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About Kohala, For Kohala

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Kohala Schools to Host First Annual JAMBoree



Photo by Danny Garcia

Students in the Kohala Schools complex have joined together to create JAMBoree, a community event showcasing their work and filled with games, live entertainment, health screening, horseback riding and assorted vendors. The event will kick off at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 10, on the back field of Kohala High School.

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KNKR Radio Will Miss Marieke McArthur

Story and photo by April Lee

In the spring of 2015, four months before our first day on air (July 3), Marieke McArthur started coming to the station's regular weekly meetings. We were looking for both a volunteer coordinator and a program director. Marieke volunteered for both jobs!

In the words of Bob Martin, who helped "birth" the station, "From that point on, until late 2017, Marieke did both jobs. This put Kohala Radio on a full schedule of shows, with a full set of volunteer DJs and show hosts. In short, Marieke's hard work nurtured a young Kohala Radio and

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Marieke McArthur, who has been with the station even longer than it has been on air, will be leaving Kohala Radio.

Kohala Middle School Recognized Statewide as Bright Spot at Middle School Level

Recently, Kohala Middle School was recognized as a Hawai'i Department of Education "Bright Spot" at the Middle School level for school year 2015-16.

The school made significant gains in the English Language Arts (ELA) section of the Smarter Balanced Testing (SBA) and the data put KMS near the top of the state. Mrs. Amber Corrales presented our school accomplishments at the ELA summit for all Hawai'i schools at the University of Hawai'i West Oahu on January 26.

Specifically, student test scores increased to 51% as students moved from the seventh to eighth grade and the average SBA score increase of 77 points was nearly triple the statewide average increase.

In addition, all of the students who were proficient in the seventh grade remained proficient in the eighth grade and 31% of students achieved proficiency for the first time in the eighth grade, which is nearly triple the statewide first-time proficiency score of 11%.

Also, between seventh and eighth grades, only four percent of students decreased proficiency levels and 45% of students increased by one or more proficiency levels.

Kohala Middle School is grateful to be recognized for the hard work of its students, teachers, parents and community.

Kohala Middle School
E kulia i ka nu'u
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The Halaula Down Camp Reunion Planned

The Halaula Down Camp Reunion will be held on July 6-8, 2018, in Kamehameha Park at the Kohala Intergenerational Center. Those who came from the Down Camp area are being contacted for this event. If we missed anyone, or you want to get information, please contact Caroline Ching at 889-0929 or Linda Naihe at 889-0921.

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Community Photo



Dawn showers over the ocean from Maliu Ridge.

Photo by Tom Morse

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By Miranda Canniff

Are you ready for an action-packed day of food, fun and friends?

If so, come out to Kohala High School on Saturday, March 10, to participate in our first ever JAMboree!

The Kohala Schools Complex will be joining together in this exciting community event filled with games, live entertainment, food vendors and so much more. Stop by throughout the day to witness the work of students from Kohala High, Middle and Elementary schools while listening to the smooth sounds of Keauhou – winner of nine 2017 Na Hoku Hanohano awards! – and munching on onolicious food, including shave ice, smoke meat bowls, chili, nachos, Chinese food and

lemonade.

Among the many activities will be those hosted by our very own students and faculty.

Game booths manned by Kohala High students will transform the KHS football field into a miniature carnival, complete with face painting, dunking booths, pie tosses, balloon darts and even more fun games for keiki and kupuna alike.

Two water slides will also be available for keiki of all ages to keep cool while also having some fun in the sun.

Lularoe by Rena Loo will be amongst the many craft, clothing and jewelry vendors selling goodies for everyone.

You can even get your grocery shopping done by visiting produce stands – all while watching poi pounding demonstrations

or getting a free health screening courtesy of Kohala-Hamakua Health! Keep your keiki busy by getting them Keiki IDs, provided by the Kohala Police Department, as they catch a hay ride with Project Grad or zoom down the waterslide.

More fun will come with Ms. Fern White's horseback rides, Senior Chyenne Book's free hula clinic and entertainment by Kohala Middle School's ukulele class, along with Kohala's Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko taiko drumming group. Also taking the stage will be Kohala High School students competing in original lip-sync performances for spirit points.

The fun will start 9 a.m. sharp on the KHS back field. Join us for a fun-filled day of games, prizes and grindz. Hope to see you there!

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then played a very vital role as it grew up into a full-fledged community radio station."

Praise for Marieke comes from Programming Director Len Winkler as well, who notes, "She met every test and challenge we asked her to address. Without her, I don't have any idea how we could have been successful. We will miss her greatly."

Personally, I have only been able to do my show on the air with Marieke's technical and engineering talents on the station's manual audio console.

Marieke has an undergraduate degree in Psychology from the University of Chicago and a masters degree in Information Systems from DePaul University.

The best of Life from all of us at KNKR to you, Marieke!

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Peace Music Festival Inspires and Unites

Story by Wilbur Boyle

The sun cast beams of light thru the tree branches, as Kahu Kealoha Sugiyama began his blessing of the Prayer for Peace Music Festival with a mighty blast from his conch shell. Having thus summoned the spirit of this grassy valley in Kamehameha Park, announcing the intention of peace, Kahu Sugiyama proceeded with a Hawaiian Blessing for the festival, followed by an interpretation into English of the meaning of his words. Then, with another long blast from his conch shell that echoed across the valley, the festival began.

And what a beautiful day it was, with the song of 30 musicians, each speaking from the heart...for peace. All of the musical performers and hula dancers volunteered to entertain for free. They are The North Kohala Musicians for Peace.

Very special performances by two hula halaus from North Kohala absolutely charmed those present at the festival. Kumu Kauai Nakamura and Na Kapuna O Kohala danced wonderfully, a testimony to the fact that with age, comes beauty. Kumu Hope Keawe and O Mana O Kohala inspired all, accompanied by the legendary singing and slack key guitar mastery of John Keawe.

Each of the festival perform-

ers spoke of peace between songs, sharing wisdom, and comforting words. Especially touching, were the songs of Elaine Losey as she presented a mele of "The Seven Causes of War." For her closing song, Elaine was accompanied by two of her Baha'i friends, 10-year-old Kalae Doaks and his cousin, four-year-old Kaleia Doaks, who sang with her onstage of the message that children are the hope for the future of mankind.

The amazing vocal and guitar stylings of Mila opened the music stage, touching our hearts with his words of peace. He dedicated his closing song to his granddaughter, with the hope that she may live in a more peaceful world.

Mahina Lee charmed us with songs from her heart, and the voice of an angel, as she played her ukulele and captivated all with her peaceful smile.

Babylon, comprised of Robert DeFazio on harmonica and David Rodman on 12-string guitar, sang a number of songs about freedom. Their rendition of "The End of the Innocence" by the Eagles was an appropriate song for the times that we are living in.

Blugrass Jack - comprised of Jack Tottle on mandolin, Chris Wej on ukulele bass, and Anne Pontius on flatpick guitar - presented a slice of music, bluegrass style, for the festival. Jack is from Tennes-

see, the home of bluegrass music, and personally knew Ralph Stanley, Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs and Bill Monroe...the fathers of the bluegrass sound.

The talented duo of Wendy Hindley on flute and David Gomes on classical guitar set our hearts soaring like doves.

Joanie Collins surprised us by having Carl Villaverde accompany her onstage; together they perform as Mango. For the festival they worked up stirring renditions of music about peace. Joanie is a violinist of incredible talent, plays just about every musical instrument, and is available for music lessons. Carl is the most amazing ukulele player that I have ever heard and is second to none on guitar.

We were delighted by the music of Austin Reigh Hall, another of the musical geniuses of North Kohala. His carefully phrased words filled our hearts with peace.

Sheila Winters blessed us with her mele, giving glory to God, and opening her heart to all. She is a joy to listen to, as one who promotes a message of peace.

Sonia and Sean thrilled us, with Sean's melodic bass playing, spiced with the soaring notes of Sonia's captivating singing. I have been blessed to have Sonia Melocco and Sean Murray

as friends who "walk the walk." Mahalos to Sean for operating the festival's sound system, to Sonia for creating the beautiful festival poster, and to both for cleaning up after the event.

North Shor - comprised of John Keawe Jr. on bass, Tita Alcoran on vocals, Ray Delacruz on keyboards, Macky Keawe on drums and Joel Anderson on ukulele - excited us with local style reggae music that got dancers up on their feet in celebration of peace.

Dr. Reverend Damon Almond spoke, pointing out that all of us hold the keys to a more peaceful world. One way to achieve peace, he suggested, is to elect leaders that are responsive to the wishes and needs of "We the People," instead of allowing rich career politicians to continue to misrepresent us.

In perhaps the most emotional moment of the festival, songstress and guitarist Amber Westerman delighted us with her original music. At the end of her last song she asked those present to join her in a prayer of meditation. "Close your eyes, with the thought of peace in your hearts, for a full minute of complete silence."

During that minute, the breeze could be heard singing through the tree branches, as the wild birds announced, "Peace."

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Kohala Ditch Co-op Close to Incorporation

For the last year and a half, a group of dedicated volunteers has worked to create a user-based co-op to assume the responsibility for the operation and management of the Kohala Ditch, as Surety Kohala continues the winding down of its operations over the next several years. This endeavor has resulted in the development of Articles of Incorporation and an initial set of by-laws for the co-op. These documents are undergoing legal review in Honolulu with the goal being to formally create the co-op (to be called the Kohala Ditch Co-op, Incorporated or KDCI) within the next few months.

Once KDCI has been incorporated, a series of meetings will be held with the users of each existing major pipeline currently drawing ag water from the Ditch. The purpose of these meetings will be to introduce the Co-op to the user groups, educate users on the necessity of forming their own ag water user groups organized into lateral pipeline associations and describe the relationship that will exist between KDCI and these soon to be formed pipeline associations. Please plan to attend these meetings as they are announced if you are a present user of the Kohala Ditch and intend to continue using ditch water for agricultural purposes.



Photo courtesy of Kohala Ditch Co-op

Members of the Kohala Ditch Co-op formation committee.

