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Prevent Spreading Rapid `Ōhi`a Death in Kohala



Photo by J.B. Friday

A weed barrier and mulch bed around `ōhi`a help to prevent injuries to bark and roots.

By Corie Yanger and Franny Brewer
 One of the best parts about living on the Big Island is our proximity to the wonderful native Hawaiian forests. Residents have the opportunity to enjoy native plants, such as the iconic `ōhi`a lehua, right in their backyard. Unfortunately, this aspect of Big Island life is under threat, with the introduction of the deadly tree disease Rapid `Ōhi`a Death (ROD). Now that the first case of ROD in North Kohala has been found, preventing further spread of the disease will be critical to saving `ōhi`a trees in North

Hawai`i.
 Rapid `Ōhi`a Death is caused by a fungus and has been spreading across the island since it was first discovered in Puna in 2012. Already, we have lost hundreds of thousands of `ōhi`a trees in the districts of Puna, Hilo and Kona. Since the discovery of ROD in North Kohala in September 2017, the ROD Working group, comprised of representatives from state, federal and private organizations, has been focusing on management and research at the site where ROD was

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Photo by J.B. Friday

Weed whackers and lawnmowers can break bark on `ōhi`a trunks and roots, greatly increasing the chance that `ōhi`a will become infected by rapid `ōhi`a death (ROD).

Kohala High Students Attend Blue Planet Foundation Student Energy Summit

On November 10-11, leaders of the Blue Planet Foundation Student Energy Summit, hosted by Mililani High School on Oahu, welcomed students from 32 middle and high schools, both public and private. Kohala High School's team of five students – Cheyenne Fuertes, Kiera Isabel, Zaztaney Matsu, Naomi Ney and Mekaila Pasco – attended the event. These students participated in on-site missions to examine environmental challenges that face our world.

Together with students from across the state, Kohala's team engaged in the exploration of energy efficiency, clean transportation and Hawai`i's clean energy future through interactive learning and design-thinking. One concern the Kohala students identified is wind energy. They want to examine how the wind, as an energy resource, is utilized to help the community. They planned to begin

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Courtesy of Blue Planet Foundation
 On November 10 and 11, Blue Planet Foundation, which is committed to making Hawai`i fossil fuel free, hosted their annual Student Energy Summit on Oahu. The goal of the summit is to explore energy efficiency, clean transportation, and Hawai`i's clean energy future through interactive learning and design-thinking.

Grand Opening Golf Tournament At Kohala Golf Park Coming December 2

By Susan Barnes
 If you have driven to the back of Kamehameha Park recently, you may have noticed activity down below at the now-defunct, old Kamehameha Park Golf Learning Center. The course, originally the Chalon Driving Range, went through several managers and eventually closed.

The course is being refurbished and redesigned, thanks to generous donations of ideas, time, labor and gifts from the community. There is now an active group of local residents who are renovating and maintaining the old course and building the Kohala Golf Park: a 9-hole, par-3 "executive course."

Executive courses are shorter than a standard golf course to provide a quicker, easier option than a regulation course.

Kohala Golf Park is holding its first Golf Tournament & Open House on Saturday, December 2,

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with registration at 9:30 a.m. and tournament from 10-2. All tournament play will be in the "One Club" format. No handicaps will be allowed! Entrance fee is \$20.

Food will be available, music will be playing and prizes will be awarded. Come meet the volunteers, see plans for future development, get involved, donate time or labor, buy a membership, watch your favorite golfer or simply enjoy the day.

Kohala Golf Park is a fiscally sponsored project of North Kohala Community Resource Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. To make a tax deductible donation, make your check payable to NKCRC with "Kohala Golf Park" noted on the memo line. Checks can be dropped off at the NKCRC office or mailed to P.O. Box 519, Hawi, HI 96719. Online donations may be made at www.northkohala.org.

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found in the hopes of containing it as well as learning more about the disease.

For North Kohala residents, becoming knowledgeable about ROD and what is known about how it spreads is the key to protecting ‘ōhi‘a trees in North Kohala and helping to contain the disease.

One of the key aspects of ROD prevention is to avoid wounding the tree in any way. Researchers at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Hilo recently discovered that a wound is necessary for the fungus, *Ceratocystis*, to enter and establish within an ‘ōhi‘a tree. Even a small wound can make a tree vulnerable. Some of the most impactful ways that you can injure ‘ōhi‘a, include bulldozing, tree trimming and landscaping, so it is important during these activities to take extra care around ‘ōhi‘a.

necessary for safety reasons. For yard-work and landscaping, keep grass away from the base of ‘ōhi‘a trunks and consider physical protection such as a plastic weed barrier or cement stones. Ensure that lawnmowers stay off of ‘ōhi‘a roots. For bulldozing work, help the operator by flagging trees you want to keep safe in advance and make sure there’s a good amount of space to protect roots. Don’t assume that operators are necessarily able and or willing to clean their equipment properly. If in doubt, consider holding off on the work in order to protect your ‘ōhi‘a trees from ROD.

It will take all of us on the Big Island, working together, to overcome the impacts of this disease and restore our forests to health. These small measures can have a big impact on reducing ROD and maintaining a healthy ‘ōhi‘a population in North Kohala. For more



Photo courtesy of Big Island Invasive Species Council
Black areas seen in cross section of trunk indicate the fungus that causes rapid ‘ōhi‘a death. This is the end stage of ROD infection, when the fungus has fully invaded the vascular tissue of the tree and choked off the supply of water and nutrients, leading to complete death of the tree.

Many of those who work in earth-movement or tree- or yard-care are well-trained in methods of their trade. However, some might not know about ROD or realize that special precautions should be taken to prevent the spread. To avoid the introduction of ROD to your property, talk with the people who care for your trees and landscapes. Ask them if and what kind of cleaning measures they use on their equipment and machinery. Before work, equipment and machines (including bulldozers) should be clear of visible soil and debris. Practice good decontamination protocols yourself: hot water and soap can be used at the very least, but steam pressure washing is preferred. All soil and debris should be removed from tools and 70 percent rubbing alcohol should be sprayed before and after use on ‘ōhi‘a trees.

Insist that clean machines and tools are used and that all work avoids injuring ‘ōhi‘a trees unless

Wreath-Making Workshop Scheduled for December 9 in Hawi



gered/threatened plants will be included. An average Christmas wreath of the size being provided at the workshop would cost upwards of \$75 at a local craft fair. At a cost of \$40 per person, this class provides you with both knowledge as well as a beautiful adornment you can give as a gift or hang in your home.

Audrey Veloria has been making lei, wreaths and flower arrangements for our community for decades.

She is a highly experienced teacher who will share techniques and help you find your own expression through your wreath design. Space is limited, so sign up soon to reserve your seat.

The second annual Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop at the Kohala Village HUB will be held on Saturday, December 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the HUB Barn. This activity will be taught by experienced lei and wreath maker Aunty Audrey Veloria, with help from the Feed Hawai‘i program staff.

Materials and instruction on how to make your own holiday wreath out of local non-endan-

You can register online at <https://reg125.imperisoft.com/kohalavillagehub/Search/Registration.aspx> (on the left side of the page search for Workshops > Arts and Culture > Veloria, Audrey > Programs) or at the HUB’s front desk. The workshop fee will support community programs offered by Feed Hawai‘i.

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designing their project upon return to Kohala. If you are interested in

their project or want to give input or ideas, email Ms. Fern White at fern.white@kohalahs.com.



Photo by Fern White
During the Student Energy Summit, Kohala High School students (left to right) Naomi Ney, Cheyenne Fuertes, Zaztaney Matsu, and Kiera Isabel brainstormed ideas on improving wind energy usage to benefit Hawai‘i

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Pearl Harbor: A Personal Remembrance

Story by Anne Fojtasek

Historical reports of the attack on Pearl Harbor talk about the battleships and cruisers that were sunk or badly damaged, the military personnel injured or killed, and the shock to the U. S. government over an attack that came before a formal announcement of war. They tell us how the United States found itself drawn into a conflict that this country had been reluctant to join. What the reports usually don't mention is the effect the event had on the lives of civilians living in Honolulu, the horror that spread out in ever widening circles through the surrounding neighborhoods and then through the nation.

The Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service attacked the naval base at Pearl Harbor, in Honolulu, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941: 76 years ago this December. Florence Santiago—Auntie Flo—has lived in Kohala since 1958, but she was born and raised in Honolulu. At the time of the Pearl Harbor attack, she was seven years old, old enough to be aware of how much suffering war caused for her family and neighbors. Now just shy of 84 years old, she still remembers many of the details of that day and also of the following weeks and months.

