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NKCRC Announces New Associate Director



Photo by Christine Richardson

In January 2018, Leslie Nugent (left) will be the new associate director of the North Kohala Community Resource Center. The current associate director, Megan Solís (right), will be leaving the island to travel with her husband, Jesús.

Megan Solís, associate director of the North Kohala Community Resource Center, will be leaving her position at the end of December. She and her husband will park their possessions in storage on the mainland and travel, seiz-

ing the opportunity for adventure. Megan reflects, "Kohala has been very good to me and my husband, Jesús. From our early days when I was editor of KMN and Jesús subbed at Kohala schools and

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Top Honors for Hālau Kawehileimamoikawēkiu'ōKohala



Photo courtesy of Zane and Beth Mathias and the Ka'anapali Beach Hotel. Hokani Maria (left) and Brianna Wehi Lim-Ryder (right) of Hālau Kawehileimamoikawēkiu'ōKohala display their many prizes as the top title-holders at Maui's 27th Annual Hula o Nā Keiki competition in November. The Music Award was presented to Halau Kawehileimamoikawēkiu'ōKohala, Kumu Lorna Lim (center), for the song "No Kohala Ka Makani `Āpa`apa`a."

By Lani Eugenio

Kohala's keiki and 'opio from Hālau Kawehileimamoikawēkiu'ōKohala, Kumu Hula Lorna Kapualiko Lim, were awarded the top titles at the 27th Annual Hula o Nā Keiki competition held on Maui on November 10 and 11. The 2017 Miss Hula o Nā Keiki title went to 14-year-old Brianna Wehileimamoleihwahiwo-nāali'ioKohala Lim-Ryder and the 2017 Master Hula o Nā Keiki title went to 15-year-old Hokani K. Maria.

The competition was established by the staff of Kā'anapali Beach Hotel (KBH) in 1990. Maui's only solo hula competition for children is open to students 5-17 years old from around the world. Hula o Nā Keiki has opened the door for many Merrie Monarch winning soloists and hālaus.

Categories in both Keiki (child) and 'Opio (adolescent) ages included soloist, pālua (boy-girl pairs), kahiko (ancient style hula), 'auana (modern hula), oli (chant), an interview section, and clothing and adornments. Contestants were interviewed individually by a panel of judges who observed their interpretation of dance, costume and adornment selection, and the proper use of the Hawaiian language. The Ryder-Lim sisters were the top scorers in this category.

In the Keiki category, Makanahiwahiwapomaikaialani Thomas-Kaholoa'a, age 11, placed first in both the Keiki Kane Hula and in the Keiki Kane Oli categories.

Alyssa-Lauren Kāhikolei'ōpuakauikawēkiuonālani Lim-Ryder, age 11, placed first in the Keiki Interview, second in the Keiki Wahine 'Oli and third in the Keiki Wahine Hula.

In the 'Opio age group, both Brianna and Hokani dominated the various categories. Hokani placed first in the 'Opio Kane Hula and the Kane Oli and the Kane 'Auana awards. Brianna placed first for the 'Opio Wahine Hula, Wahine Oli and the 'Opio Interview. Together, Hokani and Brianna won the Palua (hula duet) award and the Palua costume/adornment award. Their numerous individual and combined awards made them the overall winners in the Kane and Wahine divi-

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Kohala Middle School Gets a Sneak Peek at the Ukulele and Slack Key Guitar Festival

Story and photos By Celene Cook

Thursday, November 16, kicked off the 15th Annual 'Ukulele and Slack Key Guitar Festival at Kahilu Theatre in Waimea. Before the workshops began Thursday evening, several of the

musicians traveled to various Hawai'i public schools, providing students and staff with performances. Kohala Middle School (KMS) was one of these schools.

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(Left to right) Nathan Aweau, Principal Alan Brown and Ledward Kaapana at the musicians' Kohala Middle School performance.

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sions.

Mike White, General Manager of KBH since 1985 (he was at Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, 1973-1982) stated, "At Kā'anapali Beach Hotel, it is our goal to honor the Hawaiian culture and Hula O Nā Keiki allows us celebrate our keiki [children] and culture and create a link to appreciation for the past." He and his wife, Whitney, donated Akoni Akana Scholarships to Hokani K. Maria, 'Ōpio Kāne recipient, and Brianna Wehi Lim-Ryder, 'Ōpio Wahine recipient. Each Akoni Akana scholarship consists of a \$1,000 given to a deserving 'Ōpio Kāne and 'Ōpio Wahine who has the intent to further his or her education in Hawaiian culture either through college, hālau, mentorship programs or other fine arts.

Topping off an exciting evening for Kumu Lorna Lim, Hālau Kawehileimamoikawēkiu'oKohala was presented with The Music Award for the song written by Lorna's grand-aunt, Sarah Pule, "No Kohala Ka Makani 'Apa'apa'a." The Lim Family recorded and popularized the song.

Kumu Lorna Lim stated that there is a strong connection with the Maui hula competitions and their family. As a mere youngster, her nephew, Manaola Lim-Yap (son of Nani and now a prominent fashion designer), won the title of Master Hula o Na Keiki in 1994. In 1998, niece Namakana Lim-Davis (daughter of Minnie) was Miss Hula o Na Keiki at age 13 and went on to become Miss Aloha Hula in the Merrie Monarch Hula Festival.

In 1989, Maui held the Hula Pakahi Hula Festival and there was a solo competition for adults (males and female) from ages 18-30. Uncle George Naope encouraged her hula teachers (elder sisters, Kumu Nani



Photo from: Lorna Lim Mahana Thomas-Kaholoa`a, age 11, placed first in both the Keiki Kane Hula and Oli categories.



Photo from: Lorna Lim Wekiu Lim-Ryder, age 11, placed first in the Keiki Interview, second in the Keiki Wahine'Oli and third in the Hula.

"That was the very beginning of our Hālau Nā Lei o Kaholokū and the avenue that took us on the road to Merrie Monarch," Kumu Lorna explained. "It also opened the door for me to learn and become a student to hula greats like Kumu Hula John Kaimikaua, Kumu Hula Darrell Ihi'ihilauākea Lupenui, Kumu Hula Frank Hewett, Uncle George Naope and more. Maui has been the cornerstone of many Hālau. Mahalo to Kā'anapali Beach Hotel, Mike White and the head judge and creator of Hula o Nā Keiki, Kumu Hula Hokulani Holt."

Congratulations to Hālau Kawehileimamoikawēkiu'oKohala, Hokani Maria, Makana Kaholoa`a, Wehi and Wekiu Lim-Rider and Kumu Lorna Lim. Making Kohala proud!

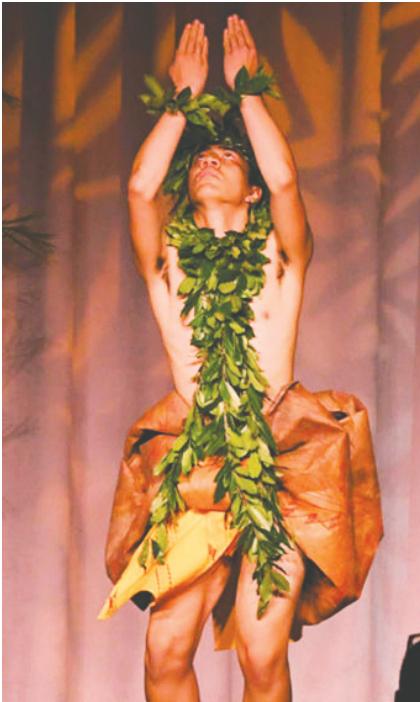


Photo courtesy of Zane and Beth Mathias and the Ka'anapali Beach Hotel Master Hula o Nā Keiki, Hokani Maria. Hokani placed first in the 'Ōpio Kane Hula, Oli and Auana awards. Brianna and Hokani's numerous individual and combined awards made them the Overall winners in the Kane and Wahine divisions.



Photo courtesy of Zane and Beth Mathias and the Ka'anapali Beach Hotel 2017 Miss Hula o Nā Keiki, Brianna Wehi Lim-Ryder, placed first in the 'Ōpio Wahine Hula, Oli and the Interview. Hokani Maria and Brianna won the Palua (duet) hula award and the Palua costume/adornment award.

and Kumu Leialoha) to take Lorna to compete. She became the first Miss Hula Pakahi in 1989, won the next two years and was honored with the Perpetual Trophy. Her younger brother, James Kimo Lim, became the Master Hula Pakahi in 1991.



Photo from Lorna Lim Continuing the Legacy. The Lim family is known for their musical/ hula talents and their knowledge in Hawaiian history and culture. They have learned from the great masters and are passing it on to the future generations.



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played for the Kohala kupuna softball team, as well as our years in the Lions Club, we have experienced the warm Aloha of this community."

She continues, "Working at the Center has been a great experience and honor. I have learned so much about the nonprofit world, budgets, and grant proposals from Christine. I didn't understand the depth of support the Center provides the projects we sponsor until I found myself in the position of providing that support!"

