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## Kupuna Hula Festival Celebrates Places of Meaning

By Lynda Wallach

The 33rd Annual Kupuna Hula Festival took place on Wednesday and Thursday, September 9 and 10. Once again, Na Kupuna O Kohala had the pleasure of participating.

The theme of this year's competition was Ola Kupa`aina - A Person of the Land. Each halau was asked to share hulas about places in Hawai'i that have special meaning for them.

Na Kupuna's kumu Kai Nakamura selected songs about North Kohala, of course. Kealoha Sugiyama, our kane soloist, danced to "Mahukona", a song about the place where he grew up. Our wahine soloist Deborah Winter performed "No Kohala Ka Makani Apa`apa`a" about the winds we love and have missed so much this summer. The mixed group's song was "Ke Anu O Waimea," which tells of the beauty of Waimea. For the wahine, our kumu chose "Pua Lilia O Honomaka`u," about the fragrance of the lilies at Hono-

makau. For the kane he chose "Kaulana Hawi I Ka Hanohano," which tells of the grandeur of the place we call home.

A couple of weeks before the competition, members of the halau went to each of the places represented in the hulas to chant

and dance so that the spirit of those places would be with us in our hulas.

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Photos and captions by Lani Eugenio

The synchronized movement of the wahine is captured while in competition at the 33rd annual Kupuna Festival held at the Sheraton Kona Resort and Spa at Keauhou Bay. The festival was started in 1982 by the late hula master George Naope and former Department of Parks and Recreation director George Yoshida, and is now part of Hawai'i County's Elderly Activities Division-Special Programs.

## UPLINK: A Community Enrichment Program

Story by UPLINK Media Club

Kohala Middle School (KMS) has an amazing opportunity to provide a free after-school program to Kohala youth. The program is sponsored by United Peer Learning, Integrating New Knowledge (UPLINK), in partnership with DOH/DOE and After-School All Stars (ASAS).

UPLINK is a statewide, federally-funded program designed for middle school students in grades 6, 7 and 8 with the goals of nurturing academic and social growth. This is accomplished by providing youth with after-school tutoring; fun sports, cooking, arts and crafts, media and technology

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Photo by Zaline Perez

Kohala Middle School students show pride in their material selection for an arts and crafts project in KMS-UPLINK (Kohala Middle School-United Peer Learning, Integrating New Knowledge).

## Kohala Ditch Update

By Margaret Kije Hazelwood

On October 6, 2006, the earthquake that hit Hawai'i Island disabled the agricultural ditch used to carry water to the farms of North Kohala. It seemed an impossible task to fix all that was wrong. However, a group of dedicated community members and ditch users were convinced it could be done. With the help of the federal and state governments (especially Hawai'i State Civil Defense), Surety Kohala, Kamehameha Schools and the North Kohala community, it was done. In the fall of 2008 those of us whose farms and lives are dependent on the flow of low cost water to make our livelihoods and lives possible had that water flowing to us again. At the time of completion, North Kohala was touted as a "model for community action".

On the 6th of August this year, a community group met again. Most of the people attending were present for the weekly meetings of the Ditch Restoration Committee and in addition, representatives of Surety, Kohala Ditch Foundation and Kamehameha Schools were present. The issue before us now is the need to assure the continuation of the water in the ditch and to seek the best entity to manage the ditch as Surety begins to wind down its Kohala operations (a process that will take several years).

At the end of the meeting agreement had been reached on several key points. First, the group acknowledged the necessity to find a working organization to continue the ditch management. Second, the unanimous decision of the group is to move forward with

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By Shannon Speier

*Kohala sunset as hurricanes Kilo, Ignacio and Jimena headed toward the island, September 2015.*

**Uplink, continued from Page 1** development activities; and community-involvement outings.

The foundation of KMS-UPLINK's goals and program are based on extensive research data which has determined that youth who are active and engaged outside normal school hours are more likely to finish high school and go on to college. They are

also less likely to experience teen pregnancies, tobacco, alcohol and drug use. Considering these facts, KMS-UPLINK is inviting all middle school students to participate in this fun and fulfilling after-school opportunity.

As part of the UPLINK media module, students interviewed other students to get their feedback about UPLINK. Here is some

of the students' feedback:

"I like to go to UPLINK because I get to socialize with kids outside of school. I enjoy the sports because it keeps me active. Also, I like learning and doing new things with the tutors." – Keoni Barco

"UPLINK is fun because I get to do lots of stuff." – Clyson Marquez

"I come to UPLINK because I get help with my school work and I like playing sports with my friends." – Logan Yamamoto

Come join the fun. KMS-UPLINK after-school program hours are from the last school day bell until 5:15 p.m. every school day, Monday through Friday. Please contact Kohala Middle School for information.



**Ditch, continued from Page 1** a local organization to be created by the users of the ditch. Toward that end we have set a meeting at 10 a.m. on October 14 to begin developing that organization and setting up its governance in order to effect a smooth transition from Surety. The meeting will be held

in the gym at Kamehameha Park in Kapa au. All users are invited to attend this meeting and work with this initial group to achieve the best results.

Everyone at the meeting was clear that the current management of the ditch has been and continues to be the best. Attendees at the

meeting were also clear that the ideal will be to keep the organization and the management local as opposed to a government takeover.

I want to be very clear that this does not mean that we do not appreciate and look forward to the support of state and federal agencies. Since the State is

also a user of the ditch through its lessees (tenants), a representative would be most welcome at not only the initial meeting but those that follow. We know this will take time and effort on our part and we welcome the opportunity to, again, become a model for community action.

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To relieve the stress of competition, the hula troops let loose with fun skits and dances. The Kohala troop entertained the audience with their joyful salsa dance.

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The dances were all choreographed by kumu Kauai and alakai Michael Matsu, who also designed the costumes, made lei and helped with fundraising. North Shor and singer U'ilani Lorenzo provided the music.

The halau spends many months preparing for the event, but the chance to share the joy of hula with one another, with the other participating halau and with the audience makes every bit of hard work worth it.

Na Kupuna O Kohala wants to thank the Kohala community and all those who make our participation possible.



Na Kupuna O Kohala's Kane Division, consisting of Kealoha Sugiyama, Michael Foley, Kalani Heinike and Frank Cipriani, wowed the crowd. According to the Hawai'i County's Elderly Activities Division, the festival's mission is to promote and perpetuate Hawaiian culture through song and dance, while honoring the kupuna and encouraging them to stay active.



Deborah Winter danced to Sarah Pule's composition "No Kohala" and represented the halau trained by Kumu Hula Kauai Nakamura.



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## NKCRC Board Welcomes Youth Directors

This fall, the Board of Directors of North Kohala Community Resource Center initiated a pilot Youth Director Program, welcoming three local high school students. This year's Youth Directors are Jessica Tenorio and Kumulani Kaai, Kohala High School seniors, and Malcolm Davis, Hawai'i Preparatory Academy sophomore.

The purpose of this program is to support Kohala youth by providing an introduction to the nonprofit sector through our grass roots organization. While serving on the board the youth directors can begin to learn about how the Resource Center's board and staff operate to effectively govern and manage a community organization. The youth directors will attend regularly scheduled meetings, under the supervision of Director-coaches. They will

have the opportunity to interact with adult directors, cast their vote on project applications and other matters, and participate in Resource Center fundraisers and other events. Other opportunities may include attending

one of the Resource Center's workshop series and making site visits to youth-oriented sponsored projects. An important outcome of this program is to "grow our own" future community leaders in Kohala by

empowering our local youth. By exploring youth representation on the Board, the Resource Center will be fulfilling its ongoing mission by providing both local support and education in Kohala. Youth are often an untapped resource of energy, new ideas and insight from a community constituency that is often not heard from. The many and varied experiences available to the youth directors will provide a tremendous experience that will encourage local youth to become community lead-

empowering our local youth.

ers and continue to work and serve in their community. As new Youth Director Jessica Tenorio stated, "I am excited for the opportunity to serve on the Board and get more involved in the community."



