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Contract Awarded for New STEM Building at Kohala High School

State Representative Cindy Evans is pleased to share that construction will be initiated for a new STEM Building at Kohala High School. The contract has been awarded by the State Department of Education to F & H Construction in the amount of \$8,502,008.

The project will replace a sub-standard science classroom with a cluster of single-story science, technology, engineering and mathematics buildings that will be connected with a covered walkway on 6.56 acres. The new 13,000 square feet of new classroom buildings include a physical science lab building, biochemistry lab building, natural resources building and a general classroom building.

"This state-funded project is essential to providing a better education for our children, through courses in science, technology, engineering and math. It will enable these young men and women the opportunity to be competitive in the workforce or in college," says Representative Evans.

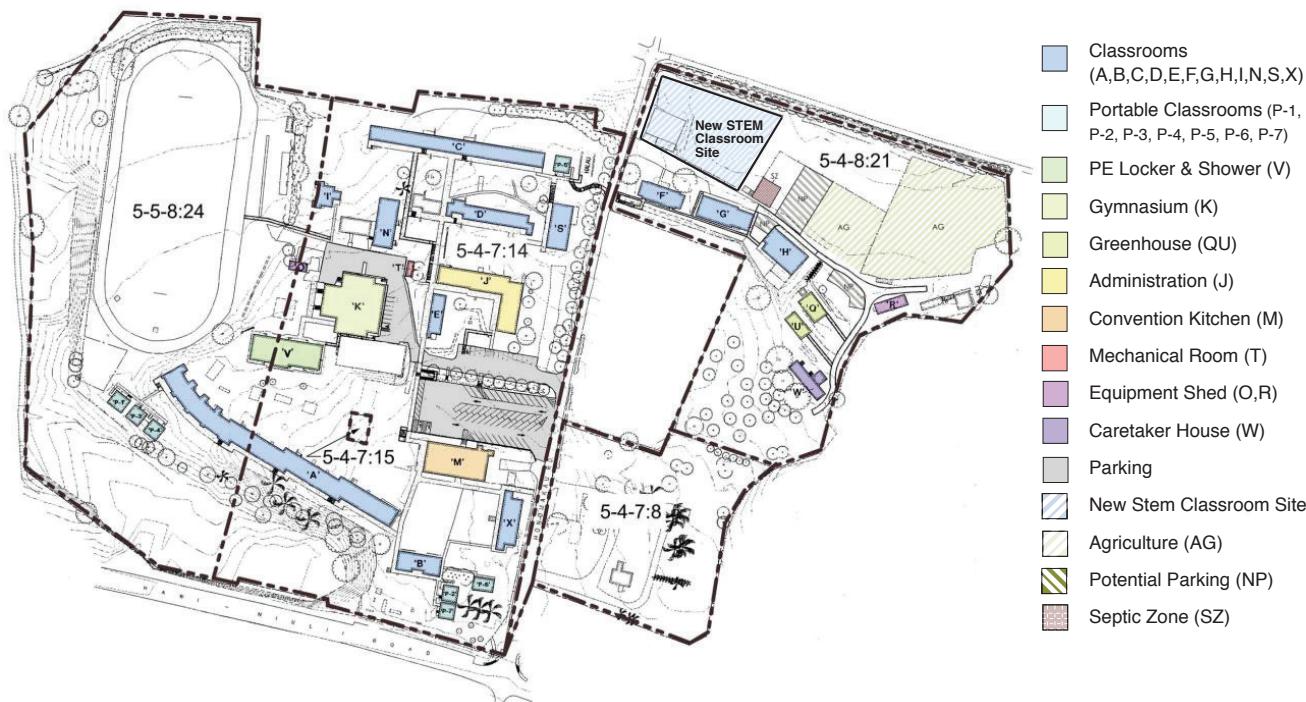


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 The site of proposed new buildings dedicated to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) courses on the Kohala High School campus lies adjacent to the current agricultural sciences area.

Vision Screening Underway at Kohala Schools

The Kohala Lions Club is conducting vision screenings for Kohala public school students. Under the direction of Rose Mae Watterson, members of the Lions Club screened 48 first grade students in November.

The screenings rely on the traditional E chart as well as a new Plusoptix device, which helps detect the most common vision disorders in children. If the tests indicate a potential vision issue, the school notifies parents or guardians so they can follow up with an eye doctor for further examination. The

Lions Club can provide financial assistance for those in need.

Future plans are underway to screen second grade students in January and fifth grade students in February of next year. Middle school students will also have screenings available to them in the spring.

The motto of the Kohala Lions Club is "We Serve," which is done through a variety of community service projects and charitable giving. For more information, contact Rose Mae Watterson at (808) 889-6342 or Dixie Adams at (808) 889-5730.



Courtesy of Kohala Lions Club
 Lions Club members (left to right) Christy Morgan, Steve Hoffmann and Rose Mae Watterson assist in a Kohala Elementary School student's vision screening with a Plusoptix device.

Pololū Lookout Problems Inspire Solutions

By Toni Withington

Problems of congestion and safety at the lookout at Pololū Valley have sparked the members of four groups to seek community ideas for improving what has become a dangerous situation. A public meeting to explore the problems and solutions has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, at 5:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

A preliminary meeting with people living closest to the lookout was held on December 2, and the notes from that meeting may act as a basis for further discussions on the future of Pololū Lookout at the January meeting. The goal is to make unified recommendations to the different government agencies that control the highway, the lookout and the trail into the valley.

Four subcommittees of the North Kohala Community Development

Plan (CDP) Action Committee are sponsoring the inquiry. They are the Community Access Group and the subcommittees on Parks, Water, Roads; Growth Management; and Power, Viewplanes and Erosion Control.

