding was put to immediate use by installing the drain system for the remaining phases.

In just the first two years, 2009-2010, the project received over \$85,000 worth of in-kind donations of material and heavy machinery operation. Phase One of the skatepark was professionally built and designed by Brian Sandlin and our resident tradesmen, including an army of Big Island volunteers.

Today there are 3,000 square feet of existing skatepark terrain. Over two thirds of the value of the first phase is in-kind labor and donations of materials and professional services - most importantly those of heavy machinery and qualified operators.

Now it is time for Phase Two, with an exciting new design. We are asking for your participation because we as a community are seeking support and funds.

Officials have committed to \$35,000 from the County of Hawai'i Parks and Recreation Department and another \$35,000 of County funds per our District Councilwoman, Margaret Wille.

With a Phase Two budget of

\$150,000 our goal is to raise the remaining balance -- \$80,000 -- to match the County of Hawai'i



Photo by Anna Pacheco

*Skaters take a break together at the edge of the skatepark.*

funds and get started with construction in the fall of 2015.

The non-profit Roots Advocates for Youth has served the community by creating after-school programs and serving on the Boards of substance abuse prevention groups such as Kohala Coalition Against Drugs and the

North Hawai'i Drug Free Coalition.

One of our committee members, Brian Sandlin of Abstract Builders, has served the island skateboarding community well, having been involved with design and construction of the Kohala, Honoka'a and Waikoloa skateparks. He will be contributing to the future Hilo Skate Plaza and the expansion of Kona Skatepark. The Roots Skatepark campaign is urgent. Time is limited to use the County donations or they will be rescinded. We must raise the additional funds needed in the next few months or we will lose the \$70,000 pledged.

Skateboarders inherently become accustomed to doing things creatively, as this is one of the basic principles of skating. Persistence and fortitude are traits that are picked up while learning to skate, and this strength is shared with the next generation of community-minded youth leaders. The skatepark project helps to benefit the community of Hawai'i County by providing a free and exceptional recreation facility for low to moderate income youth and their families.

A huge "thank you" goes out to Jeani Navarro for her support and guidance of our committee, for her contribution to Roots Skatepark, and for her securing of major grants for our neighbors at

the Honoka'a Skatepark.

We appreciate the support of each and every past and future donor that helps Roots Advocates for Youth and our active community to complete this exciting project. We are creating an exceptional youth facility for the Big Island of Hawai'i.

Donations can be made to Roots Skatepark at POB 946 Kapa'au HI 96755 or through the donation page at: [skate4roots.wordpress.com](http://skate4roots.wordpress.com), [northkohala.org](http://northkohala.org), or [gofundme.com/Rootsphase2](http://gofundme.com/Rootsphase2).



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*A very young skater, arms raised for balance, readies himself for the downhill slope.*

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# THE RESTORATION MAN

By Tom Morse

The Nanbu Building in Kapa`au was a hotel for many years. Built in 1899 and frequented by salesmen selling to the plantations, it was rather a rough place. Patrons often carried rifles and fights were common. Shown here in 1910, its sign reads "Meals Served at All Hours". It was purchased by Ayataro and Toyo Nanbu in 1917. They also had a store, restaurant and bakery in the building. The hotel included a bar and a pool room. The rooms were on the second floor, as well as a reception room that was the site of weddings and community meetings. The hotel was very popular during both the war years and the heyday of the six sugar plantations.

In 1932 Yoshio Hori, the Nanbus' nephew, purchased the bakery. When the sign he ordered from a Waimea sign maker arrived, it said "Holy Bakery". That name stuck.



All photos courtesy of Tom Quinlan unless otherwise noted

ride his mountain bike around the world. He planned his trip around his address book, and it so happened that book contained a listing in Kohala.

Quinlan rode his bike from the Kona Airport to Kohala, fell in love with the area and has maintained a presence here ever since. Qualified as an architect in his native Ireland, he served his practicum in Freiburg, Germany, where he specialized in historic building restoration. In Kohala he was taken by the architecture of many old buildings.

Settling in here, he observed that many visitors were unaware of the historic significance of Kohala. He came up with the idea of erecting a monument on the highway approach to Hawi.

For three years he attended the Kohala Country Fair and surveyed more than a thousand residents about how the monument should read and of what material it should be made. He then convinced Surety Kohala to donate the small triangle of land needed for it. Quinlan provided the rock and labor to erect the monument. Local commercial interests donated twenty-five dollars each to purchase the materials for the signage.



Photo by Tom Morse

The hotel remained in operation until the 1960s. Shuttered for many years after that, by the 1990s it was in a terrible state of disrepair. Its foundation was sinking, the windows were bulging out and the roof had blown off.

To understand how it came to be refurbished we need to go back to 1988 when a man who lived in Ireland, Tom Quinlan, decided to

When the monument was erected in 1995 many members of the Kohala Community and Hawai'i County Mayor Yamashiro helped affix the letters.

In the center of Hawi stood Marty's Sales and Service (formerly Veterans gas station). Quinlan noticed the architecture of the façade of the

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Aloha,

My name is Peter Risley of Risley Farms. I want to thank all the good and generous people who contributed to me when I was recovering from surgery for cancer.

I had that surgery March 27, 2014. The whole experience was difficult for me, but I was very fortunate and overwhelmed by the tremendous outpouring of goodwill by so many people in this community. It means so much to me.

I thank you for the funds that you contributed to me, but most importantly the moral support really was so important to my recovery.

Of course I wish to return all of the love that was shown to me with

good acts and deeds.

This will probably take the rest of my life, but it is a good thing to strive for. Of course, that includes the monetary funds, too. I have not yet gotten to a financially secure situation but I will, and then I shall somehow pay that back, too.

As many of you know I was farming before the operation and also after I recovered enough to continue working.

Unfortunately, I have lost my farm site so until I find another I will not be able to continue providing produce at the Hawi farmers market. I miss this very much and hope to find another location ASAP. Providing produce for the commu-

nity is such a beautiful and fulfilling job. I want to contribute back what has been given to me by the wonderful people of Kohala. The best way for me to do that is to do what I do the best: farm.

The beautiful outpouring of good will has humbled me. I am going to try to pay it all back with right work and I am hoping I might be allowed to show some of the young people I see who do not yet have good work how to also provide to the community.

The idea is to leave behind a healthy and functioning community that does the kind of things that Kohala has done for me.

Peter Risley



## Don't Text and Drive

Dear Kohala Community,

My name is Ashanti Corotan, I attend Kohala Middle School and am in the seventh grade. I am writing this letter to persuade you to stop texting and driving! I have noticed that it is a big problem in Kohala and we need to solve it!

Did you know that five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting while traveling? At 55 mph that's enough time

to cover the length of a football field.

Also did you know that reaching for a phone, dialing, texting and other uses of portable devices increased the risk of getting into a crash by three times? Experts have also stated that 11 percent of all drivers under 20 years old that were involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted, and that age group also has the largest propor-

tion of drivers who are distracted.

I have almost been in a car crash because my bus driver was texting and he wasn't paying attention to the road. As soon as he looked up he stepped on the brakes really fast!

I suggest that you should put your phone out of site or on do not disturb mode if you want to avoid car crashes.

