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Old Grandstand Demolished at Kamehameha Park

Story and photo by Tom Morse

The County found it necessary to remove the Kamehameha Park grandstand structure after it was severely damaged by a Kona wind storm on February 14 of this year.

During a kupuna softball game on that Saturday, a portion of the roof blew off. Luckily no one was in its path. The game was suspended; about fifteen minutes later the rest of the roof blew to the ground.

The grandstand had been there for many years. Originally, home plate on the ball field was just in front of the



The old grandstand at Kamehameha Park was finally demolished in December after a February wind storm blew the roof to the ground.

grandstand. Later, the field layout changed, moving home plate about thirty feet further away. Some still used the grandstand, until it was shuttered about fifteen years ago.

Local kupuna were interested in getting the County to restore it to its former glory. The wind storm removed all hope of that ever happening. The electric source for the big field lights was housed in the old grandstand.

These lights have been inoperative for some time, and will not be usable until the County finds a new housing and rewires the electricity.

Resource Center Awarded \$20,000 as Part of "50 States for Good" Program

The North Kohala Community Resource Center (NKCRC) has been selected as one of 52 winners from across the country to share more than \$1,000,000 in the seventh annual Tom's of Maine "50 States for Good" community giving program. The organization will receive \$20,000 to provide operational support for their work as a sponsor for more than 90 projects that benefit the North Kohala community.

NKCRC staff work directly with community project organizers to provide coaching, training, support and access to funding under a 501(c)(3) umbrella.

"We are deeply honored to be chosen as a recipient of the Tom's of Maine '50 States for Good' award," said NKCRC Executive Director Christine Richardson. "This funding will help us tremendously in serving our community."

Passionate community members took to their social media pages to share the OneWayToHelp hashtag (#OneWayToHelp) to help their

communities, amassing nearly 10,000 submissions. One entrant representing each state and Washington, D.C. was selected to designate a local nonprofit in their area to receive project funding from Tom's of Maine.

"This year's nonprofit recipients bring to life an inspiring picture of the care that Americans have for each other and their communities," said Susan Dewhirst, goodness programs manager at Tom's of Maine. "People often think giving back to their community is time intensive, and we wanted to show there are easy ways to make a difference, like raising awareness for a cause you love and supporting brands that strive to make the world a better place for future generations."

Tom's of Maine has given 10 percent of profits back to the community since 1970 and encourages employees to use five percent (12 days) of paid time off to volunteer every year.

First Kohala Merchants Block Party a Huge Success

By Kyle Combes

On the afternoon of November 14, residents of Kohala gathered in Hawi for the first-ever North Kohala Merchants Association Block Party. Comprised of over 45 local merchants, the Association held the event in order to express members' gratitude toward the community. "We (NKMA) have been looking for projects to give back to our community. We made ti leaf leis and sold them to raise money for the senior grad night and this event was to share/thank the community for their support," said Richard Elliot, president of NKMA.

The festivities began around 4 p.m. with a blessing from Kealoha Sugiyama. A number of local vendors and even a few non-merchant groups had set up booths under the banyan tree, and attendees were encouraged to peruse the downtown Hawi storefronts as well. Entertainment was provided by local artists including John Keawe, Halau O Mana'olana O Kohala, Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Kohala/Waimea, Nino Dem and The Jarican Express. Food was sold out by 7:30, but the bash continued well into the evening.

See Block Party, Page 2



Photos by Maureen Garry

Renee Perez (left) and members of the newly formed 4H Club sell beef stew as a fundraiser so they can care for their horses and cattle, which are mostly rescued animals. Tayvon Santiago (front) successfully tamed "Mama", an exceptionally challenging horse.



Photo courtesy of NKCRC

The North Kohala Community Resource Center Board of Directors
 Back row (left to right): Bob Martin, Alida Adamek, Malcolm Davis, Chris Helmuth, Chris Brown, Vicky Kometani
 Front row: Amy Meyer-Sullivan, Wendy Nickl, Gino Amar, Jessica Tenorio, Kumulani Kaai and Kim Takata

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Susan Maderick and Nicholas Perry enjoy the music.



Jodell Castillo of TJ's Local Cuisine and customer Adriana Leitch.

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The party was put together with a minimal budget, so the help of volunteers was sincerely appreciated. NKMA would like to thank the County of Hawai'i for the space and landscaping work, Nino Ka'ai for his service as emcee and the entertainment acts which generously donated their time and talent. The Association would also like to extend a big mahalo to Na Kalai Wa'a, Fig's Catering, Sunshine Hardware, Kohala Village HUB, the farm boys, Flumin' Kohala, Surety Kohala, Kohala Coffee Mill, Elements, the Medeiros brothers and 'ohana and friends for their assistance with set-up and break-down.

The North Kohala Merchants Association is comprised of craft vendors, cottage-sized businesses, farmers, non-storefront merchants and the like. Any local businesses interested in joining the Association or desiring more information are encouraged to email kohalamerchants@gmail.com.



Debbie Choo selling a local favorite: her passion fruit lilikoi butter.



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Preserving the Crown Lands of Kamehameha the Great

Story by Toni Withington

The homelands of Kamehameha took a royal stride forward this month when the County Council approved three resolutions directing the county to enter negotiations to purchase 268 acres of privately owned oceanfront land on Kohala's north coast.

The move would save almost four miles of the coast in open space forever. Besides being closely identified with Kamehameha I, his family and his chief warriors, the land has been targeted by the community as highest priority for coastal access. The decades-long efforts to save the Kula Iwi O Kamehameha, his home land and his 'aina pono'i (his ancestral lands), include three projects: ten parcels of land, six land-owners and six community groups. The area stretches between Kauhola Point (Lighthouse), which was preserved in 2012, to Neue Bay, close to Pololu Valley.

In testimony before the Council, Fred Cachola documented the many ways each parcel is connected to Kamehameha. He summarized:

"Collectively, all of these parcels could be called the 'Crown Lands of Kamehameha the Great' - places that sustained and nurtured him, both physically and spiritually. Saving all three projects would be one of the most significant conservation and recreational achievements for the County in recent

years. It is also totally consistent with the desires of the Kohala community as expressed in its Community Development Plan: 'Kohala will be known as a culturally/historically significant community.'"

Some of the millions of dollars needed for the purchase will come from the County's 2% Open Space Fund, administered by the Public Access, Open Space and Natural

Resources Commission (PONC). All three projects - Halelua, Hapu'u to Kapanaiia Cultural Corridor and Niuli'i - have been on the top of the County's priority list for public purchase since 2010. On the 2015 list issued this month, Hapu'u to Kapanaiia is ranked number one, Halelua is ranked two and Niuli'i is ranked five.

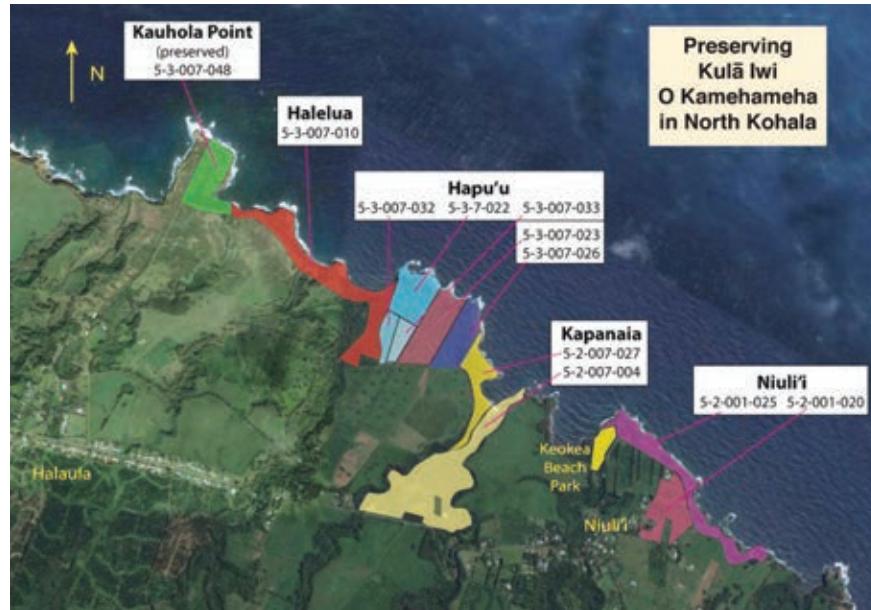
However, the total purchase

price is not expected to come from the Fund. The Kohala nominating groups, with the assistance of various land trusts, are expecting to find supplemental funding through the State Legacy Land Preservation Fund and federal, foundation and individual contributions. Local fundraising, which helped purchase Kauhola Point, will likely be used as well.

While purchase of this much land seems daunting, the Kohala community has already shepherded the preservation purchase of 318 acres of coastal lands by raising \$18.3 million from a variety of sources in the past five years.

The push to preserve these lands began in the early 1980s when the courts approved a claim for public access argued by Benjamin Ramon, Samson Cazimero Sr. and the group Hui Mamalahoa. Public access was created for Hapu'u and Kapanaiia as a result of that case. Much of the area is also named as highest priority for community access by the North Kohala Community Development Plan, a County ordinance passed in 2008. The north coast has been a favorite fishing, gathering and recreational area for generations.

