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Kamehameha Celebrated In Kohala with Aloha



All photos by Maureen Garry
Kumu Hina Wong and Joshua Lanakila Mangaul chant wearing kapa garments.



Kumu Punahеле Andrade chants at the King Kamehameha statue, adorned with lei.

By Randee Golden

June 11 began as one of those stunning North Kohala mornings when early sunrays sparkled like crystal, energetic trade winds cooled your face, and dancing clouds were flying above.

The Statue was corded off and decorated with enormous floral arrangements and a traditional altar was built by its side. The protocols were set, the weather perfect, and the crowd waited in anticipation for the annual ceremony being held at the original King Kamehameha statue in the home district of this honored Chief.

Kamehameha Day in Kohala is a day of pride and respect. From members of the royal societies practicing traditions of their groups to lucky visitors who traveled north, many people attending North Kohala's annual celebration to honor its #1 Son feel the importance of this day. For some

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Take the Bus From Kohala To Waimea and Back

NORTH KOHALA - WAIMEA BUS SCHEDULE													Operates Monday, Wednesday, Saturday only		EFFECTIVE 7/11/2016	
North Kohala to Waimea AM																
Makapala Store	Kapanai'a (after intersection)	Halaula	Aina Kea Senior Housing	Kapaau Bus Shelter	Kamehameha Park*	Takata Store	Hawi Bus Shelter	Kokoiki - Bus Stop	Mahukona Beach Park	Kailapa**	Kawaihae Minute Stop	***Spencer Park	Parker Ranch Shopping Center			
9:00	9:05	9:15	(9:25)	9:30	(9:35)	9:40	9:45	9:55	10:00	10:05	10:15	(10:20)	10:45			
Waimea to North Kohala PM																
Parker Ranch Shopping Center	***Spencer Park	Kawaihae Minute Stop	Kailapa**	Mahukona Beach Park	Kokoiki	Hawi	Takata Store (across)	Kamehameha park*	Kapaau (Bank of Hawaii)	Aina Kea Senior Housing	Halaula	Kapanai'a	Makapala Store			
12:00	(12:25)	12:30	12:40	12:45	12:50	1:00	1:05	(1:10)	1:15	1:20	1:40	1:45	1:50			
() = enter field	*Kamehameha Park pick up is at the bleachers near ball field				** Kailapa = flag stop where it is safe for bus to pull over				***Spencer Park pick up & drop off is at the turn-around area in the park							

Courtesy of the Office of Margaret Wille

Beginning July 11, a Hele-On bus is scheduled to make an additional run between North Kohala and Waimea on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. The route is currently funded for six months.

By Tom Morse

If you are willing to get up early to be on the bus before 7:00, you can take the bus to Waimea Monday through Friday.

(For schedule details see www.heleonbus.org/schedules-and-maps/north-kohala-to-waimea-and-kailua-kona.) Beginning July 11, a second bus has been added leaving Kohala

later in the morning with a return at noon. The Hele-On bus costs \$2 for adults and \$1 for students, those over 60, and those with disabilities.

The new route to Waimea runs on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. It departs from the Makapala Store at 9:00 a.m. with nine stops in Kohala, arriving in Waimea at 10:45 a.m. The

return run leaves Waimea at noon. The County has funded the route for six months, after

which time ridership will be evaluated and further funding determined.

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King, continued from Page 1 locals, it's a family tradition to participate. The work to prepare for this event is huge, and kudos go out to all contributors and volunteers, especially to this year's brand new Kohala Kamehameha Day Celebration Committee.

Hula halau started the Statue ceremony by offering a sunrise oli and dances in honor of Kamehameha and Kohala. Mahalo to Halau Kawehileimamo I Kaweki'u 'O Kohala, Hula Halau 'O Kukui Aloha 'O Kohala, and Hula Halau o Mana'olana.

Next came the procession of societies, including Hale O Na Ali'i, Ahahui Ka'ahumanu, and the Royal Order of Kamehameha. Each presented its own mele (song) or oli (chant) and form of ho'okupu (offering) to Kamehameha.

Halau Na Ki Pū'upu'u from

in the parade practiced with their mounts. Float decorations were designed and executed by teams. Families and groups planned, prepared, and served the items sold at the celebration's many booths. Staff from various health, community, and cultural organizations figured out what to share and do. Many hands made the dozens of lei draped on the statue, the horses, and the people. Others picked and arranged foliage for the floats, the statue, the park stage, and business storefronts. Some cleaned the park and Senior Center/Courthouse grounds, including washing the Kamehameha Statue. Others volunteered to keep the riding units and people on the road safe. One person holds kuleana each year to take off the lei when they need to be removed. And did I mention the many hours spent by

Na Kupuna 'O Kohala.

The kupuna horse unit included seven riders; Maydeen Bowman, Lucy Cipriani, Amoo Kainoa, Berta Perez, Joellyn Tadio, Mamo Shontell, and Faye Yates. A float with kupuna singers and ukulele players as well as a carriage filled with seniors were part of the parade. Many booths shared information relevant for seniors, with one group providing massage and nourishing treats. Members of Na Kupuna 'O Kohala Hula Halau also danced during the ho'olaulea.

The youth who rode in the parade also represented each island. The youngsters will be identified in the July issue of KMN. Their desire to carry on this tradition is appreciated, as it

Tihati Productions entertained the crowd with singing by Hoku and eight dancers who did hula, Tahitian, and Maori dances. RMD Taiko drummers then performed some favorite songs for the crowd.

Other entertainers included former resident Rodney Cazimero and "T & T" (Terry Tomiyama and Tony Manantan) played more local favorites, followed by the music of North Shore Live, along with three dances by some members of Na Kupuna 'O Kohala. Atta and Friends closed the day of entertainment.

A special thank you goes out to our parking crew, Veterans Collin, Nario, Joe, and Swampa. Mahalo to Auntie Diana for taking care of the back parking area and Richey Riggs from the skate park



Chayla Carvalho and Kama Torres-Salvador representing Ni'ihau.



Kupuna Faye Yates representing Kauai'i.

Waimea then shared their annual ho'okupu of traditional dance.

Participating and collaborating to create something bigger than any individual can help develop pride, humbleness, and respect. You feel pride in creative accomplishment, humbleness in honoring this ali'i and the land he loved, and respect for community members that do hana pono (good work) together.

This is what develops throughout the North Kohala district for months prior to June 11 as people prepare for this special day. Kupuna and keiki who rode

the Kamehameha Day Committee to discuss plans, pull permits, answer questions, engage volunteers, organize entertainment, and contact all the folks doing booths, displays and activities? The tasks are endless, and people volunteer to do all of this work because of its importance.

This year's theme of "E Pūlama I Na Kupuna" (Cherish Our Kupuna) was evident in many ways. The honor of Pa'u Queen went to Kupuna Ethel Yamamoto, whose Lady in Waiting was Kupuna Winnie Gonsalves. Both women are senior dancers with

is important to continue these historical practices.

Two families were honored as descendants of Kamehameha. This year the Perez 'Ohana and the Kaho'opi'i 'Ohana were honored.

The Ho'olaule'a started with an opening by Kumu Hina Wong. Next came some mele and oli performed by youth from across the island from Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center. These youth stayed in Kohala a few days to learn about the area and participate in the June 11 celebration.

The music of Matthew and Roslynn Kupukaa followed before

for doing clean up. Many County and State workers were extremely helpful to the Committee, so a big thank you is extended to the folks who work at the park, in the police department, and from the County Roads division.

One resident summed it up when she commented, "I get it. Kamehameha Day in Kohala is like Merry Monarch in Hilo!" Hmm, kind of... as it is a time to celebrate culture and place and greatness that is found in Hawai'i nei.... just in a Kohala style way! Mahalo nui loa to everyone who participated.

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Kohala Civic Center Grand Opening Draws a Crowd

Tuesday, June 14, 2016 was the former State Judiciary Building dedication as the new Kohala Civic Center. The morning began with the blessings of the frequently-passing rain showers. The Kohala Senior Club attended in full force, along with a summer program youth group and others from the community. Roann Okamura, director of the County Elderly Activities Division, gave the welcoming remarks. Mayor Billy Kenoi was one of the speakers, thanking everyone who made it possible for the completion of the roofing of the building.

The final speaker was Kealoha Sugiyama, president of the Kohala Senior Club and also the president of the Senior Nutrition Program. He began with a chant, Nani Wale O Kohala (Beautiful is Kohala), which was written by Kumu Hula Raylene Kawaiæ`a and explained the meaning of "Kohala". "Ko" means sweet, "ha" means breath,

and "la" means sun. Kealoha then shared that The Sweet Breath of the Sun translates to abundance and prosperity for Kohala. He told



Photos by Lani Eugenio

Roann Okamura waters the ulu tree nurtured in a pot for five years by Kealoha Sugiyama and planted by Mayor Kenoi (left) and Clayton Honma (right).

the story of how the former Bank of Hawai'i building was given to the Senior Club.

Kealoha continued to tell the story of when he was the Kohala Senior Club president six years ago and was asked by Mayor Kenoi if he wanted the court-house building, which was closed

by the State Judiciary. "Yes!" was the reply. When the County received the building, it came with a badly leaking roof but now,



Maulili Dixon gives the dedicatory prayer for the new Civic Center.

even with the constant morning rain, the roof was fixed and the inside of the building dry. After six years of waiting, Kealoha is now again the Senior Club president and honored to see the roof's completion.

