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Save the Trees!

Story by Anne Fojtasek

May 18 marked a gathering of people passionate about trees in Kamehameha Park. Word had spread that the Parks Department has entered into a contract with a tree-trimming company to take down numerous trees in the park, without giving the public notice of the plan or an opportunity to lodge objections.

Sixty-two people crowded into the conference room at the rear of Hisaoka Gym to show their support for saving the trees, according to forms handed around and filled out. Many gave video testimony to the County Council, citing their need for shade and their dismay at seeing the majestic limbs lying in heaps on the ground. Some people spoke with visible emotion in defense of the trees.

So far, 11 trees have been cut down,



Photo by Tom Morse
Eight mature monkey pod trees in Kamehameha Park were recently cut down. According to the County, the roots of at least one had begun damaging the parking lot asphalt.

including eight monkeypods. Most of the trees are between 40 and 50 years old and with proper maintenance, says meeting organizer Lisa Andrews, could live for decades more. Why not trim them, she asks, instead of cutting them down? She disputes the claim that cutting the trees is a "safety issue," calling it instead a "budget issue." Kohala is not the only area where trees are being cut. Rather, parks around the island are facing similar action. Those gathered in Kamehameha Park have asked that the contract to cut the remaining trees there be rescinded.

Jeff Coakley, senior lifeguard at the Kohala Pool, reminded the group that African tulip trees near the pool do pose a problem. "We need help," he said, asking for volunteers to share in the effort to keep debris from the trees out of the pool.

Finishing Touches on Whale Mural in Downtown Hawi



Photo and caption by Richard Elliott

Elijah Rabang has completed his humpback whales mural on the fence across from Paradise Postal, the mural's sponsor, in downtown Hawi. He will be starting on new mural soon, as there are plans to complete several on the fence.

Go Skate Day 2016 to Be Held on Fathers Day

By Richey Riggs

It is time to prepare for the 8th Annual Go Skate Day.

This is an opportunity for us to have FUN skateboarding in the street, down Akoni Pule Highway from the Aloha gas station to Roots Skate Park at Kamehameha Park. This year's parade and event will be on Fathers Day, Sunday, June 19.

This event is for skateboarders and their families to participate in and help support second phase construction of the skate park. So, all of you moms and dads, please participate with your skaters by joining us

for the parade and festivities at the park.

Enjoy food, live music, free skate sessions at the skate park, the Roots fundraising movie premier and time with the guest of honor, Councilwoman Margaret Wille.

Update to Roots Skate Park second phase funding status: A total of \$70,000 has been set aside by Councilwoman Margaret Wille for labor. An additional \$35,000 was recently approved by Hawai'i Island Mayor Billy Kenoi, to create a total of \$70,000 from the County of Hawai'i
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North Kohala CERT Adds Three New Members



Photo courtesy of North Kohala CERT Team

North Kohala CERT Team 2016 (Left to right): Jesse Wells, Jesus Solis, Susan Grant, David Eichner, Bill Hanson (Civil Defense Agency), John Winter, April Lee, Dana Moss, Beth Bridygham, Keoni Beekman, Elsie DeLaCruz, Sadie Young, Deborah Winter. Front and Kneeling: Christopher Gallardo

The North Kohala Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) added three new members, who completed their training on April 30. Jesus Solis, Christopher Gallardo and Beth Bridygham joined the North Kohala CERT members who work under Civil Defense Agency to assist during emergencies such as earthquakes, hurricanes or other disasters. Ongoing members also re-certified on April 30, reviewing and practicing skills needed in emergencies.

CERT members meet regularly

throughout the year to practice skills such as first aid, search and rescue, triage, counseling and organizing a team for efficient help during disasters. CERT members are trained to take care of family and neighbors first, and then report to emergency sites to do the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

The next free training for new CERT members will be held October 8 – 29 in Puna. A training in North Kohala will be scheduled when 10 people sign up. If interested, call John Winter at 889-6901.

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By Shannon Speier

I'm going green, Kohala! How about you?

St. Augustine's Community Meal Open to All

Story and photos by Wendy Hindley

For over 10 years St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Kapa'au, founded in 1884, has been hosting a free community lunch in their James Walker Hall on the fourth Saturday of each month. Will Quayle, who has since moved to Kona, started the tradition. Over the years, its outreach has brought together various attendees: newcomers to Kohala looking to meet new people, tourists just stopping by to admire the "little church on the hill", shoppers from the thrift store, seniors, families and anyone wanting to share good food and enjoy each other's company.

The parishioners of the church donate and prepare most of the food, but there are often dishes brought in by those who have some-

thing they would like to share. On the day I visited, one man brought produce from his trees because he "didn't want to come empty handed." Baked goods and rice were donated as well and, although not at all required, the food was graciously accepted and shared.

The number of people dining each month varies from as few as 10 to as many as 40, with most being return visitors joined by first time visitors and some St. Augustine members. All are warmly welcomed by the volunteers.

Food is served buffet style from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Transportation is available for senior housing residents at Ainakea.

The thrift store is also open every fourth Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and all shoppers are invited to partake in the buffet.



A sign in front of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church welcomes the community to a free meal the fourth Saturday of each month.

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Parks and Recreation Department earmarked for materials. Added together, the Skate Park now has a total of \$140,000 in County support for labor and materials.

This support proves that our island leaders support providing safe places for kids to skateboard. However, the cost to provide a park is still more than officials funded. It is necessary that we, as a community, raise additional funds to supplement the labor and materials budget.

We are currently submitting drawings to be made into construction blueprints, which must be

approved by Parks and Recreation. From there we put the labor out to bid to state certified vendors/contractors. The bids are reviewed and the award goes to the lowest bidder. From what we have learned, this process takes approximately three months. Once we have a contractor to oversee the labor we can officially begin construction of the second phase.

Contact us at skate4roots@yahoo.com to donate or volunteer and help prepare for the 2016 Go Skate Day - the exciting opportunity to ride on a closed highway, specifically to celebrate skateboarding and the youth of our community.

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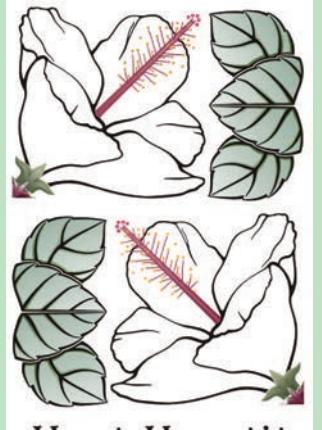
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Kohala Lions Club "Sight Is Beautiful" Poster Contest

Story by Rose Mae Watterson
 The annual Kohala Lions Club "Sight Is Beautiful" contest winners at Kohala Elementary School were recognized and awarded with their winning posters, which had been beautifully matted, along with monetary prizes of \$20 for first place, \$15 for second place, \$10 for third place and \$5 for fourth place.

Winners were:
 Kindergarten: Evin Bumanglag, first place; Kaydence Vaefaga, second place; Livie Hart, third place; Kelsy Secuya, fourth place.

1st Grade: Jav'n Moniz, first place; Ryder Leitch, second place; Madelyn Jessop, third place; Marley Endreson, fourth place.

2nd Grade: Elorah Legendre, first place; Madeline Buczyna, second place; Kiara Terry, third place; Princess Rain Cureg, fourth place.

3rd Grade: Cyann Kauanoë-Galdones, first place; Kailani Valenzuela-Conte, second place; Stella Brooke, third place; Harmonie Medeiros, fourth place.

4th Grade: 1st Keilla Thomas, first place; Kahaka ula omali u Catrett, second place; Ryzen Cazimero-Bautista, third place; Levi Keyes, fourth place.

5th Grade: Angelina Mae Lafradez, first place; Mark Joshua Salvador, second place; Hailey Kauanoë-Galdones, third place; Adriana Leitch, fourth place.



Photos by Susan Grant

Kindergarten winners of the Kohala Lions Club's "Sight is Beautiful" poster contest. Front row (left to right): Evin Bumanglag, Kaydence Vaefaga, Livie Hart, Kelsy Secuya Back row (left to right): Lions Club Members Rose Mae Watterson, David Eichner, Jesus Solis, Dixie Adams, Jon Adams



Third grade winners of the Kohala Lions Club's "Sight is Beautiful" poster contest. Front row (left to right): Cyann Kauanoë-Galdones, Kailani Valenzuela-Conte, Stella Brooke, Harmonie Medeiros Back row: Kohala Lions Club members David Eichner, Dixie Adams



Fifth grade winners of the Kohala Lions Club's "Sight is Beautiful" poster contest. Front row (left to right): Angelina Mae Lafradez, Mark Joshua Salvador, Hailey Kauanoë-Galdones, Adriana Leitch Back row: Lions Club Members Jon Adams, David Eichner, Dixie Adams, Jesus Solis

Kohala Grown Accepts EBT

Kohala Grown Market is now accepting SNAP EBT payments! If you don't already know, Kohala Grown Market is a "Locavore Grocer" that offers locally sourced groceries and fresh, Kohala-grown produce six days a week in the Kohala Trade Center in Hawi. SNAP EBT customers can now support our local community of farmers by buying their produce at our store.

At Kohala Grown Market we have a passion for locally sourced fruits, vegetables and value-added products that have been carefully chosen to reflect the values of responsible and sustainable agriculture in Hawai'i. Our goal is to support local farmers and the community by committing to making locally produced food options available.



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Revolution Radio “Music with a Message”

Story and Photo by Eila Algood

Revolution Radio is a recent addition to the KNKR programming lineup. The hosts are Devin Longfellow and Kelly Hyde, a.k.a. Ka`ahele.

Dev moved to Hawai`i to work on the land to grow food. She is committed to what she coined “micro revolutions,” one of which is food justice, and the other empowerment of children and women.

Ka`ahele is a singer, songwriter and musician whose focus is on creating lyrics with greater mean-

ing beyond her. She believes music, which is a tremendous inspiration to her, can bring about positive change in our turbulent world.