It is the connection to King Kamehameha, however, that ties these lands into an overall project to protect his family heritage - the **See Crown Land, Page 4**



Map courtesy of John Winter

Map showing Kula Iwi O Kamehameha, land parcels in King Kamehameha the Great's ancestral lands, targeted for County purchase.

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Future Kohala Ditch Organization Decided

By Kije Hazelwood

The volunteer committee formed to analyze the various types of organizations available for the long term management of the Kohala Ditch met on Thursday, December 3. Seven of the original 12 volunteers were present, and during the three and one half hour meeting went through the various options available for future ditch management.

They came to a unanimous decision that the Community Cooperative Association (CCA) is the best choice for continuing the operation of the Kohala Ditch for delivery of our ag water into the future.

The CCA will provide the opportunity for locally based, user-managed delivery of agricultural water while reducing the red tape and delays inherent in remote management by State agencies. The CCA will have to meet all conditions required by the State as well as satisfy the users, the owners of land crossed by the Ditch and the current owner/operator of the Ditch, Kohala Ditch Company (KDCo), for formation and implementation.

The work of creating a CCA is involved, tedious and detail-oriented, especially in the creation of the governing articles, bylaws, rules and regulations. The study group

anticipates that this work will be ongoing for the next couple of years and the input of users of the Ditch is important. Any user interested in being part of the volunteer committee that will be working with KDCo to develop the governance of the CCA please consider joining the process.

The first meeting will be held in early February. The meetings will be working sessions, lasting three hours or so, and updates will be posted in the Kohala Mountain News as to exact date, time and location. Pack your brown bag, roll up your sleeves and get ready for some work as the new entity is

formed.

In addition to publishing in the KMN, the group decided to create informational update fliers that will be inserted in each user's bill as progress is made.

Since the creation of the CCA will also address how users are admitted to the system or dropped from the system, those who are currently not users but have an interest in eventually becoming so might want to consider giving their time and energy to the project as well.

Contact information will be provided when the first meeting date is announced officially in early January 2016.



Crown Land, continued from Page 3 heritage of not just North Kohala, but all the islands.

The land district of Halawa, including parts of Halelua and Hapu'u, is his personal homeland and where his lo'i, his kalo patches, are located. He built Hale O Ka'ili Heiau on the point at Hapu'u Bay, for the war god Kuka'ilimoku. He refurbished the even more ancient Kapalama Heiau at Kapanaiia for schooling ali'i and training warriors. He built canoe landings, roads, a swimming area and even a protected harbor at Kapanaiia. Elaborate irrigation systems carried water from the streams to the farms and orchards on the raised flatlands.

The village at Niuli'i, once a

strong political factor in the unification of the island under Alapa'inui, produced the mix of powerful leaders that led to the successful rise of Kamehameha and many of his most trusted warriors.

Five heiau are known to be on these lands along the coast, as well as hundreds of historic sites. A sacred hala forest grows atop the cliffs at Niuli'i.

Remnants of the sugar plantation era still exist at the site of the Niuli'i Mill, including the remains of the locomotive turntable for the Mahukona-Niuli'i Railroad.

Many groups and individuals submitted testimony in favor of the three resolutions before the County Council, among them five of the six land owners. Most of the land was

purchased within subdivisions created in the 1990s, with the intent to build houses along the coast.

The nominating groups have worked with all the landowners to keep them apprised of the high heritage value and the need to preserve the lands.

The groups that have nominated and worked on purchase of lands since the Open Space Fund was created in 2006 are Kamakani O Kohala 'Ohana - Kako'o, Malama Na Wahi Pana O Kohala, Maika'i Kamakani O Kohala, Kohala Historic and Cultural Preservation Group and Malama Kohala Kahakai. Working on stewardship of the protected lands is Kohala Lihikai. These groups have also partnered with The Trust for Public Lands, Hawai-

ian Islands Land Trust, the Ala Kahakai Trail Association and the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail.

Dr. Mark D. McCoy, archaeologist and associate professor in Anthropology at Southern Methodist University, submitted testimony supporting the resolutions. He listed the various new discoveries about earliest Hawaiian settlements learned through fieldwork done in this area since 1999, including reasons for the sustainability of centuries-long cultivation of kalo.

"But, all the investigative tools that I have at my disposal are meaningless without active stewardship, as exemplified by the dedication of Kohala's people to preserve the 'aina for future generations," he wrote.



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So many to thank for their time and donations, including Kohala Foundation and Auxiliary, the Ka`ahumanu Society, Kahilu Theater, Hawai`i Community Federal Credit Union -- who purchased radios for the resident rooms with Diana Wilson-- volunteers Edwina and Kaila Yamura, flowers and plants from Susan and Peter Denman, Dottie Thompson, Arakaki Store, Ayako Uehana and the Paogofie Family, Jodo Missions, Lions' Club, St. Augustine's Church and Thrift Shop, Sally Kato, Anne Pontius, Vicki Rowe, Andi Amar, Kohala Library and Friends of the Library, Kohala Senior Citizens and Hula Dancers, the Lim family, the residents' families, visiting church groups and many, many others.

Wishing you all a most joyous new year!

Sadie Young
Activity Coordinator
Kohala Hospital



Mahalo for Celebrating BirdDays with Us!

To our Kohala `ohana, mahalo nui for making the Hawai`i Wildlife Center's (HWC) BirdDays birthday bash a day to remember. I

t was great to be able to catch up with many of you and celebrate with great food and fun art projects.

This event could not have come together without the kokua of many, and we sincerely appreciate it all!

Mahalo nui to Hula Halau Kalaniumi A Liloa/Na Kupuna O Kohala for sharing your art of hula with HWC and BirdDays guests.

Mahalo nui to K. Takata Store, Big Island Organics, Chaba's Thai Cuisine, Sushi Rock, Healthways

II, Island Thyme Gourmet, Bamboo Restaurant, KTA, Starbucks, Joan Pruchniak, Betty Meinardus, Judi Ellal, Violet Campbell and Rae Okawa for contributing the `ono food, drinks, plates and utensils.

Mahalo nui to Island Thyme Gourmet, the Hartrick `ohana, Waimea Outdoor Circle and our partners at Kohala Institute for your kokua with tents and tables.

Mahalo nui to Patrick Ching for contributing his time to teach wild-life painting and share his tips and best practices.

Mahalo nui to Representative Evans and Councilmember Wille for your participation and contin-

ued support.

And mahalo nui to all of our amazing volunteers that helped prep the grounds, prepare the food, manage traffic flow and make sure all our BirdDays guests had a wonderful time!

Finally, mahalo to all of our supporters and donors.

It is because of you that the Hawai`i Wildlife Center is here at all! We can't believe that it has already been four years since our grand opening, and we look forward to many more BirdDays birthdays to come.

Mahalo nui loa!
Hawai`i Wildlife Center



Kohala Pet Clinic Vet Retires

To the North Kohala community:

At this time of holidays it is with mixed feelings that we wish to let all, both past and present clients and their beloved pets, know that Janet and Dr. Stanley Lavine are retiring from active practice at Kohala Pet Clinic in Kapa`au by year end 2015. With the New Year there will be a new veterinarian, Dr. Daryl Stang, to replace us at the same location next to Aloha Gas, with new office hours to be announced.

Since coming to North Kohala more than 18 years ago, we are thankful to have met and served the local community through many good and less-than-good times, with our furry companions always at the top of the list. I [Dr. Lavine] have devoted my life to my profession for over 45 years and wish to move on to another phase of life with my wife by my side. We are leaving your pets to the care of another devoted veterinarian dedicated to the health of all of your companions. We have many fond memories and hope to still see you, as time goes by, as friends and neighbors.

Dr. Stanley and Janet Lavine

Police Department Update

Stay Safe for Joyful Holidays

The Hawai`i Police Department would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays. This upcoming holiday season calls for a time of celebration for families to enjoy, and we ask that you celebrate responsibly.

For those that are planning on drinking alcohol, we ask that you please plan to have a sober designated driver.

We want everyone to be safe this holiday so be aware and courteous of others.

The Hawai`i Police Department would also like to remind the North Kohala and Hawai`i Island community members to adhere to all fireworks laws to ensure a safe New Year's celebration. Legal times to discharge fireworks in Hawai`i County are from 9:00 p.m. December 31 until 1:00 a.m. January 1.

Children under the age of 18

should always be supervised by an adult while playing with fireworks. Fireworks should only be used outdoors and kept away from objects that are highly flammable.

Always have a water hose, water bucket or fire extinguisher readily available in the event that something does catch on fire.

Only use fireworks as intended and specified by the manufacturer.

Do not alter fireworks or combine multiple fireworks together and never attempt to relight a "dud" firework.

Do not discharge homemade fireworks or illegal explosives as they can cause serious bodily injury or even death.

Aerial fireworks are prohibited. Anything that rises above the ground more than 12 feet is considered an aerial. Also, anything that

moves on the ground, after being lit, has to stay within a circle measuring 12 feet in radius, or 24 feet in diameter. If it moves about more than this, it is not legal.

Community members with respiratory problems are encouraged to stay indoors and close their windows to restrict the inhalation of firework smoke. Those with severe respiratory problems may also want to use air filtration mask as an added precaution.

Please do your part in making this New Year's celebration a safe and pleasant one for all community members of Hawai`i Island.

For further information on this month's topic or any other concerns please contact Officer Kapelieli Kauhikaua Jr. at (808) 889-6540, or stop by the North Kohala Police Station.