Left to right: Bill Shontell (Surety Kohala), Kije Hazelwood (Pu'u'eapa Ranch Owners Association), Lani Eubank (E-scape Enterprises), Theresa Young (Kohala Center Rural and Cooperative Business Development Specialist) and Susan Barnes (Kahe'i Water Users Association).

Missing from the picture are Imiola Lindsey (Kamehameha Schools), Jim Pedersen (PE, Civil Engineer) and Jeff Allen (Bamboo Farm & Sanctuary).

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The closing act of the festival brought dancers once again to the festival grounds!

The original music of Llosh and Found – comprised of Llosh Winne on guitar, Austin Reigh Hall on bass, and Ash Miller on drums – rocked the festival until daylight faded away.

They shared the moment with Eliot Swatland, who stimulated

our thoughts with his original rap stylings.

Mahalos to Melissa Samura of Hawaii County Parks and Recreation, and Kekai, Director of Recreation at Kamehameha Park, helping through the permit process, and to all those who came to help us in celebration of peace... those who listened, and those who danced.

A very special thank you to

those who came to the festival with their children.

My purpose for presenting the Prayer for Peace Music Festival was, originally, to show that one person...each and every one of us...has the ability to help improve "the way things are."

In the process I have learned that peace requires, as The Beatles said, "a little help from my friends."



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Letters

Citizens Not Included in Sign Decision

Letters to the Editor in the January 26th edition reflect the same outrage I feel as I drive into Hawi and encounter the hideous sign KOA installed to protect and forewarn our historic community of pending danger.

Bright, obnoxious colors, strange messages and announcement for church services.....

is this the type of information that is going to make our community safe? I don't think so. I would like to know why our town wasn't included in the process of application to erect something so contrary to Hawi.

Citizens of Hawi need to be involved and included in the application process and allowed

to interact with decision that impact the culture and history of our incredibly beautiful community.

Evidently that did not happen with this sign - it doesn't enhance our town or protect us.

What a sad joke on us.

Lani Cordero

Viewpoint

Information and opinions expressed in viewpoint articles are the responsibility of the author and do not necessarily reflect the position of the News or its staff.

Common Ground on Lighted Sign Needed

By Michael Foley

With all due respect to Kohala Mission School and my friends associated with the school and its programs, the electronic reader board generates a great deal of negative feelings in the community. I, for one, find it both impossible to avoid and difficult to look at, and that's too bad, since that sign dominates the sightline leaving or entering Hawi.

In other words, when I come home that way, that sign arouses very unpleasant feelings. It's certainly not a sign of peace or welcome. It's not fair to me or any other passerby who finds that sign offensive. It goes against everything I've come to hold dear regarding the place I've lived the past 18 years. Call it sensitivity, or my own sense of beauty, but I love Kohala's low-key profile, especially its low number of garish, attention-getting structures.

It's astounding that our community was not consulted by

the Department of Public Works before they went ahead and granted an exemption for the electronic reader board, based on non-commercial and public service.

Our own CDP was certainly not consulted. Occasionally the Kohala Mission School sign issues weather reports. Mostly we see warnings of the moral kind. The Catholic church across the road does much the same thing, issuing warnings I suppose the person responsible sees as advice.

The difference is, one's an ordinary reader board, letters arranged into words by hand. The other is operated from afar, in the sanctuary of the Kohala Mission School office, which only makes it seem further cut off from the community.

My first reaction to the electronic reader board was that there was a competition between the overactive Catholic version and the Kohala Mission School, and the latter won. Only in a sense,

however, has the Kohala Mission School won. It's demonstrated that the message is lost when it's said loudly, in this case, in neon colors. For me, the sign is actually a driving hazard, compelling me to take my eyes off the road, particularly when the sign changes.

For better or for worse, the Department of Public Works got us into this spot. Now it's up to us to figure something out, after the fact. If the sign has to stay, and it must have been expensive, are there ways to use it that are less offensive?

I know that many find it offensive, many will speak out, and many would rather say nothing. But saying nothing in this case isn't keeping the peace, it's keeping the cork on the growing anger and resentment. I'm sorry the Kohala Mission School hasn't acknowledged this, but it doesn't do any good to get into an "Us versus Them" situation; we need to find common ground.

Hawai'i State House of Representatives Update

From the Desk of District 7 Representative Cindy Evans

North Kohala may be impacted by bills being considered by the State Legislature. Agriculture bills are moving forward specifically focused on topics such as Rapid 'Ohi'a Death (R.O.D) prevention and research, fire ant treatment and eradication, farm to table initiatives, housing for farm workers and pesticide bans and regulations. I encourage you to look at the specifics of these bills. Visit our legislative website at www.capitol.hawaii.gov and check out the agriculture committees in the House and/or Senate.

As chair of Economic Development and Business (EDB), I have been hearing bills on aerospace, aquaculture, cybersecurity, brew pubs and small business development, to name a few. Sometimes, I hear bills that are controversial in nature. For example, this past Wednesday, I heard H.B. 1565, a bill aimed at creating subzones for the development of the technology industry. Over 400 people wrote testimony, called or testi-

fied in opposition. With all the testimony we received, I recommended that our committee hold the bill and the committee agreed. This is just one example of how important public involvement is.



Photo courtesy of Cindy Evans
Hawai'i State Representative
Cindy Evans

One of the bills I introduced is moving forward and will permanently fund a Veterans Treatment Court on Hawai'i Island. The pilot program, funded by the federal government, has ended and it is time we make it permanent and have the State fund it. The Veterans Treatment Court was established in 2014, after the Bureau of Justice found that the underlying cause for the incarceration of many veterans is related to post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, a substance abuse disorder or a combination of the three. The Veterans Treatment Court helps to provide a combination of high level supervision, mentoring, verification and monitoring of Veterans Affairs services, incentives, consequences, motivation and veteran-specific treatment planning that addresses the diverse needs of veterans in the criminal justice system.

Please contact our office if you need any assistance, 808-586-8510 or repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov.

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County Council Update

From the Desk of District 9 Councilmember Tim Richards



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

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

Kamuela Airport Airline Service

As most of you know, the Waimea Air Service has been subsidized by the federal government to the tune of \$397,000 annually. Coming forward, the federal requirements for this subsidy will require community participation. The intent is to help underserved communities, with a definition as being beyond 40 miles from the nearest major airport. Waimea airport is 39 miles from Kona. Only two airports in the nation fall under this expectation, Waimea and one in Pennsylvania.

Initially the State expected to pay its 5 percent share, or approximately \$20,000, out of airport landing fees; however, this was not allowed. If we were to lose the subsidy, going through the process to reinstate it is difficult, expensive and not guaranteed.

Through a collaborative effort between Representative Cindy Evans, Senator Lorraine Inouye and our County government, we have secured the subsidy for at least another year.

Funding has come from the Hawai'i County Council - with support from me, Councilwoman Sue Lee Loy, Council Chair Valerie Poindexter - and the Office of the Mayor. Additionally, the Waimea Community Association

has pledged \$500 and the Kohala Coast Resort Association (KCRA) has pledged \$1,000. To both organizations, thank you! Special thanks goes out to KCRA, as although they will see no direct benefit of that service, they recognize their employees and families would and they are supporting their employees by doing so. Work will continue on securing funding for subsequent years.

Fiscal Management of the County of Hawai'i

The budget season for fiscal year 2018-2019 is upon us. Doing a historical review, in 2000 the county budget was approximately \$197 million. By 2008, this had swelled to approximately \$400 million. During the global financial crisis of 2008-2010 saw a reduction of approximately 10 percent in the overall budget to approximately \$365 million. Increases over the past seven years has taken us to where we are today, approaching \$500 million.

Last fiscal year the mayor's initial budget proposed in March was \$474 million. In the May revision, this had gone up to \$491 million, a \$17 million, or 3.5 percent, increase. (A great deal of this was due to increases in the collective bargaining agreements that the State had made.) This did not set well with me, and in the revisions I attempted to initially propose an approximately \$2.5 million reduction, with another Councilmember wanting to increase the budget by almost \$10 million. What we ended up with was a token reduction of approximately \$500,000, but at least it was a reduction.

In order for this to work, unfortunately the Real Property Tax (RPT) rates had to be increased. No Councilmember liked that, but if we do not have a balanced budget by start of the next fiscal year, the mayor's original budget submitted in May would AUTOMATICALLY be adopted. In the long conversations on the tax rates, homeowner and agriculture rates were left untouched.

The end result was increases in other categories ending up being from 1 percent to 6 percent with the minimum tax rate doubling from \$100 to \$200. It was also left that a

complete review of the RPT rates would be undertaken and everything looked at in context with each other. This is currently underway as we speak and is well-represented by non-government people from the communities and experts in their respective areas. I am looking forward to their report in the not-too-distant future.

Concurrently, we knew that an increase in the fuel tax was being proposed. It had been 30 years since an increase was made, and that was, in part, the justification. I had wanted to incorporate the conversation with the budget talks but was told they were considered independent of one another. (I did not and still do not see it that way, as Hawai'i has one of the highest tax burdens in the nation.) This concept of "silo legislation" and not looking at the big picture as far as impacts are concerned, I firmly believe sends us down some poor paths.

Had we cut the budget/spending harder I might have been inclined to support a modest increase of the fuel tax at the time, but that was not what was presented for our consideration. Since we had a balanced budget at that time, an increase would raise another \$5 million in taxes and therefore, I voted NO on the fuel tax increase.

As to the Transient Accommodation Tax or "TAT," I went back and studied the history of TAT to develop an understanding of it. This was put in place in 1986 with the intent to help fund or offset the impact of our visitors.

During the initial years, 95 percent of the TAT collected went to the counties, with 5 percent to the state. Approximately \$65 million was collected and distributed to the counties in approximately the following manner: 44 percent to City and County of Honolulu, 23 percent to Maui, 19 percent to Hawai'i, and 14 percent to Kaua'i.

Fast forward to today, the last 30 years has seen the State use the TAT for other funding. Specifically, the Hawai'i Convention Center, the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and now the Honolulu Rail have all received funds. Allocation percentages to the counties have remained

similar BUT the TOTAL allocation to the counties has been capped at \$103 million. This year it is anticipated that over \$500 million in TAT collections will be made.