For five years, Kealoha has been nurturing a potted ulu plant, which he wanted to have planted by Mayor Kenoi as a

mahalo gift for all the mayor has done for Kohala parks and buildings. That wish was realized when he called upon Mayor Kenoi to do the planting honors. The mayor also called up Clayton Honma, director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, to join him. The planting was completed with Roann Okamura pouring the rain water, which was collected in an ipu that morning, to water the plant.

The festivities then began with Nutrition Senior members' ukulele band, followed by the Na Kupuna O Kohala halau doing the hula. Mahalo to Councilwoman Margaret Wille for providing the spaghetti chili, to the seniors for the cupcakes and to everyone who made it a grand opening.

Notice to the Kohala community: Both the Intergenerational Center and the Kohala Civic Center will house the Parks and Recreation programs, and will also be community centers that can be rented on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for parties, gatherings, etc. For more information contact Renee Gonsalves, site manager at the Nutrition Program, at 889-6503.

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The Art of Sewing Mends the Soul

Story and photo by Melody Nietfeld

The art of sewing is not a lost art. In fact, it has been revived in the Resource Class at Kohala High School. The purpose of learning this lost art goes much deeper than just learning the skill of sewing. Students were invited to take part in this one-time-a-week class to learn how to sew "Little Dresses for Africa". The mission was to provide relief to vulnerable children throughout Africa and beyond.

The seed was planted through an organization known as Little Dresses for Africa (LDFA). LDFA was founded in 2008 by Rachel O'Neill and is a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that sends or delivers the donated dresses to verified communities or takes them personally to orphanages, churches,

and schools.

Like Kohala High students, volunteers from all over the

world join together to make simple little dresses out of pillow cases or other simple pat-

terns. **These dresses go as little ambassadors all over the world to plant in the hearts of little girls that they are worthy.**

Beginning as a grassroots effort, with a goal to take 1,000 dresses to a single village, LDFA has grown to numbers well over 4.5 MILLION, with little dresses and "britches" for boys currently being sent to 81 countries in and around Africa. Collection and distribution points are now found all around the globe, changing lives here and across the ocean. This has become a unique opportunity for Kohala High students to learn much more than the art of sewing and mending the soul; it is a life lesson in the gift of giving, and the sowing of hope.



Students from the Kohala High School Resource Sewing Class who have taken part in the "Little Dresses for Africa" project.

Standing (left to right): Chella Yokoyama Bumanglag, Isaiah Villacorte-Carvalho, Kumulani Kaai, Naai Solomon-Lewis, Isaiah Moreno, Kai Emeliano- Solomon, and Agnes Capote.

Not pictured: Zaylee Apostadiro, Savannahlyn Perez-Stevens



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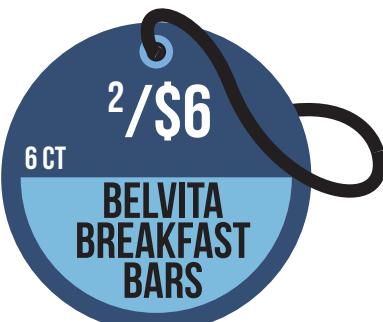
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Letters

What About the Trees?

I recently wrote a poem expressing my rather strong feelings in response to last month's article in the Kohala Mountain News about the felling of trees in King Kamehameha Park. I called it "Kamehameha's Lament" and read it on our local radio station to the deeply sad music of cello. I hope it speaks for all the groups who are angry, hurt and sad by what has happened. Can our words change anything at all? I would like to think so, but someone would need to be listening, someone beyond the disempowered public who our representatives claim to represent.

One of my friends pointed out that the recently cut trees weren't even cut so they could sprout, regenerate, come back to life. They were cut to be dead. It seems like an "Us versus Them" situation. Or is it? I want to cry out, "Murderers, bigots, intolerant people designing the experience of others they don't even know." It sounds exaggerated. But sometimes, only exaggeration can make the point. We are in such times it's pretty obvious. No sense being soft about it. Those chainsaws made a statement that "park-goers" will live with forever. Are they chipped as yet, hauled away? Are these a monu-

ment to how we are not governing over our precious resources, whether it be a tree in a park, on the bay front, or in the earth, the streams, the watersheds?

I fail to understand why the people in a position of leadership are so deaf to the simple needs, the simple pleasures, of living in Hawai'i, and to the majority of those who would be affected. The dangers, imagined or real, could be mitigated by stewardship.

There seems to be an issue of broken asphalt, placed where one day it would surely be dominated by the mammoth root expanding in that direction, a tree that had been there long before. Bad choice of asphalt.

No, it's not easy. The easy way is antiseptic wipes, replace, destroy, avoid the work of co-creating day in and day out, an act I believe is what our life on planet earth is all about, to live with, care for and heal what has been neglected. It's work, conscientious work, needing the integrity of considering the whole and not simply disparate parts.

It all comes down to the fact that we are all different. Perhaps the Council person who I unlovingly referred to as "ChopChop" has never had the privilege of knowing trees, perhaps he doesn't

have a sensitive nervous system that might feel their presence, or appreciate their shade, or the way that the light filters through in the creation of patterns, things to wonder about, light we can feel. "We are all different," my granddaughter tells me when I take exception to something about a person, a lesson learned in preschool teaching tolerance, and acceptance. Perhaps "ChopChop" has not yet been schooled in the understanding that trees are the lungs of earth, of our planet and that is their daily work for us and their work for each other.

The little microcosm of our park, King Kamehameha's Park, is not going to affect climate change, until all the parks are stripped of aged trees still working, breathing. What happens within this little microcosm will in fact affect those who frequent the park.

My poetry is a rant, and a much-needed statement. And still, my compassion goes out to him, or them, those who don't yet know what they might feel. I am only sorry and regret that our trees cannot write their own referendums, their own bills to present to the Council. They need people to do that for them.

Padma Laycock
June 12, 2016

Police Department Update

Hello North Kohala!

For those of you who are property owners, are you aware that it is the law to post your address on your property? Under Section 14-84 of the Hawai'i County Code, each property shall post building numbers in accordance with the provisions of the article. Property owners are responsible to maintain all posted numbers such that they are visible and readable at all times. Parcels with a single mailbox must have numbers displayed on the mailbox. Parcels without a mailbox shall display numbers along or at the entrance of the property, and if a house or structure is more than 50 feet away from the entrance or posted address, the numbers must be placed on the establishment as well.

It is crucial that addresses to properties are posted in their proper place. Oftentimes police, fire and ambulance crews are called upon for assistance in emergencies, and are unable to locate the address at which service is needed. At times, this becomes a dire situation which could be a matter between life and death. A high percentage of this problem could be prevented by a simple posting of the address on property.

It is understandable that not all properties have a designated address number and the property may have a simple lot number. Posting the lot number is fine as well. If you are in need of help due to an

emergency and do not have your address posted, please be patient and give the dispatcher a clear and descript direction to your location. It is also helpful to be aware of landmarks in the area of your residence in the help of directing Emergency Services to your location.

There are times when police receive what we call "dropped" 911 calls. Sometimes a dropped call is caused by a faulty phone line, whereby the phone line automatically calls 911 and police are sent to the address.

Police are unable to locate the address, which causes police to conduct a check throughout the neighborhood or area. This is fine being that it was a phantom call and no one was in danger. However, this would be a catastrophe for someone who is actually in danger and in need of help but is unable to communicate on the phone, and the only thing police have is an address number to where the call is coming from, but no posting of the address on site.

It is ultimately the current resident's responsibility to ensure that emergency services will be able to locate their residence should they need help. If you're a property owner, I suggest you conduct a check to see if the addresses are posted and maintained. If you're a renter, check to see if the address is posted well enough to be found by the police or fire department, and if it's not, consult your landlord

to fix the discrepancy. For more information on Hawai'i County Code 14-84, you can find it online at www.HawaiiCounty.gov.

Also, on May 28 a Drug and Alcohol Free Family Fun Day event was held at the Kohala Community Swimming Pool. Members of the community, family and friends of the community were invited to enjoy a day filled with games, prizes, food, and entertainment, as well as lots of free swimming. The event titled "Splash," last held on November 2008, could not have happened without the help of the community.

On behalf of the Hawai'i Police Department, we would like to thank the members of the Kohala Coalition Against Drugs, the staff at KTA Superstores Waimea, the folks at Waimea Instant Printing, Fig's Mix Plate, the staff of Show Systems Hawai'i, and the Hawai'i County Staff and Volunteers for their contributions and support in making this great event a success. Splash was brought back at the request of many community members. Thanks to the positive outcome of the event, there are talks of more "Splash" events to be planned in the future. Anyone who is interested in volunteering or contributing for these future events, feel free to contact me.

