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Community Celebrates Opening of Kohala Pool



Jeff Coakley's daughter-in-law Kaoru Coakley crowns him with a lei.



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Left to right: Kealoha Sugiyama, Jeffrey Coakley and Mayor Mitch Roth perform a ceremonial Hawaiian blessing.

Story and photos by Libby Leonard

On August 12, nearly two years after it shut down, Kohala pool had its Grand Reopening.

Mayor Mitch Roth was in attendance with Councilwoman Cindy Evans, who joined Kealoha Sugiyama and Jeff Coakley of Friends of Kohala Pool as they began the festivities with a blessing.

The day was a culmination

of several months of volunteer efforts and donations by individuals and organizations to be able to make the repairs necessary for the facility to be used.

"It was a series of miracles," Coakley said of those in the community who surfaced to help make things happen.

The pool is owned by the County; however, when it needed

Hawai'i Land Trust Welcomes Kohala Community to Māhukona Talk Story Sessions

The public is invited to visit with HILT from **9-11 a.m. Wednesdays from Sept. 13- Dec. 13.**

Hawai'i Land Trust (HILT), a 501(c)(3) statewide nonprofit that protects, stewards, and connects people to the lands that sustain Hawai'i, is welcoming Kohala communities to special Talk Story sessions.

Join HILT 'Āina Steward & Educator Keone Emeliano to learn the stories of this wahi pana [special area] that has served as a piko [center] for Hawaiian cultural practice for over 1,000 years, as well as updates on HILT's efforts to protect 642 cultural, historical, and environmentally significant acres of Māhukona land in perpetuity.

Hawai'i Land Trust is working with the Kohala community and Nā Kālai Wa'a, the current stewards of Ko'a Heiau Holomoana, to ensure the land remains available for community use, Hawaiian cultural practice and education. Hawai'i Land Trust and the current private landowner have signed an agreement for Hawai'i Land Trust to purchase the land by the middle of this December.

Through this effort, a wealth of cultural and ecological sites will be maintained for the benefit of the community forever. HILT has raised nearly \$18.3 million toward the total project goal of \$20 million.

What: Hawai'i Land Trust Talk Story sessions at Māhukona.

When: 9-11 a.m. each Wednesday from September 13 to December 13.

Register: Please register to attend at <https://www.hilt.org/mahukona>.

New Water for Halaula and Kapa'au

By Toni Withington

Fresh water began surging through a new reservoir and delivery lines to residents of Halaula and Kapa'au last month. The well at the top of Ma'ulili Road cost more and took longer to complete than was projected, but as of July 10 is fully operational.

The project consists of a pump, a half-million-gallon tank reservoir, two miles of 12-inch main lines and new service lines and meters for over 160 homes, businesses, and Kohala Middle School.

According to an announcement from Department of Public Works (DWS), the new system will "increase system capacity and redundancy and improve

reliability for the benefit of water customers in the North Kohala." Left unsaid is whether DWS will lift its decades-long moratorium on issuing new water meters.

The project began in September of 2019 and was expected to be completed by early 2021 for a cost of \$12 million. The pandemic put a kink in the timing, and the cost rose to \$14 million. It was paid for through a low-interest loan from the State of Hawaii's Department of Health via the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. The general contractor for the project was Goodfellow Bros., Inc.

The delivery system is designed to supply water to exist-

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Left to right: Spencer Coakley, Skyy Matthey and Liam Howard helped celebrate the grand opening by taking the first official swim.

to be closed, the price quoted by the County to overhaul the facilities was nearly 5 million dollars. That alongside lengthy permitting processes led Coakley and others at Friends of Kohala Pool to see if the County would allow them to pull off the fix themselves.

"Without Friends of Kohala Pool we wouldn't be here today," said Maurice Messina, Director of Parks and Recreation, adding that it was a good public and private partnership with the volunteers.

The fix became a project through the Kohala Resource Center, where they were able to raise \$38,000 in donations from individuals and organizations, which led to a newly repaired holding tank, and a new pump, motor and filters.

When hearing the new motor turn on, indicating they were back in business, Coakley said it was like hearing the Mormon Tabernacle choir in four-part harmony.

"It was the sound of success," he said, adding how much relief he felt after the long journey, which came with a bunch of road-blocks along the way in terms of fixes and finding the right help.

When asked what drove him to spearhead the effort, Coakley - who has been a Senior Lifeguard for the County of Hawai'i, swim coach and instructor, among multiple other things aquatic - said when he went to Kamehameha Schools at an early age it was

hammered into him to make a difference in your community.

In helping the community, Coakley spoke about the rehabilitative benefits of swimming in the pool for both elderly community members, and those suffering from various ailments.

After the blessing 12-year-old Skyy Matthey; 14-year-old Liam Howard; and Spencer Coakley, senior lifeguard and son of the elder Coakley; went for an opening swim.

"I love this pool," said Matthey, who started going there when she was 8. "This was where I grew up and was my go-to and I'm so happy it opened again, and I have somewhere to go to calm down."

Spencer Coakley had quietly opened the pool a couple weeks earlier so area youth could use it before schools started, something that Howard said was awesome because they could come and enjoy that time.

Howard also expressed excitement to be a lifeguard at the pool when he is in high school.

For the young Coakley, he wants to prioritize youth in the community. He mentioned there will be several programs, including swimming lessons, a water polo team, and the hope of having recreational events at night for them.

"I just want the place to be fun," he said, adding that there was so much joy on the kids' faces

in the preceding weeks when they were allowed to swim leading up to the event.

The days it was open prior to the event, Andi Longpre, treasurer of Friends of Kohala Pool, echoed his sentiment, saying there were a lot of smiles to be seen.

Longpre was among several named and honored during a lei ceremony, alongside fellow Friends of Kohala Pool members Robin Woodley, Rick Cohen and Lani Bowman, as well as Barb and Bill Davis.

They also thanked those who worked on the pool and pump room, including Richey Riggs, Brian Sandlin for concrete work, Jimmy Giel for the filters, Wrecks Sorcey for the electric pump and motor, and Jim Bobek for the electric panel.

They also thanked their new lifeguard Tristan Francisco, who returned to Kohala after the Marine Corps and wanted to get back into lifeguarding in Kohala after working at Mauna Kea Beach Hotel pool.