Auntie Flo's family lived in a part of Honolulu known as Kalihi. According to their usual custom on Sunday mornings, her mother had set the table for breakfast on the porch, where the family could



Photo by Tom Morse

Florence Santiago, affectionately called Auntie Flo, has lived in Kohala for almost 60 years. She says she has no early photos of her family or their home in Honolulu; all the family's personal memorabilia were lost during the war.

enjoy pleasant weather outside as they ate. Suddenly, a little after 7:30 a.m. they heard an enormous racket. They were at first unsure what caused the noise but knew it couldn't be anything good. Auntie Flo's two brothers urged the family to run into the house—"just leave everything and go!" Rushing inside, they heard a volley of bullets, one of which narrowly missed one of the younger children. They could see airplanes swarming through

the sky, and they could hear people screaming.

American soldiers went from house to house, Auntie Flo remembers, advising people to stay inside, out of sight, in the safest places they could find. Her family hid underneath their beds. Auntie's Flo's mother, who was half blind, packed clothing into duffel bags which she threw on top of the beds to give an extra layer of protection from the bullets. The houses were all old,

Auntie Flo remembers, with many gaps. With the damage from bombs and bullets, most ended up riddled with holes. Later the air raid police told people to patch the holes with whatever they could lay hands on to prevent light from shining out at night. People were advised to paint their windows black for the same reason. The family used flashlights in place of electric lights for months in order to prevent their house from becoming a target.

Auntie Flo's older sister, married and pregnant with her fourth child, left her house in another part of Honolulu when one side of the building was damaged by bombs. With no busses running, she traveled on foot with her three children in an attempt to reach the family home. When she saw airplanes coming, they ducked into an alley and hid until the planes went past. Finally, a friend of her father saw them and offered them a ride. She was hysterical by the time she reached home, Auntie Flo says, firmly convinced that she would never have survived the journey if not for that ride.

So the strike at Pearl Harbor was not just an attack on a naval base, on ships and planes and soldiers. The Japanese started firing when they saw the roofs of people's houses, Auntie Flo says. A bomb made a big hole in the road above the house where her family lived. And the danger did not end that Decem-

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ber morning. Auntie Flo says she stayed out of school for a month, in part because she and her classmates had to walk to school, which was too risky at the time. Three of her classmates—young children—were shot and killed while walking to school.

At school, she remembers, government-issued gas masks were given to all the children and their families. Parents came to the school with other family members to receive the masks and to be taught how to use them. The way Auntie Flo describes the masks calls up the image of bug-eyed monsters from outer space. Her baby sister wouldn't put on the mask and freaked out when she saw other people wearing them. "I was scared, too," Auntie Flo says. "I was crying, and I could hear my mother praying behind her mask."

Later the military police came and picked up Auntie Flo's older brothers, requiring them to sign up for military service. They were old enough, she says; it's not surprising they were pressed into joining the armed forces.

Auntie Flo's father worked at a military hospital, fixing pipes and maintaining the building. During the attack, he and two other employees were just emerging from the hospital basement when a bomb fell nearby. One employee lost a leg and one lost an arm in the explosion. Auntie Flo's father was injured but not quite as severely since he was the last one in line and hadn't fully stepped outside when the bomb

hit. He didn't spend much time at home, she explains. When he was called to come fix something at the hospital, he had to go. Keeping the hospital running in good shape was his way of serving his country. He would "visit" his family from time to time but was not much involved in caring for them. That responsibility fell almost entirely on Auntie Flo's mother. "She was a hero," Auntie Flo says, "raising seven children by herself when she could hardly see."

When Auntie Flo was eight or even nine, she remembers people still having to stand in line for food or for vaccinations. People continued to fear the Japanese, she says, thinking they were putting poison in our water supply.

One terrible aspect of the situation was the way Japanese Americans were treated during the war. Auntie Flo remembers that the Japanese children were bullied at school and separated from their other classmates. "We cried because we loved each other and couldn't play together," she says. She had several close friends, Japanese girls whom she protected when she could. Auntie Flo says her brothers taught her how to box, "how to use my arms and my legs," and she applied her skills to ward off some of the meanness directed toward her friends. "I was tough!" She remembers feeling like she didn't belong, which gave her empathy for what her Japanese classmates endured. Later she went back to Honolulu and searched for her old friends but couldn't find any trace of them.

Auntie Flo moved to Kona in 1952 and was married to her first husband, with whom she had two children. Divorced and then remarried in 1961, she had two more children with her second husband after she moved to Kohala. She was an early feminist who resented the fact that women were not allowed to own property without the per-

mission of their husbands. Her admiration for her mother and the compassion she felt for her bullied classmates made a lasting impression on her and shaped the person she was to become. Despite the hardships of her life, Auntie Flo feels she ended up in a good place. "I love Kohala and wouldn't want to live anywhere else," she says.

Lifeguard Training Class at Kohala Pool

At the end of December there will be a lifeguard class at Kohala Pool that includes First Aid, CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and AED (automated external defibrillator) training. The lifeguard training will include water rescue skills for potential drowning victims, basic first aid and training in performing CPR and using an AED.

Upon successful completion of the class, the students will receive a certification for each skill acquired. These certifications can be used for employment purposes that require the use of these skills. We are offering a special discount for high school students that qualify. You may also take the First Aid, CPR and AED classes separately and received certification.

We would like to encourage high school students ages 16 and above, and especially senior class members, to take advantage of the training, as the certification is valid for two years. Students 18 years and above who have taken the class

have gone on to secure employment at aquatic facilities at hotels, summer employment at their college, qualification as Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs), swim coach certifications and many more employment opportunities.

Course prerequisites for lifeguard training include the ability to swim 300 yards – 100 yards freestyle, 100 yards breaststroke and 100 yards using either freestyle or breaststroke – and to swim 20 yards, dive down eight feet to retrieve a 10-pound weight and swim back to the starting point within one minute 40 seconds. Passing a written exam with a score of at least 80 percent is also required. There are no prerequisites for the first Aid, CPR or AED classes.

For more information contact Jeff Coakley at 443-8687.

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County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilmember Tim Richards

Aloha Everyone,

I want to give you a brief update of some happenings in our county.

Big Island State Legislator Update:

Hawai'i County Council Chairwoman Valerie Poindexter and the Council Committee on Governmental Relations and Economic Development requested a legislative update by State of Hawai'i Senators and House Representatives. Senator Russell E. Ruderman was present, along with House Representatives Richard P. Creagan, Nicole E. Lowen, and Richard H.K. Onishi; they all echoed each other's sentiments on working together to support Hawai'i Island. Some state bills that previously failed but are likely to be revisited include, but are not limited to, funding for rat lung worm research, agriculture theft, invasive species and lifeguard positions. Each legislator provided their overview on the past session, their opinions on various contentious topics, e.g., the transient accommodation tax (TAT), and their goals for the upcoming session. Representative Onishi noted how he works closely with schools in his district to assist them with their concerns and/or needed projects on the ever-growing Department of Education priority list. Other legislators shared their personal focuses, whether it be agriculture in general, tiny homes, prison farming education programs, medical cannabis or the need for an

accredited medical doctor (M.D. or D.V.M.) to be housed in the Hawai'i Island Department of Health. Council members were equally pleased with the update and noted their support on various upcoming state legislative actions. However, we asked the state legislators to keep Hawai'i County Council apprised of their intentions on bills so that we can provide timely support via Council Resolution.

District 9 Representing with the State of Hawai'i Senate Ways and Means Committee:

On October 26, I was invited by Kohala High Principal Janette Snelling to help represent the school and have a discussion on the Kohala High gymnasium during a tour with the State Senate Ways and Means Committee. The needs of that 1932 structure and the future needs of Kohala High school in general were topics of discussion. The Senate Ways and Means Committee members in attendance included Chair Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran and Senators Lorraine Inouye, Kaiali'i Kahele, J. Kalani English, Michelle Kidani, Brickwood Galuteria, Maile Shimabukuro, Glenn Wakai and Gil Riviere. Excellent and thoughtful conversation ensued. I was also invited by the Senators to attend a tour of the Kohala Institute and then on to the new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts/`Aina and Math) building at

Waimea Intermediate school. The Senators got to see, firsthand, a brand-new building that, unfortunately, does not have the funding for the equipment and furnishings it so desperately needs. I was also invited to attend the closing event wherein our conversations continued about the needs of Hawai'i County. A special thank you goes out to Senators Lorraine Inouye and Kaiali'i Kahele for inviting me alongside them as they hosted this Senate Ways and Means committee tour.

As always, it is a great privilege to continue to serve as your Councilman and I look forward to our future together.

Aloha!



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

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CDP AC Meeting Includes Restructuring to Increase Flexibility

By Lynda Wallach

Several important items were on the agenda at the November 13 meeting of the North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee (NKCDP AC). This was the first time in several months that the committee was able to accomplish any work, due to the lack of a quorum at previous meetings. In addition to a very long delay in getting new AC members approved by the mayor's office, the work of the AC has often been hampered by the requirements of the Sunshine Law which apply to the AC.

Their several subcommittees, which actually accomplish most of the actual work, have recently been interpreted as also subject to Sunshine. This would greatly hamper their effectiveness. Our CDP-AC was one of the first on the island and was initially told to form subcommittees to carry out the "strategies" of the CDP. Subsequent CDP-ACs have learned from our mistake and decided to create "working groups" rather than "subcommittees."

