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Kaʻu Royal Hawaiian Coffee & Tea, LLC is grateful for being welcomed into the community of Nāʻālehu and we look forward to helping to contribute to Kaʻu’s economic growth and support of Kaʻu’s small farms and small businesses. We hope to enhance the success of the nearly two decades of work by Kaʻu coffee farmers who have built a new economy after the closing of Kaʻu’s sugar industry. We also envision a complementary Kaʻu tea industry becoming as successful.

Our plans include planting more than 200 acres in Kaʻu Coffee in 2015, and later expanding into growing tea in the hills above Nāʻālehu, supporting additional diversified agriculture. We plan to eventually add a coffee mill, tea processing establishment and visitor center along Hwy. 11.

Through responsible and sensitive management of 1600 acres at Nāʻālehu that wrap around the mauka side of town from the west side of Kaʻalaiki Road toward Waiʻohinu, we plan to be direct contributors to the community. We will become involved with scholarships and support of local organizations as we immerse ourselves into Nāʻālehu as an integral part of the economy.

Our company is proud to support the Kaʻu Chamber of Commerce and Scholarship Fund.

Kaʻu Royal Hawaiian Coffee & Tea, LLC
EVENTS INCLUDE:
Pa’ina Open House Kickoff Celebration for Ka’ū Coffee Festival
Triple C Recipe Contest
Miss Ka’ū Coffee Pageant
Ka’ū Mountain Water System Hike
Coffee & Cattle Day
Ka’ū Star Gazing at Makanau Mountain
Ka’ū Coffee Experience
Farm & Mill Tours
Ka’ū Coffee College
See our web site for details: kaucoffeefest.com

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MAY 2, 2015

Ka’ū Coffee Festival Ho’olaule’a – Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.– 5 p.m. at Pāhala Community Center. Enjoy a FREE, full day of music, hula, Ka’ū Coffee Tasting, educational displays and demonstrations, food, arts, crafts, vendors and a keiki corner. For more information, call Chris Manfredi at 929-9550

For a schedule of events April 24 - May 3
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More Scholarships Awarded to Kaʻū Students

Tiare-Lee Shibuya, of Nāʻālehu, won the 2014 Kaʻū Chamber of Commerce Ken Wick’s Memorial Scholarship Essay Contest with her *Smile in the Face of Fear*. The 2013 Miss Kaʻū Coffee plans to become a registered nurse. Shibuya attends Hawaiʻi Community College and is a Kamehameha Schools at Keaʻau 2012 graduate. Her parents are Terry and Dane Shibuya. She is a returning scholar, studying nursing. See her essay on page 54.

Funding for the Chamber’s scholarship program comes from advertisers in *The Directory*, the annual business and community publication, as well as other donations.

The Chamber supported other scholarships for higher education through the program.

Tyler Amaral, of Nāʻālehu, attends Hawaiʻi Community College in Hilo. He is a Kaʻū High School graduate of 2013. His parents are Peter and Kelly Amaral, and he is a returning scholar, studying computer science.

Kayla Andrade, of Nāʻālehu, attends University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa, where she studies business. She is a Kamehameha Schools Scholarship Essay, cont. on pg. 82
Welcome to The Directory 2015 for Ka‘ū.

The exciting news for this year is our new app for smartphones and tablets. It’s still under development at this writing, but should be fully operational early in 2015. All of The Directory will be available on our electronic devices. Telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and web sites will be interactive. Just touch or click and you will be sent directly to that advertiser. And the best part is that this is at no extra cost to the members, our advertisers. Link to download the app soon at www.kauchamber.org.

Ka‘ū’s year has gone well. We have escaped hurricane and lava flow, crops are doing well and Ka‘ū coffee is going strong in local markets and worldwide. We have a virtually all new government, with new governor, state legislators and County Council members. They all appear eager to assist Ka‘ū, and we’ll do our best to help them do that.

The Art Show was a great success, thanks to our host, CU Hawai‘i, and all the artists and volunteers who gave so liberally of their time and talents. We had more than 30 entries, and you will see many of them inside The Directory. The painting Green Sand Beach which won popular vote to become The Directory cover. The painting Road to the Sea took the judges’ vote. Both are being cared for by a private collector.

Our Ken Wicks Memorial Scholarships had more than a dozen applicants, and we gave scholarships to most. We had some continuing scholars as well. The quality of these students is amazing, and we are thrilled to be able to help these talented people who want to come back to Ka‘ū to share their new skills and professions with all of us.

The Chamber of Commerce and I wish everyone in Ka‘ū a bright and prosperous new year, living and working in one of the most beautiful places on earth. 

Dallas Decker
President,
Ka‘ū Chamber of Commerce
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Aikido Club of Pāhala
Offers training and rankings and meets at the Old Pāhala Clubhouse on Maile Street on Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Alan Moores, 928-0919. artbyalan@gmail.com.