Thank you for your time!  
Sincerely, Ashanti Corotan

## Viewpoint

## Reflections on the Boat Harbor Meeting

I went to the meeting in Kamehameha Park June 18 to hear about plans to improve Mahukona Park. What I learned was that although there are expensive "studies" by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, any significant improvements will NOT happen in the foreseeable future.

The room was packed with residents, mainly fishermen hoping to see some real and feasible progress in the construction of a boat ramp and swimmers who want repairs to the storm-damaged wharf and broken shower. And let's not forget a swimmer's ladder that is durable and easy to climb.

The first half-hour of the meeting was devoted to having each person say their name and a word or two. "A lifetime of waiting for a boat ramp!" a white haired man declared. Another man rudely shouted, "Fix the shower and go home."

It became apparent that any real changes at the park will require federal money, including legislation by the U.S. Congress in Washington. The spokesman from the Corps of Engineers explained criteria that would support any appropriation of federal funds included: (1) stimulating economic development, including perhaps commercial fishing; (2) breakwater construction to protect the "harbor"; and (3) a significant population that would benefit from the federal dollars spent.

After about a half hour of this, the audience became restless and discouraged. County park sponsors had to make repeated pleas for

those attending to quiet down and be polite.

I realized that the meeting was going to be democracy-in-action, a little bit unruly. Thanks to the format, nearly all the time was devoted to giving the audience an opportunity to ask questions and express their feelings/opinions about the proposed park development plans.

The swimmers in the room outnumbered the fishermen by almost ten to one, which prompted a fisherman seated next to me to stand up and complain that he had been fishing, swimming and diving at Mahukona since Territory days and did not appreciate this invasion by mainland "implants" that come and go. Earlier I had mentioned to him proudly that I had been swimming at Mahukona since 1960. The man immediately moved his chair to sit with friends against the wall. I felt like an "invasive species," not a kama'aina.

Other "invasive species" present were mainly female, articulate and outspoken, including one group known as "the mermaids." Then I wondered if the local/Hawaiian minority in the room felt like "endangered species." They sympathized with the seventy boatmen who live in Kohala but have to drive 19 miles to Kawaihae to launch their craft, except for the few that still use the old plantation-era hand crank hoist on the wharf. They also seemed nervous about what looked like big demolition plans by the Corps of Engineers.

Someone lamented that if the community had the thousands of dollars that went into what amounts to a worthless bureaucratic study, why not fund a new electric hoist for small boats plus repairs to the storm-smashed wharf, repair of the shower and a user-friendly ladder that was marine-tough instead of the recycled swimming pool ladder currently in place. As a suspected invasive species I kept my mouth shut, but I can offer this now. How about removing a few kiawes above the wharf and installing flush toilets, a septic tank and modest swim-suit changing pavilion?

At the end of the meeting the Hawaiian woman up front suggested that preservation of old ways is the best course, and big changes could produce unforeseen consequences. I thought of one "side effect" of the ramp construction that several speakers had expressed.

The ramp could open up the fishing grounds in North Kohala to hundreds of hungry fishermen from Hilo and Kona who would quickly motor to the ramp and "fish-out" the waters. Auwe!

The meeting ended with an apology by one of the County Parks Department sponsors. The residents were fully justified in being unhappy with the sad condition of the park and the County would do better in the future.

Hey, they could pump our new septic tank.

Tim Head  
Makapala

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## North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee

### 2014 Annual Report to the Community, Part 2

By John Winter, Chair

Part 2, continued from May 2015 issue

#### Power, Viewplanes, and Erosion Control

In 2014 this subcommittee concentrated on three NKCDP Strategies. They studied alternatives for future Hawi intersections to avoid traffic signal lights. In their effort to protect scenic resources (Strategy 1.9) they supported the County's LED streetlight conversion to reduce streetlight peripheral glare (as well as approximately 50% energy savings). Assigned to consider Erosion Control (Strategy 4.8 - NKCDP), they determined the worst eroding washouts along the Upolu coastline and positioned sandbags as an emergency measure. They supported Kohala Lihikai in designing an erosion control plan and in seeking additional funding for soil erosion control measures at Upolu.

They requested assistance from the County Planning and Public Works Departments to help develop and implement rural infrastructure standards (Strategy 4.8).

They continue to work on electricity reliability and redundancy (Strategy 4.7) in Kohala (which is served by a single line along the Mountain Road), monitoring HELCO's proposed Reliability Loop for North Kohala and updating the community on changes in the proposed loop.

They held discussions with Parker Ranch's Paniolo Power, which has proposed a power grid for North and South Kohala. The committee hosted a community presentation of the plan for alternative energy by Parker Ranch.

They are investigating a new proposal for community based, low-visual-impact solar energy (Solar Matters). They have supported discussions with Paniolo Power and People's Advocacy for Trails Hawai'i (PATH) to explore the possibility of a solar generating bicycle pathway linking Kohala and Kona. The Power, Viewplanes, Ero-

sion Control subcommittee meets the last Tuesday of each month from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**Agriculture**  
Given the significant history, land-use zoning, and potential for agriculture, the agricultural Strategies in the NKCDP are wider in scope and application than any single subcommittee could expeditiously handle.

These Strategies include: "promote and support a community of diversified agriculture, including as a part of considering growth management, appropriately utilizing lands designated for agriculture; work toward producing locally at least 50% of the food Kohala consumes; re-establish Kohala's agricultural education programs to generate more farmers; secure accessible capital for new farmers (such as a local micro-loan program); create incentives for start-up agriculture (including implementing changes to the County's real property tax code); work with owners of various agricultural water transmission and distribution systems to provide subsidized agricultural water rates; participate in the identification of Important Agricultural Lands (as established by Chapter 205-47, Hawai'i Revised Statutes) to ensure that appropriate lands are identified and protected; and advise Planning on regulations regarding "ohana housing" and additional farm dwellings.

The Agriculture subcommittee concentrated in 2014 on the school Agriculture programs, particularly in Kohala High School. They also worked on getting Kohala properties into the Important Agricultural Lands program. The subcommittee is planning some major reorganization in 2015.

Fortunately a number of organizations are already working on many of these issues and the Agriculture subcommittee will act as a link between them and the CDP AC. It will then concentrate its own attention on Strategies not otherwise covered. The agriculture subcommittee meets the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Senior Center.

#### Affordable Housing

The costs of property and construction in Kohala make truly affordable housing a huge challenge for lower-income families in the area. Collin Kaholo struggled admirably with getting more affordable housing in Kohala. Unfortunately his term came to an end, and the shortage of AC members has left us with no replacement. Collin's leadership was fundamental to his small subcommittee and the Affordable Housing subcommittee languished during 2014. Given recent indications of new AC members, we plan to revitalize this important subcommittee in 2015.