Photo courtesy of North Kohala Community Resource Center

North Kohala Community Resource Center (NKCR) Executive Director Christine Richardson, left, and Board President Gino Amar, far right, with NKCR's new youth directors, from left, Jessica Tenorio, Kumulani Kaai, and Malcolm Davis.

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On October 1, 2015, the business will become Ohana Fuels/Minit Stop. Our gas attendants have been offered positions, pending the transition to a self-

service gas station and convenience store. There will be help to fill gas for anyone who requests it, per Ohana Fuels. Please also consider applying for their HFN Fuel Card, which does offer a discount for gas purchases. We do believe that Ohana Fuels/Minit Stop's presence will be an asset to our community.

Darren Delacruz, our familiar mechanic who has worked for Shige's and then independently at Shige's, has relocated his auto repair business. He can be reached at 987-6976.

As we dismantle our repair shop and business, we are very saddened at closing Shige's. We have been blessed with many friendships and have many remembrances of the kindnesses,

generosities and thoughtfulness shared with us. We feel so fortunate to have had such terrific employees. Al Yamasaki has been an employee for almost three decades, for which we are very thankful. We will miss our Shige's 'Ohana very much and are grateful for their loyalty and trust in us.

Many, many thanks again for your patronage and friendship. We may not be as visible as we were at Shige's, but we will be out and about in the community, enjoying ourselves. We are very excited to begin this new phase of our lives!

Thank you very much for a wonderful 31 years!

Harold and Corinne Higa  
Shige's Service Station, Inc.

### To Help Clarify CDP Action Committee Concerns

Last month there were two letters advocating that we in Kohala ban the production of medical marijuana in our district. They also expressed frustration at not being able to have their concerns addressed at the Community Development Plan Action Committee (NKCDP-AC) meeting.

As chair of the NKCDP-AC I share their frustration. Simply put, our mandate is to work to execute the will of the majority of North Kohala residents on issues over which we have jurisdiction. That means that we are restricted to acting only on the "strategies" set forth in the CDP (you can download a pdf copy at <http://www.hawaiicountycdp.info/north-kohala-cdp>).

I respect the opinion of those wishing to keep commercial marijuana growth out of Kohala. Unfortunately the NKCDP-AC has no jurisdiction over such an issue. It does not fall under any of our strategies, and we cannot ban anything that is legal and conforms to our zoning. Even if the AC were to say we were banning it, we have no way to enforce such a ban. In fact, we would be legally liable if someone sued us for attempting to ban them from cultivating a legal crop.

This issue needs to be addressed to an authority that is capable of making or chang-

ing the law if enough support is expressed. I noticed in the same KMN issue that Representative Wille had an item suggesting we allow ACs to opt out of marijuana/hemp growth. I discussed this with her and she agrees that her proposal faces legal problems that would have to be handled elsewhere.

Because medical marijuana is now a state law I think it will eventually need to be addressed at the state level. I believe, however, the County Council could pass a resolution that would then go before the state legislature. I was happy to hear at the AC meeting that Bobby Command, Assistant Director of Planning, agreed to inform the Mayor's Office of the issue and arrange further hearings.

It's unfortunate that people have no local place to go to voice their concerns over many issues that are important to them. As one writer said last month, "if not [at AC meetings], then where do we go?" Hawaii has no town governance structures and the CDP-ACs are as close as we get, and I'd like to do more.

As an official county board, created by law, the NKCDP-AC is subject to the Sunshine Law, which forbids us from discussing issues not on the agenda. Nor can we address issues over which we have no jurisdiction. But as

chair I do have some discretion. I recognize the problem and have learned from past stressful meetings. I think the AC should be a place where people can express their concerns on issues of public importance. As long as I am chair I will commit to listening to such public input. If a non-agenda issue is brought up and is under our jurisdiction I can assign it to a subcommittee to investigate or put it on the next agenda for discussion. If it is unclear if an issue falls under our jurisdiction I will assign it to a subcommittee to check that out further and advise the AC.

Please realize there is a delicate distinction between hearing an issue expressed and proceeding to discuss a non-agenda issue. We can do the former, even if it's not under our jurisdiction (which, incidentally, runs contrary to the wishes of our parent organization, the Planning Department), but willful flaunting of the Sunshine Law by carrying on a discussion is a misdemeanor.

Finally, if an expressed issue is not under our jurisdiction perhaps we can help by finding out where to go next.

John Winter  
Chair  
North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee

### Keeping Kohala Coqui Free

Aloha Kohala,

The cost of keeping coquis at bay in North Kohala has been anything but FREE!

Since January of this year, Ralph Blancato and his two-man crew have spent over 50 nights eradicating reported coqui infestations in Kohala.

The Keokea Gulch/Niulii area is by far the largest, most difficult, and most expensive eradication

effort yet! The infestation was first reported in April 2013, and 2 1/2 years later the Coalition is still trying to completely eradicate the area of coquis. Ralph and his dedicated crew are out twice a week now, listening for coquis at night and treating as necessary.

Many people know that the Kohala Coqui Coalition started in November 2003, prompted by a large infestation in a gulch

off Kynnersley Road. Since that time, the Coalition has raised over \$100,000 with 85% of the money coming from community donations.

This year, for the first time in seven years, the Coalition has received financial support from the County. In February we received \$2,000 from Margaret Wille's contingency fund, and in

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### Future KMN Deadlines

It's important for the Kohala Mountain News to receive ads and news submissions by the following deadlines. Otherwise, submissions may not be accommodated.

#### October Deadlines:

**Ads: 10/9/15**

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**Publication date: 10/23/15**

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## Letters

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July was granted \$7,000 from a County Non-Profit Grant through NKCRC, that will be distributed throughout the fiscal year.

A few years ago, this would be enough money to carry us through almost two years of operations. Unfortunately, the pressure of more coquis coming into Kohala, and the large infestation in Keokea Gulch, has cost nearly \$15,000 this year alone. This includes chemicals, labor to eradicate, equipment rental, and equipment repairs. It has nearly exhausted all of our funding!

The key to controlling cost is

PREVENTION and early reporting. If you hear a coqui, please call the Coqui Hotline. Remember, only the mature males make the coqui calling sound. Females and juveniles do not make noise. Coquis can live up to seven years, and continue to reproduce throughout their lifetime. Females lay eggs every three weeks with an average of 20-25 froglets hatching every time. It takes seven months for the males to mature and begin their mating call (Ko-kee). Coquis can hitchhike on plants, building materials, construction equipment, and automobiles. There are no natural enemies in Hawaii.

Some people say it is inevitable that coquis will eventually take over Kohala. We see things differently. Our Coalition has a proven track record for keeping Kohala coqui free for twelve years now. With the continued support of this Community, and vigilance in preventing and early reporting of coquis, we believe we can keep coquis at bay. We can protect our property values and our nursery industry. We can protect our ecosystem and native birds and insects. And we can protect our peace and quiet.

But we can only do it with Community support! Report

coquis to the Hotline when you first hear a coqui. And always take steps to prevent coquis from coming in to Kohala. Please make a donation to the Coqui Coalition and help keep Kohala Coqui Free!

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Mahalo,  
Kim Takata  
Coqui Coalition

## County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilwoman Margaret Wille

## Videoconference Site Change, New Bus Route and Commendation for Inspirational Kupuna Addressed in Council

**TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF THE NORTH KOHALA VIDEOCONFERENCING SITE:** From now until January 2016, the Kapa`au Bank of Hawai`i Building will be closed for remodeling, which will include installation of ADA accessible restrooms. During this interim, our North Kohala videoconferencing site will be located at the Conference Room adjacent to Hisaoka Gymnasium, Kamehameha Park Complex.