"Being a part of the community, this is where I learned to swim. I know the people here. It's giving back to the community, so I'm here for them," he stated.

Before community members in attendance went to swim and eat food, Nino Kaai, who was there with his band Kaai and Com-

pany, praised Coakley and the volunteers. He said that the aloha involved with everyone fixing the pool wasn't to receive love, but to give their love through this project, later adding, "The best we can do is take care of the pool and take care of the people who let us have this place."

Both Coakleys want to especially thank County Recreation Director Lindsay Iyo, aquatics Recreation Specialist Alejandra Flores-Morikami and Maurice Messina for their help.



Lani Bowman, a dedicated pool user and advocate, smiles with a water-loving keiki.

Water, from Page 1

ing homes in the area, not to encourage further development or subdivisions, DWS Engineering Division Head Kurt Inaba told the community at an early public meeting.

By providing emergency backup to the two wells in Hāwī, it was also meant to allow DWS to remove the moratorium, which has dramatically slowed subdivision of land.

Lifting the moratorium was also expected to allow new water meters to be permitted for existing homes in all Kohala currently having to share meters due to 'ohana housing or for CPR division of land [a legal mechanism for dividing property into two or more separate units of owner-

ship].

"No decision has been made about lifting the moratorium yet," Kawika Uyehara, deputy engineer for DWS, told this reporter at the Mayor's Town Hall Meeting last month. "It's a complex issue that we are working on."

One lasting problem created by the construction is the annoying washboard of bumps along Akoni Pule Highway through Halaula created by the crossing water line trenches.

The repaving of the highway was supposed to be done by the State Highways Division before completion of the project but seems to have been forgotten when the State turned the road over to the County Department of Public Works in January of 2022.

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La Ho'ihoi Ea - Sovereignty Restoration Day



Photo by Eddie Kaulana Scalise, Jr.

A table set with a picture of Kamehameha III, Kauikeaouli; kalo (taro) plant to honor Haloa; an umeke (gourd) where the mana of La Ho'ihoi Ea is kept; and a lava rock from Kauikeaouli's birthplace.



Photo by Eddie Kaulana Scalise, Jr.

Two ki'i [wooden statues], carved by Kanani Kaulukukui, stand in honor of the special day. One is behind Lehua Kaulukukui, seated behind a pahu [drum]. The other is to the left of Kanani Kaulukukui, who is standing behind the upright pahu. Kealoha Sugiyama stands to the side.

By Kealoha Sugiyama

The second annual La Ho'ihoi Ea was celebrated in Kohala at the Kamehameha statue site on Sunday, July 30. It began with the beating of the pahu [drums] to be in sync with the heartbeat of the 'aina. A team of pu [conch] blowers joined in, followed by an oli [chant], to call and invite na kupuna [elders] to be present in this celebration, which was the first national holiday of Hawai'i.

Kealoha Sugiyama gave the history of this historical event, which happened on July 30, 1843. King

Kamehameha III was in command at that time. The amazing thing about King Kamehameha III, Kauikeaouli, is that he was stillborn. The Kahuna placed the baby upon a large rock and did their mana ceremony, which brought life into this baby who would become a great king of Hawaii.

It was Kauikeaouli in 1843 who said "Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'Aina i ka Pono" - the life/sovereignty of the land/kingdom is perpetuated through righteousness. This phrase is Hawaii's state motto today.

For this year's event, Kanani Kaulukukui carved two wooden ki'i [statues] to honor this special day in Hawaiian history. One ki'i was named Ke Ola, to bring the life of sovereignty back into the Hawaiian Kingdom. The other ki'i was named Ke Aloha, to infuse the mana of Aloha, which is the ultimate power of the universe as it is on earth. During the celebration ceremony, two passing rain clouds gave us their blessing from the heavens.

The question is, if La Ho'ihoi

Ea was the first national holiday in Hawaii, why wasn't it known in modern times until recently?

The answer is that it was celebrated each year; however, the British Ministers in the Hawaii government were ashamed of the wrongdoing by their British Navy Captain George Paulet so they convinced Kamehameha V to do away with that remembrance of La Ho'ihoi Ea and replace it with another national holiday, which later became known as Kamehameha I celebration, June 11.



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In Memory of Dr. Jan Ellison



Courtesy of Janice D. Ellison
Dr. Janice Ellison.

By Leah Baggao

On July 22, Dr. Janice D. Ellison, 74, of Hāwī passed away peacefully on Oahu.

She was born on June 5, 1949, in Welch, West Virginia to her parents, J.D. and Barbara Ratliff.

Janice graduated in 1967 in Vermillion, Ohio. After graduation she went on to have an initial career in business. She traveled to many places during this time. Her travels to developing countries nurtured her natural passion for taking care of the ailing.

Janice received a Diplomate in Acupuncture in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This degree allowed her to practice as a Doctor of Oriental Medicine. She moved to Hawaii in 1986.

Dr. Ellison treated many patients in her clinic at the Nanbu Courtyard in Kapa'au. She served the Kohala community as a doctor of Chinese medicine and acupuncturist for over 20 years.

She was a phenomenal practitioner and came to the aid of

many people over the course of her career.

Janice is survived by her son, Scott Ellison, and her siblings John Ratliff, Betsy Brown and Gale Owens.

Jan had an immense love for all living things: people, plants and animals. She adored her horses, Magi, Kwika and Pualani. She loved traveling and being a patron of the arts.

Dr. Ellison will live on through the memories that this community

has of her healing touch and quiet prayers. May she rest in peace and forever be in our hearts.

Services to commemorate Janice's work and her life will be held at St. Augustine Episcopal Church in Kapa'au on Saturday, October 14, at 10 a.m. This memorial is open to the public. Those who were touched by Janice are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will follow the service. For more information contact 808-990-7358.

