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Volunteers Make Good Things Happen



By Diann Wilson

Joe Carvalho (left) and Ralph Galan volunteer to plant hala at Hapu'u point.

By Diann Wilson

Would you like to meet new people, gain experience, increase your feelings of happiness, and strengthen your community? There is one simple thing you can do to accomplish all of this: VOLUNTEER. Giving your time can improve self-esteem, improve physical health and recent research even shows it may reduce the risk of dementia. So why not help yourself and show your love for Kohala, by volunteering?

Many individuals have already stepped up. Just a few who come to mind, are Toni Withington, Denni Keyes, Ross Pagat, Rose Mae Waterson, Brian Sandlin, Liz Bautista, John Winter, Patrick Medeiros, Nario Libron, Kathy Webb, Peter Pomeranze, Teri Takata, Bobby Glory, Lee Rivera, Colin Kaholo, Lani Bowman, David Fuertes, Maya Parish, Dixie Adams, Steve Hoffmann, Sara Pule-Fujii, Ralph Galan and Chris Brown. It was difficult to

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North Kohala Coastal Lands Top County Open Space List



By Keith Wallis

Lamaloloa, located between Lapakahi State Historical Park and state land of the Pao'o ahupua'a, is home to many historic sites.

By Toni Withington

Kohala properties garnered six top spots on the County's 2022 priority list for preservation purchase. This month the County Council accepted the mayor's annual report on suggested purchases and easements to be acquired by the 2% Open Space Fund.

The report is compiled by the Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Commission (PONC) during a year-long process of evaluating nominated

projects. All six of the projects have been on the list multiple years.

However, the good news is that one coastal property was acquired by the County in 2022 and three others are in negotiations with private owners for purchase.

The properties were nominated by a hui of four Kohala community groups – Malama Na Wahi Pana O Kohala, Kamakani O Kohala Ohana, Malama Kohala Kahakai and Maika'i Kamakani O Kohala,

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Kohala's Proposed Electric Storage Batteries Get a Boost

By Toni Withington

Hawaiian Electric has put forward new specifications for its proposed backup battery storage plan to increase the time it can take over from planned or accidental power outages. In January, the company applied to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for more battery storage than its original plan, submitted in 2021.

If approved, the grid would up the reliability and resilience of service in North Kohala. It would be the first utility microgrid based on storage in the state of Hawaii. The district is now served by a single 24-mile sub-transmission line built in the 1950s, which is subject to long outages like those experienced this month.

The battery storage system to be installed at the Hāwī substation would provide power to customers when there is a break in the

line. It would also allow the utility to replace the existing power line with an upgraded over-the-mountain line while the batteries provide uninterrupted power to the 2,000 customers here.

The new plan before the PUC would up the storage capacity of the original proposal by 36 percent, providing a longer time span the community can be supported by the battery. Technically the boost is from 5 MW (megawatts) / 22 MWh (megawatt-hours) to 5 MW / 30 MWh.

The original proposed battery size was based on a 2019 study, which overstated the contribution of rooftop solar to the microgrid. A restudy last year called for the increase.

The company intends to own and operate the microgrid controller but hire a contractor to manage the battery energy storage system.

The proposal would be put out to bid by contractors with a provision that the battery system would be completed "no later than September 19, 2025," according to the company's submittal.

Still left to be added to the PUC application is a greenhouse gas emissions analysis and report. Also still open before the PUC, in a separate docket, is an application by Hāwī Renewable Development, the wind farm, to upgrade its turbines and output. Meanwhile, the wind turbines are providing much of the electricity for Kohala through the existing grid.

Detailed information about the

proposed microgrid plan is available at www.hawaiianelectric.com under North Kohala Energy Storage RFP. Additional information about the overall microgrid project can be found on Hawaiian Electric's North Kohala Microgrid webpage.

There are two more opportunities for the public to provide feedback on the project: during the approval of the PUC, which has yet to be scheduled, and the contract approval stage. Comments also can be emailed to renewableacquisition@hawaiianelectric.com or submitted to the PUC via their website www.puc.hawaii.gov/ contact for Docket No. 2022-0012.

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By Diann Wilson
Kathy Matsuda volunteers for multiple projects in Kohala.

select only a couple to highlight, but in the interest of space, this article features two community volunteers.

Kathy Matsuda was born and raised in Kohala and donates her time to various volunteer efforts. A resident of Kapa'au, she has been involved with taiko drumming, Kohala Project Grad, and community meals at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.

One of her recent volunteer experiences is serving as chairperson of the Kohala Reunion. The last reunion was held in 2022 and plans are already under way for the 2025 reunion, where people will come home from all over the world. In her role as chairperson, Kathy oversees numerous committees, recruits volunteers, makes sure the community is kept informed about events and makes sure that everything runs smoothly.

When asked why she volunteers for this event, Kathy stated, "The reunion brings people back to their roots. It helps them remember where came from and remember their values and love of Kohala." In addition, she has a lot of relatives that travel to come to the event, and she felt like this is something she can do for them.

Volunteering has provided Kathy with many rewards, including seeing people happy, learning, being part of a team effort, and experiencing people enjoying themselves.

Kathy encourages other to volunteer because, "No one can do it alone. Volunteering brings people together and everyone can feel good about themselves participating in the community. It provides a chance to meet others and learn what is going on in the community."

Another active community volunteer is Joe Carvalho. Joe was also born and raised in Kohala, though he left for a few years for college and military service. After retirement from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Joe, and his former-classmate and now-wife Marcia (Kawamoto) decided to return to Kohala. A current resident of Halaula, he has been back on-island for 20 years now.

Joe spends his volunteer time on the Kohala Community Development Plan Advisory Group (CDP AG) and the nonprofit Kohala Lihikai, which works to preserve the Kohala coast and public access.

The Kohala Community Development Plan Advisory Group was formed mid-2022 and Joe has been active with it since its inception. He was asked to participate in the subgroup since he had been an active contributor to the establishment of a the North Kohala Community Development Plan (NKCDP) back in 2008. He began volunteering on the NKCDP Community Access working group from the very beginning. He is also a founding member of the Kohala Community Plan working group, which includes Beth Robinson, Kathy Matsuda, Lehua Ah Sam, Ross Pagat and Toni Withington. Joe is spearheading the Talk Story effort to gather current community ideas for the future as a first step to update the NKCDP.

When asked about volunteering, Joe has firm opinions. He wants volunteering to be positive and proactive. "We can volunteer when we identify a problem or issues that need to be resolved, but we also need members of our community to step up to work on future planning. Volunteers can work on community needs such as affordable housing, power, and roads."

When asked how he has benefited from volunteering, Joe indicated that he has had the opportunity to work with good people. Volunteering has helped him get introduced to our community and it has provided him with a chance to work on issues such as the com-

munity need for ocean access.

Joe also encourages others to volunteer. He feels it is important to help the community in whichever way you can. Volunteers can decide to lead or to simply be part of a committee. "Roots Skate Park is a great example of what can be done when all levels of the local community come together to achieve a goal."

How can you get help? Think about how much time you have available to give. While some volunteer opportunities involve ongoing meetings and activities, others may just be for a one-time event. To work on the Kohala reunion or special events at the Kohala Village HUB like Halloween or Kohala Night Market, contact Kathy at 889-3512. To help with Kohala community planning or with land stewardship contact Joe at 987-5366.

Additional volunteer opportu-

nities exist if you look. Consider assisting with the St. Augustine's thrift shop, helping with food distribution through the Sacred Heart Food Basket or Kohala Cares, volunteering with KNKR radio station, handing out water at the Ironman competition, or writing an article for Kohala Mountain News.

If organized volunteering isn't your thing, consider helping an individual. Maybe a neighbor needs assistance with a project at their house. Perhaps you can take a mere half of an hour and pick up trash on your road. Think about offering to pick up groceries for someone who can't get out.