"There are so many bighearted people here who give their time and energy to make Kohala such a great place to live. Being able to

help them plan for and raise the funds they need has been very satisfying. Kohala is a generous community and I hope it will continue to recognize and support the important service the Center provides. I will miss the many wonderful people I have worked with here – the Board, the volunteer guides, the project organizers, and most especially Christine and Gooche. No matter where we travel and where we ultimately land, I will always have a soft place in my heart for the Kohala community."

Megan has been integral part of organization since joining it in July 2013. She developed the new position, and demonstrated

what an important role it fills in the function of an effective Center. Her skills as a teacher, coach, writer and organizer, as well as her patient demeanor, have been much appreciated.

The center is pleased to introduce Leslie Nugent, who will be taking over the position, beginning January 2. Leslie has been an accomplished project organizer at the Center for over six years, leading both the North Kohala Eat Locally Grown and Camp Mana projects. These roles involved a lot of planning, budgeting and reporting, tasks for which she has demonstrated notable aptitude. Executive Director Christine Richardson points out that Leslie has

done a superb job with the projects she's been involved with so far.

Leslie is active in Hula Halau o Mana'olana o Kohala under the direction of Kumu Hope Keawe, and the Lavaroots Performing Arts Dance Company. She is also a Natural Farming mentor for Kahua Pa'a Mua's youth mentorship program.

The Center feels blessed to have her join their team.

Leslie will be orienting with Megan in December and will be introduced to the community in the New Year. She's excited about her new role and the new opportunities to serve Kohala that it presents.

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Kohala Cultural Enrichment Program, a sponsored project of North Kohala Community Resource Center, and Kahilu Theatre treated KMS to a free hour-long performance by slack key guitarists Ledward Kaapana and Nathan Aweau.

The rains took a break during the morning hour of their visit, which allowed the assembly to gather on the front lawn and the stage to be set on the lanai. Aweau opened up, sharing about his unique seven string bass. He explained that when playing a bass with seven strings he can

play bass with his left hand while playing chords with his right hand.

He then demonstrated by throwing down a reggae bassline, tapping the neck of his bass with his left hand and playing the chords on the neck with his right hand.

After his demo, he shredded the bass guitar, performing a solo combining familiar classic rock sounds with his own unique style. Following a brief time of questions and answers, Kaapana then took the lead.

Kaapana explained his guitar is tuned to the key of G and he plays

open string so he can play both bass and melody simultaneously. Despite such a simple explanation, Kaapana's sound is complex and soothing. He joked that in comparison to Aweau's style, he hoped not to put the students to sleep. As Kaapana finished his first solo, Aweau pointed out that Kaapana plays Hawaiian slack key guitar at the highest level of anybody in the world. Anyone who hears Kaapana playing a solo might believe they are hearing several guitarists. After Kaapana's set, there was again a brief time of questions and answers, in which students learned that Kaapana,

like many of them, started his musical journey on the 'ukulele and that Aweau did not pick up the bass until he was in college.

Kaapana and Aweau concluded their performance jamming together. When the rains came, Aweau suggested they pack it up, but the kids shouted out, "Hana hou!" The rains let up a little while longer and as they played the students clapped along. Aweau then joked they were going to close the performance with a song that would call the rain. As they played, the rains came down and they wrapped up their set.

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KHS Teacher Wins Waikoloa 5K Run

By Bette Green

Friends of the Library- Waikoloa Region (FL-WR) held its 8th Annual 5K Walk/Run for Literacy last month. There were 107 registrants from age 7 to 93, plus several in strollers, pushed by parents.

FL-WR is pleased to have had a Kohala High School Math Department instructor run for literacy and come in first place.

Fasil Bizuneh from Hawi, who pushed his three year old daughter Mary Coco in an Allen Sports XLT-X2 racing stroller, was the overall male winner.

They crossed the finish line in just 20:25 minutes and were met by proud family members: two-year-old son Moges Makai and

wife Leah Baggao, who was born and reared in Kohala.

Formerly a professional runner for New Balance and Power-Bar, Mr. Bizuneh represented the United States in international competition on several occasions. His best time for 5,000 meters was 13:45 in 2006 and he still holds the Arizona State University 10,000 meter school record.

Residents of Maliu Ridge may see Fasil training by pushing both children through the hilly neighborhood in the stroller to keep in shape. FL-WR hopes the Bizuneh family will continue to support their literacy efforts with participation next year.

For more information go to www.flwrhi.org.



Photo by Victoria McKinney

Fasil Bizuneh, math teacher at Kohala High School and former professional runner, won the 2017 Friends of the Library – Waikoloa Region 5K Walk/Run in November.

Pictured: Fasil with wife Leah Baggao, son Moges Makai (center) and daughter Mary Coco (front).

“Kidz For A Cause” Kick-Off Rally and FUNraiser Coming to Kohala



Image courtesy of Kidz For A Cause

Kidz For A Cause (KFAC) is a group of philanthropic kids who want to help other kids in need. KFAC was created by a third-grader at Punahou School on Oahu in 2008, and even though several hundred kids get involved in each campaign now, they are still organized and run by kids. So far they have raised \$420,000 for nonprofits that benefit kids!

KFAC has raised money for the families of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Hawai'i, children with heart disease through the American Heart Association, abused children through the

Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Oahu and critically ill babies in Kapiolani Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

KFAC has selected the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Hawai'i and Orange County, California as this year's beneficiaries. This is the first year expanding Kidz For A Cause to the mainland!

You're never too young to give back! KFAC was created by Nicki Lee when she was in third grade and welcomes kids from elementary to high school. An opportunity has arisen to expand KFAC here in Kohala. An informational Kick-Off Rally is scheduled on Saturday, January 13. Parents, grandparents, kids are welcomed and encouraged to find out more about this awesome organization. Then on Saturday, February 24, a community FUNraiser is scheduled. With the generosity of Executive Director Lehua Ah Sam, and Event/Program Manager 'Ekela Kahuanui, both scheduled events will be held at the Kohala Village HUB. They both are in great participation and support with KFAC. For more information, visit kidzforacause.org or call Teresa Marquez at 217-7879.

Correction

On page 18 of the November 25 issue, the HIP Ag `Aina Fest article was incorrectly attributed to Leslie Nugent, though the author was Maya Parish. We apologize for the error.

Correction

On page 8 of the November 25 issue, the writer's name of the "Thank You, Veterans" song was given as Omoto, though it is actually Otomo. We apologize for the error.



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MAHALO for Another Amazing BirdDays!



Photo courtesy of Hawai'i Wildlife Center

Keiki complete bird-related art projects to become more familiar with, and thus increasingly value, the birds here in Hawai'i. The Hawai'i BirdDays Celebration marked the sixth anniversary of the grand opening of the Hawai'i Wildlife Center.

On behalf of all of the staff and volunteers at the Hawai'i Wildlife Center, we want to thank our community for participating in our sixth anniversary BirdDays celebration! It was a great success.

Everything was about birds, bats and conservation, from

bird games, HWC patient stories, wildlife Jeopardy and trivia, right down to the chocolate-frosting pueo on the birthday cake. Mahalo nui to Halau Hula Kalaniani A Liloa and Na Kupuna O Kohala for gracing us with an amazing opening performance. It

was so much fun to see the keiki hula, the graceful wahine and the playful kane with their feathered uliuli as proud roosters as they danced a story about the chickens of Kauai.

Thank you also to our guest artist Patrick Ching for staying all day to paint and talk story. Thank you to community members who brought contributions to our food table and volunteered with us. Mahalo to K. Takata Store, Healthways II and Tropical Dreams Ice Cream for donating snacks, popcorn toppings, drinks and ice cream.

A huge mahalo also to our raffle prize donors Patagonia Hawaii, Claudia Hafner, David Hayes, Pueo Boutique, Liz Miller and Caren Loebel-Fried. We can't believe it has been six years since the grand opening of the Hawai'i Wildlife Center. Mahalo to our North Kohala community for all the aloha that has made our work possible. We can't wait until next year's November Happy BirdDays! Mark your calendar and keep an eye out for more information.

The Hawai'i Wildlife Center

Kohala Campus Rocks With VEX Robotics League Championships

A lively day of VEX Robotics competition filled the Kohala High School campus on November 18. Fifteen teams converged to vie for slots to States. In the past, Kohala Kowbotics has hosted tournaments in the gym. This year, the tournament was spread out with the main field and competition in the library, the skills challenges field in the Culinary Arts room and the pits and practice in Science room. Fortunately, the weather was fabulous.

Many volunteers were needed to create the event's success. We hosted 16 teams from 11 schools and organizations with approximately 200 supporters who came and went throughout the day. Mahalo to faculty Jessica Brown,

Qi Chen and Janet Graupman, who helped monitor rooms and served as judge team. Mahalo to community members Kelly Ah Hee, Maureen Garry, Steve Hoffman and Peter Sullenberger for their deliberation as judges. Mahalo to robotics parents and 'ohana Bell, Hook and Perez for set up, game help and clean up. Mahalo to Shirley Garcia-Nakamura and Beverly Tanaka for sharing their classrooms.

Volunteers also came from Oahu, including VEX Hall of Fame volunteer Osa Tui. As event coordinator I want to express my sincere appreciation. Event Sponsor Hawai'i Community Foundation TMT-THINK Fund also provided much of the underwriting for

the costs, including an extended trophy package, funding to other partners that included Hilo High, Keeau High and Waimea Middle PCS and t-shirts for the officials and volunteers. It was a lively day on campus. As one person stated, "It wasn't easy to find place to park!"