This little semantic change apparently makes all the difference when working under County statutes. For this reason, the members of the AC voted to formally disband the various subcommittees and create CDP Partner Community Groups. The current groups start with the same names and objectives as the subcommittees, but they are not subject to the Sunshine Law and

have more flexibility.

For example, they are not bound by the restriction that their objectives must be tied to a "strategy" specifically stated in the CDP, so they can add to or alter their objectives if they so choose. They are not subject to the Sunshine Law regarding public notice of agendas, minutes, public testimony, etc. The groups can have up to two AC members and any member of the group can present reports to the AC and request AC support.

Since they are independent, they can also request 501(c)(3) non-profit status under the umbrella of the North Kohala Community Resource Center, which would bring the ability to solicit donations. This is especially useful for a group such as Affordable Housing. Members of the public are encouraged to join these groups and to help further the goals set forth by the CDP as well as additional needs of the community.

The spirit of the Sunshine Law is still upheld, because the "new" Groups report their NKCDP-related activities to the AC where Sunshine does apply and agendas and reports must be publicly posted so residents can see what is being done.

The AC also completed prioritizing the list of Capital Improvement Projects for North Kohala. This is a list of infrastructure projects that are presented to the County every year and are in competition for resources with similar

lists from districts throughout the island. Topping our list, as it has for the last several years, are improvements to the facilities at Mahukona Beach Park, including restrooms, the pavilion, wharf repair and winch access. Second priority was given to a green waste facility at the Kaauhuhu transfer station.

Currently, green waste is put in with the regular trash and comprises over half the waste trucked from Kohala to the West Hawai'i Landfill.

The request is for a separate green waste chute and a facility to create mulch for North Kohala's farmers and gardeners. Other top priorities include improvements to Kapa`a Beach Park, improvements to existing roadway systems and the creation of emergency bypass roads and improvements to Kamehameha Park. Councilman Tim Richards attended the meeting. He stated his support for these projects and his intention to use his office to advocate for them.

There was also some discussion of the lighted sign erected near Akoni Pule Highway by the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Some committee members stated that they had heard negative feedback from members of the community saying that the sign was a distraction for drivers and some of the messages were commercial and not just about public and emergency information. John Winter, AC chair, expressed the frustration of

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the AC that the County had given the church an exemption from the County code for signs to put up the sign without notifying or consulting the AC or any of the subcommittees. "Whether or not the exemption is justified, we should be consulted before any decision is made to waive county codes with such an impact", he said.

There were also the last reports from the existing subcommittees in their current form.

Jack Hoyt of the Public Access subcommittee reported that Hapu'u and Kapanāia have been purchased by the County using County funds. The Hapu'u purchase is complete and Kapanāia should be finalized within a month.

John Winter reporting for Water, Parks and Roads said that the County has recently filled the potholes on Coastguard Road and that it wants to take over maintenance of the road all the way to the Mo'okini Heiau. He also said

that communication between the Kohala parks maintenance personnel and local representatives for each of the various parks in North Kohala has greatly improved. Discussions on improving the parking situation at Pololu lookout are ongoing.

Work on Pratt Road as an emergency bypass continues. The owners want to keep the road rustic and are concerned about matters of liability.

Finally, LeAna Goor, the Planning Department CDP Planner told the committee that at least five new CDP AC members will be installed by March 2018. She also said that, because of continued Planning Department staffing issues, the Action Committee will continue to meet every other month (over John Winter's protest).

The next meeting of the CDP AC will be on Monday, January 8, at 5:00 p.m. in the Hisaoka Gym conference room. Members of the community are urged to attend.

Hisayo's Fruitcake

By Elaine Vinta Murota

There are a lot of misconceptions regarding fruitcake. You've heard of the expression, "Get even, give fruitcake." I love fruitcake – the fruitier the better.

Before I met Hisayo Menda Murota back in 1957, the closest I ever came to eating fruitcake was my Portuguese mother's prune cake. We were all living on a sugar plantation in Kohala at the time.

My mother was a good baker, but as I soon discovered, my mother-in-law Hisayo was a fabulous baker.

A good example was her pineapple up-side-down cake. The batter was poured into a big old aluminum frying pan and baked in the oven. When done, the frying pan was flipped over onto a platter, resulting in a cake top drenched with brown sugar and butter, with pineapple slices and maraschino cherries. Awesome! She could not read or write a word in the English language; all of her recipes were written in Japanese.

I remember my first Christmas as a young newlywed. She

brought out a large oval enamel pan and started filling it with candied fruits, nuts and raisins. I asked if I could help and under her watchful eyes, carefully measured the dry ingredients according to her directions. She made two separate batches, all mixed by hand, and sent fruitcake to each of her six children living in Honolulu.

I am not sure when she first began making her fruitcake, but I do know the tradition continued for the next 20 years. One Christmas, she asked me to write down the recipe because, as she put it, "When I no stop, you can make." "Why, where you going?" I teased. We both laughed because I understood what she meant. She passed away the day after Christmas, 1977.

I made her fruitcake only once; somehow it was never quite the same. What was missing was the camaraderie. I handed down the recipe to my daughter, Michele, who, in her own right, is a professional pastry chef. She would make her grandmother Hisayo proud.

Tiny House Update and Affordable Housing News Coming to Library

Story and photo by Marcy Montgomery

During October and November, the team at One Island conferred with State Representative Cindy Evans, County Council Members Jen Ruggles and Tim Richards and staff at the Planning, Building and Housing and Community Development Departments of the County.

As a result, a pivotal meeting with the County Planning and Building Departments, with our elected representatives present, is being planned for the coming month.

These conversations are including:

- 1) Implementation strategies for the Tiny House Initiative,
- 2) Introduction of Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) incentives as have been fully approved in Honolulu,
- 3) Launch of Community Land Trust housing development efforts,
- 4) Green Building materials advances,
- 5) Farmer and Farmworker Housing and
- 6) Innovative land use planning and funding mechanisms.

This is an important time for community input. You are invited to join this proactive process to increase access to affordable rental and ownership housing.

A Community Sounding session is being held at the North Kohala Public Library on December 4 to showcase model examples of housing innovations, smart use of existing regulations and gather comments to be presented in forthcoming agency and elected representative meetings. One Island's goal is to assist our community in submitting recommendations for effective new regulations for State and County adoption in 2018.

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Veterans in Kohala (left to right): Jeffrey Coakley, Sylvester Pa’alua, Seifuku Nakayama, Collin Kaholo, Harry Ching, Robert Glory, Saturnino Carpio, Llewellyn Relles and Joseph Carvalho.

Story and photos by Lani Eugenio

“It was 99 years ago today – November 11, 1918 – at 1100 hours on the 11th day of the 11th month – the guns fell silent over the bloody battlefields of Europe after four years of slaughter, ending the First World War,” began the soldier’s story of Veterans Day.

“On that day an Armistice [agreement] was signed between the Allied powers of Great Britain, France, Italy, the United States and the defeated Central powers of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey. November 11th became known as Armistice Day, design-



Organizers Seifuku Nakayama and Collin Kaholo, singer Christine Vega and honoree Joseph Carvalho of the 2017 Veterans Day Ceremony

nated as a holiday in the United States signifying the end of the “War to End All Wars.” However, just a scant 20 years later, a rearmed Germany, now aligned with Italy and Japan, invaded Poland on September 1, 1939, plunging the world into global war,” Command Sergeant Major Luis E. Ortiz-Santiago stated. The guest speaker at Kohala’s Veterans Day Ceremony informed the audience about the change from Armistice Day to Veterans Day after World War II and the Korean War. He captivated the audience with the history of the

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succession of wars after the "War to End All Wars," which is seemingly unending. "World War I ushered in the modern era of warfare – the machine gun, tank, airplane, long range artillery, the submarine, chemical warfare and other deadly weapons," he said.

He also remarked that this continuum of war explicable linked today's Army with the units, traditions, insignia, tactics, weapons and uniforms that have evolved over the past century.

Despite the politics of war, U.S. soldiers are assigned to protect and keep peace in our nation. Ortiz-Santiago stated, "This Saturday, let us remember all our veterans of the past 99 years and before.

Their service and sacrifice have given us the enduring freedoms of today. Take a moment to thank a veteran - it's a small gesture but well worth the effort."

On the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour, the Kohala National Guard Alumni (KNGA) honored all veterans with their annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Hisaoka Gym. Pastor Steven Hedlund set the tone for the ceremony, blessing the soldiers of today, honoring veterans who have served and remembering those who have passed on. Christine Vega, whose brother, John Cabrera, died in the Vietnam War, sang both the National and State anthems.

Collin Kaholo, President of KNGA, recognized Retired Sergeant Seifuku (Lefty) Nakayama for his 34-plus years of dedicated service

and commitment to the military and the Kohala community. Masa Kawamoto, 95, although unable to attend, was noted for being the last member of the 442nd Infantry from Kohala. (Read about Masa's distinguished life as an Army cook at kohalamountainnews.com in the April, 2017 issue, beginning on page 11.)

