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Kohala Elementary School Playground Project

By Elysia Yamamoto

As you've passed by Kohala Elementary School (KES), you've probably noticed orange plastic barrier fencing around the preschool and kindergarten structure. Originally donated over 20 years ago, the playground was condemned – deemed an unsafe area for the students to play on – this year due to deterioration. Another play structure at the school was also condemned and removed this year.

In January 2019, knowing that the playground was nearing the end of its useful life, KES teachers got creative. Kindergarten teachers Elysia Ney, Andrina Kise and Nancy Larson and third-grade teacher Ally Tinnin started brainstorming different fundraising options for a new structure. Leslie Nugent and the staff at the North Kohala Community Resource Center helped them start a project and get the word out to generate

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Photo by Eddeille Thomas

A team of Kohala folks dedicated to getting a new playground at Kohala Elementary School drove fundraising efforts and succeeded in generating enough money locally, plus additional commitment from the Department of Education, to build two playground structures at the school.

Left to right: Ally Tinnin, third-grade teacher, Kohala Elementary School; Hannah Loyola, principal, Kohala Elementary School; Tim Ashcraft, branch manager, Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union; Shiro Takata, Loose Change Piggy Bank project coordinator, Takata Store; Elysia Ney, kindergarten teacher and project coordinator, Kohala Elementary School

Kawaihae Harbor-North Closed Due to Winter Storm Damage



The Harbormaster alerted boatowners in time for them to take their vessels out of the water before strong waves could damage them.



Photos by Carole Wiedmeyer

With the right tide, canoes can now row right through the gap in the breakwater at Kawaihae Harbor.

On December 31, 2019, west-facing shores received a pounding from high winter surf, damaging shoreline structures. The dock at Kawaihae Harbor-North sustained heavy damage and is closed

indefinitely, being deemed neither safe nor usable by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). In addition, approximately 40 feet of the breakwater was knocked down and will need

to be repaired, at a cost of millions of dollars. According to DLNR, the facility will no longer be able to be used as a small boat harbor until the jetty is repaired.

All vessels can tie up at either

Kawaihae Harbor-South or Honokohau Harbor in North Kona. Day boaters are asked to use the south harbor boat launch ramp until repairs are complete.

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Discover Kohala History

Kohala is steeped in history, both natural and that of its people. This month we take a look at the Great Kohala Huki Puke, North Kohala's community-wide effort to relocate books from the historical Bond Memorial Public Library to the new North Kohala Public Library on October 23, 2010. See inside to learn more!

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Drum Roll, Please, for "Loose Change Piggy Bank" Project

By Malia Dela Cruz

Who would have thought that a handmade piggy bank project would draw so much attention and huge community support in raising funds for the Kohala Elementary School Playground Drive? Well, that's what happened with the "Loose Change Piggy Bank" project that started in February and ended in December of 2019.

Together, Takata Store and Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union were the designated pick-up and collection sites for the adorable piggy banks. Both businesses made matching donations, up to \$2,000 each, helping the total collection exceed everyone's expectations.

I bet you're wondering how much was made? Drum roll, please... The total funds collected were \$7,743.17. Add the matching donations of \$4,000 and the result is \$11,743.17. The final check was presented to Elysia Ney, chair of the Kohala Elementary School Playground Project, in December 2019.

We are grateful to everyone who participated in giving of their treasures, whether it was time or

money. A special mahalo to Laura Lewis and her talented daughter, Stephanie, for their artistic work in free drawing the charming piggies and Kainalu Yamamoto who contributed his delightful piggy drawing too. Also, thank you to Ms. Ney's kindergarten class and Ms. Tinnin's third grade class for helping with their own creations. Everyone's generous contributions helped make this project a success and we truly could not have done it without you! We tried our best to capture everyone's names, but if we missed your name, please accept our sincere apologies. We appreciate each and every one of you.

Thank You to All of the Contributors to This Project!

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much-needed support for a new playground.

A year later, with support from community members and businesses, the KES Playground Project has raised over \$20,000 and the DOE has now agreed to step in and assist with the remaining amount needed to rebuild not one, but two playground structures at the school.

A special thank you to Shiro Takata, who created the Loose Change Piggy Bank fundraising drive that brought in a total of \$7,743.17. That's a whole lot of change! To launch this creative fundraiser, Shiro purchased over 200 take-out food containers, had students and family members decorate them as little piggies, and distributed them to Kohala residents. Tim Ashcraft, branch

manager at Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union, joined in with the project as more piggy banks were passed out at the credit union. The two businesses also matched the project with an additional \$2,000 each. This was such a huge help to our fundraising efforts.

Much appreciation to other donors who contributed over \$1,000 to our cause: Micah Barkley, owner of Shady Bark Tree Service; the Strawbridge ohana; the Dorrance Family Foundation; Patrick Ku of Rhema Services; and Susan Norwood.

There were many other wonderful people and organizations that offered support, including those who purchased cards for our Cards for a Cause fundraiser. Mahalo, mahalo, mahalo! Our keiki deserve this support.

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Lumber from slips destroyed by high surf is stored on the dock at Kawaihae Harbor-North.

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'Ōlelo Hawai'i Ianuali 2020 (January)

Ulu

By Jesse Lucas

Ulu is the popular and delicious breadfruit that is a staple of a traditional Hawaiian diet. Ulu also means "grow." As we embark on a makahiki hou (new year), it is a good time to reflect and think about how you would like to continue to ulu.

Correction: Meeting Time for 100 Women Who Care

The January 25 meeting time for 100 Women Who Care is 1:00 p.m. It was erroneously reported as 2:00 p.m. in last month's issue. For further information, contact Clytie Mead at 808-937-8305.

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Hawai'i State House of Representatives Update

From the Desk of District 7 Representative David Tarnas

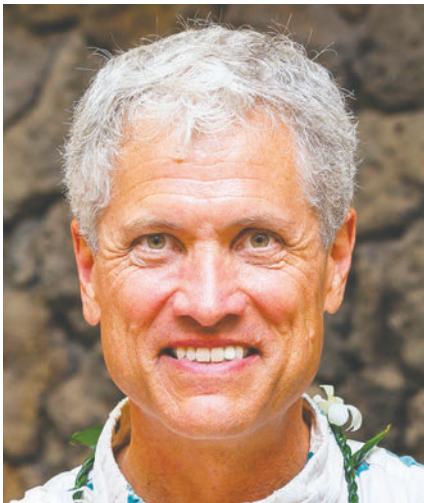


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Representative David Tarnas speaks for North Kohala as a member of the Hawai'i State House of Representatives.