Keeping the rustic, non-commercial nature of the lookout was the central, unified opinion of the residents near the lookout, according to a report to the Action Committee on the first of what are expected to be several meetings. Those attending encouraged the adoption of both short-term and longer-term solutions.

Moving the lookout to a location further toward Akoaoka Point would improve the view, help with the parking congestion and remove the casual visitors from the starting point for the steep trail to the

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valley floor, the report says. Most felt strongly that the experience of Pololū should not be made significantly easier for visitors – that the wild nature of the valleys, and difficulties getting to it, enhance the visit to the lookout.

For the short term the residents called for more police presence to address the everyday traffic snarls and the rising number of car vandalism and break-in incidents. They also asked for more enforcement of the valley camping and health issues.

Using the lookout area for pedestrians and turnarounds only was another suggestion, as was operating portable toilets near the parking along the Akoni Pule High-

way. Another idea was for parking on the land by the Mule Station.

In the long run, it was suggested to move the viewing area further north along the edge of the Pololū cliff with a better view along the entire coast and surround it with natural landscaping and trails “to reflect the wilderness nature of the experience.”

Parking for the lookout should be out of view of traffic on the highway and of the lookout, requiring visitors to walk from their cars to the viewing area and to the trailhead. The size of the parking area should be limited to the current traffic, but allow for expansion, if and when needed. Restrooms should be near the parking area.

The improvements should

“honor the rural nature of the area and not be a substantial renovation with abundant parking, a fancy pavilion, a restaurant or sidewalks and curbs,” the report says.

Part of keeping the experience rural included several suggestions on how to limit large tour buses. “There was general agreement that maintaining the curvy road past Halaula with narrow bridges was a good filter for visitors. It was recommended that no bridge widening be undertaken.”

The recommendations are in line with problems identified and solutions offered at an August 2011 meeting of Pololū residents.

Moving the lookout would likely involve purchasing or making legal arrangements with KP Holding

LLC (Surety Kohala Corp.), which owns the land both mauka and makai of the highway, and from the lookout along the cliff to the Kamehameha Schools land at Akoakoa Point. The group called on the CDP subcommittees to gather information on purchasing and funding any changes and on any future plans by State Highways Division and the Department of Land and Natural Resources, which currently have responsibility for the area.

The subcommittees will also prepare maps of the land ownership and of possible alternatives for long term improvements for the public meeting in January. To receive a copy of the report on the December 2 meeting, send a request to imuakohala@gmail.com.

Ideas Shared for Expanding Agricultural Water for Farmers

By Toni Withington

Could Kohala’s agricultural (ag) water system be expanded beyond the Kohala Ditch to include other water sources and provide ag water to more farmers? This was the question put to a group of farmers and water managers by the Parks, Water, Roads (PWR) Subcommittee several weeks ago.

The lively information-gathering meeting was attended by 25 stakeholders in Kohala agriculture, who gave their ideas on the problems and benefits of a water system separate from the drinking water system provided by the county. The possibility for an integrated ag water system was advanced by the funding of a \$1.5 million study of North Kohala’s many ag water sources by the State Commission on Water Resource Management last month.

The PWR Subcommittee will hold another meeting about the question – this one open to the public – at its meeting Wednesday, January 25, at 5 p.m. at the Senior Center. Farmers and other water users are encouraged to participate.

Kije Hazelwood reported that some current users of the Kohala Ditch have formed a Community Co-operative Association to take over management of the ditch. The

Public Utilities Commission now is requiring that former plantation water sources be managed by the user, she said. Bill Shontell, current manager of the ditch, said Surety Kohala Corp. will not be around forever and that he is happy with the co-op’s efforts to organize.

Hoffman said she sees the co-op as setting up licensing agreements with groups of users on each of the ditch’s lateral lines. Repairing and restoring old waterlines is the biggest challenge, she said.

Ralph Blancato pointed out that the ditch water doesn’t reach all the farmers who want water. Some have put in ag water lines in anticipation of ditch water that has not been delivered. Charlie Anderson estimated there are 40 to 50 landowners in that position.

Several people pointed out that to be economically viable, an ag water system will need to provide access to a much wider reach of farmers than the ditch currently supplies. “The system needs to support small farmers as well as large ones” was a theme repeated several times.

Returning regular stream flow to the gulches in order to expand traditional lo’i agriculture was another benefit mentioned to an expanded ag water system. The

Hawai’i State Water Commission is requiring the return of stream water of former plantation irrigation systems throughout the state.

Water commission engineers have already identified the upper elevation water tunnels, formerly used for Kohala’s drinking water and abandoned after the drilling of the Hawi wells, as possible sources to provide gravity-feed water to supplement the ditch.

Much of the \$1.5 million State money will be used to identify all the potential sources of ag water, but the commission will also look at costs to develop the sources, transmission options and costs to maintain a system.

Most participants agreed that the current pipelines are old and in need of repair. New lines will involve easements, passage under existing roads and added administration costs to handle usage rates, metering and billing.

Several people reported that funds are available through the state and federal government for building rural ag water systems. The availability of additional water through existing sources, such as the tunnels, would allow funds to be focused on building the transmission system.

Bob Martin asked if selling

water would pay for the running of the system. Shontell said it would, if the system supported more users. Part of the study should be to look at how many more farmers would be needed to make it viable, he said. Martin suggested a business plan is also needed to determine if a locally owned water system is sustainable.

“We need a whole new crop of farmers,” said Lani Eubank who, along with her husband Kirk, produced a 1974 Kohala Water Resources Management and Development Plan.

One thing that everyone agreed on was that any new system be locally owned and controlled. This is one of the provisions supported by State Senator Lorraine Inouye, who procured the funds through the legislature earlier this year for the Kohala study. State Representative Cindy Evans also supports the project. In addition to the State Water Commission, the study is being aided by the engineering and legal staff of the County Department of Water Supply.