I bid you peace and Aloha,
Officer Kapelieli Kauahikaua, Jr.
North Kohala Community Policing Officer

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County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilwoman Margaret Wille

BIG BUS NEWS: After months of pushing and pulling, the new North Kohala shuttle bus service from Makapala Store to Waimea and back has been finalized and will begin on July 11, 2016. The new twenty-five seat ADA compliant bus will run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. It will leave Makapala Store at 9 a.m. and arrive at Waimea Parker Ranch Shopping Center at 10:45 a.m., with stops at Ainakea Senior Housing, King Kamehameha Park, Kawaihae Minit Stop, Mahukona Park and Spencer Park, and as well when anyone flags down the bus. The return trip on this bus leaves Waimea at noon and arrives at the Makapala Store at 1:50 p.m. Start thinking about how we can maximize the use of this new bus service. Consider taking the bus to Spencer Park for a two hour picnic lunch and swim. Or instead of driving to Waimea to do errands, take the bus, relax and enjoy the scenery. And if you think you might need more time than an hour and fifteen minutes in Waimea, (from 10:45 a.m. to 12 noon) go on a Monday or Wednesday, when there is also a weekday 3:25 p.m. bus from Waimea that runs as far as Kapa'au.

For more information about the bus schedule and for connections to Kona and Hilo, go to www.heleonbus.org or call 808-961-8744 during the weekday hours of 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Remember the price per one way trip is \$2 for adults and \$1 for seniors over 60, students and those with disabilities (obtain a disabilities card for this category).

Bring cash or purchase tickets at stores such as at the Waimea KTA.

The County's contract is for six months, so the Mass Transit Department can determine if there is sufficient interest in making this new route and schedule permanent. In other words, use it or lose it!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: Are you interested in sitting at one of our donation tables for an hour

or two outside one of our North Kohala grocery stores or at the Farmers' Market to accept school supply contributions from store patrons? We are collecting school supplies (or monetary donations) to help needy North Kohala students. Call my office if you are available to help out. Here is the schedule:

Hāwī:
Nakahara Store: July 1, 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Takata Store: July 15, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and July 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Farmers' Market: July 30, 8 a.m. to 12 noon

COUNTY BUDGET: The 2016-2017 budget has now been finalized without raising any tax rates. Although the Administration urged the Council to adopt a County General Excise Tax, the Council refused and voted down the proposed additional GET tax

legislation. Yet many in North Kohala are still faced with higher appraised values of their property, making for a higher tax bill.

GENERAL PLAN CHARTER AMENDMENT: My General Plan Charter Amendment recently passed the Council and will now be included on the ballot in November.

The "General Plan" is the County's overarching plan for long-term development. The General Plan currently solely addresses the physical development of the County. This proposed amendment would add in the directive to address the economic, environmental and socio-cultural well-being of the County. With this change, the focus will be more on setting goals and priorities for long-term economic, environmental and socio-cultural well-being and then looking at what physical development

options are available to best achieve those goals and priorities. In other words, this is a way of saying let's figure out where we want to go before deciding what our next steps should be to move forward.

UPCOMING LEGISLATION: One bill I have been working on for a long time that will soon come before Council is my agritourism bill. The intent of this bill is to allow small farms to be able to engage in agritourism without being required to comply with bureaucratic conditions more appropriate to large scale agritourism operations.

If you want more information about any of the above topics or would like to receive my District 9 Newsletter, contact my office at 808-887-2069 or email at Margaret.Wille@hawaiicounty.gov.

With much aloha,
Margaret



Councilmember Margaret Wille with Kohala youth and their chaperones attending the grand opening of the new Kohala Civic Center on June 14, 2016.

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Holly Algood hosts the Eco Talk show on KNKR 96.1 FM every Thursday at 11 a.m.

energy, earth-friendly methods of agriculture, eco-friendly building, cleaner transportation alternatives and ways to reduce and reuse waste.

Sustainability is a focus of Holly's personal life. The daughter of a nature-loving scientist and relentless recycler, she was also moved by the truth of the 2006 movie An Inconvenient Truth, which illustrates how human activity is causing excessive pollutants in the air, earth and oceans, causing epic weather events and global loss of plants, animals and infrastructure. Holly shared, "When our son was twelve, I asked him what he was most concerned about in his life. I expected it to be something about family or friends. His response shocked me as he stated he was worried about global warming. I feel it is our responsibility to leave a clean and healthy planet for all

methods, raises organic chickens, creates electricity with an integrated wind and solar system, has built and lives in green buildings, buys mostly recycled clothing and furnishings and drives a newly-acquired, used electric car.

Publicly, she spent over a year volunteering at the transfer station in Hawi for Recycle Hawai'i, was the chairperson of the Sustainability Committee for the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce and most recently installed a public use electric car charging station at her office in Kapa'au.

Holly invites the community to suggest people who they would like to hear as guests on Eco Talk. You can reach her at hollyalgood@sbcglobal.net or stop by the radio station. Tune in to 96.1 FM or stream KNKR.org on Thursdays 11 a.m.-noon for Eco Talk.

Blue Zones Project Coming to North Kohala on July 30

The Blue Zones Project is a wellness initiative that was invited to North Hawai'i by residents of Hamakua, North Kohala, Waikoloa and Waimea to help us become healthier and live longer and happier lives. In other words "Live Longer, Better." Based on extensive research, the Blue Zones Project encourages small changes that can bring about big improvements in health and well-being.

The North Kohala Blue Zones Project team has pulled together to create a Free Family Fun Event for the community on Saturday, July 30, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hawi Jodo Mission hall and grounds. It's going to be filled with lots of fun activities, information and entertainment.

Enjoy a bouncing fun house; cooking demo by Kahua Paa Mua who will be making green papaya and veggie salad with a homemade dressing, topped with baked salted kale and pipi kaula; a fermentation presentation by Donna Maltz; the Blue Zones Project smoothie bike;

a public health nurse; a robotics demo; the North Kohala Public Library; DoTerra essential oils; Ka Hana No'eau Healthy Living Group; Roots Skate Park; Sweet Potato Kitchen and the Blue Zones Project engagement speech. Come hear how to Live Longer, Better.

Opening the event will be Hala Halau o Mana'olana o Kohala with Kumu Hope Keawe, followed by John Keawe. Entertainment throughout the event will be provided by Kohala Aikido and Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko-Taiko.

It's all free and YOU are invited to join us on July 30 to become part of the Blue Zones Project in making the health choice the easy choice to live longer better in North Kohala.

For more Blue Zones Project-North Hawai'i and Road Show information contact Sue Dela Cruz, Blue Zones Project-NHI Engagement Lead at bluezoneprojectnorthhawaii@healthways.com or 808.564.4762.



Photo by Maureen Garry

Keiki create spin art on the Blue Zones bike during the Kamehameha Day ho'olaule'a.



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Stella Brooke Named KRWC's First "Li'l Miss Paniola"



Photos courtesy of Kohala Ride Wild Club

Contestants in the May 27 "Li'l Miss Paniola" pageant, the Kohala Ride Wild Club staff and contest judges. Participants competed in six categories and the winner, Stella Brooke, was invited to ride in the Kamehameha Day Parade on June 11.

Back row (left to right): Lachelle Crabbe, CJ Yamamoto, Lisa Stewart; Darian Hanum, Kauai Nakamura, Shay Van Zandt
 Middle row (left to right): Hailey Van Zandt, Chavai Dunhour-Watanabe, Kalista Crabbe, Marely Enderson
 Front (kneeling): Stella Brooke

On May 27, five young Kohala cowgirls put on their finest wrangling duds for the honor of competing in the first "Li'l Miss Paniola" contest, sponsored by Kohala Ride Wild Club. Participants were judged in six categories: dummy roping, horsemanship, modeling, speech, photogenic qualities and most creative outfit. All the participants performed admirably!

After judging was complete, pageant organizers Shay Van Zandt and Lachelle Crabbe crowned the first annual princess: Stella Brooke of Hawi. The first runner up was Chavai Dunhour-Watanabe, second runner up and speech award went to Hailey Van Zandt and Miss Congeniality was awarded to Marely Enderson and Kalista Crabbe. The contest was open to girls ages 5-9 years old, and the winner was invited to ride in the Kamehameha Day Parade.

"The pageant was such a great success and it's a great experience for the girls in so many ways to learn to speak their beliefs in front of a crowd and be creative," said Shay. "The girls all have the love and passion for animals and they want to keep the paniolo traditions alive. They all will be competing in keiki rodeos this fall!"

Horses are the Heart of Paniolo Culture

"Li'l Miss Paniola" is just one of the ways that Kohala Ride Wild Club (KRWC) serves the community. Founded in April 2014 by Shay Van Zandt and Renee Perez, KRWC is a horse lovers' club that rescues horses in Kohala and utilizes them to teach children about horse care and riding. In the past two years KRWC has rescued 17 horses, numerous calves, a couple of donkeys, as well as goats, sheep and dogs. KRWC locates pasture

(by donation or for rent) and provides feed, veterinary care, dental work and much love for these animals.

KRWC teaches how to care for a horse including proper health and hoof care. Along with looking after the horses, they also get to saddle up and give kids a lesson in riding. It is open to all ages, but it is very popular with the 3-8 year olds who come in groups every Friday, nicknamed "The Pony Club"!

KRWC members learn safety habits and daily care of a horse and tack; how to ride independently with control; a basic understanding about horses and why they behave as they do; horse breeds and the anatomy of a horse; dressing and undressing a horse; nutritional needs, first aid and more.