The 2020 Legislative Session begins on January 15 and will go until May 7. During this session, I am grateful to be working as your State Representative, in collaboration with our State Senator Lorraine Inouye. Since this legislature is a two-year session, some House bills passed the House in 2019 and are currently pending before Senate Committees, some Senate bills passed the Senate in 2019 and are pending before House Committees, and some House and Senate bills passed both chambers in 2019 and are pending in Conference Committees. According to our legislative rules, these bills are still alive and can be considered by their respective committees. In addition, legislators will be introducing new bills for consideration during this 2020 session.

Based on my discussions with the House leadership and other House members, I have prepared this article to describe to you some of the priority issues that we will be working to address in this 2020 session. While we will be covering many other issues, the priority areas will be:

- 1) To pass a responsible, balanced state budget addressing our core needs and funding priority public infrastructure projects, and
- 2) To pass bills that reduce the cost of living, protect our envi-

ronment, and support our public education system.

The governor has submitted his budget to the legislature, and our House Finance Committee and Senate Ways and Means Committee have already begun to have hearings and informational briefings on the budgets for each department. Our work at the legislature will include making adjustments to the departmental budgets to address our legislative priorities and to meet the economic projections of the State Council on Revenues. We will also be selecting which priority public infrastructure projects will get funding, such as our state roads, harbors, airports, schools, hospitals, parks and other facilities.

The legislature will be considering numerous ways to reduce the cost of living, such as providing a childcare tax credit, making the Earned Income Tax Credit refundable and increasing the minimum wage. Since the cost of housing is a major component of our high cost of living, the legislature will be considering ways to support the development of more affordable housing throughout our community and will be providing additional funding to the State Rent Supplement Program. To continue our efforts to address homelessness in our community, the legislature will consider additional support to the "ohana zones" program, transitional housing programs, and homeless outreach programs.

To advance our efforts protecting the environment, the legislature will be considering measures to provide support to the cesspool conversion task force to develop a statewide plan to convert cesspools into more effective treatment systems, to recommend alternative technologies, to provide additional support to homeowners who wish to upgrade their wastewater systems, and to improve education and public outreach to homeowners about how to properly maintain their septic systems. We will be debating bills to better protect coral reefs from coastal runoff and sunscreen chemicals,

to reduce hardening of our shoreline, and to improve management of our coastal fisheries. We will consider the recommendations of a state task force to establish a sustainable financing mechanism for a facility to provide emergency medical treatment and long-term rehabilitation for injured seabirds, native birds and bats, such as the Hawaii Wildlife Center in Kohala. We will debate whether we can give additional support to programs and agencies fighting invasive species, such as little fire ants, and the spread of the fungus that causes rapid ohia death. And we will consider additional measures to increase our adoption of renewable energy and reduce fossil fuel use in our state.

Public education is a major responsibility of the state government. So, the legislature will be focusing on ways to provide additional support and improve the performance of our schools. The governor's budget includes an increase in pay for special education teachers, Hawaiian language teachers, and teachers in hard-to-staff schools. Providing this additional funding will be an important step to address the need to increase teacher's pay throughout the state. And for those students advancing into our community college system, the legislature will also consider additional support for the Hawaii Promise program, which provides money to cover the financial shortfall for students whose financial aid package and family contribution still doesn't cover the full cost of community college tuition.

The 2020 session will be focused on taking meaningful steps to address the many challenging issues facing our state. Please participate in the legislative process by using the legislative website (www.capitol.hawaii.gov) to track bills and provide testimony.

Contact me and my staff with any questions or concerns by email at reptarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov and by phone at 808-586-8510. I welcome your input and advice. Mahalo!

County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilmember Tim Richards

Aloha! Once again, it is time for the monthly update from our office.

VETO OF BILL 101

On January 8, the County Council voted whether to sustain or override the mayor's veto of Bill 101, the herbicide ban bill for the County of Hawai'i. Let me start by re-iterating my message: I support the systematic reduction of herbicides over time, once we have a solid workable plan to go forward. This bill would have eliminated the use of herbicides by the County in essentially all appli-

cations without a well-thought-out plan. Accordingly, any grass or weed control would have had to have been done mechanically by either mowing, using weed eaters or installing plant barriers. On the surface, this might sound good. But once you examine the complexity of issues, it is clearly evident that this bill was poorly crafted, as it left no solutions for many problems and issues. Part of the defense of the bill was that it only covered County facilities and jurisdictions. That is true, however the golf courses that were recently approved under the voucher pro-

gram would apparently also have been subject to the provisions of the bill. This then crosses over into the private sector. Additionally, the bill named three herbicides used specifically for propagation of corn and soybean that would have been disallowed. In effect, it was an anti-agriculture measure. Though the County does not raise these crops, having this bill in place could be used as justification for other jurisdictions to disallow their use. Unfortunately, this has been done numerous times before on other issues.

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Future KMN Deadlines

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

Hazard vs. Risk

So often today, decisions are made under the guise of safety for our society and community. Hazard is the potential of something to cause harm; risk is the likelihood of that actually happening.

Categorically banning chemicals such as herbicides does reduce our environmental exposure, but does it make us necessarily safer?

Driving on a highway has its own level of hazard. The risk of that hazard increases due to weather and speed. If our County's speed limit was 25 miles an hour, that would tremendously reduce the risk of loss of life from car accidents, but is that reasonable?

Without herbicides for our County use, we will have to increase mowing and thus increase the burning of fossil fuel. Is that better or worse? A categorical statement against herbicides is misleading as many of the products we use today are much safer than previously – a step in the right direction. Rarely does an action not cause a reaction somewhere else.

In our County we have invasive species plants. Best-management practices can help control these going forward, but judicious herbicide use is needed to obtain control.

One of the best examples of this is the yellow flower, or fireweed. If this is well-established in our parks, there are no practices other than herbicides that will help us get control. Not having this tool is counterproductive to our success.

Part of the conversation revolved around safety for the children in the parks. Over a year ago, I checked on this. Around

the playground equipment, what was being sprayed was saltwater. Our County Department of Parks & Recreation (P&R) was already taking steps for herbicide reduction.

Another concern raised was the effect on bees. My research into this says there may be some impact; however, thoughts from the past that some herbicides were causing rapid bee die-off were in fact the result of a virus not initially recognized.

(Recently in Kohala, comments were made concerning loss of hives. Laboratory tests are still pending and should give us a fairly definitive answer.)