Many agree with me that this is not fair to our counties. (At this allocation, our county receives approximately \$19 million.) In 2016, UHERO (University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization) wrote a paper coming out of a working group wherein they found that approximately a 50/50 split between the state and counties would be fair.

At the start of the Hawai'i legislative session last month, I spoke on behalf of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) to the leadership of the House and Senate. I presented our collective opinions and urged them to adopt a metric similar to that presented by the UHERO paper. (If this were to happen, our county's share would more than double to \$40 million.) The president of HSAC, Councilman Dru Kanuha, set the stage by introducing the members of the board and other council members in the room.

He then asked Councilwoman Maile David to bless the meeting and set a tone for our discussions. This segued into my presentation and ultimately allowed for the County Council from the Big Island of Hawai'i to set the tone of what turned out to be a well-received presentation.

Now our County is considering legislation as it relates to the General Excise Tax (GET). Though there is support for this in some constituent groups, many I have heard from are deeply concerned by an increase in the overall tax burden. So am I.

Under the confines of the Sunshine Law, the ONLY way we can discuss this as a Council is if it is on the meeting agenda through some form of legislation or communication. (Though the Sunshine Law is great for transparency, it precludes anything for the Council but through public discussion. This is extremely inefficient and accordingly very expensive for the county and thus its constituents.) As many of you have heard me say,

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we should listen to all proposals. To borrow from Councilwoman Sue Lee Loy, "Good information affords us the ability to make good decisions." By the information I have been able to assemble, the County of Hawai'i generates approximately \$200 million of GET collections annually. The 0.5 percent surcharge would thus generate approximately \$25 million more specifically for the county. Who would pay this? In evaluating the numbers, each island visitor spends approximately \$180 a day. At this rate, with an average of 30,000 visitors a day every day for a year, this translates to approximately \$10 million generated in the additional GET collections specifically for this county. By these numbers, 40 percent is thus paid by nonresidents or our visitor industry.

What about the other portion? Yes, this would be paid by the residents but here is the caveat; if we also have a concurrent REDUCTION in RPT and fuel tax I might consider supporting it. By my estimate, an approximate reduction of 5-10 percent would decrease the tax burden to the people by approximately \$15-\$30 million.

Adding back the revenue from the GET 0.5 percent would then give our county an overall increase revenue stream while holding the resident's total burden essentially unchanged. (Some believe my numbers are conservative and actually our collections would be greatly increased.)

This helps our retirees on fixed income as it pertains to the RPT and the young families that have to drive a great deal to get to work. This could be a good direction for our county and our people if our concessions in the RPT and fuel tax are achieved. Stay tuned for more as these issues progress.

The mayor and his administration are seeking community meetings island-wide to discuss his recent GET increase proposal.

The Kohala meeting has passed, but if you missed it please feel free to attend the meeting in Waimea on Monday, March 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the Waimea Elementary School Cafeteria

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

Nutrition Farming for Hawaii Project Improves Local Soil

Story and photo by Jana Bogs, PhD

Nutrition Farming for Hawaii is a grant-funded project located at HIP Agriculture in Kapa'au, and fiscally sponsored by the North Kohala Community Resource Center (NKCRC). The aim is to increase food nutritional content. This starts with improving the soil.

This spring, our quarter-acre research and demonstration garden was fertilized according to a Nutrition Grown™ soil analysis. The land was formerly used to grow sugarcane and is unbalanced. As you can see in the chart below, there were many values that needed improvement.

The follow-up analysis, six months after initial fertilizing, showed significant improvements of nearly every parameter. Correcting soil imbalances takes time, usually years. Only small amounts of certain nutrients can be applied at one time, otherwise the beneficial microbial life in the soil is overwhelmed. (Please note that soils vary greatly from place to place, often even on the same property, so



A variety of crops and flowers grow in the Nutrition Farming garden. The plot is a research site, where the effect of fertilizing with specific nutrients, based on soil testing, is assessed.

these values will not be the same as those of other Kohala properties.)

If you have been following our other news releases in Kohala Mountain News, you will have seen that our produce was laboratory analyzed and compared to USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) values for nutritional

content. Our produce has well out-paced typical produce in nutritional content on nearly every parameter measured.

You can view a summary for 2017 of the work in garden, including the comparative analyses of foods' nutritional values at www.BeyondOrganicResearch.com.

Results of tests evaluating soil remediation efforts at the Nutrition Grown™ research and demonstration garden have shown significant improvements in nearly every parameter measured.

Nutrition Farming for Hawaii Soil Analyses Comparisons			
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Potassium (K)	Low	Improved	
Sodium (Na)	OK	OK	
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Zinc (Zn)	Low	OK	
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pH	Low	Low	
Organic Matter	OK	Improved	
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Teens Invited to Make Jewelry in Free Class

North Kohala Public Library is hosting a special jewelry making class just for teens ages 13-19 on **Monday, March 19, at 6 p.m.**

Jewelry artists Sid Nakamoto and Gail Ching-Lee will demonstrate techniques for simple and beautiful jewelry design. Materials will be provided for participants to create their own jewelry piece.

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Proposed Coastal Subdivision Faces Setback

Story by Toni Withington

In the face of significant public testimony, the developer of another shoreline gated subdivision on the leeward coast agreed to undertake additional work on preserving the many historic sites there, as part of the environmental review of the project.

Kohala Shoreline LLC, owner of 38 acres below Kohala Ranch between the highway and the ocean, had asked the County Board of Appeals to overturn the new County Planning Director Michael Yee's call for more information before deciding whether to accept or deny the environmental review, the first of many steps toward cutting the land into nine lots.

Twelve groups and individuals saw this as a landmark push-and-shove between government enforcement of cultural, historic and environmental regulations and private development rights.

They backed the Planning Director's call for caution. The conflict never erupted before the appeals board because the devel-

oper and the County negotiated their differences outside the meeting hall. The appeal was withdrawn.

Kohala Shoreline attorney Jennifer Lim told the board and testifiers it agreed to "engage in the consultation and information-gathering process" and will prepare a burial treatment plan, a data recovery plan and a preservation plan of the identified historic sites before submitting the draft of a final environmental assessment for the project.

The County in turn waived its requirement that the plans be submitted to the State Historic Sites Preservation Division before the owner submits applications for further approvals - part of what had held up the review process for two years.

Over a dozen Kohala groups and individuals had submitted comments about the project's draft assessment in August 2015. Many of the comments focused on the preservation of the 40 significant historic sites found on the land, 36 of which were identified

as existing before Western contact. Also significant were problems with the public access, storm drainage, view plane obstruction and the addition of two more road entries onto Akoni Pule Highway.

Many comments compared the project unfavorably to the goals and strategies of the North Kohala Community Development Plan. Those who commented were among the many testifiers before the Board of Appeals.

Speaking in support of the Planning Director were the North Kohala Community Access Group, Ka Makani O Kohala Ohana - Kako'o, the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Ahu Moku Advisory Council. Individuals from North and South Kohala also offered written and spoken testimony, among them residents of nearby subdivisions of Kohala Estates and Kailapa.

Most of the comments called for additional public review of the environmental assessment in light of the changes made by the developer last August in the loca-

tion of the public access parking and trails, the interior roads and building sites. The new plan eliminated building sites that had been located seaward of the Ala Loa, the ancient shoreline trail, after strong complaints acknowledged by the planning department in letters to the developer.

Several proposals for subdividing the land in question have been initiated since the 1970s, most for more house sites, but Tom Gentry in the 1990s proposed only one house: his own. This latest nine-lot bid is directed by Kohala Shoreline LLC's owner, former Microsoft billionaire Nathan Myhrvold.

Attorney Lim told the appeals board "Kohala Shoreline never wanted to avoid any mitigation required, it was always a question of timing."

Besides the environmental review process, the development still has to get a Special Management Area Permit, which includes a public access plan and subdivision approval, all of which include opportunities for public review.

Hawaii Writers Gather

The Hawai'i Writers Guild hosted their first annual meeting on January 30.

Over 40 people attended the dinner gathering at Anna Ranch in Waimea.

In addition to a display of members' published works, the annual meeting gave participants an opportunity to mix and mingle with others who believe that literature and literacy are important.

The organization was the brainchild of Ray Pace of Waikoloa. Formed just nine months ago, the group has already grown to 45 members. Members represent the geographic region including Waimea, Kohala, South Island and Oahu. There was even a visiting member from the mainland.

President Eliza Cahill outlined the organization's goals for this year, including a writing contest,

critique groups and hosting workshops and classes. In addition, a poetry slam competition is being

planned.

Membership is open to new members. The annual dues are \$40



Photo by Diann Wilson

Hawai'i Writers Guild President Eliza Cahill addresses the group at their first annual meeting and dinner.

and cover operational expenses for the association.

The Hawai'i Writers Guild is an independent association of professional writers engaged in the promotion of literacy, cultural enrichment, entertainment and dispersal of information through the use of the written and spoken word.

The Guild's goals include promotion of artistic awareness and literacy within the general public.

An election of officers was held during the event. The 2018 officers are President Eliza Cahill, Vice President Bruce Stern, Secretary Diane Revell and Treasurer Bob Lupo.

For further information about the organization, check them out online at hawaiiwritersguild.com or search for "Hawaii Writers Guild" on Facebook.



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A Dream Come True



Golfers anxiously await their tee times at the grand opening celebration at Kohala Golf Park.

Story and photos by Diann Wilson

Deborah Watson had a dream that with community support and hard work, the once-abandoned golf course at King Kamehameha Park in Kapa`au could be restored to a community treasure.

Her dream came true on Saturday, February 10, when golfers and visitors alike were greeted with blue skies and sunshine for the Kohala Golf Park Open House and Golf Tournament.

Watson, along with a committee of North Kohala community members, greeted more than 60 golfers, as well as dozens of spectators, for the official opening and One Club Tournament.

In addition to enjoying the beautifully restored 9-hole golf course, participants were entertained with music provided by Two for the Show.

Refreshments were offered by the Hoopai family, who supplied

their `Ohana Shave Ice food truck to feed the hungry golfers and bystanders.

More than 15 local residents, shops and restaurants donated prizes, which were awarded to both the best and the highest-scoring golfers. One lucky golfer even managed to shoot a hole-in-one.