The opportunities to volunteer are endless. As Maya Angelou said, "If you don't like something, change it." Find something you would like to change in Kohala, and volunteer to make it better.

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which have been pursuing multiple funding sources to preserve oceanfront properties since 2006.

Topping the list this year is a cluster of parcels on the north coast called Hapu'u to Kapanai Cultural Corridor. It is the center of a 4.5-mile stretch of northern coast the groups call the Kula Iwi O Kamehameha, the homeland of King Kamehameha I. The land is also his 'aina pono'i, his personal land that nurtured his physical and spiritual strength. It is the location of two significant heiau.

Three of the five parcels in the corridor were previously purchased by the county and another was bought this year. The final 42.5-acre parcel is in the late stages of transfer.

Adjoining the corridor is the number two listed property called Halelua, a 50.3-acre parcel that runs along the cliff-lined coast for over a mile between Hapu'u and already preserved land at Kauhola Point (Lighthouse). It is also part of Kamehameha's stomping ground and site of another heiau. The County began negotiations with the owner to purchase the land last fall.

Purchase of those two parcels will complete the conservation of the Kula Iwi O Kamehameha.

Number three on the list shifts focus to the leeward Kohala coast, where previous efforts have preserved many acres of land. Lamaloa, a 35.3-acre parcel, is sandwiched

between Lapakahi State Historical Park and state land of the Pao'o ahupua'a, part of which was purchased with state and county funds in 2010. Stretching from the Akoni Pule Highway to the ocean, Lamaloa is studded with historic sites and is a popular fishing area. Negotiations are underway for the purchase of this land.

Priority number four is Honoipu, the land along the ocean at the end of Old Coast Guard Road. Besides being highly scenic with the closest views of Maui from Hawaii Island, it was in ancient times a preferred canoe launching site for interisland travel. Public access on the road and parking lot are at the discretion of the private owner, even though it is a trailhead for the coastal Na Ala Hele state trail and the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail.

The goal of the Kohala groups is to secure public access and maintenance of the road and parking lot from the private land as well as transfer responsibility for the rest of the road up to the highway from the federal government to the County. Talks are underway with all parties.

The Parker Ranch land that makes up the Kukuipahu-Haena Corridor is listed as priority five. Multiple parcels make up this approximately 1,500 acres between Kapa'a Park and Puakea. The coast is studded with multiple historic villages and pristine coves. It is not open to public access but is criss-

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CDP Advisory Group January Meeting Notes

By Lynda Wallach

The North Kohala Community Development Plan (CDP) Advisory Group held its monthly meeting on January 25 under the leadership of John Winter, the group chair. The main portion of the meeting was given over to the reports from the various subgroups.

Jack Hoyt reported that the Affordable Housing Group has been reviewing the 2008 CDP to determine which of the objectives and strategies are still relevant and what changes may need to be made. Changing the state zoning designations for Kohala continues to be a priority. Most of the land in Kohala is zoned Agricultural, which carries lot-size requirements and housing limitations that are unsuitable for affordable housing. Currently the State controls the how a district is zoned. The group is lobbying to get control of zoning designa-

tions moved to the County, where changes might be made more easily.

The group is supporting the County's move toward tougher regulations for short term vacation rentals, hoping that they will be tough enough to open the long-term rental market for local residents. Hoyt voiced hope that since Governor Green, who comes from Kohala, is making affordable housing one of his main priorities, perhaps some progress can be made.

The Affordable Housing subgroup meets the on second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 at Pomaika'i Cafe.

The report from the Agriculture Group was given by Maya Parish. She said that the group has decided to focus on agricultural production as an area over which they could have some control, unlike land and water access, which are bigger issues. She stated the group's con-

cerns over the negative impacts of increased dependence on outside production and the need to increase value-added and processing facilities here in Kohala.

The group believes that addressing zoning issues is essential to keeping current production alive. Specifically, regulation and enforcement are needed to make sure that agricultural-zoned properties are being used for actual agricultural activity and that non-compliant lots should be rezoned and taxed as residential. They are proposing that a percentage of the revenue gained through the additional taxes (the difference between residential and agricultural rates) be set aside as an "Ag Fund" and used to support increases in agricultural production and infrastructure.

The Agricultural subgroup meets on the first Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at the Kohala

Food Hub, 55-230 Ho'ea Road (the old chicken farm).

Joe Carvalho said that the Community Access Group will be working with the nonprofit Kohala Lihikai on a strategy to make use of the three grants from the County for the stewardship of the coastal lands that have been acquired between Hapu'u and Kapanāia. In addition, the nonprofit has received a grant from the National Park Service for education and trail maintenance.

Regarding Pololū, townscape planners have met with some in the community about the issue of parking at the lookout. A community-wide assessment began in January. Another weekend steward is needed.

The Community Access subgroup meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at Kohala Intergenerational Center (KIC) in

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crossed with many pre-contact trails. Number six is Keawenui, 166 acres closer to Kawaihae. With pristine coves and small bays, it has been used by Kohala families for fishing, gathering, camping and hiking for generations. Amid a large kiawe forest are many historic sites, some of which have been identified as pre-contact.

The PONC list also includes two projects in North Kona. A conservation easement is being sought for a trail in Holualoa called Historic

Temple Walk 88. The trail would be the first phase of a three-mile walking and bike trail between Holualoa Elementary School and the Imin Center.

Listed as the eighth priority is a 70-acre parcel called Connecting the Holualoa Royal Complex. It would create an open space corridor bringing together multiple trails between historic sites and a heiau, even though the property is surrounded on three sides by subdivisions.

The County Charter calls for two percent of property taxes col-

lected each year to be set aside for purchase in perpetuity of open space lands identified as important by residents of the county.

In addition to prioritizing land for future acquisitions, the PONC Commission also oversees the disbursement of money from a separate Stewardship Fund to community nonprofits to maintain the properties obtained through the 2% Open Space Fund.

In North Kohala, grants have been issued to Kohala Lihikai for stewardship of four of the County-

owned coastal lands. Kohala Lihikai also stewards other coastal lands under open space protection with programs for native plant restoration, historic site protection as well as erosion and wildfire control.

To see the full Mayor's Annual Report, go to Hawaii County Finance department site (www.hawaiicounty.gov/departments/finance), choose the Property Management section and click the link to Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Commission.

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Kamehameha Park.

John Winter reported that the Growth Management Group met with Jean Sunderland, owner of the Hawai'i Island Retreat Center, regarding the permit request she has submitted to the Planning Department to expand the number of units at the center from 16 to 36 with the addition of 20 separate hale units. The group voted to send testimony to the Leeward Planning Commission in favor of the two permits, but also recommended that the Access Group review her public access plan.

The group has compiled recommendations for changes to the zoning and subdivision codes that are being reviewed by the County. These recommendations will be brought forth in the County's online open sessions currently underway. Some of the issues identified

for possible changes concur with those of concern to other subgroups including second farm dwellings, agricultural use related to the tax code, special use permits on agricultural land, and public access requirements for subdivisions under five lots.

The Growth Management subgroup meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at KIC.

Sadie Young said that the Health and Wellness Group is focusing on mental health and substance abuse and the need for a recovery house, as well as programs for at-risk youth. Along with the Kohala Resilience Hub, the group is working on insuring that Kohala residents are prepared in case of an emergency, including providing training and supplies.

The next meeting of the Health and Wellness subgroup is on Sunday, February 19, at 4:00 p.m. in

the small pavilion at Kamehameha Park.

John Winter said that the Parks and Roads Group is dealing with issues surrounding the pool at Kamehameha Park, which is having continuing problems that are preventing its being opened. They plan to meet on-site with a representative from Parks and Recreation to stress to them the importance of the pool to the community and to get a clearer idea of when all the repairs will be completed.

The State Historical Society is holding up the demolition of the pavilion at Māhukona, since they say it has some historical significance despite its being condemned. As Winter stated, "Good sense is expected to prevail and demolition is expected to take place following this delay."