As to health concerns regarding glyphosate/Round Up, "The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has classified glyphosate as "probably carcinogenic to humans (Group 2A)". Conversely, the United States Environment Protection Agency (EPA) considers glyphosate as "not likely to be carcinogenic to humans". The EPA asserts that there is no convincing evidence that "glyphosate induces mutations in vivo via the oral route." The point here is that the opinions are on both sides and I could find no evidence of an alarming concern for glyphosate use when used correctly.

One other aspect that can be touched on is cost. An October 2019 report out of Ventura County specifically addressing the elimination of glyphosate use predicted an estimated increase in their budget of \$10 million.

From my perspective, it is not only about funds, but our County is very limited on resources.

Increasing our budget (estimated by our P&R Director to be \$15 million a year) diminishes our ability to focus on other problems – including food security, which is a big concern for me. Estimates in our County today are that one in five of our children are at risk, meaning they don't know if they will get dinner every night. I struggle with knowingly pulling resources from some of the programs that help address this to then fund an unplanned program for herbicide reduction. I want to feed our County first.

I fully support the reduction of chemical use over time as we seek new solutions. I voted against this bill as it was draconian in its measures and did not have a planned pathway to success.

As always, it continues to be a great privilege to serve as your Councilman. Wishing each one of you a happy and prosperous 2020!

**NKCRC 3rd Annual Golf Tourney
Coming to Hapuna
Fundraiser Helps Foster Dozens of
Community-Driven Projects**

The North Kohala Community Resource Center (NKCRC) will hold its Third Annual Golf Tournament at Hapuna Golf Course at Mauna Kea Resort on Saturday, March 14. Players, sponsors, and donors are sought.

The tournament raises funds to help the nonprofit NKCRC provide its support to as many as 90 active projects and programs in the rural North Kohala community it serves. Since the Center's founding nearly 17 years ago, more than 185 community improvement projects have been sponsored. Projects supported are as diverse as the community and include or have included the Kawaihae Canoe Club; an after-school basketball program; swim team equipment; support of a 4-H group for travel funds and equipment; work with the County for funds to maintain and preserve open space; and among the Center's newer projects, iPods for the Elderly, assisting elders with dementia and Alzheimer's disease with music therapy.

"We created a Resource Center where individuals can receive the

training, coaching and access to funding to ensure their project's success," said NKCRC Executive Director Christine Richardson. "We have created a model that works; projects enjoy a success rate of 92 percent and more than 14 million fundraising dollars have been channeled to support these projects since 2002."

NKCRC's golf tournament is a two-person scramble with a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start. The day is highlighted by camaraderie, food, fun and prizes, including a grand-prize golf foursome generously donated by the exclusive Nanea Golf Course. A hole-in-one will be sponsored by De Luz Chevrolet. Entry fee of \$160 per player includes cart, green fees, welcome coffee and pastries, buffet lunch generously sponsored by Mauna Kea Resort and prepared by The Westin Hapuna Beach Resort culinary team, a small silent auction and prizes.

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Hawaii Writers Guild Announces New Venue for Writers' Voices



Courtesy of Amy Elizabeth Gordon
North Kohala resident Amy Elizabeth Gordon will be reading from her latest work, "Moonshot: Aim High, Dive Deep, Live an Extraordinary Life," at the Hawaii Writers Guild's February Writers' Voices, an evening of original readings.

The Hawaii Writers Guild will start the new year with a new venue for its Writers' Voices authors readings. Beginning with its first presentation of 2020, on Thursday, February 13, Writers' Voices will be held at Tutu's House in Waimea.

Writers' Voices is an evening of original readings by Guild members held every other month on the second Thursday of the month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Tutu's house is located at 64-1032 Mamalahoa Hwy, Suite 305.

"Tutu's House offers us access to equipment that just was not available at our former venue," said Joy Fisher, public relations director for the Guild. "In addition, in warmer weather we can open the back wall at Tutu's,

which will frame our readers in beautiful sunsets. It will be a lovely setting."

Readers at the February Writers' Voices will include Peter Georgas, Amy Elizabeth Gordon, Dave Fouts and Jada Rufo.

Peter Georgas, who divides his time between Minnesota and the Big Island, will read a passage from "The Emoji Games," his sixth novel, published last July. Georgas describes his book as a "suspense thriller about artificial intelligence and cutting-edge science that impacts the way we look at life and its creation."

Amy Elizabeth Gordon, who lives up the Kohala Mountain Road and who readers may remember from hearing her poetry at one of the Guild's previous readings, held at the North Kohala Public Library, will read a passage called "Eye of the Storm" an excerpt from her new nonfiction book "Moonshot: Aim High, Dive Deep, Live an Extraordinary Life." "This is where the magic happens for me," Amy says. "In the eye of the storm, I find the calm. ...I roar through the raging red effort of struggle into a clear blue sky of effortless existence."

Dave Fouts, from Honokaa, will read "The Sin Never Sinned Before," a story from his short story collection "The Store by the Sea." When a place called The Hall offers a presentation titled "The Sin Never Sinned Before," the rigid citizen of a nearby town are outraged. Nevertheless, 12 people attend to find out what this sin is. Will their lives be changed forever?

Jada Rufo, from Waimea, will read "Poems Dedicated to Mom," a suite of poems dedicated to her mother, Caridad Rosalie Talaro Rufo, a long-time Waimea resident who died last year. Titles of the three poems included are: "Above the Clouds," "Home or House" and "A Christmas Card to Heaven." Hawaii Writers Guild is an independent

association of professional writers engaged in the promotion of cultural enrichment. The semi-monthly readings are free and open to the public. Pictures and stories of past readings are posted on the Guild website at <http://www.hawaiiwritersguild.com/guild-news.html>. For additional information or directions contact Joy Fisher at 238-0551.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Opens in Hawi

By Holly Algood

Hawi has a new Tesla electric-car charging station, located directly behind the Algood Hawaii Real Estate building. It is open to the public for cars visiting North Kohala and needing a charge to return home.

Car-charging at the station is free to out-of-town visitors. The station is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Hawaii has a record number of electric cars. In September 2019, the number of electric cars in Hawaii surpassed 10,000. Audi, BMW, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Ford, GM, Honda, Jaguar, Kia, Land Rover, Lincoln, Nissan, Mercedes, Mitsubishi, Porsche, Toyota, Volkswagen and Volvo all offer electric car choices.

This year, Tesla Model 3 was in the top 10 of the most-registered cars in Hawaii, including all make and model cars. Many consumers are changing to EVs (electric vehicles), the change coming in the name of environmental protection, eliminating pollutants that make cities gross and unhealthy

along with CO2 that contributes to global climate change.