**NEW BUS ROUTE FOR NORTH KOHALA:** Plans for the new bus route in North Kohala are being firmed up and the route will soon go out to bid. The bus is scheduled to start in Niuli`i at 8:45 a.m. and follow Akoni Pule Highway to Kawaihae and Spencer Beach, stopping along the way, arriving in Waimea at about 10:30 a.m. This bus arrives back at Niuli`i at about 1p.m. following the same route. For those who want to spend time in Waimea the afternoon bus leaves Waimea for North Kohala at 3:45 p.m. but only returns as far as Kapa`au.

**COUNCIL'S RECOGNITION OF OUR INSPIRATIONAL KUPUNA:** At the Council's September 16 meeting, I sponsored a Commendation for North Kohala's Shiro Takata. The Commendation states:

"One can always tell the character of a person when their message to an audience is simple and direct. Shiro's message, "Be somebody's hero"- be the person you want others to be. He believes no kind act is too small, whether it is giving a baseball to a child, words of encouragement for someone in need, or a word of appreciation to others. His story is one of dedication and caring, reaching out and helping those in his community, being an example of the true meaning of aloha.

"He is the owner of K. Takata

Store, established in 1923 by his parents. The fourth son of Keizo and Hatsuko, he was 'the chosen

years, he deservedly has received many awards: the Citizen of the Year Award, the Lifetime Achieve-



*Shiro Takata received an official Commendation at County Council's September 16, 2015 meeting. Councilwoman Margaret Wille sponsored the award to show appreciation of Takata's many decades of service to North Kohala.*

one' to work in the store. This was a surprise to him, as he was also the least dependable.

"So upon his graduation and his call to duty by his parents, he assumed the responsibility of the store. His mission then was to be sure that everyone who left the store would be smiling. And it is through this labor of love that the store has endured through three generations.

"Shiro's accomplishments on behalf of his community to are varied and extensive. They include starting the Kohala Coalition Against Drugs (KCAD), Kohala Coqui Coalition, Kohala Community Athletic Association (KCAA) and Kohala Little League. He also started the Kohala Walk with the goal of bringing the youth and elders together. It is no wonder that many affectionately call him the "Mayor of Kohala". Over the

ment Award and the Hawai`i State Teachers Association Friends of

Youth Award, to name a few.

"It is with great pleasure that the County Council extends its deep appreciation and gratitude to Shiro Takata for being one of our living treasures. We hope that your community efforts throughout the years will be an inspiration and serve as an example for other to follow and embrace."

To keep informed about upcoming legislation and special events, call or email my office to receive our District 9 Newsletter list: [Margaret.Wille@mac.com](mailto:Margaret.Wille@mac.com), 808-887-2043.

With much aloha, Margaret Wille

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### From Aotearoa to Kohala



Maori students and parents from New Zealand entertained a receptive audience in Kohala. The group spent most of their Big Island visit at the Makapala Retreat.



The entertainers included students, parents and staff. The Maori stick dance is a game of skill as partners toss two sticks to one another in various ways. The sticks were especially slippery this evening as the drizzle turned into a downpour. Like professional entertainers, the show went on in the rain.



Sisters Hinano Lewis and Ahja Sproat Lancaster were served a delicious Maori meal of chicken, pork cooked in the Maori style imu, and tossed and egg salads. The students entertained while their guests dined.



Kalamaku Freitas and Mikala Fernandez express their gratitude.

Story, photos and captions by Lani Eugenio

A group of 235 Maori students, staff and parents from the Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Ruamata school in New Zealand spent nearly two weeks on the Big Island, most of the time at the Makapala Retreat. On Friday, August 14, the 130 students from preschool to high school entertained their Kohala guests with Maori songs and dances.

The group came to Hawai'i to trace the steps of their ancestors in their journey from Hawaiki to Aotearoa. They have also journeyed to other parts of the United States, Argentina and other countries to study the cultures and look for similarities with their own Maori culture.



The haka was the traditional war cry or challenge performed by warriors before a battle to intimidate their opponents. Actions like slapping the hands against the body and facial contortions such as showing the tongue and the whites of the eyes were thought to express courage. Only men did the haka in ancient times, but now it's performed on various occasions, children perform it, and some haka have been written for women.



Dr. Cathy Dewes, Principal of the Maori immersion school, welcomes the neighbors. She is one of the original members who established an alternative schooling model whose philosophy and practice reflect Maori cultural values.

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## A Marijuana Growth Center for Kohala?

By Jeff Coakley

Keep Kohala – Kohala, the motto of our community, is easier said than done, as evidenced by the recent passage of HB 321 legalizing medical marijuana dispensaries and growth centers for the State of Hawai'i.

Two licenses will be issued to the Island of Hawai'i that can grow up to 6,000 marijuana plants each (12,000 plants for the island) and manufacture oils, pills and other products.

Is this what we want for our Kohala? How will this new medical marijuana law impact our community? How do we go about protect-

ing our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren from the negative effects of this marijuana law? Come to the meeting Tuesday night, September 29, in the Kohala High School Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. and be informed by professionals who have spent years studying and researching the marijuana issue and politicians who have dealt with the bill.

Confirmed as of September 11: Representative "Fresh" Onishi will share how the County Councils of each island stood for Home Rule. Alan Shinn, Executive Director

of Coalition of Drug Free Hawai'i, will share extensive information on the national and international level regarding the marijuana issue.

Hawai'i Island Police Chief Harry Kubojiri, recently returned from Colorado, will share statistical data and information regarding his fact-finding mission. He will also be inviting the chief of Narcotics Investigation to attend our meeting.

House Representative Andria Tupola will share her insights as a committee member on HB 321.

Where do we go from here? Community input welcomed!

**Meeting to Discuss Marijuana Cultivation in Kohala**

Tuesday night, September 29 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Kohala High School Cafeteria  
 Light refreshments served at 6:00 p.m.  
 Meeting to start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.  
 A time for questions and answers will be allowed after the speakers' presentations.  
 Your input is welcomed!

## Diverting Traffic to Pratt Road During Emergencies

By Toni Withington

Three recent emergencies that blocked traffic on Akoni Pule Highway for many hours have focused attention on continuing attempts to legalize use of Pratt Road for diverting traffic.

The former cane haul road runs from Niuli'i to Hawi, parallel to the highway. While some stretches are open to vehicle traffic, it is overgrown and fenced in several places. The causeway over the gulch at Kapanai Bay is not passable now.

The Water, Parks and Roads Subcommittee of the North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee (NKCDP-AC) has been working to open the road during emergencies for several years. A public meeting about the future of Pratt Road has been

scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, at 5 p.m. at the Kohala Intergenerational Center. The subcommittee is looking for ideas and comments and will be presenting the information gathered from County and State agencies.

Officials from the County Highways Division, Police Department and Civil Defense have been invited along with representatives from the State Department of Transportation, Highways Division.

The NKCDP Strategy 4.6 calls for an emergency bypass route from Hawi to Pololu in the event that Akoni Pule Highway is closed. It specifically mentions Pratt road as a route. Although the non-government Pratt Road was originally owned by the Kohala Sugar Company, subsequent subdivisions of

land by its successor Surety Kohala Corp. has cut ownership of the road easement into parcels that are now held by over 50 owners.

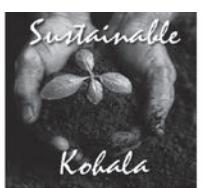
The Subcommittee has made maps of the road and a database of all landowners along Pratt Road. It attempted to contact the owners last year, calling for their ideas on how to handle emergency situations. Eight of the fifty-plus owners responded.

Committee members have also invited land owners to a meeting this month to discuss issues of concern.