Aha Moku Council
The council promotes the 10 centuries-old Hawaiian system of natural resource management that has been handed down in oral tradition and practice. It is based on the concept of 'āupua'a, the traditional land and ocean tenure system of Hawai'i. For the Ka'ū council, contact Darlyne Vierra at 640-8740, dpvierra@yahoo.com. See www.ahamoku.org

Arc of Kona
Provides services to persons with disabilities, their advocates and families. Yvonne, 323-2626 ext.106 www.arcofkona.org

Big Island Community Coalition
The organization's mission is to work "for the greater good of Hawai'i Island and its people." Its priority is "to make Big Island electric rates the lowest in the state by emphasizing use of local resources. Rising electric and food prices threaten the health of our community." The organization testified against the recent 'Aina Koa Pono project which was turned down by the state Public Utilities Commission. AKP would have built a biofuel microwave refinery on the edge of Wood Valley and harvested trees, brush and grasses between Pāhala and Nā'ālehu. See www.bigislandcommunitycoalition.com

Boys and Girls Club
Inspires and enables young people to realize their full potential. Nā'ālehu & Pāhala www.bgcbi.com

Center for Hawaiian Music Studies
Annual Hawaiian Music & Lifestyle Workshop in Ka'ū, 'ukulele building, Music instruction in schools and after school in Volcano, Pāhala & Nā'ālehu. Relates music to Hawaiian lifestyle and agriculture. tiffanyfreedom@gmail.com Keoki Kahumoku and Tiffany Crosson facebook, www.konaweb.com/keoki

Coalition for Tobacco Free Hawaii
Non-profit dedicated to reducing tobacco use through education, policy and advocacy. 320 Ward Ave. Ste. 212, Honolulu, HI 96814 Tami MacAller, 238-0930 tmacaller@tobaccofreehawaii.org tobaccofreehawaii.org

Conservation Council for Hawai`i
The Conservation Council for Hawai`i is dedicated to protecting native Hawaiian plants, animals, and ecosystems for future generations. The organization chose the monk seal image by Volcano artist Carol Loebel-Freed for its poster distributed to schools. See www.conservehi.org

Cooper Center Council
Community Center PO Box 1000, Volcano 96785 Phone 967-7800 kilaeututu@gamil.com www.thecoopercenter.org

Discovery Harbour Community Association
P.O. Box 651, Nā'ālehu, HI 96772 929-9576, dhca@discoveryharbour.net

Friends of Kahuku Park
Improves the county park in Ocean View for kaiki and their families, 929-9113

Friends of Hawaii' Volcanoes National Park
Offers seminars, talks, hikes, and volunteer opportunities that complement the Park's educational mission. 985-7373 or admin@fhvnp.org www.fhvnp.org

Friends of Ka'ū Libraries
Supports Pāhala Public & School Library and Nā'ālehu Public Library P.O. Box 400, Pāhala, HI 96771 President Ann Fontes, 987-7748 afontes@hawaiiantel.net

Green Sands Community Association
Serving the Green Sands Community with creation of a park, services and activities.

Habitat for Humanity West Hawai`i
Partners with families and veterans to build homes in Ocean View and elsewhere to achieve home ownership. 75-5576 Kauhola St., Kailua-Kona, HI 96740 331-8010, info@habitatwesthawaii.org

Hawai`i Farmers Union United
Advocates for family farmers and ranchers; asserts that a multitude of small diversified farms who implement regenerative techniques in growing and raising of food will create a resilient, vital and productive agricultural system to feed Hawai`i's people. A chapter of National Farmers Union founded in Point, Texas in 1902. Contact co-president Greg Smith at 443-3300, gailandgreg@mac.com

Ka`u gym and disaster shelter project was entering final phase of construction at the end of 2014, to provide athletic playing courts for schools and community as well as a venue for events and gatherings. Management is by Hawai`i County Department of Parks & Recreation.

Drake Fujimoto, of Hana Hou Restaurant in Nā'ālehu, partners for years with 'O Ka'ū Kākou in many community activities for families, including a bike giveaway and annual Keiki Christmas.

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935-7178, www.hicc.biz

Hawai‘i Pacific Parks Association
A nonprofit cooperating association working in partnership with the National Park Service. Proceeds from the store in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park and other locations support interpretation, educational programs, research projects, publications, and cultural activities. See www.hawaiipacificparks.org.
P.O. Box 74, Hawai‘i National Park, HI 96711. Call 985-6051.

Hawai‘i Public Radio
Hawai‘i Public Radio is operating KAHU FM 91.7 in Pāhala and has launched a $150,000 campaign to raise money to extend coverage throughout south and east Hawai‘i for HPR2. HPR also promises to look into live broadcasts from such remote locations as Ka‘ū and Hana, Maui. Ka‘ū was the last part of the inhabited Hawaiian Islands for HPR to extend its reach. It purchased the license from the KAHU community radio operator in 2013. For programming, see www.hawaiipublicradio.org and www.hpr2.org. Also see http://www.hawaiipublicradio.org/streaming.

Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park
With much of the park located in Ka‘ū, Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park displays the results of 70 million years of volcanism, migration and evolution. Offers many cultural and environmental interpretive outdoor and indoor programs at both the Kahuku unit and the Volcano unit. 985-6000, www.nps.gov/havo

Hawai‘i Wildlife Fund
Conserves Hawai‘i’s native wildlife through research, education and cleaning up Ka‘ū coast.
P.O. Box 70, Volcano, HI 96785
Megan Lamson 769-7629 or kahakai.cleanups@gmail.com
www.wildhawaii.org

Volcano Art Center and Volcano Choy are working to restore band instruments at Ka‘ū High School and to teach music twice a week after school.

Photo by Julia Neal

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Green Sand Beach Takes People's Choice Award

The Directory 2015 cover image won the People's Choice Award for the Annual Ka‘ū Chamber of Commerce Art Show late last year held at CU Hawai‘i Federal Credit Union on Nā‘ālehu. The cover image, by popular vote, is Green Sand Beach by Suzanne Dix Kaliko. More of her artwork can be seen at www.art509.com. Peter Anderson took second in popular vote with his South Point Blowhole photograph.

Winners of art show categories are for:

Photography: South Point Blowhole by Peter Anderson took first; Mo‘o by Luke Kanahele took second; Punalu‘u Honu by Gen Galletes took third.

Graphics: Ka‘ū Crevasse by Deedee Bodine took first; Tabletop by Wanda Aus took second; and Pele by Greg Rush took third.

Sculpture: Copper Honua and Fish by Bob Knapp took first. Kahiko Ka‘ū helmet by Aubrey Ahl took second.

Wood: Royal Palm Base by Bob Stock took first.

Quilt: He Kila Mo‘i, by Ric Stark took first. Sunset by Patty Bowles took second.

Craft: Hokule‘a enamel and copper by Bob Knapp took first.
Deon Beavins won in the Keiki category with Tiger. Second went to Victoria Kanahele with pencil drawing Wolf, and third was He'e, an octopus, by Ryder Brown.

Ke Kala Kai bracelet by Luke Kanahele took second; and the Paua Ring by Seth Kanahele took third.

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Peter Anderson’s South Point Blowhole won first in Photography and second in People’s Choice.

Ric Stark won first place in the new Quilt division with his He Kila Mo‘i.
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To prepare for such a disaster, families can put together disaster kits with the following on hand in their homes and businesses:

- Disaster First Aid Kit
- A family sized First Aid kit with manual.
- Water (one gallon per person per day) and food for a minimum of 15 days.
- A 30 day supply of prescription medications.
- Flashlight, extra batteries, cell phone, scanner.
- Whistle, dust masks, towelettes, garbage bags, non-electric can opener, picnic supplies.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- Local maps, important documents, ID, cash and traveler’s checks.

Emergency Water Supply

The nearest public water spigots can be found at Ocean View Water Station, Wa’iōhinu Transfer Station, Wa’iōhinu Park, Mountain View Gym, Kurtistown Park.

Ka’ū Emergency Preparedness

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- Local maps, important documents, ID, cash and traveler’s checks.
- A 15 to 30 day supply of food and water for pets and livestock.
- Regular, household liquid chlorine bleach.

See more at www.hawaiicounty.gov/civil-defense
**PARKS & COMMUNITY CENTERS**

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Tūtū & Me is a no-cost early childhood educational program for keiki ages birth to five and their caregivers. Tūtū & Me provides quality tools, resources, materials and activities to encourage social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. Parents, tūtū, aunties and uncles are welcome to enroll with up to three children. We welcome families to stop in to experience Tūtū & Me on any Tuesday or Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m at Pāhala Community Center and Nä‘alehu Community Center on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Please call 929-8571 for more information.

www.pidfoundation.org
Churches of Kaʻū

Amazing Grace Baptist Church
of South Point........................................... 313-0344
Assembly of God, Nāʻālehu............................ 929-7278
Assembly of God, Volcano............................. 967-8191
Church of Christ, Ocean View....................... 928-0027
Evangelical Church, Ocean View..................... 939-9089
Hokuloa Church
(Henry Opukahaia Chapel), Punaluʻu
Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Pāhala........... 928-8208
Hongwanji Buddhist Mission, Nāʻālehu........... 936-7161

Iglesia Ni Cristo, Nāʻālehu........................... 929-9173
Jehovah’s Witnesses, Nāʻālehu...................... 929-7602
Kauahaʻao Church, Waiʻōhinu....................... 929-9997
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints,
Nāʻālehu..................................................... 929-7123
New Hope Christian Fellowship, Volcano........ 967-7129
Ocean View Baptist Church.............................. 430-8268
Pāhala Baptist Church.................................... 928-8240
River of Life Assembly of God, Pāhala........... 928-0608
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Nāʻālehu........... 928-8208

St. Jude’s Episcopal Church
Senior Warden Tom White
92-8606 Paradise Circle
P.O. Box 6026 Ocean View, HI 96737
Phone 939-7000

Tibetan Buddhist Temple, Wood Valley........ 928-8539
Thy Word Ministries - Kaʻū, Nāʻālehu.............. 936-9114
United Methodist Church, Nāʻālehu................. 929-9949
Exercise and Meditation