Mentors of Kohala Kowbotics include Cheryl Cabrera, Eric Dela Cruz and Alvin Kawamoto. They meet with the students two evenings each week. Participants include Sadey Alip, Deighton Bell, Kaylee Cordeiro, Kaimi Hook, Hunter Perez and Gideon Rabang.

Mahalo for another successful event,
Fern White



Photo by Cheryl Cabrera

The Kohala Kowbotics won the Teamwork Award at the VEX Robotics competition they hosted in November.

Future KMN Deadlines

It's important for the Kohala Mountain News to receive ads and news submissions by the following deadlines. Otherwise, submissions may not be accommodated.

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Letters

The #2 Most Difficult Sport Is Swimming

Dear Editor,
Swimming has been determined as the #2 most difficult sport there is, with Gymnastics being #1. I suppose not being able to breathe underwater is what makes it most difficult, as you swim over a mile each practice session. And to make it even worse, swimming is held during the winter, with constant rain, low temperatures and the highest winds of the year. Imagine swimming in water temperatures from 68-72 degrees that makes your teeth and ears hurt.

So, why would anyone want to swim competitively? Over the past several years Kohala High swimmers have won championship banners and we will be hanging them at the Kohala pool so that the public can see and be aware that Kohala produces champions!

But on another note, on behalf of the Kohala High School swim team we would like to once again thank the Kohala community for their support of our recent fundraiser. The swim team does not generate any funds through ticket sales, as the meets are free and open to the public.

However, taking advantage of Cyber Monday, we were able to purchase goggles and swim suits at a cost of \$700; otherwise, they would have cost well over

\$2,000. Airfare alone to attend the State Championships on Maui, come February 2018, will cost a little over \$2,000. Then the team needs to add in housing, ground transportation, food etc. So swimming is a commitment.

However, past swimmers have used their swim skills to receive and attend college with scholarships and enter the various branches of our nation's military of the U.S. Coast Guard, Air Force and Marine Corps. Pres-

ently, Kassie Kometani, Kohala High grad, is the #1 sprinter for Lewis and Clark College in Oregon and past Kohala swimmer Daniel Coakley competed in the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Our first swim meet, on December 9 at the Kohala Community Athletic Center (KCAC) pool in Kona, started off with the team doing pretty well, even though some of our swimmers were injured or taking the ACT test. Still, we had an outstanding performance by freshman Sydney Wiernicki, who pulled in two State-qualifying times, coming in second in the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 25.82, and another second place in the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 1:03.71. This is notable as Sydney, as a freshman, has to compete against sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Other swimmers who did well were Marvelanne Clark, taking fourth place in the 50-meter free and third place in the 500-meter free; Bayleigh Wiernicki taking third place in the 200-meter individual medley; and for the first time, Reese Hooton anchoring the 200-meter medley and freestyle relay team.

Our next meet will be at Hilo High School on December 20.

Mahalo,
Coach Jeff



Photo by Marley Yamamoto

The Kohala High Swim Team

Back row (left to right): Boys Team members Oscar Ka'awa Culp, Tommy Rios, Dayton Foree and Coach Jeff

Front row (left to right): Coach Elysia Yamamoto and Girls Team members Naomi Ney, Reese Hooton, Bayleigh Wiernicki and (on ground) Sydney Wiernicki

Missing: Mashayla Gusman, Marvelanne Clark and Will Touchet

County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilmember Tim Richards

Aloha Everyone and Merry Christmas!

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

Traffic Safety and Speeding

Our office has received several calls about concerns for speeding in North Kohala. In

discussing with the police, though they are aware of some of the concerns, having the manpower to enforce the speed limits is problematic.

Recently our North Kohala Community Police Officer Kapeleli Kauahikaua was able to borrow speed tracking devices

that will be set up in the areas of concern. For North Kohala, some of the areas include Kynnersley Road and near Hawi town.

This equipment will measure a vehicle's speed and time of day, giving an indication of what is actually happening in the area

and when. With this information the police will be better able to manage the problem.

Our office is looking into the possibility of obtaining this type of equipment for our District 9 police stations that will help our officers enforce the speed limit

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in problem areas. Should you have any suggestions on locations where speeding should be tracked or addressed, please contact our office and/or your specific Community Police Officers so we can work together to deter this ongoing problem.

Electrification of Mass Tran-

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I was invited by HELCO to attend a seminar on the electrification of mass transit on November 9. As many of you are aware, our mass transit system has many problems and management has been lackluster. We have a fleet of 50-plus buses where only 50 percent are actually running. The previous County Council authorized a half million dollar study to come up with recommendations for route plans and management recommendations. I am with the understanding that a new director for our County Mass Transit department will be hired soon and hopefully can quickly address the many concerns. Our mass transit/bus system costs the County approximately \$14 million a year to operate, with rider fares collected only amounting to approximately \$1 million annually.

Most of our buses are secondhand from the Honolulu bus system, as new buses cost approximately \$550,000 each. As I stated, I was invited to attend a seminar on the use of all-electric buses. These buses are gaining traction in some areas in the United States, though their cost is substantially more – somewhere between \$700,000

to \$750,000 each, depending on the model. Whether these buses would even begin to fit the needs of the Big Island is still a question in my mind. The problem with the Big Island, as we always say, is that it is big. We have long runs for buses, and if we were to use the Saddle Road, I am not yet convinced that these buses would have enough charge to do it. Though this type of class of buses does start to fulfill the desire to move away from fossil fuel, I am not convinced the technology is there for the Big Island. We are trying to work with a few a companies, including Proterra and RyD, to see about having them bring one of their buses to the Big Island at their expense to test it. Stay tuned!

Water Supply

Though a new well site in North Kohala exists, we are still years away from it coming online. There are logistical and budget issues that are still being worked out. Knowing full well that the limited water service limits additional housing being built, alternative solutions are being considered that might allow construction in some areas.

Real Property Tax

Last summer when we were

going through budget hearings and reviewing our revenues, adjustments were made to the real property tax rates. At that time, the County Council stated that they wanted to go in and do a comprehensive overhaul/overview of the real property tax structure and tax rates. The Real Property Tax division of the County Finance Department has been championing this process. Over the last several months they have been meeting with representatives from the different tax areas, including agriculture, homeowner, resort, commercial, etc. The idea is to take a comprehensive look at all real property tax in concert with each other and not in a "silo" of each rate in itself. That process is ongoing and I am told by constituents who are participating that the process is going well. Comments from staff at the Real Property Tax division also see the process is working and great information is being garnered. The County Council is eagerly anticipating the report which is due sometime in the first portion of 2018.

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

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Wet Weather Brings Out the 'Fungus Amongus'

One bright side of the soggy weather we've had lately lies in the abundance of unusual mushrooms that pop up in unexpected places. To share the fascination, we invited community members to send in photos of nature's wet-weather artwork so readers could take a virtual fungal field trip through Kohala. Some of the fungi are identified, and some are not.

If you recognize an unnamed mushroom, please share your knowledge with us at kohalanewseditor@gmail.com.



Mutinus elegans: "Devil's Dipstick" in the yard
Photo by Dar Scanella



Photo by Diann Wilson
In the yard



Photo by Donna Maltz
On the way to the Coast Guard Station



Clathrus archeri: "Devil's Fingers" in the yard
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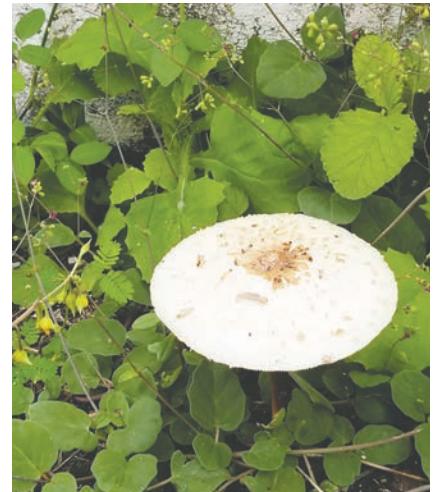


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At the Coast Guard Station



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On the way to Pololu

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Aseroe rubra: "Starfish Stinkhorn" in the yard

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In downtown Hawi



Photo by Jeff Coakley
"Mushroomhenge" surrounding a tree in Kamehameha Park



Photo by Tom Morse
In the yard; the big colony
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Success at Preserving Coastal Lands

This is the second in a series of three articles.

By Toni Withington

Saving lands in open space often means preserving scenic view planes and protecting the ocean from dangerous runoff that pollutes the reefs. In Kohala, there is the added benefit of conserving invaluable traces of Hawaiian history and culture, as the

last seven years. Besides the donations of land owners, the partners raised a total of \$18.4 million to make the transfers happen.

The County's 2% Open Space Fund and the State's Legacy Land Preservation Program accounted for much of the funding. The Trust for Public Lands and Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, as well as federal grants, added to that. Private

Byrne Baber; Maika'i Kamakani O Kohala, led by Stephanie Naihe and the Kohala Historic and Cultural Preservation Group, led by the late Mike Isaacs. Together they have annually nominated Kohala lands to the County's Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Commission (PONC) priority list since 2006.