One important annual mandate is for the NKCDP AC to develop, prioritize, and submit a list of Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs) to the Planning Department for consideration in the forthcoming budget cycle. We prioritized 12 submittals. The top 9 were:

Mahukona Beach Park restrooms and pavilion

Upgrade the Kohala potable water system

Kapa'a Beach Park electricity (solar power)

Repair roof leaks, Hisaoka gym (already budgeted and scheduled, so prioritized lower)

Green waste facility

Improve Kapa'a Beach Park facilities

Kamehameha Park gym bleachers, scoreboard, gate-ball pavilion, grandstand, and stage roof (outside gym) (some also budgeted and scheduled)

Improve existing roadway systems and create emergency bypass roads

Improve communication systems (radio, cell and internet)

Practically speaking, on a typical year we'd be lucky to get two of our CIP requests funded. We generally resubmit our CIPs and press to have the highest few make it to the top of the County pile in a few years (if we advocate strongly).

We are still in the early stages of fully integrating the Community Development Plans into the County planning structure and clearly there are some kinks to be worked out.

Only North Kohala, South Kohala, Kona, and recently Puna have approved CDPs and Action Committees to implement them. We are working with the Planning Department and the Mayor's Office to streamline the application and staffing process and make it more transparent.

We have had issues over shoreline public access and are negotiating with Planning on clearly-defined procedures when approving shoreline development permits. In addition the General Plan for the County is coming up for revision and we want to participate in that to be sure the CDPs are well integrated.

We continue to work on the mandates ("Strategies") given to us by the North Kohala community and work with the various County and State departments and others involved to implement them.

One area mentioned in the CDP that we'd like to develop more in 2015 is developing and preserving Kohala's rich cultural and historic legacy. This fell under Growth Management, which tends to be busy on other issues. Perhaps it is time to create a separate subcommittee to address this important topic.

The NKCDP Action Committee meets on the second Monday of each month at 5 p.m. in the Senior Center (behind the Kamehameha statue). We try to keep the community informed of our work in progress and value your input. The public is encouraged to attend AC and subcommittee meetings to voice their concerns or just to keep abreast of issues facing our community.

Anyone wishing to join a subcommittee and work on an issue that they particularly care about (or just to contribute to Kohala) is welcome to attend a subcommittee meeting and join up. Anyone wishing to join the AC is also encouraged to apply.

Applications, minutes, posted meeting agendas, and copies of the North Kohala Community Development Plan may be downloaded at <http://www.hawaii-county-cdp.info/north-kohala-cdp>.

Kathie Babben



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## County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilwoman Margaret Wille

### 2015 North Kohala Reunion and Update on Legislation

I read the following statement on July 3 to attendees of the 2015 North Kohala Reunion:

"What makes this community so special?" some may ask.

It is all about what you as a community are doing at this reunion event. You are strengthening the bonds and relationship with the past and the future and with each other.

Think about all the intersecting networks in this community. Think about all the cutting-edge agricultural enterprises here in North Kohala – the foundation for which was laid centuries ago when Kamehameha I saw the vision of North Kohala as the breadbasket for his warriors and for the people of his kingdom. And now with the Kohala Village Hub, you have a model of agricultural and cultural sustainability here accelerating community wellbeing.

Think about all the special and sacred places that have been preserved here in North Kohala.

Think about the positive impact you, as a community, have had on the County Council since the new North Kohala videoconferencing center opened less than two years ago – for example, urging passage of zero waste legislation in place of the previously-planned hundred million dollar plus incinerator.

Think about all the special people in this community – the collective wisdom that focuses not on their own personal needs and agendas, but on the wellbeing of the community as a whole. Take for example one of your kupuna, Shiro Takata, who will be honored by the County Council in the near future. And don't underestimate the value of your new radio station – to bring you together and provide a forum for adult conversations on issues of importance, regardless of how controversial the issues may be.

I brag about you as a community. Just this week, in a meeting with Police Chief Harry Kubojiri in discussions of how to deal with our island-wide drug problem and what our communities can do to become a more pro-active part of the solution, I bragged about you as a highly-motivated community on this very issue.

We talked about how we can engage this community as a model in this effort. He agreed, and we will be coming here in the near future to talk about the next steps we can take as a commu-

nity. I am also hopeful that by soon adding more intra-North Kohala bus services; this will support connectivity between individuals and their community, especially for kupuna and youth who do not have convenient access to an automobile. Yes you, as a community, by holding this reunion, in recognition of your past your present and your future, leave a legacy for our keiki and their keiki...and for many future generations from now.

And so I congratulate you all as individuals and as a reunited

to bring their loads to most transfer stations, would set limits on the amount of landfill trash that can be deposited at transfer stations, and would allow the director of the Environmental Management Department to divert some amount of trash from the east side to the Puuanahulu landfill, which would save us taxpayers \$60,000-\$70,000 per month!

2. A "Toxic Herbicide" bill that would prohibit the use of toxic herbicides, such as those containing glyphosate, in County parks and along County owned and maintained roadways, sidewalks and waterways

3. An Ethics bill to raise the County's ethical standards and prevent some conflicts of interest

4. A "General Plan" resolution suggesting changes in our long-term policies and priorities

5. An Agriculture Exemption bill that would tighten up the agricultural use real property tax exemption to ensure that those who are eligible for the reduced taxes are in fact engaged in bone fide agricultural activities. This bill will also contain an optional open space tax reduction for vacant agriculturally zoned land that is being held for future agricultural use.

6. An Ag Tourism bill that would allow for more tourism on agriculturally zoned lands – but with some qualifications to protect neighboring properties from potential negative impacts

7. A Public Housing bill to ensure that our kupuna are not mistreated, in particular by prohibiting arbitrary decisions as to whose lease will be renewed and whose will not be renewed

Please contact my office if you would like more information on any of the above items and to get on my email newsletter list:

808-887-2043

With Much Aloha,  
Margaret Wille



Courtesy of the Office of Margaret Wille

North Kohala resident Toni Withington and County Councilwoman Margaret Wille enjoy the festivities at the 2015 Kohala Reunion. Withington prepared extensive exhibits of North Kohala's efforts to preserve open space and sacred places.

nity saying a'ole to drugs such as methamphetamine.

I also met this week with Director Clayton Honma of the Parks and Recreation Department with the goal of making sure the Roots skatepark is built sooner rather than later, and I committed to him that I will ensure there are sufficient funds to complete the skatepark.

community. It is an honor to represent the 'ohana of North Kohala and a privilege to participate in the reunion festivities.