The PWR Subcommittee started the discussion because the North Kohala Community Development Plan calls for “a future agricultural water transmission and distribution system to meet agricultural needs.”

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John Keawe Gives Surprise Performance

By Kealoha Sugiyama

If you heard sweet Hawaiian slack key guitar music coming from the Kohala Senior Center, it's because the Seniors had a special surprise guest, John Keawe. The Senior Club was celebrating their Thanksgiving luncheon on Monday and John was their speaker and entertainment. John shared his stories of his ancestors, his family, his supportive wife, his school days and how a teacher's negative comments drove him to become the musician he is today. As he sang the songs that he had written, and shared the

stories of how they become to be. John would also add a lot of humor in his stories which kept the seniors bursting with laughter.

After playing his guitar, he switched to playing the ukulele. One interesting bit of information which he shared was discovering that his last name Keawe should really be Keaweualani.

The Senior Club was surely blest with an hour of beautiful music and stories of John Keawe(ualani) and after the hana hou, the Thanksgiving luncheon was served and enjoyed by all.



Photo by Renee Gonsalves

John Keawe surprised the Senior Club Thanksgiving luncheon attendees with a surprise appearance. He told stories of his life and music, even revealing his last name should really be Keaweualani.

Bluegrass Comes to the Library

North Kohala Library will welcome the new year with a bluegrass concert by "Bluegrass Jack" at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 9.

Band leader, vocalist and mandolinist Jack Tottle's early professional experience was highlighted by the international release of his album "Raise a Ruckus" in 1964. Through the years, Tottle has made recordings with bluegrass icons such as Tony Rice, Tony Trischka, Jerry Douglas, Del McCoury, Stuart Duncan, Mark Schatz, Ron Block, Tim Stafford and Béla Fleck. Author of dozens of magazine articles about bluegrass music, Jack also wrote the best-selling instruction book "Bluegrass Mandolin," which has remained in print for the past 40 years.

Songs composed by Jack Tottle have been performed by major artists including Blue Highway, Mountain Heart, Tim Stafford, the Bluegrass Cardinals, James King and Alison Krauss, and Union Station. They have periodically appeared high on the "Bluegrass Unlimited" national airplay charts.

For 25 years, Jack served as the director of East Tennessee State University's Bluegrass, Old Time and Country Music Program, which he founded in 1982. The program's alumni include a number of award-winning professional bluegrass musicians, as well as country superstar Kenny

Chesney.

Bluegrass Jack's guitarist and singer, Anne Pontius, is a long-time resident of Kohala, having raised and home-schooled four children here. Anne has played folk music for years, but over the past five years has become a solid and steady bluegrass guitarist, which, as Jack Tottle remarks is, "quite a bit harder than it looks." Anne also plays mandolin duets with Jack.

Banjo player Steve Ryan's career as a NOAA scientist has taken him as far afield as American Samoa, Alaska and Antarctica, including the South Pole. He has played in the past with various musical groups on the Big Island, including Saddle Road, Big Island Bluegrass and the cleverly-named HiloBillies.

Completing the band, another long-time Kohala resident, retired Oahu businessman Chris Wej, has introduced a new instrument into bluegrass music. Called the U-bass or ukulele bass, it's the size of a baritone ukulele but has heavier strings and fulfills the role of the standup bass remarkably well.

For more information on the library performance, call North Kohala Public Library at 889-6655.

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Kohala Radio Completes First Listener Survey

By Bob Martin

One of the most important tasks of any radio station is to understand its listening audience. At Kohala Radio, 96.1 FM, we just completed our 17th month of broadcasting (time flies for sure) and our first benchmark listener survey of the Kohala community.

The results provide detailed information about how many residents listen to radio in general and how many are listening to KNKR. It also gave information on when they listen, where they listen, what shows they like, and what additional shows they want to hear, as well as demographic data about their age, gender and length of time living in Kohala.

The survey data was collected with 234 random phone interviews

during two weeks in October, augmented by 79 random interviews with students in all three of our local schools and 33 random face to face interviews.

With a total of 346 completed surveys, the results represent the overall community with a confidence level of 95 percent, plus or minus five points. The demographic data we collected also closely matches the most recent census data for Kohala.

The first question asked whether the participant listens to any radio in Kohala. What we discovered is that radio listening is quite high – 72 percent of our residents listen to radio, with 42 percent listening at home, 80 percent in cars or trucks and 9 percent at work. It was apparent that most

listen at home and while driving.

The big question for us, then, was whether the participant listens to Kohala Radio.

We were amazed that our audience represents 75 percent of those who listen to any radio stations and that our listeners listen on average about one to three days a week for about two hours a day. Additionally, we learned that all age groups listen to KNKR, from Under 18 to 65 and Older, while male and female listeners were split 50-50.

When asked if they had favorite shows, we got a broad cross section of shows mentioned, representing a diverse listening audience, from all types of music to Kohala sports remote broadcasts. It is clear that our premise that Kohala's popula-

tion is very diverse is reflected in their radio listening preferences.

We also asked the participants to tell us what kinds of new shows they would like to hear on KNKR and received some excellent answers. We plan to use these data to continue to add shows that meet the interests and needs of the community.

We want to humbly thank those who participants who took the survey (we know it's often inconvenient and challenging) and the 15 volunteers from the station who made the calls and completed the surveys (you did a great job!). It is our intent to do these surveys again after another year to see how our listening audience is changing and if what we learned in this survey has helped increase our audience.

Rainbow Over the Sea Helps Food Basket



Photo by Clyson Marquez

Photography student Clyson Marquez captured a rainbow behind the palm trees at Blue Dragon Farm during a practice photo shoot with Photography/Videography program mentor Mike Frailey. The program is sponsored by Ka Hana No'eau, a program of the Partners in Development Foundation. The photo shoot was in preparation for a community service project photo booth, meant to generate donations for The Food Basket in Hawi during the holiday party at Blue Dragon Farm.