- Pāhala Pool Schedule: Rec Swim Daily 1:15-4 p.m., 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. weekends. Adult lap swim 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. daily; Water exercise 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m., Mon, Wed, Fri, 928-8177
- Age Group Volleyball, Mon 5 - 7 p.m., adult volleyball, Wed 5 - 7 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Community Center. Richard, 939-2510
- Iyengar and Yin Yoga, Mon/Wed/Fri, 10 – 11:30 a.m.; Ocean View Community Center. Mats and props provided. Stephanie, 937-7940
- Free Play Sports & Games, Mon – Fri, 1 – 4:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 – 12. Teresa, 929-9113
- Instructional Tennis, Mon – Thu, 3 p.m. until dark, Nā‘ālehu Community Center. Richard, 939-2510
- Track & Field Practice, Mon – Fri, 4 – 5 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 – 14. Teresa, 929-9113
- Basketball Instruction, Tue – Thu, 5 – 7 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Community Center. For ages 14 and above. Richard, 939-2510
- Afternoon Sports & Games, Mon – Fri, 1 – 5 p.m., Kahuku Park. Teresa, 929-9113
- Adult Walk for Fitness, Mon – Fri, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. Teresa, 929-9113
- Exercise for Energy, Mon/Wed, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. DVD instructions; bring your own band, ball and mat. Free w/donation of non-perishable food. Judy Knapp, 939-8149
- Zumba Fitness, Mon, Tue, Thu, 5:30 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m., New Hope Christian Fellowship in Volcano. Certified instructor Linda Fanene, 990-3835
- Zumba, Mon/Thu, 6 – 7 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Community Center. Certified Zumba instructor Erin Cole, 938-4037
Visiting the lookout to Halema‘umā‘u Crater to see the lava and glow at dusk is a favorite activity of Ka‘ū residents and visitors. Photo by Peter Anderson

- Aikido, Mon/Wed, 6 p.m., Old Pāhala Clubhouse. Alan Moores, 928-0919 or artbyalan2011@gmail.com
- Beginners Yoga, Mon, Wed, Fri Ocean View Community Center 10a.m. - 12 p.m. 929-7033
- Kempo Karate, Tue, Thu, Ocean View Communi Center, children 5p.m. - 6 p.m.; adults 6:30 - 8 p.m., beginning Feb. 19. Gordon Buck, 929-7033.
- Karate, Tue/Fri, 5:30 p.m., Pāhala Community Center, Pāhala Karate Dojo, Cliff Field, 333-1567
- Gentle Senior Yoga, Wed, 3 – 4 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Hongwanji. Senior price $10 for 10 sessions. Stephanie Peppers, 937-7940
- Meditation, Wed, 4 – 5 p.m. Nā‘ālehu Hongwanji. Velvet Replogle, 936-8989
- Beginners’ Yoga, Wed, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Volcano Art Center’s Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. $5. Rob Kennedy, 985-9151
- Hula Kahiko, Thu, 4 – 6 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. Kaʻū School of the Arts, 854-1540, 896-8472 or info@kauarts.org
- Western Line Dance Classes, Thu, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall.
- Beginning and Intermediate Yoga, call for times and dates 756-3183

**Weekly & Daily Activities**

- Volcano Farmers Market, Sun, 6 – 10 a.m., Cooper Center. Fruits and veggies, swap meet and more. EBT welcome.
- Ocean View Community Center computer lab, Mon – Fri, 8 a.m. – noon. Members $2/hour, non-members, $4/hr. 939-7033 for information on computer classes.
- Tūtū and Me Traveling Preschool, free classes Mon/Wed, Nā‘ālehu Community Center; Tue/Thu, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., Pāhala Community Center. 929-8571
- Niaulani Nature Walks, Mon, 9:30 a.m., Volcano Art Center’s Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. These one-hour nature walks travel through a portion of old-growth Hawaiian rain forest on an easy, 1/7-mile loop trail. Free (calabash donations welcome). 967-8222 or volcanoart-
center.org

- Pāhala Senior Center Lunch served Mon – Fri, 10:30 a.m. for everyone aged 60+. Julie, 928-3101
- Pahala Senior Center Activities & Social Events. Contact Julie for more information, 928-3101.
- Nā'ālehu Senior Nutrition Center (Hawai'i County Nutrition Program), Lunch served Mon – Fri, 10:45 a.m. for residents aged 60+, greater Nā'ālehu area. 939-2505
- Ocean View Nutrition Site and Senior Club hosts activities at St. Jude's Church on Mon/Wed/Fri from 8:30 a.m. and provides lunches 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for seniors 60+. Donations requested. On Thu, the program takes seniors to Kailua-Kona for doctors appointments, grocery shopping and to pick up prescriptions. Program closed Tue. Dick Hershberger, 989-4140
- Zhineng Qigong, Mon, 2 – 4 p.m., Cooper Center in Volcano Village. $10 suggested donation. alohachigong@gmail.com
- Kanikapila Jam Sessions, Mon, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Volcano Art Center’s Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. 967-8222
- Ka‘ū Community Chorus Rehearsals, Mon, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall; Ka‘ū School of the Arts, 854-1540 or info@kauarts.org
- Knit-Wits, Tue, 1 p.m. Ocean View Community Center.
- Ka‘ū Driver License Office, Tue/Wed by appointment. 854-7214
- Movie Matinee, Tue, 2:30 p.m., Nā’ālehu Public Library. Free, family-friendly movies for all ages plus free popcorn. 939-2442
- Computers for Dummies, Tue 6 p.m. Ocean View Community Center
Paniolo raised money for Ka‘ū High School’s Eight-man Football team, which won the 2014 Big Island Interscholastic Federation championship. Supporters bought pink Ka‘ū Trojan shirts, and the team hosted a food booth at the rodeo in Nā‘ālehu.  Photo by Kupono Palakiko /The Ka‘ū Calendar