The Parks and Roads subgroup meets on the third Wednesday of

the month at 5:00 p.m. at the KIC.

The Utilities Group met with representatives from the Hawai'i Wind Farm to discuss their programs. Permitting of an upgrade of the wind farm is expected to come before the Public Utilities Commission next year.

The Utilities subgroup meets the third Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. at KIC.

All the subgroups welcome new members; community members are encouraged to join one that deals with issues that concern them. Times and meeting places can be found in the monthly calendar in this paper. Community members are also urged to attend the meetings of the CDP Advisory Group. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, at 4:30 p.m. at the Kohala Intergenerational Center.

Letters

Inconsiderate, Inhumane and Illegal: Plea for No More Snares

Recently, several Kohala folks have shared their dismay over the seemingly increased use of snares. I have three words for snare users: inconsiderate, inhumane and illegal.

Due to the graphic nature of incidents, I am not sharing photos. However, snares are incredibly inconsiderate. Snares are often hidden from the naked eye and view. Folks walking their dogs along backroads, or even their children, might be surprised by stepping into a loose snare. Although the intent of the person setting the snare may have been to have the snare within his property along his own boundary line fence, often feral hogs manage to drag the snares without stepping into them onto another side.

My personal loss of a horse a few months back to a snare along my Maliau Road fence line was devastating. The horse did not have a chance, having stepped into the snare, presumably sometime during the night, she fell to her side and the snare severed her arteries around the fetlock and pastern of her front leg. A neighbor out on a walk found her and called. An inconsiderate act

by the setter to have set the trap in an area where horses, cattle are pastured as well as along the roadside fencing where Kohala folks walk their dogs, often off leash. Inconsiderate.

Snares are inhumane. They are set then left unattended so the animal snared, regardless of whether if it is someone's horse, dog or cow, will be restricted and restrained. The animal will suffer the pain of the wound and as it fights for its freedom, will incur further injury to itself. Torturing pain as a result of someone else's actions as it innocently moved about its habitat and life. This is inhumane.

Snares are illegal in Hawaii. SB733 enacted in 2011 "Prohibits the use of body crushing traps and non-padded or nonlaminated foot or leg-hold traps and provides exemptions, regulates the use of snares and padded or laminated foot or leghold traps and provides exemptions, and establishes penalties for violations." Furthermore, HI Rev Stat § 711-1109.37 (2013) is clear. "Cruelty to animals by trapping. (1) A person commits the offense of cruelty to animals by trapping if the person intentionally, knowingly, or

recklessly uses, sets, or maintains:

- (a) A steel-jawed leg-hold trap; or (b) A snare, conibear trap, or foot- or leg-hold trap in an area zoned as residential or any other area where such snare or trap is prohibited by law or rule; except under the situations described in subsection (2).

In 1999, Natural Area Reserves System (NARS) on the Big Island supported snaring as the only viable way to reduce the population and, therefore, save forests. The difference? Snares were not in areas of human or domestic animal traffic habitats, for one. For another, the snares placed were regularly monitored. While Subsection 2.HRS711 articulates the exceptions, snare setting in the areas as we have recently seen is illegal.

Even hunters are miffed over snaring for the waste of meat that occurs. Some hunters express the notion that snaring is not hunting. I agree. Kohala, help those who are setting snares understand the disregard, damage and deliberate destruction they may cause to someone or something else. Remind them that snare setting is inconsiderate, inhumane and illegal.

- Fern White

Pepeluai (February)

Pōmaika`i (Luck/Lucky)

By Jesse Lucas

We can all consider ourselves pōmaika`i (lucky) in one way or another.

Of course, the paio (argument) can be made that we have to hana (work) for our pōmaika`i (luck).

We need to ho`olaulima (work together) and have a little pōmaika`i (luck) in order for our community pool to be kāpili (repaired). We need pōmaika`i and to mālama (to care for) ourselves in order to stay ola pono (healthy).

Lastly, we will all need to continue to ho`oikaika (work hard) and have pōmaika`i to holo i mua (move forward) and get where we want to go.



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Letters

Tourism and Pololū

Dear KMN Editor,
Although I currently reside on the mainland, both sides of my family are rooted in Kohala, and I plan to retire to my family property in Hāwī someday soon.

related facilities. This type of planning will only lead to further development and destruction of Pololū and the neighboring communities;

An alternate and more logical approach could involve two elements: (1) Restrict all road parking within 2 or 3 miles of Pololū to residential permits, local regulated shuttle buses and government vehicles, and (2) establish tourist hubs in Kapa'au and Hāwī, including

shuttle buses to and from Pololū and perhaps other visitor sites. This type of plan would avoid over-development of Pololū and minimize road traffic while allowing visitors to enjoy and learn about the history and scenic beauty of Kohala;

Visitors should always be welcomed, but we also need to Keep Kohala, Kohala.

Sincerely, Phillip D.K. Lee

Hawai'i State House of Representatives Update

From the Desk of District 7 Representative David Tarnas

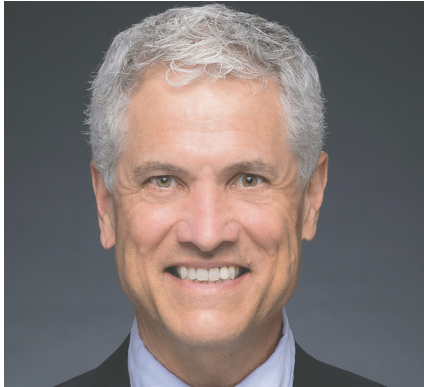


Photo courtesy of David Tarnas. Representative David Tarnas speaks for North Kohala as a member of the Hawai'i State House of Representatives.

Aloha! The 2023 legislative session is fully underway with bills introduced and referred to committees for hearings. A total of 1,514 bills were introduced in the State House and each bill has been referred to one or more committees to be considered for a hearing and decide whether to pass the bill without changes, or with amendments, or to defer the bill without approval.

A major goal of the JHA Committee is to consider all the bills relating to ethics, campaign spending and financial disclosure that were proposed by the administration and the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct, which was created by the State House to address recent cases of public corruption by government officials.

care decisions, protect environmental and cultural resources, fund the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to develop more homes for Hawaiians on the waitlist, fund the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and many other important subjects. It is a busy time for me at the legislature and I am grateful for the opportunity to lead this important committee.

If you haven't already visited the legislative website, please set up an account at www.capitol.hawaii.gov to track the progress of bills important to you, as well as to submit testimony when these bills are scheduled for a hearing before legislative committees. The legislative website has been improved to be easier to navigate and access information. If you have any questions about how to use the website and set up your own account, please contact the Public Access Room at (808) 587-0478 or par@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Watching committee hearings is easy, too, because all committee hearings are broadcast live and available on YouTube. You can testify by sending in written testimony or by signing up for remote testimony via Zoom. All legislative hearings are "hybrid" with in-person as well as remote testimony available for the public.

In addition to providing your mana'o to the legislature, I also encourage you to share your opinion with the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), which is developing a community-based plan to manage the challenges faced with the large numbers of visitors to the Pololū Valley trailhead. This is an area of great cultural significance which has seen a major increase in use that has caused serious concerns for the local community with overcrowding, traffic safety issues, and significant public health and environmental concerns.

With funding from the legislature, the DLNR and their planning consultants from Townscape are working with the community to plan how to manage this area to protect these significant environmental and cultural resources, improve traffic safety, and reduce overuse of this area. Here are some details about the project description, process, and where to go for more information and to provide

input.

Project description: The State Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, is engaging the community to plan for the Pololū Trailhead, which includes the State lands that have been used near the trailhead for parking and as a lookout. The trailhead has been attracting an increasing number of visitors to the Pololū Lookout and to the valley floor, which has resulted in detrimental environmental, cultural, and social impacts to both the valley and the nearby rural community. Through this planning process, the State, assisted by their consultants, Townscape, will engage with kūpuna, descendants of the place, cultural practitioners, and residents, to explore alternatives and develop stewardship solutions to protect the area from overuse.