Joseph Carvalho, the Master of Ceremony, introduced the speakers: William Kucharski, who represented Mayor Kim; Honorable Councilman Tim Richards and guest speaker Command Sergeant Major Luis E. Ortiz-Santiago. The Kohala Senior Citizens Club sang three inspiring songs: God Bless America, The White Cliffs of Dover and a song written in March 2011 by Hilo resident, May Omoto. Her song, "Thank You, Veterans," expresses the sentiment of many in Hawai'i who supported the soldiers and veterans throughout our nation.

*"Thank You, Veterans"
All around the nation, from sea to shining sea...
Across the great Pacific, to the shores of Hawai'i...
To all our mighty veterans, we just want to say...
Thank you for the freedom we enjoy every day.
Your strength and your courage
Went way beyond the call...
So, thank you veterans.
Thank you all...*

Because of you we can dream and reach for the sky...

*Because of you we can hold our heads up high...
Because of you we can live with peace and harmony...*

*Because of you, we're allowed to be free...
Because of you, we're allowed to be free.*



Joyce Ohta spearheaded the Veteran Memory pennants honoring all soldiers from Kohala who died in action during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Samuel Kanehailua Solomon served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. A school on Oahu is named after this beloved decorated hero.

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Jon Adams and Richard Bodien are very proud to announce they have formed a partnership that unites their two world-renowned destinations to create Hawai'i Cigar & Ukulele. The new shop is located where Mother's Antiques and Fine Cigars has been since 1979, next to the famed Bamboo Restaurant in beautiful downtown Hawi. The new shop combines fine ukuleles with premium cigars and pipes, vintage Aloha shirts and authentic Hawaiiana.

Founded in 1979, Mother's is the destination for cigar lovers on Hawai'i Island. Local residents and visitors return regularly to enjoy premium cigar brands like Montecristo, Oliva, Padron and Perdomo; Hawaiian-grown tobacco from Kauai Cigar Company; and Mother's own custom blend, hand rolled in Nicaragua. Partner Jon Adams has fifty years of experience as a cigar aficionado and is happy to share his knowledge and smoke a cigar with you.

First opened in 2011 as Hawi Gallery, Hawi Ukulele has become a world-class destination for ukulele, vintage Aloha shirts and Hawaiiana. Five star reviews in social media attest to the fun and

excitement people have experienced there. Richard has 40 years of experience as a musician and is always happy to give you a free ukulele lesson or help you find the right instrument.

Local ukulele makers David Gomes, Mark Evans, Kaka'ako and Kamaka are featured here Strings and accessories for ukulele and guitar are available and Richard is happy to help you tune your instrument or change your strings. Brands include Aquila, D'Addario, Elixir, Kala, Oasis and Worth.

The shop also carries a wide variety of rolling papers, glass pipes, vapes and accessories from Cheech & Chong, Elements, Raw, Snoop Dogg and Zig Zag, as well as locally crafted pipes made of glass, antler deer and porcelain.

Hawaii Cigar & Ukulele is open every day. Weekday hours are 8-5. Weekend hours are 11-4. You are invited to visit and smoke a cigar, play an ukulele or enjoy the many amusing objects found inside. A Grand Opening celebration is planned from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., New Year's Eve, with food, drinks and music. For more information go to www.hawaiicigarandukulele.com.



Veterans Day speakers (left to right) William Kucharski with wife, Lynn; Command Sergeant Major Luis E. Ortiz-Santiago; Councilman Tim Richards and Pastor Steven Hedlund.

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Kohala Grown Market Celebrates Grand Re-Opening

By Leslie Nugent

Kohala Grown Market invites you to celebrate their Grand Re-Opening on Saturday, December 9, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in downtown Hawi at the historic Kohala Trade Center. Kohala Grown Market welcomes the community to share in delicious, locally sourced pupus and beverages, enjoy live music and receive 15% off store-wide, with many other items up to 35% off, as part of a Holiday and Customer Appreciation Sale!

Before moving to their new location in July 2017, Jeannievie and Leo Woods first opened Kohala Grown Market in May of 2014 with the intention to be a source of support for local farmers and producers, and to be a resource for the community to access fresh local foods. With a shared passion for supporting the local economy and sharing real and nourishing foods, Jeannievie shares that, "Leo and I are committed to making a conscious attempt to support our local farmers and entrepreneurs by running a business that is dedicated to reflecting a positive, caring and respectful place of business." These values are evidenced through their work as Jeannievie shares, "At the heart of the market there is a dedication to community building that starts here in Kohala but also extends island- and state-wide. It lives in the relationship with our vendors – who live here, who are entrepreneurs and local business owners – and supporting them so that they are successful." Their work at the market is making a web of connections on the island, where it can be hard for many small businesses to make a living.

The direct support for farmers and producers ties in with the good feeling that comes from offering customers real foods that can be traced directly back to the farmers and the farms where they were grown. This way of providing people food that nourishes them and supports healthy lifestyles and ways of living demonstrates how the Woods "strive to live with integrity and courtesy to our customers." Kohala Grown Market features locally grown fruits, vegetables, honey, jams, flours, chocolate, juices, cheeses, fermented foods, specialty and gourmet prod-

ucts, and so much more! The new location has allowed for expansion to offer more refrigerated items, including both fresh produce and value added products, Moku fruit pops and frozen meats, including local chicken, beef and wild Alaskan salmon. Another exciting new feature is the fresh, made-to-order smoothies highlighting all local fruits and coconut milk and including flavors such as Mango 'Olena

with their family-run business – including sons Isaiah, 13 and Kaleo, 11 – the Woods are grateful their store is able to support commercial farmers in addition to small producers and backyard gardeners. Kohala Grown Market encourages the community to talk with them about selling what they have in abundant harvest. If there are more veggies in your garden or fruits on your trees than you can use, contact the store

this place special," which is why they have created their market to serve everyone who enters with aloha and positivity. They aim to create a comfortable and welcoming place to share what Kohala and the islands have to offer through food, which is something that they feel brings people from all cultures together. Walking into the market, one can feel the sense of welcome as they are greeted by vibrant fruits and living foods, warm artwork featuring local artists, subtle fragrances of locally crafted body care products and the smiling faces of the Woods family and their staff.

Come share in joy, celebration and local abundance! Music and performance will start at 11:30 and will include Hula Halau o Mana'olana o Kohala, Joey Bradley and Maylan Ackerman. Enjoy this opportunity to support the local economy and the local food movement while taking advantage of store-wide savings in honor of the Grand Re-Opening of Kohala Grown Market!



Photo courtesy of Kohala Grown Market
 Leo and Jeannievie Woods own the Kohala Grown Market, where they connect local producers and consumers of fresh and value-added products. They recently moved to a new location in the Kohala Trade Center and welcome the public to their Grand Re-Opening on December 9.

Love (mango, banana, 'olena, coconut milk) and Mac-Nut Mana (macadamia nuts, banana, coconut milk, vanilla). On the horizon are prepared "grab and go" foods. Listening to feedback from customers, the market has also installed a bulk foods section, where consumers can fill up on bulk grains, flour, legumes, oats and many other dry goods.

With excitement about the opportunity to support local farmers and support the local economy

to discuss selling, consignment or trading. This invitation goes out to youth and young farmers as well. Kohala Grown Market is proud to offer a diverse variety of foods and works mostly with farmers and producers who practice no-spray, choose not to use chemicals and work in ways that restore health and vitality to the land.

Jeannievie and Leo "believe in working to create more unity, appreciating and having gratitude for Kohala and all of what makes

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Generations of Preserving the Coastline

Story and photos by Toni Withington

The story of Kohala's community effort to preserve its coastline and access to the ocean spans many years, includes many people and, yes, generations of work. What started in the 1970s as protests against the zoning of large resort developments has evolved into the

Cazimero, Sr. and Tommy Solomon, challenged quiet title actions by the sugar company to gain court-ordered public access to Hapu'u, Kapanaiia and Mahukona in 1982.

Then, as predicted by the old-timers, the leeward coast became the target of resort developers and sub-dividers of high-end residential

application was eventually withdrawn.

Citizens for Protection of the North Kohala Coastline similarly challenged in court the County's 1993 re-zoning given Chalon International's initial plans for a large resort, residences and golf course at Mahukona. The Citizens' group,

Pana O Kohala, Maika'i Kamakani O Kohala, Malama Kohala Kahakai and the Kohala Historic and Cultural Preservation Group.

A petition of 6,000 signatures supporting protection of the North Kohala coast was used to encourage the adoption of multiple resolutions in support the effort by the Hawaii



Once private land, most of Kauhola Point (Lighthouse) is now held and managed for the people of Kohala by Maika'i Kamakani O Kohala. It was the playground for Kamehameha the Great. He built a swimming pool out of stones in this bay and he and his warriors, along with his favorite wife, Ka'ahumanu, surfed the waves off the point.