Update on Questions from Mayor's Town Hall

By Lynda Wallach and Kealoha Sugiyama

At the Mayor's Town Hall on July 11, community members posed questions and concerns. Recently, Kealoha Sugiyama contacted the mayor regarding progress on these issues. He was told:

- P&R (Parks and Recreation) will meet with the softball teams on August 22 to discuss the lights in Kamehameha Park and available resources.
- P&R had a follow-up meeting with the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) regarding the demolition of the pavilion at Māhukona. The project is moving forward and once SHPD completes their review, P&R will be able to put out a timeline for the community.
- P&R has received hazard mitigation funding from the Planning Department and is in the process of designing the repairs to the Hisaoka Gym's leaking roof.
- P&R is working with staff schedules to increase the availability of the fitness center.
- The Intergenerational Center is now available for all public uses. Please contact Renee at Kamehameha Park for permits.
- P&R has received the seamless gutter machine and is training personnel on its use. The gutters at Keokea Beach Park will be the first to be repaired.

Permits Issued for New HKH Facilities

On August 9, the Leeward Planning Commission unanimously gave a favorable recommendation for Hāmākua-Kohala Health's (HKH) application for a Special Permit to establish a transitional clinic and workforce housing in the State Land Use Agricultural District.

The Commission also approved HKH's application for a Use Permit to establish a permanent medical clinic and caretakers' residence in the Single Family Residential district.

Hāmākua-Kohala Health is currently the only community-based health care center in North Kohala.

The health center proposed developing the project in three phases. Phase 1 would consist of the construction of a transitional medical clinic, a single story approximately 4,153 square foot building on the northwest corner of the property. This phase is anticipated to be complete by late 2023 or early 2024. The goal for complete buildout is 2025.

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Mahalo Kohala!

I would like to say hats off to Kathy Matsuda, coordinator of last night's fundraising for Maui event at the HUB Barn; to the kitchen staff, who did a wonderful job of setting up the people's potluck; and to those who kindly brought the food.

Mahalo for the wonderful music of "Fuego," and especially for the SPIRIT OF KOHALA and COMMUNITY TURNOUT! Thank you to so many for helping. What, a wonderful gathering we all had.

Signed,

An old Kohala person (a.k.a. Maile Spencer Napoleon)

Hawai'i State House of Representatives Update

From the Desk of District 7 Representative David Tarnas

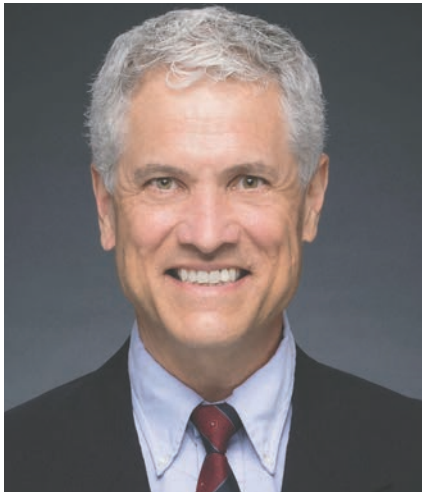


Photo courtesy of David Tarnas
Representative David Tarnas speaks for North Kohala as a member of the Hawai'i State House of Representatives.

Aloha!

The lack of affordable housing is a major issue for our community. For years, state and county officials have tried to increase funding for affordable housing projects and provide incentives for the development of affordable housing. Now, Governor Josh Green is trying something new to address this chronic issue. On July 17, Governor Green issued an emergency proclamation that attempts to alleviate the housing crisis that Hawai'i has been experiencing for decades. The goal of the proclamation is to build 50,000 homes in five years, which is the estimated total need for affordable housing in the state.

"This emergency proclamation is one of the largest state-level housing actions anywhere in the country in years, if not decades," said Senator Stanley Chang, Chair of the Senate Committee on Housing. "It will remove many significant barriers private developers face in building the housing Hawai'i's people so desperately need. It also enables state and county agencies to develop low-cost housing for Hawai'i residents on government-owned land."

The Governor is utilizing HRS 127A-14, which grants him the authority to declare an emergency and suspend statutes and laws as he sees fit to address the emergency. In this instance, housing is defined as: "the development of new owner-occupied residential units offered for sale or rental to Hawai'i residents." The proclama-

tion will be in place for 12 months, can be amended at any time, and must be re-signed by the Governor every 60 days.

The proclamation was spearheaded by State Chief Housing Officer, Lani Medeiros. She stated that the provisions included input from more than 200 people across a spectrum of stakeholders. "We know that a plan of this statewide scope requires conversations with various sectors of the community. We had maybe over 400 meetings with grassroots groups, housing builders, industry partners, and government process owners to be part of the discussion from the beginning, to create processes that prioritize housing for generations of our keiki and their keiki," Medeiros said.

According to statements by the Governor and his staff, under the emergency proclamation, the administration will:

1) Appoint a lead housing officer to convene stakeholders to accelerate permitting processes, eliminate duplication, explore innovative approaches to increase the development of housing, share best practices, create working groups, prioritize housing projects, review accountability, encourage housing development and encourage transit-oriented development.

2) Create the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group comprising city, county, and state agencies to review and approve housing plans, permits and applications, and to certify projects.

3) Direct state agencies to prioritize housing reviews, plans, approvals, and permit processing.

4) Call on state and county agencies to collaborate to address the housing crisis and engage in discussions around mutual aid agreements and other assistance.

5) Create alternative processes for state historic preservation review and environmental reviews.

6) Suspend the State Procurement Code in coordination with the State Procurement Office.

7) Streamline processes for housing undertaken by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Hawaii Public Housing Authority, and Hawaii Community Development Authority.

8) Allow counties to approve District Boundary Amendments up to 100 acres.

9) Allow third-party reviewers to be hired at state and county agencies.

10) Allow multifamily residential development in business districts.

11) Provide the flexibility to transfer resources as needed for the purposes of the proclamation.

The Working Group's first meeting will be in August and then meet monthly after that for the duration of the proclamation. For further details or information, please email the Hawai'i Island contact, Susan Kunz, County Housing Administrator, susan.kunz@hawaiiicounty.gov.

The Governor's innovative approach by using an emergency proclamation to address our affordable housing crisis has been met with optimism as well as criticism. Some say it is a major step forward which deserves our support. Some caution that now we need to be diligent and hold his administration accountable to produce all the affordable housing promised. And others say that this emergency proclamation is a step backwards by reducing statutory and regulatory protections for environmental and cultural resources.

In my opinion, we should give this emergency proclamation and the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group a chance to succeed. If we find that these temporary changes to the process work well and balance public interests while providing more affordable housing, then the legislature can propose to make these changes permanent through statutory changes. I am open to this possibility and look forward to working with the Governor and his administration to help this initiative succeed.