They became friends a year ago, sharing a playful dynamic and spiritual connection.

Their focus is in playing independent, lesser-known musicians and having interviews with local heroes, both keiki and adults.

Revolution Radio is broadcast on KNKR 96.1 FM on Mondays from 2 to 4 p.m.



Devin Longfellow (left) and Kelly Hyde, a.k.a. Ka`ahele (right), host the Revolution Radio show on KNKR 96.1 FM.

Kohala Farmers Union Chapter Brings Together Diverse Farming Community

The Kohala chapter of the Hawai`i Farmers Union United (HFUU) continues to attract new members in its second year. At the state level, HFUU saw a 45% increase in membership in 2015 across its nine chapters.

HFUU is working at the local, state and national levels to increase local food production and to create and sustain prosperous agricultural communities through cooperation, education and legislation.

Each month the Kohala chapter offers knowledgeable and experienced speakers on ag-related subjects.

These presentations have inspired many members to plant new crops, try new propagation techniques and experiment with soil fertility improvement methods.

Following up on the December presentation on grafting fruit trees, Brian Lievens demonstrated the air layering propagation method at our February meeting.

This is a useful technique for propagating trees which do not respond to grafting, such as lychee and longan.

Brian is currently President of the West Hawai`i Tropical Fruit Growers.

The March meeting featured

Cab Baber, who has been an organic farmer on the Big Island for 36 years. Cab has been a pioneer in the use of effective microorganisms.

His presentation focused on the importance of maintaining a symbiotic balance of microorganisms in the soil and how bokashi can be used to simplify this process.

He also shared instructions for how to make bokashi and use it to quickly turn kitchen waste into a valuable soil amendment.

In April, Josiah Hunt gave a presentation on biochar. He explained how biochar works to improve soil fertility and improve water retention. Besides direct benefits to farmers, biochar production on a large scale can help to mitigate climate change by sequestering carbon in the soil. Josiah wrapped up his presentation with instructions on how to make biochar.

More presentations are planned for the remainder of the year. Chapter meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the HUB barn behind the Kohala Village Inn. A hearty potluck dinner focused on local foods starts at 6 p.m. followed by a presentation at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Learn more about the Hawai`i Farmers Union United at www.hfuuhi.org.

Kohala Mission School 40th Anniversary

It is hard to believe that back in 1974 the Kohala Mission School was just a dream of the Kohala Seventh-day Adventist Church members. The members wanted to provide a Christian education for their children and decided to build a church school. At that time, the active adult membership of the church was only about 25 members and it seemed like it might be an impossible dream.

Now, 40 years later, the story goes on, one miracle after another. God continues to bless the church's efforts, providing buildings, a new school bus and recently 30-plus Maranatha volunteers who installed new roofs, classroom windows and a complete paint job on all buildings. Over the years, many children with the desire to receive the blessing of a Christian education have attended from as far as Waimea and Waikoloa. To this day, the Lord continues to bless this school.

Over the years, school enrollment has required as many as three full time teachers. This school year, 2015-2016, we have 22 students in grades 1 through 8, with one full-time teacher/principal and one volunteer teacher. The Kohala Mission School, often known as the “Mission School,” has now been re-named the Kohala Adventist School.

Everyone is invited to the Kohala Adventist School's (KOA School's) 40th Anniversary Celebration, with festivities beginning at 3:00 p.m. on May 29. The day will be filled with fun for everyone. It will feature a bounce house, waterslide, assorted

games, silent auction, bake sale, Samoan umu, entertainment and SURPRISES. At sunset, there will be an outdoor movie featuring stories of Adventist students and teachers that show how the “whole child” approach to education transforms lives. Bring your chairs and blankets!

Seventh-day Adventist schools were established to provide students with a holistic education that focuses on the harmonious development of the physical, mental, social and spiritual powers. It is an education that inspires students to advance as fast and as far as possible in every branch of true knowledge. It develops students to be independent thinkers and not reflectors of other people's thoughts and ideas.

The Seventh-day Adventist school system is the second largest Christian educational system in the world. There are 7,579 schools, 114 of which are colleges or universities, around the globe. There are 2,050 secondary schools and 5,371 elementary schools. The system has an enrollment of 1,807,693 students (statistics as of 2014).

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Letters

A Tribute to a Friend

As a frequent avid users of the Kohala pool at Kamehameha Park, we would like to take just a moment to acknowledge both the spirit and grace of Charlotte Foley, who recently passed away.

Not only was Charlotte an enthusiastic aquacizer, she was a quiet and generous supporter of the pool and its associated programs, both aquatic and cosmetic. Like so many other both formal and informal clubs and organizations

here in Kohala, the pool is a kind of club unto itself, with a devoted group of regular members who depend on it not only for exercise, but for the social interaction and support that is so integral to any community organization. Rain or shine, spring, summer, fall or winter (brrrrgh), Charlotte was a steadfast and staunch pool-goer and supporter. Her presence will be sorely missed, including that shrill cry of shock upon taking the

“Leap of Faith” into a sometimes quite chilly pool. Ouch! But you know, at the end of any exercise session, it was always worth it.

Thank you, Charlotte, for your ever-positive demeanor and best of luck in your next life, wherever that may take you. Your time here in Kohala is greatly appreciated, among many other places, we’re sure. Your spirit will always live on at the pool. Rick Cohen and Friends



Mahalo for Making Hospital Resident Mothers Feel Loved

Mahalo nui loa to all of the wonderful individuals and groups who made Mothers’ Day so special at Kohala Hospital. Thank you Errol Ishimine for coming up from Kona to play guitar and sing, Landmark Baptist Church for gorgeous orchid corsages and bright beautiful pillow cases for our resident ladies, Kohala Lion’s Club for sharing lovely Nani Svendson centerpiece bouquets, our new volunteer Faye Yates with armloads of gardenias (washed even!) and all of the friends and family members who came with smiles, flowers, balloons, cards and goodies. What an incredible community we live in!

Sadie Young
Activity Coordinator, Kohala Hospital



In Loving Remembrance

Aloha, community of Kohala,

One in our midst has suddenly and unexpectedly left us behind. Lea Mizuta was only among us for seven years yet blessed all who knew her, as well as many who did not. On Tuesday, May 3, this dear woman passed with grace and without discomfort while celebrating her wedding anniversary at South Point. She is survived by those dearest to her heart, son Eli and husband Stephen Gould.

A memorial honoring Lea was held at the Hawi Farmers Market on Sunday, May 22, under the banyan trees where she and Stephen sold their lilikoi syrup and seasonal fruits. Following the service, her ashes were scattered from the cliffs into the sea at South Point. Lea spent years living on boats and always needed to be by the ocean.

Lea’s love was abundant and unique to each individual she touched. With a twinkle in her dark eyes, Lea would gracefully dispense offerings of peace and love to any and all community members she encountered. Drawn in by a smile and warm hug, one could easily absorb her generous spirit in

a lively exchange of ideas.

Many in our community were shocked and saddened at the unexpected departure of their radiant



Photo courtesy of Edward Pollock

Lea Mizuta shows her joyful spirit at the Hawi Farmers Market in February 2016. She passed away peacefully on May 3, 2016.

friend. While some met her through the Farmers Market, others encoun-

tered her volunteering at the Kohala Country Fair or bringing awareness of Zero Waste and the effectiveness of the reuse center formerly located at the Kohala Transfer Station. She delighted in performing hula both privately as well as in local halau, where she was privileged to study under Kumu Raylene Lancaster for a brief time before she, too, passed unexpectedly from this world.

Occasions of Lea materializing at someone’s door with surprise offerings of fruit and flowers were not uncommon, and those closest to her exhibited genuine awe at the breadth of her community spirit. She was often glimpsed disseminating gifts small and large to those least expecting it. Lea’s legacy is perhaps typified in her handwritten passage attributed to the Buddha:

The way to happiness is: Keep your heart free from hate, your mind free from worry; live simply; give much; fill your life with love; do as you would be done by.

Fair winds, dear friend.
And smooth sailing.
Friends of Lea Mizuta



Trash Bash Brings Both Hope for Future and Financial Help for School Garden

Dear Editor:

I was fortunate to attend Ira Ono’s Hilo trash art show 11 years ago. I was so inspired, and encouraged to share this great experience in our town. In 2007, The Kohala Trash Bash was born. Rebecca Parks, Colleen Nevins, a great team of women and I created our event in honor of Earth Day. Our mission was to entertain, educate, and inspire Kohala residents to expand their recycling and conservation efforts.

We started with a fashion show event and a small art show. The event, which began as a contest,

changed every year. It eventually became an annual art show. Often the attendees would dress in “trash-ion” (i.e. trash fashion). Every year I was so excited by people’s creativity that it inspired me to create a new event the following year.

This year, for our tenth annual event, I wanted to put together a bigger event that would bring together the many talented people throughout the island who work in this medium. I had a vision of inviting people from the Hilo trash art show; the Kona Brewfest; artists from Puna, Volcano, Southpoint,

Waimea and south Kona. I had been inspired by Robin Worley and The Haute Trash Artists Collaborative’s most recent Hilo event. “BIG TRASH/small world: An Adventure in Recycled Couture” was held at The Palace Theatre in April 2015. I wanted to include dancers dressed in trash from LavaRoots and our local halau. I saw this as an opportunity to create an event, which would illustrate the idea that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Colleen and Rebecca were willing to see where this journey would

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Photo by Kirk Shorte

The 2016 Kohala Trash Bash featured the trashion show "Mystique du Plastique," which portrayed Seekers from the future who came back to the present era to investigate the species' consumption and use of plastic.

Bash, continued from Page 5 take us. I ran into Michal Carillo from Lava Roots and she looked at me with a twinkle in her eye and asked if I would like her to be my director? With no hesitation I said yes. With Michal's creativity, genius, and experience teaching dance and directing performances, and Rebecca's, Colleen's and my experience in producing trash art shows, our journey began.