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County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilwoman Margaret Wille

NORTH KOHALA SKATE PARK

CHEERS! On December 14, the Council passed my Resolution 352-15 granting another \$35,000 of my District 9 Contingency Funds for the construction of the North Kohala Skate Park at King Kamehameha Park. This sum will be added to the previous \$35,000 of my District 9 Funds approved by the Council for labor costs.

Separately, materials will be provided by the County Department of Parks & Recreation. Because the County is paying for labor, this job must go out to bid. Adding these County allocations to donations being raised in the community, we will make Phase 2 of the Skate Park a reality!

THE BUS

The new North Kohala Hele-On bus route is now in its last planning stages, with the director of mass transit reviewing the estimated timing of the bus stops, then out to bid and begin. The route will begin in Niuli'i (likely about 8:30 a.m.) and arrive in Waimea, with stops along the way including at Kapa'au Senior Housing and Spencer Park, returning to Niuli'i by mid-afternoon.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY PROGRAM

As you may already be aware, the State passed a medical marijuana dispensary law (Act 241) that would allow production centers to be located in any area where agriculture is permitted. In response the concerns of North Kohala residents, I sponsored Resolution 388-15 to urge state legislators to allow marijuana production locations to be limited by the County Council of the respective county.

This resolution passed the Council unanimously with a vote of 8-0 (with one absent). I now need to draft another County resolution specifically stating that North Kohala be excluded as a medical marijuana production/grow location. This way, even if my proposed state legislation is not approved by the state legislature, those in

the state government authorized to make the decision regarding the location of the production centers are likely to exclude North Kohala from consideration.

The other amendment to the state medical marijuana law that County Resolution 388-15 urges state legislators to make is to remove the scheduled 2019 prohi-

when the Mayor has not selected a replacement member within three months of the vacancy, and

3) allow members whose term has expired continue on the Committee until all the other vacancies have been filled.

I anticipate this bill coming before the Council on January 5, 2016.

“active shooter” incident,

2) to ensure that confiscated drugs are properly handled so that they do not resurface in the community,

3) to ensure that internal and community complaints about excessive force or other potential abuses are properly addressed,

4) to ensure that the depart-



Courtesy of Margaret Wille

Councilmember Margaret Wille (front center) and her fellow County Council members, along with Associate Justice Michael Wilson (fourth from left) of the Hawai'i State Supreme Court.

bitation of eligible patients obtaining marijuana from “caregivers” – in other words from persons other than from one or the other of the two planned dispensaries. I don't like the idea of these powerful dispensary folks securing a monopoly to sell medical marijuana.

Frankly, given the small number of currently eligible patients who do not have a caregiver at this time, my impression is that this medical marijuana program is but a precursor for legislation to make the recreational use of marijuana legal.

CDP MEMBERSHIP AND TENURE

Another bill I am drafting that was suggested by North Kohala residents concerns the Community Development Plan Action Committees. My bill would:

- 1) allow members to be appointed for up to three terms,
- 2) allow Council members to select members to fill vacant seats

AG TOURISM AND AG DEDICATION BILLS

Other bills I am working on concern:

1) requirements for major and minor agricultural tourism operations, and

2) revised requirements to qualify for the ag use exemption real property tax program, or alternatively, the requirements to qualify for a new program that will allow a tax reduction for those who keep agriculturally zoned ag land vacant for 10 years

Both of these bills are tentatively scheduled to come before Council on January 5, 2016.

DISCUSSION OF MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST REGARDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

This discussion would include having systems in place:

- 1) for training the police force to address any potential terroristic incident, including training for an

ment's efforts to address drug abuse are carried out in a manner that does not disrupt the medical marijuana caregiver program, and

5) for coordination with Neighborhood Watch groups to reduce crime in local communities.

I anticipate this presentation and discussion coming before the Council on February 2, 2016.

WAIMEA CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Please plan to attend the Waimea Cherry Blossom Festival on Saturday, February 5. We are hoping to again arrange for the three District 9 Senior Clubs (North Kohala, Waikoloa and Waimea) to host a Cherry Pie Bake Off contest. More information to follow next month. (Think about what kind of cherry pie you might want to contribute!)

With much aloha,

Margaret Wille

Councilmember for North and South Kohala

NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

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HI House of Representatives Update

Opinions on Guardrails for Kohala Mountain Road Sought

Aloha and best wishes for a healthy and happy 2016!

The Hawai'i State Legislature is set to begin sessions on January 20, and we have already started getting ready for the work that lies ahead.

As a member of the Big Island delegation, one of my immediate priorities is to work on improving the response to and containment of dengue fever. I am working with fellow Hawai'i Island Rep. Richard Creagan (Naalehu, Ocean View, Captain Cook, Kealakekua, Kailua-Kona) to push for more mosquito abatement and public outreach. We believe that the response to the dengue outbreak was not as effective as it could have been, and we want to make sure that the Department of Health institutes an

improved response protocol in the future.

The success and stability of agriculture is a prime objective for Hawai'i Island and it is my intention to continue working with the agriculture community to improve water resources, encourage new farmers and address food safety.

Additionally, I will continue to work on behalf of our kupuna to improve transportation, home health care, aging in place and cost of living issues. I am

also drafting legislation on issues related to housing, the response to dengue outbreak, charter schools, trespassing, water development for Waimea and medical marijuana.

In recent discussion with Sal Panem we discussed Kohala Mountain Road and the need for road improvements, because this road is a main arterial between North Kohala and Waimea. Given the scenic and rural nature of the road, would you be adverse to the instal-

lation of guardrails? Please call or email me your answer to this question.

If you have any suggestions or concerns you want addressed, please contact Terii Perez or Lyndon Redona in my office. We work together to get results.

As we look forward to a new year of discovery and improving the quality of life for all of our residents, I would like to thank all of you for your support and encouragement.

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Representative Cindy Evans

New Book Documents 100 Years of Honolulu Zoo History

By Kyle Combes

For its first 100 years of operation, the Honolulu Zoo had no consolidated record of its history.

Very few books had ever been written, and the only publicly accessible records were old newspaper clippings filed away in a pair of public libraries. But in 2015, all that changed. Coauthored by Kohala residents Jean DeMercer-Breese and Paul Breese, *The Honolulu Zoo: Waikiki's Wildlife Treasures 1915-2015* takes readers back in time through the rich history of the Honolulu Zoo.

As director for nearly twenty years, Paul knows the Honolulu Zoo like no one else. Paul became the first official director of the zoo in 1947, shortly after leaving the Navy. Before Paul's time, the "zoo" had been a bird park, whereby it had originally housed the exotic aviary collection of King Kalakaua back in 1876.

Upon becoming director, Paul learned all he could about the zoo's history by listening to the stories of the previous overseer. Over the next

eighteen years Paul orchestrated the development of the zoo, transforming it from a 10-acre bird park into a full-fledged 42-acre wildlife park.

In his book Paul draws upon his own memory as he vividly shares the zoo's hundred-year history, from its founding to the present day. For many decades the zoo made no efforts at photo-documentation, so Paul's own scrapbooks provide some of the best photographic records of the zoo. Many of these help compose the 300-plus photos in the book.

The book is the fruit of over ten years' worth of labor. Much of the external information presented in this book comes from microfilm copies of old newspapers, which are stored at the Honolulu and Hilo public libraries.

Though much of the articles contained in these papers had been indexed by category, Paul said, nearly a third of the articles on the zoo did not show up in the index. Therefore Paul and Jean had no other option but to laboriously pore over countless old issues of the

Honolulu Star-Bulletin and Commercial Advertiser (now the Honolulu Advertiser) in order to find mentions of the zoo. But at long last, their work has paid off. The picture-filled book delivers, as Gary Clarke of the Topeka Zoo put it, "a most significant story told with depth and feeling [while being] oh, so readable!"

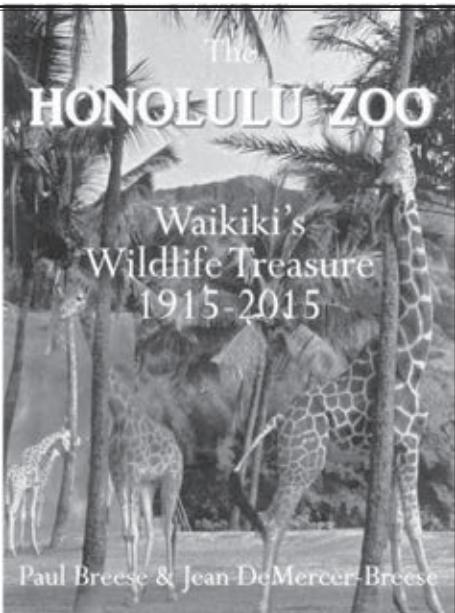
Paul and Jean are incredibly grateful to those that helped with the enormous project. "We would like to commend Dawn Schibano, Joleen Soares and Janet Lam of the Bond and Kohala public libraries for their assistance in the early documentation of hard-to-find references."

They would also like to extend a word of thanks to Jean's daughters, Dawn, Natalie and Marlee, for all their proofreading and technical help. Paul has also been selected as one of the 2016 Living Treasures of Hawaii by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii in recognition of his "tremendous accomplishments and contributions to the Hawaii community."