Senator Lorraine Inouye, Representative Cindy Evans and Councilmember Margaret Wille have all expressed interest in finding ways to make a legal emergency route through Kohala.

**Public Meeting on the Future of Pratt Road**

Wednesday, October 14, at 5 p.m.  
 Kohala Intergenerational Center  
 Learn what County and State agencies say about creating a bypass for Akoni Pule Highway in times of emergency road closure.  
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# GRACE Learning Journey for Fourth and Fifth Graders to be Offered at `Iole

Kohala Institute at `Iole will be holding its second annual educational program for fourth and fifth graders during the upcoming fall intersession.

GRACE stands for Gratitude, Respect, Accountability, Courage and Engagement. The Learning Journey is an immersive, place-based and experiential learning opportunity that explores the `Iole ahupua`a. Kuleana to self, the environment and the community serves as the over-arching theme for the session.

This five-day program is packed with adventure as students try new things and fine-tune existing skills. Sample activities include farming and conservation practices, cultural history, creative writing, theatre games, lo`i restoration, mindful trail walks, Native Hawaiian oli and mele, and much more!



Courtesy of Kohala Institute at `Iole

Grace Learning Journey students learn to plant ipu seeds as a part of the lesson exploring accountability and water.

The custom curriculum for this educational program is designed to be a journey. "We create a personal journey for our participants," says Noelani Kalipi, Kohala Institute at `Iole's Executive Director. "Our activities help students to examine the ways that each of us impacts our surroundings and others around us, whether we mean to or not. The GLJ experience provides a chance for students to connect with themselves, their environment and with others."

G.R.A.C.E. Learning Journey for fourth and fifth graders will run from October 5-9, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with early drop-off and late pick-up available. Tuition is \$125 for the week. The registration deadline is September 24. Watch the video about last year's GRACE Learning Journey at [www.kohalainstitute.org](http://www.kohalainstitute.org).

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## A Musician Among Us - Slyde Hyde

By Christine Richardson  
Do you remember the first euphonium notes to the famous song "What the World Needs Now" (is love, sweet love...) sung by Dusty Springfield? Did you know that the musician who played those notes has been living in Kohala for almost twenty years? Well, indeed that musician



Photo courtesy of Dick "Slyde" Hyde

*Kohala resident and former-professional musician Dick "Slyde" Hyde plays his trombone with a mute, which lowers the volume and alters the timbre (tonal quality) of the instrument. Hyde is a member of both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Musicians Hall of Fame.*

is the famous horn player Dick "Slyde" Hyde, and yes, he and his lovely wife, Jolie, have resided here since retiring from full time recording and performing in Los Angeles in 1997.

Slyde has played music (trombone, tuba, euphonium) since he was in high school in Buffington, Indiana. He played in the school band and had his own band as well after school. He played football in a small high school and often went out on the field at halftime to play with the school band – in his sports uniform! Slyde went on to

join the Navy in 1954 and found himself in Washington D.C. at the Navy School of Music. While in the Navy, he was stationed in Honolulu and every Sunday night he played at the Moana Hotel with Gabe Baltazar and Ken Alford and the Dixie Cats. He headed to Los Angeles upon discharge, looking to kick start his career in music at Los Angeles City College.

He has played with Count Basie, Frank Sinatra, Stan Kenton, the Beach Boys, Madonna, Steely Dan, Tony Bennett, multiple Motown artists and many more well-known recording artists. He was a member of the very famous group, the "Wrecking Crew" – studio musicians who provided the music for countless hit recordings over a twenty-five year period. In fact, Slyde was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland in 2004 as a member of the Wrecking Crew as well as the Musicians Hall of Fame in Nashville in 1986.

"I've had a marvelous career. I was at the right place at the right time. The business is about 30 percent talent and the rest is sheer luck – getting to know people and getting along with artists. I was really, really lucky." Slyde also won the NARIS Grammy Award seven times for MVP (most valuable player) as voted by his peers in the industry.

In 1973 Slyde met and married the love of his life, Yolanda. "Yolie" is an accomplished jazz and rock and roll singer in her own right and has been the anchor in his life. They have a son and daughter and multiple grandchildren who live on the mainland. They can often be found playing and



Photo courtesy of Dick "Slyde" Hyde

*Dick "Slyde" Hyde and his wife Yolanda, or "Yolie", have lived in Kohala since retiring from the full-time Los Angeles music scene in 1997.*

singing with the Olliephonics at the Blue Dragon in Kawaihae and continue to perform throughout the Island and even sometimes on O'ahu.

At 79 years of age, Slyde says, "I feel 59." His youthful and positive spirit is contagious and you cannot spend time with him without smiling and laughing as he regales you with tales of the music industry and "backstage" stories. He has battled three bouts of cancer since 1991, starting with

lung cancer, and each time he has come out of treatment, smiling and grateful for the life he has been given and the care he has received.

A favorite anecdote often told is when he first moved to the Big Island and he and Yolie were living in Puako. It was the day of the Ironman race and he decided to go up to the highway and serenade the bicyclists. Can you imagine the surprise on those

racers' faces when they heard the sweet melodies of Slyde's music encouraging them on? This is typical of this joyful, kind man who gives thanks every day for his love of music and life.

We are blessed to have Slyde and Yolie Hyde in our community. If you haven't heard him play his horn, make a point of finding out where he will be performing soon and catch a great artist at work. If you are lucky, Yolie will step up and sing a great song, too.

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## Hawai'i's Own Young Paniolo Compete in "World Series" of High School Rodeo

Following their dreams with determination and dedication, Railen Ching, a junior at Kohala High School, and Kaili Brenneman, a senior at Kamehameha Schools, Kea'au, were Hawai'i State Qualifiers for Team Roping in the 2015 National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR). The competition was held in July in Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Team Hawai'i was made up of 21 cowboys and cowgirls from the State of Hawai'i. With two rodeos per day, it took 13 rodeos to decide the best at the NHSFR. This year 1,600 competitors tried to qualify for the top spot in 13 different rodeo events, with each contestant getting only two chances, or draws.

The team of Brenneman and Ching had their first draw on Day 1, July 12, at 7:00 p.m. Kaili came out with speed to rope the steer's head and Railen came from behind and caught the steer's two hind legs to make a time of 9.52 seconds. They were on the leader board for that show, sitting at fourth place. Thanks to Cinch TV, their 'ohana from Hawai'i could follow the rodeo through the internet and was proudly cheering on Team Hawai'i.

The young cowboys had many opportunities for entertainment other than watching two rodeos a day. There was a dance every night, concerts, volleyball games, jackpot roping, a trade show, event clinics, guest speakers and some sight-seeing if they wanted to leave the complex.

They spent a lot of time cruising the area - filled with hundreds of horse stables, RVs, trailers and trucks - on their personal golf cart. It was their vehicle to get

them from place to place because the rodeo complex was so big.

Many new friendships were built between Team Hawai'i and others from the US, Canada and Australia.

The second draw for the team

olo way of life, patriotism, family and camaraderie.

It has been a year-long journey for Railen to get this far. If not for the support of his "Cowboy Coach" Uncle Wally Ching, Railen would never have the chance

to video record him. Railen would go home and study his footage with his Cowboy Coach to see what the challenge was and how he could improve, or how great he did on his team roping run. Aunty Amoo and Honey Pat Ching escorted him on his travels to Wyoming. Many, many others helped in other ways.

One person was critical in Railen's success: his team roping partner, Kaili Brenneman. Kaili will be attending Walla Walla Community College this coming year.

He has been taught the knowledge and skills to support and accomplish his dreams, and he knows that success comes from hard work and not being a quitter. He has been there to support the younger generation, and by being a positive example he has instilled in them the drive to be the best they can be, to be confident and to know they can achieve their dreams.