- Ka‘ū Farmers Market, Wed, 8 a.m. – noon, Shaka’s Restaurant in Nā‘ālehu. Produce, Hawaiian, arts and crafts, fresh baked goods.
- Nā‘ālehu Market, Wed/Sat, 6:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Ace Hardware. Produce and locally made products.
- Community Bookstore, Wed, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Kauahaʻao Church in Wai‘ōhinu. 938-0411
  - Free ‘Ukulele, Slack Key and Steel Guitar classes, Wed, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Olson Trust Building in Pāhala; Fri, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Methodist Church. Keoki Kahu-moku. Call Tiffany at 938-6582 for details and to confirm.
  - Ka‘ū ‘Ohana Band Rehearsals, Fri, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Instruments provided; no experience necessary. Ka‘ū School of the Arts, 854-1540 or info@kauarts.org
  - Game Night, Wed, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. Lucy Walker, 929-7519
  - Ka Lae Quilters, Thu, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. 238-0505
  - VA Center for veterans, Thu, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Call David, 329-0574.
  - Desperately Seeking Serenity AFG meeting, Thu, 5 p.m., St. Jude’s Episcopal Church in
Ocean View. Carolyn, 747-2624

- Art Fridays, 1 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 – 12. Teresa, 929-9113
- Women, Infant, Children Services, Fri (except holidays) at various locations. 965-3030 or 934-3209
- Aloha Fridays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery porch at Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park. Variable hula art offerings. Everyone welcome. Free; donations welcome; park entrance fees apply.
- Live Entertainment at Hana Hou Restaurant, Fri, 5:30 p.m. in Nā‘ālehu. 929-9717
- Live Music Fridays at South Side Shaka, Nā‘ālehu. 929-7404
- Live Music at Gilligan’s, Discovery Harbour, Fridays and Saturdays 4:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- Ocean View Farmers Market, Sat, 7 a.m. – noon, Pōhue Plaza.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meetings: One Day at a Time Group, Sat, 6:30 p.m., Cooper Center; Friday Night BBQ Meeting, Fri, 5 p.m., Wai‘ōhinu (929 -7674); Happy, Joyous and Free Group, Mon/Thu, 7 p.m. and Sat, 5 p.m., St. Jude’s in Ocean View. West Hawai‘i Intergroup, 329-1212 or the Hilo office, 961-6133
KAʻŪ REGIONAL ANNUAL EVENTS

Keiki Fishing Tournament, Sat, Jan 24, Punalu’u Beach Park. 937-4773

Mardi Gras, Fri, Feb 13, St. Jude’s Church in Ocean View with 6 p.m. dinner. 939-7000

Ka’ū Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Essay, Deadline - April 1. The application is on line at www.kauchamber.org. Students, of all ages from Kaʻū, or who live in Kaʻū, who are college bound this year, already going to college or other secondary education, are eligible.

Mongolian Barbecues, Sat, Apr 18 and Oct 10, Cooper Center in Volcano Village. Chefs work up your choice of ingredients over an open flame. Linda Ugalde 936-9705.

Easter Services, Sun, Apr 5 throughout Kaʻū.

Pa’ina Open House Kickoff Celebration For Ka’u Coffee Festival, Fri, April 24, Pāhala Plantation House 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Co-sponsored by Ka’ū Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Ka’ū Coffee Pageant - Saturday, April 25 at 5 p.m. Call Pageant Chair Gloria Camba at 928-8558.

Triple C Recipe Contest - Sunday, April 26 at Ka’ū Coffee Mill at 2 p.m. Enjoy culinary treats using Ka’ū Coffee as an ingredient. Free entry and tasting for the public. Live entertainment. See kaucoffeemill.com or call 928-0550.

Ka’ū Mountain Water System Hike – Wednesday, April 29 at 9 a.m. starting at Ka’ū Coffee Mill. Reservations required. See kaucoffeemill.com or call 928-0550.

Coffee & Cattle Day – Friday, May 1 at 10 a.m. on the ‘Aikane Plantation Coffee Farm. Call 808-927-2252 for reservations.

Ka’ū Star Gazing at Makanau Mountain – Friday, May 1, 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. See kaucoffeemill.com or call 928-0550.