The charging station new to Hawi is a Level 2 station and the plug is specifically for Teslas. Electric cars charge at three levels. Level 1 charges occur from a standard 110-volt electric outlet. Level 2 charges at a faster speed and requires a 220-volt electric outlet, similar to an electric clothes dryer.

Level 3 charges at the highest speed and is usually available from stations installed by electric companies.

The chargers vary by make and level of charge and not all cars can use all plugs, but adapters are available to enable use at multiple plug-in stations. HELCO has installed five fast-charging stations around the island: in Kona at the HELCO office on Kaiwi St., in Hilo at the HELCO office on Kilauea St., at the Mauna Lani Shops, at Kamuela KTA, and in Naalehu at the Punalu'u Bake Shop. The average charge is usually less than \$10 per visit but depends on kilowatt-hour usage.

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New Art at Mi Ranchito



Courtesy of Catalina Cain
Catalina Cain

By Virginia Fortner

Three "creative process" paths converge to bring new art to Hawi's fine Mexican restaurant. Hawaiian landscapes, inner landscapes' faces, traditional watercolor and oils hang in the dining room for folks to enjoy along with their chips, salsa, and burritos. A close-up look tells the story of each painting through a title or description. Diners are encouraged to wander and wonder.

Kohala's Art Coop and Mi Ranchito cooperate to bring this display. A plan to change the art on the walls each quarter-year will keep it fresh and interesting. This gallery features efforts from Catalina Cain, Elaine Losey and Virginia Fortner.

An Open House from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 8, will give a festive atmosphere of drinks, pupus and local music for visitors, diners and those who appreciate art. Come and meet the artists.

Catalina Cain's "Faces of Color" and whimsical acrylics greet the diner inside the south



Elaine Losey

Courtesy of Elaine Losey

door. She describes her creative process as "an indelible mark from a childhood with musicians, dancers, painters and free thinkers." Her abstracts come from her dreams and subconscious. All express love and movement.

Elaine Losey's art is an inspiration of her meditation and spirit. At age 60, she began with "plein aire" on Oahu, then took art classes for three years at Lee-

ward and Windward Community Colleges. Elaine says, "I believe everyone's spirit can create beauty in some form of music or art." All her exhibit is set in Hawaii, because that is where she learned to paint.

Virginia Fortner, featured in several states' art shows, loves to watercolor postcard-sized studies outside in plein aire and reproduce the scene at her easel. Part of



By Lorraine Urbic
Virginia Fortner

her process is traveling to beautiful places to paint. A recent focus on flowing lava began with a bike ride on gravel to watch magma reach the sea. Along with landscapes, she's interested in care of earth's creatures, such as the almost-extinct Hawaiian crow on the west wall.

Virginia says, "I've been painting off-and-on for almost 20 years, and I still get into a zone where, if the phone rings, I think, 'What's that?' It's a form of meditation for me."

All three artists will be on-hand for the duration of the Open House, where you can hear a song or story that accompanies requested pictures of interest. Come and browse or buy. Credit cards accepted and shipping is possible. Contact Anna Flint for information about the "recycled ocean debris" pieces, as well as each artist's displayed phone number with regard to specific works. If interested in being part of future gallery displays, contact Virginia Fortner, 406-210-2454.

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HELCO charges different rates, depending upon time of day, with daytime being the lowest cost per kilowatt hour.

There is a misconception that electric cars are more expensive than gas-powered vehicles. Like gas-powered models, the price of electric cars varies greatly depending on make, model and

features. The starting price is as low as \$24,000 and goes up to well over \$100,000 for the ultra-deluxe. Many studies show that owning an electric vehicle is less expensive, since maintenance and trips to the gas station are required much less often. Oil changes are a thing of the past with electric cars and EVs have considerably fewer moving parts so have fewer

things to maintain.

Several electric car clubs here on the Big Island can be a source of much information and entertainment. The Big Island Electric Vehicle Association (BIEVA) offers public gatherings, including car shows. Their events provide goers with opportunities to talk to EV owners and get rides in cars being considered for ownership.

For more information on the Big Island Electric Vehicle Association, go to www.bieva.org. For more information about the Hawi Tesla charging station, call 808-557-0354.

The Big Island Electric Vehicle Association encourages the public to contribute to a cleaner greener Hawaii and recommends to "Kick gas - Drive electric."

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Hawai'i Energy Offers Free Energy-Saving, Bill-Lowering Options to North Kohala Community



Credit: Hawai'i Energy

Leaders in State and County government meet with Hawaii Energy representatives to discuss how North Kohala residents can lower their energy costs with free, energy-efficient devices. Business owners can save by taking advantage of savings offered through significantly discounted lighting upgrades.

Left to right: Graceson Ghen, Energy Advisor and Hawai'i County Manager, Hawai'i Energy; David Tarnas, Hawai'i State Representative, District 7; Tim Richards, Hawaii County Councilmember, District 9; Stephany Vaoleti, Affordability and Accessibility Manager, Hawai'i Energy; Malia Byram, Junior Energy Advisor for Hawai'i County, Hawai'i Energy

By Stephany Vaoleti, Affordability and Accessibility Manager at Hawai'i Energy

Chances are you've read an article in the past week on climate change, energy or the environment. As these topics are

becoming a more prevalent in the news, it begs the question, "What is my impact on the environment?"

As we go about our busy lives, we're not always aware of our energy usage at home and



Credit: Hawai'i Energy

Hawaii Energy's free in-home installation program, Energy Smart 4 Homes, can deliver 15-30 percent savings on home energy bills.

Left to right: Graceson Ghen, Energy Advisor and Hawai'i County Manager, Hawai'i Energy; Ross Pagat, Partners in Development; Christine Richardson, Executive Director, North Kohala Community Resource Center; Stephany Vaoleti, Affordability and Accessibility Manager, Hawai'i Energy; Malia Byram, Junior Energy Advisor for Hawai'i County, Hawai'i Energy

at work or the opportunities we might be missing to improve our usage habits (and save a little on our monthly bills while we're at it). We totally understand.

That's why it's our mission to make energy-saving products and services easy and affordable for Hawai'i's families and businesses.

Since 2009, Hawai'i Energy has helped local businesses, nonprofit organizations and residents across the state save over \$1 billion in energy costs. Our program is publicly-funded, meaning we work on behalf of the Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission to steward dollars back into the community by offering rebates for purchases of energy-efficient appliances, education, professional development trainings and much more.

By simply making smarter energy choices, together we can reduce energy consumption, save money and pursue a clean energy future through various energy-efficient measures.

Take advantage of Energy Smart 4 Homes (ES4H), our free, in-home installation program. Residents who choose to participate receive the following energy-efficient devices for their homes at no cost:

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In addition to saving energy, these devices can also reduce water demand and associated sewer fees, and conserve resources.