**Some bills and a resolution I will be bringing to the County Council over the next several months:**

1. A Zero Waste bill that would allow green waste haulers carrying loads of up to six cubic yards

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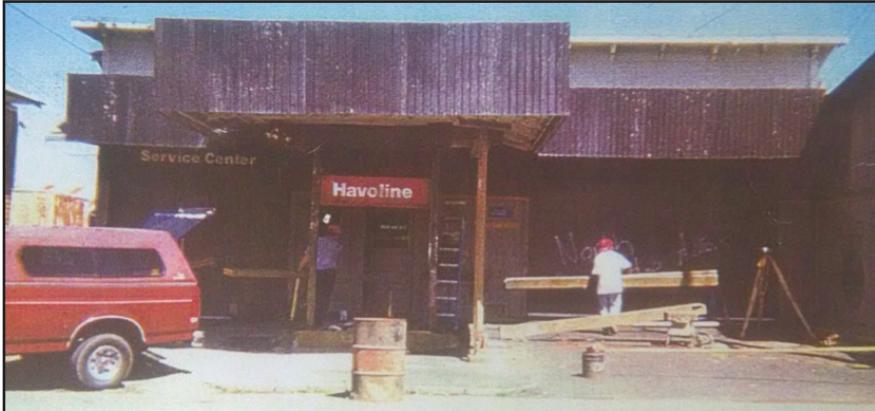
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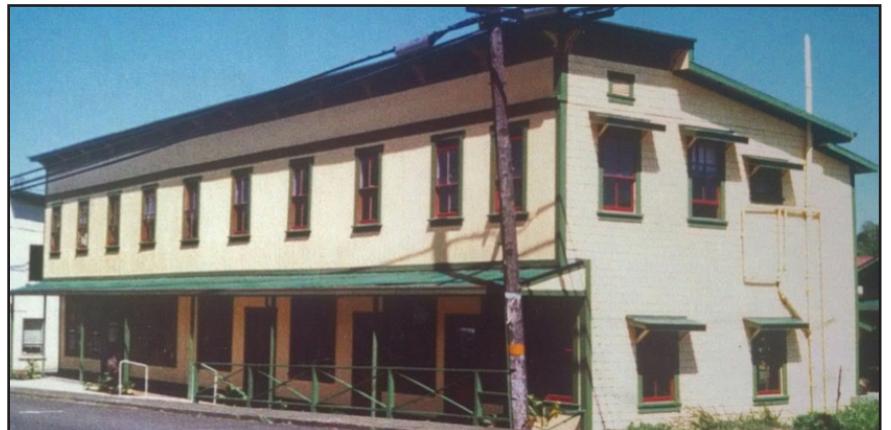
original building behind the service station. He approached the owners of the Kohala Trade Center and offered to refurbish the building. He donated his services and the labor, and they donated funds for materials to accomplish this.



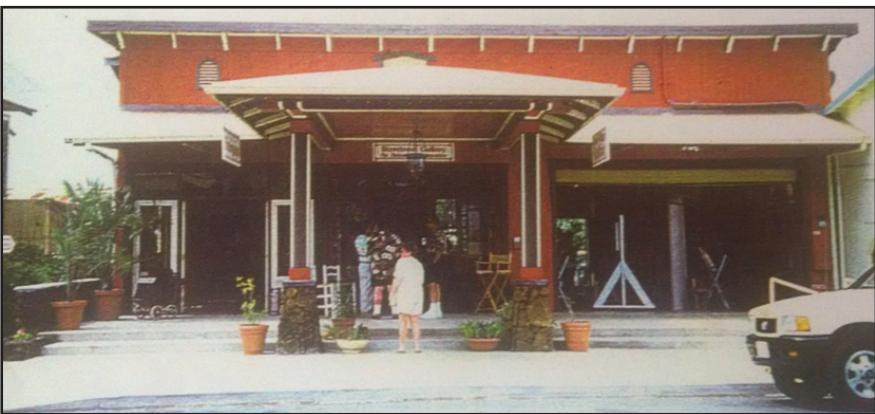
*The gas station as restoration began.*



*Before*



*After*



*The building near the end of the restoration in 1996 converted to three retail spaces.*

In 1996-97 Quinlan conducted a restoration feasibility study for the dilapidated Nanbu Building. The property extends into the roadway and is below the level of the road. Because of its condition, the property had no value, so no bank loan was possible for the \$325,000 needed for the restoration. His study showed that projected rents could repay the funds to an investor via a long term lease.

Quinlan made presentations to the Kohala Lions Club and The Rotary Club of North Hawai'i in Waimea. One member of the Rotary Club agreed to make the investment and a 35 year lease was signed with the owner Margaret Hori, daughter of the original owners. The restoration began in 1998. The upstairs portion was converted to office spaces, requiring the addition of several supporting posts in the lower, soon-to-be, retail portion. In 1999 Quinlan was successful in getting the building listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



*Quinlan now makes his home in his native Ireland. He has eight children. But he still returns to Kohala from time-to-time.*

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# Community Development Plan Update

## Toilets at Mahukona, Back-Up Power and Medical Marijuana Discussed

By Lynda Wallach

At the July 13 meeting of the North Kohala Community Development Plan (NKCDP) Action Committee (AC), the AC welcomed its newest member, Ken Wills. He and his wife Peggy Piaskoski-Wills became full-time residents two years ago. Ken says, "I share the view of Keeping Kohala Kohala and hope that by serving on the Action Committee, I can do a small part to add to the vibrant community so that the next generation will also find it an attractive place to raise their children."

To help ensure that AC meetings proceed in an orderly and efficient manner, Chairman John Winter presented a proposed set of guidelines for statements from the public and subcommittee reports. After reviewing the Sunshine Law requirements for public testimony he proposed the current procedures, whereby statements from the public are solicited at the beginning and end of each meeting and are limited to three minutes, be continued. The Sunshine Law requires all boards to accept testimony from the public on agenda items; however, the chair can use discretion

on whether to accept testimony on non-agenda items.

He suggested once rules regarding time limits and testimony on non-agenda items are adopted, they should be put in writing. After a decision to increase the time limit to five minutes, the guidelines were accepted.

A correction was made to last month's Growth Management subcommittee report regarding a transitional housing permit for the first lot of the seven acre subdivision next to Takata Store. According to a representative of the buyers, no transitional housing permit has been applied for. Catholic Charities/Hope Services is the seller, not the buyer, of the lot and neither the lot nor the modular home currently stored at Takata's while escrow closes will be used for transitional housing.

Keone MacKillop reported for the Public Access subcommittee that the environmental assessment for Kohala Shoreline has been released and the deadline for public comments is August 7.

Winter - reporting for the Parks, Water and Road subcommittee - said that the subcommit-

tee had met with representatives from the Department of Parks and Recreation (P&R), Public Information Officer Jason Armstrong and Deputy Director Kenneth Van Bergen, and discussed several issues regarding our local parks. The first involved the Friends of the Parks program. Although the Friends of the Park at Mahukona, for example, have informally adopted the park, P&R's rules require that they fill out the required application and formally adopt the park. They emphasized the need for coordination between P&R and the various Friends since there are liability issues regarding what can be done, the types of materials that can be used and where plantings can be placed. For example, because of health and safety issues, the County has to contract out the demolition and removal of the grandstand at Kamehameha Park.

They also discussed community concerns regarding park maintenance and were informed an additional park maintenance person has been hired. He lives in Waimea and will be available to do maintenance at North Kohala parks. Finally, they discussed

funds for new toilets and showers at Mahukona, specifically regarding the 2.5 million dollars that was allocated when Pete Hoffman was our Council Representative. It was explained that the environmental assessment at Mahukona was done by Surety without community input and was therefore rejected and funding was blocked.

A public meeting on opening Pratt Road for emergency bypass will be scheduled in the near future. The matter acquired increased urgency after a tree fell, blocking Akoni Pule Highway at Halawa Gulch.

Toni Withington and Carter Collins of the Power, Viewplanes and Erosion Control subcommittee met with HELCO president Jay Ignacio about alternative energy sources for Kohala. He was very interested in using sources like wind and hydro to provide back-up power for North Kohala. The redundancy plan currently involves bringing a second line from Waimea. Using alternative energy sources would eliminate the need for that second line, although it would require major updates to the grid.