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Kohala Leeward Coast Lands Listed For Public Purchase

By Toni Withington

Four projects promoting public purchase of North Kohala's leeward coastal lands made it to the County's 2015 priority list for open space preservation. They join the three projects to preserved Kamehameha's home lands on the north coast (see Preserving the Crown Lands of Kamehameha the Great article on page three in this issue).

Added to the five leeward public purchases already made, these lands located along a 15 mile stretch of coastal land between Akoni Pule Highway and the ocean would be protected as open space. Their purchase would protect almost all the lands from Kohala Ranch to Puakea Bay from private development.

Altogether, nine projects made the priority list for public purchase announced this month by the County's Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Commission (PONC) – seven from North Kohala.

The lands seaward (makai) of the highway at Mahukona, formerly owned by Surety Kohala

Corporation, are listed as priority number four on the PONC list. This is the eighth time the 434 acres have been named by the County since the list started in 2006.

The eight land parcels that make up the project are also listed as Iconic Lands in need of preservation by the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust.

Surety's predecessor Chalon International received zoning to build a resort and subdivision on the land in 1993, but the project never proceeded. The land is now owned by Mahukona LLC, a Canadian organization that is administered by a Florida financial holding company.

Besides being home to 179 historical sites, including four heiau, Mahukona harbor was one of Hawai'i's first international ports of call, and the harbor still has remnants of maritime activity and the depot for the Mahukona to Niuli'i Railroad. It is the primary ocean recreational area of the district.

The North Kohala Community

Development Plan, County Ordinance 08-151, also recommends preservation purchase of the Mahukona lands, as well as the Kukui-pahu-Haena Corridor.

The Kukui-pahu-Haena Corridor made its first appearance on the PONC list in 2009 and has remained there since – this year as priority eight. The giant sweep of land from Kapa'a Park to the subdivision called Ranch at Puakea encompasses 23 land parcels totaling 1,456 acres. It was previously owned by Parker Ranch but was purchased by Kukui-pahu Makai LLC in 2010. The coastal lands contain hundreds of historic sites, sacred sites and former villages. It has been used as a prime fishing and recreational area by Kohala people for generations.

Lamaloloa is ranked fifth on the PONC priority list. This 35-acre parcel is located just Kawaihae side (south) of Lapakahi State Historical Park. From the highway to the ocean, it is also studded with historic sites. Currently owned by

Iowa-based Latitude 20 Holding Company LLC, the property is now listed on the open market for sale.

Lamaloloa, along with coastal lands to the south, once was part of the site for a proposed megaresort in the 1980s. It is bounded on both sides by State land and sits between two earlier successful land preservation projects – Lapakahi-Nu'uauu, 17 acres purchased in 2010, and Pao'o (Secrets), 10.3 acres purchased in 2011.

Keawenui, a 166-acre parcel, has been listed as priority number seven in the 2015 PONC report. Like Lamaloloa, it was once part of a resort and vacation residential project that included the lands at Kaiholena. South of Kaiholena, it is bounded on both sides by State owned land and is the location of several pre-contact historic villages.

The 263 acres of the Kaiholena ahupua'a were purchased in open space through three projects that took over nine years to complete. The last parcel was purchased just last month.

Kohala Community Association – ALIVE!

The Kohala Community Association's (KCA) inaugural meeting on December 1, 2015 was attended by approximately 100 people who came to listen to County Prosecutor Mitch Roth and representatives from the Department of Health and Civil Defense. The purpose of the KCA is to provide the people of Kohala with an unrestricted voice on any issue that is of concern.

To start the meeting, Kumu Hula Lorna Lim gave an "aloha" oli, welcoming all of the attendees. She also shared an ancient Hawaiian chant that described in detail of how Kohala got its name and its meaning. It all ties in with the community motto "Keep Kohala-Kohala".

Mitch Roth spoke of the social problems expected on the Big Island because of the recent marijuana law that was passed by State legislators. He invited the attendees to Google-search "Colorado Marijuana Homeless" to understand the negative impact marijuana has made in that state. It was noted that

due to our state's lax social services system, the law would invite many to Hawai'i to take advantage of our welfare system and warm weather and create an economic burden for our islanders.

Who would be responsible to pay for increases to our social services? Home owners and residents of Hawai'i County would be by the raising of property, vehicle and other taxes to pay for these increased services.

Next, the Department of Health and Civil Defense shared valuable information concerning the dengue fever outbreak on the Big Island. The

disease is passed from an infected person to a mosquito and then from the infected mosquito to another person. The dengue virus cannot be passed directly from person to



Photo by Lani Eugenio

Lorna Lim opened the Kohala Community Association meeting with an `oli and chant explaining how Kohala was named and its meaning.

person. Participants were cautioned when traveling to areas known to have the dengue virus to use Off brand insect repellent, or other sprays containing the chemical insect repellent DEET, and to wear long sleeve shirts and long pants. Keep covered, especially during the early morning and early evening, when the mos-

quitoes responsible for transmitting the disease are most active. After the presentation, the audience had many questions that were answered by the presenters.

Attendees were also invited to respond to a brief survey of what it means to Keep Kohala-Kohala, and what community issues they wanted to be addressed. Health for senior citizens was a major issue, and the KCA formed a health committee that will be headed by Faye Yates, Ida Otake (past Kohala Hospital Administrator) and Ku'ulei Perez, an advocate for alternative health. They will be working with the Hamakua-Kohala Health Center and will report on their progress at the next KCA meeting. Per the survey, the officers are looking at forming additional committees to address additional concerns.

KCA meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every other month beginning on February 9, 2016. Please contact Jeffrey Coakley at (808) 443-8687 for any immediate concerns.

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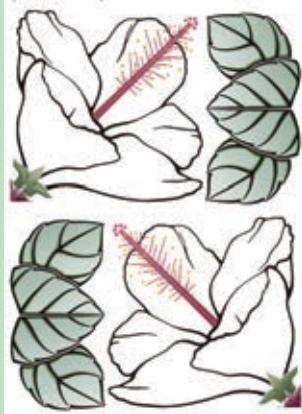
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Supporting Local Food System Builds Stronger Community



Story and photos by Marcy Montgomery

The Hawi Farmers Market has been full of fun community building events, thanks to the collaborative participation of many growers, food buyers, food leaders and health organizations.

With support from the USDA, The Same Canoe Local Food Challenge hosted a three-month-long series of 'Food Builds Community' events. These event days DOUBLED the foot traffic and local food buzz at the Market.

Building local food support and food security is the Same Canoe goal.

To help connect consumers to their farmers and fresh foods, Same Canoe has been conducting a USDA-funded pilot project that provides EBT (electronic benefit transfer) coupons for SNAP (supplemental nutrition assistance program) households.

So far, 67 EBT users have signed up for the Local Food Coupon program that matches regular EBT produce purchases with an equal dollar of free local food coupons

to purchase fresh and local foods at our beautiful Market. The pilot project has room for 33 more EBT users to sign up at the Farmers Market, so please let friends and family members on SNAP know this is available to them. Goal is to sign up the remaining participants by January 30. Same Canoe will be at the market January 9-30.

Community Events Showcasing Local Foods

Same Canoe's food efforts are thriving thanks to the generous participation of many friends and supporters of local foods. We ARE all in this together. A big "Mahalo!" to to all who helped out.

The September highlights were the Local Food Challenge Launch Celebration with Slow Food Hawai'i, Sustainable Kohala, author Sonia Martinez, Lokahi Garden Sanctuary, Dr. Hana Roberts N.D., Soil to Soul ferments with Donna Maltz, The Blue Zone Project of Kohala, Chef Stephen Rouelle of Under the Bodhi Tree, the Same Canoe keiki art area and the Food Basket. The fun day was capped off by a Garden Supply Drawing



Clare Bobo and Jileen Russell representing Slow Food

thanks to a donation from Lowes.

The October highlights started with the BEE-utiful Day celebrating local honey products with Beekeepers of North Kohala, a keiki area and the launch of the Great Pollinator hunt, encouraging Kohala residents to post observations of butterflies, bees and moths in our yards, gardens, farms and neighborhoods as part of a new community mapping project.

The Welcome Pollinators workshop with instructor Zach Mermel was co-hosted at the Kohala Elementary School Garden. 'Vanishing of the Bees' films were shown at the North Kohala Public Library and Algood Farm. (Visit the North Kohala Public Library to learn more about the pollinator hunt.)

November started with a Tree and Edible Plant Sale at the Market with plant collections from four nurseries in Kohala and Hamakua bringing grow-it-yourself oppor-

tunities to help Kohala's food self-sufficiency. Anna Peach of Squash and Awe also came to the Kohala Seniors Club for a presentation on her research and farming experiences aimed at expanding the types of local squash available on our island.

A fun wild-food-foraging walk was held with author Sunny Savage, an Aquaponics and Honey farm tour was hosted by the Algood Farm, Chocolates from Hawai'i were at the Hawi Block Party and a well-attended Grow Your Own Mushroom Workshop at Kokolulu Farm filled the month with favorite flavors and more food security skill building.

Thanks to the many farmers, local food supporters and active change agents who helped make these events fun and enriching demonstrations of Kohala's potential and on-the-ground efforts to really Grow / Buy / Eat / Live Local!



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Local Food Movement Builds Momentum at the Sixth Annual Kohala `Aina Festival

By Leslie Nugent

The sixth annual Kohala `Aina Festival united over 2,000 people in celebration of makahiki season and the growing local food movement in Hawai'i. Hosted by the Hawai'i Institute of Pacific Agriculture (HIP Ag) the annual event is an opportunity for community to come together around the abundant local harvest and Hawai'i's rich agricultural traditions while directly contributing to the continuation of agriculture education in Kohala.