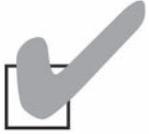
KRWC works side by side with Kohala 4-H Horse Club,

helping the kids learn leadership and teamwork. Currently 25 keiki are enrolled in 4-H and 12 have a project horse that they tend to everyday to enjoy and learn from. 4-H meets every Friday year-round with group leaders Tammy Elarco, Ashly Pang, Keone and Millicent Glory, Micha Hood, Victoria Brooke and Fantacie Kuamoo, along with Shay and Renee. Last fall six 4-H kids and a Pony Club member competed in four HHSRA rodeos for the first time. They all did great!

The relationship between club members and the rescued horses is mutually beneficial. However, the cost of these programs, especially for animal feed, veterinary care, medicine and dental work for the rescue animals, is challenging and ongoing. KRWC and 4-H hold periodic fundraising

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 events to help defray the costs. Recently, the Dorrance Family Foundation provided funds for a desperately needed horse trailer, currently en route from the mainland. Local businesses Ackerman Galleries and Sunshine Hardware have been strong supporters and several pasture owners have provided pasture for rescue animals, including Bobi Moreno, Karl Lucas, Juliett Talender, Pat and Alida Adamek, Reubin and Phylis Freitas, Joan Channon, Neil Withers and Surety Kohala Inc.
 "We are super grateful to everyone in the community for all your ongoing support, with special thanks to Traci Figueroa and a big Mahalo to Tiger for the beauti-

ful horse trough he built for our horses!" said Shay. "Please come down to the pasture at Lighthouse and enjoy the animals any Friday and let's work together to keep our animals safe and healthy and our keiki and community happy and helpful!"
 KRWC is a fiscally sponsored project of North Kohala Community Resource Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Tax-deductible donations to support KRWC's animal rescue efforts and riding programs can be sent to NKCR, P.O. Box 519, Hawi, HI 96719 with a notation indicating KRWC.
 For more information about KRWC, contact Shay Van Zandt at 756-4192.



Hailey Van Zandt and Marely Enderson with a rescue donkey kept at Karl Lucas's pasture.

Chainsaw Artist Creates Piece for Local Shop



Photo and caption by Tom Morse

Robert Tidwell of Ranier, Oregon, often visits Kohala with his family. He says, "I've tried many of the (Hawaiian) islands, but there's no comparison to Kohala." Robert carves with his chainsaw for a living, and on his current trip he carved Aloha Man. Made from a large Norfolk pine trunk, the Aloha Man will soon be painted and on display at the store of the same name in Hawi. More of Robert's work can be seen at www.knotjustabear.com.

Lions Club Accepting Donation Applications

The Kohala Lions Club is now accepting requests from community groups for donations. Twice a year – in January and July – the Lions review applications for financial assistance. Applicants must serve the Kohala community with preference given to groups that serve youth or the needy. Applicants must use the application form, which can be requested by email or hard copy. Groups are limited to receiving a donation one time per calendar

year. Those who applied in January 2016, but did not receive a donation are welcome to apply again. Applications may be requested by email from msolis1@hawaii.rr.com, or a hard copy may be requested by calling Chris Brown at 884-5122. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than July 22, 2016. For more information about the Kohala Lions Club, call Chris Brown at 884-5122.

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Remembering Vietnam: Perspectives of the War Through The Eyes of an Orphan and a Veteran

Story by Anne Fojtasek

What happens when a Vietnam vet (Keith Nealy) meets up with a Vietnamese orphan (Mike Frailey) airlifted out of Vietnam as a nine-year-old in 1975? A navy salvage diver during the Vietnam War, Keith rescued ships and removed crew off disabled submarines in the rivers and harbors of Vietnam. Mike, whose original name was Tho, was one of many children left

bombs jettisoned from crippled jets before they tried to land, he and other divers contended with sharks, equipment malfunctions, booby traps left by Viet Cong sappers and dangerous working environments.

On an urgent salvage operation requested by President Nixon to avert an international incident, Keith and his team steamed all night from Vietnam to Japan to

angry about the war and took out their anger on the vets.

Keith joined a commercial diving company based in New York City and salvaged ships around the world. He freelanced as a filmmaker and also went back to New York University film school.

Between 1975 and 1979 Pol Pot came to power in Cambodia. Under his regime, the Khmer

ing people came out of the jungle in such gratitude; it was overwhelming. We were all crying as we unloaded our ten trucks full of food and medicine. I was filming, trying to keep in focus as tears kept blurring my vision." Keith's work helped raise over three million dollars for the refugees.

Even under fire and back in a war zone again, he says it was the best thing he has ever done, per-

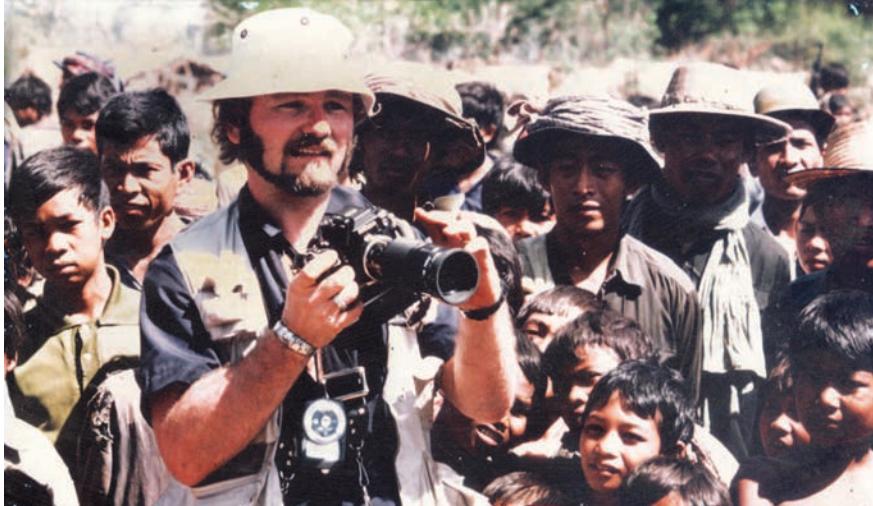


Photo courtesy of Keith Nealy

In 1979, Keith Nealy helped lead a rescue mission as part of the "land bridge" in Cambodia bringing rice to refugees hiding from Pol Pot's genocide. Keith's documentary film raised over three million dollars for relief efforts.

to fend for themselves by the war. Somehow, 41 years later, both are living in Kohala. When they met a year ago, they realized they had a story to share, with each other and, later, with a fascinated audience at the North Kohala Public Library on April 18.

Part of Keith's job during the war was to salvage downed helicopters before the Viet Cong could steal ammunition and secret crypto code books from them. "We were always looking closely for the Viet Cong among the fishermen on the rivers," he explains. "The VC looked just like everyone else." He describes his life at the time as a "constant balance between fear and courage." Looking for wreckage in the South China Sea and blowing up

salvage a downed A7 Corsair jet that crashed in the middle of prime Japanese fishing grounds. On a regular basis, the fishing fleet lost huge commercial seine nets caught on the wreckage and billed the US government millions for damages. Entering the water Keith and his divers were immediately caught in the nets and had to tackle this invisible enemy before they could even find the jet and salvage it. The 24-hour-a-day mission took over a month. Keith almost lost his life on this job and, later, on eight other occasions. He is writing a book about these experiences called "Nine Lives in Search of Courage".

Returning to civilian life was difficult for Keith and for most Vietnam veterans. The public was

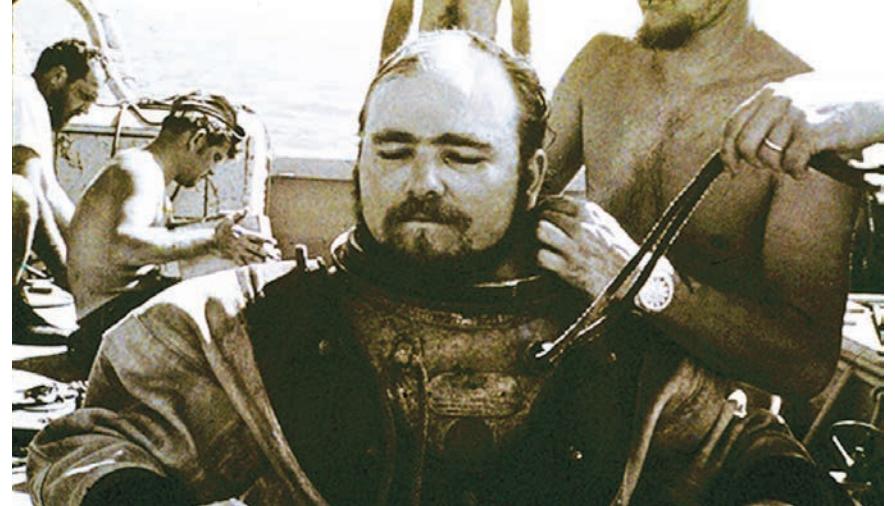


Photo courtesy of Keith Nealy

Keith in a dive suit, a standard Mark V Deep Sea Diving suit designed like armor to protect the diver from sharp wreckage and other hostile environments. Copper helmet has surface-supplied air and communications.

Rouge, more than half a million people were slaughtered; between one and two million starved to death. Hundreds of thousands of doctors, lawyers and business people fled the cities for the country as Pol Pot "cleansed" the society of intellectuals. Children were born and grew up behind barbed wire in refugee camps. Keith heard of the plight of 500,000 refugees lost and starving in the Cambodian jungle. The United States Catholic Relief Services organized a rescue effort, and Keith volunteered, at his expense, to help lead it and produce a documentary to raise funds for the refugees. "The day we found them after weeks of searching in enemy territory was the most amazing of my life," he says. "A half a million starv-

sonally and professionally.