The family-friendly course is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday (closed Monday for maintenance).

Players aged 16 and under play for free.

Play All Day greens fees for those aged 17 to 54 are \$12, and seniors 55 and older can golf all day for \$10.

The Kohala Golf Park is a sponsored project of the North Kohala Resource Center. Deborah serves as the project lead. For additional information, go to the website at kohalagolfpark.org or call 808-365-6580.

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How Well Do You Know Your Neighbors?

Story and photos by Beth Bohn

It comes as no surprise that within our North Kohala community there are people of many talents, experiences and backgrounds. One such unique individual is Joe Ayer.

Many of you may recognize Joe, the friendly surfer (originally from Santa Cruz), as someone willing to help out by sharing his building acumen, his citrus harvest or just his fun sense of humor. But did you know that Joe has a feathered past, one that recently took flight and earned him the title of "First in State" and then "Third in Nation"?

Joe started raising Birmingham rollers when he was a young boy. It's a pigeon that was developed in Birmingham, England in the late 1800s from a pigeon called the Asian tumbler. Asian tumblers or rollers will do a spinning back flip while flying and then keep flying. Working-class fellows in England took the Asian roller and, through selective breeding, created the deep-rolling Birmingham roller that will do exceedingly fast somersaults while dropping 50 feet as they fly along. Some breeders fly their rollers in competition, both locally and nationally. There is even a World Cup competition that includes several other countries. There are around 10,000 breeders worldwide.

I sat down with Joe recently and asked him a few questions about this unusual hobby. Here's what he had to say:

Beth: How old were you when you first became interested and involved with pigeons?

Joe: I was about 10 years old living in a small town in Northern California. One day a friend and I were walking by a Chinese restaurant that had a sign in the window that read, "Squabs Wanted." The restaurant was closed so we walked around back and knocked on the back door. A man in a white apron told us that he would give us 25 cents for each baby pigeon we brought to him. We both looked at each other and realized we could soon be making a lot of money. The restaurant owner then

said, "You gotta clean 'em too."

We were going to be rich soon because we knew where there were lots of pigeons. In exploring our neighborhood, we had discovered that under the industrial wharfs on the river there were plenty of pigeon nests. We soon harvested a dozen pigeons and brought them over to my friend's house. My friend's dad was a bird hunter, so we asked him, "How do we clean them?" He showed us how to kill them and clean them. Plucking and gutting pigeons wasn't enjoyable work, but all we could think about was the money



Joe Ayer raises Birmingham roller pigeons at his home in Hawi. His birds have been judged to be 1st in State and 3rd in National competition.

we were going to make.

After a few sales of squabs, we decided to raise pigeons in our backyards, so that we didn't have to go under the wharfs. It was scary under the wharfs, because there many hobos who hung around there, drinking and fighting, who would yell at us and even chase us.

Soon our yards had cages for our pigeons that we had trapped. We learned that restaurants would also buy quail and pheasants, so we started raising them too. My neighbor and I both fell in love with raising birds and soon had more aviaries full of doves, parakeets, cockatiels, chickens and even a sparrow hawk. My parents loved my bird hobby because they could always find me out in the backyard and didn't have to worry that I was hanging out with the "wrong crowd."

Of all the birds we raised, I liked the pigeons the most. I

enjoyed holding them, watching them make nests and the cooing sound they made, but the real thrill was letting them out of their cage and watching them fly around high above my yard. The best part was that they would always come back to me. It was a love affair.

One day, my mom and dad sat my brother and I [sic] down and told us that the family was going to move far away and I would have to get rid of all my birds. My whole world was about to change, and it seemed like my love affair with pigeons was going to be over.

What I didn't know was that I had contracted "pigeon fever." It's not a medical term, it just means you will always have an affinity for pigeons the rest of your life.

Beth: So how did you get into the type of performing pigeon you raise today?

Joe: It wasn't until I was in my late thirties, I woke up one morning and seemingly out-of-the-blue I had this compelling thought, "I just have to get some pigeons." I hadn't thought much about pigeons since I was a kid. The pigeon fever had returned. Thinking that I wanted some fantail pigeons, I went down to the local feed store to inquire where to get some of these fancy birds. A young man working there says, "You don't want fantails; you need to talk to my dad."

His dad soon introduced me to the Birmingham roller pigeon.

In no time, I was back into raising and flying pigeons. At the

time I was living in Santa Cruz, California and there were a few other fellows living there that flew Birmingham rollers. There was a retired professional baseball player, a captain of the police department, a real estate agent, a house painter and myself [sic] that formed a club. We held competitions and enjoyed each other's company while talking about pigeons.

Unfortunately, this phase of my love affair with pigeons ended because of birds of prey. DDT had decimated the hawk and falcon populations, but by the late 1980s they had made a comeback. A big-time comeback! Santa Cruz University, just a couple of miles from my house, was breeding and releasing peregrine falcons, the most lethal killer with wings. Every time I flew my birds, they would be attacked by a falcon or hawk and sometimes both. I was losing so many birds, that I became depressed and quit raising and flying rollers.

About twenty years went by, then one morning I awoke and my first thought was, "I have to find some Birmingham rollers."

Living in remote Hawi, I thought it may be a problem finding them. On the Internet, I found a fellow surfer, Clayton Leu, living in Honolulu. Clayton said he could send me some rollers. A couple months later a box arrives with 20 beautiful rollers from Clayton. Later, I met a couple of other guys here on the Big Island also raising and flying rollers. They soon talked me into competing with my rollers. I was now back in the game!

Beth: What excites you about raising and training pigeons?

Joe: Good question, because to most people watching pigeons fly seems like a great waste of time. It's sort of like surfing, except with this sport you can participate lying on a lounge chair in your backyard. It's really relaxing sitting under my birds flying above, that I had just let out of their cage and they could fly away in any direction, but instead they fly

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above me performing their aerial acrobatics. While watching them colorfully fluttering against a blue sky and puffy clouds floating by in the trade winds, it's inspiring, like poetry in motion. Sometimes I think of how some Asian or Persian person thousands of years in the past was doing the same exact thing I am doing today under their flock of pigeons. Most of the time I am observing which birds are the better rolling birds, thinking about who their parents were and how to mate birds together

develop long range goals, because raising and training a competitive team of rollers takes time.

Beth: What does someone need to do to get started raising pigeons?

Joe: Find someone with the type of pigeons you are interested in and inquire about getting some birds from them. Most roller enthusiasts are generous and friendly.

Beth: You were recently evaluated by a National Birmingham roller judge. What was he looking for?



Birmingham rollers instinctively perform acrobatics in a flock, or kit.

that will improve the performance of my rollers. It's a little like being a geneticist.

Beth: Who were your mentors?

Joe: Mike Tyson! Well, even though he does raise pigeons too, I'm only joking. I would say it's been people who have the same passion for pigeons and that I have had the good fortune to meet over the years.

Beth: How do you get your birds to return to the coop?

Joe: It's not anything like a special whistle, it's because they do have a homing instinct to come back to their roost. They're creatures of habit, just like a lot of my friends. They fly as long as they have the energy, and that depends on how much food I have given them.

Beth: What life lessons have you learned from the pigeons?

Joe: Never stand under a flying pigeon looking up with your mouth open! Actually, it helps you

Joe: In the sport of Birmingham rollers, birds are judged on how they fly together in what's called a kit (flock), how many birds roll at the same time and the quality of the rolling. Since rollers can't be taken to some sports arena to compete, the judge must travel around the world to judge them in competition.

Beth: How did your birds perform?

Joe: They placed first in State, third in Nation.

Beth: What's next?

Joe: The World Cup is the next competition coming up this spring and I'm working out daily. Well, not me, but the birds are. Even though they haven't told me, I think they're really excited about the World Cup competition.

Congratulations Joe! Keep 'em flying high. I know I'll be watching the sky in the afternoons hoping to spot the "rollers" in action.

Mayor Seeks 0.5% Increase in County General Excise Tax

Story by John Winter

Mayor Kim and a group from the Department of Finance, led by Assistant Director Nancy Crawford, came to North Kohala to explain the reasoning behind a proposal to raise the general excise tax (GET). Along with Councilman Tim Richards and Representative Cindy Evans, we had a lot of input and expertise on the financial and tax situation in the state and the county. This reporter learned a lot, which might be summed up as: we're in a mess. Mayor Kim began by telling us that the county has only three sources of direct tax income: property tax, fuel tax and the GET. We also receive a portion of the state Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) on room rentals paid mostly by tourists (more on this later).

The original proposed county budget for the present fiscal year was about \$474 million, but rose to \$491 million after payrolls, etc. were finalized. The county thus faces a shortfall of about \$20 million to meet its budget and pay the bills. This is a very odd situation: the county must cover its budget obligations but one of those obligations, salaries of most officials, are set by the state and the county has no control over that. So once the collective bargaining was done, the county was forced to cover the added bill. Hence the present shortfall. I'm glad my finances are not run this way.

Kim added that our taxes reflect our values. Our property taxes, for example, have exemptions for residences, senior citizens and agriculture. And we also don't charge fees for things like parks, pools, beaches, etc. As a result, the county lacks some income that may be routine on the mainland while providing services as best they can. The county's fuel tax increased August 1 from 8.8 cents per gallon (the lowest in the state) to 15 cents per gallon, and is scheduled to go even higher. Fuel tax income must go to transportation, including roads and bus

service. But the mayor said our buses are in very bad shape and we need more money to improve the fleet and scheduling. Property taxes were also being increased. But these increases will hardly cover the costs of some items. The 0.5% increase in GET, if approved, will be used only for transportation needs on our island. We really need to improve the bus system, he said, and we also have a \$150 million backlog in county road improvements.

Nancy Crawford showed us some data on how the GET increase, if approved, would be spent. She expects it will bring \$25 million annually and that visitors to the island will pay 30-40% of that. The funds would go to new buses, modernizing the transit system, road repair, reducing traffic congestion, and improved trails and bike paths. The added 0.5% will only last for 12 years before returning to the present rate.