The festival, which is a fundraiser for HIP Ag's educational programs, was held on December 5 at Inhabit Farms, adjacent to the HIP Ag Farm site in Halawa. The festival site was gorgeous and attendees enjoyed a perfect Kohala day with the sun shining, the trade winds gently blowing and spectacular views of Maui and Kohala Mountain.

From its humble beginnings in 2010, the Kohala `Aina Festival has grown exponentially. The community has risen up in a big way to show their support of festival and how important it is to the community. Over 250 volunteers, musicians and performers came together to make this year's festival possible. An organizing committee led by Festival Coordinator Mahina Lee consisted of 10 members including HIP staff, community volunteers and HIP students. By helping to plan and coordinate the event, volunteers are empowered to create, and as a result feel deeply connected. This model of service proves to be rewarding for volunteers as they see the fruits of their labor and feel a sense of pride in being a part of something meaningful to them.

Maintaining its roots in supporting small farmers, offering educational workshops and creating space for community to celebrate, the sixth annual festival drew crowds from around the island chain and featured world-class entertainment. Music featured on the main stage was provided by Nahko and Medicine for the People, Mike Love, Chris Berry, Tubby Love and Hawane Rios.

In addition to the main stage there was a second stage, which was

organized completely by Kohala musicians and featured an amazing lineup of local entertainers.

When they weren't soaking up the sun and enjoying the wonderful music, festival attendees had the opportunity to attend various educational workshops. Two members of HIP Ag's advisory board held hands on and informative workshops: Donna Maltz on "Soil to Soul Effervescent Fermentation" and Kai Kaholokai on "Hawaiian Plant Spirit Medicine - Ka Po'e Na La'au Lapa'au (Medicine for the People). In addition to these stimulating and

enriching workshops, there was a series of engaging talk-story sessions on topics such as beekeeping, bamboo building, the Aloha `Aina movement and traditional Hawaiian wa'a (canoe) building.

Strolling through the beautiful festival grounds there were plenty of opportunities to learn and connect with folks who are doing amazing work in communities around the state. Informational booths were set up for the Hawai'i Center for Food Safety, the Hawai'i Farmers Union United and various other organizations working to help create a healthy and sustainable food system in Hawai'i. HIP Ag's Executive Director Dash Kuhr reflected that "Kohala `Aina festival is huge opportunity for the commu-

nity to have an inside look into the type of education that HIP offers, including local foods and nutrition, natural building, plant medicine, community living and village building, organic farming and gardening and Hawaiian Culture."

The presence and participation of various Hawaiian Cultural Practitioners, including Pua Case and Lanakila Mangaul, interwove an essential cultural perspective throughout the event.

From a beautiful opening ceremony through the closing of the night, festival participants were

movement and fire dancers came out to illuminate the sky after dark.

Local food vendors provided nourishing and delicious food to festival participants while the 250 hard working volunteers, musicians and performers enjoyed a delicious meal featuring all locally-sourced produce from HIP Ag and nearby farms. Co-Founder and Culinary Director Erika Kuhr is passionate about creating healthy and tasty meals with the food that is grown on the farm, including local starches, vegetables, fruits and herbs. Erika shared with festival attendees that "we have to support our farmers". She also shared the principles of supply and demand, "when consumers demand more locally grown food, the farmers will rise, and that's where it starts. The biggest thing is in our connection with how we take care of the land, and in return the land takes care of us." Although the sixth annual Kohala `Aina Festival was such an awesome event that everyone will be talking about it until next year, for HIP Ag it is even bigger than that. It is important for HIP Ag that the festival goes beyond just a one day event and serves as a catalyst to inspire people to get involved in the local food movement and to make a difference in their communities. It is a time to recognize the positive work people are doing in Hawai'i and unite around a shared vision for healthy families, healthy keiki and healthy islands. HIP Ag places specific emphasis on supporting and mobilizing the younger generations to get involved, to take a stand and to rise into leadership positions. The multi-generational atmosphere of the Kohala `Aina Festival creates a space for young and upcoming leaders to learn from elders who have been working in these arenas.

Much as the Kohala `Aina Festival has grown beautifully since 2010, so too has HIP Ag as a farm and educational institute.

HIP Ag offers field trip programs for local school groups serving over 800 students in the last four years. Additionally, HIP Ag offers three residential internship programs a year which train students

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Nahko and Medicine for the People closing their performance at the sixth Annual Kohala `Aina Festival.



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Climate Reality Hawai'i

Story and photo by Val Barnes

On Saturday, December 12, Holly and Eila Algood led a Sustainable Kohala workshop on global climate trends and how they are and will be affecting us in Hawai'i. This past May, Holly and Eila attended Climate Reality Leadership Training in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which was sponsored by the Climate Reality Project and led, in part, by Al Gore.

Holly and Eila kindly shared some of the information they gained at the training in addition to information they've collected from their own research. Serendipitously, the 196 nations who had been meeting in Paris for the United Nations COP21 meetings announced they had signed the first global climate treaty the very morning of the workshop!

Holly began the presentation with a brief discussion of the findings from three major climate change reports that have been issued in the past three years, including the 2014 Climate Change Impacts in Hawai'i study, available for free at <http://seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/CCIH>.

These international, national and local studies have documented that climate change is being driven by a number of human activities. Most important is the burning of fossil fuels for transportation, electricity and other industrial activities that spew carbon dioxide (CO₂) into the atmosphere, as well as the rapid destruction of forests around the world.

Forests are critical to our climate, not only because they absorb CO₂ to produce oxygen, but also because they foster and protect our sources of water.

Holly pointed out that we are already seeing some of the consequences of climate change here in Hawai'i in several ways. For example, on our island we had a record 55 days this year with temperatures over 90 degrees. We are seeing sea

level rise at a rate of approximately 1.5-3.3 centimeters per year, which doesn't sound like very much, but is enough to already be carrying away the sand on our beaches! There has been a 25 percent decline in the number of days the trade winds blow, and we've been seeing an overall rainfall decline here over the past 30 years.

Because of much hotter ocean water temperatures than in previous years and other stressors on our reefs, we also had one of the most widespread coral bleaching events

periods of rain will lengthen, which means that the soil will harden and is less able to absorb rainfall when it occurs. When we are hit with a big rainfall, we're seeing flooding that overwhelms our sewage systems and large amounts of sediment and debris being carried into the ocean, further stressing the corals and other sea life.

Both globally and locally, climate change affects our food supply, the availability of water, our health, and our infrastructure. Because it takes 40-50 years before

to replace what we're using. Both animal and human health are being affected. For example, an interesting fact Holly mentioned is that we have 25 percent of the endangered species in the United States here in Hawai'i, but they are under increasing stress from the higher temperatures. Tropical diseases are moving north and disease-carrying mosquitoes are moving to higher elevations. Our infrastructure is also being challenged. Floods are taking out railways, bridges and power lines across the U.S. and the world.

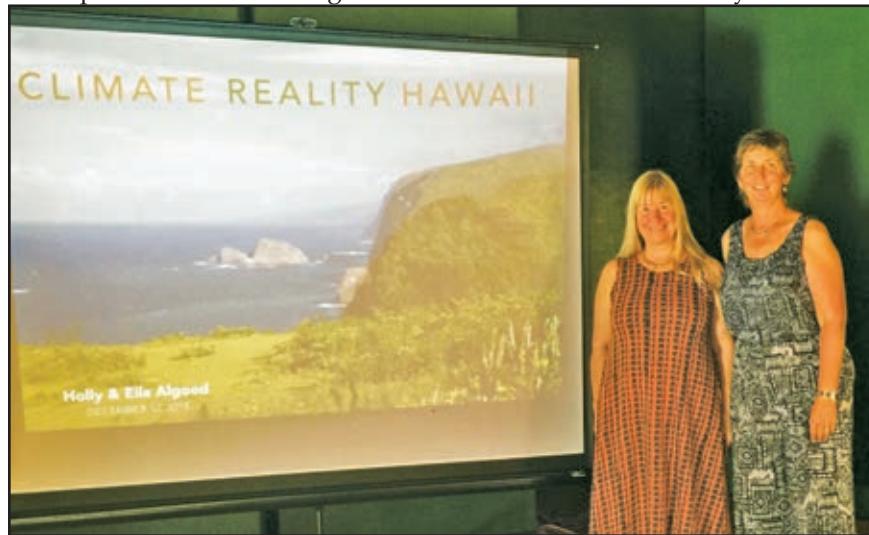
Roads melted in India this past summer during the heat waves they experienced. Power plants and manufacturing/industrial facilities are also being shutdown by stronger storms and shipping is facing new challenges.

But, in addition to the positive changes we hope to see from the Paris treaty, many communities and nations have already been taking positive steps to reduce CO₂ emissions. Solar and wind power are replacing fossil fuels at a much faster rate than anyone predicted even 10 years ago. Worldwide wind power capacity has increased twelve times more than predicted in 2002. Solar power capacity has increased even faster and will achieve grid parity with fossil fuels next year in 47 states in the US.

In the last part of the workshop, Holly and Eila had the participants pair up and identify the actions each person was willing to take to help reduce climate change.