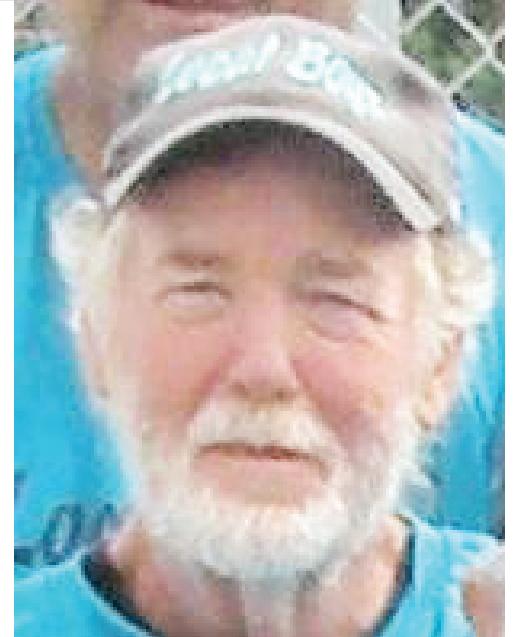
Kohala Remembers Francis McGough

Story and photo by Tom Morse

On November 12, Francis McGough was working in his vegetable garden near his home in Kapa'au when he suffered an aneurysm and died. He was 68.

On the evening of November 21, more than thirty people gathered at Kohala Village HUB to remember this person who touched so many. He was known for his enthusiasm for music, surfing, gardening, softball and life. He often played his guitar and sang at the Saturday Farmer's Market. Many reminisced about surfing adventures with him. He was the shortstop for the Local Boyz kupuna softball team a few years back.

A man who loved Kohala, he lived simply and had many friends.



On November 12, 2016 Francis McGough died at home while working in his vegetable garden.



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Mahalo Nui, Kohala! The Ho'opūlama Science and Discovery Center Is Officially Open to the Community

We at the Hawai'i Wildlife Center want to thank everyone who attended and supported our recent Happy BirdDays celebration.

We were thrilled to see everyone who joined us in celebrating our fifth anniversary, as well as the opening of the first phase of exhibits in our Science and Discovery Center.

Mahalo nui to Kahu Kealoha Sugiyama for the beautiful and meaningful blessing of the space, as well as to Halau Na Kupuna O Kohala for your heartfelt performance.

Special events during Happy BirdDays also included a painting party led by artist Dick Mortemore and shave ice by King's Treats. Drinks for the painting party were donated by Takata Store and Healthways II. We would also like to thank our wonderful volunteers who assisted with setup, cleanup, and helping visitors get the most out of the new exhibits. Mahalo nui to everyone who donated, volunteered and attended that day!

In the new Science and Discovery Center, you'll find a story wall that shares the background of the Hawai'i Wildlife Center and takes you through the complex process of wildlife rehabilitation – including intake exams, stabilization, diet preparation, physical therapy, and decontamination.

This exhibit features an interactive touchscreen monitor that takes you through a virtual tour of the Hawai'i Wildlife Center (HWC) wildlife hospital and allows you to connect to any live feeds from the



Hawai'i Wildlife Center

Photo courtesy of the Hawai'i Wildlife Center

Maya Anderson helps paint a Hawaiian Duck (koloa) drawn by BirdDays guest artist Dick Mortemore.

wildlife cameras in the HWC hospital facility as well as watch videos of past patients and releases.

Also open are exhibits on native or non-native bird discovery, wildlife patient diagnosis, 'aumakua, and native Hawaiian honeycreeper adaptation featuring bird sculptures by master craftsman Haruo Uchiyama. Nicknamed "teaching birds", these bird sculptures are not only works of art, they are ambassadors for native species as well as teachers of evolution and adaptation in our islands. Generous teaching bird sponsors, who have contributed to the production and installation of individual bird models, have made

many of the teaching birds in the new exhibits possible. Teaching bird sponsors include individuals, as well as the Hawai'i Electric Light Company and Clean Islands Council.

If you missed the event, or if you attended and want to revisit the exhibits, please come and visit us! For more information on how to help the new Science and Discovery Center, how to become a volunteer docent, or when to visit please visit our website at www.hawaiiwildlifecenter.org or contact us at development@hawaiiwildlifecenter.org.

Mahalo!
The Hawai'i Wildlife Center

County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilmember Tim Richards

Aloha!

My name is Tim Richards and I am the newly elected councilmember for County Council District 9. To my supporters throughout the campaign, I want to thank you for all your hard work and genuine Aloha shown to my family and me. To those who may not know me as well yet, I hope to earn your trust and confidence in the time to come. I would like to take this time to share a little of my background with you.

I am a sixth generation kama'aina, born here in the district in Kapa'au with experience in small business ownership and management, agriculture, land and water management and stewardship. I have a passion for promoting a greater self-reliance and for our county's food security by supporting diversified agriculture and energy independence through various means of alternative renewable energy, such as wind, photovoltaic, hydroelectric and other new or proven technologies.

Hawai'i Island offers unique opportunities while posing some

difficult challenges. Our county has over 55% of the state's land



Photo courtesy of Tim Richards
Councilmember Tim Richards represents North Kohala as part of Hawai'i County Council District 9.

mass, yet only approximately 13% of the state's population. We have large tracts of land that if made available, could support variform agriculture industries. We also have enviable water and renewable energy resources, that given the proper public policies could be developed into renewable energy generation and agricultural irrigation projects that would benefit our communities. We are challenged with the lowest level of education, lowest level of average income and the fastest-growing homelessness problem in the state. All of these are in part symptomatic of a lack-luster economy. We can do better. It is a great honor to represent you and I am humbled by this opportunity. I look forward to getting to know more of you and working with the communities as we seek solutions for District 9 and the overall good of Hawai'i Island.