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**Dr. Jonny's Health Tips:**

FDA strengthens warnings for over the counter NSAIDs.



Common NSAIDs include ibuprofen, naproxen, and acetaminophen, more commonly known by their popular brand names Advil, Aleve, and Tylenol. The FDA warns that the risk of heart attack and stroke are increased even in the initial few weeks of use. NSAID means non-steroidal anti-inflammatory and they are typically the first line of treatment given by medical doctors for many aches and pains as well as fever. Be cautious if you have been taking these and consider a drug free approach such as chiropractic care for pain.

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# Hundreds Return To Celebrate Kohala Reunion continued, from Page 1



*Photos by Lani Eugenio unless noted*  
Bella Medeiros with a prize-winning Hawaiian quilt in the background



Doreen Paro her Kohala High classmate, Fred Macadangdang, move to kachi-kachi, the popular Puerto Rican dance.



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Pride of Kohala Display: Betty Zane Hendrickson stands to the left of her sister's picture. Yun Tau Zane was the first Miss Hawai'i in 1948.



Judy Joyner and Sharon Sakai show off their Kohala High School band uniforms and all the awards and articles written about their successful band and their talented and beloved leader, Billie Brooks.



Typical items in a Japanese/Okinawan household during plantation days: a tub and washboard (for washing clothes); hagama, or rice cooker; sero, or mochi rice steamer; a kerosene lamp; and various cups and dishes obtained from Quaker Oatmeal boxes.

the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and retired Army Colonel and former council member Pete Hoffman.

Throughout the weekend the station interviewed visitors, volunteers as well as participants in the exhibits and entertainment.

Donated farm animals were auctioned off country style. The greased-pig catching event drew 21 eager kids under 12 years old. Onipā a Matsuda was the champion pig catcher.

Kealii Lily squeezed sugar

cane juice during the Plantation Days celebration and Gary Eoff spoke about ancient Hawaiian arts and crafts. Photos of "What hasn't changed" were popular in the Post Plantation era.

Kamehameha Schools Preschool created a floormat play area for little kids while their parents checked out the more than 20 exhibits set up by Kohala organizations.

One exhibit, complete with former cheerleading outfits, celebrated a mini-reunion of band

members under the direction of bandleader Billie Brooks who inspired students and musicians at the high school in the '60s and '70s. Outside the gym tents set up by KHS alumni classes and families buzzed with mini-reunions of their own. A cheer competition was won by the Class of 1985.

The final day drew over a hundred people to participate in a facilitated voicing of ideas for Kohala's future. Using the North Kohala Community Development Plan as a core, participants

brought their ideas for taking Kohala's unique culture and lifestyle into the future. Many of the comments supported ways to preserve cultural values and include them in the CDP, which will be up for review and revision in three years. David Fuertes, who put together the sessions, said the results and suggestions of participants will be forwarded to the CDP Action Committee and the various subcommittees.

The next Kohala Reunion is already being planned for 2020.

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**Talk Story Event Rescheduled**

Due to an unforeseen road closure, the storytelling contest at Konea O Kukui Garden originally scheduled for July 4 during the Kohala Reunion 2015 has been rescheduled.

The contest is now set for **Saturday, July 25, at 4:30 p.m.,** weather permitting.

All are invited to share a favorite Kohala memory or story of a family member – or just listen in. Tell the tale from your perspective, or get in character and become someone else to tell a story from their point of view. There will be judges and prizes!

Konea O Kukui is located just above Keokea Park off Keokea Beach Road. Signs will be posted for clear directions. There is a switch back trail leading down a steep path to the garden so comfortable shoes are appropriate.



The Reunion had a lineup of fine musicians throughout the 4-day event. John Keawe and his wife, Hope, delighted the audience with songs John wrote while Hope's halau danced the hula to some of the songs.



Lana Lewis enjoys the fried fish dish from one of the food vendors.



Photo by Mathias Pascual

The Class of 1985 gives it their all to win the Cheer Competition. Leading the cheer: Gino Amar  
Left to right: Darren Baculpo, Clinton Hiraoka, Lulu Victorino, Charlie Batad, Teresa Marquez (hidden) and Joan Shropshire



Terry Jean and Ethel Arakaki reconnect with former Makapala neighbor Diana Rabang.



Tong Wo Society was # 43 on the self-guided tour "50 Famous Places of Kohala".



Faye Yates summarizes the ideas of her Cultural Preservation group. Professional moderators volunteered to help the community with the "Planning for the Future" process.

On behalf of The North Kohala 2015 Reunion committee & our volunteers  
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Mr. Ikaika Mahoe - representing Senator Brian Schatz \* Mayor Billy Kenoi \* OHA Big Island Trustee and Board Chair – Robert Lindsey \* District 9 Councilmember Margaret Wille \* North Kohala Community Resource Center \* Christine Richardson – Executive director, Juanita Rivera – Executive Assistant \* Megan Solis – Associate Director \* Kohala Parks & Recreation \* Kohala Pride

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Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center  
Kohala Lihikai  
St. Augustine Episcopal Church

Billie Brook's Band Reunion  
Kohala Poetry  
-Joshua & Aneka Bowman  
Hawaii Wildlife Center  
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We also appreciate all those who gave a monetary donation! We are grateful to all of our ohana who traveled from far to join us. Our goal for our 2020 reunion is to have the younger generation also participate and experience what it is to be a part of the rich history and cultures of North Kohala. How important it is to share our past, to learn our culture from our kupuna and to keep the information past down to generation to generation. How important it is for the future of Kohala and how we can keep Kohala, Kohala.

**CDP, continued from Page 9**

Withington also reported that Gail Byrne Baber and a group of Kohala High School students who are working on the Upolu soil erosion control project toured over two dozen erosion control projects at Kohala Estates. It was a very positive experience and the students were excited about what they had learned.



Photo courtesy of Ken Wills

Ken Wills joined the North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee in June 2015.

Lani Eugenio presented the Agriculture subcommittee's vision for Kohala agriculture. Among the items on the list were school programs that grow future farmers in Kohala and cover education in the business of farming including accounting, creating a business plan, obtaining loans and business management. They also envision farm cooperatives that share services such as tractors; fruit drying sheds; and slaughterhouses for pigs, sheep and cattle. They are looking at the production of value added products like sausage, wool, and chocolate. The NKCDP goal is for 50% food sustainability by 2018 and an issue for the committee is how to track

progress toward that goal.

Faye Yates said that the first meeting of the Cultural and Historical subcommittee was well attended. The goals of the primarily-senior members are to accurately identify, protect and care for historical and cultural sites and cultural practices. The first thing they want to do is identify the various ahupua'a and the families that are responsible for them. They want to work with the families, not take over from them. They want to access burial grounds and protect some of the fishing sites. Another goal is to work with existing groups to educate local children on cultural practices. Finally, they want to educate tour guides to make sure that the information they impart to visitors is accurate.