Many ideas were generated, ranging from the very simple one of planting more trees in our yards to more general actions of being sure to vote in local and national elections for leaders who will work towards clean energy and climate change goals.

More information on the Climate Reality Project is available at <https://www.climaterealityproject.org>.



Workshop presenters Holly and Eila Algood spoke on climate change at a recent Sustainable Kohala workshop. Attendees learned about local effects of increased CO₂ emissions and brainstormed ways they could decrease their own carbon footprints.

in long-term residents' memories this past fall. And then there were all the hurricanes and tropical storms this summer from the changes in the behavior of the jet stream.

Another important consequence of climate change we've been directly experiencing is the intensification of the earth's water cycle. Practically, this means we are and will have longer and deeper periods of drought, interspersed with bigger and harder downpours than we're used to. The time between

changes in our human activities can have a large-scale effect on the earth's climate, even if the Paris climate treaty succeeds we are in for some rough times. With higher temperatures, longer, deeper droughts, and related increases in plant diseases and pest infestations, food production is declining globally. Global water usage, 70 percent of which goes to agriculture, is increasing as temperatures increase, but our aquifers aren't being replenished quickly enough



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from Hawai'i and across the country. Dash Kuhr reflects "the Kohala Aina Festival supports a working farm and educational institute in Kohala that is offering year round agriculture programs in Kohala.

We are grateful to our community. The event was a huge success that is going to support HIP Ag to run its core programs in 2016. When people choose to come out to Kohala Aina, they are saying yes. Yes, they want more education and

more agriculture in Kohala." Generous sponsors for this event include Inhabit Hawai'i, Hawai'i Center for Food Safety, Kohala Village Hub and various other local businesses and community members. Look out for HIP Ag at the

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Library to Host Two Talks on Local Squash

Anna Peach, owner of Squash and Awe Farm, will offer two presentations at North Kohala Public Library to jump start a new year of healthy eating and living. The first presentation, to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 4, will focus on the amazing properties of squash -- how to grow them, why to eat them and ways to enjoy them. The following month Peach will share her simple fermentation process to enhance a variety of vegetables at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 1.

By focusing on soil building, Peach is able to grow six tons of squash annually on her one-quarter-acre farm in Waimea. After testing 45 varieties of squash to find the strongest and tastiest, she now focuses on five workhorse varieties that have proved hardy and pest resilient. She will explain her farming process in the January presentation. "I have no secrets," she says. "We keep this knowledge alive by sharing it."

"Fermentation is so easy," Peach told librarian Janet Lam. On February 1, Peach will demonstrate her method of simple fermentation.

Both programs are free and open to the public. Contact the North Kohala Library at 889-6655 for further information on these programs or to request special accommodation.

Sharon Hayden Retires

Story by Tom Morse

Sharon Hayden will be retiring on December 31 from Kohala Pacific Realty, where she served as Property Manager for many years. She provided local housing to literally thousands of tenants, all the while providing good care for hundreds of mostly post-plantation residences. "She is irreplaceable and will be greatly missed," says owner Chris Helmuth.

In service to the community, she has worked tirelessly in stewarding the King Kamehameha Statue Project, King Kamehameha Day, local halau hula, as organizer for the Kohala Country Fair, Bond Memorial Library Project Preservation and as a student tutor and mentor to many of Kohala's youth.

A Certificate of Appreciation presented to Hayden from Mayor Billy Kenoi reads, "Our lives have been enriched and our community is healthier thanks to your extraordinary dedication to your profession and your tireless community service efforts."

Best wishes to you in your future endeavors. We thank you for

making our Hawai'i Island community a better place to live."



Photo by Christine Richardson

Longtime Property Manager Sharon Hayden will be retiring from Kohala Pacific Realty after many years of service. She continues to be a central figure in many community projects.

Healthcare.gov Health Insurance in Open Enrollment Period

Open Enrollment for health insurance through Healthcare.gov lasts through the end of January. In order to have coverage effective the first of the month, the application must be done by the fifteenth of the previous month.

For more information, contact Toni Carvalho at 889-6236, extension 26, or TCarvalho@hamakua-health.org

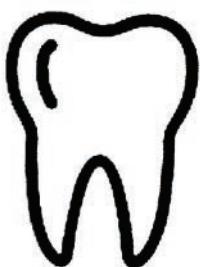
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New Kohala Hospital X-Ray Technician Interviewed

Story by Elaine Christianson

This is the third in a series of interviews of the Kohala Hospital Emergency Room physicians/staff conducted by Elaine Christianson, Secretary of the Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation Board.

In this interview, Christianson sat down with Buddy Carvalho, a new x-ray technician.

Christianson: You are a new x-ray technician here at Kohala Hospital, and I hear that you were born and raised here in town.

Carvalho: Yes, and I went to Kohala High School. My dad worked more than 30 years here at the hospital, so I grew up knowing most of the people.

Christianson: Once you graduated, how did you choose x-ray and where did you train?

Carvalho: I wanted to try a different career path from others in our family, so I chose x-ray. I trained and interned in Eugene, Oregon, and worked for one of the top hospitals there, a 600-bed hospital. I worked 16-hour days combining the intern and paid work. They only had one x-ray tech, so I had three

paggers that kept me running up and down stairs!

Christianson: How long were you away from Hawai'i and what brought you back home?

Carvalho: I gained a lot of broad experience, but after six-plus years I applied for a position at Kona Hospital. It was an eye opener, like going back in time, after the cutting edge technology I was used to on the mainland. I brought a lot of ideas from the mainland and was eventually in charge of purchasing equipment and setting up a CAT scan department.

Christianson: How did you get recruited over to Kohala?

Carvalho: I heard an x-ray tech was leaving Kohala Hospital, and I felt being in a smaller community

would be good for my family. I'd been doing three shifts a day! My wife is a registered nurse at North Hawai'i Community Hospital and our older child goes to school here in Kohala.

Christianson: Let's talk about that new portable digital x-ray machine just purchased with the funds raised by the Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation. It's a story worth repeating: This unit had an original price tag of \$333,000 and was sent from the mainland as a demo to another hospital. We were able to purchase it for \$124,000, including a 5-year warranty and full service support!

Carvalho: I think this machine is state-of-the-art. We can now do CAT scans and immediately send the digital images out. This is the

best on the island. The old style one we have here, which uses film cartridges, is still in use, especially for chest x-rays. It's good to have back up. Comparing these two machines is like comparing the landline phone to the iPhone 6.

Remember, when I started this field we were dipping the images in developing fluid and so on, and it then went through a multi-step process until we got the final image.

By taking images digitally, it uses half the radiation! The other pluses are that it's portable and has better image quality and quicker patient service. All of that equals better patient care and, as you see, we have a recently remodeled a very spacious Radiology Department, so it's a nice place to work.

Christianson: Buddy, we are delighted to have you on staff with all your background in the many procedures that you've told me about now that we have the new, state of the art x-ray machine! Now I'll let you get back to shredding all those old files we see behind your desk. I can see why you are happy we've moved to the digital age.

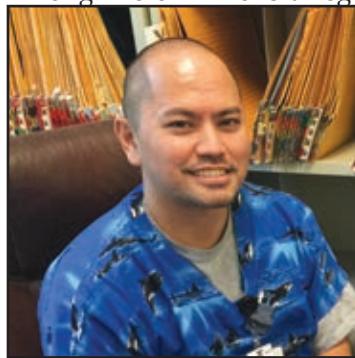


Photo by Elaine Christianson
Buddy Carvalho has returned to his hometown roots in Kohala to be the new x-ray technician at Kohala Hospital.

Tibetan Buddhist Teacher Offers Teaching and Meditation Beyond Religious Traditions

Tibetan Buddhist Teacher Anam Thubten will return to Kohala to offer a public lecture at the Kohala Village Hub in Hawi on Friday, January 22, at 6:30 p.m. (Donations accepted.)

A two day long teaching and meditation retreat will be held at a private location in Hawi on Saturday and Sunday, January 23 and 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thubten grew up in Eastern Tibet and at an early age began to practice the Nyingma tradition of Tibetan Buddhism. He has lived in the United States for over 20 years and is the author of many notable books and articles in the English language, including "The Magic of Awareness" and "No Self, No Problem".

In his visits to Kohala, Thubten has developed a strong and warm-hearted connection with the people of the island, and has met new

friends from diverse backgrounds and religious traditions.

Thubten was initially invited to teach in Kapa'au in 2007 and to return yearly. Although trained deeply in Tibetan Buddhist traditions, his wisdom and humor on how to cultivate courage, compassion and profound dimensions of awareness in life are essential to every religious and philosophical tradition, regardless of sect or denomination. In his visits through the years, Thubten maintains a close connection to the Kohala community via many who travel to visit him at lectures and retreats in Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area.

For more information and reservations, contact Mark Kimbell at (808) 333-7972 or hawiboy@msn.com or Pamela Kimbell at solutionshawaii@msn.com or (808) 896-2284.



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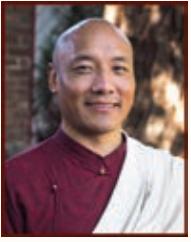
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Public Talk: January 22nd, 2016

(Suggested donation for Talk: \$10.00 to \$20.00)

The focus of the retreat is to unburden ourselves from mental habits that cause unnecessary suffering and to realize our natural state, which is the inner dimension of peace, joy, and love. Anam Thubten invites everyone to experience this spiritual transformation through meditation practice and the timeless teachings of the Buddha.