In the 1980s the lands at Kaiholena and three other ahupua'a on the leeward coast were rezoned for a resort that was to include 5,000 hotel rooms, 3,200 medium-density condominium units, 500 single family residences, 75,000 square feet of commercial space and golf courses. When plans were withdrawn, the land was sold and subdivided. Using several sources of funding, all six lots of the subdivision were purchased, and today the priceless historic and cultural sites are publically owned and preserved for future generations.

purchase and conversion of hundreds of acres of land from private land to open space held for the public. Miles of coastal trails have been officially opened for access across private land. As a consequence, responsibility for the stewardship of the coast and its many historical and cultural treasures is becoming a legal, as well as a natural, community activity.

Before Akoni Pule Highway was built, families in Kohala had almost free access to the ocean and mountain for food-gathering and recreation. After the closing of the Kohala Sugar Plantation in 1975, land was sold; land was subdivided. Fences and gates became common, leaving only a few roads and paths to and along the ocean. That was when the first coastal warriors stood up for access rights. Hui Mamalahoa, led by Benny Raymond, Samson

lots. Supported by the Kohala Community Association, individuals - especially Henry Ross - put up a several-year fight to delay and block the proposed massive "Mahukona Resort." The 5,200-room hotel-condominium-residence project was centered, not at Mahukona, but at Kaiholena and nearby coastal parcels with golf courses and homes on intervening state-owned land. Some 75 Kohala people showed up before the Planning Commission, which, nonetheless, approved the resort.

Bishop Museum archaeological reports showed the land was dotted with highly valued historic sites. Years later, as a result of significant background efforts by former County Council members Ikuo Hisaoka and Takashi Domingo, along with Bill Graham, the developer's

which was made up of over 400 Kohala families, carried on its case against the County for six years to the State Supreme Court. The group also challenged the moving of a public access trail at Puakea Bay Ranch at the State Land Board for two years before winning back the trail along the shore.

Changing its name to Kohala Lihikai, and eventually Ka Makani O Kohala Ohana - Kako'o, the group also participated in challenges and contested case hearings against mansion-sized vacation homes at Lapakahi (Tabrah's) and Pao'o (Secrets). Those battles were fought and won by a growing partnership of Hawaiian and environmental groups aimed at preserving an open coastline. Besides Kako'o the groups included Malama Na Wahi

County Council, the State Legislature (several times), the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and the Democratic Party of Hawaii (also several times). More petitions with hundreds of signatures challenged the government's mishandling of other zoning and public access issues.

The tone of the effort changed dramatically in 2006 when the County allowed each district to write its own Community Development Plan, the detailed vision, which, when adopted into law, became the planning map for the future. In Kohala, the collective voice of 1,000 participants called loudly for cultural, coastal and open space preservation. From the building of a proposed coastal trail

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linking Pololu and Kawaihae to the naming of specific coastal lands to be purchased, the North Kohala Community Development Plan (NKCDP) gets very detailed about how those goals can be achieved.

At the same time, voters around the island called on the County to set aside 2 percent of the property tax revenues each year for the purchase of open space. The Public

meaning the administration could no longer use it as a slush fund. That year voters also agreed to set aside an additional quarter percent annually to create a Maintenance Fund, which offers stewardship grants to non-profit organizations to maintain the lands purchased with the Open Space Fund.

Every year since 2006 North Kohala has nominated lands. One reason the commissioners seem

raising \$18.3 million using different combinations of funding sources – County, State, Federal, individual donors and local fundraising, such as T-shirt sales and car washes. These completed projects and the status of the eight pending projects will be spelled out in detail in the second article of this series next month.

On the access front, the Kohala Community Access group, headed

by Chairman Ted Matsuda, has been able to finalize legal public access trails on about 15 miles of coast and eight miles of mauka-makai access to the coast. Started as the NKCDP focus group to write the Public Access portion of the ordinance, it has been meeting every month since 2007 to address Kohala access issues. More importantly, the group has managed to create a

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Lani Bowman leads a class at Pao'o. Twice Kohala community groups fought against the construction of sprawling vacation homes on 10 acres at Pao'o, a popular fishing and surf site called "Secrets." Eventually funds were raised through the County 2% Open Space Fund and the State Legacy Land Preservation Fund to purchase the land. The extensive historic and cultural sites will now be used as educational tools for Kohala's students and future archaeologists.



To build a giant residence on Conservation Land at Puakea-Honoipuu Landing, the owner moved the public access shoreline trail 500 feet mauka to the back of his property. After a two-year long battle at the State Land Board, the trail was returned to the shoreline and dedicated to State ownership. Due to erosion, the trail is being moved inland.

Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Commission (PONC) was created to review and prioritize lands, nominated by the public, to an annual list of the most important lands to be preserved. Through the efforts of five cooperating community groups, North Kohala has, every year, held the lions' share of lands listed on the mayor's annual priority list for public purchase. The current 2016 list of ten properties around the island has six coastal projects in North Kohala.

During the economic downturn after 2008, the mayor raided the 2% fund for essential County needs. But in 2012 island voters again supported the 2% fund and attached its provisions to the County Charter,

willing to rank Kohala land high is the track record the five groups have for finding matching funds for many of the purchases made with County dollars. Several of the Kohala properties once listed by PONC were safely preserved without spending any of the County's funds. Some used PONC funds for only a fraction of the purchase price.

The people who have been most actively working toward this effort are Gail Byrne-Baber, Toni Withington, Fred Cachola, Mike Isaacs, Stephanie Naihe and Kanoa Withington.

On the open space front, Kohala has managed to successfully complete seven projects, purchasing a total of 367 acres of coastal land by



A hiker climbs part of the trail at Niuli'i, near Keokea Park. The land was slated for residential use, but was also listed on the County's Open Space Fund priority list for purchase for many years. Last year the owners donated the land to The Kohala Center, whose representatives have said the land will be preserved and used for cultural education projects.

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 respectful bond between the public, community organizations, land owners, government agencies and real estate people to find cooperative solutions to problems.

On the stewardship front, locally controlled community groups have taken on the job of keeping coastal lands free of trash, clearing the trails, planting native vegetation and building soil erosion control measures to protect the ocean. The five groups involved in coastal purchase and members of the Community Access Group combined efforts in 2012 to form Kohala Lihikai, a nonprofit entity that can carry out stewardship programs and even hold title to land and trails. The coastal restoration project at Upolu Airport is one example of the group's work. Maika'i Kamak-

ani O Kohala stewards the land at Kauhola Point, The Kohala Center recently took over care of Niuli'i and the Ala Kahakai Trail Association owns and stewards the land at Kaiholena South. The access issues and stewardship projects will be spelled out in the third article of this series in January.

The main ingredient needed for this effort to continue to succeed is having the next generation – the third in some cases – step up and start taking its place in finding new ways to keep the ball rolling. Help is needed in many areas – with trail clearing, planting and erosion control, as well as writing and book-keeping, web and social media setup, education programs in the schools, lobbying and fundraising. Sign on for success at imuakohala@gmail.com

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	10AM		PRESCHOOL STORY TIME AGES 2-5	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
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Kohala Sports

Introducing the Kohala Elementary Tennis Program with Kohala's Own Son, Hayden Virtue!



Photo by Donovan Aiona

Hayden Virtue and Kohala Tennis Coach Hermann Fernandez relax with the students of Kohala Elementary School's fourth grade. Hayden has been teaching classes on a weekly basis as a requirement for his Hawai'i Preparatory Academy project.

Have we seen the second coming of a community superstar in the world of tennis? The first was Coach Hermann Fernandez, but let's just say that this "superstar" is from the line of tennis players coached by Hermann Fernandez! His name is Hayden Virtue and he's intent on giving the gift of tennis to the children of the Kohala Schools.

Hayden is a junior at Hawai'i Preparatory Academy and a Kohala resident. He is currently mentoring Kohala Elementary School students as part of his "Kohala Elementary School Tennis Program" project and the community service hours that he logs are required at his high school. Hayden, along with his mother, Melissa Virtue, and his coach, Hermann Fernandez, brings a fun and exciting vibe to Kohala's students. Hayden is teaching physical fitness through tennis, a game that Hayden has dedicated himself to since he was a youngster.

Giving back to his community

How many countless days have we seen Coach Hermann on the Kohala tennis courts, encouraging

children and adults to play better tennis? It is along these same lines that Hayden gets his inspiration to give back to the students at Kohala Elementary School. Hayden's goal is to ultimately build a self-sustaining U.S.T.A. (United States Tennis Association) tennis program at Kohala Elementary, Middle and High Schools. Hayden plans on sustaining his program by writing for grants with help from former and current tennis player and Kohala girls tennis coach, Jessica Brown, who was also coached by Hermann Fernandez (he is the boys tennis coach at Kohala). To start off, teachers were given a calendar to plug in 45-minute tennis dates from September to December with Hayden. When they were done, Hayden met each class on the elementary blacktop with a supportive smile. Hayden's classes begin and end with encouragement to do well in school and keep staying fit through tennis - definitely the Kohala way!