Mahalo nui loa to each of you for allowing me to serve as the State Representative for Kohala. Please share your concerns or ideas about legislative bills or community issues by contacting my office at 808-586-8510 or emailing me at reptarnas@capitol.hawaii.gov. You can also subscribe to my regular e-newsletter by going to bit.ly/reptarnas-signup. I am always glad to hear from you anytime!

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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)

Wildfires: Hawai'i and Maui
The lingering impacts of the wildfires on our island and Maui have yet to unfold. On your behalf I have reached out to the Maui legislators and mayor to offer our support, condolences, and prayers. Right now, efforts

are under way to provide supplies, housing, medical care, water and food. Mahalo to you who are contributing to the relief effort and keeping Maui in your thoughts and prayers. For your reference:

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“Resilience” is a term that is often mentioned during times of disaster. Right now, working with our county and the community, we shall move forward together addressing post-trauma, community outreach and communication, and continuity of government operations.

“Communication” always needs to be reassessed after an event like this. We can evaluate the different methods of communication that were used during the crisis and make changes. Please write me at cindy.evans@hawaiicounty.gov and share your thoughts on what worked for you, or what did not work.

I was impacted personally when the wildfire which started north of Kohala Ranch came within a quarter mile of my house. I could see the flames and how the wind was driving

the fires. I evacuated with my husband and dog knowing that I may not have a home to return to. Fortunately, this was not the case.

In gratitude to the personnel in Hawai'i County Fire Department for their commitment and response. Other county, federal and state agencies were called in to assist with equipment, supplies and personnel. Mahalo.

It takes a community working together to respond and recover. Mahalo to volunteers who make a difference.

The American Red Cross managed the evacuation shelters in Waimea and Kohala and the volunteer firemen came through in our time of need. Mahalo to the community members who offered their support to those who were evacuated and checked in with their neighbors.

Let's keep Maui in our thoughts and prayers. It is heartbreaking. So, whatever we can do as a county and community to assist them, let's work together and do it. It helps knowing you are not alone.

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Kohala Culture and History Group Holds First Meeting



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Community members gather for the first meeting of the Kohala Culture and History Group.

By the Kohala Community Plan Working Group

The Kohala Culture and History Group held an initial meeting on Monday, August 7, at the Kohala Intergenerational Center (KIC), with two dozen community members in attendance. The meeting was also livestreamed on YouTube. Those present in person included stewards of pre-contact cultural sites, representatives of cultural projects under the NKCR and other cultural clubs, and members of the community with knowledge and interest in preserving Kohala's history, life-

style and values.

The invitation to organize a new group or subcommittee came at the request of the North Kohala Community Development Plan (NKCDP) Advisory Group. They asked the Kohala Community Plan to help establish this group as a designated point of contact for community and practitioner input on land use and other decisions requiring cultural and historical sensitivity.

The first of the "Key Policies" in the 2008 NKCDP document is "All future land use decisions for North Kohala shall be in keeping

with the heritage and cultural significance of Kohala." But cultural and historic preservation was not one of the four CDP focus areas and was only a CDP subcommittee for a brief period. The Kohala Culture and History Group will step into this role.

The meeting began with protocol and introductions. Joe Carvalho of the Kohala Community Plan working group explained the background of the County's 2008 NKCDP and our current efforts as a community to update and create our own community plan. He then facilitated a Talk Story to envision the broader context of shared goals and vision for Kohala in 5, 10 and 15 years.

Those present then discussed and came to consensus around the general purposes and scope of this group, to be further refined in future meetings:

To serve as a resource for landowners and projects by providing appropriate cultural information and introductions to people with

knowledge of a particular place, from the outset of any initiative.

To promote cultural education. To preserve and celebrate the multi-ethnic character of Kohala by including all Kohala cultures.

The Group also decided to continue to meet on the first Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. for the next few meetings, although the September meeting will be pushed back one week to Monday, September 11, due to the Labor Day weekend.

At the next meeting, the Group will establish its organizational structure as well as begin to make an inventory of sites with cultural and historic significance.

The September 11 meeting will be hosted by Jeanne Sunderland at Hawai'i Island Retreat at 250 Lokahi Road in Kapa'au.

If you have any questions or for additional information please feel free to reach out to Kathy Matsuda kathy@northkohala.org or Joe Carvalho joe.carvalho@yahoo.com.

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July 26 NKCDP Advisory Group Meeting Notes

By Lynda Wallach

After calling the July 26 meeting of the North Kohala Community Development Plan Advisory Group (AG) to order, John Winter, the Group chair, went immediately to the reports of the subgroups.

Jack Hoyt of the **Affordable Housing Group** said that they had met with Susan Kuntz, County Housing Administrator, after the Mayor's Town Hall regarding a twenty-five-acre parcel on the Kona side of the Catholic Church. The group had looked at that parcel in the past as a possible site for some affordable housing. It is currently controlled by the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DNLR) but may be turned over to the County. Kuntz said she would be happy to work with the group regarding this property. The next phase of the self-help housing project is tied up with the one in Waimea. The County would like them both to be available at the same time.

Hoyt stated that there is as much of a need in Kohala for rental housing as there is for affordable homes for purchase but that there is no property zoned for multifamily use. There was some discussion regarding the fact that dividing some twenty-acre parcels into four and five acre lots would make more land available for housing and small farms. However, there is opposition at the State level and all parcels over fifteen acres are under the jurisdiction of the State.

Maya Parrish reported that the **Agriculture Group (AG)** had been preparing for the follow-up to the March 25 Visioning Event. They are going to be working to get funding and put together working groups to begin to implement some of the ideas presented at both the original event and the follow-up.

She listed several of the challenges to implementation, including the lack of agricultural water, the price of land and the lack of affordable housing for agricultural workers. She stressed that

adequate funding is necessary to begin to address these challenges. Many of the challenges facing the AG are the same as those being faced by the other subgroups, thus they need to work together.

Joe Carvalho gave the report from the **Community Access Group (CAG)**. He said that Dr. Michael Graves from the University of New Mexico will be having a public gathering next summer to explain his archaeological work at Kapanāia. The owners of the coastal land at Halelua between the lighthouse and Hapu'u Point have signed sales documents for the public purchase of the property and have also shown interest in participating in the stewardship of the land.