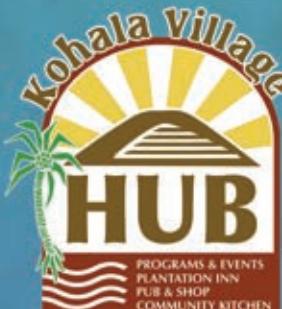
Location: KOHALA VILLAGE HUB 55-514 Hawi Rd.

Retreat schedule: 9:45 AM to 5:00 PM

Lunch break: 1.5 Hours (12:00 PM – 1:30 PM)

Cost: \$150.00 pp (no one is turned away for lack of funds)

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TALK STORY WITH PASTOR ILIMA AND TONY MOIHA

Story and photo Helen Nahoopii

Perhaps it is Pastor Ilima Moiha's grounded presence that caught my eye at a family event last summer. Upon approach, it was her gentle smile and ease of being that drew me closer. Our conversation began with sharing of traditional Hawaiian recipes and brought us to this place: gathering around the kitchen table and a chance to talk story. She also shares that being a woman of faith does not guarantee a life without struggle.

Ilima Moiha is soft spoken as she tells the story of her childhood: a young girl in Kawaihae born in 1942.

"My tutu papa (father) came from China and married a pure Hawaiian from Kawaihae. Dad spent the weekdays in Hilo as a civilian worker for the military. Mom and four siblings lived in Kawaihae and sustained off the ocean. There was no electricity: one road in and one road out. The harbor was built much later when progress came. Daily chores included collecting fresh crab, fish and edible pi'pi'i (snails) along the shore. We used kukui-lepo (lantern) to go shi-shi in the outhouse. The ohana would go visit relatives in distant villages to trade fish for other goods. Since my uncle John was a cowboy at Kahua Ranch, we would exchange with him some fish for beef and dairy milk. Mom would make smoke meat. We never had fresh milk – just

canned milk for babies. Mom made fresh butter. Back then the ranch owners provided weekly rations of beef and dairy and health care benefits for workers. The ranchers were very generous," Ilima says.

As a child, Ilima tried to be like her parents. Her father and mother were both hardworking. Her mom was strong, humble and honest. "To this day I could never be as good as her," Ilima says.

Her eyes fill with emotion as she reflects. "We lived in Kawaihae Village until the 1946 tidal wave. Our home was built beachside on stilts. My tutu man (grandfather) had heard of the great wave that may come and he prepared our house in case of such an event.

It was early morning. Our mother was going to catch crab for breakfast. When she looked towards the horizon she could see coral reefs she had never seen before. She knew something was not right. Suddenly, she heard and

felt the earth rumble. She picked us kids up in her arms, we went in to our hale, and prayed," Ilima recalls.

Her ancestors were Christians and as a family they maintained harmony in the home as they practiced their spiritual teachings. "My dad then worked for the state and he was a minister," Ilima says. It was later in the 1950's that her father was asked to start a Pentecostal church in the North Kohala area near the old Kohala Kim-chee Factory. They started by providing church sermons in their garage.

It was at the church where she would later meet her husband, Anthony (Tony) Moiha: a full blooded Hawaiian. Tony grew up with 11 siblings in Hana on Maui. He had been on the Big Island to help his brother with his 300 acre ranch in Waimea. The Moiha's made North Kohala their home where they raised three children.

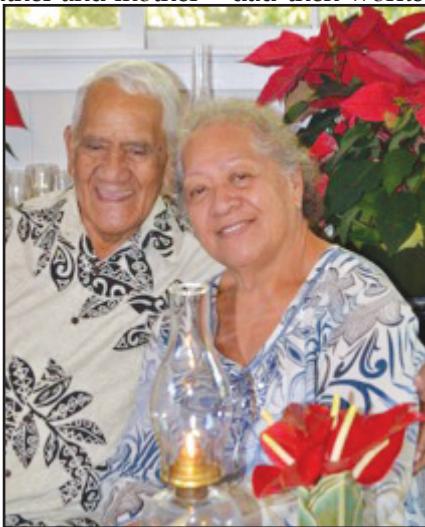
Today, Ilima follows in her father's footsteps as a pastor of the Gospel of Salvation Kohala.

It is there where she gives weekly sermons and performs weddings, funerals and other services. When asked what has been her greatest challenge in life, she shares a very personal story.

"We have a daughter that is an addict. As parents, we tried everything. We even sent our daughter to rehab. She was good at first and then she returned home and went back to her old ways. We blamed ourselves. As 'ohana, we went to church, ate meals and shared in prayer together. We spent one day a week doing things fun, together. What did we do wrong," Ilima says.

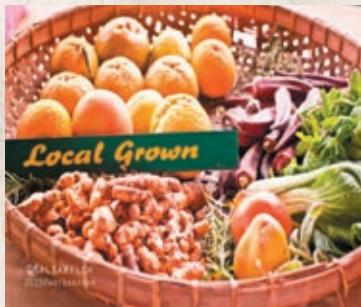
A pastor friend gave her this answer: "When did you ever do anything for your child, because you did not love them?" Everything we did was because we loved our children.

Elima adds, "People on drugs steal things, take your money and say hurtful things to those you love them. The challenge for us is to understand that we have no control over things that will happen in our lifetime. We can just have our faith. We can pay attention to our God and what he is trying to tell us during these tragic times. As my tutu man would say: we have a choice to either be a somebody or to be a nobody. It's up to you. JOY. Jesus. Others. Yourself. Find the joy in your life and share it with others this Christmas season," Ilima says with resolve and a smile.



Pastor Ilima Moiha and her husband Tony Moiha.

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Kohala Seniors Celebrate Christmas with Good Cheer

Photos and captions by Lani Eugenio



The Kohala Senior Citizens held their Christmas party at the Hilton hotel and provided their own entertainment. Members had fun interpreting the 12 Days of Christmas, Hawaii style.



Senior hula dancers get ready to entertain the crowd that always appreciates them.



Kayoko, Maydean, Carla and Ann pose for a portion of their performance.



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4	MON	5:30PM	7:30PM	Kohala Parent Support Group	Meeting	The Cottage @ the HUB 895-3578
4	MON	6:30PM		Squash and Awe: Growing and using a superfood	By Anna Peach	North Kohala Library 889-6655
11	MON	5PM		NKCDP AC Meeting	North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee	Kohala Senior Centre 323-4770
11	MON	6:30PM		Parenting for prevention: Raising drug free kids	By Chris Kelly	North Kohala Library 889-6655
12	TUE	11AM		Adult reading discussion	The Boys in the Boat - by Daniel Brown	North Kohala Library 889-6655
16	SAT	8AM	1PM	Sacred Heart Church Bazaar	Rummage Sale, Baked Goods, Silent Auction	Sacred Heart 889-6435
19	TUE	10AM		Adult writer's group	First Meeting	North Kohala Library 889-6655
22	FRI	6:30PM		Tibetan Buddhist Teacher Anam Thubten	Public lecture	Kohala Village Hub 333-7972
23 & 24	SAT & SUN	9:30AM	5PM	Tibetan Buddhist Teacher Anam Thubten	A two day long teaching and meditation retreat	Private Location 333-7972
24	SUN	11AM	12:20PM	Community Meal	At St. Augustine Church	Walker Hall 889-5390
24	SUN	10AM	12PM	Thrift Shop	At St. Augustine Church	Next to Walker Hall 889-5390
25	MON	6:30PM		PBS documentary film	Web Junkie	North Kohala Library 889-6655
25	MON	4PM		Poetry group	Adults & Teens	North Kohala Library 889-6655
26	TUE	5PM	6PM	CDP subcommittee	Power, Viewplanes, & Erosion Control, contact Susan Fischer	Old Courthouse 882-7611
27	WED	5PM		Parks, Water & Roads Subcommittee	Monthly meeting	Old Courthouse 882-7611
27	WED	4PM	5:30PM	Restorative Yoga Therapy class	With Carla Orellana, Certified Yoga Therapist, by donation	in the White tent, 53-496 `Iole Rd 889-5151
27	WED	1:30PM		Youth reading & movie club	The Never Ending Story	North Kohala Library 889-6655

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8AM							
9AM							
10AM	Riding Home	Your Kohala Connection	Women's Voices	Eco Talk	Riding Home	Live Music Showcase	Funkle Greg's Sunday Morning Mess Encore
11AM							
12PM	Working Hard or Hardly Working Encore	Uncle David's Big Show Encore	Cosmic Cowgirl Encore	Swap Shop	Cosmic Cowgirl Encore	Deez Rootz	Those Were Da Days Encore
1PM							
2PM	Riding Home Encore	Riding Home Encore		Uncle David's Big Show Encore			Live Music Showcase Encore
3PM							
4PM	Riddimwize	Mike on the Mike (KHS Senior)	Dug Inn Your Ear	The Surfing Cowboy	Dug Inn Your Ear	Hawaiian Time	Deez Roots Encore
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Community Development Plan Action Committee

Sacred Heart Church Raising Renovation Funds

CDP AC Discusses Food Self-Sufficiency, Emergency Bypass, Public Shoreline, Solar Power and Historic Preservation

A visit to the town of Hawi requires a stop at the historic Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Built in 1925 by Father Ludger Appleman, SS.CC., its focal point is the large stained glass windows depicting many stories from the Bible.