We were fortunate to be able to partner with the Kohala Village HUB. Holding our art show in Luke's room was great! With high ceilings, a spacious room and professional lighting, the artwork of our island community was well displayed. In addition, the HUB Barn theater provided a professional venue with a hometown feel. Many thanks to the HUB for their generosity and creativity that supported our event.

I spoke with Robin Worley and asked her if she had costumes to share for our event. Robin has been producing shows and designing costumes from trash for over 30 years. She was able to connect me to her organization called Haute Trash. I was able to work with designers on the West Coast and bring many haute couture trashion outfits that had been created over the years to our event.

As the performance unfolded, it became clear that we wanted to focus

on hopeful solutions. Michal and her hip hop students worked together to create a story set in the year 2150, when we have already learned how to live in harmony on the planet. The kids, called the Seekers, traveled back in time to learn about life on the planet in the early 2000s, when technology was taking over our lives and plastic pollution was taking over the planet. As the Seekers learned about how things used to be, they saw how we, as a species, learned to live and work together to make wise choices about our consumption and use of plastic.

For the stage set, I saved plastic from Kohala Coffee Mill for three months. With the help of Josh Frame, Nancy Clement, Carol Laramie and others, we were able to create a fanciful backdrop. The lighting expertise of Jared Terpak brought the plastic backdrop to life, refracting light and making it look like we were in a fantastic undersea world.

Joey Bradley and Josh Frame were our sound technicians and helped to create the framework in which many talented dancers and storytellers were able to weave together a wonderful world to look forward to.

Many people donated money and time to support our efforts. The proceeds for our event will be donated to the Kohala Elementary School Discovery Garden. It is with

a warm heart that I would like to say thank you to all who helped to make our 10th Annual Trash Bash a great success! We were able to achieve what we set out to do! We set our minds to create a great event and we

made it happen. Now let's put our efforts together to reduce, reuse, recycle and upcycle our precious resources. Together we can!
Karen Rosen

Another Star is Born

By Edna Cash-Dudley

Lola Hart, a cute ten year old from Kapa'au, is breaking into theater in her role in Little Mermaid the Musical, singing the renowned "Under the Sea." Lola is no stranger to being on stage, as she has performed hula many times over the past three years with the Ke Kua Aloha O Kohala halau under the direction of kumu hula Leia Lawrence, also of Kapa'au. Lola moved to this area from Idaho with her parents, Ashton and Brian Hart, four years ago. When asked why she auditioned for Little Mermaid, she said it was her favorite Disney show, and she wants to be an actress when she grows up.



Photo by Ashton Hart

Lola Hart of Kapa'au is expanding her performance repertoire with a singing role in the Waimea Community Theatre's performance of "The Little Mermaid".

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County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilwoman Margaret Wille

LIVING TREASURE COMMENDATION: Herbert Montegue "Monty" Richards, Jr. is a "living treasure", who, on behalf of the Hawai'i County Council, I had the privilege of recognizing at the May 7, 2016 North Kohala Community Resource Center fundraiser at Puakea Ranch. Upon awarding Monty the Council's Commendation, here is what I said about him:

"We have a responsibility to our land and to our people to perpetuate this life and lifestyle for future generations." Through those words, Monty Richards has demonstrated the deepest sense of kuleana and stewardship to our Hawai'i heritage and community.

"Kahuā Ranch is one of the oldest ranches on the Big Island and Monty, a fifth generation, is the keeper of the gate. His combined endeavors epitomize how individuals can make a difference by way of vision, intent, perseverance and caring. His innate belief of the culture and the 'aina has guided him through life, garnering the respect and love that many people would never find in a lifetime.

"Monty is widely known as a rancher, but he is so much more than that...he has aggressively brought creativity and innovation to ranching that was never seen before. He was the first in Hawai'i to embrace artificial insemination and intensive cattle grazing, which is a method of subdividing a ranch and methodically moving cattle from one grid to the next, both of which are commonplace today. He diversified by growing carnations, hydroponic lettuce and wasabi, tomatoes and spinach. He also experimented with solar energy and wind energy. Along with all this, the ranch is leading the way in agritourism, featuring ATV rides, a shooting range, horseback riding, hiking and bento lunches to winescapes, all while maintaining their primary focus on cattle. Monty believes that if something comes up, 'Move and take advantage of it and if it works, wonderful. If it doesn't, be prepared to take the next brass ring.

"Monty, you are a trailblazer in new frontiers and a legacy in steadfastly holding on to a disappearing island paniolo culture. It is with

great pride and pleasure that the County Council extends its deepest aloha and gratitude to Herbert Montegue Richards, Jr. for being one of Hawai'i's wonderful living treasures."

OUTSTANDING OLDER AMERICAN AWARDS LUNCHEON: On May 6 I attended



Photo courtesy of Margaret Wille

Margaret Wille attends the Outstanding American Award Luncheon at the Waikoloa Hilton on May 6, 2016.

the Outstanding Older American Awards Luncheon. "Blaze a Trail" was the theme for this year's Office of Aging celebration. Over 300 attended. A total of fourteen seniors were honored this year, including Mary Ann Lim of Kapa'au.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT: On Monday, June 13, join me and members of the Administration to celebrate the opening of the Kohala Judiciary Center (time to be announced). This building will be a hub for many community activities, including the Na Kupuna of Kohala Halau Hula. I am happy to say this will also be the new home of our North Kohala Videoconferencing Center. To start, videoconferencing will be located in one of the small rooms. Once some ceiling work is completed however, the

large room will be available for residents to participate in our County Council meetings by way of video conferencing. So come testify or just observe on issues of importance to you!

NEW BUS ROUTE: After many months, my efforts to establish a second bus route for North Kohala

how long it will take to reach a particular bus stop.

A few other bus accommodations I secured: There is no longer any fee for bags carried, and if you purchase tickets on a monthly basis, there is no charge for bringing a bicycle (otherwise there is an additional \$1 fee for bringing a bicycle). **HURRAY** for this bus!

So think about it. Whenever you want to go to Waimea to go to the bank, pick up a prescription, do some other errands or just want to spend a couple hours at Spencer Beach Park, take the bus. In case you want to remain in Waimea longer, there is a later bus that leaves Waimea around 3:45 p.m., but keep in mind that for now, the later bus ends its route at Kapa'au.

And don't forget the motto "Use it or lose it," because if the community does not use the bus, we will lose it due to low ridership.

COUNTY COUNCIL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS: The Council is continuing to finalize the 2016-2017 budget. No increase in the real property rates is expected, and the Council opposed increasing the General Excise Tax. At the same time, the valuation of many properties, especially on the west side of the island, went up, so many in North Kohala are being hit with higher property taxes. The County is also faced with higher costs at this time due to many factors including the upward trend in the economy and also significant increases in union wages for our police and firemen. This situation makes balancing the budget a difficult task – especially since State legislators (UNFAIRLY) imposed a low cap on the Counties' share of the Transient Accommodation Tax, which is the "hotel tax" that is paid by tourists.

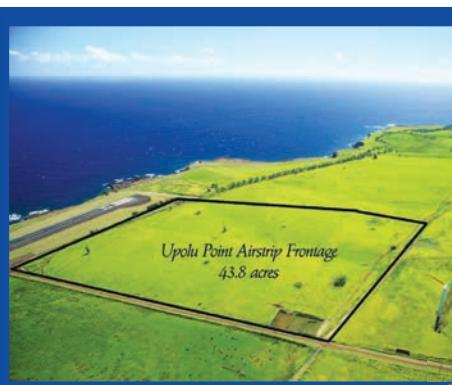
Currently I have numerous bills and resolution being taken up by the council. If you would like to read about my bills and the status of any council legislation, please request to be on my District 9 Newsletter list – available by email or by regular mail.

With much aloha,
Margaret Wille
Council member for District 9
(North and South Kohala)

will come to fruition. The scheduled date for the new bus service is Monday, June 20. The 25-seat bus will begin at the Makapala Store and travel to Waimea, with stops at the Kapa'au Senior Housing Complex and at Spencer Park, as well as wherever folks flag it down. About an hour after reaching Waimea the bus will return along the same route.

The bus stop in Waimea is conveniently located behind Parker Ranch Center. The bus is ADA compliant so handicapped residents will be accommodated. The regular price is \$2, and \$1 for seniors and students.

The mass transit department is currently creating a smartphone app for those who might want to check to see where the bus is and



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Students Enjoy Artistic Performances Thanks To Community Donations



Photo by Rose Mae Watterson

Kohala Middle School sixth grade students gather on stage at the Kahilu Theater after a performance by the Honolulu-based Spring Wind Quartet. The performance featured pianist and Van Cliburn International Piano Competition Gold Medalist Jon Nakamatsu. They were able to attend the performance thanks to funds from North Kohala Student Cultural Enrichment Program.

North Kohala Student Cultural Enrichment Program (NKSCEP) was created to enrich the lives of North Kohala students by pro-

viding access to arts and culture they might not normally enjoy. Sponsored events include Kahilu Theatre youth programs, in-school

artistic performances and cultural field trips.

NKSCEP will give each elementary and middle school stu-

dent several ways throughout the school year to experience arts and culture. Opportunities include attending performances at the Kahilu theatre as well as two in-school programs—Kid Pan Alley, a musical program for third and fourth grades, and a Korean puppet-making workshop for the fifth grade. Fourth and seventh grades will go on field trips as part of their Hawaiian studies coursework.

All outside transportation and admission costs are covered by the program.

NKSCEP funds come mainly from community participation in the annual Charity Walk as well as generous community private donors. NKSCEP is a sponsored project of the North Kohala Community Resource Center. Tax deductible donations should be given to the Resource Center at 55-3393 Akoni Pule Highway, Hawi HI 96719, with a notation the funds are for NKSCEP.