Planning process:

- 1) Ongoing - Community Talk Story
2) Nov 2022 - Apr 2023 Assessment
a) Understand community values & vision
b) Analysis of issues and needs
3) May 2023 - Dec 2023 Alternatives & Solutions
a) Identify alternatives and concepts
b) Draft Plan
c) Final Plan
4) Jan 2024 - Dec 2024 Environmental Review Process
a) Draft Environmental Assessment
b) Final Environmental Assessment

Project website and mailing list signup: dlnc.hawaii.gov/recreation/nah/hawaii/pololu-planning-project

Contact info:

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Consultant - Gabrielle Sham, Project Manager, Townscape, Inc., gabrielle@townscapeinc.com, 808-550-3894

If you want to share your concerns or ideas about legislative bills or community issues, please contact my office at 808-586-8510 or email me at reptarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov. I am grateful to continue serving as your State Representative and look forward to hearing from you. Mahalo!

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County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilmember Cindy Evans



Councilmember Cindy Evans represents North Kohala as part of Hawai'i County Council District 9. (Courtesy Cindy Evans)

I hope you did not sustain damage during the most recent wind storm. The week before the storm I had a meeting with HELCO to talk about power outages in North Kohala. I discussed power surges and the potential for damage of appliances and computers. On the first topic, HELCO is installing a battery system that will provide 8 hours of power for North Kohala while repairs are made. On the second, submitting a claim within 30

days of damage will end up with an onsite visit and evaluation. If you have trouble with getting a claim form or feel evaluation should be appealed, please let my office know.

My offices are up and running. To serve you best, I strongly urge you to call or send an email at cindy.evans@hawaiicounty.gov.

Hilo Council office is staffed by Jacob Perry, (808) 961-8564.

Kapa'au District office is staffed by Jessica Andrews, (808) 889-6512.

District 9: Locations and Hours

Hilo: Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Waimea: Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., except the third Thursday of the month; Waimea Preservation Building (the small building at the lighted intersection adjacent to the post office).

Kapa'au: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; The 'Judiciary Building' adjacent to the Senior Center and Police Station.

Kona: Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; West Hawai'i Civic Center

Waikōloa: Every Third Thursday of the month, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Waikōloa Village Association Community Room

Community Engagement
Upcoming Committee Hearings are March 7 and March 21. Council meetings are March 8 and March 22.

Friday before the Council meetings the agendas are posted. When you read below the steps for finding the agendas and the steps for providing testimony, I want you to know it is my hope the Council will be open to supporting an effort to streamline public engagement. How to find Council Agendas:

1. Go to hawaiicounty.gov, then click on Our County
2. Choose Legislative, then click on County Council
3. Left hand side of page click on Council/Committee Meetings-Live

At committee hearings Council members debate and vote on recommendations, which will be forwarded to council meeting for action. Sometimes items are postponed in committee to work on language or have time to further research. We welcome your

input by written testimony, in person testimony, or by Zoom. FYI, there is a registration process to use Zoom. The agendas have instructions, or please call if you need assistance.

Bathrooms
I have received numerous calls and emails about the need for public restrooms in Hāwī. I am trying to find a permanent solution but think a temporary will be better than nothing. Hope to find a solution ASAP.

There have also been many complaints about the turned-off water at Hāpuna Beach State Park. The State believes the waterline has reached the end of its life and the waterline for the whole park has to be replaced.

They are unwilling to pay high water bills, so they have turned off the water and ask for our patience while they bid out and construct a new waterline. I think this should be a priority and expedited. Mahalo in advance for letting the Governor know how you feel about this park situation. Go to hawaii.gov/gov to comment.

Take care. Mahalo for your support and sharing your thoughts.

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Keone Emeliano Named New Steward of Māhukona

By Toni Withington

Two major changes in staff at Hawaii Land Trust (HILT) come as the trust closes in on the purchase of 642 acres of land between Māhukona and Kapa'a Parks. Both bode well for the future of the land the trust calls Māhukona Navigational and Ecological Complex.

Kohala-born Keone Emeliano has joined the trust as the Māhukona steward and educator. The newly elected president and CEO of the trust, 'Olu Campbell, comes to the role with a stunning background in 'āina protection and Native Hawaiian rights.

Emeliano has lifelong experience dedicated to caring for and protecting Hawai'i's land. He takes over the role held for years by the late Patti Ann Solomon, a lineal descendant of Māhukona, and a voyager with Nā Kalai Wa'a, a nonprofit partner with HILT in the purchase.

"My family goes to Māhukona whenever we can," Emeliano said. "I used to ask Auntie Patti how we could help keep the coastal trail clear. I want to make sure Māhukona is not developed, and everyone can go there and see the beauty of the area while also being respectful and taking care of it."



Keone Emeliano is Hawai'i Island Land Trust's new Māhukona steward and educator.

He worked for 20 years helping to manage the former land holdings of the Kohala Sugar Co.,

which included maintaining 21 miles of the Kohala Ditch system. Via helicopter, he also managed the caretaking crews of 'Āwini, Honokāne Nui and Kaukini, and worked with Hawai'i Forest and Trail and 'Onip'a Na Hui Kalo to restore lo'i in 'Iole, Makapala and Pololū. He recently worked for Hawai'i Water Services in Waikōloa and helped steward Pololū through a pilot program organized by KUPU, Nā Ala Hele Trails and the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Emeliano volunteered as vice president of the North Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee and has coached basketball and volleyball through Kohala Community Athletics Association, Kohala High School and currently the boys' team for N.S.P., a club basketball team of 10- to 14-year-olds from Kohala.

"My entire working life has been dedicated to caring for and protecting 'āina in Kohala. I can't think of a better way to use my deep passion and expertise than working for HILT," he said.

All of HILT's work toward the purchase of the land formerly owned by Surety Kohala at Māhukona was orchestrated by Laura Kaakua, who left the role of president and CEO of HILT recently to become deputy director of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources.

The trust board of directors this month announced the naming of 'Olu Campbell to that role. Since 2018, he has served as the Community and Government Relations Manager for Kamehameha Schools. He previously was a Legacy Lands Specialist for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), where he conducted community-driven land-use planning and stewardship for about 26,000 acres of culturally and ecologically significant lands.

Campbell earned a law degree with an Environmental Law and Native Hawaiian Law Certificate from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and his bachelor's degree in biology with a Hawaiian Language Certificate from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

He currently serves on the Honolulu Economic Revitalization Commission and recently concluded his term as a member of the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Forest Stewardship Committee. He was the Co-Chair of the Hawai'i State Bar Association's Environment, Energy and Resources Section, and Second Vice President of the O'ahu Council of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

He is also an active waterman and musician.

To find out more about the Māhukona purchase, go to www.hilt.org/mahukona and watch the beautiful video Ola Māhukona which features and is dedicated to Patti Ann Solomon.

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Kohala Boys Basketball Wins State Championship Again



Courtesy ESPN Honolulu

The Kohala High School Boys Basketball team, winners of the 2022-2023 Hawaii High School Athletic Association Division II State Championship.

By Tom Morse

For the second time in three years, Kohala High School boys basketball won the Hawai'i Division II championship on O'ahu.

They defeated University Lab, 40-38. Freshman Layden Kauka

scored the final seven points and was named Most Outstanding Player. His brother Landon, a junior, scored nineteen points in the final game.

For the season the team went 19-2.

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Kohala Ag Visioning Event and Market Celebration Set for March 25th

By Libby Leonard

On February 2, the CDP Agriculture subgroup convened their first meeting of the year, where it was announced that a community-wide Kohala agriculture visioning event and "Taste of Kohala" market celebration will take place on March 25th at Hisaoka Gym and Kamehameha Park.