Created by artisans in Belgium, both tourists and locals alike describe the windows as "breath-taking" and "memorable."

As visitors continue their stroll around the parish grounds, they encounter a parish office, a meeting hall, a rectory, outdoor classrooms, a cemetery and a large function hall with an office, three classrooms and two loft areas.

Since the 1900s, parishioners and have worked tirelessly to maintain each and every part of the parish.

A variety of factors, including the 2006 earthquake, have caused the dire need to renovate the rectory, which was built in the 1930s.

Because of its remarkable architectural features, church members have collectively decided to keep the structure and remodel it instead of demolishing and rebuilding it.

The plan is to reinforce the foundation, strengthen the current structure and provide a fresh ambiance. It is estimated that the church will need at least \$100,000 to complete this task.

With these findings, it was apparent that a team was needed to tackle this project. In September of 2015, the Sacred Heart Resource Development Team was formed with Maile Lincoln and Carlton Torres as co chairs.

Members of the team include Lee Rivera, Phyllis Malasig, Rita Maria and Father Eli. A strategic plan including three events was proposed and accepted.

Currently, the Friends and Family Contribution Campaign is in effect. Donation letters were sent out to people near and far for financial contributions. The goal is \$50,000 with over \$15,000 already raised.

Now, the church is reaching out to community members for support with the next event - a large Bazaar on January 16, from 8 a.m. thru 1 p.m.

The bazaar will include a rummage sale, food and baked goods, plants and a silent auction. Fresh malasadas will be made on site, as well as Korean chicken and chili bowls.

A large assortment of fresh baked breads, pies, cookies and ethnic foods will also be available. The silent auction, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., will have fantastic items, including a 4 night/5 day (meals included) package from the California Hotel in Las Vegas, a 13-piece Trader Joe's gift basket, restaurant certificates, hotel stays, hotel buffets and golf certificates.

For more information call Maile Lincoln at 895-3168 or the Sacred Heart Parish Office at 889-6436.

Food sustainability, the use of Pratt Road as an emergency bypass and the possible purchase by the County of several parcels along the Hapu u-Kapanaia corridor were among the items discussed at the November 9 meeting of the North Kohala Community Development Plan (NKCDP) Action Committee (AC). The Planning Department, citing heavy workloads as they revise the General Plan, is having all CDP AC meetings held every other month, at least for the time being. The AC will thus meet in January, March, May, July, etc. in 2016.

After Lani Eugenio of the Agriculture subcommittee reported that she was having difficulty measuring Kohala's progress toward meeting the CDP goal of fifty percent food self-sufficiency by 2018, a discussion ensued as to what 50 percent food self-sufficiency actually means.

Both John Adams and John Winter stressed that the measurement does not apply to production goals for individual farmers, but that by 2018 50 percent of the food available to the residents of Kohala, in aggregate and averaged over a year, should be locally grown.

Winter noted, and several members of the AC agreed, that the focus of the AC and the Agriculture subcommittee should not be so much on evaluating progress towards this goal, which is very difficult to do, but on supporting local food production in ways that will move Kohala continually closer to food sustainability.

Winter reported that the Water, Parks and Roads subcommittee had held two meetings on the matter of using Pratt Road as an emergency bypass. The first, on September 30, was for the landowners only and the second, on October 14, was open to the community.

The consensus from both meetings was that the road should be available in emergencies, but the landowners object to opening it up for general use.

The intent is to have the road open for emergencies from Kapa'au to Niuli'i in a passable condition and the subcommittee plans to contact individuals at the state and county level who might help to make that happen.

The subcommittee also contacted the Department of Water Supply again to see about having the moratorium on water meters lifted for small new subdivisions while the completion of the Halaula well continues to drag on. It is still about two years away. The request was declined.

Keone MacKillop had good news from the Public Access Subcommittee: all the parcels in the Hapu u - Kapanaia corridor have been consolidated into a single one for possible purchase by the County using the 2% Land Fund.

If the purchase is approved, and depending on the outcome of negotiations between the County and the various landowners, there is the potential for almost 300 hundred acres of waterfront and historically significant land to be preserved for public use.

This would be a huge victory for those individuals and groups that have been working to preserve this property for several years. MacKillop also announced that Kaiholena had closed, adding one more large parcel on the west side to the public domain.

Toni Withington of the Power, View planes and Erosion Subcommittee said that the presidents of both HELCO and Paniolo Power have shown interest in Solar Matters' proposal for a solarized bike way between North Kohala and

North Kona.

She also said that the Airports Division has put soil control barriers, including stone filters and "straw wattles," at numerous locations at Upolu to help with erosion control.

She said that the next heavy rainfall should show how effective these will turn out to be, but hopefully they will help the natural process get underway faster.

Faye Yates said that the Historical and Preservation subcommittee has been working on its mission statement which does not include the management of any historical site.

She said that in light of the recent defacing of some sites, the group felt that perhaps they should not mark these sites but rather prepare documentation on them that can be shared with students and the community at large as well as with visitors.

She said that it is very important that the information shared be accurate and that any Hawaiian words used be used correctly.

Finally, Winter stated that two of the open positions on the AC have been filled, but since two current members have also reached the end of their terms, two more positions will need to be filled.

If you are interested getting involved in the important work of seeing that the goals of the NKCDP, which the community worked so hard to put together, are met, please consider applying.

The next meeting of the NKCDP AC will be held on Monday, January 11, at 5:00 p.m. at the North Kohala Senior Center.

Members of the community are urged to attend these meetings and to also get involved in the various subcommittees, where most of the actual work gets done.

Kohala Churches

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 WHERE FRIENDSHIP MEETS FELLOWSHIP
 Saturday Services:
 Sabbath School: 9:30 AM
 Divine Service: 10:45 AM
 Potluck-Fellowship Lunch every Sabbath
 55-3361 Akoni Pule Highway, Hawi HI
 (808)889-5646
 kohala.adventistfaith.org

Kalahikiola Congregational Church
 Service every Sunday Morning at 9:30 followed by pupus & fellowship
 Prayer time Tuesdays at 11:30
 Iole road of Akoni Pule Hwy. in Kapa'au
 1/4 mile past the statue
 www.kalahikiolacongregationalchurch.com
 889-6703

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
 Kapa'au, North Kohala • 808-889-5390
 Sunday Services:
 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
 Children's Sunday School & Fellowship Brunch
 Thrift Shop Hours:
 Weds: 12:00 - 3:30 • Thurs: 4:00 - 6:00
 4th Saturday: 10:00 - 12:00
 Free Community Meal:
 4th Saturday of each month: 11:00 - 12:30
 Vicar Diana Akiyama
 www.staugustineskohala.com

Gospel of Salvation Kohala
 Kokoiki Road
 Service: Sunday 9:00 AM
 Adult Bible Study: Monday 6:30 PM
 Prayer Meeting: Friday 6:30 PM
 Pastor Ilima Moihā
 www.gospelofsalvationkohala.org

Kohala Baptist Church
 Across from Makapala Retreat
 Sunday Services 9 am
 Adult Bible Study/Kids on Mission 10:15 am
 Worship Service/Sunday School
 Pastor Steven E. Hedlund (808)889-5416
 www.kohalabaptist.net

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 Hawi, Hawai'i • The Welcoming Church
 Masses: Saturday 5 pm
 Sunday 7 a.m. • 9:30 am
 Weekday Mass: Monday - Friday at 7 am
 Adoration: 1st Friday 6:30 - 7:30 pm
 Rev Elias Escanilla
 Deacon Thomas Adams
 Telephone 889-6436

Sign-Waving Against Drugs in Kohala



Photos by Lani Eugenio

Silia Emiliano waved signs with his family and stated, "I want my kids to know that we stand up for our community to keep it safe. We need to understand the issue and take a stand."



Marcus Douglas, a Kohala High School teacher, shared, "I'm from Washington State, where marijuana is legalized. It was beautiful when I was growing up there. Now there are smoke shops all over the place; more homeless people coming in. Hard drugs have increased, and so has crime. We are promised big money, but none of the profits are shared with us, and the taxpayers pay for the increase of services. I don't want big marijuana companies out here and putting their agenda on us."

Story by Jeffrey Coakley

Residents took to the streets with the message to "Keep Kohala - Kohala" by keeping marijuana retail outlets and mass marijuana production and manufacturing sites out of our community.

Straight Talk On Drug Abuse at KHS Assembly

Story by Jeffrey Coakley

A recent Kohala High School assembly focused on the issue of drug abuse had two speakers.

Chris Kelly, a specialist in drug addiction, spoke about his experience with marijuana as a gateway drug to his addiction while Hawai'i State Representative Andria Tupola (Waianae) talked to students about standing up for their future.

Chris Kelly outlined "The Three M's of Marijuana": Memory

is inhibited or lost, Motivation is decreased, and Maturity is stunted.

Tupola's message was clear, "If you don't take a stand now, against drugs, against everything that's taking away your freedoms, then when will you?"

When it's too late? Never get tired of saying 'No!' Never get tired of being honest.

That's where it all starts... giving in to the drugs, alcohol, cheating, theft and crimes."

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays From our O'hana to yours!

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Auntie Esther Maeda and grandson Alika Viernes take in the hula performance.



Tia Ubilas offers a wide variety of homemade items including purses, bags, baby blankets and burp rags.



Renee (left) and Jessica (right) Bautista sell creative artwork and decorative Mason jars with straws.

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