Concurrently, orphanages, mostly Catholic, were started in Vietnam to care for huge numbers of children with no place to go. Mike remembers waking up in a field hospital and then being placed in an orphanage in Da Nang. Life in the orphanage was not much of a step up from life on the streets: there was not enough food, and the children were unsupervised because there were not enough staff members to look after them. "Some days, all we had to eat were bugs we caught," he tells the audience. "Life looked pretty bleak."

Near the end of the war, Operation Babylift was started under President Gerald Ford to

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Vietnam, continued from Page 10 rescue Vietnamese orphans as the Americans pulled out of the country. Mike shares how he and other orphans under the care of an American nurse, Cherie Clark, were waked up in the middle of the night, hustled to the airport and put onto a cargo plane to be evacuated. He felt "happy and

attempts to get sympathy for the war," by Bay Area attorney Tom Miller, involved in litigation over Operation Babylift. In the rush to remove children from danger, under hectic circumstances, too many of them arrived at their new homes with no records, no way of tracing where they came from or even if they were truly orphaned. Bobby Nofflet, a worker with the U.S. Agency for International Development in Saigon, recalled that "there were large sheaves of papers and batches of babies. Who knew which belonged to which?"

Still, Mike considers that he was one of the lucky ones. Based on a photo, he was chosen for adoption by a couple in Arnold, Missouri. He speaks of his American family with obvious affection. Even so, his life in the United States has not always been easy. It was a difficult transition for him to lose his identity, culture and birth country. When he arrived, he faced such racism and prejudice that he sometimes felt shame at being Vietnamese. Sadly, his family broke up later, and in the crisis, no one thought to apply for Mike's citizenship. He fought for 13 years with the Immigration and Naturalization Service before finally becoming a U.S. citizen in Honolulu in 2009.

In the past few years, Mike has friends who have found their birth families in Vietnam through a DNA project, Operation Reunite, founded by his good friend Trista Goldberg. He has not searched for his birth family as he has no information to work with. Knowing that his friends have found

their families and traveling with them to document their reunions is enough for him for now. He quotes a refugee poet who said, "Our lives are written in pencil: everything you think you know can change in an instant."

Mike's life certainly illustrates that sentiment. He is eager for people to understand that most refugees are grateful for the opportunities they have here and work hard to "pay it forward." After serving in the military, he had a successful 25-year career in technical sales and support with a major Fortune 500 company. Eventually, Mike decided to leave his corporate career to

people of other cultures, he says. "If we take them in, they become people like me who want to pay back that kindness."

Keith shares Mike's conviction, which was one of the main reasons they wanted to tell their stories together. For 17 years Keith has been building community by being a founding member of Sustainable Kohala and sailing on the Makali'i Polynesian voyaging canoe teaching our teenagers about the voyagers. He is part of the 'ohana wa'a (canoe family) learning about the traditional ways of living passed down from the ancient Hawaiians. Keith specializes in filmmaking and



Photo courtesy of Mike Frailey

The only picture Mike Frailey, right, had of his life from Viet Nam for 35 years was taken in Saigon, Viet Nam 1974

scared" to be going to America. Children older than nine were not allowed to board, but Mike was just under the limit. The planeload of 57 orphans refueled in Japan, flew to Hawai'i and finally landed at Oakland International Airport. They were processed at the Presidio in San Francisco. Mike was sent to St. Louis, Missouri.

Operation Babylift functioned between April 4 and April 26, 1975; the South Vietnamese government fell on April 27, and the airport became too dangerous to use. About 3,300 children were flown out. Many were adopted by Americans, but some went to Canada, Europe or Australia. The program met criticism in this country, labeled "one of the last desperate



Photo courtesy of KMS UPLINK Media Club

Mike Frailey with Kohala Middle School students, Hokani Maria and Clyson Marquez visiting the Hikianalia docked in Kawaihae harbor while out on a Kohala Unupa'a field trip.

pursue interests in volunteering, supporting youth programs and his passion for photography. He is currently a part-time teacher with UPLINK at Kohala Middle School and mentor with Kohala Unupa'a. Mike conducts a mentorship in photography and videography with Ka Hana No'eau. He's also a volunteer mentor for Boys to Men at Kohala Middle School. He has lived in Kohala for the past six years and is married to a Kohala girl, Laura (Melnik).

Mike believes it is important to tell people what happened to orphans and those displaced by war and to look at the outcome when societies receive these individuals with compassion rather than prejudice. We shouldn't fear

has made films with over 60 of Hawai'i's most revered kupuna, passing on their wisdom through his films and in Ke Ola magazine articles called "Kupuna Talk Stories."

Keith is a former multicultural director for the Mankind Project, Hawai'i, a support group for men. He believes we all need to work together building community as we move into an uncertain future. Hawai'i Island is the most culturally diverse county in the United States, with 43 different cultures living here. It is up to all of us to find strength in our diversity, he says, because, "Creating an 'ohana or a successful community is a kakou thing: we do it together."

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Head of HELCO to Speak to Action Committee

By Toni Withington

Jay Ignacio, president of Hawai'i Island Electric Light Co. (HELCO), will be the main speaker at the July 11 meeting of the North Kohala Community Development Plan (NKCDP) Action Committee. The meeting starts at 5 p.m. at the Senior Center and is open to the public.

Progress on the planned secondary power line to North Kohala is expected to be one of the topics covered. A secondary line is called for in the NKCDP to help alleviate power outages. Ideas for further alternative energy production in the district is another topic. Ignacio will probably field questions about the possible takeover of HELCO and its parent company Hawai'i Electric Inc. by NextEra, an energy company based in Florida.

Accompanying Ignacio will be Darren Elisaga, community consultant for West Hawai'i; Dave Okamura, managing engineer; and Jennifer Zelko-Schluter, director of government, community and media relations.

The meeting was arranged by the CDP Subcommittee on Power, Viewplanes and Erosion Control.

Mural Continues to Grow

Artist Elijah Rabang's second mural painting on the fence in downtown Hawi, entitled Whale Tale, has been completed.

Richard Elliott of Paradise Postal and Kevin and Nicole Vincent at Cartow are sponsoring the mural project and have plans for even more public art on the fence.

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	7PM	8PM	NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - LIVING CLEAN - DISCUSSION	CLAY HOUSE (BEHIND THE HUB)	
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	1PM		SUMMER READING OLYMPICS-- GAMES, CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES, AGES 6-12 - JUL 6 & 13	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
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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
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Library to Offer Yoga Series for Mindfulness, Stress Relief and an Ethical Life

Yogi-Librarian Janet Lam will offer a three-session introduction to the Principles of Yoga at North Kohala Public Library in Kapa'au at 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, July 5, 12 and 19.

The series begins on Tuesday, July 5, with a discussion of the physical practice of yoga poses.

Lam will explain how physical exercise is included in a mindfulness practice—and why mindfulness is included in a physical exercise practice.

The second session, on July 12, will focus on the yoga principles of breath, concentration and meditation.

Lam will share breathing techniques and the ancient power of meditation for stress relief in the modern world.

The final session, on July 19, will cover ethical guidelines for a happy, honest life.

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Ainakea Neighborhood Watch Formed



Photo by Lani Eugenio

The first Ainakea Neighborhood Watch sign waving event was held on May 19. Cheryl Rocha volunteered to be the Coordinator, because, as she stated, "We want our community back." Ms. Rocha thanks the Block Captains and Street Leaders for organizing this event, and also thanks Neighborhood Watch advisors Jeffrey Coakley and his wife Lani for their support and guidance.



Kohala Radio 96.1FM Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:00 AM	Funkle Greg's Sunday Morning Mess	Uncle David's Big Show	Cosmic Cowgirl	Uncle David's Big Show	Cosmic Cowgirl	Working Hard or Hardly Working	Those Were Da Days
8:00 AM	Funkle Greg's Sunday Morning Mess Encore						
9:00 AM	Funkle Greg's Sunday Morning Mess Encore	Women's Voices	Your Kohala Connection	Women's Voices	Eco Talk	Into the Library	Live Music Showcase
10:00 AM	Those Were Da Days Encore						
11:00 AM	Those Were Da Days Encore	Eco Talk Encore	Your Kohala Connection Encore	Eco Talk Encore	Pinay's Favorite Hit Music	Deez Rootz Encore	Kohala Kine Sport Show
12:00 PM	Live Music Showcase						
1:00 PM	Kohala Kine Sport Show Encore	Revolution Radio	Michael's Mix	Tales from the Dead	Michael's Mix	Deez Rootz Encore	Deez Rootz
2:00 PM	Deez Rootz Encore						
3:00 PM	Deez Rootz Encore	Hawaiian Time Encore	Open slot	Hawaiian Time Encore	Riding Home	Hawaiian Time Encore	Pinay's Favorite Hits Encore
4:00 PM	Dug Inn Your Ear						
5:00 PM	Dug Inn Your Ear	Hawaiian Time Encore	Open slot	Hawaiian Time Encore	Riding Home	Hawaiian Time Encore	Pinay's Favorite Hits Encore
6:00 PM	Hawaiian Time Encore						
7:00 PM	Open Slot	Open Slot	Open Slot	Free Form Radio	Open Slot	Open Slot	Open Slot
8:00 PM	Open Slot						
9:00 PM	Open Slot						

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Seniors Celebrate Japanese Culture

Photos and captions by Lani Eugenio

At the Kohala Senior Club, one day of every month is reserved for an ethnic group to share its culture, history and food. In May, the Seniors celebrated the Japanese culture.