Businesses and restaurants in North Kohala can benefit as well by receiving significantly discounted lighting upgrades. Lighting is the most cost-effective, easiest-to-adopt, energy-saving upgrade businesses can make, reducing energy costs by 20-30 percent. Additional benefits include improved aesthetics, safety, reduced maintenance and cooling costs.

Hawai'i Energy will work with local contractors and electricians to lead businesses through a lighting retrofit of their facility and work with the business owner to identify opportunities for improvements to decide on their selected lighting options. The contractor then installs the lights and discounts in the form of rebates will be applied. For more information on this program, please contact Graceson Ghen at Graceson.ghen@leidos.com.

Heads up: You may receive more information through the mail on the ES4H and business programs next month, so please sign up if you are interested and feel free to reach out to us with any questions you may have. Don't want to wait, and would rather learn more about the programs now?

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North Kohala Does the Huki Puke



Photo by Tom Morse

The Great Kohala Huki Puke was a community effort to move all the books from the historic Bond Memorial Public Library to the new North Kohala Public Library.

By Suzanne Sasaki

Photos by Malia Welch except where otherwise noted

This story originally ran in the November 27, 2010 issue of the Kohala Mountain News. Only the photo of the long line of people passing books is an addition to the original story.

The Great Kohala Huki Puke of Saturday, October 23, 2010, was an unqualified success. Despite concerns about turnout and possible inclement weather, the day dawned bright and breezy, and a good crowd was there when ceremonies commenced at the Bond Memorial Public Library.

Before the call to pass the books was given, Dawn Shibano, the former Bond Memorial librarian who was the primary driver behind the effort to get a new public library for North Kohala, was honored for her efforts by John Kometani and Mike Maddux of the Friends of the Bond Memorial Public Library. She was presented with a beautiful redwood burl plaque made by Travis Owen expressing the thanks of the Kohala people for her "energy, wisdom, and leadership in the effort to obtain funding to build the North Kohala Public Library."

She was also presented with a Hawaiian quilt made by Audrey Veloria. Audrey explained that this was not a "show" quilt, but rather was a "kihei pili," or a family-type quilt, designed to be actually used. The quilt was made entirely of scraps, thereby reflecting the sustainability ideas that Dawn had promoted as part of her vision of the new library. Audrey described the quilt's pattern when she presented it. The blue backing represents the ocean which surrounds us; the green borders represent our "green" or sustainable library; the brown and white pieces represent the Earth and flowers of Kohala; and the pattern with dancing breadfruit, or 'ulu, leaves represents the Kohala winds. She described this kihei pili as a sturdy, long-lasting blanket, and hoped that even though Dawn no longer lives in Kohala, she will wrap herself in it and recall the warmth of the people of Kohala and of the Bond Memorial Library 'ohana.

Dawn tearfully accepted both gifts, but insisted, "It wasn't just me—



Photo by Malia Welch

Rachel Patton-Lancaster and her daughter Hoku pass the initial offering at the huki puke.



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have to thank this lady here, and that one there, and you, and you... The whole community is responsible for our new library."

After Dawn had composed herself, the ceremonies continued.

A pu'olo, or gift, had been prepared by Kumu Kealoha Sugiyama and had been left sitting in the library since the previous Wednesday to absorb its mana. The gift consisted of two kukui nut lei, one made of unpolished nuts representing old knowledge and ancient ways, and the other made of polished nuts representing new thoughts and knowledge. Kukui nuts were used by ancient Hawaiians as candles, a source of light, so in a broader sense they also represent the knowledge and enlightenment that the books and the library hold. Kahu Kaulana Scalise sounded the conch shell, or pu, and he and Kahu Kealoha then chanted the verses of "E Homai," which asks that the knowledge come to people so they can see clearly, without judgment or prejudice.

Then, to the shout of "let the books begin!" by Kahu Kealoha, and some serious book-traffic directing by library employee Joleen Soares, pre-bundled pack-

ets of books were passed out the door of Bond Library to members of the Kohala Senior Citizens group, representing existing knowledge, to begin the over one-mile trek to the new North Kohala Public Library.

At the other end, before any books entered the new library, the pu was again sounded, and the two kahus chanted the words of "Heahea ka Leo," written by Kumu Keala Ching of Kona, offering greetings to all (people and library) and inviting all to enter with love. Kenneth Ian Bond, age 11, and the son of Boyd Bond (representing new beginnings and youth as the receptacle of both new and old knowledge), then carried in the pu'olo and the first two official books for the new library past the long kukui nut lei (again representing the light of knowledge) through the main entrance doors. The first two books, "Hi'iaka iki poli o Pele" and its English translation, "Hi'iaka in the bosom of Pele," were written by Puakea Nogelmeier. The books were selected because according to Kahu Kealoha, the perilous journey of Hi'iaka to fulfill her sister Pele's wishes somewhat paralleled the sometimes-rocky path that characterized the establishment of North Kohala's new library.

In the next two hours approximately 8,000 books "huki-puke'd" along Akoni Pule Highway from the Bond Memorial to the new North Kohala Public Library. (The remaining 9,000 books and other materials were trucked over the following week.)

Approximately 1,800 people lined Akoni Pule Highway to pass all these books. They came in groups and as individuals, from Kohala and beyond. They included the Kohala Senior Citizens led by its President Jacob Zane and members of Kohala's fire and police forces. There was a police officer from Kona, Wyatt Nahale. There were 50 members of the Akoni and Sarah Pule 'Ohana in their red t-shirts and members of the Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko drum group. Other groups included the Pop Warner Chargers football team in their black

and gold shirts; members of Boy Scouts Troop 56 and Cub Scouts Pack 56; Lions Club members; large contingents from St. Augustine's Church and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Then there were all the individuals: four-year-old Gretchen Bonnie and her dad of 'Ainakea; Georgine Busch and Robert Moeller wearing Viking-horned hats "just for fun;" Sam Petersen, reading teacher at Kohala High School with son Wylden and daughter Lucy (strapped to his chest in a baby carrier); Julie White with her 91-year-old mom, Violette Kaiawe; Lance Kajiwaru of Isemoto Contracting; Wendy Hindley, a brand new Kohala resident of less than a week; Caroline Bond Davis (Boyd's sister) and other members of the Bond family from O'ahu; Dylan Riekkola from Oregon visiting Waimea friends, who stated, "I wouldn't miss this for the world!"

go home to play with their computer games, only to be quieted by a grandmother who told them to stop complaining because what they were doing was "making history." True enough.