The PONC commissioners,

the case of the land at Niuli'i, the owners, Allene Wong and David Eckles, donated the land to The Kohala Center in Waimea. No matter who holds the title, the protection remains the same – in perpetuity. That means our grandchildren's grandchildren will get to enjoy it.

The pattern of development for most of the Hawaiian Islands



A hiker on the trail at Halelua.

Photos by Toni Withington



A view from the soon-to-be-acquired land at Hapu'u Bay, looking toward Kauhola Point (Lighthouse).

29-mile coast has been populated for seven hundred years. Archaeologists are just beginning to understand the treasure trove of knowledge about early Hawaiian life on the undeveloped leeward coast and the northern coast that was the homeland of Kamehameha the Great.

Through the efforts of five Kohala community organizations, in partnership with the county, state and federal governments, two Hawai'i land trusts and generous land owners, 367 acres of coastal land has been dedicated to open space in perpetuity during

donors also pitched in. However, it was the cooperative work of the Kohala groups that kept focus on the goals, stated clearly in the North Kohala Community Development Plan, that is, and continues to be, the driving force for land preservation. What's truly remarkable is that the accomplishments were achieved with all-volunteer labor.

The five groups are Malama Na Wahi Pana O Kohala, led by Fred Cachola; Ka Makani O Kohala Ohana –Kako'o, led by Kanoa Withington; Malama Kohala Kahakai, led by Gail

each from one of the nine districts, evaluate nominated lands according to six different values to the public. Using a numeric system, the commission ranks the applications and refers its priority list to the mayor for approval. Before the staff can begin negotiations for purchase from private landowners, the County Council must give its approval. Four of the seven successful preservation projects have been funded wholly or in part with County PONC funds.

Some lands are also nominated to the priority list of the State's Legacy Land Preservation Commission (LLPC), which has so far helped in the funding of four of the purchases. Also raising funds for projects were The Trust for Public Lands, the Hawaiian Island Land Trust, the Ala Kahakai Trail Association, Maika'i Kamakani O Kohala, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Dorrance Foundation. In

has been dominated by coastal construction first – a wall of oceanfront property. This has led to conflicts with public access, fishing and gathering rights, and even the ability to walk along the shore. This pattern also degrades the value of all the land not on the ocean.

Old-timers in Kohala recognized back in the 1970s that if the undeveloped coastline could be kept open and free of development, the coastal lands could become a 29-mile recreational and educational resource for future generations. (See Generations of Preservation in the Kohala Mountain News, November 2017, www.kohalamountainnews.com).

Using the County's 2% Open Space Fund Priority List for starters, each year the five community groups nominated coastal lands most-threatened by development and lands identified as important

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End-of-Life and Cannabis Education Offered

Story by Lisa Andrews

Coffin clubs and cannabis cafes? These are just two examples of the educational events Dr. Charlotte Charfen will be offering freely to the community in her new office space located at 54-3858 Akoni Pule Highway in Kapa`au, right next to Minnie's.

Although she has worked in the western medical field as a board certified emergency physician for the last 17 years, she has never quite fit into the traditional medical box.

It makes perfect sense that her passion for empowering others to take control for their own personal health, life and death would guide her to this space with the round koa windows.

Although she trained at one of the most intense emergency room programs in the inner city of Detroit, Charlotte believes her

patients have been her greatest teachers. As an intimate witness to their life and death experiences, they taught her to more powerfully embrace her own existence.

They also introduced her to the significant medical benefits of cannabis, not only for end of life symptoms, but for many chronic medical conditions for which typical modern medicine lacks answers.

Dr. Charfen hopes that through these monthly open forums, she will do her small part in removing the fear and stigma surrounding death and cannabis through education and also encourage others to take control of their most fabulous lives.

For more information on monthly community events and services, please see www.charlottecharfen.com or email charlottecharfen@gmail.com or call 808-726-2461.



Photo by Lisa Andrews

Charlotte Charfen, MD will be offering free educational events, including discussion of medicinal cannabis in chronic illness and end-of-life care, in her new Kapa`au office space.

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	9AM	10:30AM	CHAIR YOGA	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	880-0583
	10AM	3PM	HAWI FARMERS' MARKET		
	5PM	6PM	MEDITATION COURSE	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	917-293-3427
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What's Ahead for Preserving Land

By Toni Withington

Coastal lands already preserved are only the beginning of the story. There are 2,392 acres of privately held coastal lands in North Kohala that are already targeted for purchase. You read that right – 2,392 acres.

This is not pie-in-the-sky.

Work is already well underway to designate these lands as important and to continue the process of working with land owners to preserve the land in open space.

Right now, Kohala residents are working with the administrators of the Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Commission (PONC), within the County Department of Finance, on two projects, totaling 144 acres with an approximate value of \$6 million (one with matching funds) at Hapu'u and Kapanaiia.

One project, twenty acres of land overlooking Hapu'u Bay, is in escrow, meaning the County will soon own it. This is the site of Hale O Ka'ili heiau, believed to be built, or re-built, by Kamehameha the Great to house the war god Kuka'ilimoku.

It is also a very popular fishing site. The other project includes the coastal land a Kapanaiia Bay and Walaohia Gulch. Part of the ancient heiau of Kapalama is on this land. The bay is a well-frequented surfing and swimming beach.

The County Council has authorized the Finance Department to start formal negotiations, possibly within a year, on three other purchases totaling 99 acres, with an approximate value of \$7 million (all three with matching funds), at Kapanaiia and Halelua.

When completed, the project will preserve over four miles of north coast land – the area named the Kula Iwi O Kamehameha, the homeland of Hawaii's first king.

On the leeward coast, two projects totaling 469 acres have been named on the County's Priority List for Public Purchase for many years and the five community groups working on coastal preservation have begun talking directly with land owners on preservation purchase of land at Mahukona and Lamaloloa.

Two other projects that have

been on the priority list for years, totaling 1,622 acres, are Kukuipahu and Keawenui.

In addition, the groups are talking about partnering for preservation with owners of two projects totaling 184 acres at Honoipu and Kaupalaoa.

Five of the projects on the want list of preservationists are currently listed for sale on the open market, which adds urgency to the effort.

None of the lands can be bought without the consent and cooperation of the private land owner. So, unlike the early days of fighting development, the groups have shifted to working with land owners to help them see the long-range value of adding their land to the growing list of conserved properties.

The North Kohala Community Development Plan (County Ordinance 2008-151) speaks in many places about the desire to preserve coastal land.

One section calls specifically for using the Open Space Fund to purchase Pao'o, Kaiholena, Mahukona and Kukuipahu. So far, the first two

have been preserved. By adding all the parcels listed above, the community will have preserved almost an entire 15-mile section of the leeward coast land between Akoni Pule Highway and the ocean.

Generations of fishermen, campers, surfers and hikers have taken care of these lands by hauling out trash and keeping jeep roads from degrading.

Next month's article in this series will talk about more formal efforts being made within Kohala to take care of the open space lands.

Stewardship is likely to mean jobs for young people in resource management, science and education of Hawaiian history and cultural practices.

In addition, next month will include a report on the efforts of the longstanding North Kohala Community Access Group to insure future generations have a hiking and jeep trail along the coast and mauka-makai roads to get to it.

Those interested in joining the volunteer efforts in coastal preservation can get in touch at imuakohala@gmail.com.

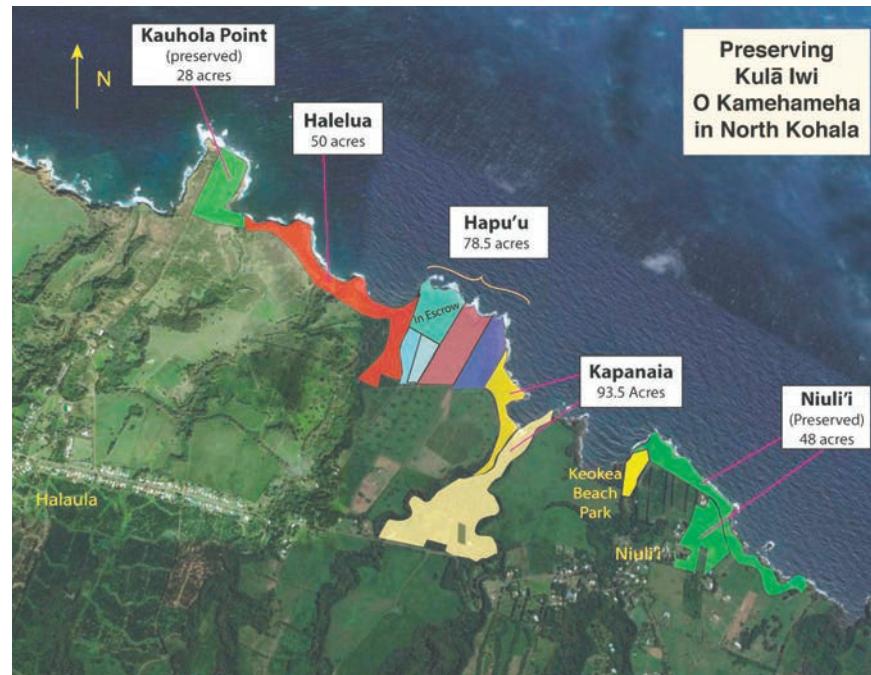
Kula Iwi O Kamehameha

By Toni Withington

Preservation of the homeland of Hawaii's first king – the Kula Iwi O Kamehameha – has been underway for years and is slowly keeping over four miles of north coast land free of development.