The amazing performances he and Railen had at the monthly rodeos gave them the statistics to get them to 2015 NHSFR in Wyoming. The experiences and memories of this adventure will never be forgotten. They were humble when roping and did what they had to do to make it to the 2015 World Series of High School Rodeo. With great pride Kohala says "Congratulations!" to two fine young paniolo.

Every first Sunday of the month for a whole year, either Wally or Railen's cousin Travis Ching would haul Railen's horse and him to the rodeo at Parker Ranch Arena in Waimea. Railen had to keep a 2.0 grade point average at Kohala High School throughout the year to be able to enter the rodeo. His Grandma and Grandpa Richard Marquez donated gandule rice and Korean



Photo by Jennings Photography

Kaili Brenneman heads the steer with Railen Ching on its heels at the 2015 National High School Finals Rodeo in Wyoming.

of Brenneman and Ching was not until the last rodeo performance Saturday, July 18, at 7:00 p.m. This draw was not as lucky as the first. Kaili came out quick, roped the steer's head, and then Railen took a shot at the heels and missed. Like they say, "You win some, you lose some."

Back at home, Railen is a fourth generation Ching rancher whose family has been ranching since 1950. Ah You Ching, his great grandfather, was deep into agriculture and ranching here in Kohala. The hard work agriculture entails provides the opportunity to raise cattle and have rodeos. Rodeo has given Railen a chance to achieve things he didn't dream were possible. He has embraced the legend of rodeo and the opportunity to compete in a sport that combines passion, working with livestock, the pani-

and opportunity to compete in NHSFR. Wally took the time and money to build a family arena here in Kohala so Railen could practice roping and fine tune his skills.

The family and community support that it took to get him to the World Series of High School Rodeo is immeasurable. Railen, with support of Wally, had to commit to entering a high school rodeo once a month.

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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

Email weekly calendar listings to [kmncalendar@hotmail.com](mailto:kmncalendar@hotmail.com)

### Free Screening of "Vegan Voices"

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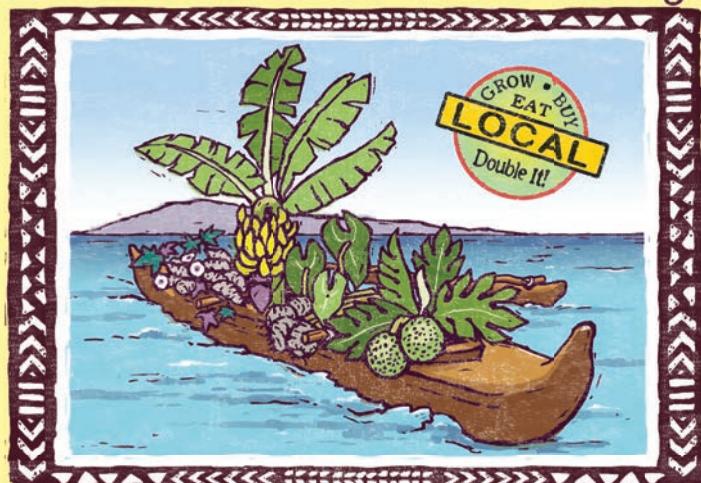


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This family Halloween event will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 29 and 30. Entrance is free, so bring the whole family for some spooky Halloween fun.

We'll have...

- Halloween Kid Zone
- Scary stories around the campfire
  - Haunted Walk
- Keiki costume contest (Friday night only)
- Trunk or Treat Contest for the best decorated trunk (Friday night only)

This event is hosted at Kohala Institute (KI) at 'Iole, located at 53-496 'Iole Road, right past the white gate.  
Schedule:

Thursday, October 29  
Halloween Crafts:  
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Haunted Walk:  
6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Friday, October 30  
Keiki Costume Contest:  
5:30 to 6:00 p.m.  
Trunk or Treat:  
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.  
Adult Costume Contest:  
6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Haunted Walk:  
6:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Both nights will feature a Haunted Walk on the grounds of 'Iole. Small children and scaredy cats are advised to take the haunted walk before the sun goes down and the ghosts come out.

After nightfall we'll gather around the campfire for spooky stories, s'mores and hot cocoa. The Haunted Walk is five dollars for adults and three dollars for keiki under 10.

On Friday night only, come dressed to compete in the keiki and adult costume contests. Decorate your car trunk for a chance to win a Grand Prize in the Trunk or Treat Contest!!!

If you're interested in being a food or craft vendor or in volunteering or donating items for this event, please contact Mara at KI's office, 889-5151. More details to come. Don't miss this SPOOKTACULAR event!!!

## Library Anniversary Celebration Planned

North Kohala Library is turning five and the library staff is working with the Friends of the North Kohala Library to plan a birthday celebration. The North Kohala community will celebrate the library's fifth anniversary from 3 to 5 p.m. on Monday, November 2.

Everyone is invited to join in the birthday celebration featuring food, games for keiki, Hawaiian music and hula.

"Hardly a day passes where someone does not complement us on the beautiful new library," says librarian Janet Lam. "We find it hard to believe that the library is not so new and that we have been here five years already."

The North Kohala Public Library opened in November 2010. The completion of a new library realized a longtime dream for Kohala. Discussions of a new public library go back as far as the 1980s and various planning concepts emerged through the 1990s. Under the guidance of then-Representative Dwight Takamine and Librarian Dawn Shibano, a Kohala Library Committee formed in 2001. Following years of meetings to secure library funding, the committee received a donation of land from Surety Kohala Corporation. In October 2005, Governor Lingle released money for the design of the new library followed by construction funding in January 2008.

Isemoto Construction Company celebrated the beginning of construction at a groundbreaking ceremony on April 24, 2009.

The new 6,000 square foot library incorporates environmentally-friendly features that garnered a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification. The new library is powered by wind and solar energy, yet also offers abundant natural daylight.

With a larger facility and a community meeting room, the library has also been able to offer many programs that would never have been possible in the quaint Bond Memorial Library. Programs have included music concerts to standing room only audiences, storytellers, Hawaiian history lectures and educational programs on related to Hawai'i's fragile environment. Children's story times, after-school and summer programs meet regularly.

The library hours are Mondays noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Fridays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The library is staffed by Librarians Janet Lam and Leilani Silver, Library Assistant Joleen Soares, Janitor Patsy Pasco and Student Helpers Jake Palacay and Kayleen Cordeiro.

For additional information on the library and the anniversary celebration, call the library at 889-6655.

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North Kohala is home to a grassroots group of beekeepers perpetuating bees as pollinators while enjoying the food and product value these industrious insects provide through their honey, wax and pollen.

While other areas of the island are focusing on larger-scale honey production using the familiar square wooden Langstroth stacked hives, North Kohala has become a test bed for a different type of hive, and a different approach to beekeeping. This kind of hive, a "top bar", is ideally scaled for backyard beekeeping and provides the bees with a locally crafted wooden hive that more closely mimics features of a wild hive. Its side door enables the beekeeper to keep an eye on the bees' condition and behavior without opening the lid of the hive.

Another feature of the Kohala-crafted hives is the wire mesh floor. As the bees glean lethal varroa mites and hive beetles, snatching them and throwing them to the floor, the invaders drop through the wire mesh into a removable tray of diatomaceous earth that coats the noxious insects and prevents them from re-entering the hive. The result is a symbiotic relationship between the bees and their keepers, one

where the threats of invading pests known to wipe out hives are jointly

and avoiding the use of pesticides and herbicides, especially those



Photo courtesy of Beekeepers of North Kohala

*Beekeeper Kristi Kranz points to the tray of diatomaceous earth catch varroa mites and hive beetles expelled from the hive. The fine dust dehydrates the insects by absorbing oils from their exoskeletons, thereby killing them.*

managed by the fastidious bees and their attentive guardians.