Ka’ū Coffee Festival Ho’olaule’a – Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m – 5 p.m. at Pāhala Community Center. Enjoy a free, full day of music, hula, Ka’ū Coffee Tasting, educational displays and demonstrations, food, arts, crafts, vendors and a keiki corner. Enjoy live entertainment. For more information, call Chris Manfredi at 929-9550

Ka’ū Coffee Experience - Saturday, May 2, 9:30 a.m - noon, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Sample Ka’ū Coffees prepared using a wide variety of techniques, served by expert baristas.

Farm & Mill Tours - Saturday, May 2, Various times, $20. See kaucoffeefest.com for more information.

Ka’ū Coffee College - Sunday May 3, 9 a.m. at Pāhala Community Center. Educational series featuring researchers and industry professionals. Free for farmers. Call Chris Manfredi at 929-9550

Cinco de Mayo Dinner, Fri, May 8, St. Jude’s Church in Ocean View with 6 p.m. dinner. 939-7000

Mother’s Day, Sun, May 10. Special dinners throughout Ka’ū.

Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park BioBlitzCultural Festival, Fri and Sat, May 15-16. Co-sponsored by National Geographic. 985-6011 or nps.gov/havo

Memorial Day Ceremony, Mon, May 25, Kīlauea Military Camp in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park

Father’s Day, Sun, June 21. Special dinners throughout Ka’ū.

Science Camps of America, June 29 - July 17, provides scholarships for Ka‘u teens to immerse
Friends of Kaʻu Libraries raise funds at Kaʻu Plantation Days in Pāhala and Kauahaʻao Congregational Church Bazaar in Waiʻōhinu.

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Kaʻu Public Schools’ 2015 Calendar

Second Semester 2014-2015 School Year:
• Jan. 1, New Year’s Day
• Jan. 9, Teachers Workday
• Jan. 12, Students return from Winter Break
• Jan. 19, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
• Feb. 16, Presidents Day
• Mar. 16 – 20, Spring Break
• May 22, Class of 2015 Graduates from Kaʻu High
• June 3, Student’s last day of school

First Semester 2015 – 2016 School Year:
• July 29, First Day for Students
• Aug. 21, Statehood Day
• Sept. 7, Labor Day
• Oct. 5 – 9, Fall Intercession
• Nov. 11, Veterans Day
• Nov. 26, Thanksgiving
• Dec. 21 Christmas Day – Through End of 2015
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Maile Medeiros David won a two-year term in November of 2014, to serve South Kona, Kaʻū and Volcano on the Hawaiʻi County Council.

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Ka‘ū Trojans Win 8-Man Football Championship

Ka‘ū High School Trojans are inaugural champions in Big Island Interscholastic Federation eight-man football. The team finished the 2014 season with six wins and one pre-season loss.

Ka‘ū High originated the idea of eight-man football on the Big Island in 2013 and played Moloka‘i High and Seabury Hall on Maui and several Big Island Schools. In 2014 enough on-island interest led to BIIF championship competition.

Ka‘ū beat Kohala in the final game, 62-36, with Kupono Palakiko-Leffew, Emmsley-Ah Yee Kinalu Ke and Kaimanu Medeiros-Dancel and Jordan DeRamos scoring.

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Miss Kaʻū Coffee 2014, Amery Silva, in her backpack and coffee bag work clothes, with the first and second princesses also honoring the hard work of the Kaʻū Coffee farmers. Photo by Julia Neal/the Kaʻū Calendar
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South Point windmills at sunset. Photo by Peter Anderson

South Point sunset on the cliffs by the fishermen hoist. Photo by Peter Anderson
France Awards Kaʻū 442nd Vets Chevalier of the Legion of Honor

Chevalier of the Legion of Honor is the title bestowed on Kaʻū residents Tokuichi Nakano and Iwao Yonemitsu by the French Republic. The Consul General representing France wrote to them saying, “I avail myself of this opportunity to reaffirm France’s gratitude for the contribution in the liberation of our country.” An awards ceremony was held in January 2015.

Both Nakano and Yonemitsu previously received Congressional Gold Medals for their volunteer service in World War II in the famed 442nd Battalion, comprised of Japanese American soldiers.

In his collection of photos and documents on his military career, Nakano displays a quote from former Pres. Bill Clinton saying, “We are diminished when any American is targeted unfairly because of his or her heritage.”

While Nakano and Yonemitsu joined the U.S. military and were sent to Europe while the U.S. was at war with Japan, many others of Japanese heritage were sent to internment camps. Nakano, who is now 95, signed up when he was 23. Yonemitsu, who is now 92, signed up when he was 20. They both live with their wives in Nāʻālehu and had long careers in the sugar industry.
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Ka‘ū Coffees Cup Well in State Competition

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Chamber's Top Essay: Smile in The Face of Fear

The following is the winning essay in the Ka‘u Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Essay Contest 2014. See story on Page 4.

by Tiare-Lee Shibuya

I could smell hand sanitizer and a minced smell of coffee. The air was very still with a musty fringe. This was definitely in a hospital, and I was in the waiting room. As I look around, I see many faces of despair, sorrow and wariness.