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Joy Ohta leads the group in a dance that is performed at Bon dances during the summer months.



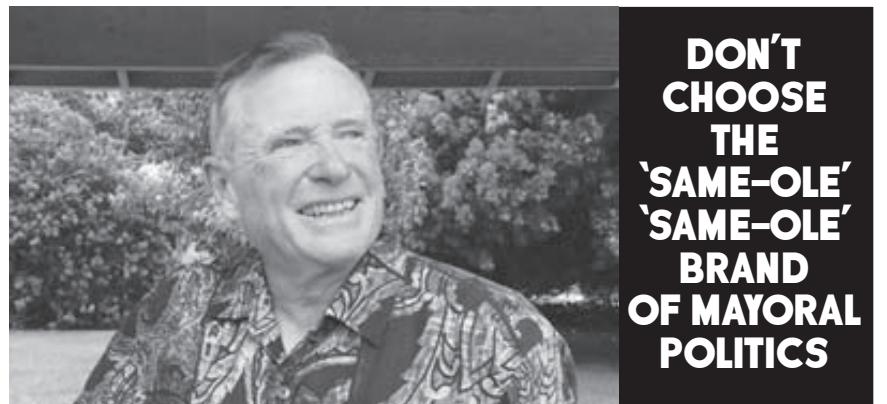
Kalani Heinicke holds the microphone while Ellen Kato demonstrates how to construct an ikebana arrangement.



Emcee Andy Oshita talked about Japanese history in Hawai'i: the recruitment of Japanese workers in the sugar plantations and the second and third generation enlistment in the military in World War II.



President Kealoha Sugiyama poses with Ellen Kato, Chairman of the Japanese Day celebration in May. Girls received dolls on Girls' Day in March and the carp banners were flown for Boys' Day in May. May 5 is known as Children's Day to celebrate children's individual personalities and the joy they bring to life.



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Joy Ohta spoke about clothing, culture and memorializing loved ones in custom banners.



Dora Carvalho serves Ed Watanabe a scrumptious meal of sushi rice, teriyaki chicken, namasu and mochi dessert while his wife, Edna, looks on.

Bon Dance and Lantern Festival at Kohala Jodo Mission

The O-bon season has again arrived, and the Kohala Jodo Mission in Kapa`au will be celebrating this Festival of Lanterns (the definition of O-bon) on Saturday, July 9. Lantern banners will be offered to people who wish to honor deceased family and friends by writing messages of remembrance, gratitude, and prayer on these banners, which will be honorably blessed and handled in a spiritually respectful way under the guidance of Rev. Wajira Wansa.

Volunteers have worked tirelessly in making these banners, decorated with silhouettes of Japanese lanterns signifying continued spiritual enlightenment, and symbolically lighting the way home for deceased loved ones. A number of banners will be offered free on a first come, first served basis, and more elaborate banners may be purchased. The Kohala

National Guard Alumni will be present for a special tribute to honor deceased military personnel.

The Rev. Wajira Wansa will open O-bon with a service at 5:30 p.m. Food will be available and a craft booth sponsored by the Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko Kohala taiko group will be selling items like happi coats and fabric bags, will also open at 5:30 p.m. Dancing will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Although O-bon is a Buddhist celebration, the Mission embraces all people who wish to honor their deceased loved ones by participating in this lantern ceremony. The entire community is therefore invited to join the O-bon activities presented by the Kohala Jodo Mission. For additional information, please contact Joy Ohta at 310-347-5379 or email at joywellnessvision@gmail.com.



Photo courtesy of Joy Ohta

The Kohala National Guard Alumni came to the 2015 tribute to honor deceased military personnel. Standing (left to right): Paul Antonio, Gilbert Bigtas, Collin Kaholo, Nario Lebron, Seifuku Nakayama, Joe Carvalho. Sitting: Former 100th Battalion member Shigeru Oshita

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6/29	WED	5PM	PARKS, WATER & ROADS SUBCOMMITTEE	DISCUSSION WILL INCLUDE PROTOCOL FOR CUTTING TREES IN PARKS	KOHALA SENIOR CENTER	889-6901	
2	SAT	5PM	O-BON FESTIVAL	GRAVEYARD SERVICE AT KEOKEA AT 5:00 P.M., TEMPLE SERVICE AT 6:00 P.M., AND BON DANCE AT 7:00 P.M	53-4300 AKONI PULE HWY	775-7232	
4	MON	5:30PM	7:30PM	KOHALA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP	MEETING	THE COTTAGE @ THE HUB	895-3578
6	WED	7PM	9PM	BON DANCE PRACTICE	KOHALA JODO MISSION	54-541 KAPAAU RD	443-3531
9	SAT	5PM		BON DANCE & LANTERN FESTIVAL	KOHALA JODO MISSION	54-541 KAPAAU RD	443-3531
11	MON	3PM	04:30PM	NORTH KOHALA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP	SUPPORTED BY N. HAWAII COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL	KING KAMEHAMEHA PARK	989-4894
11	WED	5PM		NKCDP AC MEETING	NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE	KOHALA SENIOR CENTER	323-4770
11	MON	6PM		FAMILY FILM	STAR WARS, THE FORCE AWAKENS	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
12	TUE	11AM		ADULT READING DISCUSSION	TOO MUCH HAPPINESS - BY ALICE MUNRO	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
12	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
16	SAT			FREE GRINDZ HOT MEAL	KOHALA BAPTIST CHURCH	BANYAN TREE	
18	MON	6PM		YOGA AND SOURDOUGH	PRESENTED BY JAN AND HANA ROBERTS	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
19	TUE	10AM		ADULT & TEEN WRITER'S GROUP		NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
22	SAT	10AM	12PM	THRIFT SHOP	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	NEXT TO WALKER HALL	889-5390
22	SAT	11AM	12:20PM	COMMUNITY MEAL	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
23-31	SUN	10AM	6PM	KOHALA MOUNTAIN EDUCATIONAL FARM	1ST ANNUAL SUMMER FARM FESTIVAL	KOHALA PUMPKIN PATCH	937-7432
25	MON	8:30AM		KAMP	REGISTRATION	KOHALA HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA	889-7100
25	MON	6PM		DOCUMENTARY FILM	SHY BOY - ABOUT HORSE WHISPERER, MONTY ROBERTS	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
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27	WED	5PM		PARKS, WATER & ROADS SUBCOMMITTEE	MONTHLY MEETING	OLD COURTHOUSE	882-7611

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KAMP Begins at End of July

July 25 has been chosen as the day for this year's Kindergarten KAMP at Kohala Elementary School!

KAMP stands for Kindergarten Are Most Precious! This excellent orientation program is facilitated by the Kona chapter of 4-H.

Adults and experienced high school students will come to the Kohala High School cafeteria for the event. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

The program includes time for parents to work one-on-one with children as well as opportunities to meet the kindergarten teachers, principal and school staff. After a quick tour of the school, parents will be given relevant information and an opportunity to ask questions of school personnel while the incoming students will engage in fun activities with the 4-H staff. A light lunch will conclude the program at 11:30.

In order to attend this fun event, your child needs to be registered to attend kindergarten during the 2016-17 school year. Children must be five years old by August 1 of this year in order to be enrolled. A copy of your child's birth certificate and

health records will be required by the time school begins on August 1. Students must also have passed a TB (tuberculosis) test before attending school.

Once your child is registered to attend you will receive detailed instructions regarding the first week of kindergarten. Individual testing will be done with each incoming student during the first three days of school (August 1, 2, and 3). On August 4, half of each class will attend until after lunch. On August 5, the other half will attend until after lunch. The whole class begins regular attendance on Monday, August 8. Kindergarten teachers have found that this slower start-up builds confidence in students and helps them feel secure in their new setting.

It is essential for students to begin kindergarten from the first day so that rules and routines may be established. Please be sure to register your child early and have all the required paperwork to ensure a positive beginning of the school year. If you have questions about registering your child or about Kindergarten KAMP, please call Kohala Elementary School at 889-7100.

Kohala Middle School Peer Mediators Help Resolve Disputes Peacefully

Story and photo by Robyn Skudlarek
 Nearly 50 peer mediators from Kohala Middle and Kealahou Intermediate Schools were honored on May 23 for the work they do in their respective schools to promote peaceful problem-solving. Peer mediation is both a program and a process whereby trained students help their peers resolve disputes and misunderstandings.

This event was sponsored by West Hawai'i Mediation Center in Waimea. Activities included a getting-acquainted mixer, video creation, a group outdoor game and an ono lunch. Good fun was had by all.

Special thanks to our hosts at the HUB, Kohala Middle School counselor Lauren Canton, volunteer Mike Frailey and our awesome peer mediators.



West Hawaii Mediation Center board member Jan Marrack chats with a small group of mediators as they prepare a video.