Project Time

As a community service project requirement for Hawai'i Prep,

Hayden must plan and conduct his long-term activity, report his findings and present them to school administration and to his advisor, the current theater teacher at Hawai'i Prep, Jared Terpak (who also played tennis for Coach Hermann). He's excited to be doing this project and to know he has the support from our Kohala schools.

The proof is in the pudding for Hayden. He received a bunch of handwritten notes from Kohala Elementary's first grade class! The first grade, along with other grades, have been very receptive to Hayden and have very good things to say about his tennis program. Needless to say, he'll do fine meeting the requirements of his project.

Positive Reinforcement

Hayden continually delivers encouragement for our keiki with every class he does! Hayden brings his crew, which consists of his mother, Melissa Virtue, and tennis coach, Hermann Fernandez, to every tennis day. They are smiling, always on time, and even prepare by setting up the blacktop nets

and tennis equipment that were donated by the United States Tennis Association through the Tennis in Schools/Net Generation program. Most grade levels have 15-20 students and Hayden's crew takes care of all of them! On the blacktop, children practice hand-eye coordination drills and their forehand and backhand strokes by returning volleys from their coaches in hopes of hitting targets placed across the court from them.

Students learn to communicate both verbally and non-verbally as they learn their tennis skills on the elementary blacktop area. As balls bounce back and forth, screams of excitement and pride are heard in abundance as students shock themselves with what they can do!

Big Mahalo!

The teachers and staff, along with the children of Kohala Elementary School would like to send out a heartfelt Mahalo to Hayden Virtue, our Elementary Tennis coach. He is a great community contributor at such a young age. Good luck on the success of your project!

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12/16	Saturday	10:00 am	Makua Lani	Soccer
1/13	Saturday	6:00 pm	Konawaena	BBB
1/17	Wednesday	6:00 pm	Pahoa	BBB
1/20	Saturday	6:00 pm	Keaau	GBB
1/27	Saturday	6:00 pm	Waiakea	BBB
2/03	Saturday	6:00 pm	Hilo	BBB

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Kohala Sports

Kohala Cheerleaders Bring Home First Place Trophy

Congratulations to the 2017 Kohala Chargers Cheerleading Team for their first place finish at the Big Island Pop Warner Cheering Competition, held last month at Edith Kanakaole Stadium in Hilo. The team took the cheering title in the Pee Wee PW1 Small Cheer JV Division, with five mascots, for cheerleaders ages 7-12.

Building off of their Most Improved trophy, which they received in their first cheer camp in Hilo in August, the Kohala Chargers Cheerleading Team entered their first Pop Warner cheering competition and took home the top prize!

The Kohala team went up against teams representing the Westside Eagles, Kona Marlins, Hamakua Cougars, Waimea Cowboys, Keau-

kaha Warriors, Waiakea Nakoia, and the Panaewa Ali'i. What an amazing effort, and to quote Head Coach Laverne Salas, "Not bad for becoming a last minute Head Coach!"

No doubt about it, last minute or not, this win has brought a lot of pride and exposure to the sport of cheering to Kohala. Assistant Coach Olivia Culp joins Salas, with the help of Team Mom Kristen Sur, to make everything possible for their Charger Cheerleaders!

The 2017 Kohala Chargers Cheerleading Team consists of Mascots ages 7-8: Lilyana Carvalho, Raine Cazimero, Chawai Dunhour, Dylan Hendricks, and Saydee Kawai; and JV ages 11-12: Tiani Akana, Kaydance Carvalho, Liana Cataraha, Kaylee Hirano, Savannah Kupukaa, and Ashla Salas.



Photo courtesy of Kohala Chargers Cheerleading Team
Kohala Chargers Cheerleading Team shone at the Big Island Pop Warner Cheering Camp in August and Cheer Competition in October at the Edith Kanakaole Stadium in Hilo. They won the Most Improved trophy in August and the First Place trophy in October!

Front row (left to right): Lilyana Carvalho, Chawai Dunhour and Raine Cazimero

Back row (left to right): Dylan Hendricks, Kaylee Hirano, Kaydance Carvalho, Liana Cataraha, Ashla Salas, Savannah Kupukaa, Tiani Akana and Saydee Kawai.

Kohala Chargers Pee Wee Football Team Wins Big Island Division Championship and Travels to Kauai

Sticking with our championship theme, the Kohala Pee Wee Football Team won the Big Island Pop Warner Football Conference Pee Wee Division championship 28-6 over the Panaewa Ali'i and earned a trip to play on Kauai on Saturday, November 11.

Leading up to the big game on Kauai, with the Big Island Pee Wee Division championship up for grabs, the Kohala Chargers traveled to Hilo on October 28 to face the Panaewa Ali'i with high hopes for bringing home the Pee Wee Division title.

Scoring for the Kohala Chargers against the Ali'i were quarterback Hezekiah Wilson, slot backs Luke Hendricks and Isaac Salvador-Libron, and wide receiver Leyton Neves.

Slot back/kicker Luke Hendricks also hit the mark with two point-after-touchdown (PAT) kicks, which are worth two points each. Landon Kauka kept the ball in Kohala's hands with a fumble recovery for the Chargers.

On Kauai, after winning the

Big Island championship, the Kohala Chargers faced a charged up Hanapepe team that "barked like dogs" on their cadence and took it to the Chargers, 26-0.

The Chargers' loss ends their season just one game short of making it to Florida for the Pop Warner Super Bowl!

The Kohala Chargers JV team, who also lost in Kona on November 11, finished in second place behind the undefeated Keaukaha Warriors.

Head Coach Earl Hoshida would like to thank his coaches, players and the Kohala Pop Warner Board for being dedicated, committed and always working hard on getting better.

The board consists of President Kamon Kupuka'a, Secretary Naomi Hoshida and Treasurer Amy Pang. Pee Wee assistant coaching staff consists of Blaine Crabbe, Scott Hendricks, Aric Hoshida, Mike Remsen, Eddie Boy Valenzuela and Chai Wilson. The Chargers' team mom is Julie Hendricks.

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Kohala Sports

Kohala Huntaz: AYSO Girls U10 are 2017 Champions

Story and photo by Jaime-lee Drew

Congratulations to the Kohala Huntaz, AYSO Region 403, North Hawai'i, Girls AYSO U10 team who completed the season undefeated. Coaches Jake Chilton and Ed Kawe have done an outstanding job in providing this team with the fundamentals of soccer while molding them into emerging team leaders.

When our keiki first start AYSO, they're introduced to the basics of soccer. They learn skills such as passing the ball back and forth, kicking with the inside of the foot, kicking the ball into the right goal, etc. Coach Jake and Coach Ed have nearly completed their third year in coaching this team of girls, and with success! They, through intuitive coaching, have encouraged the girls to recognize their own strengths in the sport, see others' strengths and learn to effectively communicate with one another on the field to execute one simple mission – to win.

Facing-off with some of Hilo's select teams, Kohala Huntaz prepared for the tournament with a

fearless and winning attitude. Our team headed off the tournament with the Red Cherry Bombs – Hilo's top seed – ending Game #1 with a score of 3-0. Game #2 against Hilo's Blue Crush ended with a final score of 6-0. Game #3 vs Hilo's Green Dragonflies had final score of 1-0. In the championship round, Kohala Huntaz faced-off with Hilo's Red Cherry Bombs once more and shut it down 5-0.

Kohala Huntaz ended their season with a record of 16-0, with only one goal scored by the opposing team the entire season. Taking the Championship title for the U10 Girls Division at Hilo's Friendship Games is truly an honor!

Soccer is a great sport and another accomplishment our Kohala community can be proud of. Thank you to the AYSO Region 403 coordinators, the volunteer referees, our volunteer coaches, our team moms, and our supportive family and friends. Our girls had a successful season because of hard work, practice, humility and, of course, a lot of fun!



Going undefeated all season, the Kohala Huntaz are the 2017 AYSO Girls U10 soccer champions.

*Top row (left to right): Coaches Ed Kawe and Jake Chilton
Middle row (left to right): Amo Walker, Ayla Miyamoto, Mali'e Karratti, Jaycie Chilton and Zalea Douglas
Bottom row (left to right): Ailee Afaga, Nicole Drew, Terongomau Kawe and Taylor Souza*

Kohala Defenders U12 Co-ed Team Makes It to the Finals

Story and photo by Jaime-lee Drew

Congratulations to Kohala Defenders, adding to Kohala's soccer success. Kohala's U12 co-ed team pushed through to the Championship round for the 2017 AYSO season. Based on their record, they were ranked as the #4 seed in the playoffs. Kohala Defenders battled their way through the playoffs, defeating the #1 seed, Honoka'a, and went head-to-head with the #2 seed, the Kamuela Fireballs. The Defenders ended the season taking

second place in the finals, playing hard and, as always, showing good sportsmanship.