Carvalho noted that the visitor count at Pololū has dropped to about five hundred a day. The owner of the 87-acre coastal parcel at the eastern end of the Ūpolu Airport is willing to sell and the group is working on the proposed purchase by the open space purchase program overseen by the County's Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Committee (PONC).

The owner of the Hawaii Island Retreat is satisfied with the proposed changes to the public access plan and the County will be reviewing it. The group is planning on making a site visit.

John Winter, reporting for **Parks, Roads, Erosion Control and Viewplanes (PREV)**, said that the only thing remaining to be done before the pool can open is to install the flow meter, and that will be happening shortly.

At his Town Hall meeting the mayor said that he thought all the work on Hisaoka Gym – including fixing the roof to stop the leaks, making the structural changes necessary to improve wind resistance so the gym is a viable hurricane shelter, fixing the air circulation system to reduce noise and adding bannisters to the bleachers – should be undertaken as a single project to get them done faster.

The State of Hawaii Historic

Preservation District (SHPD) is still delaying signing off on demolition of the pavilion at Māhukona. Parks & Rec and the contractors are in the process of providing them with an updated project effect determination and any proposed mitigation commitments. Mālama Māhukona has developed a plan and timeline for the improvements to the park.

The new Chief of Police, Ben Moszkowicz, affirmed that HPD would continue to abide by the policy of having Captain Kurashige at the North Kohala station declare an emergency should Akoni Pule Highway become blocked for more than a few hours. This would allow traffic to be diverted to a bypass section of Pratt Road.

The **Utilities group** has planned a community forum on the State's mandate to convert from cesspools to septic systems by 2050. The meeting is set for August 8.

Toni Withington reported that

the Halaula Well is complete and connected to the Department of Water Supply (DWS) system. The group plans to remind DWS of their earlier promises to lift the moratorium on new water meters once the Halaula project was completed. They are working with Ben Ney of DWS to set up a meeting with the management of DWS to lobby for new meters in Kohala.

The CDP subgroups work on most of the important issues facing our community and they are always happy to welcome new members. The meeting dates and times can be found in the Calendar section of this paper. Community members are also urged to attend the monthly Advisory Group meetings which give the public the opportunity to not only learn about the issues affecting Kohala but to voice their opinions and be listened to.

The next Advisory Group Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 30, at 4:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ADVISORY GROUP

MEETING TIME: Wednesday, August 30, 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Senior Center (behind statue), Kapa'au

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Kohala residents are encouraged to attend and voice their opinion on issues. They may even recommend actions and suggest subjects not presently addressed.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (please see accompanying article on issues being addressed)

Affordable Housing – Addresses the housing needs for families in Kohala.

Agriculture – The future of agriculture in our area.

Community Access – Exploring ways for Kohala residents to have more mauka and makai access.

Growth Management – Addresses

zoning, permits and variance requests and how they affect us.

Health and Wellness – Addresses Kohala health care infrastructure and emergency response.

Parks, Roads, View Planes and Erosion Control – Addresses many infrastructure problems and projects.

Utilities – Addresses all utility and waste stream issues.

Investigatory Subcommittee on Re-zoning and Agricultural Property Tax Rates – Works on Kohala input to the ongoing County reassessment of zoning and agricultural tax rate reduction criteria.

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County Moves to Save Old Coast Guard Road



The Coast Guard Civil Engineering office installed two signs on Old Coast Guard Road to discourage use of the road, which has been used by the public for generations. It was the first time some people learned there was a problem.

Story and photo by Toni Withington

Ownership of Old Coast Guard Road has been in limbo since the federal government decided to decommission the LORAN [long range] navigational station at 'Upolu in the 1990s. That's why the potholes on the ocean access road at Honoipu have loomed so large. Just this month the County of Hawai'i began steps to take over and maintain the road.

A resolution to accept transfer from the federal government will be introduced by Councilmember Cindy Evans. For Kohala groups and residents of the road, it is a benefit long time in coming.

The transfer process started in 2012 but stalled as responsibility for the road shifted among agencies. The contract finally drawn up for the transfer ran aground over differences between the parties about provisions.

The fallout came last summer when, after all the legal problems with the transfer documents were seemingly worked out by both sides, the mayor's office notified the Department of the Interior (DOI) in an email that the County "has closed the books on acquisition of Old Coast Guard Road." There was no explanation of why.

Gradually it came out that the Department of Public Works (DPW), which maintains all county roads, did not have a budget with sufficient funds to take on a road so deep in disrepair. In response, the feds put up signs seeming to restrict access to the ocean. The County was also given a deadline to respond this month.

In typical Kohala fashion, a volunteer crew, led by the son of residents, took on the job of filling the monster potholes with asphalt – a thousand of them!

Now the focus is on encouraging some agency of the federal government to bring the road up to an acceptable standard of repair so that the county DPW will consider taking on maintenance of the roadway. It could be the Coast Guard, which damaged the road

surface significantly a year and a half ago while using semi-trucks to remove heavy materials from the land it still owns at 'Upolu.

Besides the residents who live by the road, the push locally has come from the North Kohala Community Access Group; the Parks, Roads, Erosion Control and Viewplains Group; and the Growth Management Group, all part of the NKCDP Advisory Group. The road is listed as preferred vehicular access between the highway and the ocean in the North Kohala Community Development Plan.

Others involved are the State Na Ala Hele Trail System, which has a trailhead by the road, and the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail, which uses it to access the shore trail and the Mo'okini Heiau, a national historic site.

The County's 2% Open Space Program also has a stake in the area since the 17.5 acres that were once part of the LORAN station has been on the mayor's annual priority list for purchase since 2018. The lower stretch of the road and the parking lot at Honoipu are privately owned easements. It is currently number four on the priority list, behind three properties that have already been preserved or are under contract to the County.

Through three mayoral administrations, Bobby Command, who is now the County's Deputy Managing Director, has tried to orchestrate the many nearby landowners and stakeholders into an agreement that would let the County finally take over the road.

"I'm all for finding some way

to make this happen," Command said in an email last year. "This whole area is so rich in ancient and modern history."