I sit patiently awaiting the news of my grandfather with a serious, concerned face. I have contemplated over and over in my mind of what the different scenarios could be, but I didn’t see this one coming. My grandfather Clarence Abraham Andrade has just been diagnosed with lung cancer said to be the size of an orange. I was completely speechless, and my tear ducts filled.

Cautiously, we make sure to smile and show no concern of death in our faces as I greet my grandfather in the hospital bed. My family and I sat listening to his minimal options he had and watch as he decides what he wants to do. He decides that life is not over for him yet and he wants to fight this cancer away. So in a span of two years, he fought his hardest with all his might and never complained of any pain. We all right there standing next to him every step of the way. We would take him to his radiation chemotherapy and he would be the guy making jokes about the chemo not affecting his hair because he was already bald. This is the exact moment where I knew exactly what I wanted to do and how I wanted to do it and where I wanted to do it.

Consequently, my goal was to always be a Registered Nurse and graduate with my BSN degree. Now, I can say I want to be an Oncology RN and eventually expand the Ka‘u Hospital branch to have its own oncology department. Just take a second and think of all the possibilities and the many lives that can be saved. According to the Cancer Journal for Clinicians in 2014 there have been 1,340,400 deaths from cancer this year, and we are only in April. I could help so many families in the district I love called Ka‘u. It would be the only way I feel accomplished by having and supporting the district’s needs health wise.

Similarly, I would be able to relate to the patients on a deeper level because I have been there. I have not personally experienced cancer, but I have been a family member to experience it four times. My grandfather had lung cancer, and his wife had a tumor in her breast. My other grandparents, my grandfather had kidney cancer, and my grandmother had colon cancer. I know that the family would want the best available help, and I would be right there by their side coaching them on what to expect but also keeping that hope alive because a cancer patient wants their family and to be loved during this tragic time.

Finally, I would like to be a registered nurse and help my community have the strongest oncology system it could have. There are many lives to be saved, and I feel that I was set here to help cancer patients. I will provide the best service and a caring support system. I would like to bring smiles in the face of fear for all those people. It would be such an honor to devote myself to my community and to keep everyone healthy.

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More than 1.5 million visitors explore the park each year on 60 miles of scenic roadways and 120 miles of marked trails. They backpack, bicycle, and join rangers on guided walks. For people in wheelchairs, there are accessible campsites and trails. Lace up your hiking boots and venture through tropical rain forests and sulfur venting craters. The forests are alive with the sounds of Hawaiian birds and crickets. Happyface spiders nestle in silken threads, and white-tailed tropic birds ride the updrafts in steep walled craters. The park’s lunar-like landscape was a training ground for NASA astronauts in the early 1960s. Park rangers enable visitors to get as close as safely possible to flowing lava. They mark trails and put up signs to help keep lava watchers safe. Where else does one stand on the edge of creation? Where else does earth’s fiery glow warm the hearts of those who linger?

In 2003, the park grew by 116,000 acres with the addition of Kahuku, a sprawling natural wonder of lava flows, koa / `öhi`a forests, and ancient archeological sites. Kahuku shelters rare and endangered bird and plant species, including `äkepa, `akiapölä`au, and the spectacular Ka`ü silversword. Atop its lava flows are archeological sites—trails, ahu, and religious features—remnants of Hawaiian culture that date back 700 years.

This year, the park celebrated the reopening of the newly renovated Kilauea Visitor Center, the number one visitor center attraction on the island of Hawai`i. There are exhibits on island formation, ecosystems from sea to summit, and the sights and sounds of the rain forest. Interwoven throughout are the mana`o (wisdom) and mo`olelo (stories) of Hawai`i’s first people.

The park’s new award-winning film, Born of Fire, Born of the Sea, is shown on the hour, 9 am to 4 pm, at the Kilauea Visitor Center. It celebrates high lava fountains and fast-moving flows; the arrival of life by wing, wind, and wave; and Hawaiian chant and dance. Born of Fire, Born of the Sea is our “aloha, e komo mai,” it is our welcome to a world of everlasting wonder, a world that awaits your discovery.

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Two area projects won endorsements at Kaʻū Chamber of Commerce’s annual meeting held in December at Gilligan’s Cafe in Discovery Harbour. One is funding of a second potable water well in Ocean View, which would allow business expansion and a school. The second is endorsement of a zoning variance that would allow for the Heritage Center of Kaʻū, which would be constructed on a 15-acre dry land forest makai of Highway 11 that would serve as a gateway visitor center on the Kona side of Ocean View.

Like much of Ocean View, including most house lots and business locations, the zoning where Hoʻomalū Kaʻū would build the Heritage Center of Kaʻū is Agriculture.

Lehua Lopez Mau made the call for Chamber endorsement of the zoning variance and also asked for community donations to the nonprofit Hōomalū group, which is accepting funding, as well as artifacts, maps and documents that would be archived at the Heritage Center of Kaʻū. She said that biological and archaeological surveys have been completed for the land adjacent to Manukā Natural Area Reserve and mauka of South Kona Wilderness Area. The Chamber voted to support the variance by the county Planning Commission and Planning Department to allow structures and parking.