Concern had been expressed from the public and the Agriculture subcommittee that legalizing marijuana and thus legalizing the growing of hemp and medical marijuana may create a danger to the community. Rosalind Newlon of the Planning Department said that the growing of marijuana is a federal, state and county issue over which the AC has no control. Investigation and research into this matter and all the applicable laws and regulations has been turned over to the Agriculture subcommittee.

Newlon also announced that, although the AC has completed its input on the revisions to the General Plan, individuals can still submit their comments directly to the Planning Department. The Plan can be found online at [coh-planningdept.com/general-plan](http://coh-planningdept.com/general-plan), which also lists addresses to which comments can be sent. The County is also working a plan for community outreach. Newlon said that over the next couple of years there will be workshops and other ways for individuals to provide their input.

The next meeting of the NKCDP AC will be on Monday, August 10 at 5:00 p.m. at the North Kohala Senior Center. Members of the community are urged to attend.

**Weekly Events in Aug**

*Please note these events meet every week.*

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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
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	Traditional 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 Complex 989-0966
FRIDAY			
10AM		Preschool Story Time	North Kohala Library 889-6655

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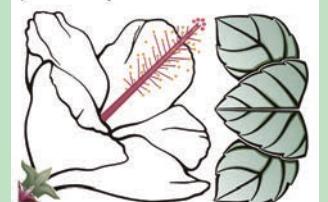
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## Developer Makai of Kohala Ranch Seeks Comments

By Toni Withington

Public comments on the impacts of plans for a 9-lot subdivision of lands makai of Kohala Ranch are being called for by the County and the developer. The recently published plans describe the establishment of public access and preservation of 39 archaeological sites found on the 38 acres of coastal land. Comments are due by August 8.

Kohala Shoreline LLC is proposing subdivision of the land immediately north of the Kohala Kai LLC development, over which heated testimony regarding preservation of the ancient Ala Loa trail was heard by the County

Council last year from North and South Kohala residents.

This time the developer of Kohala Shoreline is seeking public comment well in advance of the application for County permits that would allow the subdivision. Representatives of the owner have already met with individuals and groups involved with access and historic preservation issues. The draft Environmental Assessment for the project was published in the State Environmental Notice this month and comments must be received by the County and the owner by August 8.

The issues most likely to be looked at closely by the public

are the proposals for mauka/makai public access, the location and preservation of the Ala Loa on the existing coastal jeep road, a shoreline trail and the proposal to have two highway entrances to the subdivision off of Akoni Pule Highway.

These were also issues of importance mentioned in the Kohala Kai subdivision.

Copies of the full document can be read at the North Kohala Public Library or by going online at <http://oeqc.doh.hawaii.gov> and selecting Environmental Notice current edition and clicking on the name Kohala Shoreline LLC project on page five.

## Norwegian Father and Son Rescued from Drowning at Pololu

By Heather Mueller

On May 21 a very important event unfolded at Pololu Beach Park. Two young men, Jerome Arellano of Kapa'au and Andrew Matthews of Taft, California, were spending some time at the beach. Andrew was swimming fairly close to shore and using his boogie board. Two swimmers a bit further out from shore were waving and calling.

At first Andrew and Jerome thought they were simply communicating in fun with the rest of their family on shore. It soon became clear that the swim-

mers were calling out in distress and waving their arms for attention to get help. It was a father and his ten year old son; the family was from Norway. Andrew grabbed his boogie board and swam hard out to where they were, by this time, floundering in the current and waves. The two Norwegians grabbed onto Andrew's boogie board and Andrew dragged it with his left arm while pulling against the current and swimming with his right arm, kicking hard with his legs. He was using all of his strength and had many moments of fear that he would not be able to make it.

While he was swimming toward the shore the rest of the family was nervously watching from shore.

Jerome was praying as the rescue unfolded before them. Finally Andrew and the Norwegians made it to shore safely.

Their limited English was no barrier to the family's expression of gratitude and appreciation, shown with lots of big hugs and tears of relief. Andrew and Jerome saved the lives of two visitors that afternoon. They hope this story will reinforce the importance of knowing about the swift current that flows by Pololu Beach Park.

### Kohala Lions Club Changes Community Donation Policy

The Kohala Lions Club has for many years conducted fundraising events within the community. The funds raised have then been donated back to needy organizations within the community on a monthly basis. Beginning January 1, 2016, donations will be made only in the months of June and January based on applications submitted by needy organizations during the first and second six-month segments of each year, respectively. For more information, please contact Treasurer Tom Morse at [ltmorse@aol.com](mailto:ltmorse@aol.com) or 345-0706.



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## Same Canoe Local Food Challenge – Double It!

By Marcy Montgomery

What will Hawaii look like when we reach a 50% local food goal? How will we get there?

Same Canoe is a new initiative aimed at encouraging more local buying choices and practices in North Kohala and West Hawai'i. The Local Food Challenge encourages everyone to DOUBLE their local food purchases at farmers' markets, grocers, restaurants and cafes. The project applauds North Kohala's motivating 50% pledge to local food and is aimed at offering direct actions that measurably increase local food production, consumption and security.

Connecting farmers, consumers, markets, and cafes in a proactive Double It! Food Challenge brings food system players together in a unified effort to 'Grow Local, Buy Local, Eat Local'.

One Island, a local non-profit hosting the Same Canoe Local Food Challenge, has recently been awarded a USDA Food Security grant to help connect low income families with more local food and local farms. The Project's goal is to increase consumer readiness to choose locally grown over imported foods and thereby improve community health and increase farm sustainability and island food security.

In North Kohala, One Island's Same Canoe project begins offering USDA-funded matching coupons for free local food purchases on August 1 at the farmers market. This project will help over 100 North Kohala households in

the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) qualify for \$60- \$120 in free local food purchases from participating vendors at the farmers market and through the Food Basket's "Da Box" CSA (community supported agriculture) program. Island farmers will be the direct beneficiaries of these purchases and gain new customers and new sales.

Same Canoe will be hosting information and sign-up booths at the Hawi farmers market this summer and fall, opening on August 1. Between September and February, the community is invited to join in fun food classes, local food strolls, farm tours and family-friendly farm-to-fork meals to celebrate Kohala's agricultural heritage. The project's farmers market booth will highlight local farm produce and hold drawings for discount coupons at local vendors and merchants. Plus free food, composting and gardening demonstrations will be held right at the market.

En Young, executive director of the Hawai'i Island Food Bank notes, "It is time we put into action new ways to grow our local food production. Same Canoe's Local Food Challenge shares the Food Basket's commitment to local food.

Our Ho'olaha Ka Hua 'Da Box' CSA subscription program is open to any Kohala household, plus new SNAP/EBT subscribers can use the Same Canoe coupons for a free week of fresh, island-grown food when they sign up for Da Box each month for three or

more months."

If you are an EBT / SNAP household you can pick up the blue Same Canoe free food coupon application at the North Kohala Public Library; Senior Center or Department of Human Services (DHS) office in the North Kohala Civic Center; Ainakea Senior Residences; the Kohala Elementary School Garden; or at the Same Canoe booth at the farmers market. Applications are turned in by mail or at the farmers market starting August 1. (Each \$30 in coupons must be matched with receipts from any grocer for fresh food purchases.) To learn more about the project, visit the Same Canoe farmers market booth (this summer) or their website at: [www.oneisland.org/samecanoe](http://www.oneisland.org/samecanoe).