Kauhola Point. The 28 acres of land at Lighthouse were acquired in 2012 with money from the State Legacy Land Preservation Fund and local fundraising by Maika'i Kamakani O Kohala, the non-profit that holds title for the people of Kohala. The Trust for Public Lands helped arrange the purchase, which included a hefty discount by the land owners.

Halelua. This mile-long stretch of coast, whose 50 acres includes much of Halawa Gulch and the remnants of O'hau Heiau, has been listed high on the County Priority List since 2012 and has been approved by the County Council. Negotiations are expected to start soon.



Map created by John Winter and Toni Withington, 2017

Hapu'u. Purchase of the first 20 acres by the County is in escrow and expected to close soon. This is a very popular fishing site and home of Hale O Ka'ili Heiau. Two other parcels on the cliffs, totaling 42.5 acres, are also County Council approved and awaiting the beginning of negotiations.

Kapanaiia. Work has begun to find funding for this 93.5 acres that includes Kapanaiia Bay, Kapalama Heiau and most of Walaohia Gulch. County Council approved, the County will be seeking matching State Legacy Land funding next year.

Niuli'i. The critical habitat between Keokea Park and Neue Bay was listed high on the County's Open Space Priority List for five years. In 2016 the owners donated the 48 acres of land to The Kohala Center, a Waimea-based non-profit dedicated to land stewardship, conservation of native species and educational activities.

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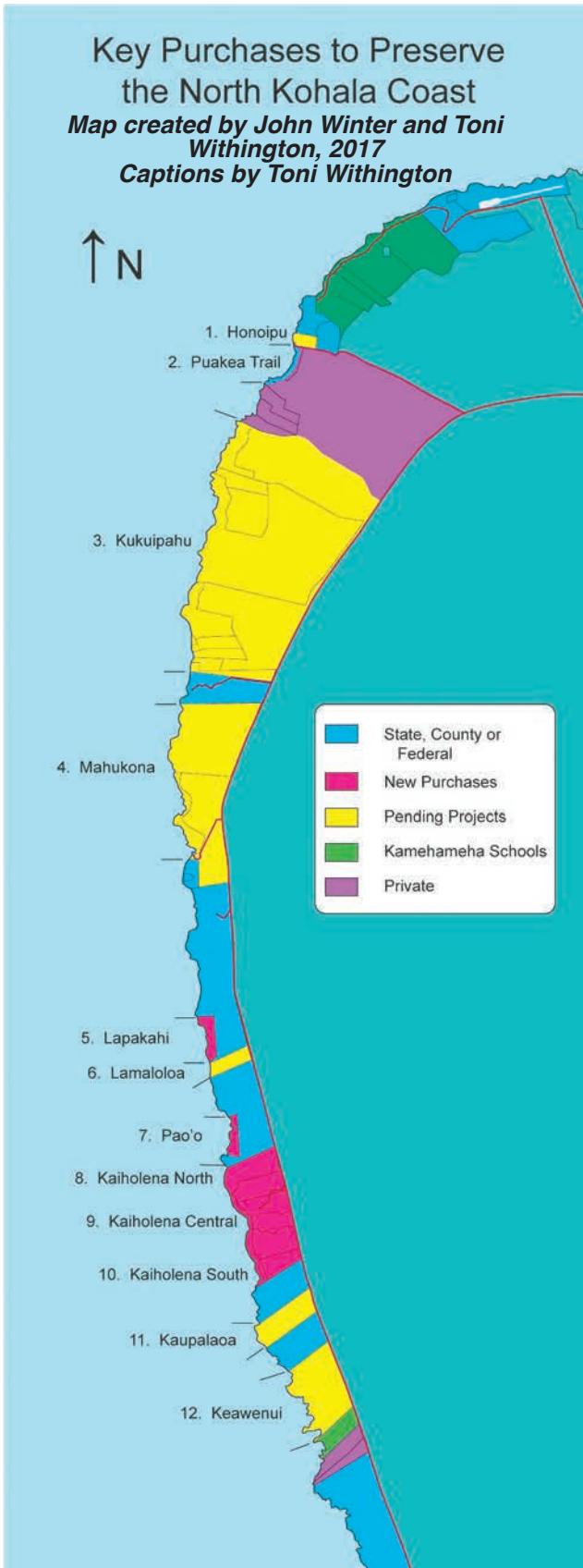
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Key Purchases to Preserve



Key Purchases to Preserve
the North Kohala Coast
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Honoipu – Once a part of the Coast Guard Loran Station, this land includes part of Old Coast Guard Road and the parking lot at the bottom. The Hawaiian Island Land Trust lists it as an Iconic Land for preservation. Talks are underway with the owner.

Puakea Trail – The State was granted a trail corridor along the cliff top by the State Land Board as a result of action brought by Kohala residents. The trail is administered by the Na Ala Hele trail program.

Kukuipahu – Because of outstanding historic sites and recreational use, this land is singled out by the North Kohala Community Development Plan (NKCDP) for preservation. It has been on the County Open Space Priority List for purchase eight times since 2007.

Mahukona – The NKCDP also calls for public purchase of the 435 acres, which has also been on the County Open Space Priority List for nine years – number three priority for the past two years. Preliminary talks have been held with representatives of the owner, Mahukona LLC, which took over after foreclosure proceedings in 2012. It is Kohala’s primary ocean recreation area and home to hundreds of historic sites.

Lapakahi – Though the land was once listed on the County Priority List, the 17 acres were purchased in 2011 with State Legacy Land Preservation Funds (LLPF) and a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) grant with the help of The Trust for Public Lands. It is now part of Lapakahi State Historical Park.

Lamaloloa – This 35-acre parcel has appeared on the County Open Space Priority List for five years. Surrounded by State land, it was once slated for resort development. Kohala groups have been talking with the owners about public purchase.

Pao’o – Home to a popular surf site and many historic sites, the 10.6-acre parcel was the focus of several legal battles to prevent construction of large vacation homes. It was finally purchased in 2010 with matching funds from the County Open Space Fund and the State LLPF. The County holds title.

Kaiholena North – In the 1980s, the land division of Kaiholena was re-zoned for resort and golf course. In 2000, it was subdivided into six parcels. All parcels were named for public purchase in the NKCDP and listed annually on the County Open Space Priority List for many years. The first three lots totaling 151 acres were purchased outright by the County Open Space Fund in 2010. The land is culturally and historically highly significant.

Kaiholena Central – The next two parcels, totaling 77 acres, were purchased in 2013 with two thirds of the price coming from the State LLPF and the rest from the County Open Space Fund. The County holds title to the land.

Kaiholena South – The last 35-acre parcel was purchased in 2015 with funds primarily from the State LLPF. The rest was raised by the Ala Kahakai Trail Association, a locally controlled non-profit that works with the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail and the Kohala groups. Several private donors were joined by the Hawaiian Island Land Trust (HILT), which holds a conservation easement on the land as well.

Kaupalaoa – Preservation efforts on this 64-acre parcel only started in 2016, when the owner listed the land for sale. The Kohala groups, along with HILT have opened discussions with the owner.

Keawenui – This popular fishing and former camping site was once to be part of the resort centered at Kaiholena. It has been listed every year on the County’s Open Space Priority List since 2010. It is known to have several pre-Western contact historic sites and old fishing villages.

Kohala Sports

Kohala Cowboys Bring a Group of “Young Guys” to the Court This Season!

The Kohala Cowboys, led by Head Coach Don Fernandez and Assistant Coach James Marquez, bring in a group of talented “young guys” to the court this season. With three seniors, three juniors and a promising crop of underclassmen, this edition of Kohala Cowboy Basketball will surely energize the crowd at Hisoka Gymnasium this January! Coach Don has mentioned that he’ll look to returnees in senior Maui Hook and junior Isaiah Salvador as more vocal leaders this season as the team vies for the top of the BIIF (Big Island Interscholastic Federation) Division II title race. Their biggest tests will be against their always-tough northern rivals in Hawai’i Preparatory Academy and Honoka’a High School in league play. During the preseason tournaments at Waiakea and St. Joseph High Schools, Coach Don looked at players finding their roles on the team that can sustain the Cowboy’s playing style of tough defense and an opportunistic offense. Showing signs of potential was a bunch of underclassmen that our community has been waiting for to perform on the high school stage. Of the underclassmen vying for a spot on the team are freshmen Donovan Molonai Emeliano, Moses Emeliano and Jeffrey Franciso. All three players bring promise and a reloading of much needed ammunition to Fernandez’s high powered program. This year’s team should bring in a very exciting approach to the game that basketball fans have been anxiously anticipating. Good luck to Coach Don, Coach James and the Junior Varsity Coaches Kihei Kapeliela and Kona Fernandez this season!