Individuals can welcome pollinators to their yards, gardens and farms by planting for pollinators

that contain neonicotinoids ("neonics"), the chemicals closely associated with colony collapse. In June, First Lady Michelle Obama issued the Million Pollinator Garden Chal-

lenge on behalf of the newly created National Pollinator Garden Network.

One million pollinator gardens (or other habitat patches) will provide a safety net for bees, butterflies and many other insects.

During October, butterfly- and bee-friendly plants and seeds are available at the Hawi Farmers Market with free seeds for those who report on pollinator sightings.

A pro-active pollinator and butterfly habitat and plant workshop will be held at the Kohala Elementary School Garden on Saturday afternoon, October 17, with instructor Zach Mermel.

A free, short film about disappearing bees is being shown at the North Kohala Library on Monday, October 19. There will be a potluck of honey-themed pupus at 6 p.m. and film at 7 p.m.

Education on beekeeping and pollinator plants, with local honey samples, will be available Saturday, October 24, at the Hawi Farmers Market when the Beekeepers of North Kohala (BONK) showcase their honey and bee products.

A free hive tour and showing of the film "The Vanishing Bees" will be held the same day at 3 p.m. at the Algood barn.

## Those Showy Pollinators

Butterflies grace our gardens and fields, and sometimes even soar in through our windows or land on a lucky shoulder. Their beauty is breathtaking and their antics amusing, but they are also pollinators who are helping our flowering plants reproduce. Climate change and severe storm events are having an impact on our butterfly populations as is increased exposure to pesticides and herbicides, loss of

nectar plants and destruction of wild habitat.

What butterflies do you see? In the past, October has been a month when plentiful Gulf fritillary butterflies (also known as passion butterflies) have graced Kohala with their orange upper wings and shimmering silver under wings. Can you guess why they arrive en masse? What else might you be seeing? Spotted any hungry caterpillars

munching leaves or cocoons tucked away in a clever place?

In conjunction with the Hawai'i Center for Food Safety, Kohala is invited to submit reportings on the butterflies, bees and other pollinators we are viewing and when and where we are seeing them. Have you ever seen the evening hawk moth unfurl its long curled proboscis and nectar from a night blooming flower, hovering like a

hummingbird? Or the ubiquitous black witch moths – what plants provide their food when they aren't hiding under our eaves?

Sharp eyes wanted! Come report your findings anytime during October at the Hawi Farmers Market where you see the Pollinator Habitat sign. Each report earns you the gift of a packet of pollinator attracting seeds. Outcomes of these findings will be published in a future Kohala Mountain News issue and shared with the Center for Food Safety.

Learn to identify Hawai'i's butterflies at the Butterfly Society of Hawai'i

<http://butterflysofahawaii.org>. If you spot the rare Kamehameha butterfly, be sure to report it to the Pulelehua Project at <http://cms.ctahr.hawaii.edu/pulelehua>.

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## Community Development Plan Action Committee

## September NKCDP-AC Meeting Brings More Marijuana Discussion

By Lynda Wallach

On the September 14, concerns regarding the medical marijuana dispensary law (Act 241) were once again a major topic of discussion at the North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee (NKCDP AC) meeting. Lucy Pasco, speaking from the public, requested that the issue be put on the agenda since the AC is the voice of the community and has the obligation to listen to its concerns. Chairman John Winter determined the only way to put the issue to rest would be to put it on the agenda but stressed that, for the AC to take any action, the issue must be covered by a specific CDP strategy and that the Agriculture subcommittee was researching this. Lani Eugenio of Agriculture then read a long statement from Jeff Coakley detailing actions members of the community who do not want to see medical marijuana dispensaries or production facilities in North Kohala have taken so far. Eugenio stated that County Councilwoman Margaret Wille had introduced an amendment to the County General Plan, that would allow communities, through their CDP Action Committees, to opt-out of having dispensaries or production facilities in their areas. However, the amendment had to be withdrawn as being illegal under the current law.

The meeting then went on to the presentation of subcommittee reports. Keone MacKillop speaking for the Public Access subcommittee said that Hapu-Kapanania has been consolidated for purchase by the 2% Land Fund. Kaiholena is close to closing.

John Winter reported that the biggest issue facing the Water, Parks and Roads subcommittee is Pratt Road as an emergency

bypass. Sarah Pule told the subcommittee that Pratt Road goes from Hawi to Niuli'i, but is obstructed by a washed-out bridge at Walaohia. The subcommittee is working on ways to have that repaired so that Pratt Road can be maintained along its entire length for emergency by-pass. There will be a meeting of the property owners along Pratt Road on September 30. This is not a public meeting. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14 at 5:00 pm at the Intergenerational Center (see separate story). State and county legislators will be invited to attend. He also stated that no improvements have been made at Mahukona and that the new roof at Hisaoka Gym still has a small leak and asked that anyone who is aware of any other leaks in the gym roof contact the subcommittee. The roof is still under warranty.

Susan Fischer said that members of the Power, Viewplanes and Erosion Control subcommittee met with representatives of Parker Ranch about their outreach efforts to keep the community informed of Paniolo Power's, plans for a Kohala power microgrid. Solar Matters is exploring the idea of a 58-mile bikeway and green-energy grid that would serve the communities between Kailua-Kona and North Kohala. She also said that Hawai'i County's conversion of approximately 10,000 yellow low-pressure sodium (LPS) streetlights to more efficient LED lights should be completed by the end of 2016, cutting down on glare and greatly improving night sky views. Finally, she stated that the chief engineer of the Airports Division of the Department of Transportation (DOT) has said that more funds and materials are available from DOT for the expansion of the soil

erosion project currently being undertaken by Kohala Lihikai, Malama Kohala Kahakai and Kohala High School students.

Lani Eugenio said the Agriculture subcommittee is looking at ways to track progress toward meeting the CDP goal of 50% food sustainability in North Kohala by 2018.

Faye Yates reported that the Historical Preservation subcommittee has contacted various state and county agencies regarding historical sites in Kohala and is speaking to families who may have knowledge of sites that are not registered. Whether these sites end up being registered will be determined by the families responsible for them. The lease for the Bond Memorial Library is still being reviewed.

Finally, Winter announced that, due to heavy workloads at the Planning Department, NKCDP AC meetings will be held, for the time-being, every other month. Subcommittee meetings, where most of the actual work gets done, will still be held monthly and people are urged to attend these and get involved.

After the meeting was adjourned State Representative Cindy Evans addressed the group, answering a question from Eugenio as to why she has supported the medical marijuana dispensary act. She said since 2000, when the growing of medical marijuana was approved by the legislature, there has been a lot of negativity around people growing their own marijuana. Anyone with a medical marijuana license can legally grow a small amount on their own property, which has led to homes being broken into, people being threatened and plants stolen. The law was constructed so there would be a safe

way for people to get their medical marijuana. Once the dispensaries and secure production facilities are up and running, people will no longer be able to grow their own. She said the way the law is written, Hawai'i County cannot say no to medical marijuana dispensaries or production facilities, but she plans to introduce legislation that would allow counties to develop criteria as to where the dispensaries should and should not be placed. This underscores the point that the NKCDP AC cannot legally ban growing facilities in North Kohala under the current law. She said that the job of the legislators, with input from the public is to introduce legislation if the law needs improving. Winter hopes this settles the issue and it will not be needed on the next agenda.

Because of the changes at Planning, there will be no October AC meeting. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 9, at 5:00 p.m. at the North Kohala Senior Center. The public is encouraged to attend.