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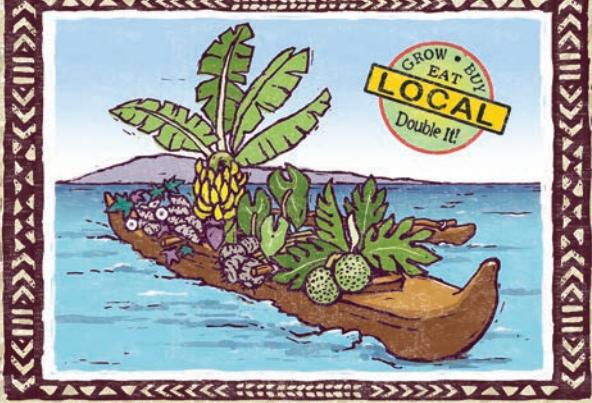
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## Students Learning Watershed Management at Upolu

Story and photos by Gail Byrne Baber

Kohala students are helping to stop erosion at Upolu by installing check dams under the guidance of the Kohala Watershed crew. Students include Railen Ching, Yuki Zbytovsky, Mina Apostadiro, Sienna Byrne and Casy Gollum.

Check dams slow down water that is running off the land so that sediment and debris can settle out before entering a gulch or the ocean.

The project at Upolu is building on several projects launched by the local nonprofit Kohala Lihikai, in partnership the State Airports Division, to mitigate damage of large eroded areas. These young people are learning about various aspects of natural resource management from community kupuna and professionals in the field, and will continue their work this summer and this fall by planting native species to help cover bare areas and monitoring the check dams.



Jeff Coakley (left) discusses community based fisheries management strategies with students and Kohala Watershed Crew at Upolu during a break from installing check dams. Coakley is a life-long waterman and dedicates himself to preserving Kohala's resources by teaching future generations.

The students spent a day with Kohala resident Susan Fisher touring a development that has 28

sediment basins and learning how these ponds are an effective way to trap runoff with sediment and other pollution before it enters gulches or the ocean.

During a June work day at Upolu, Jeff Coakley, life-long waterman and president of Makai'i Kamakani O Kohala, shared his experience and thoughts with the students and the members of the Kohala water-

shed crew about effective community based strategies to manage fisheries. Kohala High School teacher Fern White is assisting with the project as well.

Funding for the project was provided by a grant from the Hawai'i Community Foundation secured by Malama Kohala Kahakai, a project of the North Kohala Community Resource Center.



Kohala students, under the guidance of the Kohala Watershed Crew, create a check dam at Upolu by securing rocks in a large tube constructed of fencing material and landscaping cloth. The dams, placed on a low point of a slope or gulch, slow the flow of water and reduce erosion.

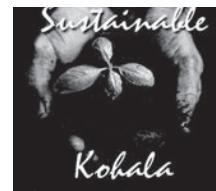
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 Cafe, Ayoso, Karisse Hawai'i C.C.-West Hawai'i Palamanui, Pastry Chef  
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 Coito, Kadence, College of Southern Nevada, Criminology/Kinesiology  
 Dollaga, Don Ryan, California State University, Bakersfield, Business Marketing/Accounting  
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### Kindergarten Registration is Open

By Nelda Lyons

Summer is quickly coming to an end, as the new school year starts July 29! If you have a child or grandchild who will be five years old on or before August 1, please be sure to register her/him at Kohala Elementary School as soon as possible!

Kindergarten teachers and support staff are busy preparing for a smooth and successful transition into the year. Parents/guardians who completed the registration process before July 23 were invited to bring students to this year's annual Kindergarten KAMP (Kindergarteners Are Most Precious), facilitated by high school students from the Kona 4H. This is an orientation program that helps students and parents become familiar with the school's principal, teachers and support personnel. Mahalo to those who attended and to the Kona 4H program!

Kindergarten students will begin school on a different time line than older students. On July 29, 30, and 31 students will be individually tested and should come ONLY at designated testing times.

Parents are asked to bring labeled school supplies at the time of testing so teachers may prepare for the first day of class. Half the students will come to school on August 3 and the other half on August 4. Students will be dismissed early these two days so teachers will have time to conference with parents. All students will attend on the regular schedule beginning August 5.

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	START	END	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	VENUE	PHONE	
7/25	SAT	4:30PM	Talk Story Contest	Share a favorite Kohala memory or story	Konea O Kukui Garden		
7/29	WED		School starts	1st Semester			
1	SAT	9AM	12PM	Same Canoe Booth	SNAP EBT users can start signing up for free local food coupons	Hawi Farmers' Market	328-2452
3	MON	5:30PM	7:30PM	Kohala Parent Support Group	Meeting	The Cottage @ the HUB	895-3578
8	SAT	2PM	4PM	Propagation 101	Free Workshop with Nate Hayward	Kohala Village Hub Barn	895-3578
10	MON	5PM		NKCDP AC Meeting	North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee	Old Courthouse	323-4770
10	MON	6PM		Poetry Group meeting	Coordinated by Joshua Bowman	North Kohala Library	889-6655
10	MON	4PM	5PM	Biddy Basketball Registration	Free, Ages 5 to 8	Hisaoka Gym	895-1939
11	TUE	11AM		Reading Group discussion	"I am Malala."	North Kohala Library	889-6655
11	TUE	6PM		Kohala Farmers' Union	6pm potluck, 7pm speaker. Non-farmers welcome too	Kohala Village Inn Barn	889-5715
13	WED	4PM	5PM	Biddy Basketball Registration	Free, Ages 5 to 8	Hisaoka Gym	895-1939
17	MON	10AM		Same Canoe presentation	To help SNAP EBT users enroll for matching local food coupons	Civic Center	328-2452
17	MON	1PM		Same Canoe presentation	To help SNAP EBT users enroll for matching local food coupons	Ainakea	328-2452
20	TUE	5PM	6PM	Kohala Radio KNKR 96.1 FM	General meeting everyone is welcome to attend	KNKR studio	889-0507
24	MON	4PM	5PM	Volleyball Registration	Free, Grade 4 to 8	Hisaoka Gym	895-1939
25	SAT	11AM	12:20PM	Community Meal	At St. Augustine Church	Walker Hall	889-5390
25	TUE	5PM	6PM	CDP Subcommittee	Power, Viewplanes & Erosion Control, contact Susan Fischer	Old Courthouse	882-7611
26	WED	4PM	5:30PM	Restorative Yoga Therapy class	with Carla Orellana, Certified Yoga Therapist, by donation	White tent, 53-496 Iole Rd	889-5151
26	WED	5PM		Parks, Water & Roads Subcommittee	Monthly Meeting	Old Courthouse	882-7611
26	WED	4PM	5PM	Volleyball Registration	Free, Grade 4 to 9	Hisaoka Gym	895-1939
29	SAT	10AM	12PM	Thrift Shop	At St. Augustine Church		889-5390
31	MON	3PM		Youth Book and Reading club	"Inkheart."	North Kohala Library	889-6655

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

### KCAA Flag Football Underway



*Photo by Tom Morse*

The 8-10 age group of the Kohala Community Athletic Association (KCAA) flag football program at an early June practice. More than 80 players ages five to fourteen are participating in six KCAA teams this year under the direction of Commissioner Noa Yamamoto and his supporting volunteer coaches.