The event, which will be jointly hosted by local nonprofit Kahua Pa'a Mua, County of Hawai'i Research and Development, and Vibrant Hawai'i aims to bring together a long list of the community's agriculturists, ag-related organizations, businesses, County agencies, investors, food banks, community food distributors, legislators, cultural practitioners, advocates, and other key stakeholders to create a vision and strategic plan for the future of Kohala's agriculture.

Many at the meeting expressed interest in large private and non-profit landowners also being in attendance, along with hunters, fisherman, backyard gardeners, farmers' well-being programs, agriculture suppliers, and young farmer education organizations like FFA.

The event will be from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the gym, with neutral facilitators provided by the County and Vibrant Hawai'i.

It will involve several breakout sessions, information booths with resources for farmers, and an artist who will illustrate a mural with the community's ideas in real time. Kahua Pa'a Mua will also be donating free lunches to participants.

Following the visioning, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. will be the "Taste of Kohala," with a food truck, local bands, and an evening market. Free space at the market will be given to

producers, organizations, and businesses to sell goods and provide demonstrations, presentations or information to the public.

One of the volunteer organizers said, "This will be a special chance to come together and share in creating a vision for the future and to make sure we take the time to celebrate the strengths of our farmers and ranchers today. I hope lots of folks come out!"

So far, Kohala Food Hub, The Kohala Center, 'Iole, and HIP Ag have signed on as local partners, with the Food Hub offering to donate door prizes, while the Kohala Center has emerged as one of the first sponsors.

Dragonheart Farm's Nany Zepeda is also collaborating with World Centric to provide compostable food ware to make it a zero-waste event.

Kahua Pa'a Mua Executive Director David Fuertes – who has helped facilitate prior visioning sessions in Kohala and Hamakua and a DOE Natural Science/FFA Teachers' Strategic plan – said in early talks with Vibrant Hawai'i, one of their young staff brought up the warrior chief Na'aole. The chief carried a young Kamehameha from Kokoiki to safety in 'Awini and helped mold him into who he became.

The staffer added that in a metaphor, the people of Kohala who believe in agriculture are Na'aole and the King represents the 'aina. "So how do we mālama i ka 'aina (respect and take care of the land)?" Fuertes asked.

More information will be available, but if there are any questions, please email kohalaagvision@gmail.com.

HAWAII WRITERS GUILD

Hawaii Writers Guild Reviews Accomplishments at Its Annual Meeting

By Joy Fisher

Members of the Hawaii Writers Guild heard an encouraging review of the organization's accomplishments during 2022 at its annual meeting held via Zoom on January 21.

Vice President Bruce Stern, who presided over the meeting, noted that he was "very pleased" at how well the Guild was able to maintain a range of activities throughout the year by using a variety of online programs on a regular basis to maintain contact and conduct business among its members. The Guild currently boasts more than 70 active members living in the Hawaiian Islands as well as in a number of states on the mainland. The Guild has one member who lives in London, England.

During 2022, the Guild continued to sponsor weekly writers support meetings, called "Readings and Responses," open to all members at no cost via Zoom. In addition, in 2022, the Guild established a "Fiction Focus Group" for a limited number of members working on long-form fiction.

Margaret Zacharias, who coordinates the writing groups, reported that a "Nonfiction Focus Group" for members working on book-length nonfiction projects is projected to start in 2023. Like the Fiction Focus group, inclusion in

the nonfiction group will be by invitation in order to keep the size of the group manageable and coherent.

A PowerPoint presentation at the annual meeting honored a total of 43 Guild members who had published their writings in the prior year. Twenty-five members had their work published in "Latitudes," the Guild's online literary review; 16 members published books; and 16 members published short stories, essays, poems, and/or articles in non-Guild related publications or had their work produced for the stage. Two members were nominated for writing awards during 2022.

All editions of "Latitudes," including the recently published 2023 edition, are available to the public at no charge at www.hawaiiwritersguild.com/literary-review.html. Diann Wilson, a former Guild president from North Kohala, reported on the Guild's YouTube channel, which offers "Write On!", the interview program she produces and hosts, and "Inside the Writer's Studio," featuring readings by and interviews of Guild members.

The first and second most-viewed episodes of 2022 were "Inside the Writers Studio, Episode 25," featuring Guild member Don Kennedy and "Write On!, Episode 18," with Sheri Brenden, who dis-

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cussed the path to the publication of her book about Title IX (which has now been published by the University of Minnesota Press). These programs and others are available to the public at no charge and can be found by entering "Hawaii Writers Guild" in the YouTube search box.

The results of the Guild's election of officers for 2023 were also announced. North Kohala resident Diane Revell was elected president and Bruce Stern from Waikōloa, Donna Beumler from North Kohala and Bob Lupo from Hakalau were all re-elected to their offices as vice president, secretary and treasurer, respectively.

"I hope the Guild can find opportunities to gather in-person in

the future, perhaps in small groups, in order to connect in ways that are difficult to accomplish virtually," President Revell remarked.

Prior to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Guild held its annual meeting in person at Anna Ranch in Waimea and sponsored in-person public readings in North Kohala, Waimea and Volcano Village.

Hawaii Writers Guild was founded in January 2017 by a group of writers from North and South Kohala, Hāmākua and Volcano who began to discuss forming an organization. Eventually the group decided to seek recognition as a nonprofit.

More information about the Guild can be found at www.hawaiiwritersguild.com.

Hawaii Writers Guild Elects New President



Courtesy Diane Revell
Hawaii Writers Guild President-elect Diane Revell.

By Joy Fisher

Diane Revell, a longtime member of Hawaii Writers Guild, was announced as the organization's new president at its annual meeting on January 21.

Revell, who joined the Guild in

2017, served as its secretary from October of that year until January 2022. She also participated in the committee that worked to obtain the Guild's 501(c)(3) status as a nonprofit organization and played a large role on the committee that wrote the bylaws.

After she stepped down as secretary, Revell continued to work on behalf of members of the Guild. Of her own initiative, she wrote a "New Member Guide" to help orient new members.

When the leader of the Kohala Writers Group resigned, Revell, who lives in Hāwī, replaced her. When the position of regional director for North Kohala opened up, she agreed to return to the Guild's board of directors in that position. Revell will continue in these latter two roles as she takes on her new duties as president.

"Under the leadership of President-elect Diane Revell, we all are looking forward to a successful year for the Guild and its members," said Vice President Bruce Stern, who hosted the annual meeting.

Retreat Expansion Request is Challenged

By Toni Withington

A bid to more than double the units at the Hawaii Island Retreat hit the skids when neighboring landowners called for a contested case hearing at a recent Leeward Planning Commission meeting.

Ahu Pohaku Ho'omaluhia LLC, owner of the oceanfront property on Lokahi Road, Kapa'au, has applied to the county to amend the permits that allowed Jean Sunderland and Robert Watkins to build the 16-unit center in 2008 on agriculture-zoned land.

The changes to the Special Permit and Special Management Area permit would allow for 36 units in the five acres covered by the permits within a 14.5-acre parcel.

Sunderland told the commission that the added units would be small hale, suitable for single or double occupancy, spread among an existing grove of grapefruit trees.

At the January commission meeting, three adjoining neighbors called for a contested case hearing, which is a quasi-judicial hearing before an officer hired by the commission who submits findings and recommendations to the planning commission. The three petitioners are the Charles A. Anderson Trust, EWM Enterprises, and Kohala Makani Kai. Anderson oversees the trust and is the authorized agent for the latter two entities. Sunderland and Anderson must agree on a mediator and try to work out their differences.

Sidney Fuke, consultant for Ahu Pohaku Ho'omaluhia LLC, told commissioners he hopes the parties can work out their differences before the contested case hearing begins.

Two other neighbors, not part of the petition, spoke in opposition to the expansion of the retreat, citing years of legal issues between residents and the retreat, as well as the concerns over the condition of the road and the increased traffic the proposed expansion would bring to the public shoreline access. A Kohala realtor spoke to add context to community support.