Representative Evans explained how this 0.5% GET raise issue came about. Counties cannot simply raise the GET on their own. Apparently, the state legislature had to raise the GET on Oahu to satisfy the state match on federal funding for the Honolulu rail project. It is unconstitutional if they raise the GET on Oahu without offering a similar raise to the other counties. Every county thus has a limited opportunity to raise their GET by 0.5%. If we do so, it must be done by March 31. The GET, by the way, is like a sales tax, but not exactly equivalent. It is levied on businesses and covers many types of transactions, such as services, that a sales tax does not. You can nearly double the GET to come up with an estimate of equivalent sales tax. So, our present 4% GET would correlate to an 8% sales tax.

Tim Richards said that the county must, by law, balance its budget every year. He added that Hawai'i has the second largest tax burden in the country (behind

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 only New York). The County Council will be voting on the proposed GET increase as Bill 102 at the next meeting (February 21). The Finance Committee, at their February 6 meeting, voted 6-3 against approval. Councilman Richards said he would support the GET increase (remember, 30-40% of it would be paid by visitors) only if equivalent reductions could be found in taxes paid by Big Island residents.

The mayor told us that the original TAT had earmarked 95% to the counties and only 5% was set aside for administrative costs. Since then, more and more of the

TAT income has gone to pay for State projects on Oahu. Right now, the Big Island will receive a fixed \$103 million, which is about 3.7% of the total. Rep. Evans added that Oahu has more votes on the TAT distributions and the outer island representatives constitute a minority, so their share continues to shrink. Kim concluded that if Hawai'i County had continued to receive its fair share of TAT income along the original lines we would not be facing the present shortfalls.

If you want to testify before the County Council on this issue, be at the Judiciary Building remote site by 9 a.m. on February 21.

Battle of Kuamo`o to Be Topic of Talk Story

North Kohala Historian and storyteller, Boyd Bond will present a "talk story" session on "The Battle of Hawaii in 1819" at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12, at the North Kohala Public Library in Kapaau.

Bond will offer another presentation at the library on Monday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. on the topic of "Kamehameha's Ancestors and the Legacy They Inherited."

Boyd Bond's knowledge of Hawaii's history stems from his academic studies and from a lifetime spent in Hawaii as a 6th generation descendent of early western settlers in Hawaii. Boyd was raised in Hawaii in a sugar plantation family,

living on plantations throughout the state.

Of his interest in Hawaiian history, Bond says, "I can't ever remember a time when I wasn't immersed in it. Many of the stories of Hawaii's history are also our family stories." Bond earned a BA in Hawaiian history from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and went on to earn a master's degree in education.

Call the North Kohala Public Library at 889-6655 for more information. Program schedule is subject to change. Contact the library 15 days in advance if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is required.

Annual Book Sale Coming Soon

The Friends of North Kohala Public Library will hold its annual used book, DVD and CD sale in the library meeting room from **March 27-29**.

Volunteers will staff the book sale during the library open hours, from **9-5 on Tuesday and Wednesday** and from **9-3 on Thursday**.

All books will be sold for one dollar or less. Buyers also have the option of filling a reusable grocery bag with books for \$5.00.

Please bring your own bags. True bargain hunters will want to be on hand Thursday, March 29, when the remaining books will be given to good homes for free. The Friends are asking for volunteers to help with the sale and also for donations of books and media.

Volunteers are needed to assist during two hour shifts throughout the three days of the sale. Books, CDs, and DVDs in good condition may be dropped off at North Kohala Public Library. Donations are tax deductible. Library staff can provide receipts for tax purposes when the materials are delivered to the library.

The proceeds from the annual sale provide funding for library programs and materials at North Kohala Library.

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WEEKLY EVENTS IN MARCH 2018

MON	6:30AM	7:30AM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-5675
	8:30AM	9:30AM	ASHTANGA VINYASA YOGA - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
	9AM		KOHALA SENIOR CLUB MEETING	OLD COURTHOUSE	895-2094
	9AM	1PM	EARLY LEARNING - 3-5YRS	HUB CLUB	889-0404
	10:30AM	11:30AM	JOANIE'S PILATES - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
	3PM	5PM	KEIKI CERAMICS - 6-11YRS	HUB CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404
	3:30PM	4:30PM	CAPOEIRA - YOUTH	HUB BARN	889-0404
	5PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ROSS PAGAT	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH	989-0966
	5PM	6PM	ZUMBA - ALL	HUB BARN	889-0404
	5:30PM	7PM	MIXED BALLET - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
	6PM	6:30PM	FREE RMD TAIKO CLASSES	HISAOKA GYM	895-2025
	7PM		AL-ANON MEETING WITH LAURA	KOHALA MISSION SCHOOL	
	7PM	8PM	REFUGE RECOVERY	HUB CLAY COTTAGE	464-4411
TUES	6:30AM	7:30AM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-5675
	9AM	10:30AM	CHAIR YOGA	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	880-0583
	9AM	11:30AM	TODDLER MUSICAL GROUP - 18 MONTHS - 3YRS	HUB CLUB	889-0404
	9AM	11AM	TAI CHI - ALL	HUB HALE	889-0404
	10AM	3PM	HAWI FARMERS' MARKET		
	10:30AM	11:30AM	ADULT BALLET - ALL	HUB HALE	889-0404
	3PM	6PM	YOUTH CERAMICS - 12-17YRS	HUB CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404
	4PM	5:30PM	JAN'S YOGA - BEGINNER - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
	4:15PM	5PM	KEIKI BALLET - 3-5YRS	HUB BARN	889-0404
	5PM	6PM	MEDITATION COURSE	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	917-293-3427
	5PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ASHLEE CHEEK	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH	989-0966
	6PM	7PM	TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	OLD COURT HOUSE	889-1099
	6PM	9PM	INTRO TO CERAMICS - ADULTS	HUB CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404
	6:30PM	7:30PM	BELLY DANCING - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
WED	7AM		WALK WITH A DOC	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-1570
	8:30AM	9:30AM	PILATES PLUS - ALL	HUB HALE	889-0404
	9AM	1PM	EARLY LEARNING - 3-5YRS	HUB CLUB	889-0404
	1:30PM	2:30PM	HIP HOP - 10YRS-TEEN	HUB BARN	889-0404
	1:30PM		AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES MAR 7: WII GAMING MAR 14: LEGO BUILDING	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
	3PM	5PM	AFTER SCHOOL ART - 6-10YRS	HUB CLUB	889-0404
	5PM		OPEN STAGE	KEOKEA BEACH PARK	
	5PM	8PM	CERAMICS - GUIDED OPEN STUDIO - TEEN-ADULT	HUB CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404
	6PM	6:30PM	FREE RMD TAIKO CLASSES	WALKER HALL	895-2025
	6PM	7:30PM	SEIBUKAN KARATE ACADEMY	HISAOKA GYM	
	7PM		ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	WYLLIE HALL, 'OLE ROAD	889-6703
	7PM	8:15PM	TAI CHI - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
	7PM	8PM	SALSA - TEEN-ADULT	HUB BARN	889-0404
THURS	6:30AM	7:30AM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-5675
	9AM	11:30AM	TODDLER MUSICAL GROUP - 18 MONTHS - 3YRS	HUB CLUB	889-0404
	3PM	6PM	YOUTH CERAMICS - 12-17YRS	HUB CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404
	3:30PM		NA 'IMI IKE; HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE STUDY GROUP	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
	4PM	5:30PM	JAN'S YOGA - INTERMEDIATE - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
	5PM	6PM	MEDITATION COURSE	INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER	917-293-3427
	5PM	6PM	INSANITY CLASSES WITH ROSS PAGAT	SOLID ROCK NORTH CHURCH	989-0966
	6PM		TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG	OLD COURT HOUSE	889-1099
	6PM	9PM	INTRO TO CERAMICS - ADULTS	HUB CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404
	7PM	8PM	NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS	LOKAHI TREATMENT CENTER	
FRI	9AM	1PM	EARLY LEARNING - 3-5YRS	HUB CLUB	889-0404
	9AM	11AM	TAI CHI - ALL	HUB HALE	889-0404
	10AM		PRESCHOOL STORY TIME AGES 2-5	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
	10:30AM	11:30AM	JOANIE'S PILATES - ALL	HUB HALE	889-0404
	3PM	5PM	KEIKI CERAMICS - 6-11YRS	HUB CLAY COTTAGE	889-0404
	4:30PM	5:30PM	YIN YOGA - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
SAT	7AM	8AM	AA DAWN PATROL	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	889-5675
SUN	9AM	10:30AM	JAN'S YOGA - BEGINNER - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
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	10:30AM	12PM	JAN'S YOGA - INTERMEDIATE - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
	4:30PM	5:30PM	TANGO - BEGINNER - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404
	5:30PM	6:30PM	TANGO - INTERMEDIATE - TEEN-ADULT	HUB HALE	889-0404

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Hamakua-Kohala Health is Hiring

By Lynn Fraher

The Hamakua-Kohala Health team cares about you, so we're working hard to expand the availability of quality health care in Hamakua and Kohala.

As the national physician shortage continues, hiring qualified clinical staff is challenging, especially in rural areas like ours. But despite that challenge, Hamakua-Kohala Health has hired three new doctors, three nurse practitioners, an advanced practice registered nurse and a dentist!

We are pleased to introduce:

Eric Murray, MD

Internists are sometimes called the "doctor's doctor," because they often help other doctors solve puzzling diagnostic problems. Dr. Murray provides comprehensive primary care to adults.

Jocelyn Chang, DO

Dr. Chang is a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and treats adults.

Idalee Posa, MD

As a general family doctor, Dr. Posa sees patients of all ages, including children, treats acute and chronic illnesses and provides preventive care and health education.

Amy Peele, FNP (Family Nurse Practitioner)

Amy Peele provides general health care for all life stages. She welcomes both children and adults.

Karen Stephenson, FNP (Family Nurse Practitioner)

Karen Stephenson provides gen-

eral health care to people of all ages.

Catherine Marquette, FNP, PA-C (Family Planning Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant-Certified)

After over 20 years of service to Hamakua-Kohala Health, Hawai'i Healthcare Hero award-winner Cathy Marquette is now the group's medical director and works tirelessly to bring more doctors and nurse practitioners to serve you.

Annette Manant, PhD, APRN (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Certified Nurse Midwife, Specializing in Women's Health Care)

Annette Manant has been caring for women for 30 years and has helped deliver thousands of babies.