Merry Christmas as we all look forward to a brighter 2017.

Aloha,
Tim Richards
County Council Member
District 9

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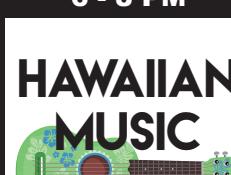
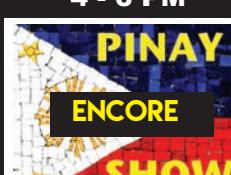
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Meals for The Holidays - A Gift Of Aloha

Story by Randee Golden

The residents of Kohala's Ainakea Senior Housing were treated to a Thanksgiving meal on November 24, courtesy of the staff at the Kohala Village HUB.

This community feeding effort was spearheaded by the HUB's Program Coordinator Traci Figueroa and supported by employees who donated turkeys and ingredients for all of the fixings, including stuffing, mashed potatoes, yams and pies for dessert.

HUB employees volunteered their time to cook the food and HUB staff and their families delivered the food to the seniors around noon Thanksgiving Day. "We loved seeing the kupuna smile and the kids get comfortable helping us pass out the food. It was a good and warm feeling that day!" Traci shared.

Another meal is being prepared for the Ainakea seniors for Christmas Eve. Volunteers are needed to help deliver food and sing Christmas carols. Items like everyday household goods, frozen meals and non-perishable food are also being requested for care boxes for the seniors.

"It's really important for us at the HUB to give back to our community in as many ways as we can," shared Lehua Ah Sam, the HUB's executive director. "Feeding our community and making sure that our seniors and families in need have the basic essentials, especially during the holidays, is something we feel is necessary. Warm food and aloha, the basics we all need to survive, is the least we can do," Lehua added.

The HUB is also adopting a



Photos courtesy of Kohala Village HUB
Miyoko Lewis cleans up at Kohala Village HUB kitchen. HUB staff members treated the Ainakea Senior Housing residents to a Thanksgiving meal of turkey with all the fixings.



Traci Figueroa holds one of the multiple Thanksgiving turkeys made by Kohala Village HUB employees for the Kohala kupuna.

family in the Kohala community for Christmas. Donations of children's clothes, toys and basic home supplies are being collected.

Community members can contact the HUB for more information on how to donate goods or volunteer at programs@kohalavillagehub.com. Information is also available at the HUB's front desk or you can check out the HUB's Christmas tree for needed items.

Mahalo to the Kohala Village HUB and their staff for sharing your aloha with Kohala.



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Waimanu - Hawaiian Monk Seal and Her Offspring at Keokea Beach Park

Story and photos by Susan Mitnik
 Sometime during the cloak of the night or during the twilight hours of November 3, 2016, a pup was born to Waimanu, an 8 year-old endangered Hawaiian monk seal. Waimanu is familiar to the community of Keokea Beach Park and Niuli'i, here on the north shore of



Waimanu, a Hawaiian monk seal, has been a regular visitor to Keokea Beach Park. Born in Waimanu Valley, north of Waipio Valley, she chooses the park's protected cove to birth her young.

It has been said the first sighting of her hauling out (coming onshore) here was when she was about a year old. Having been born to Lighthouse Mom (W34) in September 2008 in Waimanu Valley, located several valleys south of Keokea, Waimanu swam and wandered north and eventually hauled



Waimanu and her first pup, Keokea, last day before weaning. Waimanu had lost nearly half of her massive body weight before taking off into the sea, spurring Keokea to now hunt for his food.

November 11, 2013. Keokea continued to thrive under the constant care and protection of his mother. She rarely left his side, only occasionally to cool off in the shallows of the water of the shoreline. During this time, Keokea and Waimanu formed an inseparable bond, as she passed on the ancient ways of the



Waimanu nursing her second pup, Elua, whose body was found lifeless a mere 25 days after his birth.

seal diet, with the careful guidance of his mother and his two uncles that frequently visited him at the beach during his first months of life there. His diet would eventually consist of squid, octopus, eels and several types of crustaceans, as well as fish. He was gradually exploring his surroundings and discover-



Waimanu reaches immense size just before birth of Ku'apala, her third pup born at Keokea Beach Park.

Hawai'i Island.

I say familiar because Waimanu (tag number R34) has frequented Keokea with some regularity. Hawaiian monk seals are a unique and endemic species that are related to monk seals that found their way to the Hawaiian Islands millions of years ago, before contact.

out briefly at the keiki beach of Keokea Park.

Apparently her primal instincts drew her back to the protective cove of Keokea to await the birth of all three of her pups.

Her first pup, Keokea, was born on the pebbly beach under the shade of the false kamani trees on

monk seals' survival.

Eventually, Waimanu coaxed her pup to relocate to the protected, sandy keiki beach, where he safely explored the water and practiced his swimming techniques. As he grew, he played with kamani leaves and sea cucumbers in the shallow waters there.

Keokea would gradually be introduced to a traditional monk

ing tasty morsels below the water's surface, not yet realizing his life depended on the food he would forage himself.

While Keokea played in the protected waters, his mother, who rarely left his side, even to forage for food, became weary with his constant demands for nursing, and had lost almost half the weight that

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 she had carried during gestation. Hawaiian monk seals normally nurse for a period of four to six weeks. It had been over six weeks since Keokea had started nursing. As his size grew to epic proportions, Waimanu continued to lose weight from nursing him. She had been an attentive mother and nursed him well. But, no longer. Some-time during the dead of the night of December 28, 2013, Waimanu returned to the water, leaving



Waimanu and Ku'apala reunite after two nights apart due to high surf.

seemed to observant human eyes. Let me introduce you to Keokea's uncles. His oldest uncle was born to Lighthouse Mom in 2004 at Kauhola Point, otherwise known as Lighthouse. Keokea's other uncle, Ikaika, or B-18, was born to Lighthouse Mom in 2007 and was an important presence in his life. He seemed to have a special connection to Keokea, as any father and child might have. Ikaika's relationship with Keokea deepened after Waimanu disappeared from



Ku'apala is dwarfed by his mother's body, heavy with blubber to sustain her during nursing.