Our Kohala Defenders are Coached by Bruce Parayno, who has taught our youth futsal techniques, an advanced soccer skill, which helped increase their ability to control the game and gain confidence in pursuing the ultimate goal: to have fun. He has done an outstanding job seeking out each player's potential and maximizing their talents on the field.



The Kohala Defenders U12 soccer team

Back row: Coach Bruce Parayno

Front row (left to right): Kuana Gutierrez, Tiaho-Mai Walker, Kalena Vaefaga, Stella Brooke, Justin Drew, Maddie Buczyna, Elijah Parayno, Khloe Hoshida, Lexi Stevens, Orion Dorrance and Pinky Mongkeya

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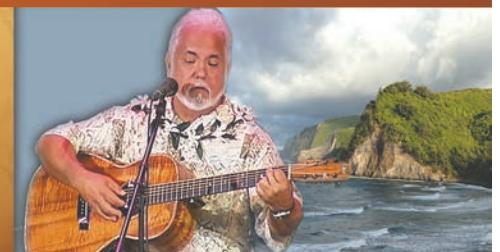
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12/2	SAT	9 AM	4 PM	OPEN HOUSE AND GRAND OPENING TOURNAMENT	REGISTER AT 9:30 AM	KOHALA GOLF PARK	
12/4	MON	6 PM		TINY HOUSE UPDATE	AFFORDABLE HOUSING MEETING	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
12/4	MON	6 PM	7 PM	GROWTH MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE	MEETING	BANK OF HAWAII BUILDING	
12/6	WED	4 PM		COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP	MEETING	SENIOR CENTER	
12/8	FRI	4 PM	8 PM	MAKUA MARKET (CRAFT FAIR)		LUKE'S ROOM	889-0404
12/9	SAT	9 AM	12 PM	CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP		THE HUB	889-0404
12/11	MON	3 PM	5 PM	NORTH KOHALA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP	SUPPORTED BY N. HAWAII COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL	KINGS VIEW CAFE	989-4894
12/11	MON	6 PM		TEEN NIGHT	CHRISTMAS CRAFT	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
12/12	TUE	11 AM		ADULT READING DISCUSSION	THE LIFE CHANGING MAGIC OF TIDYING UP	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
12/12	TUE	6 PM		HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED	6PM POTLUCK, 7PM PRESENTATION. FOR EVERYONE	THE HUB	889-5715
12/14	THUR	6 PM	10 PM	ECSTATIC DANCE		THE HUB	889-0404
12/16	SAT	4:30 PM	6:30PM	FREE GRINDZ HOT MEAL	KOHALA BAPTIST CHURCH	BANYAN TREE	889-5416
12/16	SAT	5 PM	9 PM	HUB BENEFIT CHRISTMAS LUĀĀU		THE HUB	889-0404
12/18	MON	6:30 PM		FAMILY NIGHT	HOLIDAY CELEBRATION	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
12/19	TUE	10 AM		ADULT WRITER'S GROUP		NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
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12/23	SAT	10 AM	12 PM	THRIFT SHOP	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	NEXT TO WALKER HALL	889-5390
12/23	SAT	11 AM	12:20 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
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Kohala Alaka'i U14 Co-ed Makes It to Finals

Story and photo by Jaime-lee Drew

Congratulations to our Kohala Alaka'i U14 co-ed soccer team. Coached by Jeri Canniff and Nino Ka'ai, our youth worked hard and pushed their way through to place in the top three for the season. They played hard at Hilo's Friendship Games and ended the tournament with a tied game.

Kohala U14 defeated their opponents in the playoffs, which

catapulted them to the finals. In the final game of the U14 competition, they lost the Championship round to #1 seeded Waikoloa, finishing the finals, and the season, in second place.

The team name, Alaka'i, means "leader" in our Hawaiian language. The value of humility and the importance of avoiding selfishness were the lessons that most resonated with the Alaka'i team this year.



Kohala Alaka'i U14 soccer team.

Back row (left to right): Coach Jeri, Neo Marcom-Robinson, Imiloa Leshar, Riley Preston, Camille Pinho, Anthony Kaai, Chevez Apostadiro and Coach Nino
 Front row (left to right): Jersey Lewis, Kainalu Yamamoto, Kanoa Leshar, Taniel Angelo, Marley Yamamoto, Daniel Remsen, Manutea Pagua and Liana Pine-Ramos Not pictured: Mackenzie Afaga

Something Old, Something New at St. Augustine's

Story by Phillip Lee

On Sunday, October 22, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church blessed their newly renovated stained-glass windows. The congregation thanked the generous donors who made it possible for the win-

member of the congregation, had donated the window in memory of her husband, Pyung Joon, and son, Yoon Yil. However, Duke and Evelyn were unable to find a local company to complete the work. Following Duke's passing in 2001, his

to find an article in the January 1954 Hawai'i Church Chronicle [see sidebar].

Phillip sent an inquiry to Conrad Schmitt Studios and was contacted by master craftsman Kevin Slager, who had found the original order for the windows. Phillip contacted The Reverend Diana Akiyama and she obtained approval from the Bishop to proceed with the work. Kevin traveled to Kohala in April 2017 to assess the extent of work needed. He found that all 5 windows installed by his company, including those donated by the Von Holt and Wodehouse families and a fifth window not mentioned in Rev Turnbull's article (donated in memory of Rev Erasmus Van Deerlin), were in need of repair. The funds for this additional work were generously donated by the Wodehouse family, represented by Betty Hay Wodehouse Freeland, and by Pono Von Holt on behalf of the Von Holt family. The replacement glass and frame pieces were manufactured at Conrad Schmitt Studios and Kevin returned in October to complete the repairs. It was a painstaking process, complicated by an unexpected rainstorm and the hot sun, but Kevin completed the work alone in 4 days! As an added benefit, Kevin restored the ability to easily open and close the windows, providing much needed ventilation.

In appreciation for the generous donations and Kevin's hard work, the St. Augustine's ohana invited the families, Kevin and the community to a service and blessing on October 22, immediately followed by an enjoyable ho'olaule'a coordinated by John and Cindy Sakai and Mary Hanano with entertainment provided by Kohala's own musical group, Paho. It was definitely an event to be remembered!

The following is the article Phillip Lee found in the 1954 Hawaii Church Chronicle, which led him to the Conrad Schmitt Studios.

Four New Windows Dedicated at St. Augustine's Church, Kohala, Hawaii

The service of dedication was on Sunday, December 27. All four windows were made by the Conrad Schmitt Studios in Milwaukee. St. Mary was given by Ronald Von Holt in memory of his mother Ida E. Von Holt. St. Augustine, who is holding a small replica of St. Augustine's Church, was given by Mrs. P.J. Lee in memory of her husband, Pyong Joon Lee, and a son, Yoon Yil Lee. St. John the Baptist, given in memory of Ronald Von Holt, is given a Hawaiian touch by virtue of a banner he is carrying which says, "E nana i ke keikihipa a ke Akua" (Behold the Lamb of God). The Angel window given in memory of Rowena Hay Wodehouse, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hay Wodehouse, is in the Sanctuary next to the altar and incorporated in it is the beginning of the Sanctus in Hawaiian, "Hemolele, Hemolele, Hemolele." We had an excellent congregation and among those present were Herman Von Holt and Mrs. P.J. Lee from Honolulu. Some people from St. Paul's sang as an offertory a hymn written in memory of Ronald by one of his nieces. The Rev. Joseph Turnbull, Vicar (Hawaii Church Chronicle, Jan 1954)



Photos courtesy of St. Augustine Episcopal Church

The restored and updated window honoring Pyung Joon, Yoon Yil and Pilai Kim Lee. Sitting (left to right): Evelyn Pang Lee and Phillip Lee Standing (left to right): Anita Lee, Kevin Slager, Earl Nakachi, Stephanie Lee Nakachi, Troy Fujimoto and Amber Nakachi Fujimoto

dows to be restored and repaired. The story of this achievement starts with Dukeal and Evelyn Pang Lee, who sought to add Duke's mother's name to the St. Augustine window after her death in 1986. Mrs. Pilai Kim Lee, a long-time resident of Kahua Ranch and

son Phillip took up the challenge, but ran into similar roadblocks. In December 2016, Phillip happened



The restored window donated in memory of Rowena Hay Wodehouse.



Pono Von Holt (left) and Kevin Slager with one of the two windows donated by the Von Holt family.

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Successful Aina Fest Raises Funds to Support Local Agriculture and Food Security



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Festival volunteers circle up before the gates open for 'Āina Fest 2017.

By Leslie Nugent

The 8th Annual 'Āina Fest, held at Inhabit Sanctuary and Retreat Center grounds near Kapanāia on Saturday, November 4, attracted 1,700 people and was a fun day filled with food, music and education for all ages. Hawai'i Institute of Pacific Agriculture extends heartfelt mahalos to all in the Kohala community who contributed to the event's success. Special thanks to the event sponsors and supporters, including locally-based businesses Inhabit, Hawai'i Island Retreat, Kohala Village HUB, Kohala Coffee Mill, North Kohala Public Library, The Kohala Center, Sushi Rock and Kohala Grown Market. Gratitude also to the performers, educators, committee heads, volunteers, vendors and the event attendees!