Sunderland had met previously with two subgroups of the North Kohala Community Development Plan Advisory Group to explain the need for the additional units, to outline the efforts to protect the 'āina, and to assure that public access would continue. The Growth Management Group submitted written testimony.

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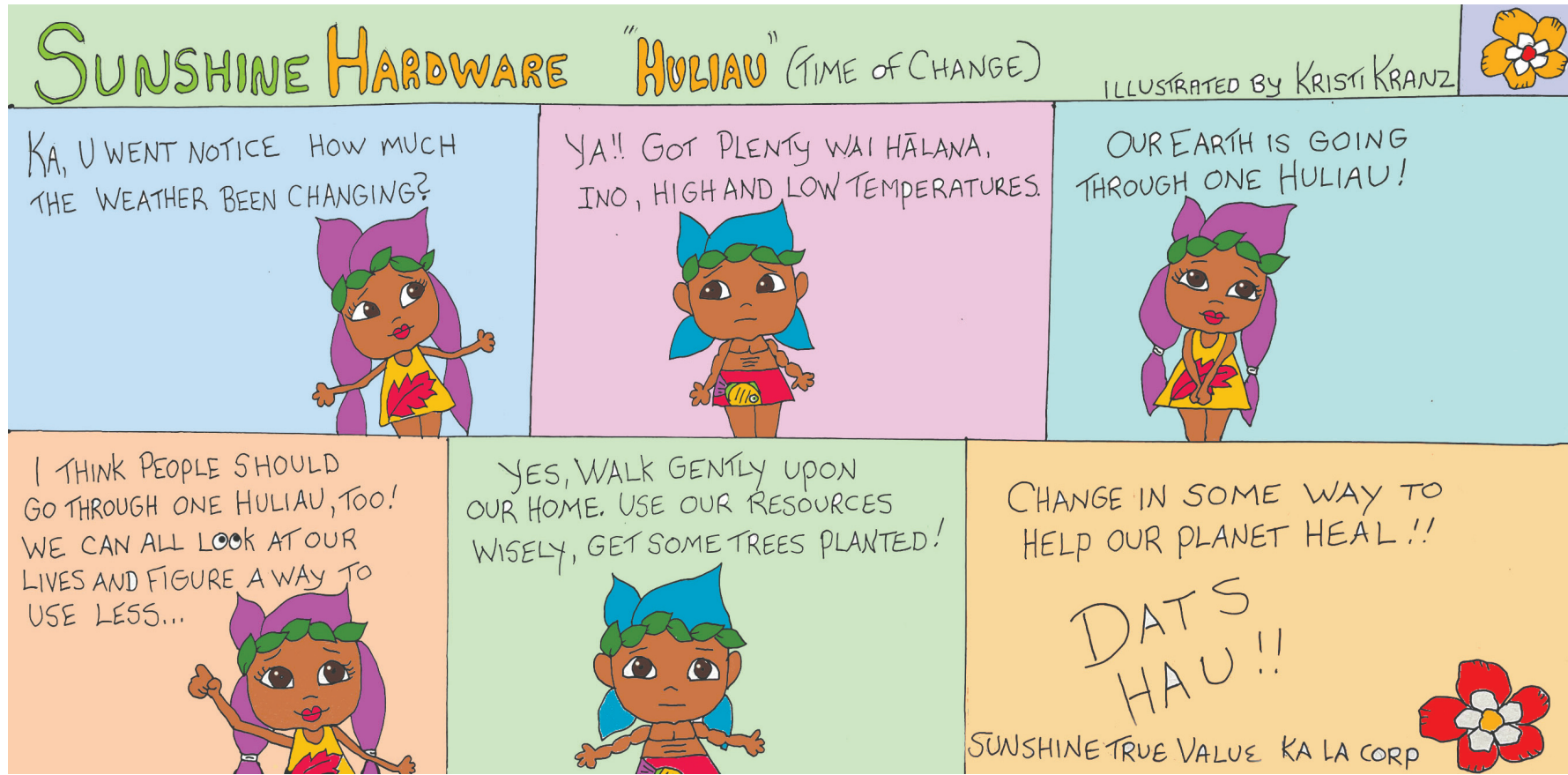
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Advanced Equine Diagnostics Moves to Kohala

By Laszlo "Lutz" Hunyadi

My wife, Emily, and I are delighted to be in North Kohala and to serve all the farm animals' veterinary needs. We started Advanced Equine Diagnostics and permanently moved to Kapa'au in the summer of 2022. I – Dr. Laszlo "Lutz" Hunyadi, DVM, MS, DACVIM – am a board-certified large animal internal medicine specialist, a Professor at Texas Tech's School of Veterinary Medicine and an equine acupuncturist.

My wife – Dr. Emily Sundman, DVM, DABVP – is a board-certified expert in equine practice, an Assistant Professor at Texas Tech's School of Veterinary Medicine and a veterinary pharmaceutical consultant.

Both of us are Cornell veterinary graduates with over 30 years of experience in farm animal clinical medicine and research. We offer a range of wellness services, acupuncture, dentistry, emergency work and a full assortment of diagnostics such as ultrasonography, endoscopy, radiology and extensive blood work.

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Horses that are exposed to the infectious nematode *Angiostrongylus cantonensis* can also develop antibodies towards the nematode and be asymptomatic.

We are currently continuing our research efforts to better understand this disease, to improve detection and diagnosis and ultimately to translate our findings to better treat infected humans. If anyone has any animals suspected of having rat lung disease, please let us know.

During our time researching during the summer, we fell in love with Kohala, its people, its community, and its agricultural sensibility.



Courtesy Laszlo Hunyadi
Dr. Lutz Hunyadi & Dr. Emily Sundman floating a horse's teeth.

My wife and I were both ranchers in Texas and we were so pleased to see and learn about the Big Island's extensive ranching efforts and the self-sustainability most families employ. For this reason, we decided it would be best to move here full-time and to raise our family here.

We relish the opportunities to engage local small ranchers and evaluate their herds of cattle, flocks of sheep or help the individuals with an assortment of farm animals to yield healthy animals. Farm animals seem to be a central theme in most families and being able to treat a variety of animals allows us to meet some amazing people within the Kohala community.

Individuals such as Shay VanZandt, Wally Ching, Tuti Brennan and Billy Wong have been instrumental in introducing us to various families with veterinary needs. We have taken various high school students with us on farm calls with hopes and aspirations to introduce these students to the veterinary profession and potentially have them enroll into a college after graduation.

Our first success in this endeavor is Tyler VanZandt. We met Tyler back in 2019 when he was a young sophomore at Kohala High School. He joined me on many farm calls that summer and we instantly saw the potential of this young man. We helped sponsor his aspirations to become a farrier and sent him to horse shoeing school in California. Tyler came back, set up an LLC and is now working to address the farrier needs of this community.

However, his aspirations did not stop there. He continued to help us after school with farm calls and told us he wanted to become a veterinarian. He has now been accepted to New Mexico State University with a goal of majoring in Animal Science as preliminary step towards attending veterinary school!

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North Kohala Microgrid Project Update

Hawaiian Electric is developing a microgrid project to improve reliability and resilience in North Kohala.

The project is designed specifically to operate as a microgrid to provide electric service to North Kohala when power cannot be provided by the interconnected island grid.

It would be located next to Hawaiian Electric's Hawi Substation and the first utility microgrid based on storage in the state of Hawai'i, if approved by the Public Utilities Commission.

In October 2021, the utility filed a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) with the Commission for the microgrid's battery energy storage system (BESS). The Commission opened Docket 2022-0012 in January 2022.

In November 2022, the Commission suspended the docket to allow the utility to file a revised draft RFP based on the results of a restudy. The results were filed in December 2022.

The revised draft RFP and related documents were filed in January 2023. Revisions include a BESS size change to 5 megawatts (MW) / 30 megawatt-hours (MWh) of energy storage capacity as well as an updated guaranteed commercial operations date of September 2025.