For more info, contact Program Coordinator Dixie Adams at 889-5730, Program Coordinator Laura Burkhart at 884-5833 or Advisor Rose Mae Watterson at 889-6342.



Photo by Rose Mae Watterson

Kohala Middle School fifth grade students attended the Hawaii Opera Theatre's performance of "The Magic Flute".

Students are standing (left to right): Camille Pinho, Elias Edayan, Hailey Kauanoë-Galdones, Olivia Halbritter, Keale Valenzuela-Conte, Keegan Canine.

Behind the students are performers Felecia Brandon Fuamatu, Jr., who played Prince Tamino; Raw'chelle Jarmon, who played the Queen of the Night; and (on the boulder) Sarah Joy Mitchell, who played one of the servants of the Queen of Night.

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Community Development Plan Action Committee May 09 2016 Meeting

The May 9 meeting of the Community Development Plan (CDP) Action Committee (AC) opened with a review of the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) proposals from last year and a discussion of how the list should be updated before it is forwarded to the director of the Hawai'i County Planning Department.

Improvements to the facilities at Mahukona, including the restrooms, pavilion and repair of the wharf and boat winch, continue to be the top priority, followed by upgrades to the potable water system and the installation of power, preferably solar, at Kapa'a. Also high on the list is a green waste facility and additional improvements at Kapa'a.

AC Chair John Winter brought up the fact that CIP recommendations are usually submitted at the beginning of the year, but since CPD AC meetings are now held every other month – because of time and budget constraints at the planning department and because of requirements imposed by the Sunshine Law – ours will not be able to be submitted until after the July AC meeting.

Richard Elliott of the Growth Management subcommittee

brought up another problem with bi-monthly meetings, stating that when the subcommittee receives notification from the planning department of applications for subdivisions, variances, re-zoning requests, etc., they have only a limited amount of time to respond. Although the subcommittees meet monthly, all communications to the planning department or any other county office must come from the AC, not the subcommittees. The current AC meeting schedule makes timely responses almost impossible.

All the problems and frustrations associated with having CDP AC meetings every other month led to a discussion of how meetings may be returned to a monthly schedule. Winter said that, although the CDP states that the planning department administers the CDP ACs, there is no requirement that a planning department representative be present at every meeting. He proposed drafting a letter urging the planning director to allow the AC to meet monthly either with or without a planning department representative present. The AC would appoint a secretary to take minutes and publish minutes and agendas on the website when a rep-

resentative is not present. His proposal was approved unanimously. Winter will present the letter to the AC at the July meeting and, if given the okay, will send it on to the planning director.

Richard Elliott also reported that the Growth Management subcommittee is concerned that applications to the planning department are not being reviewed by cultural and historical preservation groups and that the changes requested may alter or affect those areas. His subcommittee will be working with Faye Yates of the Historical and Cultural Preservation subcommittee.

Winter said that the Water, Parks and Roads subcommittee continues to ask the Department of Water Supply to drop its moratorium on water meters, but the Halaula well remains a stumbling block. There is a possibility, however, that the issues between the department and the owner may be resolved in the near future.

Faye Yates said that, since the theme of this year's Kamehameha Day parade is Palama Na Kupuna (Cherish the Kupuna), the Historical and Cultural Preservation subcommittee is working with the kupuna at the Senior Center and Na

Kupuna O Kohala halau to get them involved in the parade as riders, making lei, etc.

Margaret Wille attended the meeting and told the AC that she has a bill before the County Council that would allow AC members who wanted to continue to serve after their terms have ended to be able to do so until a successor was appointed, along with making sure new appointees would fill vacant positions before the ones occupied by those continuing members. This bill should help to ensure that the AC always has as many active members as possible.

Finally, the Power, Viewplanes and Erosion Control subcommittee requested that Jay Ignacio, president of HELCO, be given fifteen minutes as a guest speaker at the next AC meeting to speak to the community about HELCO's plans for energy alternatives – including wind, hydro and a second power line – to serve North Kohala. He will be on the agenda, along with Yate's request for a discussion of medical and health care (CDP strategy 4.9).

The next meeting of the North Kohala CDP AC will be on July 11 at 5:00 p.m. in the North Kohala Senior Center. Members of the community are urged to attend.

Kohalans Test Their Mettle in Lavaman Triathlon

Story and photos by Barbara Davis

In the early morning hours of Sunday, April 10, several North Kohala residents were up before dawn, preparing for a morning that would test their endurance, strength and willpower. It was the morning of the 19th annual Lavaman Triathlon at Waikoloa.

Among the participants were three students from Kohala: Daniel Groves, Morgan Davis and Malcolm Davis. In the fall, Malcolm and a friend from Kona started a Triathlon Club at HPA, where they attend school, to encourage other kids to join them in preparing for Lavaman. They managed to recruit 15 other students, including Daniel and Morgan, to join him in the race. Throughout the fall and winter months, the club held training days as well as meetings to prepare themselves for the day. In the end, they all crossed the finish line, which was a feat in itself. Malcolm took the first place trophy in his age division and Morgan took 5th. She was also the youngest participant in the race!

Not to be shown up by the youth of Kohala, the over-40 crowd was

well-represented. There were two relay teams that competed. Katherine and Steve Groves partnered with Dahl Young of Waimea to make the Kohala Turtles and Lisa Ebrahimi, Chris Helmuth and Aaron Sienkiewicz formed the Kohala 'Ohana. Bill Davis competed solo in the individual category. The families made a fun weekend of competition and Kohala was well represented!



Malcolm (left), Bill (center) and Morgan (right) Davis participated in the Lavaman Triathlon. Barb Davis, wife to Bill and mother of Malcolm and Morgan, was signed up to compete, but broke her foot six weeks before the event so had to bow out.

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Kohala Schools Receive 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant

By Leslie Nugent

The Kohala School Complex is looking forward to offering additional dynamic learning opportunities for K-12 students, as a recipient of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grant.

The 21st CCLC grant is a federal grant that funds non-school-hour programs. This includes after school programs, programs offered during school breaks and those offered during summer break. The Kohala Complex has been a recipient of the 21st CCLC grant program since 2009, and was just recently awarded funding to support programming over the next five years.

A key element of 21st CCLC is partnerships with community organizations. In collaboration with various community partners, the Kohala schools will provide modules and mentorships that offer a diversity of hands-on and project-based learning opportunities. Kohala Elementary School Principal Danny Garcia shares how important these partnerships are, based on his belief that "schools cannot function without a community, and a community cannot function without the schools."

The partnerships between the schools and the community organizations are mutually beneficial in that the schools receive added support and diversify their offerings, while community members who want to help educate have the opportunity to share their knowl-

edge and skills.

Some of the current community partners include Kohala Village HUB, Kahilu Theatre, HIP Ag, KNKR 96.1 FM, University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Hawai'i Community College (HCC) and Na Leo TV.

A sample of the learning modules that will be offered in partnership with these community organizations include Hawaiiana, Health and Wellness, Video Production, Radio Broadcasting, Dance, Gardening, Visual Arts, Theatre, Circus Arts, Robotics and more.

These programs are open to all Kohala youth, meaning that any school-age child living in the Kohala geographic region is eligible to join these programs, regardless of whether they attend the Kohala public schools.

The programs offered are specific to the different schools. Families and interested students should inquire with the appropriate school - Kohala Elementary, Kohala Middle or Kohala High - to find out what programs are being offered for their grade level. All three schools will host a summer program running from June 6 to July 1. Registration is current and ongoing, and can be completed by contacting the respective school.

One program that Kohala Elementary is particularly excited to offer is a "Kinder Blast" program, which is specific to all registered kindergarteners, particularly those

who haven't attended preschool. It is intended to serve as a transition to kindergarten, where students will learn the basic skills needed to succeed in kindergarten the following year.

Principal Garcia shares that the modules and mentorships offered are "interest-based and based on school data from the children and the families. We want to use this program to engage students in learning, whether it be providing support in core content areas or in other interest-based programs such as multimedia broadcast - things that aren't always offered during the school day."

21st CCLC supports Kohala schools in providing a greater variety of learning experiences for students. The programs and activities offered are project-based and hands-on, teaching students both life and academic skills so that as they matriculate through the school system they are preparing for college and career readiness. The idea is that by providing these dynamic opportunities through the schools, students will develop the technological skills necessary propel them into the future of various advancing fields, such as cutting-edge robotics.

Additionally, 21st CCLC is helping the Kohala School Complex to reach its goal of having all 850 students positively engaged after school, on school break and during summer break. This vision includes everything from being a part of the 21st

CCLC, playing sports, dancing with a halau or engaging in something positive with their family to participating in a community activity.

Government statistics have proven that the after school hours between 2:30 and 6:00 p.m. have the highest rate of teenage crime, drug and alcohol abuse, and deviant behavior. In response to this, Principal Garcia reflects that, "With funding from 21st CCLC we the schools can provide a year-round learning experience with added activities that keep students engaged and keep them in school. Learning has got to be a positive experience for these young kids."

This incredible vision goes beyond supporting K-12 students to include programs for families as well. The Kohala schools have a vision of partnering with Hawai'i Community College to provide continuing education for adults who want to pursue a GED certificate or a college career.

This is an exciting time and opportunity for the Kohala schools and the Kohala community as a whole. All Kohala school-aged children are encouraged to get involved, and can do so by contacting the appropriate school about its summer program. The Kohala community can stay involved by keeping an eye out for young learners who are positively engaged in hands-on activities, and project-based learning making an impact in the community.

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Resource Center Celebrates Ranchers of Kohala

By Megan Solis

More than 400 supporters of North Kohala Community Resource Center enjoyed an evening at Puakea Ranch on May 7 to celebrate the nonprofit organization's "A Great Way to Love Kohala" event. The theme was appreciating Kohala's ranching families with special honoree Monty Richards of Kahua Ranch.