Due to the communal effort, the event raised approximately \$7,000 for the North Kohala-based 501(c)(3) Hawai'i Institute of Pacific Agriculture. 100 percent of the event proceeds will directly fund two youth education initiatives in Kohala: the Mahi'ai Scholarship Award and school field trips focused on gardening and nutrition for K-12 students.

The Mahi'ai Scholarship Award is a scholarship designed to grow our local schools' gardens and promote interest in agricultural careers among our youth. A total of \$5,000



Hula Halau O Kukui Aloha O Kohala performs for the crowd.

in scholarship money will be shared among eight Kohala-based students who demonstrate the deepest dedication to their schools' gardens.

More information about this scholarship can be found in Kohala Mountain News' August issue (kohalamountainnews.com, August 2017, page 17) or by contacting HIP Ag's Program Manager Lauren Ruotolo at (808) 333-8664 or hipagriculture@gmail.com. The remaining \$2,000 of festival proceeds will help fund school field trips to HIP Agriculture's Halawa Farm and their demonstration garden at Kohala Institute at 'Iole, where students

receive hands-on lessons in home gardening, traditional Hawaiian and Polynesian plants, ecosystems and stewardship, animal care, building compost, preparation of fresh and healthy food and more.

The world is undoubtedly heading for a global food crisis. North Kohala is large in land area, with about 85 percent of lands currently zoned for agriculture – a characteristic that the community wishes to preserve.

Despite this productive agricultural land with deep soil, data shows that approximately 85 percent of our food is imported from

outside the district. HIP Agriculture grows fresh produce and offers education to the Kohala school complex to help support a key goal of the North Kohala Community Development Plan (CDP), which is for our district to produce 50 percent of the food it consumes. There are many farmers and educators in North Kohala contributing to this key goal and HIP Agriculture is proud to stand beside them.

With a chief United Kingdom scientist predicting the perfect storm of food, energy and water shortages to hit by 2030, it is critical that we get our act together when it comes to food and environmental protection. 'Āina Fest is HIP Agriculture's annual fundraiser to support its educational programs, and is also a call to action.

'Āina Fest is outreach for community collaboration. The aim of the festival is to utilize this annual event to inspire others to get involved in building food security and food sovereignty for the island. Along with this, it promotes the creation of connections with those in the Kohala community and all around us who are also doing this work so we may join forces, support each other and work together toward more resilient food, energy and water systems for generations to come.



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Kohala Kowbotics Na Paniolo VEX Teams Bring Home Cowboy Pride



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Kohala Kowbotics team 2460A celebrates their win of the Sportsmanship Award at the Pan Pacific Tournament at University of Hawaii East-West Center on Oahu earlier this month.

(Left to right): Hunter Perez, Kaimi Hook, Deighton Bell and Sadey Alip

Kohala High School VEX robotics program has been very busy with designing, building, programming and documenting their robots. Over a two week period, the team garnered five awards.

On November 3-5, the Kohala Kowbotics won their first pair of awards at the Pan Pacific VEX Championships held on Oahu at University of Hawaii College of Engineering. There were 49 teams signed up, but only 44 ended up in the competition. Teams were from California, China and Hawaii. Kohala Kowbotics Na Paniolo team 2460A – with Captain Kaimi Hook and teammates Sadey Alip, Deigh-

ton Bell and Hunter Perez – fought through to win Tournament Finalists. In addition, judges recognized the team with the Sportsmanship Award. The Sportsmanship Award is given to the team that exemplifies gracious professionalism, is enthusiastic and is extremely courteous.

On November 11, Kohala Kowbotics Na Paniolo teams competed at the HI-RES (Hawai'i Island Robotics Expo and Showcase) Tournament held at Kealakehe High School against 24 teams from Oahu and the Big Island. Both teams earned spots into the elimination rounds. Team 2460B – with Deighton Bell, Hunter Perez and Grace

Todd – placed 6th overall. In addition, judges awarded the team the Build Award, which is given to the team with a well-crafted robot and documentation to support its process.

Team 2460A – with Kaimi Hook and Gideon Rabang – won Tournament Finalist, placing second overall. Judges recognized the team with the Design award, which is given to the team with a professional design approach, quality engineering notebook, and a well-designed, quality, robust, competitive robot.

The Kohala Kowbotics high school program meets after school, twice weekly. Their season is nearly all year 'round to provide an opportunity for those seriously wanting to engage in workplace-readiness activities related to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). For more information or to support the teams, contact Ms. Fern White at 889-7117.



Kohala's Kaimi Hook of Team 2460A won the Design Award at the Hawai'i Island Robotics Expo and Showcase (HI-RES) Tournament held at Kealakehe High School on November 11

Hōkūpa'a Partnership Returns to KHS

The Kohala Hōkūpa'a Youth Council (KHYC) seeks to partner with our community. The students will conduct a place-based investigative project. Returning members Miranda Canniff, Cheyenne Fuertes, Kiera Isabel and Zazitaney Matsu will serve as lead facilitators for their peers, who include nine other students in Ms. Fern White's Resource class. They are Sadey Alip, Jose Cedillos, Clyson Igarashi-Marquez, Alii Kai Kaaekuahiwi, Naomi Ney, Karylle-Cheyne Oandasan, Mekaila Pasco, Zaline Perez-Rivera and Princess Reynolds. The project involves research, oral interviews, documentation and presentation.

Na Leo TV is a KHYC community partner. Outreach Director Richard Gonzalez comes to the

class to conduct on-site training and practice for students. Also, in preparation, some students have attended several Design Thinking trainings and Center for Tomorrow's Leaders (CTL) trainings.

Hōkūpa'a is a UH Hilo community development project, in partnership with Hawai'i State Department of Education (DOE) West Hawai'i Complex Area, Kamehameha Schools, The Learning Coalition, Hawai'i Community College, Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center, Hawai'i County Council and the County's Hawai'i Office of Youth Services. Please feel free to contact one of the students named above, Advisor Fern White at 889-7117 or email the KHYC at fern.white@kohalahs.com.



Kohala's Hunter Perez (left) and Deighton Bell were awarded the Build Award at the Hawai'i Island Robotics Expo and Showcase (HI-RES) Tournament held at Kealakehe High School on November 11.



Courtesy of Hōkūpa'a

The Kohala Hōkūpa'a Youth Council's mission is to empower students, support schools and connect the community to increase personal, educational and economic success for youth and the future of Hawai'i.



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Lavaroots Performing Arts Celebrates a Season of Cultural Sharing and Artistic Expression

By Leslie Nugent

For the fifth year, Lavaroots welcomed master dance and drum teachers to Kohala for a five day dance and drum conference November 1-5. In collaboration with the Kissidugu Foundation, Merveilles Hawai'i featured seven master artists from Guinea, West Africa sharing music, dance, songs

was accentuated by the event taking place at the GRACE Center at the Kohala Institute (KI) at 'Iole. Being the first group to use the newly renovated facilities last year, it was amazing to be back again and see all the progress on the grounds and facilities and to work with the extremely friendly and accommodating team at KI. The artists, who

Bangoura, Soriba Fofana and Sekou Fofana.

In addition to a successful conference, visiting master artists shared at community workshops, local events and in-school workshops.

The Rhythm of the Soil program, completing its third year in Kohala Elementary School, culminated

and drum program taking place in three schools island-wide. It is led by Lavaroots Performing Arts and made possible with support from the Kohala Lions Club, Kohala Rotary Club, Bill Healy Foundation, Kona Brewers Festival and numerous community donors.

These incredibly talented visiting artists also shared the richness



Photo by Kirk Shorte

Merveilles Hawai'i featured seven Master Teachers and Artists from Guinea, West Africa for five days of drumming and dance.



Photo by Michal Anna Carrillo

Kohala Elementary School fifth grade students present the Rhythm of the Soil program with Master Drummer Gabriel Fara Tolno and Sekou Fofana.

and stories. The conference also highlighted Kumu Mana'olana Keawe and Kumu Leia Lawrence sharing hula. Additionally, participants had the choice to practice daily yoga with Maya Parish and Michelle Ayau.

This powerful opportunity to come together in celebration and healing through dance and drum

are all originally from Guinea and who have come up through dance companies and national ballets in Guinea, live and work all around the United States and travel nationally and internationally, teaching and performing.

Visiting artists included Gabriel Fara Tolno, Alseny Soumah, Marietou Camara, Naby Bangoura, Fode

with a finale performance where students presented a traditional West African harvest rhythm dance and song accompanied by Master Artists Gabriel Fara Tolno and Sekou Fofana, while serving food they grew in their school garden. The Rhythm of the Soil program is an eight-week, in-school dance

of their music and dance as the Kissidugu All-Stars with performances at the Kohala 'Aina Festival and a special evening performance at the Kohala Village HUB, followed by music with Fuego Latin Jazz band featuring Fara Tolno.

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