Joseph Coleman, DDS

Dr. Coleman is the dentist at The Amazing Tooth Bus in Kapa'au. Currently, we are open on Mondays and Fridays and can only treat keiki. We look forward to adding more days soon.

What We Do

A Family Nurse Practitioner is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) who has additional education and more responsibilities for treating patients than a Registered Nurse (RN). An FNP can prescribe medication, examine patients, diagnose illnesses, and provide treatment, much like physicians do. In fact, Nurse Practitioners can provide 80-90% of the care that primary care physicians offer, according to a Kaiser Family Foun-

ation study.

Physician Assistants (PA) are health care providers who are educated at medical schools and are trained to diagnose and treat illnesses. They provide preventative care in partnership with a physician supervisor. The "C" in PA-C indicates certification by the National Commission of Certification of Physician's Assistants and requires 100 hours of continuing medical education every two years, along with passing a national recertification exam every six years, to maintain that very important "C".

As members of health care teams, physician's assistants take medical histories, examine and treat patients, make diagnoses, prescribe medications, order and interpret lab work and imaging, refer to specialists, counsel patients and perform minor procedures.

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children's insurance and provide pediatric care. Our doors are always open.

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We need your financial support to help our kupuna, keiki and young families find vital primary and preventative health care. We need funds to rebuild the clinics as well as cover the increasing costs of daily operations. We accept donations online; please click "Ways to Give," or feel free to mail your check to the Honoka'a address below. If you have any questions, please call CEO Irene Carpenter directly at 930-2745. Thank you for joining with us to accomplish great things!

Call today to set up your Well-Woman Exam at either clinic:

Kapa'au: 53-3925 Akoni Pule Highway, 889-6236

Honoka'a: 45-549 Plumeria Street, Honoka'a, 775-7204



Women's Health Program

New Ultrasound Available

Looking Forward to New Prenatal Care Program! *Caring for Your 'Ohana, Caring for You*



During prenatal care, pregnancy problems should be detected as early as possible so that they can be monitored or treated before a woman gives birth. Education is important to make sure the mother and baby are healthy.

Women's Health Services Include:

- **FREE and CONFIDENTIAL Family Planning Testing and Counseling and Exams for Adults and Teens**
- **Well-Women Physicals** include a breast exam, pelvic exam and a Pap test
- **NEW Prenatal Care Program** – Specialized health care services including health screening, risk assessment and education
- **NEW Ultrasound Services** – Patients have access to early pregnancy dating as well as general tests
- **Low cost or FREE Birth Control and FREE Emergency Contraception**
- **STD and HIV Testing** – Counseling and Treatment
- **Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP)** – Exams with mammogram help prevention and early detection of cancer
- **Behavioral Health Services** – Client-Centered Treatment heals the whole individual. Topics covered include: postpartum depression, parenting skills and relationship support, marital and family communication problems, physical health maintenance, tobacco and vaping cessation, and substance use disorder cessation counseling programs
- **National Diabetes Prevention Program with Lifestyle Coach Jennifer Valera** – Over the last 18 months, program participants have lost a combined weight of nearly 500 pounds! New classes are forming now. **Call Jennifer today at 930-0746 for more information and to sign-up for new classes.**
- **Medfusion Patient Portal** – Make appointments, view laboratory results and medical records over the internet. To learn more, ask to sign-up at either clinic or visit our website at www.hamakua-health.org

You can do it! Call for appointments at either location:

Kohala Clinic: 53-3925 Akoni Pule Highway, Kapa'au - 889-6236

Hamakua Clinic: 45-549 Plumeria Street, Honoka'a - 775-7204

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Wednesday, March 14, 2018

3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Kona Community Hospital's Conference Room 2

*The West Hawaii Regional Board of Directors represents
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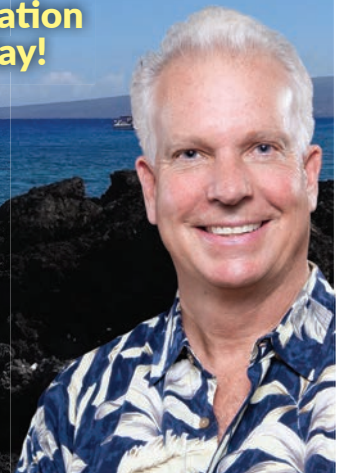
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Kohala Sports

Ka Moku O Keawe Makahiki Results

January 21 was a remarkable day of wonderful weather at Waimea Park for the Ka Moku O Keawe Makahiki Games! Teachers from both Kohala Elementary and Halaula Middle School brought a vivacious team of students to test their skills against fellow students from the Kohala Districts to compete in traditional Hawaiian games.

Leading the teams were Kohala Elementary Fifth Grade Teacher Ms. Jessica Bautista, Halaula Middle School's Mrs. Jenny Stevens, and Mrs. Sheri Preston. Our students participated in a whole slew of traditional games, and many students placed in the top three for their competition.

In the Elementary (5th Grade)

Division, it was:

- Aukai Viernes, 2nd Place, Hakamoia (standing, one leg up, one-on-one wrestling)

- Isaiah Antonio, 3rd Place, Uma (arm wrestling) and 3rd Place, Hukihuki (tug-of-war)

In the Middle School Division, it was:

- Landon Kauka, 2nd Place, `Ulu maika (stone disk rolling at 20 feet)

- Kanoa Leshner, 2nd Place in 7th Grade and 4th Overall, in Kukini (100 yard foot racing)

- Cassandra Jones, 3rd Place, Uma

- Chyler Derla, 3rd Place, Hakamoia

Congratulations to all who participated! You make us proud!



Photo by Donovan Aiona

Isaiah Antonio represents Kohala Elementary in Uma, traditional Hawaiian arm wrestling, at the Moku O Keawe Makahiki in Waimea on January 21, 2018.

Kohala Cheerleaders Keep Having Fun

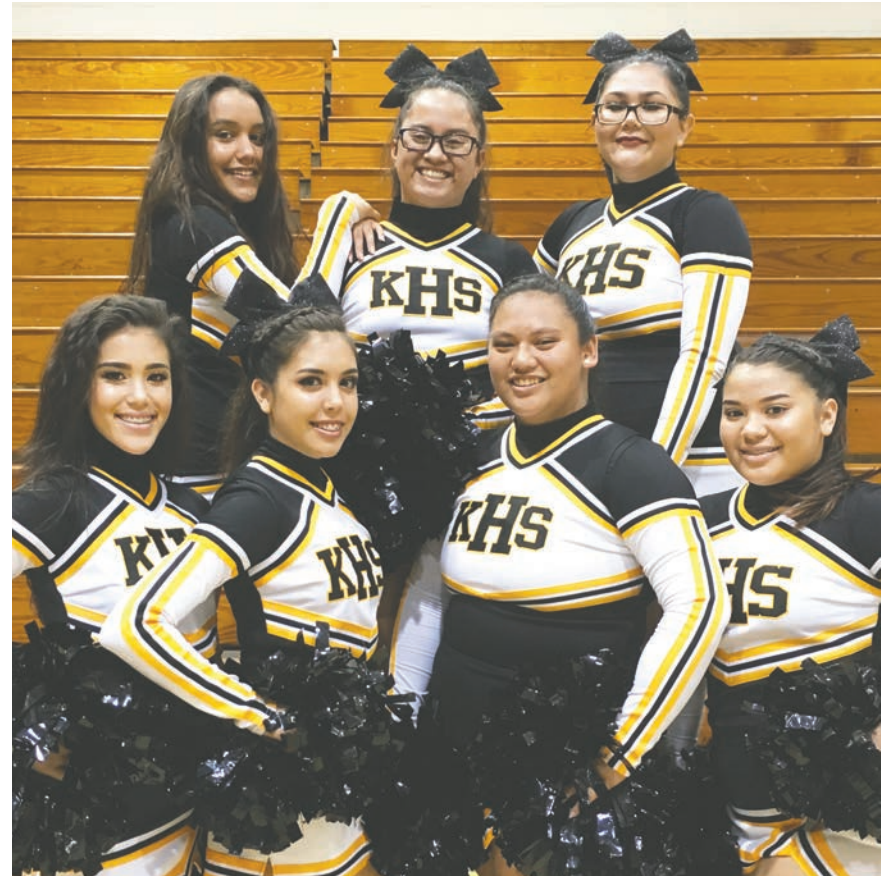
The Kohala High School Cheerleaders are always having fun and are never discouraged – they cheer all the way through thick & thin! Considered a cheer club, the Kohala High School Cheerleaders have been a very spirited group of girls dedicated to cheering on our Kohala Cowboys and Cowgirls.

Coached by Mrs. Sherry Bartsch, our cheerleaders follow our sports teams wherever they go. They said goodbye to the only senior cheerleader on the club, Johnette Emeliano, in tremendous fashion on the Cowboy's Senior Night. Johnette did a final basketball shot and a dance routine for the ages, in which her mother came out of the stands and joined

Johnette for the finale! What a show they put on!

We at Kohala Mountain News Sports would like to recognize the cheer club's effort that would otherwise be overlooked if not mentioned in our pages. Congratulations on another great season supporting our teams!

The 2017-2018 edition of the Kohala High School Cheerleaders are Sadie Alip, Maya Bartsch, Johnette Emeliano, Maya Finau, Kamaile Gusman, Lilly Lindsey, and Reyanna Savedra. These girls are a wonderful bunch and we'd like to thank you for keeping the long tradition of Kohala High School Cheerleaders alive. Keep that Cowboy spirit up, ladies!



The 2017-2018 Kohala High School Cheerleaders
Front row (left to right): Maya Bartsch, Lilly Lindsey, Sadie Alip, and Kamaile Gusman
Back row (left to right): Maya Finau, Johnette Emeliano, and Reyanna Savedra

THE KOHALA COMMUNITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (KCAA) WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT FOR OUR AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMS FOR THE CHILDREN OF KOHALA IN 2017

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Kohala Sports

The Young and Talented Kohala Cowboys Basketball Team Ends Season at BIIFs!