Also joining the effort is Nathan Eggen, the managing partner of Honoipu Hideaway, LLC, the owner of the 17.5-acre parcel that includes the makai portion of the road and the parking lot at the trailhead. Eggen's family, along with friends, bought the land from Parker Ranch five years ago and refurbished several of the former Coast Guard residences there. They also constructed and maintain a public trail along the shoreline.

Eggen has said they will talk about turning the road and parking lot over to the County, but only if it steps in to maintain the now federal portion of the road.

Access to the panoramic location was once called Honoipu Landing Road. Oxen used to haul unrefined sugar to a launching place atop Pali Akamoa, where it was sent on trollies down cables attached to ships offshore. The road was also used by families to access the ocean for fishing, gathering, swimming, camping and enjoying the sunsets. Since ancient times, Honoipu has been used by canoe paddlers and boaters as the closest and safest place along the island's west coast to begin the crossing of the Alanuihaha Channel to Maui.

A monument in the parking area memorializes the first Puerto Rican immigrants to Hawai'i Island who landed at Honoipu in 1901. It was erected by their descendants in 2001 on the centennial of their arrival.

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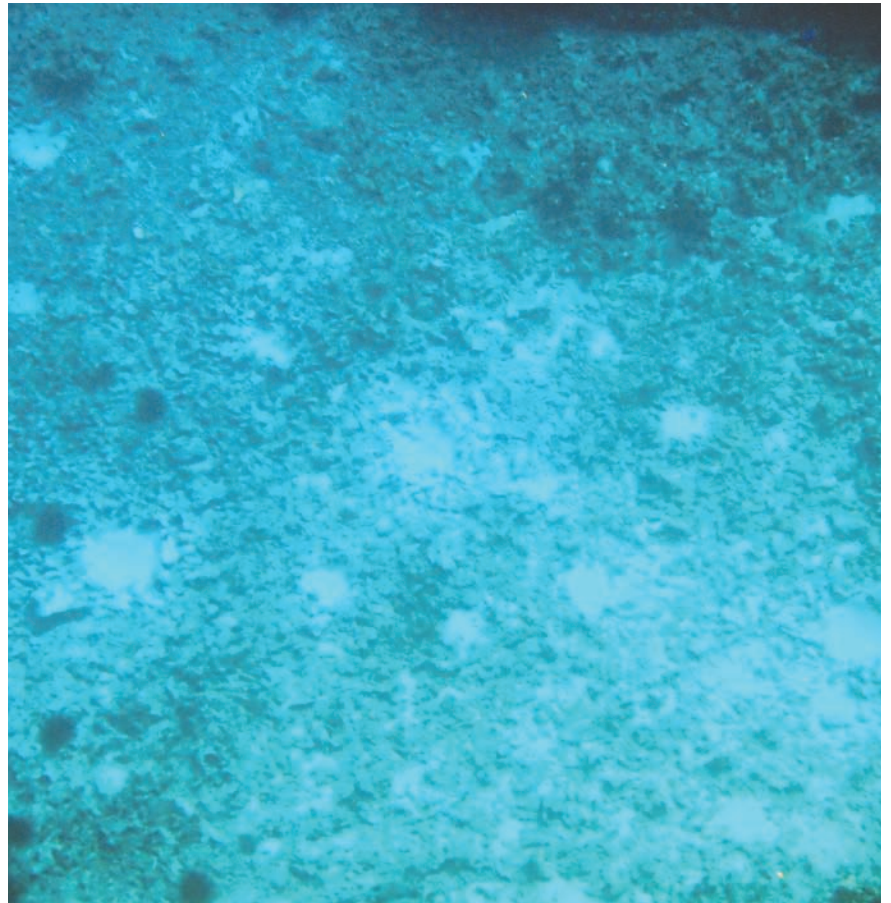
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The Nest in the Ocean



A Finescale Triggerfish being cleaned by a cleaner wrasse. Note the two upright spines at the top of the trigger's head.



A field of triggerfish nests.

Story and photos by Wendy Noritake

When snorkeling at Māhukona, I noticed round sand patches in the deeper waters in front and to the south of the lighthouse. I thought it odd when I first saw them. About two to three feet in diameter, I wondered what creature would make such a bowl—a honu, a fish? It didn't seem possible that the ocean currents alone could create such things.

I sent a photo to "Hawaiian

Reef Fishes" author John Hoover to inquire what it might be. He thought it was the nest of a triggerfish. The structure is carefully created, a perfect shallow circle of sand with a ring of carefully placed pieces of coral, rocks and rubble around it.

Was the circle of rocks and coral a barrier to the nest or a way for her to recognize it? I began paying more attention to those sandy spots to see if a triggerfish

might appear.

One day, I saw a large Finescale Triggerfish, *Balistes polylepis*, hovering over one of these concave sand bowls. I watched in awe as she used her fins to even out the sand. She was tending to her nest as if she was a bird, flitting about, putting things in order, making it a viable environment for her brood. These triggerfish are the largest I've seen in Hawaii, with big protruding teeth which

they use to crush shells, including urchins'. They also have two spines at the top of their head that can lock upright (as a trigger) so the fish can wedge itself in rocks and crevices and not be extracted by a predator. Their coloring is light gray to mottled, with large flowing dorsal and anal fins.

Weeks later, I saw another Finescale Triggerfish darting about frantically over her nest. A large

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The ravaged burrow with a cone snail track leading right to the nest.

cone snail had made its way into the bowl, and I watched in amazement as she dug it out of the sand and tossed it away with her mouth. Other reef fish congregated the scene – square-spot goatfish (weke’a), yellow tangs (lau ipala), convict tangs (manini), longnose butterflyfish (lauwiliwili nukunuku ‘oi’oi), Thompson’s butterflyfish, and black surgeonfish, all hungrily swimming about the nest. I think they were all feasting on the eggs that she had laid.

She had tried her best to chase

them away, but by the look of the hole in the center of the nest, it seemed hopeless. Pieces of coral and rock were strewn about, not enclosing the burrow, and I wondered if there had been a breach or pillaging of the nest by other fish before she arrived. Of course, these are my unscientific observations. I only came to my conclusions by seeing what took place at this site. I felt bad for her. She seemed like any mother would be, willing to do anything to save her babies.