Students Learn Equestrian Basics During Resource Class Hour

Kohala High School's Resource Class Hour offered a variety of learning activities each Friday during the 2015-2016 school year. Offerings included ballroom dancing, sewing, knitting,

speech/debate, study hall and Frisbee-throwing. During fourth quarter the Horse Health 101 class with teacher Ms. Fern White focused on how to safely handle horses and horse health issues.



Photo by Fern White

Students in Horse Health 101 during the Resource Class Hour at Kohala High School.

Left to right: Cheyenne Book, Brenton Jardine and Keoni Matsuda. Missing: Kiera Isabel and Kanue Munro.

Kohala Radio Plans Candidate Interviews

By Bob Martin

As a way to provide important information about the candidates running for office this year that will directly impact Kohala, Kohala Radio is offering 30 minute on-air interviews to the thirteen mayoral candidates, the two County Council District 9 candidates, and the three District 7 State House candidates. Interviews will be broadcast on the station's Kohala Conversations show on Tuesdays from 6 pm to 8 pm. Each interview will also be streamed live, recorded, and made available on the KNKR website at www.knkr.org.

This opportunity was announced in mid-June, and at press time the following interviews have been scheduled:

Mayoral Candidates

- Wally Lau - June 28 at 6:00 p.m.
- Gene Tamashiro - June 28 at 7:15 p.m.
- Marlene Hapai - July 5 at 6:00 p.m.
- Pete Hoffman - July 5 at 6:40 p.m.
- Wendell Kaehuaea - July 12 at 6:00 p.m.
- Harry Kim - August 2 at 6:00 p.m.

State House District 7

- David Tarnas - June 28 at 6:40 p.m.
- Jeff Coakley - July 12 at 7:15 p.m.
- Cindy Evans - August 2 at 6:40 p.m.

County Council District 9

- Tim Richards - July 5 at 7:15 p.m.
- Margaret Wille - July 12 at 6:40 p.m.

Each candidate will be asked the following questions:

1. How would you prioritize the needs of North Kohala in spending County funds for improvements in parks, recreation, and other important infrastructure? How familiar are you with the needs of North Kohala for capital funding? Identify specific concerns/projects that you have personally participated in that have had an effect in North Kohala.
2. What is your position in general about Community Development Plans? How willing are you to support County legislation to strengthen the CDP Action Committee's role in the decision making concerning development plans, capital spending, and other County initiatives in their communities?
3. What is your position on

open space expenditures for the County? Will you fully support the purchase of conservation land at a pace equal to the last administration?

4. If elected, how often will you come to North Kohala to provide updates on your administration, and to ask residents here about their needs and their views on the County government?

5. Thousands of tons of green waste go into the North Kohala Transfer Station each year and are hauled to the land fill. What is your position on providing a green waste facility in North Kohala to convert this waste into usable compost which can assist the development of additional farming here?

6. How high a priority do

you put on finding ways to provide more affordable housing to North Kohala families? 'Ohana houses are legal in the County, and could help mitigate the high cost of housing, but the Water Department will not issue the required second water meter in North Kohala to qualified home owners. What will your position be with the Water Department, and will you look for candidates for the Water Board who would support lifting the ban on 'ohana house water meters in North Kohala? Or, would you instruct your Planning Director to alter the current 'ohana house requirements so that a second water meter would not be required?

An up-to-date schedule of these interview broadcasts and recordings is available on www.knkr.org.



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Kohala High School 2016 Senior Exit Plans

Abellera, Zerex Lawrence, Universal Technical Institute, Long Beach California, Automotive/Diesel Mechanics

Alejandro-Cazimero, Kiana, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Pre-Medicine, Pediatrician

Amanonce, Jayven, United States Coast Guard, Rescue swimmer

Antonio, Tezrah, Presentation College, South Dakota, Personal Fitness Trainer

Apostadiro, Mina, University of California, Irvine Fall 2016, Columbia University Spring 2017, Major: Biological Sciences/Biochemistry, Minor: Creative Writing, Career Goal: Physician

Apostadiro, Zaylee, Montana State University, Medical/Health Career

Badua, Brittney, Hawai'i Community College - Palamanui, Culinary Arts

Badua, Charnelle, Seek Employment, Hotel industry

Baldos, Ronnie, Hawai'i Community College - Hilo, Automotive Technician

Bartolome, Gabrielle, University of San Diego, California, Mechanical Engineering and United States Army ROTC program

Bartolome, Michael, University of Hawai'i-Hilo, Liberal Arts

Canionero-Carvalho, Nathaniel, Hawai'i Community College - Palamanui, Culinary Arts

Carlos-Ellazar, Cayson, Continue Employment, Continue employment at Hilton Waikoloa Hotel

Cavillis, Kershay, Seek Employment, Hotel industry

Ching, Railen, Hawai'i Community College - Hilo, Carpentry

Ching, Sione, Hawai'i Community College - Palamanui, Hawaiian Studies

Clark, Ford, United States Coast Guard, Damage Control: Carpentry, Welding, Plumbing, Firefighter

Cubangbang, Patricia, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, UH Manoa's Honors Program in Nursing/Architecture

Dela Cruz, Elijah, Northern Arizona University, Mechanical Engineering then earn Masters degree in Engineering and Business Administration

Diaz, Jesse Raphael, Universal Technical Institute, Long Beach California, Automotive/Diesel Mechanics

Ellazar-Carvalho, Lansen, N.A., Graduate then return to KHS and seek part-time employment with the work-place readiness program

Emeliano-Solomon, Kainalu, Seek Employment, Construction or Ranching

Faisca, Tyra, Undecided
Gieger, Kali, Hawai'i Community College - Hilo, Liberal Arts then transfer to 4-year for Forensic Major

Harrison, Briana, University of Hawai'i - Maui, Dental Assistant

Hoagland, Haden, Kapiolani Community College, Attend KCC for Liberal Arts then transfer to UH-Manoa for a degree in Architecture

Hooton, Moses, United States Army, 14 Echo Patriot Missile Fire and Control Operator/Maintainer

Juan, Melody, College of Southern Nevada (then transfer to UNLV), Medical field (Nursing)

Kaaekuahiwi, Kailena, Hawai'i Community College - Palamanui, Early Childhood Development

Kaai, Kumulani, Grand Canyon University, Arizona, Kinesiology

Kaholo, Damien, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Mechanical Engineering then Aerospace Engineering

Kaluau, Chase, Hawai'i Community College - Palamanui, Diesel Mechanics/Welding fabricator or Sound Technician

Keawe-Hauanio, Naomi, Hawai'i Community College - Palamanui, Hawaiian Studies

Kumai-Isabel, Dayton, Hawai'i Community College - Hilo, Liberal Arts then transfer to 4-year college

Laninbit-Lobju, Lyle, New Mexico University, Law Enforcement with employment at an Airport

Lewis, Jonah, United States Navy, Hospital Corpsman

Lewis, Leila, Hawai'i Community College - Palamanui, Culinary or Business

Manning, Ryah Lee, Seek Employment, Hotel Industry then go to Cosmetology School on Oahu

Medeiros, Anela, Northern Arizona University, Philosophy

Moreno, Isaiah, Spokane Falls Community College, Washington, Fashion Design (Sports Apparel)

Nelson, Patrick, Apprenticeship, Work as Apprentice with Father

O'Donnell, Christopher, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Meteorology

Page, Joshua, Hawai'i Community College - Hilo, Electrical Engineering

Palacay, Jake, Hawai'i Community College - Hilo, Automotive Mechanics

Pang, Chance, College of the Siskiyous, California, Kinesiology or Athletic Training

Paro, Kainan, College of Southern Nevada (then transfer to UNLV), Computer Coding/Science or Engineering

Pasco, Christian Jeremy, San Jose State University, Aviation

Perez-Stevens, Savannahlyn, Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology, Las Vegas, Cosmetology and seek employment

Richards, Connor, Washington State University, Computer Programming

Rudd, Zoe, Hawai'i Community College - Palamanui, Baking and Pastry Arts

Ruiz, Adrian, Seek Employment, Work as a tile setter with father

Sahagun, Melanie, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Hospitality Management

Salvador, Joey, Seek Employment, Kona Construction: roofing or tiling for a year then apply to UH-Hilo to pursue forestry

Salvador, Matthew, Hawai'i Community College - Hilo, Automotive Technician

Salvador-Racoma, Austin, Grand Canyon University, Arizona, Engineering Technology

Santiago, Tayvon, Clinton Anderson Horsemanship Academy, Horsemanship

Seidel-Glory, Deon, Seek Employment, Take over grandfather's business as a part-time job and work construction

Skelton, Jamie, Hawai'i Community College - Hilo, Elementary Education (Teaching)

Sol, Kyrach-Lee, Northern Arizona University (Spring 2017), Social Behavior and Criminal Justice

Solomon-Lewis, Naaikauahion-apalaai, Eastern Oregon University, Oregon, Sports Management

Tenorio, Jessica, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nuclear Medicine Technology

Villacorte-Carvalho, Isaiah, United States Marines, Fire Sciences

Yamamoto, Kaitlyn, Seek Employment, Work at King's Landing then attend Cosmetology School

Yamasaki, Aisha-Sierra, Kapiolani Community College, Liberal Arts 2-year degree

Yamasaki, Cheyanne, Stay with grandmother and possibly find part-time job

Zbytovsky, Yuki, Harvard University, Business/Marketing or Neuroscience

Kohala `Ohana School Run to Support Keiki Education

Save the Date! The Kohala `Ohana School Run fundraiser is coming Saturday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kohala Village HUB Barn, 55-514 Hawi Road. Admission is free for Kohala Elementary students and families.