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Kohala Sports

Kohala Cowgirls Have Tough Road to Repeat Last Year's State Tournament Appearance

The 2017-2018 Kohala Cowgirls Basketball team, coached by Head Coach Jacob Hook and Assistant Coach Duncan Anderson, is looking to return to the HHSAA (Hawai'i High School Athletic Association) Girls Basketball tournament this year on the backs of their returning group of seniors and a couple of key contributors. Senior returnees CJ Agbayani, Maya Anderson, Cheyenne Fuertes, Zaz Matsu and Angel Ramos, along with junior Kiana Kauka and sophomore Jasmine Hook, will lead the Cowgirls as they contend for one of the two BIIF (Big Island Interscholastic Federation) Division II state tournament berths.

However, in their way will be the perennial contenders in the Kamehameha Schools Warriors and the Honoka'a High School Dragons, who are making their return to BIIF Division II play after a stint on the Division I level. Along with Kamehameha Schools and Honoka'a High, Hawai'i Preparatory Academy, Ka'u High and Pahoa High

Schools round out Division II play. At the recent Hawai'i Prep pre-season tournament in Waimea, the Cowgirls went 1-2 with a last second, come-from-behind victory over their rivals, the Hawai'i Prep Kamakani, on opening night. The Cowgirls went on to drop two consecutive games against visiting McKinley High of the Oahu Interscholastic Association and University High from the Interscholastic League of Honolulu. Two tough opponents, to say the least!

In their league home opener against the visiting Hawai'i Prep Kamakani, the Cowgirls overcame a third-quarter deficit with tough defense and timely three-pointers to win 35-26. Starring for the Cowgirls was sophomore guard Jasmine Hook, junior center Kiana Kauka and senior forward Maya Anderson. Way to go Cowgirls!

Junior varsity games start at 6:00 p.m., with the varsity game to follow, at Ikuo Hisaoka Gymnasium. Good luck Cowgirls and have a great basketball season!



Photo courtesy of Kohala High School

2017-2018 Kohala Cowgirls Junior Varsity Basketball Team
Front: Faith Knappe

Back (left to right): Laila Carvalho, Danyka Cazimero-Roxburgh, Zaylynn Moniz, Tiani Perez, Amber Carvalho-Soares, Kayla Joy Kealoha and Kailee Paro

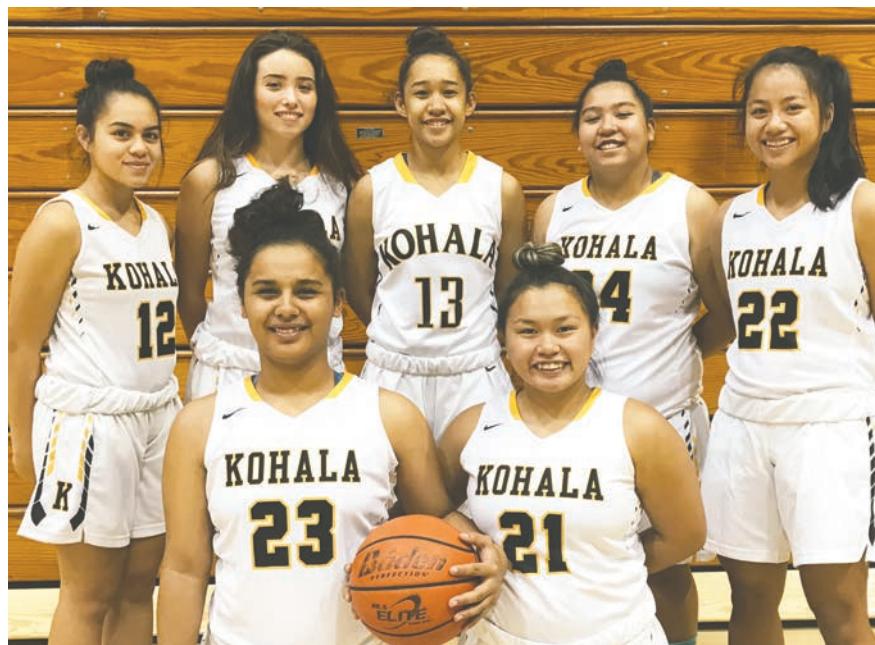


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2017-2018 Kohala Cowgirls Varsity Basketball Team

Front row: Kiana Kauka and CJ Agbayani
Back row (left to right): Jasmine Hook, Maya Anderson, Zaz Matsu, Cheyenne Fuertes, and Angel Ramos

Kohala High Soccer Team Hunts Elusive BIIF Division II Tournament Berth in 2018

The 2017-2018 Kohala High School Boys Soccer Team, coached by Jeri Canniff and Nino Ka'ai, is back and ready for the Big Island Interscholastic Federation (BIIF) soccer season! The team will definitely provide a few shocking surprises in the BIIF Blue Division this year. The Blue Division pits Kohala against the smaller schools on the Big Island, where they can make a mark and possibly make a playoff appearance, a feat which has escaped them in recent years.

What is shocking to the casual observer, but not to hardcore BIIF soccer fans, is the inclusion of four girls on this year's team. They are seniors Miranda Canniff, Nicole Castillo and Missy Fernandez, and freshman Pilila'i Kaai.

Each of these girls brings either soccer experience, hustle or heart to this year's team. The returning Cowboy starters are sophomore goalkeeper Kamani Provencal; senior fullbacks Royce Manning and Kaid Nickl and sophomore fullback Justus Ventura; midfielder Alika Viernes and forwards Braddah Arraujo, Cristian Cedillos and Miranda Canniff. This year's core

of returnees are expected to lead this year's highly skilled Cowboy soccer team to Division II glory!

Kohala's returning starters have been the core of their success the past two years, and the emergence of sophomore midfielder Shiloh Perez and freshman midfielder Julian Parks has shown to be a lethal combination on both sides of the "pitch" (soccer field).

With a tough and durable Provencal between the pipes, the steady and solid Ventura provides quick feet and a hard-nosed approach to defending his piece of turf.

With Julian Parks and Alika Viernes patrolling the midfield and keeping their opponents chasing them around, Shiloh Perez can do his thing by maintaining possession and making plays to provide scoring opportunities for the Cowboy offense! In fact, Shiloh's impact on the Kohala soccer program is one that has been seldom seen! His "hat trick" on December 5 versus Pahoa is testament to that!

Good luck this season to the Kohala Cowboys, and go and get that playoff berth!



Photo Courtesy of Sammie Aiona

KHS Boys Soccer is back! The 2017 Edition of the Kohala High School Boys Soccer Team celebrates after an early season win over Pahoa High School, 4-2.

Row 1 (left to right): Royce Manning and Braddah Arraujo
Row 2 (left to right): Julian Parks, Nicole Castillo, Missy Fernandez, Pilila'i Kaai, Miranda Canniff and Head Coach Jeri Canniff
Row 3 (left to right): Aukea Kaaekuahiwi, Alika Viernes, Keola Dewitt, Kamani Provencal, Justus Ventura, Joseph Himenez, Shiloh Perez, Alain Medeiros, Easton Chong, Cristian Cedillos, Assistant Coach Nino Kaai and Haedyn Ayin
Row 4 (left to right): Zion Paio-Bratt and Kaid Nickl

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KOHALA MONTHLY CALENDAR JANUARY 2017

DATE	DAY	START	END	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	VENUE	PHONE
12/29	FRI	4 PM	6 PM	SOLAR MATTERS BIKE RIDE		THE HUB	889-5715
1/3	WED	4 PM		COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP	MEETING	SENIOR CENTER	
1/8	MON	3 PM	5 PM	NORTH KOHALA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP	SUPPORTED BY N. HAWAII COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL	KINGS VIEW CAFE	989-4894
1/8	MON	5PM		NKCDP AC MEETING	NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE	HISAOKA GYM	323-4770
1/9	TUE	11 AM		ADULT READING DISCUSSION	BREAKFAST WITH BUDDHA BY ROLAND MERULLO	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
1/9	TUE	6 PM		HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED	6PM POTLUCK, 7PM PRESENTATION. FOR EVERYONE INTERESTED IN GOOD FOOD, NOT JUST FARMERS	THE HUB	889-5715
1/16	TUE	10 AM		ADULT WRITER'S GROUP		NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
1/16	TUE	5 PM	6 PM	CDP SUBCOMMITTEE	POWER, VIEWPLANES, & EROSION CONTROL, CONTACT SUSAN FISCHER	OLD COURTHOUSE	882-7611
1/17	WED	5 PM		PARKS, WATER & ROADS SUBCOMMITTEE	MONTHLY MEETING	OLD COURTHOUSE	882-7611
1/20	SAT	4:30 PM	6:30PM	FREE GRINDZ HOT MEAL	KOHALA BAPTIST CHURCH	BANYAN TREE	889-5416
1/22	MON	6 PM		TEEN NIGHT	BOOK VS. MOVIE: "EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING" BY NICOLA YOON	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
1/25	THUR	6 PM	06:30PM	PRAYERS AROUND THE PEACE POLE	ALL ARE WELCOME, REGARDLESS OF RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION	ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH	895-5753
1/27	SAT	10 AM	12 PM	THRIFT SHOP	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	NEXT TO WALKER HALL	889-5390
1/27	SAT	11 AM	12:20 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
1/31	WED	4 PM	5:30 PM	RESTORATIVE YOGA THERAPY CLASS	WITH CARLA ORELLANA, CERTIFIED YOGA THERAPIST, BY DONATION	THE HUB	889-0404

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Lions and Leos Bring Holiday Cheer



Photo by Diann Wilson

Patients and family members at Kohala Hospital were treated to Christmas caroling by members of the North Kohala Lions and Leo Clubs. Leos are high school students in the Lions organization and each is mentored by a Lion.