Support for the huki puke came not only from book passers, but from merchants like Nakahara, Takata, and Arakaki Stores; Holy Bakery, KTA, Foodland, and Walmart, all of which provided cookies; Nakahara also provided plastic bags. The Waimea Rotary Club and Elsie Candelario donated cake and cookies, and the Kohala Seniors and Alfonso Mitchell donated lei.

Just before the last of the hand-carried books—including some carried by Dawn Shibano—were brought into the new library, Kahu Kealoha gave the "Oli Aloha" chant emphasizing the essence of aloha: Akahai, kindness to others; Lokahi, unity; 'Olu 'olu, to be pleasant; Ha'a ha'a,



photo by Gail Ifuku
Four-year-old Gretchen Bonnie helps pass the books.

Other Waimea participants included JoAnn Koga, an employee of Thelma Parker Library; Mike and Karly Kopra, friends of librarian Janet Lam, and Andrew Perala, whose wife Eileen used to work at Kohala Hospital. There was even a participant who did a little campaigning on the side, with his "Abercrombie for Governor" sign. And there were dogs—a chocolate lab, a chunky white terrier, and a dainty gray poodle providing encouragement to their owners. Overheard in the line were two youngsters complaining that they wanted to

humility; and Ahonui, patience. Kahu said he hoped the spirit of aloha would pervade all users of the new library. Then, to repeated chants of "huki puke," the last books were carried in.

The huki puke was a success, and like the effort to build the library it worked because the community cared. But how did such a wild idea come to be? The huki puke started with the musings of Boyd Bond—"Hey, the libraries are only about a mile apart; why don't we try this?" The idea first met with skepticism, but then it started to coalesce. Into some-

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THE COQUI CORNER

Aloha and Happy New Year from the folks at the Coqui Coalition. It has been a very busy 2019. Our crews and volunteers have recently been working at sites in upper Hawi, upper Kynnersley, and Kaauhuhu.

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thing that could work.

The huki puke was originally planned for this past summer's Kohala reunion, but to the dis-

gave both money and land (Surety Kohala), and politicians like Dwight Takamine who fought for what the community wanted.

The great huki puke from the



appointment of many it didn't happen because shelving for the books couldn't be installed in time.

Boyd had no worries about carrying out the huki puke, however. He explained, "The thing about Kohala is community. I knew the community would pull together. Historically, the community worked to protect the infant Kamehameha and to feed his armies when he was a chief. We worked together during the plantation strikes and pulled together during the 2006 earthquake."

Dawn Shibano had expressed similar thoughts about the Kohala community when it came to obtaining a new library. She said the whole community was responsible for working on funding, from school children donating their pennies to Friends of the Library who manned the HI 5-cent recycling station and held candy, book, and bake sales; generous community donors who

old library to the new was a fitting culmination of more than 10 years of effort.

The community is right to honor and be grateful to Dawn Shibano, Surety Kohala, Dwight Takamine and the many others who made the new North Kohala Public Library a reality. Boyd Bond and the Friends of the Bond Memorial Library also deserve thanks for the idea of the huki puke as a way for the entire community to take part in the opening of Kohala's new library. Every member of the extended 'ohana that came together to support the North Kohala Public Library should give themselves a pat on the back for a job well done. The community has its new library and had a lot of fun in making it operational.

Note: a DVD of the huki puke will be available in late November or December. It will be edited by Craig Williams of the Friends of Bond Memorial Library.

Hana Hou! Hawaiian History Talks

What: The Life and Death of Captain James Cook
Who: Boyd Bond
When: Monday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m.
Where: North Kohala Public Library, 54-3645 Akoni Pule Highway, 808-889-6655
Admission: Open to all, free admission

North Kohala Public Library presents a Hana Hou! "talk story" session on The Life and Death of Captain James Cook with local storyteller and historian Boyd Bond. Bond will discuss how Captain Cook began his third voyage into the Pacific Ocean in 1777, landed in Kealahou in December of 1778 and was later killed there when he returned in February of 1779.

Was Cook the god Lono, who promised to return on a floating island? If they thought Cook was a god, why did they kill him? And what is the legacy of the famous explorer in the Pacific Islands he first placed on European maps? All this and more at North Kohala Public Library on Monday, February 10, at 6:30 pm.

Call North Kohala Public Library at 889-6655 for more information.

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	4PM	5PM	CAPOEIRA - YOUTH	HUB BARN	889-0404
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TUES	6:30AM	7:30AM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-5675
	9AM	10:30AM	TAI CHI	HUB HALE	889-0404
	9AM	1PM	KEIKI HAWAIIAN CULTURE & CUSTOMS	HUB BARN	889-0404
	3PM	5PM	SCRABBLE FOR TEENS & ADULTS	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
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	8:30AM	9:30AM	PILATES PLUS	HUB HALE	889-0404
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Kohala Sports

Cowgirls Basketball Jams-Up Ka`u Trojans at Home



Photo by U'i Lorenzo

The Kohala Girls Basketball Team before a big win against Ka`u, where they won 48-21.

Bottom row (left to right): Laila Cazimero-Carvalho, Manager Neighton Bell, Faith Knappe

Second row (left to right): Tiani Perez, Jasmine Hook, Kapanaiia Reynolds

Third row (left to right): Kaisha Salazar, Leiana Carvalho

Fourth row (left to right): Anela Cazimero-Roxburgh, Kailee Paro

Top: Danyka Cazimero-Roxburgh

Not pictured: Head Coach Galo Fernandez, Assistant Coaches U'i Lorenzo and Sandy Cho.

According to Kohala Girls Basketball Coach Sandy Cho, this year the most challenging aspect of play for the team is turnovers. She said, "A lot of our opponents' points were scored on our turnovers. Also, playing as a team. I think we still haven't really found our rhythm yet. But we're definitely getting there." The Kohala girls' teams consists mostly of senior players that have worked together to win and seem to be shaping up as the season moves on.

I asked the coach who surprised her at the Ka`u game? "No one really...before taking this job

with uncle Galo I pretty much knew how the five seniors played. I was an assistant coach when they were just starting out as freshmen. I knew we had outside shooters, girls who wasn't afraid to drive the ball and that they had a good defense...The underclassmen have improved since we first started, and I believe they will continue to improve as the season progresses."

Don't worry about your win/loss record, Cowgirls. We look forward to every great game you all play. Keep up the great Cowgirls action and we'll keep coming out to support you at the games.