Cesspool Conversion Required by 2050 – What That Means

By Toni Withington and John Winter

New federal and state regulations regarding cesspools will disrupt the pockets and backyards of almost all Kohala homes and businesses in the next 27 years. To understand what the changeover will entail, the Utilities Group of the North Kohala Community Development Plan hosted a public Cesspool Conversion Forum on August 8. Seventy people attended.

Speakers included State Representative David Tarnas, Kohala civil engineer Jim Pedersen, County Director of Environmental Management Ramzi Mansour, and Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union branch manager Tim Ashcraft.

Steve Hoffmann, chair of the subgroup, opened by saying the state and federal governments are requiring all cesspools in Hawaii to be converted to septic systems or other approved treatment or connected to a sewer system by 2050, unless exempted by the Department of Health (DOH). No sewer system presently exists in North Kohala.

David Tarnas summarized the situation and recent State legislation and policy regarding cess-

pools. The state has an estimated 88,000 cesspools used for the disposal of home or commercial wastewater. Nearly 60% of them are in Hawaii County. Cesspools have long been considered substandard because they don’t treat human waste, but merely dump it in the ground nearby.

The concentration of raw, untreated sewage can contaminate oceans, streams, and groundwater from which we pump our household water. Pathogens found in untreated sewage can impact human health by contaminating drinking water or water used for bathing and swimming. Nitrates can damage land or aquatic ecosystems, including coral reefs. Most cesspools in Hawaii serve only single-family residences and are not regulated by the Federal Environmental Protection Act, but almost all states, including Hawaii, are taking action to protect drinking water and ocean resources.

According to Tarnas, Hawaii legislators first addressed the cesspool situation in 2016, passing a law prohibiting cesspools in new construction and allowing a tax break up to \$10,000 to help offset

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 the added expense of installing a proper septic system. Those funds were quickly gobbled up and are no longer available.

In 2017 legislation was added requiring all cesspools be converted to a septic tank or other wastewater treatment disposal system by January 1, 2050. In 2018 lawmakers created the Cesspool Conversion Working Group to develop a long-range, comprehensive plan for cesspool conversion statewide. The group produced several reports providing information, including technologies and financing, which can be accessed through the DOH website.

In 2022, several follow-up laws were passed regarding cesspool conversion grants to homeowners, financing tools for commercial property owners to convert cesspools and permitting new technologies for cesspool replacements. This year the Legislature worked on, but did not ultimately approve, a bill regarding small treatment systems for neighborhoods, and possible tax credits for cesspool conversions. Next session, Tarnas said the Legislature will keep working on this important issue and that he would request the Legislature appropriate additional funding to the cesspool conversion grant program.

One Working Group report, available at www.hawaii-cesspooltool.org, divides all properties into three groups. Priority 1 covers areas presenting the high-

est risk to health, drinking water, streams or the ocean and must be converted by 2030. Priority 2 covers areas where cesspools have a potential impact on drinking water and must be converted by 2034. Priority 3 covers cesspools with the potential to impact sensitive waters and must be converted by 2050. This category appears to include all North Kohala cesspools.

Jim Pedersen, a Kohala resident and civil engineer, spoke next. Jim has had oversight of over 100 septic system installations in Hawaii. In summary:

Septic systems involve a septic tank and some sort of disposal. A house with four or fewer bedrooms will require a 1,000-gallon septic tank. Regulations allow for up to five bedrooms on a single tank (but it would be slightly larger). A 3-bedroom house, for example, and another 2-bedroom structure on the property could share a single tank. Tanks can be either polyethylene or concrete. The three-stage tank slows down the biological digesting of organic materials and disposes only part of the waste to be spread out over a larger area.

A drain field distributes water over a sufficient area of suitable soil or gravel/sand to treat the effluent by natural processes. Most drain fields are gravity fed.

The homeowner and an engineer experienced in septic systems determine the type of system and its design and installation. The

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	4:30PM		RMD TAIKO CLASSES	HUB HALE	889-0404 EXT. 104
	5:30PM		DEFIANT BRATS (WOMENS' AA)	KAMEHAMEHA PARK PAVILLION BEHIND TENNIS COURT	
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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
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	5:30PM	7PM	PICKLE BALL	HISAOKA GYM	333-8712
	6PM	8PM	TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	OLD COURT HOUSE	889-1099
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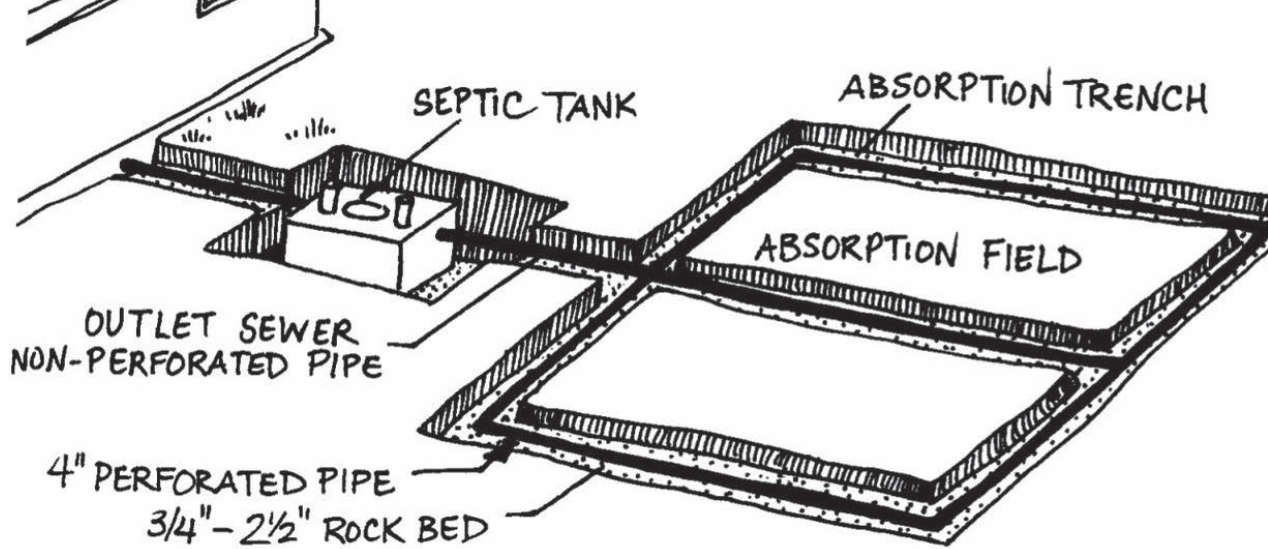


Illustration by John Winter

Illustration of typical septic tank and absorption field. State and federal governments are requiring all cesspools in Hawaii to be converted to septic systems or other approved treatment, or connected to a sewer system by 2050, unless exempted by the Department of Health.

engineer then applies for a permit with the design as required by the Department of Health, oversees a contractor and signs off on it afterward to complete the permitting. No County building permits are required.