It's not a typical season record (5-10) for the Kohala Cowboys Basketball team, but the team is loaded with young talent that will bring lots of excitement for years to come. This year's team consisted of players that were shuffled between the junior varsity (JV) and varsity levels. They either started off on the JV team and moved to Varsity or started on the Varsity and moved to the JV team during some point of the season.

The Cowboys won their BIIF (Big Island Interscholastic Federation) first-round playoff game over Pahoia, and then lost to Hawai'i Prep the next night to end their season. Every game was close for this year's team as they fell short in the BIIF Division 2

Tournament.

This year, the Basketball Cowboys say goodbye to three seniors: Maui Hook, Kahoalii Lewis and Ian Rivera. Way to play hard and make your fans proud! We'd also like to recognize the job Head Varsity Basketball Coach Don Fernandez, Varsity Assistant Coaches James Marquez and Kona Fernandez, and Junior Varsity Head Coach Kihei Kapeliela do with our Basketball teams year in, year out. The competition in the BIIF is fierce and our coaches always take our boys to the next level. Good job!

Next year's crop of freshmen is known to be a class that is loaded with talent, so the future definitely looks bright for our young Cowboys!



Kohala High School Junior Varsity Basketball Team 2017-2018
 Front row (left to right): MJ Macaspac, Keoni Barco, Zak Javillonar, Ashton Bolosan, Zhane Ellazar-Ching and Kahiau Kapeliela
 Back row (left to right): Darian Nishida, Kyrell Mateo and John "JB" Kahalioumi



Kohala High School Varsity Basketball Team 2017-2018
 Front row (left to right): Molonai Emeliano, Jeffrey Francisco, Moses Emeliano, Elijah Antonio and Ian Rivera
 Back row (left to right): Isaiah Salvador, Kahoalii Lewis, Maui Hook and John Nicolas

Veteran Kona Soccer Coach Holds Soccer Clinic for Kohala Elementary 4th & 5th Grade Students

Kohala Elementary School's fourth and fifth grade students were treated to a day of soccer fun held by Kona Crush U-12 Coach Joy Personius. Coach Joy is a Konawaena graduate dedicated to spreading the love of soccer to the youth on the west side of the Big Island.

Each class had a 45-minute session with Coach Joy that was both enjoyable and educational at the same time. Students were greeted with soccer balls and pop-up goals to practice their skills on as they approached Coach Joy on the field at Kohala Elementary for their soccer clinic.

She encouraged our students to do well in school and always

try hard no matter what their situation is. She taught the fourth and fifth graders fun ways to stretch out and warm up before soccer practice.

This included drills that stretched their legs without going to the ground and stretching out the traditional way.

They also learned dribbling drills and how to keep possession of the ball. Students finally learned to shoot on goal with the proper part of their foot.

All in all, the students and teachers of Kohala Elementary School were blessed to have Coach Joy on campus! Thanks go out to Principal Danny Garcia for scheduling this event.



Photo by Donovan Aiona
 Kona Crush Soccer Coach Joy Personius teaches Kohala Elementary School's fourth graders on January 29 at the Kohala School Field.

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Please sign up now for NKCRC's first Annual Golf Tournament at Hapuna on March 19th. Space is limited so call us today!!

You can support our projects and the Center with a tax-deductible donation to NKCRC, P.O. Box 519, Hawi, HI 96719 • 889-5523 • www.northkohala.org
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KOHALA MONTHLY CALENDAR MARCH 2018

DATE	DAY	START	END	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	VENUE	PHONE
2/24	SAT	10AM	2PM	KIDZ FOR A CAUSE	FUNRAISER	THE HUB	217-7879
3/1	THURS			COLAB PLANNING MEETING	FOR PROPOSED MARCH 10 EVENT SEE PAGE 20 FOR DETAILS	KOHALA COFFEE MILL	HAWAII@ONEISLAND.ORG
3/2	FRI	4 PM	7 PM	KHS FIRST FRIDAYS	CRAFT AND LOCAL FOOD VENDORS	KHS	889-7117
3/5	MON	1PM		ACIM	A COURSE IN MIRACLES STUDY GROUP	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
3/5	MON	5PM	5:45PM	TINY HOUSE TOUR		TAKATA STORE	
3/5	MON	6 PM	7 PM	GROWTH MANAGEMENT GROUP	MEETING	BANK OF HAWAII BUILDING	
3/5	MON	6PM	7:30PM	TINY HOUSE NEWS, STATE LEGISLATION UPDATES	PRESENTED BY HALE O MALAMA LAND TRUST AND ONE ISLAND	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
3/7	WED	4 PM		COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP	MEETING	SENIOR CENTER	IMUAKOHALA@GMAIL.COM
3/7		6 PM	8 PM	DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII MEETING	ELECT NEW PRECINCT OFFICERS AND DELEGATES	KHS CAFETERIA	640-4883
3/10	SAT	9AM		JAMBOREE	GAMES, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, VENDORS	KHS	
3/10	SAT	9AM		DEDICATION SHIRO TAKATA FIELD	EVERYONE INVITED	KAMEHAMEHA PARK	
3/10	SAT	5PM	9PM	KOHALA COLAB - KOHALA ARTS POP-UP	MULTIPLE ARTISTS IN SPECIAL EXHIBIT . FACEBOOK.COM/KOHALACOLAB/ TO DISCOVER LOCATION.		HAWAII@ONEISLAND.ORG
3/12	MON	3 PM	5 PM	NORTH KOHALA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP	SUPPORTED BY N. HAWAII COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL	KINGS VIEW CAFE	989-4894
3/12	MON	6:30PM		HAWAII'S HISTORY WITH BOYD BOND	THE BATTLE OF KUAMO'O: A BATTLE FOR THE FUTURE OF HAWAII IN 1819	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
3/13	TUE	11 AM		ADULT READING DISCUSSION	MY LIFE ON THE ROAD BY GLORIA STEINEM	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
3/13	TUE	6 PM		HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED	6PM POTLUCK, 7PM PRESENTATION. FOR EVERYONE INTERESTED IN GOOD FOOD, NOT JUST FARMERS	THE HUB	KOHALA.HFUU@GMAIL.COM
3/17	SAT	4:30 PM	6:30PM	FREE GRINDZ HOT MEAL	KOHALA BAPTIST CHURCH	BANYAN TREE	889-5416
3/19	MON			NKCRC GOLF TOURNAMENT	SIGN UP AT THE RESOURCE CENTER	HAPUNA	889-5523
3/19	MON	5 PM		NKCDP AC MEETING	NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE	HISAOKA GYM	323-4770
3/19	MON	6PM		TEEN JEWELRY CRAFT	WITH SID NAKAMOTO	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
3/20	TUE	10 AM		ADULT WRITER'S GROUP		NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
3/21	WED	5 PM		PARKS, WATER & ROADS GROUP	MONTHLY MEETING	OLD COURTHOUSE	
3/22	THUR	6 PM	6:30PM	PRAYERS AROUND THE PEACE POLE	ALL ARE WELCOME, REGARDLESS OF RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION	ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH	895-5753
3/24	SAT	10 AM	12 PM	THRIFT SHOP	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	NEXT TO WALKER HALL	889-5390
3/24	SAT	11 AM	12:20 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL	AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH	WALKER HALL	889-5390
3/27	TUES	9AM	5PM	FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE	IN THE LIBRARY MEETING ROOM	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
3/28	WED	9AM	5PM	FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE	IN THE LIBRARY MEETING ROOM	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655
3/28	WED	4 PM	5:30 PM	RESTORATIVE YOGA THERAPY CLASS	WITH CARLA ORELLANA, CERTIFIED YOGA THERAPIST, BY DONATION	THE HUB	889-0404
3/29	THUR	9AM	3PM	FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE	IN THE LIBRARY MEETING ROOM	NORTH KOHALA LIBRARY	889-6655

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Kohala Churches

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Sabbath School: 9:30 AM
Divine Service: 10:45 AM

Potluck-Fellowship Lunch every Sabbath
55-3361 Akoni Pule Highway, Hawi HI
(808)889-5646
Kohalasda.com

Kalahikiola Congregational Church
Service every Sunday Morning at 9:30 followed by pupus & fellowship
Prayer time Tuesdays at 11:30

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www.kalahikiolacongregationalchurch.com
889-6703

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Kokoiki Road
Service: Sunday 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study: Monday 6:30 PM
Prayer Meeting: Friday 6:30 PM
Pastor Ilima Moihua
www.gos-kohala.org

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Across from Makapala Retreat
'Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'
(Matthew 11:28)

Sunday Services
Adult Bible Study/Kids on Mission 9 am
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Tiny House Tour and Housing Update Meeting

By Marcy Montgomery

Hawai'i has had a history of distinctive land use models, from the ancient ahupua'a mountain-to-sea land management system, to the Great Mahele that began private land ownership for individuals and established large land trusts, including Kamehameha Schools. Next came the plantation system, where thousand-acre tracts were consolidated under private ownership for agriculture export products, as remains evident in North Kohala's land ownership today.

Hawai'i is in a housing crisis, a fact accepted by government, industry and residents island wide. This housing crisis is heightened by land affordability issues, building costs and zoning restrictions. With today's growing number of baby boomers making their home in Hawai'i - whether born here or more recently arrived - and the millennial generation prudently seeking affordable land access and home ownership, it is time to look at alternative models of land use and affordable housing.

Land and home ownership costs are beyond the financial capacity of most of the workforce and retiree's financial capacity. Creative solutions for affordable homeownership can provide stable land and housing access rather than add further pressure on the already-strangled rental market. The housing crisis in North Kohala requires affordable housing solutions to the very real problem of seeing our needed workers migrate away, seeking lower housing costs. If we don't, as a community, solve this problem, will Kohala turn into an elite retirement community accessible only to the elderly wealthy?

Following the most recent public listening session at the Kohala Library, leadership from

One Island Sustainable Living convened a special meeting with State Representative Cindy Evans, State Senator Russell Ruderman, County Councilmembers Tim Richards and Jenn Ruggles, County Planning Director Michael Yee and Planner April Surpernant. One Island reported on their October training with the national community land trust organization to seek solutions to affordable home ownership. The resulting formation of the new Hale O Malama Community Housing Land Trust in Hawai'i was then introduced as an affordable housing strategy. Another topic revisited, that met with broad support, is the plan to bring organizations and industry leaders together with the public and government agencies for a Housing Summit.