After a slide show montage profiling many Kohala ranches, Monty was called to the stage to the tune of Hank Williams' "Hey, Good Lookin'," where he received special recognition by State Representative Cindy Evans (District 7) and County Council District 9 Representative Margaret Wille.



Headliner John Cruz is joined by Gino Amar on bass and several members of the community on vocals.

event and supported us."

A live auction followed the program with a frenzy of bidding for the grand finale: five cow hides

ects.

The Center's mission is to increase the number of successful projects that benefit the community, but its purpose is also to help bring the community closer together. While working with organizers to secure needed funding for programs is the primary work that the Center's staff does, it also helps programs network and assist each other.

For example, since its sponsorship in 2014, the Kohala Elementary School Discovery Garden has blossomed and grown under first Jane Lee and now Kayla Sinotte, both FoodCorps service members. In the last year, the Garden has connected with other sponsored projects to enhance the children's experiences there. LavaRoots Performing Arts provides a 10-week curriculum blending African drumming and

dance with the traditions of harvest and good nutrition in their "Rhythm of the Soil" program for fifth graders. Hawai'i Institute of the Pacific Agriculture (HIP Ag) director Dash Kuhr has been coming to the Garden as a guest teacher - all about Canoe plants - and the kids love him! KHS Aquaculture student Gabrielle Bartolome will fulfill her senior project requirements by building a solar-powered aquaponics system for the garden - an exciting addition to the Garden's program. Finally, artist Peter Kowalke of Art in Sight is working on a beautiful fountain sculpture that will be constructed interactively with the students.

"It is very gratifying for us at NKCRC to support and encourage projects networking together for the greater good of the community, most especially with our school programs that do so much to enhance our Kohala students' enrichment," said Richardson.

"The Center only puts on a major community event every two years," she explained. "We try to be sensitive to the demands on donors and businesses. This year demonstrated the depth of generosity and caring that North Kohala continues to demonstrate for the nonprofit community."

To learn more about NKCRC, visit their website www.northkohala.org, call 889-5523 or stop by their office at the Kohala Welcome Center in Hawi.



Photos by Maureen Garry

State Representative Cindy Evans recognized Monty Richards of Kahua Ranch at the North Kohala Community Resource Center's 2016 "Great Way to Love Kohala" fundraising event.

"So many people have told us that this was the best event yet," said NKCRC Executive Director Christine Richardson. "We could not have accomplished this without the tremendous support of our hardworking volunteers, generous donors and the 17 incredible restaurants that provided fantastic pupu and desserts. The biggest kudos and thanks go to our Board of Directors who organized and drove this event. And, of course, mahalo to all our friends who came to the

branded with 16 Kohala ranch brands. Capping off the evening, John Cruz got the crowd singing and even dancing on the tables!

The event at Puakea Ranch is held every two years and is a major source of funding for the Center. NKCRC was founded in 2001 and became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 2002. Since then it has sponsored more than 150 projects and raised more than \$11 million for the Kohala community. The Center currently sponsors 90 proj-



Cowhides branded with all the Kohala ranch brands, as well as a craftsman David Gomes custom ukulele, were among the items auctioned during the live auction.

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From Civil Beat: “Candidates who win their primaries and have no general election opponent are deemed to have won the office. In Hawai‘i, many statewide and legislative races are effectively decided in the primary because of the overwhelming dominance of the Democratic Party. Thus, whichever Democrat wins the primary often goes on to prevail in the general election.”

Below is a list of the candidates who have — so far — filed their paperwork to run for office in the primary.

Mayor: Former mayor Harry Kim, former Kohala Councilman Pete Hoffmann, videographer Wendell Kaehuaea, former county managing director Wally Lau, Shannon McCandless, Jefferson Gourley, Eric Weinert, Alvin Akina, Paul Bryant and Timothy Waugh.

State House, District 7: Cindy Evans (D-incumbent), David Tarnas (D) and Jeffrey Coakley (R)

County Council District 9 Representative: Margaret Wille (NS-incumbent) and Tim Richards (NS).

November 8: General Election.
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	6PM		FAMILY FILMS - DETAILS ON PAGE 16	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY 889-6655
	7PM		AL-ANON MEETING WITH LAURA	KOHALA MISSION SCHOOL CAFETERIA
	7PM	8PM	NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - LIVING CLEAN - DISCUSSION	CLAY HOUSE (BEHIND THE HUB)
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	6PM	07:30PM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	HISAOKA GYM
	7PM		ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	WYLIE HALL, IOLE ROAD, KALAHIKIOLA CHURCH 889-6703
THUR	8AM	9:30AM	VINYASA FLOW YOGA, WITH MAYA PARISH	IN THE WHITE TENT, 53-496 IOLE RD 889-5151
	5:30PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ROSS PAGAT	KAMEHAMEHA PARK COMPLEX 989-0966
	7PM	8PM	NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - 12 STEPS & TRADITIONS	CLAY HOUSE (BEHIND THE HUB)
FRI	10AM		PRESCHOOL STORY TIME FOR AGES 2-5	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY 889-6655
SUN	6PM	7:30PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY - HOSTED BY ADAM & MELINDA ANAKALEA	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH 640-8590
	10AM	11AM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	HAWI FARMERS MARKET (IF SUNNY)

Biggest and Baddest Hunting Tournament Includes Women

By Lani Bowman

The 9th Annual “Biggest and Baddest Pig Hunting Tournament” was held on May 7. Hunters from Kalapana to Ka‘u, Waipio to Waimea, and Kona to Kohala were invited. This wonderful backyard family event is what our life in Kohala is all about! Mahalo to the Kohala Community for their support!

Organizers Wendell and Verna Fernandez enjoy giving back to our local hunters by sponsoring this event. It is always exciting to see the huge pigs brought in. Food and an awards ceremony ended the great day. This year the tournament had a father-and-son team and four young women who love to hunt with their partners.

Tournament results:

The Heaviest Boar and Overall Heaviest Pig

1st Place: Larry Carvalho, 152.3 lbs. Larry also won the Grand Prize: a Mossberg 464 Lever Action .30-30 Rifle
2nd place: Haruto Fuertes, 122 lbs
3rd place: Garrick Fukuyama, 119.9 lbs
4th place: Jordan Mangaul, 115 lbs

Heaviest Sow

1st place: Micah Ching, 93.3 lbs
2nd place: Kalani Fernandez, 85.8 lbs
3rd place: Kai Thompson, 83.8 lbs

Longest Tusk

1st Place: Boy Fong, 6 ¾ inches
2nd Place: Zyan Carvalho, 4 inches
3rd Place: Kama Manantan, 2 7/8 inches

Heaviest Laho‘ole

1st place: Anson Lee and Imi Fernandez, 143 lbs
2nd place: Shane Ho‘opai, 106.3 lbs



Photo by Lani Eugenio
Charae Cannon, Kalani Fernandez, Wendell Fernandez and Verna Fernandez at the 9th Annual Biggest and Baddest Pig Hunting Tournament on May 7, 2016.

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Honoring Kamehameha and Kupuna On June 11

Story and photos by Randee Golden

A full day of activities in North Kohala is planned for Saturday, June 11, to celebrate King Kamehameha, Hawaiian traditions and the Kohala community. From the Statue ceremony at dawn to the ho'olaulea at Kamehameha Park ending at 4:00 p.m., residents and visitors alike can watch the Kamehameha Statue become adorned with lei, enjoy a colorful parade, eat great food, learn about culture and health and be entertained by some talented musicians and dancers.

This annual community celebration will start with sunrise protocols at the Kamehameha Statue, including a chant to greet the day. Observers will be able to watch the traditional hanging of lei with bamboo poles, the procession of the royal societies to present their ho'okupu (gift) to the Mo'i (King) and halau who come to honor Kamehameha with dance.

This year's theme of "E Pūlama I Na Kupuna - Treasure our Kupuna"

will be highlighted throughout the day. Kupuna will be riding in the parade along with local keiki to represent each island, including our newest island of Kama'ehu, also known as Loihi. Kupuna will also be honored during the ho'olaulea, a group of seniors will dance for the audience and some of the booths will be focused on kupuna health.

The parade will include units for nine islands, three equestrian units and about 16 other floats and vehicles. There will also be a Pooper Scooper competition based on the celebration theme.

The youth who will be riding in each island unit are excited to participate this year. Shanti Scarpetta-Lee said, "I want to share my love of Hawai'i and horses with others and being a pa'u princess would let me do that. I want to honor King Kamehameha and help others honor him, too."

Anela Stewart stated, "I would like to be part of the Kamehameha Day Parade because it would be an honor to ride for him. It would

be nice to represent our home and what was done for us."

Ocean Van Zandt, who will ride as an escort, shared, "Almost every day of my life I see pain and sadness, whether it be in me or someone else. On King Kamehameha Day, however, I can see my whole community smile and the culture of old Kohala brought to life."

Entertainment at Kamehameha Park will include both local favorites as well as out of town special guests. The ho'olaulea will open with protocols done by Kumu Hina Wong, Rozlyn and Matthew Kupukaa, the Taiko Drummers and Na Kupuna 'O Kohala hula halau are local talent providing song and dance. The audience will also be able to enjoy the sweet voice of Hilo singer Darlene Ahuna as well as the unique sounds of the talented John Cruz. The third visiting guest artist is Rodney Cazimero, who lives in Honolulu but was raised in North Kohala. His special brand of humor and music is always a favorite of old timers. A schedule of entertain-

ers will be available that day.

The community is reminded that Akoni Pule Highway will be closed from the North Kohala Resource Center in Hawi to the Kamehameha Statue from 9:30 a.m. to an estimated 11:15 a.m. The section of highway in front of the statue will be closed from around 6:00 a.m., with all through traffic redirected makai by the hospital until the road is closed for the parade, scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m.