Keokea's side. Eventually, only an occasional chance meeting would define their relationship. This is the way of the monk seal since their beginning.

Keokea was heart-broken at his mother's absence, loudly protesting as he called her in vain throughout the days ahead. Fortunately for him, his uncles, one most possibly being his father, remained close by. They were often seen lying in close proximity maintaining a relationship of camaraderie and tutelage, or so it

seemed to observant human eyes. After weaning, Keokea eventually disappeared from his place of birth. His curiosity led him to explore the reefs and the ocean beyond. He was learning to forage for himself and he loved the freedom of the ocean depths, where his life consisted of constant wanderings by the edge of the sea. Until one fateful day, just one tragic choice led to his demise. He swallowed a fisherman's hook. Keokea was 8 months old when he passed

from this world. Waimanu did not bear a second pup for two years following Keokea's passing. She wandered near and far as she explored the coasts of the island. Then it became apparent that Waimanu was pregnant once again.

Waimanu is a very large seal by seal standards. Her weight is half again more than most other female Hawaiian monk seals and an intimidating sight. After 11 months gestation, she was drawn back to Keokea,



Ku'apala cries for Mom to roll over and let him nurse.

to Waimanu's peace in her life with her pup, as she barked loudly and charged to fend them off.

It was possibly during one of these encounters that held Elua's fate, for he was found on the morning of November 27, his body lifeless. Her pup gone now, his life cut short, Waimanu stayed and grieved, but only for a time.

Soon, the sound of the wind and the surf drowned out her calls of mourning. Waimanu dove into the wildness of the turbulent ocean



Waimanu cries out for her lost pup, Ku'apala, in high surf.

her beloved beach park. Soon, after her birth at Keokea, Elua, her second male pup was born on November 2, 2015. Elua, meaning "second," was a very lively pup. Soon to be seen galumphing around his mom, he ventured within the first three days, all the way to the water's edge. Soon thereafter, he began to immerse himself in the ocean, to the sound of his mother's concerned calls. All throughout Elua's short life, his two uncles were an ever-present threat

and followed the shorelines, at once familiar to her after having been sequestered on land with her pup. In exuberant freedom, Waimanu then meandered down the coast, eventually reaching Kailua-Kona, where she enjoyed basking in the sun on the rocks and finding plentiful prey.

Then, once again, she became suspiciously large and it was apparent that she was pregnant with her third pup. When the time was ripe, Waimanu's instincts led her

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back to her birthing place, Keokea Beach Park. On November 3, 2016, Waimanu's third pup was born. The surf remained high and turbulent. To an outside observer, it seemed terrifyingly perilous for Waimanu to remain in the spot she had chosen, on the far side of the stream where it emptied into the ocean. The waves smashed into the cliff's walls and sent up enormous plumes during the large swell. She birthed her pup in a crude nest of driftwood, which the surf had recently thrown against the cliff in its rage.

To witness the precious site of the pair, so vulnerable, new and wild, fragility held up against the ocean's rage, if only for a time. For the pup was swept out by one enormous wave amongst a battering of swells that had already rolled through that week. So relentless and cruel was the surf, the curious and active pup was snatched away from its play amongst the rocks at the tender age of four days old. All seemed lost, as Waimanu desperately clamored over the rocks to reach her pup, but, to no avail. To the horror of all eyes that were present, the pup disappeared into the highest surf Keokea Beach had seen for a long time.

The pup had only nursed for four days before losing contact with his source of nourishment. Waimanu continued to search and

grieve as she plunged desperately into the white ocean froth. Her calls could be heard echoing in the bel-lowing surf. Waimanu returned to the streams mouth, exhausted and distraught. Throughout the night, the next day and even into the next night, Waimanu searched and cried for her pup. Then, almost as if the heavens opened up and dropped him there, the pup reappeared in the towering surf and washed up upon the very rocks he had been



Waimanu mourning the loss of her pup Ku`apala.

taken from previously by the unfor-giving sea. There was rejoicing upon the shore, as Waimanu echoed in refrain to her pup's calls.

To this day, no one knows how, where and why the pup sur-vided. So tender and vulnerable, one could only imagine how such a young pup could survive on only his instincts in surf powerful enough to crush stones into sand.

The jubilant reunion provided a short and sacred moment, frozen in time. For now, we know that fate and its consequences are full of sur-prises regarding nature's wildness and wrath.

The pup remained alert and seemingly untouched by the unimaginable forces it must have endured. He began to nurse and to play once again on the shore, amongst the rocks and the drift-wood in his nest. Being who he



Waimanu spars with one of her brothers.

was, he now was given the name Ku`apala, for the heiau at the base of which he was born. The stream flows down Kohala Mountain to this place at Keokea and in time has carved its way to the ocean, uniting with the surf as well as shaping the high walls of the heiau.

The tiny Ku`apala was fam-ished and exhausted, and soon his hunger caused him to do anything

possible to encourage his mother to nurse him. Waimanu gradu-ally responded, as she too was exhausted from the ordeal.

Mom and pup began to continue their bond through eye contact, vocals and nuzzling each other. Nursing gradually resumed after the two days of separation.