Tiny Houses
The important, key purpose of the meeting was to look at implementation of Tiny Houses, initially on agricultural lands, and subsequently in residential areas. Attracting and retaining farm workers is an essential cornerstone to building a successful agricultural economy that in turn increases our food security. To support the growth of local agriculture, removing land use barriers to implementing permitted, clustered, affordable agricultural worker dwellings is supported by our elected representatives, as evident in previous County Council, House of Representative and State Senate votes in 2017. We are now in a new legislative year and efforts are underway once again in an effort to change land use and housing regulations in support of increasing local food production by providing affordable worker housing.

The Planning Department leaders emphasized that small-footprint dwellings can be allowed on ag lands, under specific land use

rules. However, everyone agreed, there are still Building Department code requirements including size restrictions and septic, power and grey water issues that would need to be addressed by those respective County oversight departments.

One issue Planning was not able to resolve is how to deal with mobile tiny houses on wheels that currently are considered 'trailers' or 'recreational vehicles'. The conundrum is that RV use is designated as 'camping', which became prohibited on ag land due to a quiet change in the definition of allowable use of agricultural lands several years ago. Technically, living full time in a home defined as a trailer could be considered 'camping' and deemed unallowable, rendering a mobile tiny house dweller in violation of land use code at the State and County levels. Farm workers in tiny homes, and farm owners who invest in these residential structures, deserve protection from these mercurial and often conflicting rules, and ambiguous enforcement policies. The County Building Department needs to be involved in changing these rules as well, and to create a reasonable permitting process for tiny home installations.

One issue that Planning was willing to reconsider, that may help this flexible, low cost housing model to better serve island farms, is to change the rule on the number of required farm hours to qualify for small footprint farm housing (permitted mobile or permanent foundation). The recommended number of required work hours that was presented to the Planning Department is 16 hours a week, regardless of the number of units on the land. (Current rules in the 'Additional Farm Dwelling' permit vary from 16-40 hours of work a week, irrespective of size

of home or number of occupants.)

Along this line, Rep. Cindy Evans has introduced a new Tiny House Ag Housing Bill, HB 2451, that is promoting approval of mobile tiny houses on ag lots. It is important the public understand the goals - and restrictions - of this bill and to voice their response during this legislative session. The Next Affordable Housing community meeting is on March 5 at the North Kohala Public Library at 6 p.m.

Affordable Housing Meeting

On Monday, March 5, at 6 p.m., a meeting will be held at the North Kohala Public Library to discuss Community Housing Land Trusts as a housing option for North Kohala and to share updates on the Tiny House movement and legislation in Hawai'i. Those interested in exploring the Hale O Malama land trust as a personal housing ownership solution for themselves or a family member, Tiny Houses as a farmer or farm worker residence solution or as a residential housing solution, are welcome to attend this strategy session.

Tiny House Tour

Preceding the Affordable Housing meeting on Monday, March 5, a tour of an innovative mobile Tiny House will take place from 5:00-5:45 p.m. Meet-up is at the Takata Store parking lot; the house is within walking distance. Come see what an efficiently designed home, manufactured off-site and delivered to a residential lot, using a small footprint floor plan with attached studio/office, looks and feels like. Also, hear about the hurdles and costs required to install this unit on a private parcel.

Correction

The Kohala Little Free Pantry is open daily from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m., not 24/7 as reported in the January issue. We apologize for any confusion.

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The North Kohala Table Tennis Club has an assortment of rackets and balls to borrow. The lighting is good and there are plenty of tables to play on. All skill levels and all ages are welcome.

Players are always happy to help and give tips to other players

that want to improve. Many come just for the exercise and the fun of keeping the ball on the table, but there are other benefits as well. Many medical studies have found the playing ping pong helps brain health. In fact, Dr. Daniel Amen calls ping pong "the brain sport," as it exercises all the parts of the brain and can help prevent dementia.

There is no charge to play. Come on down and bring a friend. You can call Len at 889-1099 for more information.



The Old Court House plays home to the Kohala Ping Pong/Table Tennis Club every Tuesday and Thursday evening. There is no charge to play, plenty of equipment is available and all ages and abilities are welcome.

Calling All Kidz for Kohala KFAC FUNraiser!



Photo courtesy of Kids for a Cause

The Kohala Village Hub will hold the Kidz for a Cause (KFAC) FUNraiser on Saturday, February

24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free. Kids from ages six to 18 years old are able to participate and raise monies that will benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Hawai'i.

Parents and `ohana, why not encourage your child to help others in medical need and at the same time get certified community service hours from the RMHC of Hawai'i? This awesome organization, made up of kids, was created on Oahu by an eight-year-old, Nicki Lee, in 2008.

Be a part of KFAC now! To participate or get more information call 217-7879.

Congratulations KFAC



Photo by Teresa Marquez

Kohala Elementary School fifth graders Sydnie Marquez and Marley Yamamoto sold their assorted Super Slime as their FUNraiser at the Kohala High School First Friday event and 2018 Cherry Blossom Festival. They are each moving toward becoming a Kidz for a Cause Ambassador!

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Kohala Middle School Quarter 2 Academic and Hawk Awards

Academic Awards Principal's List

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

- Dhona Jayne Rico • Damien Padilla • Jake Maki • Lucy Hernandez
- Leiana Carvalho • Joel Gonzales-Oliveros • Tristin Perez
- Aidan Blanco • Maya Maki • Yvanka Lum

Honor Roll

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

- Brooklyn Geiger • Adam Heu Mathieu • Kyson James-Foree
- Laakea Kauka • Teige Lorenzo-Akamau • Riley Preston
- Skyla VanZandt • Oshen Cazimero • Chyler-Leighn Derla
- David Jimenez • Imiloa Leshner • Johnna-Lee Lorenzo
- Daniel Remsen • Ethan Tomas • Lyric Burns • Camille Fuertes
- Cassandra Jones • Edward Stenson Jr. • Makenzie Afaga
- Alyssa Ryder • Adela Van Housen • Kiona Nakamura
- Jayline Salvador • Arianna Thornton • Hezekiah Wilson
- Ashley Millet • Trycen-Anthony Alejandro • Cassidy Kapeliela
- Landon Lewis • Princess Shalei Nicolas • Teygan Carlos-Carvalho

Hawk Awards Pono Award

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

December 2017

- Daysha Tayan-Germano • Arianna Thornton • Yvanka Lum
- Tatiana Sugse • Anthony Kaai • Manutea Pagud
- Riley Preston • Leiana Carvalho

January 2018

- Ryzen Cazimero-Bautista • Mark Joshua Salvador
- Iris Cedillos • Imiloa Leshner

Grit Award

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

December 2017

- Kuana Gutierrez • Kiona Nakamura • John Yanos
- JR Asencion • Talia Sanchez • Weston Camara
- Haley Hawkins • D'Angelo Duque • Lucy Hernandez
- Kahelelani Kawai-Poliahu • Iris Cedillos

January 2018

- Cassandra Jones • Alyssa Ryder • Camille Fuertes
- Lei Vakauta • Skyler Carvalho • Kanoa Leshner
- Logan Neves • Razel Café

Kohala High School Quarter 2 Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following Kohala High School students for earning a 3.5 or higher GPA for the second quarter of this school year!

Seniors

- Agbayani, Camylle
- Amar, Bohdi
- Anderson, Maya
- Canniff, Miranda
- Carpio, Kiele
- Castillo, Nicole
- Clark, Mary Marvelanne
- Emeliano, Johnnette
- Enojardo, Jason
- Hook, Jacob
- Isabel, Kiera
- Jose, Jashel Mae
- Ney, Naomi
- Ramos, Angelu
- Sumic, Amber
- Ward, Ireland
- Wiernicki, Bayleigh

- Savedra, Reyanna
- Sumic, Skylar
- Tomas, Gabrielle
- Ward, Gillian

- ### Sophomores
- Anderson, Duncan
 - Cambra, Lehua
 - Campollo, Jessa-May
 - Campollo, Jovylyn
 - Carvalho, Laïla
 - Galan, Kaya-Lee
 - Pagud, Manase
 - Paro, Kailee
 - Quinn, Nicholas
 - Souze, Destiny
 - Ventura, Justus

Freshmen

- Emeliano, Donavon
- Fernandez, Kara
- Guerpo, Christian
- Juan Kealoha, Ryan
- Kaai, Pililai
- Medeiros, Alain
- Meikle, Zoe
- Oandasana, Karylle-Cheyne
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Kohala CoLab Lights Up the Town



Artists Rick Salas and Krista Cutter working on a live, collaborative community art painting.



King Kamehameha Nebula by Krista Cutter

Story and photos by Marcy Montgomery

The Arts came alive in Kohala on February 10. Launching the Second Saturday Arts program for North Kohala, the first Kohala CoLab street art performance was a resounding success. The evening events featured Belly Dancing by Aleili, celestial paintings by Krista Cutter, live street art painting with Rick Salas and community members, tarot readings and jewelry with Catalina Cain,

and acoustic music with singer/songwriter Austin Ray. Over 120 community members and visitors toured the exhibits; enjoyed the exotic, sinuous belly dancing; had a tarot reading; listened to live, local music; and took part in the magical, effervescent street art scene. Local guests commented that with the density of artists in Kohala, it is a welcomed change to find new ways to view their work and appreciate their gifts.

The Kohala CoLab pop-ups, on Second Saturdays, are a great way to showcase local arts – and to support artists by purchasing or commissioning work. Do Art. Be Art. Support Art!

A special thanks to the generous artists, and to Hawaii Cigar & Ukulele, Miho Yoneyama, and the L Zeidman Hawaiian Wood Bowls Gallery for providing space for the event. Watch for news of the upcoming Kohala CoLab Pop-up Events at various locations – March 10 is next on the calendar.

A Call for Artists and Event

Volunteers

CoLab invites community volunteers, artists, musicians, dancers, performers, and spoken word playwrights and poets to join in producing Second Saturday events this year. From setting up tents to hanging art, to help getting the word out, we invite your participation. The next planning meeting for the proposed March 10 event is at the Kohala Coffee Mill on March 1.

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