A big mahalo goes out to the new King Kamehameha Day Celebration Committee. This group of volunteers has worked hard to learn the details of planning this community event, with coaching help from last year's team. Volunteer committee members include Leonard Shim, Jr., Kauai Nakamura, Keala Kahuanui, Lehua Ah Sam, Shay Vanzandt, C.J. Yamamoto and Michelle Kawai. The North Kohala Community Resource Center is also sponsoring this new group and providing help with grants to fund the event.

Back to the Music

On Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. you can hear live music and talk story with Marieke McArthur on KNKR, 96.1 FM, Kohala radio. Her program is the Live Music Showcase, where local or traveling musicians come in to the radio station to share music and more.

Speaking of more, there is much more that Marieke contributes to KNKR as their volunteer coordinator and program director, which, not to be redundant, are volunteer positions. She provides training and support for volunteers, including every host and DJ. Her regular days to be in the station are Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, but she is always on call. I've had a few "what do I do now" moments as a DJ, and my texts to her were answered immediately, putting my angst to rest. Her demeanor is calm, confident and strong.

Marieke arrived to Kohala three years ago from Seattle after overcoming a difficult cancer health crisis. That experience caused her to prioritize her well-being. She decided to slow her pace from the fast life of a high-stress information technology job. It was important to her to volunteer, using her skills and talents in the community. As a confident and competent former project manager, she was excited to be involved in the start-up phase of the radio station.

Karl Toubman shared this, "Marieke has filled a very important role at KNKR. As program director she has a myriad of tasks that require patience, organization and sound judgment. When we were first asking for volunteers for KNKR, Marieke was one of the first people to fill out the form. The rest is history. We are so very lucky to have her on board."

When I asked Marieke about the work atmosphere, she responded, "It's been easy for me to jump in and join the team. I have received

support and respect."

Living in Kohala and being involved at the radio station has rekindled her love of music. Throughout secondary school, she played cello. Currently, she's learning ukulele, enabling her to jam with the many musicians around town. As a child, she often heard new melodies in her head. Once she entered the University of Chicago, her musical connection faded. Since coming to Kohala, the melodies have returned and she is recording them.

Kohala is fortunate to have a community radio station and Marieke McArthur is an asset to the KNKR team.

You can tune in to hear her Live Music Showcase on Saturdays 10am -11am.



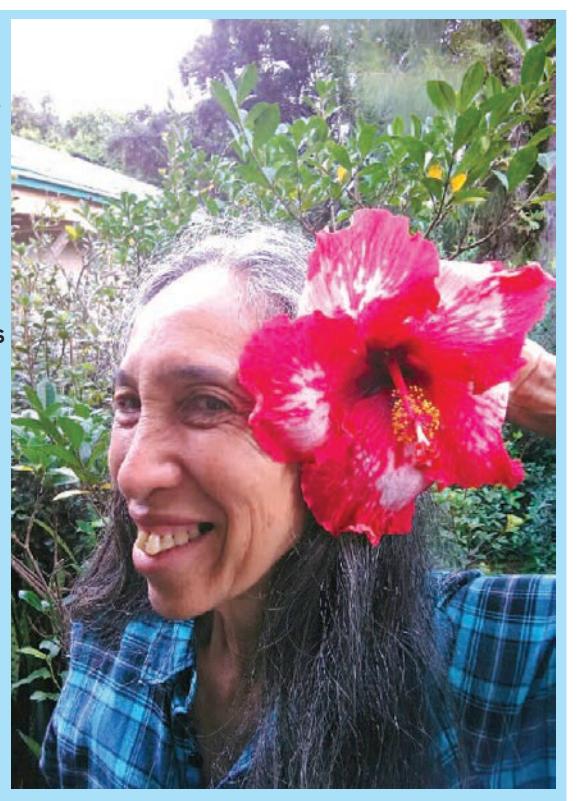
Marieke McArthur

Photo by Marieke McArthur

North Kohala Loses Shining Star

North Kohala lost a treasure with the passing of Lea Mizuta on May 3. Lea humbly served this community with incredible generosity, contagious kindness, and deep aloha. Whether charting her sailboat through French Polynesia, stewarding thousands of acres on Kauai, selling lilikoi syrup at the farmers' market, cooking an incredible meal, or tending her backyard garden, Lea's life was a grand adventure filled with insatiable curiosity and childlike wonder. While she is no longer with us here in Kohala, her spirit lives on through all the lives she impacted every single day.

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awake in the morning hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds circled in flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
-Mary Frye*



Gino Amar Gives Update on Kohala Hospital Upgrades

Story by Elaine Christianson
This is the fifth 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. Gino Amar is the administrator at Kohala Hospital (a state-owned hospital under the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation). He was born in Kohala Hospital (in the same space as you see in the photo, which is now the ER), and worked there in various capacities over a 25 year period. He completed his master's degree in Health Care Administration/Management in 2009 at University of Phoenix. In 2012, he became certified as a Nursing Home Administrator.

CHRISTIANSON: I first got to know you at a hospital benefit years ago, where you were singing and playing the bass with "Nino and Gino"! What a versatile guy!

Let's talk first about our Kohala Hospital staff. Many of the hospital employees have very long associations with the hospital. What kind of environment have you created to

keep this diverse staff happy and loyal?

AMAR: I cannot take credit for creating an environment for keeping our staff happy and loyal over the years. Most of the staff was here before I was named administrator, some staff with more years of service than I. Admittedly, the benefits of being a union state worker are a strong pull, however, our leadership team is trying to nurture a culture of teamwork, accountability, respect and trust. The current trend is for us to do more work with fewer resources.

CHRISTIANSON: I understand Kohala Hospital is deemed a "critical access hospital". What does that mean?

AMAR: A critical access hospital is a hospital which has a federal designation under a set of Medicare Conditions of Participation. Some of the requirements include having no more than 25 acute/skilled nursing beds, offering a 24-hour, 7-days-a-week emergency care and being located in a rural area at least 35

miles away from any other hospital or more than a 15 mile drive from a hospital or another critical access hospital in areas of mountainous terrain.

CHRISTIANSON: We understand that the new emergency room has been close to 50 percent funded by the community through the Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation. This has been called "Phase One," and while it is complete, it appears to not yet be in use. Can you explain this to us?

AMAR: We consulted with other hospital emergency room directors and staff and they made the recommendation to change the access point into the ER, making it a more direct route, without going through other parts of the hospital, as we do now. This meant taking out a window and making it a door, and we are currently in the permitting process to prep and pave right up to that door and also create a cover over the unloading area because of all the rain we get in Kohala. We are also repaving the parking area to create more parking.

CHRISTIANSON: What folks might not know is that, simultaneously, there was construction on "Phase Two." What did that encompass and where did the funds come from?

AMAR: The funds came from the State of Hawai'i CIP (Capi-

tal Improvement Project) money. We created a multipurpose room for meetings and training, added public bathrooms (for people in the waiting room), storage, the triage area, a separate waiting room for the ER and the ambulance carport.

CHRISTIANSON: Please explain the new "triage" area and what it means for people coming in to the ER.

AMAR: We do have a triage room in the old part. Its function is basically performing a health scan by a registered nurse on intake of patients to the ER. If there is more than one person at a time, an evaluation will be done to see whose situation is most urgent and they will be seen first. We treat the patient regardless of their ability to pay. The triage is not where we discuss finances. The wait for ER services is likely a lot less here than in the bigger hospitals.

CHRISTIANSON: What kinds of changes will be implemented around patient care when the new ER is open?

AMAR: We are looking at having dedicated staffing in the ER and long-term care patients (nursing home). The nurses dedicated to the ER will have CEN (Certified Emergency Nurse) training, which allows them to be certified for ER work.

CHRISTIANSON: I can see they
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Gino, continued from Page 14 are two different personalities and skill sets. West Hawai'i Today published that the Senate has proposed \$4.2 million dollars to help Kona Community Hospital meet funding shortfalls. Does Kohala Hospital get a piece of the pie?

AMAR: That amount is the Kona share. Kohala Hospital received funding separately from Kona Hospital. I don't have the exact amount but I believe Kohala Hospital received about \$1.8 million dollars in general funds from the State for operations for this fiscal year.

CHRISTIANSON: I see Kohala Hospital has modern laboratory and X-ray departments, along with digitalized patient records. These are steps in the right direction, but I see Kohala patients traveling long distances two to three times a week for physical or occupational therapy and chemotherapy. Is there any relief in sight?

AMAR: We used to have a private party lease space from us for physical therapy. There were some drawbacks on both sides, but we are looking at whether a therapist could be hired as a staff member or have an outside vendor provide the service, with the condition that they be available for our acute/skilled nursing facility patients five days a week. I am also aware of the great need for dialysis patients to be serviced closer to home. It is a big stress on families to provide drives three times per week to Waimea, Kona or Hilo.

CHRISTIANSON: What are the priorities over the next year or two?

AMAR: Hopefully, once we finish the current construction projects, including building a new exit ramp from the day room for long-term care patients to comply with hospital regulations, we can start thinking about making space for therapy services or other services needed by the North Kohala community. We cannot be everything to everybody, so careful consideration needs to be made when making the decision to expand service lines. This involves removing some outdated structures on the west side of the building. There are over 45 regulatory bodies (state and federal) governing healthcare in general, which can contribute to delays in getting approvals for new proj-

ects. Once we move the ER, the old rooms will be re-purposed. We are looking at adding two more critical

cost of shipping almost exceeds that of the beds!) We would also like to see landscape beautification



Photo courtesy of Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation

Kohala Hospital Administrator Gino Amar stands in the new emergency room, part of a larger remodeling project underway at the hospital.

access hospital beds and additional employee office and storage space.

CHRISTIANSON: What are the immediate needs that the Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation could provide with the funds we raise?

AMAR: Replacing equipment that wears out with use, such as the very high-tech hospital beds that allow the patient to self-adjust. (The

and an accessible garden area for patients to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. Of course, a CAT scan machine for an ER room would be very desirable, especially for head trauma injuries.