A second potable water well plan was presented by Chamber board member Rell Woodward. He said Ocean View Community Development Corp. and a community committee are soliciting support for the state release of $725,000 that was approved by the Legislature. The proposal calls for release of the funding directly to the county Department of Water Supply, which could oversee the project and cut through red tape for a more timely completion.

According to OVCDC and the community committee, water would help support the planned Kaʻū Learning Academy and other possible schools, the existing commercial area and proposed Lehua Court. It would support firefighting, dilution of high salt content in the current well and irrigation of the county Kahuku Park.
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Paul Makuakane and grandson Nicolai at the
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A Haven for Hawksbills

Hawksbill turtles are born along the Ka‘ū Coast and receive protection from volunteers who watch over the nests until the hatchlings make their way to the ocean. Hawksbills are listed on the Endangered Species list. These keiki were born at Punalu‘u late in 2014 and school children, volunteers with the Hawksbill Turtle Project and onlookers watched them scurry across the black sand beach to their ocean home.

*Photos by David Berry*
Kaʻu Plantation Days, Sat, Oct. 17, sponsored by the Kaʻu Multicultural Society. Features a parade on the streets of Pāhala and a gathering at Pāhala Plantation Manager’s House celebrating the many ethnic groups who make up the community, through immigration during sugar plantation days. Food, music, displays, education. Contact Darlyne Vierra, 640-8740.


Veterans Day Ceremony, Tue, Nov 11, Kilauea Military Camp in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park.

Christmas In The Country, Opens Sat, Nov 21 and Sun, Nov. 22. Daily into the New Year, Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. 967-8222

Thanksgiving Dinner, Thu, Nov. 26, Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

27th Annual Volcano Village Artists Hui Studio Show & Sale, Thanksgiving weekend, Fri, Nov 27 – Sun, Nov 29 at studios in the village. volcanovillageartistshui.com

14th Annual Invitational Wreath Exhibit, daily Sat, Nov 14 - Sun, Jan 3, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. volcanoartcenter.org or 967-7565

Pāhala Christmas Parade. Sun, Dec. 13, 1 p.m. starting at the old Pāhala Armory at the corner of Pikake and Pakalana Streets. Community organizations, classic cars, marching groups. Organizer Eddie Andrade invites all participants and parade-goers to enjoy refreshments after the parade at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Parade includes Santa and his sleigh and many community groups who weave through the town and stop to wish Happy Holidays to long-term residents of Kaʻu Hospital. Call Andrade at 928-0808.

Hana Hou Restaurant’s Annual Keiki Christmas Party, TBA, Nāʻālehu.
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Waterfalls above Hwy 11 were in full force during heavy rains in 2014.  

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Kaʻū Chamber of Commerce Offers Scholarships to Kaʻū for Continuing Education

The Kaʻū Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the deadline for The Ken Wicks Kaʻū Chamber of Commerce Scholarship is April 1, 2015. High school seniors and adults seeking to re-enter the educational system are encouraged to apply. Applicants are asked to write an essay about how their educational experience will benefit Kaʻū. Preference will be given to those who intend to remain in or return to Kaʻū and live there. Scholarship money can be used for all college and vocational training and will range from $250-$1,000. Please visit our web site at http://kauchamber.org to download the application form. Call Lee McIntosh at 929-9872 with any questions.

Scholarship Essay, cont. from pg. 6

Hawai‘i graduate of 2012. Her parents are Zenaida and Leslie Andrade, and she is a returning scholar.

Chazlyn Fuerte Castaneda, of Nā‘ālehu, is a Kaʻū High School graduate. Her parent is Aurea Fuerte. She attends University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

Benjamin Houghton, from Ocean View, is advancing his musical education and is a returning scholar.

Kamrie Koi, of Nāʻālehu, is a Kaʻū High School graduate and co-valedictorian. Her parents are Rorie Koi and Michelle Ortega. She attends University of Hawai‘i at Hilo and plans to go to law school.

Anjulie Larson, of Ocean View, attends University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. She is a Kaʻū High School graduate of 2011.

Jennifer Kauʻi Losalio, of Ocean View, is a student at University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. She is a Konawaena High School graduate, 2005.

Marley Strand-Nicolaisen, of Nā‘ālehu, is a University of Hawai‘i at Hilo student and Kaʻū High School graduate, 2013. Her parents are Laurie Strand and Robert Nicolaisen, and she is a returning scholar.

Maria Miranda, of Nā‘ālehu, is a University of Hawai‘i at Hilo and Hawai‘i Community College student. She is a Safe Haven Christian Coop graduate, 2012.

Siena Okimoto, of Nā‘ālehu, is a Kaʻū High School graduate. Her parents are Malcolm and Sheilah Okimoto. She attends University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

The scholarships were presented by Chamber Scholarship Chair Lee McIntosh and Chamber President Dallas Decker at a gathering at Pāhala Plantation House.

Decker said that the Chamber encourages students to submit essays year after year to earn continued support until their higher education goals are met.
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