Lions Club Donation Applications Due January 31

The Kohala Lions Club is now accepting requests from community groups for donations. Twice a year – in January and July – the Lions review applications for financial assistance. Applicants must serve the Kohala community with preference given to groups that serve youth or the needy. The maximum donation is \$300. Applicants must use the application form, which can be requested by email or hard copy. Groups are limited to receiving a donation one time per calendar year. To request a hard copy or e-mail application or to learn more about the Kohala Lions Club, call Chris Brown at 884-5122. Completed applications must be post-marked no later than January 31, 2018.



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6:30P - 7:30P TANGO (INTERMEDIATE) – HUB HALE

4P – 5:30P JAN'S YOGA (BEGINNER) – HUB HALE
4:15P – 5P KEIKI BALLET (AGES 3 – 6YRS) – HUB BARN
6P – 7P SHAKTI FLOW – HUB HALE

MONDAYS

8:30A - 9:30A ASHTANGA VINYASA OPEN LEVEL – HUB HALE
9A- 1P EARLY LEARNING (AGES 3-5) – HUB CLUB
10:30A - 11:30A JOANIE'S PILATES – HUB HALE
3:30P - 4:30P YOUTH CAPOEIRA (AGES 6 - 12) – HUB BARN
5:30P - 7P MIXED BALLET (ALL AGES, ALL LEVELS) – HUB BARN
6P - 8P IMPROVISATIONAL THEATRE TRAINING – HUB HALE
7P - 8P REFUGEE RECOVERY – CLAY COTTAGE

WEDNESDAY

8:30A – 9:30A PILATES PLUS – HUB HALE
9A- 1P EARLY LEARNING (AGES 3-5) – HUB CLUB
3P – 5P AFTER SCHOOL ART (ALL AGES) – HUB CLUB
5:30P – 6:30P ASHTANGA VINYASA OPEN LEVEL – HUB HALE
6P – 8P OPEN STUDIO (CERAMICS) – CLAY COTTAGE

THURSDAY

9A – 11:30A TODDLER MUSICAL GROUP (AGES 18 MO – 3YRS) – HUB CLUB
4P – 5:30P JAN'S YOGA (INTERMEDIATE) – HUB HALE
6P – 7P SHAKTI FLOW – HUB HALE

TUESDAY

9A – 11:30A TODDLER MUSICAL GROUP (AGES 18 MO – 3YRS) – HUB CLUB
9A – 10:30A TAI CHI – HUB HALE
9A – 10A ADULT BALLET – CLAY COTTAGE

FRIDAY

9A- 1P EARLY LEARNING (AGES 3-5) – HUB CLUB
9A – 10:30A TAI CHI – HUB HALE
10:30A - 11:30A JOANIE'S PILATES – HUB HALE

Kohala School Lunches

Intro by Jill Kupitz

In late October, Ross Pagat, Kohala teacher, fitness coach, and parent, wrote an investigative story on Facebook detailing what is really going on in our Kohala schools' cafeterias. I thought it important enough to share to all those who may not actively use social media. Here's what he said (reprinted with permission from the author):

I understand there have been questions about our schools' lunches, especially when it comes

to the portion sizes. I had that very same question myself, so I decided to find out answers so that I could make the proper comments about what is eaten and how much is eaten. Here's what I found out:

1. The cafeteria ladies and men now cook everything from scratch. Everything is made fresh for the Elementary, Middle and High School faculty and students. This means they have to cut all the fruits, vegetables and necessary ingredients to make the food for the day. They bake the bread from scratch. The ladies and men in Kohala's cafeterias have taken the challenge to help produce healthier meals for the schools. Sometimes they are working later just to make sure they are ready for the next day's meals. There are no more fruits and vegetables from cans. I've seen first-hand what goes on in that cafeteria kitchen and I praise these men and ladies for the hard work that they do!!



Students in Kohala schools can choose their side dishes, such as salad, over other options when deciding what to have for lunch. Cafeteria staff is working to create options where students and staff can choose what they want to eat, but are still bound by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations on portion sizes.

2. The food portions are based off of rules and regulations given to the cafeteria staff by the USDA on how much they are allowed to give to students. After looking at the rules and regulations myself it doesn't make sense a kindergarten student would get the same portion size as an 8th grade student. I will gladly tell you that the ladies would love to give more food to the older students and little less for the kindergarten but are restricted from doing that.

3. Also, when it comes to portions, the students have a choice about what they want to eat or not. For example, in the pictures you see two different plates. One student decided to have salad while the other chose not to. Students can also choose if they want to eat other side dishes like lomi tomatoes or not. I saw some students asking the ladies not to put it on their plate while other students did.

4. The K-2nd graders eat at 10:30 a.m. The 3rd-5th graders eat at 11 a.m. This is an early lunch. I've had to eat lunch at 10:30 when I've taught the younger grades and I've had to eat at 11 a.m. when teaching in the upper grade levels. I can tell you that I go home hungry because of eating earlier. There are some teachers who have planned ahead knowing their students will get hungry again and have provided

healthy snacks for them to hold them over until school is over with their own money.

5. The students have been asked what they want to eat in the cafeteria by the chef who's been helping out the aunties and uncles in the kitchen. Foods that students have chosen are now being prepared and being made in a healthier way than simply heating up a frozen dinner-type of container. (Look back at #1)

putting into practice what they have learned and are cooking from scratch. We are the first farm-to-school cafeteria and there will be hiccups at times. We all have hiccups at times but we learn from them to get better.

I can tell you that the PORTIONS situation is being looked into and has to go through the proper channels.

We can all help. Some parents are providing healthy snacks for

their child for the day. Some teachers are providing healthy snacks for the students. Let's work together instead of grumbling!!!



Milk can be substituted for water and lomi tomatoes can be chosen, among other side dishes. Students can also skip side dishes altogether if they don't want them.

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BOYS BASKETBALL			
DEC 28	THUR 6:00P	@ LAUPAHOEHOE	3:30P
JAN 02	TUE 6:00P	@ KEALAKEHE	3:15P
JAN 04	THU 6:00P	VS ST.JOSEPH	
JAN 05	FRI 6:00P	VS PARKER	
JAN 08	MON 6:00P	@ HAWAII PREP	4:00P
JAN 13	SAT 5:00P	VS KONAWAENA	
JAN 15	MON 6:00P	@ HONOKAA	4:00P
JAN 17	WED 6:00P	VS PAHOA	
JAN 20	SAT 6:00P	@ KAU	1:00P
JAN 23	TUE 6:00P	@ KAMEHAMEHA	2:00P
JAN 27	SAT 6:00P	VS WAIAKEA	
JAN 30	TUE 6:00P	@ KEAAU	2:00P
FEB 03	SAT 6:00P	VS HILO	
FEB. 7 & 8	WED & THURS	TBD @ CIVIC BIIF TOURNAMENT	
FEB. 14-16	WED - FRI	TBD HHSAA @ OAHU	
GIRLS BASKETBALL			
DEC 08	FRI 6:00P	VS HAWAII PREP	
DEC 16	SAT 6:00P	@ KAU	1:00P
DEC 19	TUE 6:00P	@ PAHOA	1:30P
DEC 22	FRI 6:00P	@ WAIAKEA	2:00P
DEC 29	FRI 6:00P	@ KONAWAEN	2:00P
JAN 03	WED 6:30P	VS HONOKAA	
JAN 06	SAT 6:00P	VS KEALAKEHE	
JAN 08	MON 6:00P	@ HILO	2:00P
JAN 13	SAT 1:00P	VS KAMEHAMEHA	
JAN 19	FRI 6:00P	VS LAUPAHOEHOE	
JAN 20	SAT 6:00P	VS KEAAU	
JAN 24 & 25	WED & THURS	TBD @ CIVIC BIIF TOURNAMENT	
JAN 31- FEB 3	WED - SAT	TBD HHSAA @ OAHU	
BOYS SOCCER			
DEC 02	SAT 3:00P	VS KONAWAENA	
DEC 05	TUE 3:00P	VS PAHOA	
DEC 09	SAT 11:00A	@ KEAAU	7:30A
DEC 12	TUE 3:00P	@ KAU	10:00A
DEC 16	SAT 10:00A	VS MAKUA LANI	
DEC 19	TUE 6:00P	@ KAMEHAMEHA	2:00P
JAN 06	SAT 3:00P	VS HONOKAA	
JAN 13	TUE 3:00P	@ PAHOA	10:30A
JAN 20	SAT 3:00P	VS KAU	
JAN 26	FRI 3:00P	@ KONAWAENA	11:30A
JAN 30,31 FEB 3	TUES,WED,SAT	TBD @ CIVIC BIIF TOURNAMENT	
FEB 15-17	THURS-SAT	TBD HHSAA @ OAHU	
BOYS AND GIRLS SWIMMING			
DEC 09	SAT 10:00A	@ KONA AQUATIC CENTER	
DEC 23	SAT 10:00A	@ KAWACHIKA POOL HILO	
DEC 30	SAT 10:00A	@ KAMEHAMEHA	
JAN 06	SAT 10:00A	@ KAMEHAMEHA	
JAN 13	SAT 10:00A	@ HAWAII PREP	
JAN 20	SAT 10:00A	@ KONA AQUATIC CENTER	
JAN 26	FRI 3:30P	@ KAMEHAMEHA BIIF PRELIMS	
JAN 27	SAT 1:00P	@ KAMEHAMEHA BIIF FINALS	
FEB. 09 & 10	FRI. & SAT	TBD HHSAA CHAMPS (MAUI HOST)	

Kohala Middle School Quarter 1 Academic and Hawk Awards

Congratulations to this quarter's Academic and Hawk Award winners!