Cost estimates expressed at the meeting varied considerably. Depending on design and condition of the site, costs may

range from as low as \$7,000 up to \$13,000-\$15,000 for properties with good drainage and no complications.

If it is a larger house or has soil with poor drainage and/or slope, costs could run as high as \$30,000 or even \$45,000. The engineer typically represents \$2,500-4,500 of the overall cost. In special circumstances it may be possible

that some functional cesspool pits can be used for septic tank drainage instead of a full drain field. Among the circumstances are a small lot with a steep gradient.

Ramzi Mansour, Hawaii County Director of Environmental Management, spoke over a Zoom link. He said the County is

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PTA Partnership With Kahua Pa'a Mua

By Amy Philips

More than a dozen soldiers from 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment (2-6 CAV) training at U.S. Army Garrison Pōhakuloa Training Area (PTA) volunteered to lend a helping hand at Kahua Pa'a Mua Farms in North Kohala on July 27. The soldiers removed debris and invasive plants and enhanced an outside classroom structure.

They also enjoyed learning about the Hawaiian culture and history and were treated to a Hawaiian lunch that included meat, pork and vegetables from the farm.

Commander Timothy Alvarado said, "PTA has a long-standing Memorandum of Understanding with Kahua Pa'a Mua and is immensely grateful of the mutually beneficial [arrangement]. This document allows us to continually support the local community while enhancing the Army's appreciation and understanding of the Hawaiian culture."

Some of comments from the soldiers:

"The experience I had at the outreach event reminded me of why I joined the Army," said Pfc. Emily Glidewell, who hails from Fort Smith, Arkansas. "Uncle David and Uncle Jerry told us that what we did for them was a huge



Photo by David Fuentes
Soldiers from Pōhakuloa Training Area help with heavy projects at Kahua Pa'a Mua Farms on July 27, 2023. Their volunteer labor was reciprocated with lessons in Hawaiian culture and history, and a hearty meal made from foods grown on the farm.

blessing, but in all honesty, it was a blessing to me!"

She appreciated learning more about the Hawaiian culture, and the fellowship of working and eating a homemade meal together. "The way we worked together to serve made me proud to be an American Soldier!" said Glidewell.

Kahua Pa'a Mua Farms is a non-profit organization with the purpose of teaching local children and families about self-sustaining agriculture practices connecting them to their ancestral ways and local traditions.

"Being a part of this event gave me a better understanding of the culture and the values that the community has, as well as the bond they share," said Cpl. Antonio Hernandez, whose hometown is Victorville, California. He is grateful to give back to Hawaii and the opportunity to train on the islands.

KPM is in the process of relocating their Ho'ea farm to Kapa-naia, and "The troops worked real hard every minute from beginning to end," said David Fuentes who is the Executive Director for Kahua Pa'a Mua.

"Our workers connected with them like 'ohana while they shared their mana'o and cultural exchange. It was a beautiful productive day!"

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in the process of creating a Cesspool Conversion Master Plan to include options available to homeowners.

A draft is expected to be completed by the Spring of 2024. When released, the Department of Environmental Management will reach out for public input.

He repeated that it is the State DOH that handles the permitting of conversion, not the County. Not only does the island lead the state in the number of cesspools, but also in the percentage of homeowners who face finan-

cial challenges in conversion. As much as 98% of county residents cannot afford cesspool conversion without some type of assistance. Federal financing is available for low- and medium-income families. Other support may show up as the deadline approaches.

Some alternatives discussed were centralized wastewater systems for neighborhoods with many small lots - such as Ainakea, Kynnersley, Halaula or Kahei - and composting toilets.

Mansour advised not to wait until the last minute to convert.

"With about 53,000 cesspools

on island and a little under 26 years to convert them all, we are looking at about 2,000 conversions every year or nearly 40 every week," he said. On the other hand, waiting a while may provide more financial opportunities and options from studies such as the forthcoming Master Plan.

Tim Ashcraft finished the presentations. Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union will finance house sales for a single house with a functioning cesspool and no 'ohana dwelling without requiring conversion. If the house shares with an 'ohana dwelling

they will require conversion of the cesspool to a septic system, but it can be completed post-sale by setting up an escrow account. Conversion increases the value of a home and simplifies any sale or remodel.

The North Kohala Community Development Plan Advisory Group is committed to keeping Kohala residents informed on issues that affect them. If you have an idea for future informational meetings, please visit the NKCDP website at <https://nkcdp.kohala-communityplan.org/> and submit your suggestion.

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Lilyanna Carvalho shows her project horse, Howie, in the Western StockSeat equitation class. Lilyanna won that class and the Trail Horse class.



Photo by Corina Oliva

Mia Hayes shows her project horse Hapa in the Showmanship at Halter Class. They won the first place. Mia won the overall junior championship rider buckle.

By Fern White

The Hawaii County 4-H Equine Horse Council continues to strive to expand its programs and offerings to the community. The council aims to empower youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. The pur-

pose of the council is to stimulate member's personal growth and development, to learn practical life skills, and to develop effective leadership and responsible citizenship through the interaction with equine partners.

The Hawaii County 4-H Equine Horse Council will be hosting the

Hawaii County 4-H Horse Show on Sunday, August 6, at Rocking Chair Ranch in Waimea. Members of three 4-H clubs from across Hawaii island will come together in competition to showcase their acquired skills and knowledge in working with and understanding their equine partners.

The state horse show is slated for August 26 at Rocking Chair Ranch. Oahu county 4-H horse members will also compete.

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