There will be free school supplies, a public health nurse, keiki IDs, entertainment and activities. Monetary donations to support the keiki can be made out to the North Kohala Community Resource Center with "KES" on the note line.

This event is sponsored by the Kohala Village HUB, True Value, the North Kohala Community Resource Center and the Hawai'i Community Federal Credit Union.

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Ivy League Not Out of Our League

Story and photo by Melody Nietfeld
March and April became a pivotal point in time for hundreds of thousands of anxious seniors, including North Kohala applicants, who found out if they were accepted or rejected into the Ivy League.

Here's what we know about who got in this year:

Brown University accepted 2,919 from 32,390 applicants. The admissions rate for the class of 2020 was 9%. (Yuki Zbytovsky has been accepted)

Columbia University accepted 2,193 from 36,292 applicants. The admissions rate for the class of 2020 was 6.04%. (Mina Apostadiro has been accepted)

Cornell University accepted 6,277 from 44,966 applicants. The admissions rate for the class of 2020 was 13.96%. (Mina Apostadiro has been accepted)

Dartmouth College accepted 2,176 students from 20,675 applicants. The admissions rate for the

class of 2020 was 10.52%. (Savannah Cochran has been accepted)

Harvard University accepted 2,037 students from 39,041 applicants.

University accepted 2,063 students from 43,997 applicants. The admissions rate for the class of 2020 is 4.69%. (Mina Apostadiro and Zen Simone have been

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Perhaps the Ivy League is no longer out of our league! It is no accident that these seniors from little North Kohala have been accepted to such prestigious universities. Each shows highly developed abilities for problem-solving and self-expression, are gifted with exceptional creativity and aptitude, demonstrate entrepreneurship talents and are deeply engaged in service to others. Above all, the North Kohala students, who spent countless hours together while growing up, possess personal stories of courage, resilience and character. They will undoubtedly impact the world in immeasurable ways. Congratulations to all!



Multiple Kohala seniors were accepted into Ivy League schools in 2016. (Left to right) Zen Simone (HPA student), Savannah Cochran (HPA student), Jordan Virtue (HPA student), Yuki Zbytovsky (Kohala High student), Mina Apostadiro (Kohala High student).

The admissions rate for the class of 2020 is 5.2%. (Jordan Virtue and Yuki Zbytovsky have been accepted)

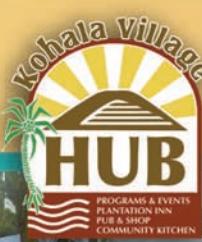
Stanford University

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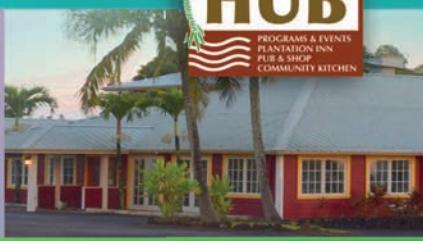
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League to date. At the same time, the undergraduate admissions rate is the lowest in the history of the Ivy League schools. With this being said, North Kohala students were well represented among those receiving letters of acceptance!

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RE-ELECT MARGARET WILLE

VOTE TO RE-ELECT MARGARET AS COUNCILMEMBER FOR DISTRICT 9 ON AUGUST 13th

HAWI, KAPA'AU, KAWAIHAE, MAUNA KEA AND MAUNA LANI RESORTS, PUAKO, WAIKOLOA, WAIMEA, AND WAIKII

What is Margaret all about: a leader who listens and who you can trust, who cares about people and the 'aina, who works hard to address difficult issues, who collaborates to find balanced solutions, and who thinks ahead of the curve – how to get where we want to be.

MARGARET DOESN'T JUST TALK THE TALK, SHE GETS RESULTS!

MASS TRANSIT: Even before Margaret was first elected to the Council in 2012, she championed mass transit and traffic circulation solutions in our communities. She was the first to propose and kick-start the intra-community shuttle bus program (instead of only cross island Hele-on bus service). At the same time, as an attorney, she successfully negotiated for the construction of the Parker Ranch Connector Road (Ala Ohia). As a member of the Council, she has continued to push for an up-graded island wide mass transit system (and that plan is moving forward as the Council has now approved and funded the hiring of consultants to begin designing an upgraded system). Recently Margaret secured a second bus route from North Kohala to Waimea (beginning on Monday July 11, 2016), and secured various route changes to ensure timely connections between Waikoloa and Waimea. Currently she is pursuing locating a regional transit hub on North Hawaii Hospital property.

SOLID WASTE: Margaret singularly championed a transformation of the County's solid waste program from a (fiscally unrealistic) proposed mass burn incinerator to a "Zero Waste" approach. As part of this far more environmentally-friendly and fiscally responsible goal, she successfully advocated for the County's new "enhanced mulch" program (invasive species-free mulch that will soon be available to residents at no cost), and most importantly for a cutting edge Island-wide high quality compost program to divert our food scraps and other compostables away from the landfills, that will instead made available to our farmers, landscapers, and residents.

AGRICULTURE: Agriculture has also been one of Margaret's key areas of accomplishments on many levels: she got funding for initiating school garden programs in District 9 schools, held a symposium on soil health in collaboration with UH-Hilo, passed legislation to protect non-GMO farms from contamination; pursued the safe use of herbicides, and supported our local floral, farming, and ranching enterprises, by way of making 2014 the Year of the Orchid (which program the Kenoi Administration adopted), sponsored Council proclamations in support of buy local efforts (including Buy Hawaii Grown Fruits and Vegetable Month, Hawaii Raised Beef Month, and Eat Out at a Local Restaurant Month). Margaret also has pending an Agriculture Tourism Bill, to provide a means for small farmers to participate in small scale ag-tourism activities without being overburdened by restrictive regulations more appropriate for large-scale tourism operations.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS: Margaret is working with the County housing director and finance director to find ways to increase the availability of affordable housing and transitional housing for the homeless. For example, she is working on legislation that would allow for ohana units to be remodeled without increasing the real property tax rates for the owner and that would create other incentives to encourage homeowners to make available affordable rental units. She is also working to improve conditions in our elderly and low-income housing units and seeking ways to empower the residents to have more say so over rent terms and any proposed rent increase.

HIGHER ETHICAL STANDARDS AND ACCOUNTABILITY: Margaret championed new accountability requirements for county employees when using public funds, including transparency of charges that are above those customarily incurred. She also successfully passed Ethics legislation to prevent conflicts of interest for county employees who also enter into contracts between the County and themselves or their immediate family members. She unsuccessfully fought for legislation to increase the functionality of the Board of Ethics, including increasing the membership from five to nine members, and requiring that meetings be held on both sides of the Island, not just in Hilo.

REAL PROPERTY TAXES: Margaret co-chaired the Council's Real Property Tax Task Force. She drafted all of the resulting real property tax legislation, all of which was aimed at greater fairness and accountability - including residence eligibility requirements for those who seek a real property resident valuation reduction. She currently has pending legislation to amend the agricultural use dedication program to ensure that those who qualify are in fact engaged in agriculture. She is also working on legislation to provide real property tax incentives for homeowners to make available affordable ohana housing units.

OPEN GOVERNMENT, TRANSPARENCY, AND INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNMENT DECISION-MAKING: Margaret turned the idea of a North Kohala videoconferencing center into a reality (as of June 1st at the Kohala Courthouse). In addition to comprehensive newsletters published in advance of each Council session, every month she posts and update of Council business in the Kohala Mountain News, the Waikoloa Breeze, and the North Hawaii News. (Unfortunately the North Hawaii News just ended publication of such public affairs articles). She recently got passed a Charter Amendment Bill, to expand the scope of the County's General Plan to include long-term economic, environmental, and socio-cultural wellbeing (not just its physical development), and has pending legislation to prevent long-term vacancies on the Community Development Plan Action Committees.

COUNTY GRANT IN AIDE PROGRAM AND GRANT AVAILABILITY PROGRAM: As a member of the Council's Grant In Aide Ad Hoc Committee, Margaret took care to ensure a fair distribution of County non-profit funding was made to District 9 non-profit applicants. Her office also heads up a notification program to area non-profits and individuals on grant opportunities.

COMMUNITY EVENTS: On an on-going basis Margaret organizes and kick-starts numerous community events, including the District 9 Senior Citizen Club Cherry Pie Contest; the Free Book Nook at the Keiki Fest; the "Coffee with a Cop" program; Elderly Rights and Drug Awareness talk stories; elementary school supply events; arranged for District 9 public school children to participate in the Department of Defense's Tropicare 2016 dental program including providing transportation and free meals and snacks contributed by local businesses.

PARKS AND REC PROGRAMS: Margaret has made the upgrade of District 9 parks a priority, including ensuring the funding for the North Kohala Skate Park (with the design for Phase II soon to go out to bid), construction of bleachers and dug-outs in Waikoloa, and with in collaboration with many others advanced construction of the Waimea District Park, Anuenue Park Playground replacement efforts, and funding for the North Kohala, Waikoloa, and Waimea senior club programs.

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