CHRISTIANSON: What would you do differently looking back over this longer-than-ever-expected process of creating a new emergency room?

AMAR: I stepped into the position of administrator after the planning of the ER project was already underway, so it was difficult to change the model that was in place. Because I ended up needing to get involved in construction management as well as run the day-to-day operations of the hospital, I didn't take the time to keep the community informed of what was happening here at our hospital as much as I should have. This I hope to change by getting more information out to the community, be it interviews on the Kohala radio station, the Kohala Mountain News or talking in person to groups such as the Kohala Seniors. I have enjoyed a great working relationship with Giovanna Gherardi as the president of the Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation and her strong background in health care administration has helped us a lot. I also learned that the more sources of funding that we look to draw upon (foundations, the State, grants, etc.), the more complicated a project can get because of the different requirements.

CHRISTIANSON: We are fortunate that we have this facility and applaud your efforts to keep it moving into the future. And of course we are excitedly awaiting the date that you call for a grand opening so everyone can see all these improvements.

Mahalo!

Is Kanu o Ka 'Āina Coming To Town?

Story by Eliza Cahill

When it comes to public education, parents of north Kohala have been facing an issue of supply and demand. Schooling options are limited and open spaces scarce, so like a Hawaiian mele (song), Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School responds to the call, but they do not stand alone. The mele is echoed back to them, as the community responds, by offering sup-

port to help pioneer the expansion.

In May the first effort to solve the "educational-program-scarcity" was initiated. Thanks to growing partnership with The HUB (the latest incarnation of a familiar Hawai hang out), Kanu's principals invited interested community members, parents and alumni for a meet and Q&A. The result?

The gathering itself was a heartwarming show of hands from

people dedicated to helping Kanu schools extend their reach into the mountains and spread the gospel of quality education for all. Everyone present was smiling. Young children, teenagers, parents and a few elderly folk seamlessly mingled in the delightfully airy and colorful space, enjoying tilapia cakes and cold poha-berry lemonade. Delicious local delicacies graciously

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1	WED	TBD	TESTIMONY ON KAMEHAMEHA PARK TREES	TESTIMONY FROM NEW VIDEOCONFERENCE SITE	OLD COURTHOUSE	887-2043	
1	WED	5PM	PARKS, WATER & ROADS SUBCOMMITTEE	MONTHLY MEETING	OLD COURTHOUSE	882-7611	
6	MON	8AM	3PM	COUNTY OF HAWAII SUMMER FUN PROGRAM	EVERY DAY UNTIL JULY 15, SEE PAGE 19 FOR DETAILS	HISAOKA GYM	889-6503
6	MON	5:30PM	7:30PM	KOHALA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP	MEETING	THE COTTAGE @ THE HUB	895-3578
6	MON	06:30PM		BON DANCE PRACTICE	KOHALA HONGWANJI MISSION TEMPLE	53-4300 AKONI PULE HWY	895-3179
7	TUE	3PM		HOW TO GROW SWEET POTATOES	BY ORGANIC FARMER, DYLAN TRUMPY	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
11	SAT	9:30AM		KING KAMEHAMEHA DAY			
13	MON	10AM	12PM	DEDICATION OF COMMUNITY CENTERS	SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS	STATE JUDICIARY BUILDING	
13	MON	3PM	04:30PM	NORTH KOHALA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP	SUPPORTED BY N. HAWAII COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL	KING KAMEHAMEHA PARK	989-4894
13	MON	03:30PM		ADULT AND TEEN POETRY GROUP		NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
14	TUE	11AM		ADULT READING DISCUSSION	"QUIET" BY SUSAN CAIN	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
14	TUE	6PM		HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED	6PM POTLUCK, 7PM PRESENTATION. FOR EVERYONE INTERESTED IN GOOD FOOD, NOT JUST FARMERS	KOHALA VILLAGE INN BARN	889-5715
19	SUN			GO SKATE DAY	PARADE AND FESTIVITIES	KING KAMEHAMEHA PARK	
20	MON	06:30PM		BON DANCE PRACTICE	KOHALA HONGWANJI MISSION TEMPLE	53-4300 AKONI PULE HWY	895-3179
21	TUE	10AM		ADULT & TEEN WRITER'S GROUP		NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
25	SAT	10AM	12PM	THRIFT SHOP	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	NEXT TO WALKER HALL	889-5390
25	SAT	11AM	12:20PM	COMMUNITY MEAL	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
28	TUE	3PM		DRAW ZENTANGLES	WITH ARTIST, NANETTE BOEH (ALL AGES)	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
28	TUE	5PM	6PM	CDP SUBCOMMITTEE	POWER, VIEWPLANES, & EROSION CONTROL, CONTACT SUSAN FISCHER	OLD COURTHOUSE	882-7611
28	TUE	7PM		BON DANCE PRACTICE	KOHALA HONGWANJI MISSION TEMPLE	53-4300 AKONI PULE HWY	895-3179
29	WED	4PM	5:30PM	RESTORATIVE YOGA THERAPY CLASS	WITH CARLA ORELLANA, CERTIFIED YOGA THERAPIST, BY DONATION	THE HUB	889-5151
29	WED	7PM		BON DANCE PRACTICE	KOHALA HONGWANJI MISSION TEMPLE	53-4300 AKONI PULE HWY	895-3179

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Library to Offer Multiple Summer Programs

North Kohala Public Library will kick off its summer reading program starting May 31. The program runs for seven weeks, ending on July 15. This year's theme is "Exercise Your Mind" and focuses on health and fitness. The library will offer a variety of programs for all ages.

Every Monday evening at 6 p.m. enjoy a family film, all rated PG and open to ages 5 and up (except for Star Wars: The Force Awakens, which is PG-13).

The movies and dates are as follows: June 6 "Inside Out", June 13 "The Good Dinosaur", June 20 "Pan", June 27 "Shaun the Sheep" and on July 11 "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" PG-13*(Parental Advi-

sory).

Kids ages 6-12 bring your lunch to the library every Wednesday (June 8 through July 6) at 12:15 p.m. and join the Lunch Brunch. Enjoy your meal while listening to stories. The library will provide a small healthy snack. Then stay for the Library Olympics games and crafts.

The Library Olympics for ages 6 to 12 will meet every Wednesday at 1 p.m. The Library Olympics opening ceremony will be on June 8, and includes making a paper Olympic torch, head wreath and participating in the library's opening ceremony parade. Olympic crafts will be made on June 15. Children will make a personalized family flag and clay

medallion to use during the library Olympic games and closing ceremony. There will be three Olympic game days, starting on June 22 with an obstacle course. On June 29 there will be water games, including a slip 'n' slide (remember to bring your swim suit and towel). On the last library Olympic game day children will attempt to make and break some library records, such as fastest runner or longest jump. The final day will be the library Olympics closing ceremony on July 6 starting at 12:30 p.m. with a big celebration, including an awards ceremony and food.

The summer reading program offers something for everyone!

Come to the library this summer to enjoy the programs, sign up for summer reading, read books and win prizes. This year, if you participate for four or more weeks of summer reading program, you will receive a new book (choose from a variety of books or puzzle/activity books). There are weekly incentives for all readers - children, teens and adults!

For more information and a complete program schedule, call Leilani Silver at North Kohala Public Library, 889-6655.

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KES Student Continues to Build Stage Career

Kanu, continued from page 15 provided by their hosts at the HUB.

To start, the gathered introduced themselves and their relevant interests as Mahina Duarte, Kanu's middle and high-school po' kula (principal), spoke about the schools mission and hope for expansion. She explained that Kanu is a fully-accredited, tuition free and rapidly growing public charter school. Among its other unique qualities, it is Hawaiian-focused and bilingual. Since its humble start in 2000, the school has grown to a student body of 334 (grades K-12) and open slots are in high demand. Ms. Duarte went on to say that bringing "Kanu's mode of educating children" further into the Kohalas is on the forefront of their to-do list. Still, keeping up with the growth of Big Island communities has been challenging. "It comes down to the basics: classrooms, teachers, supplies and others essentials."

As the sun set, the conversation turned to an open discussion and took on a "call to action" feel. One parent pointed out that although, in the birthing stages, parents may need to be actively involved, everyone is welcome whether or not they are willing to initiate.

One thing is clear, there are a variety of roles to be filled in order for Kanu's vision to come to fruition. As with so many things, it will take many people, from different walks of life, coming together, doing small things and, when all is said and done, it might add up to something extraordinary.

Mahina Duarte said "We truly believe that every single person in our community, in our 'ohana, are learners. Myself, the custodians, the children and their sibling, their parents and grand parents included."

Allyson Tamura, po'o kula for Kanu's elementary school, eloquently summed up the evening when asked about Kanu's end game. "We are raising innovative and creative problem solvers...cultivating compassionate and empowered community leaders. Essentially, we are creating change-agents."

If you are interested in the online division of Kanu o ka 'Aina New Century Public Charter Schools, they are now accepting application for 2016-17 (grades K-8). For more info or to request an application contact Judy Chun, program coordinator at judy@kalo.org or leave a message at 808-890-8144.

By Edna Cash-Dudley

Olivia Halbritter may only be eleven years old, but she is no stranger to the theater. The Kohala Elementary School student is currently cast as a royal dancing fish in Waimea Community Theater's upcoming performances of *The Little Mermaid*. As a resident of Hawi Hill, she has been in productions locally as well as in Honolulu when she lived there.

Olivia started her stage career at three years old and danced ballet in the Nutcracker when she was only four years old. She has performed in Hawi summer camp productions of *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and as the leading role in *The King's Riddle*.

In addition to acting, Olivia dances hula with the Ka Kui Aloha o Kohala halau and plays basketball for Kohala Elementary.

Olivia hit the big time in 2015 when she was selected as part of the cast for *Shrek the Musical*, which played to sold-out houses at both Kahilu and Honoka'a. When asked about stage fright, she said she just remembers the dress rehearsals when there was no one in the audience, and pretends each show is just another dress rehearsal. She has nothing but high praise for *The Little Mermaid's* Director Rhonda Simon and Musical Director Barbara Kopra.