Kohala Middle School recognizes the following students on the Principal's List who achieved a 4.0 grade point average for the first quarter:

Dhona Jayne Rico, Riley Preston, Damien Padilla, Jake Maki, Laakea Kauka, Lucy Hernandez, Leiana Carvalho, Jhace Kaipo, Aidan Blanco, Maya Maki, Yvanka Lum, Kayzen Ittner

Kohala Middle School recognizes the following students with the Pono Award for being role models for their peers, choosing to do the right thing and for encouraging a safe and respectful school environment:

James Ramos, Matias Pascual, Ezra Ancheta Morin, Angel Jimenez, Ralph Francisco, Tristin Perez, Konapiliahi Ledward-Mongkeya, Damien Padilla

Kohala Middle School recognizes the following exceptional students with the Grit Award. These students displayed resilience, perseverance, dedication and determination in the face of challenges:

Natasha Bermudez, Yvanka Lum, Denali Duque, Michael Salvador Jr., Chevez Apostadiro, Dazlynn Perez-Rivera, Janaya Brady, Shane Louro, Neo Marcom-Robinson, Neighton Bell

Kohala Middle School recognizes the following students who received Honor Roll by achieving a 3.5-3.9 grade point average for the first quarter:

Iris Cedillos, Chyler-Leighn Derla, Joel Gonzales-Oliveros, Tristin Perez, Oshen Cazimero, Myiesha Emeliano, Adam Heu Mathieu, Quentin Hook, Kyson James-Foree, David Jimenez, Neo Marcom-Robinson, Teige Lorenzo-Akamu, Lyric Burns, Daniel Remsen, Hailey Kauano-Galdones, Kanoa Leshar, Jersey Lewis, Naomi Brooke, Keegan Canine, Camille Pinho, Michael Salvador Jr., Kady Terry, Ethan Tomas, Lei Vakauta, Trycen-Anthony Alejandro, Natasha Bermudez, Camille Fuertes, Kassidy Kape-liela, Ashley Millet, Kiona Nakamura, Jayline Salvador, Tatiana Sugse, Adela Van Housen, Anela Cambra, Teygan Carlos-Carvalho, Landon Kauka, Landon Lewis, James Ramos, Alyssa Ryder, Alexis Stevens, Hezekiah Wilson, Arianne Bumanglag, Kody Ching, Maekayela Galam, Aiden James-Foree, Princess Shalei Nicolas



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Department of Transportation Comes to Kohala to Discuss Akoni Pule Highway

By John Winter

On November 15, Representative Cindy Evans brought Don Smith, Big Island District Engineer for the Department of Transportation (DOT), to North Kohala to share the DOT's plans for our highway and listen to residents' highway issues.

They met with Hawi merchants around midday, with Kapa`au representatives a bit later and with the Kohala community at large at 5 p.m. as part of the North Kohala CDP Parks, Water and Roads Group meeting at the Judiciary Building.

Several issues were discussed at the first two meetings. One item was the crosswalk at the corner next to the statue of King Kamehameha.

Tourists visiting the statue typically cross the highway at the base of the steps and don't walk over to the seldom-used crosswalk. Another suggestion was to move the 55-to-45 miles per hour transition out by Puakea Ranch a little closer to town.

Smith made it clear that his department, like all other state and county ones, has a limited budget and they have a lot of highway to maintain.

Safety is his main concern and

DOT plans to spend their remaining budget this year on better striping, reflectors and warning signs. But he is interested in what residents have to say and hopes to include solutions into their work.

Many residents from Niulii and beyond came to the 5 p.m. meeting to express their concerns about the highway in the eastern gulches.

A major repair project for Aamakao Gulch has been on the DOT books for a decade, but postponed annually.

Residents living on the Pololu side of this stretch expressed their deep concern that they will one day be cut off and isolated if it should fail. The highway shoulders vary from quite narrow to non-existent along this stretch and the mauka roadcut is nearly vertical and continually sloughs rocks onto the highway itself.

The cliff makai of the highway is equally steep and a large slump block slipped an inch or two during the 2006 earthquake. The curved trace of the fault scarp is quite visible as a crack on the highway surface. Smith recognized the crack, which was filled and had geo-technical staff with DOT check the slump issue.

He also looked carefully below

the highway there and saw no signs of imminent failure. It's a problem that should be addressed, he explained, but there are more pressing concerns he has to face.

At each end of the crack the highway shoulder is only a few feet wide and there is no guardrail.

This is at a sharp curve in the road with limited visibility and cars could quite easily cross over that edge and drop a long way. Smith agreed that the lack of a guardrail at the two spots is an immediate threat with an affordable solution and promised to install them "soon."

The job is complicated by the narrow shoulder and steep embankment below, so that guardrails will have to be mounted on long shafts anchored into the cliff.

He also promised to have crews clean loose debris from the roadcut above the highway more often.

Residents also expressed concerns about the yield sign at Walaohia (the single-lane bridge on the straight gulch after Halawa). This is the only yield sign for westward-bound traffic and drivers often fail to yield there, at times leading to confrontations.

It was suggested that most non-yielders may be tourist visitors tired after visiting Pololu and perhaps in a rush to return to their resort or a restaurant.

Switching the yield sign to the other direction might be an easy solution and Smith agreed, figuring this could be accomplished when his crew is up here to work on the striping and signage campaign.

Others asked about the forthcoming project to finish re-paving the highway (from the hospital to the end at Pololu Lookout). Smith said he was unaware of such a project on the DOT schedule.

This reporter checked the DOT project list and there is a re-paving project scheduled for 2018, but it extends only from mile post 25.3 (just east of the middle school) to milepost 27 (Makapala).

So it appears that much of our highway will not receive a face-lift next year, although the worst parts will.

Mr. Smith was quite engaging and seemed very willing to do what he could to address our safety issues and other concerns.

Residents wishing to voice other concerns are welcome to contact him at the Big Island DOT office (933-8866).

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Memories Made at Puakea Ranch



Christie Cash and Josh Alt (second and third from left) join the Senior Citizens for a group picture in front of the pool.

Story and photos by Lani Eugenio

Christie Cash, owner of Puakea Ranch, invited Kohala seniors for a Thanksgiving luncheon. Thanksgiving is a favorite holiday for Ms. Cash because it is about being grateful and sharing one's gratitude with loved ones. She has hosted many family, friends and guests over the years at Puakea Ranch and every year she thinks of how beautiful Puakea is and how it is best and most beautiful when it is shared and enjoyed by many.

"The families who have lived at Puakea over the years, who have hosted friends and family for parties at Puakea, legendary!" Cash says. "In researching the history of Puakea and speaking to many kupuna, they always mention par-

ties they were invited to at Puakea. Beginning in the 1800s, the property has been home to many families in Kohala and I thought some seniors in our community might likely know the families that once lived here. I thought they would enjoy seeing Puakea again. I want Puakea to be a gathering place where friends and memories are made."

Ms. Cash went on to thank those who helped with the event. "David Abrahams of Red Water Cafe in Waimea was the chef for the event. His amazing crew arrived with turkey, stuffing, gravy, green beans, salads and the most delicious homemade pies and fresh baked bread! It was truly an amazing spread. David

has helped me with many special events in the past and I knew he would do something really special for the seniors. We talked about making extra and providing paper plates so take home plates could be enjoyed as well!

I had a few volunteers to help me of course. Josh Alt, who works for Puakea Ranch, Katherine Groves (friend) Sandra Ciano (friend) Karen K Feliciano (she brought the flowers to make the lei's) and a very nice woman named Jennifer whom I met at the Hub, who is new to Hawi. I was telling her about it and she said she would love to help. I don't know her last name! And the Lion's club donated all the chairs and some of the tables!"

Members of the Kohala Sr. Citizens oooh-ed and ahhh-ed at the beauty of the natural scenery, the scrumptious meal, the delightful service, the relaxing entertainment and the surprise Bingo game. For those who remembered Puakea Ranch in their youth, it was nice seeing the improvements, yet still true to the style of the old ranch. Members of the Kohala Sr. Citizens shared a few songs and dances to "mahalo" the hostess and all who were involved in serving them and making them feel special. What a wonderful way to start off the holiday season!

Mahalo Christie, from the Kohala Senior Citizens. Friends and memories were made at that November 20 gathering.



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