However, it was observed that Waimanu and her great massive shape had rolled over on to her pup a few times, only for him to wriggle out from under her. Finally, it was not long before one of these incidents possibly proved fatal. Ku`apala was found lifeless the next morning, still united with his mom. For Waimanu, this could be con-sidered a tragic tale. She mourned for a few days, but then, she let her wildness serve her once again and followed her familiar ocean trails eventually reaching Kailua-Kona and her singular life there. Free-dom and its required wilderness is constantly being threatened by human encroachment. But, only Waimanu knows that the beach and the waters of Keokea will always remain wild for her.

Mahalo for your kokua in pro-tecting Waimanu and her precious Hawaiian monk seal family, as they frequent the beautiful shores of Keokea to perpetuate their kind. If you ever come across a Hawai-ian monk seal in your visits to the beach, please call the Monk Seal Response number: 808-987-0765.

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Rally for Respect in North Kohala: January 15 at 2 p.m.

North Kohala is known for its aloha. We care about and take care of each other. But the recent election has increased division and disrespect in many places on the Mainland, and we have heard some echoes here.

The rally will be a chance to reaffirm our values of tolerance and mutual respect.

Please join us in pledging to uphold our community's aloha in a Rally for Respect to be held on Sunday, January 15, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., in the heart of Hawi on the new county-owned lot between the highway and the banyans.

Jeff Coakley will emcee the rally, which he described as, "an idea whose time has come." He noted, "I teach Sunday school to grades 10 - 12 and I asked them to name one thing that was lacking in today's youth...yup, 'respect' was the unanimous answer."

As Toni Withington put it, "We just survived a year of being bombarded by outpourings of disrespect in the news every day. It's time to stop and remind ourselves of the deep respect we hold for each other."

Likewise, Lani Bowman pointed out that sometimes, "We forget, living in Kohala, how alive racism and all other kinds of 'isms' are in this country. It is sad but it takes efforts like this to bring us together in love and concern for all." Additional rally supporters include the Kohala Ministerial Association and Sustainable Kohala, among others. Na Kupuna O Kohala will dance several hulas that express their love of Kohala, specifically celebrating the beauty of Honomakau, Hawi and Waimea.

Please come and join your neighbors in reaffirming our mutual respect for everyone in North Kohala!



Photo courtesy of East Hawaii Timebank

Multi-ethnic hands join in unity to symbolize mutual respect. A Rally for Respect in North Kohala will be held on Sunday, January 15, from 2-3 p.m. to reinforce the community's respect and appreciation for all its members.

Qigong Master Liu Jianshe Returns To Kokolulu

Qigong Master Liu Jianshe returns to Kokolulu Farm in Hawi January 21 through February 8, 2017.

He will be offering a Qigong for Kids workshop (ages 8-15) January 28-29 and an Adult Retreat February 1-5. Space is limited.

Liu Jianshe worked for many years at the Huaxia Qigong Centre (also known as the medicine-less hospital). He trained with Dr. Pang Ming and eventually became head of the Recovery Unit.

He has spread Zhineng Qigong (ZQ) throughout China, Europe, South Africa, USA and South America. He has witnessed many marvels of healing with his own eyes.

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Master Liu Jianshe and staff operate the Hexianiu Qigong Centre on Hainan Island, China.

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Jianshe will be giving free public talks at Tutu's House in Waimea on January 23 and at Kokolulu in Hawi on January 24, both from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Information: Lew 889-9893 or visit www.kokolulu.org

The kids workshop is \$225 and the adult five-day retreat is \$550 until December 26, and \$650 thereafter. Proceeds benefit Kokolulu's nonprofit Cancer Retreats program.



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Qigong Master Liu Jianshe with student Shea Lafferty. Jianshe will be returning to Hawi in early 2017 for another Qigong for Kids workshop, in addition to an adult retreat, both to be held at Kokolulu and benefiting their Cancer Retreats program.

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	7PM	8PM	NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - LIVING CLEAN - DISCUSSION	CLAY HOUSE (BEHIND THE HUB)	
TUES	10AM	3PM	HAWI FARMERS' MARKET		
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Join the Tiny House Community Conversation

By Marcy Montgomery

The lack of affordable housing, restrictions on new water hook-ups, and rules preventing additional, small cottage dwellings has created a serious housing shortage in North Hawai'i. A Community Conversation on the topic of Tiny House Solutions is being held on Saturday, January 28, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Algood Barn in Hawi to explore innovative affordable housing solutions. State Representative Cindy Evans will be attending as we learn about alternative, small-footprint housing options on our island and around the U.S.

Hawai'i faces a clear need to find solutions to our state's affordable housing crisis, including finding adequate shelter for extended families, farm workers, seniors, the disabled and the homeless. Tiny Houses, also known as micro housing, can offer potential solutions at

a lower cost and with a low environmental impact. Individual tiny homes and clustered neighborhoods are being approved in other states and have paved the way for this timely solution.

Good news in Hawai'i is that there is momentum building to usher new tiny house legislation through at the state level. A state determination would then override and prompt change in local county building and zoning rules, enabling a variety of tiny house uses in Kohala. To ensure state legislation is crafted to pioneer tiny homes in Hawai'i, you are invited to join in on the 28th to move the conversation forward toward successful legislative action.

The result could allow new, low cost dwelling units on farm lots and provide approval to add a unit on a residential lot in addition to an allowable 'ohana. This could

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expensive permitting, building pad infrastructure and utility hook ups. In some cases, the compact homes are constructed on a trailer bed and are classified as mobile homes or recreational vehicles, which do not require building permits.

JANUARY 28 MEETING

Representatives Cindy Evans and Chris Lee, and Senators Russel Ruderman, Josh Green and Mike Gabbard have offered their support for crafting and passing tiny house legislation, and initial work developing a bill for the 2017 legislative session has begun. Community input is an important part of crafting the legislation; your voice is wanted.