To learn more about this project, visit the **Hawaiian Electric website** or call (808) 969-0137. Comments on the RFP can be emailed to renewableacquisition@hawaiianelectric.com.

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M-S	8:30AM		NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS	RAINBOW CAFE	
MON	9AM		SENIOR CLUB @ CIVIC CENTER	KOHALASENIORS@GMAIL.COM	
	10AM	3PM	BIG ISLAND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL	THE HUB	969-9994 X860
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TUE	8AM	9AM	NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS	KAMEHAMEHA PARK NEAR SKATE PARK	805-452-9501
	8AM	9AM	TAI CHI WITH PETER BEEMER	OUTSIDE HISAOKA GYM	895-0737
	8AM		YOGA/PILATES BEGINNER CLASS	CALL FOR LOCATION	333-8275
	4:30PM	6PM	BELLY DANCE FITNESS	CALL FOR LOCATION	238-6111
	5:30PM	7PM	PICKLE BALL	HISAOKA GYM	333-8712
	6PM	8PM	TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	OLD COURT HOUSE	889-1099
	6PM	7PM	FREE RMD TAIKO CLASSES	WALKER HALL	895-2025
WED	10AM		STORY TIME	NK PUBLIC LIBRARY	889-6655
	12PM	3PM	THRIFT SHOP	ST AUGUSTINE'S	889-5390
	2PM	4PM	OPEN GUIDED ART STUDIO	ARTISTS' CO-OP	960-3597
	3:30 PM	4:30PM	RMD TAIKO CLASSES (NOT 1ST WED)	HUB HALE	889-0404 EXT. 104
	4:30PM		KOHALA CARES FOOD DRIVE	HUB PARKING LOT	ALOHAPETER@YAHOO.COM
	6PM	7:30PM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	HISAOKA GYM	889-1828
	7PM		SPIRITUAL HEALING SERVICE	54-3876 AKONI PULE STE 4	989-5995
	7PM		ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	WYLIE HALL, 'IOLE	889-6703
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	8AM		YOGA/PILATES BEGINNER CLASS	CALL FOR LOCATION	333-8275
	9AM	10:15PM	HEALING CIRCLE FOR ADDICTS	NANI'S GARDEN	805-452-9501
	4PM	6PM	THRIFT SHOP	ST AUGUSTINE'S	889-5390
	5:30PM	7PM	PICKLE BALL	HISAOKA GYM	333-8712
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	10AM	3PM	BIG ISLAND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL	THE HUB	969-9994 X860
SAT	8AM	12PM	FARMERS MARKET	THE HUB	313-338-7090
	10AM	11PM	FREE GOLF LESSONS	NORTH KOHALA GOLF PARK	KOHALAGOLF@GMAIL.COM
SUN	8AM		YOGA/PILATES BEGINNER CLASS	CALL FOR LOCATION	333-8275
	6PM	7PM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	HISAOKA GYM	889-1828
	7PM	8PM	RECOVERY DHARMA MEETING	HUB BARN	805-452-9501

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Bond Library Restoration Update



Courtesy Jolene Soares, Kohala Library.
The Bond Library in 1974.

By Christine Richardson

We are getting closer to beginning the repairs for the Bond Library building. The only barrier to commencing the work is the pending County Planning Department permits. We are hopeful they will be approved this month, so fingers crossed. We have all the plans and some subcontractors in place. John Metzler and his team from Metzler Contracting, LLC is ready to go!

We completed the partial removal of hazardous material in November and were able to save the original Douglas fir flooring! This is a big deal from both an historic and aesthetic perspective. When refinished, they will be beautiful. We are grateful for the hard work of Unitek to save this wonderful feature of the building.

We have sold over 200 bricks for the commemorative walkway-MAHALO! And... we need almost 50 more to start the engraving and shipping from the mainland. If

you are one of the folks that tell us you still want a brick to leave a family or business legacy, NOW is the time to order. Lose your form or didn't get one? No worries. To purchase a brick, just go to www.engravedbricks.com/campaign/KHC- Order, preview your brick and pay online. Or call Kay Kammerzell at 808-746-4823 for order forms and mailing address.

Don't want to purchase a brick but want to help? Your tax-deductible donation will be gratefully received by the North Kohala Community Resource Center (NKCRC) at P.O. Box 519 Hāwi, HI 96719 (please be sure to designate the Bond Library on your check) OR go to www.northkohala.org and donate online to the Bond Library project.

Look for the announcement in this issue for the Saturday, March 4, Kenji Museum and Shell Collection Show at the Kohala Artists' Co-op. All proceeds will benefit the Restoration. There will also be

two beautiful paintings by Patrick Rankin and surprise artwork for sale at the show as well!

Our fundraising is going well and we are within 75% of our goal, but still need your help. Thank you to all the folks who have stepped up to help us in so many ways. We look forward to the day in the near future when we will bless this beautiful building and invite you to celebrate this wonderful accomplishment.

With your support, the long-awaited restoration of the beloved Bond Memorial Library building in Kapa'au is becoming a reality. When completed there will be displays and programming in place for a permanent Kohala Heritage Center as well a meeting place for local non-profits, school groups, clubs and other small group gatherings. KHC will work to bring together the many ethnicities that make up the rich tapestry of North Kohala.

For more info on the restoration effort, please send us an email at bondlibraryrestoration@gmail.com or leave a message at 808-889-0169 with ideas or ways to help us reach this important milestone. We love hearing from you.



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Kenji Yokoyama's Works to be Displayed

By Cathy Morgan

Little did I know that a brief encounter with an older Japanese fisherman, would set me on a 20-year journey of caregiving for his artwork and legacy.

I sat across the street in Kapa'au, sketching his charming old home-stead, when Kenji Yokoyama walked down his grassy path to see who I was and what I was doing. I showed him my pastel drawing, he waved at me, I waved at him and watched him slowly walk back up the hill to his home.

Months later, I saw the dumpster outside his home, and I knew then that the old man had died. The rest of the story is our is our entwined histories.

Those who knew him said that Kenji was a quiet, hardworking fisherman, free diver, shell collector, farmer and, unknown to many, a serious artist.

His medium was the natural beauty of the shells, rocks and driftwood that he gathered on his daily interaction with Kohala's unique coastline. He was a meticulous shell researcher and journal keeper.

He filled legal size journals with notes about his dives - where he dove, who he was with, and what he saw and felt as he dove and watched the ocean floor with its sea creatures, corals and magic interactions. He filled pages with clippings and articles that had anything to do with the Pacific Ocean. Kenji belonged to the Malicological Society of Honolulu, for the study of the single valve mollusk! He wrote short pieces about Kohala for their Shell News.

This Society of watermen and women realized in the 1960s that Hawaii's ocean was consistently being robbed of her treasures. They put a 2-year moratorium on their yearly show in Honolulu which often featured these rare finds and top-of-the-line catch from all different ocean species.

They drafted the first environmental and ecological imperative, based on ancient wisdom: Take only what you need from Mother Ocean, leave the rest behind. Respect the

elders of all species and leave them to procreate their futures. At night, Kenji worked creating his sculptures, using a mortar he made with Elmer's glue, cotton from his Japanese cotton tree and rough beach sand.

During his lifetime, he made hundreds of these sculptures, all carefully constructed with attention to balance and detail.

After 50 years, his pieces are still holding strong! Kenji was most proud of his serious collection of Kohala shells, most of which are rarely found today.

After his death in 2004, his family kept some of the best shells, gave many to Bishop Museum and others to family members. His nephew and nephew's wife from Kona have been caretaking a large part of this remaining collection. They have long wanted to return it to Kohala, where it belongs, waiting for a safe, secure place to land Kenji's shell legacy.

Finally, our community has identified the old Bond Library as a possible home. The Bond Library Restoration Project is driving the effort to restore this fine old building which will soon become the home of the Kohala Heritage Center!