Dad Makes a Difference



Photo by: Marcus Douglas

Kailani Valenzuela-Conte pitches to her father and catcher, Edwin Valenzuela. Edwin says that he has been coaching Kohala kids for most of his life and "just wants to be there for the kids to help them improve, get better at following their heart." It's not uncommon to see Kohala family members out there at Kamehameha Park on any given day, practicing with their kids and other people's kids to help them improve and keep their hearts and minds focused on their dreams.

The Kohala community is so proud of you, Edwin, for working to improve our future at a roots-deep level. Keep it up, brother. Big MAHALO NUI LOA to all those individuals and groups that maintain the park and keep the fields and courts open and safe for our athletes and families year-round.

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Kohala Sports

Kohala Swim Team Brings in New Talent



Photo by Marcus Douglas
(Left to right) Coach Elysia Yamamoto, Guest Coach Kassi Kometani (in the water), and Coach Jeff Coakley take time for a chat. Team member Kainoa Birdsall swims laps in Lane 1 (right).



Photo by Jeffery Coakley
Junior Sydney Wiernicki takes a backwards start into the pool.

When asked what he thinks is the best aspect of swim team, Kohala High School junior Jeremy Barayuga replies, "The people on the team are really friendly and it keeps me motivated. We recently had a swim meet at Kamehameha and HPA schools and it was my first time competing as a swimmer. I feel like I did pretty good."

Jeremy competes in the 50-meter and 100-meter freestyle events. "I prefer the 50-meter free because I can put all my energy into it," he adds. Jeremy likes his coaches too, saying, "I really like my coaches because they are really nice to all of us swimmers." Kohala Swim Team Coaches this year are Jeff Coakley and Elysia Yamamoto. The team members are Lola Hart, Francesca Salmoiraghi, Skyla VanZandt, Christian Guevarra, Ralph Francisco, Kainoa Birdsall, Sydney Wiernicki, Jeremy Barayuga and Laif Showalter. We wish you all the best this season.

To make a donation to the team, mark it with the name Kohala Swim Team and drop it off at the Kohala Community Pool at any time during normal operating hours.



Photo by Jeffery Coakley
A rookie swimmer this year for Kohala, junior Ralph Fernandez (orange cap) competes in the 100m freestyle event.

See Swim on Page 15

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Kohala Sports

Swim, continued from Page 14



Photo by Jeffery Coakley
Chris Guevarra practices for an upcoming swim meet by throw-netting his competition into submission. Throw-net is the new advanced swim method used to defeat your competition without even swimming. (No, not really. Besides all the work, the swimmers like to have fun at the pool, too.)

Kohala Swim Team Historical Report

By Jeffery Coakley

Over the years, Kohala has produced some amazing athletes in what I would label a "fringe sport." These sports fall outside of the football and basketball radar and go pretty much unnoticed. Even so, Kohala has produced some amazing swim champions.

Daniel Coakley, who was the Big Island Interscholastic Federation (BIIF) champ, has held the record since 2007 for the 50- and 100-meter freestyle and the 100-meter breaststroke, and competed in the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

In 2012, Kassie Kometani kept up the tradition as the 50- and 100-meter freestyle BIIF champ. During that year the relay team of Yuki Zbytovsky, Marvelanne Clark, Naomi Ney and Kassie Kometani was the only one to beat the HPA (Hawaii Preparatory Academy) girl's powerhouse in the 200-meter freestyle relay. Kohala also excelled outside of the pool, as Naomi Ney was chosen as the Ambassador of Aloha by the Duke Kahanamoku Foundation and awarded a sizable scholarship. Yuki is now a junior at Harvard University and Kassie a first-year law student at Lewis & Clark College.

The rest of the team are attending college at Mesa Community College in San Diego with the intention of transferring to San Diego State University, Palamanui Community College and the University of San Francisco. In the 2020 season, Sydney Wiernicki and first-time high school swimmer Laife Showalter, from Kanu O Ka Aina but swimming for Kohala, are looking to be spoilers in the 50-meter freestyle and the 100-meter backstroke.

However, though loads of fun, it's been difficult for the swimmers as they have had to pay for their own swimsuits, which can run up to \$350 each just for the girls. This due to the fact that personal suits and

swim gear are the athlete's responsibility. There are much cheaper suits of poorer quality and it's kinda sad when you've got a high-caliber swimmer competing in a poor-quality suit. Does the suit make the difference? Believe it or not, it does when competing against swimmers as good as you are. The suit can be the difference. Olympians may use their suits a few times before dumping them.

So, part of the swimmer's training time is devoted to raising money to pay for their suits, goggles, swim equipment, airfare to outer-island championship meets, ground transportation, and room and board. Recently, a pool patron had been watching the high school swimmers train and then ask him to buy a laulau ticket to raise money. He noticed that the team was a bunch of ragtag athletes who wore whatever they had to the swim meets.

At the meets, the other schools would have team jackets, hoodies and pants with their school names printed on them. He decided to do something about it and started raising money on his own for the team. To date, due to his efforts and that of others who have donated money to his fund, he has been able to buy team jackets for each swimmer with Kohala High Swim Team emblazoned on the back. Besides the jackets, the team was able to purchase goggles, sprint stretch cords, timing watches and transportation to the outer islands for the Hawaii High School State Championships. A couple of swimmers already qualified at the first meet, and the team really looks like a team with their new swim jackets.

We would like to thank all those pool patrons, friends of the swim team and especially Rick Cohen for his time, energy and support to help build the next generation of Kohala swim champions!



Photo courtesy of Jeffrey Coakley

The 2020 Kohala Swim Team

Front row (left to right): Sydney Wiernicki, junior (50- and 100-meter freestyle, 100-meter backstroke), qualified for State Championships; Francesca Salmoiraghi, sophomore (50- and 100-meter freestyle, 100-meter backstroke); Christian Guevarra, sophomore (50- and 100-meter freestyle, 100-meter breaststroke); Jeremy Barayuga, sophomore (50- and 100-meter freestyle)

Second row (left to right): Lola Hart, freshman (50-, 100- and 200-meter freestyle, 100m butterfly, 100m backstroke) Skyla Van Zandt (50- and 100-meter freestyle, 100m breaststroke); Laif Showalter, senior (50-, 100- and 200-meter freestyle), qualified for State Championships; Ralph Fernandez, freshman (50- and 100-meter freestyle)

Third row (left to right): Coach Elysia Ney; Scarlett Jordan, sophomore (50- and 100-meter freestyle); Coach Jeff Coakley

High School Football Coach Needed

Kohala High School is seeking a head varsity football coach for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. Applications will be accepted from Monday, January 13, through Friday, January 31, at 4:30 p.m. Applications can be picked up at and returned to Kohala High School's main office