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Kohala Illuminated with Festive Holiday Lights

Story and photos by Lani Eugenio

Many of us remember the days when nearly every house had a decorated tree, multi-colored blinking lights around the porch and some houses had elaborate yard displays of reindeer, snowmen, Santa Claus and the nativity scene. Somewhere throughout the years, the children have grown, the electric bill has soared and the Christmas tradition of "lighting up" has dimmed. Fortunately, some families in Ainakea still follow the tradition and bring the holiday spirit into the neighborhood.

Richard Emiliano goes all out for Halloween, and he puts the same creative energy into his Christmas project, bending PVC pipes into arcs and displaying his collection of holiday decor. He uses energy efficient LED lights and a new type of solar Christmas lights which he purchased from an internet store.

It takes several members of a family to put together these festive displays, and also to take it down after the holidays. But it is a joy to



these families, as they do it for the children and grandchildren. Seeing young ones' eyes light up as they "ooo" and "ahhh" at the decorative displays also lightens adults' spirits.

Mahalo to all who take the time and energy to brighten our neighborhood and welcome the Kohala community to enjoy your displays. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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DATE	DAY	START	END	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	VENUE	PHONE
2	MON	5:30 PM	7:30 PM	KOHALA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP	MEETING	THE COTTAGE @ THE HUB	895-3578
2	MON	6 PM	7 PM	GROWTH MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE	MEETING	BANK OF HAWAII BUILDING	
4	WED	4 PM		COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP	MEETING	SENIOR CENTER	
9	MON	3 PM	4:30PM	NORTH KOHALA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP	SUPPORTED BY N. HAWAII COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL	KING KAMEHAMEHA PARK	989-4894
9	MON	5 PM		NKCDP AC MEETING	NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE	KOHALA SENIOR CENTRE	323-4770
9	MON	6:30 PM		BLUEGRASS MASTER	JACK TOTTLE WITH HIS BAND	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
10	TUE	11 AM		ADULT READING DISCUSSION	"GUINEA PIG DIARIES", BY A.J. JACOBS	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
10	TUE	6 PM		HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED	6PM POTLUCK, 7PM PRESENTATION. FOR EVERYONE INTERESTED IN GOOD FOOD, NOT JUST FARMERS	KOHALA VILLAGE INN BARN	889-5715
10	TUE	6:30 PM	8 PM	NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	MEETING, CONTACT JEFF COAKLEY	KHS CAFETERIA	443-8687
15	SUN	2 PM	3 PM	RALLY FOR RESPECT	REAFFIRMING OUR MUTUAL RESPECT FOR EVERYONE IN NORTH KOHALA	BANYAN TREE	
17	TUE	10 AM		ADULT & TEEN WRITER'S GROUP		NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
18	WED	5PM		POLOLŪ LOOKOUT MEETING		SENIOR CENTER	
18	WED	5:30 PM		AGRICULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE	MEETING	SENIOR CENTER	
21	SAT			FREE GRINDZ HOT MEAL	KOHALA BAPTIST CHURCH	BANYAN TREE	
23	MON	4 PM		POETRY GROUP		NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
23	MON	6:30 PM		FAMILY NIGHT	HUMPBACK WHALES, SEE PAGE 12	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
25	WED	4 PM	5:30 PM	RESTORATIVE YOGA THERAPY CLASS	WITH CARLA ORELLANA, CERTIFIED YOGA THERAPIST, BY DONATION	THE HUB	889-5151
25	WED	5 PM		PARKS, WATER & ROADS SUBCOMMITTEE	MONTHLY MEETING	OLD COURTHOUSE	882-7611
28	SAT	10 AM	12 PM	THRIFT SHOP	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	NEXT TO WALKER HALL	889-5390
28	SAT	11 AM	12:20 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
28	SAT	2 PM	5 PM	TINY HOUSE SOLUTIONS	COMMUNITY MEETING, EMAIL: GREENSCHOOL@ONEISLAND.ORG	ALGOOD BARN	
30	MON	6:30 PM		VIDEO PRESENTATION	CANCER OUTSIDE THE BOX	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
31	TUE	5 PM	6PM	CDP SUBCOMMITTEE	POWER, VIEWPLANES, & EROSION CONTROL, CONTACT SUSAN FISCHER	OLD COURTHOUSE	882-7611

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PUBLIC MEETING

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Kohala Nite Recognizes Contributions



Photo by John Winter

Guests gather at Kohala Nite, an evening of ono grinds and camaraderie hosted by the Appreciation Committee of Kohala. The gathering is meant to recognize some of the people who make Kohala "The Most Wonderful Place".

Storm Brings Down Mature Mango Tree



Photo by Frank Cipriani

Wet December weather toppled a gigantic mango tree on Tommy and Cindy Tinker's property.

Lions Bring Seasonal Cheer to Hospital Residents



Photo by Jesús Solís

The Kohala Lions Club brought a little holiday cheer by singing Christmas carols to the patients at Kohala Hospital on Tuesday, December 6. Left to right: Chris Brown, Megan Solís, Bob Keys, Diann Wilson, Jon Adams, Dixie Adams, Susan Grant, David Eichner, Steve Hoffman and Christi Morgan. (Not pictured: Jesús Solís)

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Biddy Basketball Season Underway

Story and photo by Tom Morse
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under the guidance of volunteer coaches in the Kohala Community Athletic Association (KCAA) program. Games began on December

5 and ran through the December 19. A big mahalo to volunteer coaches Kalei Emeliano, Reeve Cazimero, Ryan Bautista, Ryan

Kreps, D.J. Wengler, Lawrence Kauka, Keone Emeliano, Jason Torres-Salvador and Kawini Viernes for their dedication to Kohala's keiki.



Relatives and friends line the walls as the Cavaliers (in black) take on the Blue Devils in the KCAA (Kohala Community Athletic Association) Biddy Basketball league.



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