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## KOHALA BLOCK PARTY

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If you are interested in volunteering, becoming a vendor at the  
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3	SAT		Butterfly & Pollinator Challenge	Report butterfly and pollinator sightings to earn free seeds	Hawi Farmer's Market	
5	MON	5:30PM	7:30PM	Kohala Parent Support Group	Meeting	The Cottage @ the HUB 895-3578
5	MON	6:30PM		A Night with Writers	Local authors share their stories and experiences	North Kohala Library 889-6655
10	SAT			Butterfly & Pollinator Challenge	Report butterfly and pollinator sightings to earn free seeds	Hawi Farmer's Market
10	SAT			Energy Conservation Workshop	Presenter: Helen Pelekai Wai	Kohala Village Inn Barn 889-5715
12	MON	2&6PM		Jewelry crafts with Sid Nakamoto	Call to register 889-6655	North Kohala Library 889-6655
12	MON	4PM	5PM	Girls Softball Registration	Ages 9-4	Hisaoko Gym 895-1939
13	TUE	6PM		Kohala Farmers' Union	6pm potluck, 7pm speaker. Non-farmers welcome too	Kohala Village Inn Barn 889-5715
13	TUE	11AM		Adult reading discussion	"In the Time of the Butterflies" by Julia Alvarez	North Kohala Library 889-6655
14	WED	2:30PM		Afterschool activities	Dance -- elementary and middle school	North Kohala Library 889-6655
14	WED	4PM	5PM	Girls Softball Registration	Ages 9-4	Hisaoko Gym 895-1939
14	WED	5PM		Future of Pratt Road	Meeting to discuss bypass	Kohala Intergenerational Center
17	SAT	10AM	11AM	Homecoming Parade		Akoni Pule Highway
17	SAT	2PM	5PM	Bee Wise: DIY Workshop	Donation for materials, seeds and seedlings. RSVP to greenschool@oneisland.org	Kohala Elementary School Garden
19	MON	6PM		Local honey pupu potluck and film	"What's Happening to Our Bees?"	North Kohala Library 889-6655
21	WED	2:30PM		Afterschool activities	Games -- elementary and middle school	North Kohala Library 889-6655
23	FRI	5PM		Drugs in North Kohala	Community Meeting with Councilmember Margaret Wille, Police Experts	Hamakua-Kohala Health Intergenerational Center
24	SAT	8AM	12PM	Beekeepers Honey Tasting and Sale	Showcase featuring local honey and bee products	Hawi Farmer's Market
24	SAT	3PM	5PM	Film Showing: Vanishing of the Bees	Hive tour, film and talk, RSVP for directions to hawaii@oneisland.org	Algood Barn
24	SAT	9AM	1PM	Giant Yard Sale	Lion's Club	Transfer Station Road
27	TUE	5PM	6PM	CDP subcommittee	Power, Viewplanes, & Erosion Control, contact Susan Fischer	Old Courthouse 882-7611
28	WED	4PM	5:30PM	Restorative Yoga Therapy class	with Carla Orellana, Certified Yoga Therapist, by donation	in the White tent, 53-496 `Ioie Rd 889-5151
28	WED	5PM		Parks, Water & Roads Subcommittee	Monthly Meeting	Old Courthouse 882-7611
28	WED	2:30PM		Afterschool activities	Book & Movie Club, "The Black Stallion"	North Kohala Library 889-6655
29	THU	5PM	7:45PM	Halloween at `Ioie	Halloween Crafts & Haunted Walk	Kohala Institute at `Ioie 889-5151
30	FRI	5:30PM	8:45PM	Halloween at `Ioie	Trunk or Treat, Costume Contest, Haunted Walk	Kohala Institute at `Ioie 889-5151
31	SAT	11AM	12:20PM	Community Meal	At St. Augustine Church	Walker Hall 889-5390
31	SAT	10AM	12PM	Thrift Shop	At St. Augustine Church	889-5390
31	SAT	8AM	12PM	Halloween Costume Contest	Prizes for best costumes with food or pollinator theme	Hawi Farmer's Market

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7:00 a.m.	<b>Uncle David's Big Show</b>	<b>Cosmic Cowgirl</b>	<b>Uncle David's Big Show</b>	<b>Cosmic Cowgirl</b>	<b>Working Hard or Hardly Working</b>	<b>Swap Shop</b>
8:00 a.m.						
9:00 a.m.						
10:00 a.m.	<b>Riding Home</b>	<b>Your Kohala Connection</b>	<b>Women's Voices</b>	<b>Eco Talk</b>	<b>Riding Home</b>	<b>Live Music Showcase</b>
11:00 a.m.						<b>Black and Gold Sports Show</b>
12:00 p.m.	<b>Encore of morning shows</b>	<b>Deez Roots/ Live Sports Broadcasts</b>				
1:00 p.m.						
2:00 p.m.						
3:00 p.m.						
4:00 p.m.	<b>Riddimwise</b>	<b>Shakti Rising</b>	<b>Doug in Your Ear</b>	<b>The Surfing Cowboy</b>	<b>Doug in Your Ear</b>	<b>Coming Soon</b>

## Kohala Churches

### Gospel of Salvation Kohala

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### Kalahikiola Congregational Church

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## Second Annual AVID `Ohana Night Celebrates Commitment to Student Success

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a college and career readiness program for all grade levels. On September 9 Kohala's elementary, middle and high schools celebrated their second annual `Ohana Night. Students, family members, teachers and administrators joined in to reinforce their commitment to student success. There were over 125 people in attendance at the cafeteria.

The evening began with refreshments provided by the three host schools and prepared by cafeteria manager Priscilla Galan. The first phase was to greet, meet, browse and eat. All three schools had student representatives with their organizational and work samples to share. Videos and slideshows were available for viewing throughout the evening.

The keynote speaker was former Kohala High Math and Academy teacher Verlie "Kai" Ah Hee, who challenged the evening's participants to chant their commitment to college success. Administrators Mr. Danny Garcia, Mr. Alan Brown and Mrs. Janette Snelling shared the reasons for their commitment to the youth of Kohala and the AVID program. Student speakers from the

middle and high schools shared their stories of struggle and success. Mrs. Erika Blanco, middle school science teacher, shared how she and her students apply the AVID strategies for successful learning in a content/core subject. Parent Daniel Perez shared his story of why he supports his child's work in AVID as an integral facet for success in their cur-

riculum. AVID began over 30 years ago in California and is currently being used across the nation and

paper clips, a single 6-inch strip of tape and one letter-sized sheet of construction paper. Within seven minutes the groups competed and collaborated to build the tallest free-standing tower. The varied styles and strategies were entertaining and creative!



Photo by Chyenne Book

Kohala Elementary School students (left to right) Haley Hawkins, Adriana Leitch, Naomi Brooke, and Kiani Salvador-Glory display their organizational skills through the AVID binder.

rent coursework and in the future.

The evening closed with a collaborative activity called Paper Tower Building. The crowd randomly organized themselves into groups of four to six participants. Each group was given the same set of materials, which included three letter-size sheets of paper, five

in 16 countries. AVID's mission is "to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and career readiness and success in a global society."

AVID foundations are writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading, collectively known as WICOR. These method-

ologies are the basis for curriculum instruction. AVID activities include guest speakers to provide motivation as well as college and professional career information, scheduled group tutorials, field trips to colleges and universities, and visits to places of scholarly and cultural interest. AVID students also participate in extra-curricular events and are active members and leaders in our community.

If you have a child that you believe should be on his/ her way to college and could benefit from rigorous WICOR strategies, then contact your child's school. The elementary school applies the organizational and writing strategies in all grades. You may wish to get your child's name on the list ahead of actual registration. The middle school students attend the AVID elective course with teacher Mrs. Jenny Stevens. Ms. Wendy Nickl is the middle school site coordinator. The high school students can elect or are recommended into AVID elective (AE) courses for one year in all grade levels. Mrs. Debbie Okubo teaches AE-9; Mrs. Kehaulani Hedlund teaches AE 10-11-12. The AVID high school Site Coordinator is Ms. Fern White.

## Shiro Takata Receives County Commendation Award

By Tom Morse

On Wednesday, September 16, the County Council of Hawai'i awarded Shiro Takata its Inspirational Kupuna Award.