Finally, we will have a quality facility to house Kohala's history and many treasures. Conveniently located across from the Kamehameha statue, it will be easily accessible to local residents of all ages and visitors alike. The Kenji Collection project is proud to be part of this effort by offering the chance for people to collect his work and support the restoration efforts.

The Kohala Artists' Co-operative in Kapa'au will be previewing his sculptures during the month of March. The work has been blessed by Kahu Kealoha Sugiyama and is ready to be released out into the world.

Please stop by and join in this wonderful, unique exchange. If you are so inclined, donations to the Kohala Heritage Center will be accepted as a thoughtful gift for the privilege of caring for one or more of Kenji's pieces in your own home.

Call for Applications to the 2023 Manuel Family Scholarship

By Jocelyn Manuel

The Manuel Family, in partnership with Dr. Lori Ann Kim of Waimea, has awarded close to \$25,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors in the ten years since the award was created. The scholarship fund seeks to help students achieve their dream of attending college.

The Manuel children - Ron, Jocelyn, and Roger - who all graduated with honors from KHS and attended mainland colleges, started the scholarship in honor of their parents, Romualdo and Martina Manuel. Says Jocelyn, "The three of us were fortunate to receive financial support for college from many sources. We want to give back to our community and help Kohala students go to college."

The family has two awards. The Manuel Family Scholarship is open to all graduating seniors of KHS with at least a 3.0 GPA who are enrolling full-time as a freshman at a two- or four-year college or university. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need. Applications are due on April 7, 2023. Scholarships are in the amount of \$500 - \$1000. For applications to the Manuel Family Scholarship, please see the KHS counselor or email manuelfamily scholarship@gmail.com.

The Ho'omau Award is funded by Dr. Lori Ann Kim, daughter of Brian and Marion Kim of Kohala. Ho'omau, which means to persevere, is a teacher-nominated award that is given to students who have overcome hardships to achieve their goal of attending college.

Mahalo to Kohala High School Principal Amy Stafford, counselor Erin Henderson, and KHS staff for their kokua in administering these awards.



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3/1	WED	4:00 PM	7:00 PM	KOHALA NIGHT MARKET	VENDORS & ENTERTAINMENT	HUB MURAL	
3/1	WED	4:30 PM		NKCDP	KOHALA COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
3/1	WED	7:00 PM		TEMPLE OF SPIRITUAL HEALING	GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP	54-3876 AKONI PULE STE 4	808-989-5995
3/2	THU	4:30 PM		NKCDP	AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMITEE	KOHALA FOOD HUB	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
3/4	SAT	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	ART SHOW OPENING NIGHT	KENJI EXHIBIT	ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE	808-854 1058
3/4	SAT	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	KOHALA COMMUNITY FARMER'S MARKET		KAMEHAMEHA PARK	808-225-3666
3/6	MON	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	CHESS CLUB	BEGINNERS AND VETERAN CHESS PLAYERS WELCOME!	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	808-889-6655
3/7	TUE	9:00 AM		NKCDP	AFFORDABLE HOUSING GROUP	POMAIIKA`I CAFE	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
3/8	WED	5:00 PM		NKCDP	GROWTH MANAGEMENT GROUP	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
3/9	THU	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES	ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS WELCOME.	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	808-889-6655
3/14	3/16	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	FREE SPRING BREAK HS TEEN ART CLASSES		ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE	808-989-5995
3/14	TUE	11:00 AM	12:00 AM	BOOK CLUB	JOIN THE DISCUSSION OF GREAT EXPECTATIONS BY CHARLES DICKENS!	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	808-889-6655
3/14	TUE	6:00 PM		HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED	FACEBOOK.COM/KOHALACHAPTERHFUU/	THE HUB	KOHALA.HFUU@GMAIL.COM
3/15	WED	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	LEGO CLUB	KEIKI 5 AND UP CAN BUILD AND PLAY WITH LEGOS.	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	808-889-6655
3/15	WED	3:30 PM		NKCDP	UTILITIES GROUP	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
3/15	WED	5:00 PM		NKCDP	PARKS, ROADS VIEW PLANES GROUP	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
3/16	THU	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	SACRED HEART FOOD BASKET		SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH	808-889-5115
3/16	THU	4:00 PM		NKCDP	HEALTH & WELLNESS GROUP	KAM PARK SMALL PAVILLION	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
3/17	FRI	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	TEMPLE OF SPIRITUAL HEALING	DEATH PLANNING WITH BOBBY BYRANT	54-3876 AKONI PULE STE 4	808-989-5995
3/18	SAT	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	KOHALA COMMUNITY FARMER'S MARKET		KAMEHAMEHA PARK	808-225-3666
3/20	MON	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	TALK STORY: HAWAIIAN LUNAR CALENDAR	LEARN HOW HAWAIIAN LUNAR CALENDAR CAN BE APPLIED TO LIFE BEYOND FISHING AND FARMING.	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	808-889-6655
3/22	WED	4:30 PM		NKCDP	ADVISORY GROUP MEETING	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
3/23	THU	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES	LEARN EXACT ENGLISH AND AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE! ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS WELCOME.	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	808-889-6655
3/25	SAT	9:30 AM	2:30 AM	AG VISIONING EVENT	"TASTE OF KOHALA" MARKET	HISAOKA GYM	KOHALAAGVISION@GMAIL.COM
3/29	WED	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	KEIKI CRAFT	KEIKI AGES 7 AND UP WILL DESIGN THEIR OWN MARBLE RUN. ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED.	NORTH KOHALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	808-889-6655
3/29	WED	4:00 PM		RESTORATIVE YOGA THERAPY CLASS	WITH CARLA ORELLANA - BY REQUEST	CALL FOR LOCATION	808-238-6111

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"Shanti Devi is a gem of a purple person with executive capabilities and trust as deep as a child. I saw her organize a healing resource for the community with tireless effort and patience. I thank you for being in my life Shanti! I will miss your loving light, delightful smile, with space buns around your cherub-like face." – April Lee

"Shanti's friends would like to say a special thank you to the caring staff at North Hawaii Hospice, and those at Kohala Hospital, who provided compassionate care and company for Shanti during her final weeks. Certain nurses were exceptionally kind and giving, and it helped her friends tremendously to know that she was in such good hands." – Angel Flinn

"A bright light in our lives, so knowledgeable, sharing many inno-



Shanti Devi

By Bob Wiley

vative ideas and products to help us improve ourselves. Fearless, stating her truth no matter who she was talking to. She became our Leader. I learned so much from her and am so grateful she was in my life. I will miss her deeply." – Cynthia Potter

"We had joy, we had fun, we had blessings in the sun! Shanti shared her laughter, her struggles, and her love for life with me. She leaves behind wisdom, caring and vibrancy in her wake. I'm so grateful to have shared a small piece of

this life experience being close to her and basking in her gifts. I'll look for you in nature and hold you in my heart forever! Love always." – Stacey Wiley

"Shanti, a lovely name of Indian origin speaks of tranquility with a definition of peace. Shanti Devi was tranquility and peace. When facing adversity, her peaceful beauty shone over all, lifting the clouds of turmoil. Shanti loved everyone with the love of a mother for her child. Shanti means peace and that was the essence of Shanti Devi's life in our world. God bless your peaceful spirit and loving soul Shanti." – Ron Lee Frame

"Shanti, you came to our world to share love and rainbows. You deeply touched humans and animals alike. Your love for life, learning and laughing was inspiring and contagious. You have been my best friend; your love will stay with me forever. You are free energy now. You are love." – Tanya Donohoo

"Just as we started planning Shanti's memorial, it began to rain, and as the discussion progressed, it began to rain harder, in a steady flow pattering on the roof. Mind you, we were in the middle of a drought, as it had not rained for a while! After the discussion about Shanti was over, the rain mysteriously ceased. I felt Shanti's presence, like gentle rain falling on all of us!" – Susan Mitnick



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