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## Two Kohala Students Experience PISCES Space Camp



Photo by Tanya Adams

Ten Big Island high school girls participate as astronauts in the PISCES Summer Program.



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Gabrielle Bartolome (second from left) operates a model of a Mars Rover robot alongside other island girls participating in the PISCES program.

For a week in June Tanya Adams and Gabrielle Bartolome, two Kohala High School students, learned about space rovers, space suits, space food, space cooking and space communications as part of the special Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES) STARS program.

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, "Women are underrepresented both in STEM [science, technology, engineering and mathematics] jobs and STEM undergraduate degrees and have been consistently over the last decade." The report finds that

although women fill close to half of all jobs in the U.S. economy, they hold less than 25% of STEM jobs. To help change that, PISCES launched the STARS program as a way of inspiring Hawai'i's young women to take an active interest in STEM studies, showing them that a space career is not a far-fetched science-fiction dream, but a fun reality that anyone can pursue.

Mari-Ela David Chock, PISCES' public information officer, explained the PISCES summer STARS program. STARS stands for STEM Aerospace Research Scholars. It's a

summer educational experience designed to encourage more of Hawai'i's young women in high school to pursue a space career or other STEM field.

Attendees get real world experience with aerospace technologies and facilities on the Big Island of Hawai'i and learn directly from experts out on the field, including a space team.

Participants were current female high school students and required to have a 3.25 GPA or higher. Both Adams and Bartolome received letters of recommendation from Ms. Fern White,

AVID site coordinator and Robotics program director. Only 10 candidates were selected. Sponsored by Canada France Hawaii Telescope in partnership with University of Hawaii-Hilo, the program is free for participants.

The five-day STEM workshop consisted of hands-on activities with real-life space experts. Students learned how to conduct a mock robotic mission to the Moon, drive a PISCES planetary rover through an obstacle course searching for extraterrestrial resources, experience a night on the Red Planet via the Hawai'i Space Exploration Analogue and Simulation (HI-SEAS) Mars Habitat.

Bartolome commented, "Stargazing, spacecraft missions, surviving Mars? Sure it may sound like the life of an astronaut.... Contrary to my previous belief, aerospace science isn't like some far-fetched sci-fi movie like Star Wars.

The hands-on activities and presentations during my time at the workshop opened up my eyes to the amazing world of aerospace science. The most important thing I learned is that the universe is too vast to leave unexplored."



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# Elodia Le May Retiring From Kohala Elementary

This year's final school bell rang in a new era for Elodia Le May: retirement.

Growing up in Seattle, Le May has taught many places – including Washington State, Honolulu, Brazil, Moloka'i, Honoka'a, and two years in Bolivia – before finally settling in Kohala. These years were not only in the daytime schools, but sometimes included teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) at night.

In 2002, her first year at Kohala Elementary School, she taught first grade. In 2003 she moved to third grade, where she happily remained until retirement.

Among her many accomplishments Le May spent years as the third grade department chair and brought field trips, art, music and physical education back to Kohala third graders.

Even though teaching is a demanding profession, what Le May likes most about third grade is students are still so enthusiastic, wanting to learn and interested in lessons. When asked about the feelings she gets while teaching she readily offers, "A child's spirit is just precious."

She especially appreciates that Principal Danny Garcia allows teachers to try new approaches to see what works best.

The Daily Five method of



Photo by Mary Ann Baron

Third grade teacher Elodia Le May receives a mahalo lei from Principal Danny Garcia (right) and Vice Principal Bruce Kawachika (left) while students look on. Le May is celebrating her retirement this year after spending the last 12 years of her teaching career at Kohala Elementary School.

teaching, which grants students more freedom and ultimately results in their forming of cooperative groups, wins her current

praises. "Kids feel empowered when they get to make some of their own decisions about what they're going to study within

the reading and math series assigned by the State," says Le May. Although it might be a little noisier and less orderly than sitting straight-backed all in a row, the results are impressive and students enjoy the process.

After the summer her immediate plans are to live in Mexico with her sister for a month, then travel to places she's intrigued by such as Prague in the Czech Republic and Budapest in Hungary. Loving mixed-race environments, her spirit naturally gravitates toward travel abroad.

Because of her experiences while earning a Bachelor's degree in language arts, Le May especially enjoys oral interpretation of literature. After her travel break she is toying with the idea of starting a Readers Theater for children at the new Kohala radio station. During a performance radio actors would read a prepared script adapted from literature while the radio audience pictures the scene and action in their minds. As they become more comfortable with the medium, she hopes to have students eventually write their own plays.

Her parting words for Kohala Elementary: "Kohala is the best! I have had so many wonderful years here. Teachers, keep doing what you're doing."

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## KNKR Finally On Air

Story by Bob Martin

After over two years of planning and hard work, Kohala Radio is now on the air. Although the schedule is limited to only two hours a day – 10 a.m. to

the current volunteers go through their paces. You'll get a feel for how much fun it is to broadcast. Everyone is welcome. Come on now, we know you're out there. Where are you?

Kohala Radio is planning a large brass plaque in their entrance way commemorating all of their donors who had the faith and conviction to financially support the station before it went on air.

The opportunity to be a Founder of Kohala Radio ends on the day the FCC issues the official license to broadcast on 96.1 FM in Kohala. The application for the license will be submitted on or about July 15, and the FCC is expected to respond in a matter of days. This means the LAST CHANCE to become a KNKR Founder is August 1, 2015.

If you want to be a Founder and have not yet donated to

KNKR, now is the time to donate. If you have family members or friends who may be interested in being on the Founder's Plaque, let them know that it's now or never. You can easily donate by going online at knkr.org and clicking on the donate button. You can also stop by or send your donation to the North Kohala Community Resource Center, P. O. Box 519, Hawi, HI 96719. Be sure to specify on your donation: Kohala Radio. The recommended donation amount is \$50 but contributions of any amount will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged on the plaque. Come be a Founder and your name will be acknowledged for years to come.



Photo by Len Winkler

Left to right: Holly Algood hosts her show "Eco Talk", joined by Susan Cox (the "Green Power Girl") and Karl Toubman.

noon, Monday through Saturday – a longer schedule is coming on July 27 – 7 a.m. to noon, Monday through Saturday. The station is actively seeking show hosts, DJs and others to join the broadcast team.

The station staff is all-volunteer. The best way to get involved is to apply on line at knkr.org; it takes only a few minutes to fill out the application. Another way is to come to the studio and watch as

### Reunion Broadcasts Available Online.

Kohala Radio was privileged to broadcast during the four days of Kohala Reunion 2015 at Kamehameha Park and Hisaoka Gym. Each show was recorded and all of these sessions are available online at knkr.org; check it out.

Mahalo to the Reunion 2015 committee for supporting Kohala Radio and the broadcasts.

### Last Chance to Be a Founder



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Left to right: Len Winkler (center) and Bob Martin (right) interview Boyd Bond at Kohala Reunion 2015.



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