Born and raised in North Kohala, Shiro has devoted his life to improving the quality of life for the people and the community of Kohala.

He developed the Kohala Community Athletic Association (KCAA) in 1980, a one hundred percent volunteer organization which sponsors basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, and flag football for kids ages 5 to 14. There is no cost for kids to play, as Kohala businesses sponsor uniforms for each sport, and grants

and donations provide monies for the equipment. Three generations of children have participated in KCAA sports, with an average of 400 participants per year.

Shiro started Kohala Community Against Drugs (KCAD), which deters kids and families from using drugs. He organized the schools to get involved with sign waving events. For several years KCAD sponsored the community's Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

He developed a coaching committee called "Coaching the Kohala Way", bringing in guest speakers promoting positive coaching techniques and anti-drug messages as a way to integrate KCAA sports and the goals

of KCAD in promoting anti-drug activities for kids and families.

He financially supports the local schools, e.g., he provided Mac computers for the elementary school computer lab and sponsored "grants" for teachers to secure funds beyond regular budget funds for classroom improvements. He provided funds for the annual State Math Bowl on O'ahu and other neighbor islands, funds for the athletic department, and support for local students chosen for all-star teams traveling outside of Big Island.

He organized the Kohala Walk that benefited schools, helped fund the re-paving of the tennis courts at Kamhameha Park, sup-

ported the construction of Roots Skatepark and provided financial support for Pop Warner football.

As a member of the Kohala Lions Club, he was instrumental in building up membership and was given for the Lion's Exceptional Service Award in 2011.

He was elected "Citizen of the Year" by the Merchants Association in 2010.

His latest objective is getting people registered to vote for the next election. He has organized a committee to educate Kohala citizens on the importance of having their voices heard, reminding them that Kohala has one of the lowest voter turnouts on the island



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### Kohala's Fun-Filled First Friday!

Story and photos by Gabrielle Bartolome

From food and music to henna tattoos and jewelry, First Friday at Kohala High School was the place to be on the night of September 4. Kohala High School's Student Council Officers and Student Activities Coordinator Tia Ubilas organized the entire community event—their very first of many to come. The free family-friendly night featured local crafters such as student Teshna Hart with her henna tattoos, businesses such as Maki Sun, school clubs such as Kohala Vex Robotics and food vendors such as Island Crave Shave Ice to share and promote their works with the Kohala



Melanie Sahagun, Gabrielle Bartolome, Timothy Pontius, Yuki Zbytovsky, Kumulani Kaai, Dannon Tabing and Chris O'Donnell hang out together selling drinks for Student Council at First Friday.

community. All booths experienced success with a steady flow of attendees coming and going to check them out. Still, Kohala High's Student Council hopes to attract even more vendors and attendees alike for repeated success throughout the entire school year. They would also like give a big thank you to those who came out and supported everyone.

We will be hosting another First Friday event on October 2 from 4 to 7 p.m. Those interested in being a vendor can stop by the front office for an application. Please join us on the 2nd for the most exciting event to hit our community on the first Friday of every month. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

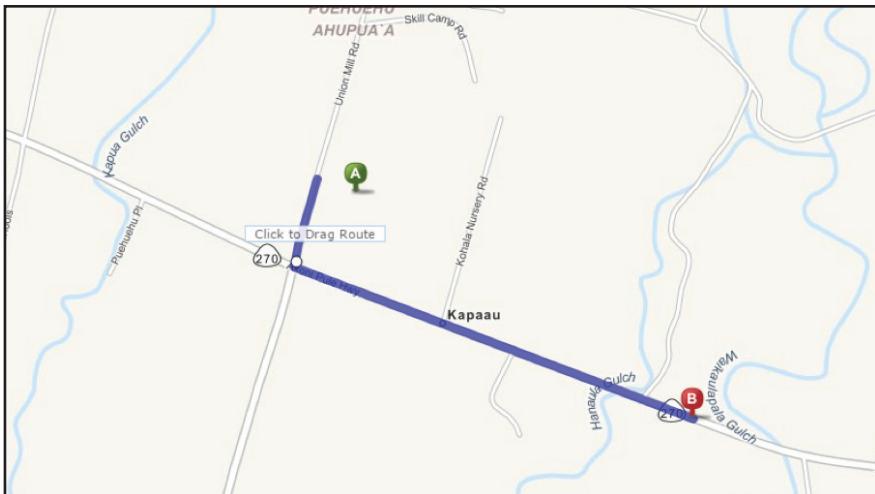
### Kohala High School Homecoming Parade

Kohala High School will be having its annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The parade will run along Akoni Pule Highway from Kamehameha Park to Kohala High School.

Please be aware that the road between Kamehameha Park and Kohala High School will be closed during this time for the parade and plan accordingly if you need to pass through the area during this time.

We look forward to seeing you at the parade.



Courtesy of www.maps.google.com

The section of Akoni Pule Highway between Kamehameha Park and Kohala High School will be closed from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 17, for the Kohala High School Homecoming Parade.

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## What's Happening at Kohala High School

Story by Gabrielle Bartolome

### Kicking the School Year Off Right

The beginning of Kohala High's school year has been super busy with exciting events happening every other week! This year's student council officers: Yuki Zbytovsky, Kumulani Kaai, Naai Solomon-Lewis, Jessica Tenorio, Patricia Cubangbang, Melanie Sahagun and Gabrielle Bartolome kicked this year off with the theme of "Superheroes" to inspire students to be heroes in their everyday lives.

### Suicide Prevention Day

Student Council organized an event to coincide with National Suicide Prevention Day on September 10. The school-wide event was designed to raise awareness and remember those who have lost their lives or loved ones to suicide. Students were encouraged to wear yellow that day to commemorate World Suicide Prevention Day. STUCO also put up a poster of a tree on which students wrote positive and inspirational messages on hearts to promote self-love within the school and the community.

### School Wide Bonding



Photo by Patricia Cubangbang

Sophomores Dylan Torres-Salvador, Ian Rivera and Jason Enojardo work together to protect their egg during the egg drop activity.

Another School Wide Bonding Day has come and gone, leaving its share of spirited memories! This year's bonding, held on September 11, was jam packed with exciting activities. To start the Friday feeling good, Student Council led the school in an energizer to get everyone

pumped for the full day of fun. Each class rotated through four different stations: Egg Drop, Lip Sync practice, Community Service and Scavenger Hunt. Each activity was designed to highlight inquiry, collaboration, organization, problem solving and character development skills in

students. Bonding ended with a lip sync performance from each class and then a field day with water slides, music and free shave ice!

### Homecoming Week

There is a lot in store for the students of Kohala High School in October. In addition to Spirit Week and Halloween, Homecoming is approaching fast and classes are scrambling for supplies to construct their Class Float and Banner to incorporate this year's theme: "Devour those Daggers!" The parade will be on Saturday, October 17, so if you are planning to head out of town that day, please leave early because the roads will be closed from 10 to 11 a.m. and reopened shortly after. Come support our Kohala Cowboys following the parade at the Homecoming game against Pahoia at 2:00 p.m. at Kohala High School! This will also be the Senior boy's final game of the school year.

To keep up with the events occurring at Kohala High School, check out our broadcasting students' website at kaleonaopio.com or follow Student Council on Instagram: @kohalahigh.stuco.

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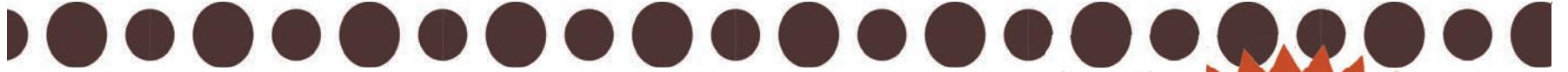
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