Looking ahead to college, Olivia says she would like to pursue a degree in the performing arts.



Photo by Linda Halbritter

Olivia Halbritter, a Kohala Elementary School student, is currently playing the part of a royal dancing fish in Waimea Community Theater's production of *The Little Mermaid*.

Learn How to Grow Sweet Potatoes

Organic farmer Dylan Trumpy will share tips on growing a healthy sweet potato patch at North Kohala Public Library in Kapa'au at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7.

In a one hour presentation, Trumpy will explain the basics of soil preparation and feeding which he says, "...is about the same for nearly all vegetables."

However, he adds, "Sweet potatoes are tricky."

Trumpy grows four different varieties of sweet potatoes on his organic farm in Kohala. He will share the organic methods he uses for controlling vine borers, scab and worms.

Trumpy will also bring cuttings of different varieties of sweet potatoes to share at the program.

This program is being offered as one of the library's activities related to the

"Healthy Mind, Healthy Body" Summer Reading theme.

Call the library at 889-6655 for additional information on summer programs or to request special accommodations.

Learn the Creative Art of Zentangles

Artist Nanette Boeh will introduce the art of creating zentangles at North Kohala Public Library in Kapa'au at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28.

Boeh, an experienced art teacher, invites all ages to attend. Zentangle is an easy-to-learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns.

It is a fascinating new art form that is fun and relaxing, increases focus and creativity and provides artistic satisfaction and an increased sense of personal well-being.

All materials will be provided or attendees may bring their own fine point pens.

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Seniors Celebrate Ethnic Day

Captions and photos by Lani Eugenio



Senior members of Portuguese and/or Puerto Rican ancestry celebrate their heritage in April with lively cultural songs that were appreciated by all in attendance.

Lorraine Glory gave the history of the Puerto Ricans immigrant workers who first landed in Kohala and spoke of their contributions to society.



Lovely ladies Tomie Miyashiro, Dora Vernola and Genevieve Kaysinger enjoy a tasty bowl of Portuguese bean soup and later a meal of Puerto Rican rice, bacalao salad and other traditional ethnic dishes.



Sandy Torres spoke about her Portuguese background and being raised in the Portuguese culture. The sweetbread and the ukulele are two of the popular items that the islanders have embraced as part of the local culture.

Lions Club Mothers Day Breakfast Brings Smiles

Photo by Jesus Solis

Diners enjoyed a tasty breakfast of pancakes, eggs, fried rice, sausage, fruit and hot coffee at the Kohala Lions Club's Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast on May 8. The Lions and several student volunteers for Kohala High School served 487 breakfasts to members of the community. The annual breakfast is the Lions Club's primary fundraiser and supports their community service work and charitable giving in North Kohala.



May Day is Lei Day in Kohala. Congratulations to the winners of the Sr. lei contest: Kealoha Sugiyama - Most Colorful; Kalani Heinicke - Most Beautiful and Janet Permulder - Most Creative.

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KMS Students Help Beautify Konea O Kukui

"Aunty Nani's garden is the most beautiful place in Kohala!" – Anonymous student

Culminating a week of lessons on Hawaiian Values, seven students and their instructors from English Language Arts and Reading Workshop classes visited Aunty Nani Svendsen's Konea O Kukui Garden near Keokea Beach Park on Friday, April 29.

Students learned how and why this amazing garden was created over the last 15 years by Aunty Nani and many volunteers. "Aunty Nani's garden is peaceful," said Rayden Baldos.

Students respectfully helped to beautify Kukui by moving ili ili (small stones) and shoveling silt from the stream. Said student Shelly Keawe, "I liked to help pull the weeds with all of the students."



Photo by: Maureen Appleton

Kohala Middle School eighth grade students enjoy a day of service at Aunty Nani Svendsen's garden, Konea O Kukui.

Following their service time, students personally reflected upon their strongest Hawaiian value and described one that they'd like to cultivate. Kaliko Kapeliela reflected that, "I found it interesting when Aunty Nani told us the story of how she started working her own land, about the plants she grew."

Mahalo nui loa is extended to Aunty Nani for her wisdom and aloha, and Aunty Randee Golden, who shared her love for Kohala youth by facilitating this unique cultural event.

Adults who accompanied the youth included Annie Kahoopi'i, Karen Kelly, Sheri Preston and Maureen Appleton. Students who attended this field trip and helped Aunty Nani included Rayden Baldos, Wendell Fernandez, Kaliko Kapeliela, Shelly Keawe, Keanu Pahio and Odin Rudd.

Time to Register for Kids' Summer Fun

County of Hawai'i Summer fun program is now taking registrations at the Hisaoka gym office. All students ages 5-12 years old are welcome. Fee is \$120 per child, which includes activity fee for excursions to movies with popcorn and drink, ice cream at Queen's Shops and the pizza fun day! The program will

start on June 6 and end on July 15, running from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day. The activity aides will be Mr. Jason Muse and Tomiko Coito.

This year, the Queen Liliuokalani Foundation, in partnership with Kohala Seniors, will be hosting a program with the summer fun children on Tuesdays and Thurs-

days at the Kohala Intergenerational Center (KIC), located behind the Hisaoka gym. The program will engage students and kupuna with activities, games and crafts. Lunch will be provided for all students participating from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., with some outdoor activities also scheduled in the afternoon. The

maximum number of students taken will be 30, from grades 4 to 7 only.

Please inquire with Renee Gonzales for more information. Contact number is 889-6503 in the mornings or 889-6505 after 3:30 p.m. Come join the fun and make your summer a memorable experience!

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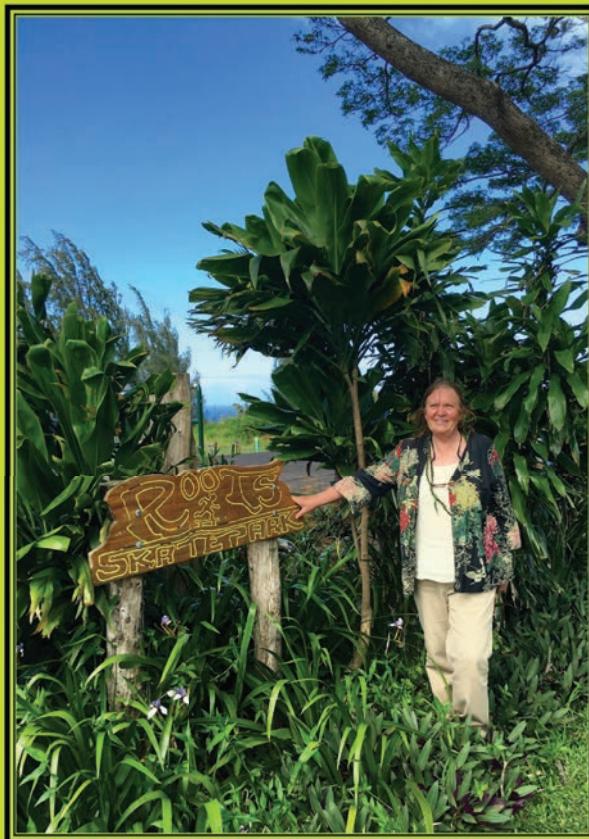
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Kohala Kowbotics “Na Paniolo” Wins World Judge’s Award

The team of Chris Asagra, Kaliko Dela Cruz, Johnette Emeliano, Kaimi Hook and Joshua Page earned the prestigious Judges Award at the VEX 2016 World Championships in Kentucky. The Award goes to a team the judges decide is deserving of special recognition. Judges consider a number of possible criteria for this award, such as team displays of special attributes, STEM outreach, exemplary effort and perseverance at the event, and team accomplishments or endeavors throughout the VEX robotics season.

Kohala Kowbotics’ brand images, community outreach, expansion and support of other teams and tournaments, along with the team members’ application of robotics into successful Senior Projects, were noted as outstanding and exemplary of effort worthy of recognition.

Approximately 16,000 teams of students designed and built robots to play against other teams from around the world in a game-based engineering challenge. Tournaments held year-round at regional, state and national levels took local champions on to compete against the best in the world at the

2016 VEX World Championships in Louisville, Kentucky on April 20-23. elementary school, middle school, high school and university divi-



Photo by Cheryl Cabrera

Kohala Kowbotics Team 2460, Na Paniolo, team members share Aloha from their pit location at the Kentucky Expo Center between matches of the VEX 2016 World Championships.

Standing (left to right): Joshua Page, Kaimi Hook, Cheryl Cabrera, Kaliko Dela Cruz and Alvin Kawamoto.

Seated (left to right): Johnette Emeliano and Chris Asagra.

This year’s robotics record-breaking event is registered in the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest competitive robotics competition ever, with 1,075 teams from 32 countries participating in

sions. The state of Hawai‘i was represented by 31 VEX teams: 22 VEXiq elementary and middle, three middle VEX-EDR and six VEX-EDR high school.

Kohala Kowbotics Team 2460,

Na Paniolo, was one of the six Hawai‘i State high school teams to compete. Na Paniolo was the only Big Island high school to earn a berth to Worlds. Of the 31 teams from Hawai‘i, four awards came home to Hawai‘i. Na Paniolo is the only Hawai‘i high school VEX team to bring home an award from Worlds!

Na Paniolo earned the prestigious Judges discretionary award

“It’s inspiring to witness a variety of students from elementary through college display this level of problem-solving, teamwork and engineering. By arming them with these life skills that will serve them well into the future, this program ensures that every student walks away a winner,” said Jason Morrella, president of the REC Foundation.

“It’s been a record-breaking year all around for the REC Foundation.”

Not only does VEX Worlds now hold the record for the largest robotics competition ever held, but this year our program exceeded over 16,000 teams participating in over 1,300 competition events.

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