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2/2	SUN	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION - POT LUCK	TRADITIONAL LION BLESSING, FESTIVITIES	TONG WO SOCIETY	884-5566
2/3	MON	5:00 PM	7:30 PM	CHESS CLUB	JOIN THE LIBRARY'S CHESS CLUB (FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH)	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
2/3	MON	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	GROWTH MANAGEMENT GROUP	MEETING	BANK OF HAWAII BUILDING	854 4888
2/5	WED	4:30 PM		NKAG MEETING		OLD COURTHOUSE	889-0404
2/5	WED	4:00 PM		KOHALA COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP	MEETING	SENIOR CENTER	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
2/8	SAT	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	KOHALA ARTISTS' CO-OP COMMUNITY SWAP MEET	SET A TABLE AND SELL, SWAP OR TRADE GOODS	ARTISTS' CO-OP	430-3131
2/10	MON	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	NORTH KOHALA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP	SUPPORTED BY N. HAWAII COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL	KINGS VIEW CAFE	989-4894
2/10	MON	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	HAWAIIAN HISTORY TALK	JOIN BOYD BOND FOR A HANA HOU! HAWAIIAN HISTORY TALK	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
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2/11	TUE	6:00 PM		HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED	6PM POTLUCK, 7PM PRESENTATION. FOR EVERYONE	THE HUB	KOHALA.HFUU@GMAIL.COM
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Kohala Sports

Kohala Boxer Makes Big Hits



Photo by Marcus Douglas
Anthony Vargas

Anthony Vargas is a well-known name at Kohala High School, with his big and amazingly friendly smiles and his contagious, attractive energy. He is living here with his grandfather, Melvin Kapule, who has been a Kohala resident for 13 years. Melvin is an avid supporter of his grandson's boxing passion. Around Hawaii, Anthony is known for his boxing skills.

KMN: Why did you become a boxer, Anthony?

AV: "Growing up with my family, I was around a lot of girls and I was the only boy of 10 grandchildren; I had to be able to hold my own."

KMN: What inspires you to compete?

AV: "After working out for so long and so hard for one fight, win or lose I know I tried my best."

KMN: What are your goals for fighting in the future?

AV: "I plan to fight at the college level, move on to professional boxing, and then take the featherweight championship title"

KMN: Who are the people in your life that inspire you the most?

AV: "My girlfriend pushes me,



Photo by Melvin Kapule
Anthony Vargas, grandson of Kohala-local Melvin Kapule, warming up at Palolo Boxing Gym on Oahu.

and my Papa (Melvin). When I was younger Papa did not want me to box but when I got older, he really supported me."

KMN: We look forward to seeing you box all over the islands, Anthony, and we will be sure to keep track of your success here in Kohala.

Pop Warner Off-Season



Photos by Marcus Douglas
(Left to right) Players John Barayuga, Josue Alfaro, Fernando Marroquin (front), Kamana'o Medeiros and Coach Keanu Bruno enjoying and off-season practice day at Kamehameha Park. Coach Keanu says, "I want to be here for the boys, help them improve, stay active for the next season." Coach Bruno intends to take the Chargers to another great football season next year with his extra effort to keep the players active. Thank you, Coach, for being there. You are exactly the kind of man kids need in their lives: those who are there and always show up.



Quarterback Kamana'o Medeiros takes a dynamite shot at receiver Josue Alfaro for a completion on a 10-yard bench route. Nice work men; keep it up, and we will see you next season.

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Kohala Sports

KHS Basketball Hoops Huge in 2019 Season



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Kohala Boys Team 2019-2020

Front row (left to right): Kahiau Kapeliela, (senior), Elijah Antonio (senior), Jeffrey Francisco (junior), Zak Javillonar (senior), Koby Agbayani (sophomore)

Back row (left to right): La`akea Kauka, (sophomore), Molonai Emiliano. (junior), Keoni Barco (junior), O`shen Cazimero (sophomore), Moses Emeliano (junior), Zhane Ellazar-Ching (junior)

The Kohala Boys Basketball team is striving for their best this season with their huge spirit and solid teamwork ethic. Players like Jeffery Francisco think that the team's success is due mostly to a solid defense that can move their feet and hustle. Zhane Ellazar-Ching feels that the team's defense has a "solid full-court press that can get steals off the other team for scoring opportunities." Zhane plays basketball because it is one of his favorite sports, saying, "It makes me feel good and I know how to play this sport well." Zhane hopes to play ball in college and is still investigating his options for post-high-school. Jeffrey Francisco plays ball because it makes him "feel amazing and connected to my friends; we have a bond with each other." Jeffrey is still weighing his options for college ball and just wants to "put Kohala on the map" with his hard work and solid balling skills.

The team won their first season-opener against Kealakehe with a score of 42-35. The high-scoring player, O'shen Cazimero, was followed by Nai Emiliano.

The team would like to give a big shout out to "808-Hui" for making the teams warmup uniforms, and a big thank you to the community for their continued support.

In more recent games, Kohala beat Hilo in a heated home game, 70-67, where O'shen Cazimero scored 26 points, Koby Agbayani 16 points, and Jeffrey Francisco

12 points. They went on to beat Honokaa High, 79-62, with Koby Agbayani scoring big while sophomore O'shen Cazimero had three fouls in the first quarter. According to one local fan, the junior varsity team's Trevor Figueroa played a huge role in the JV defeating



Photo by Amber Corrales

Junior Moses Emiliano takes the ball in for a scoring drive against Hilo at home.



Photo by Amber Corrales

Junior Jeffrey Francisco looks to pass the ball to his teammates against Hilo at home.

Honokaa, 79-62, earlier that day. The team's coach and the Tribune Herald say that the team is "mentally strong."

As of January 7, Kohala boys reign with an 8-1 record, defeating Parker to take the lead in their league. Kohala fan Chris Cackley

attends almost every game and feels like our Kohala boys, who often are at a height disadvantage compared to other teams, out-skill almost every team they play. He feels that Kohala has a secret weapon: "The Kohala fans show up at the games."



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Story by Lynda Wallach

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Sophisticated Hula



Keiki with Santa

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Young women



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Kohala Golf Course Looking for Action



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Kohala Golf Course Volunteer Brad Estabilio repairs some pig damage alongside the road to the Caddy Shack.

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He was sure to name all those local volunteers, who include: Bob Tetac; Deborah Imonti; John Watson; Harold Alcoran, Jr.; Harold Alcoran, Sr.; Loretta Alcoran; Braden Alcoran; Jason

Felciano; and Jowen Coito, the mechanic. "Get out here and play the course and then write the article," says Harold Alcoran.

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