

Who will be the Next Miss Ka'ū Coffee Queen?

Four young Ka'ū women are hoping to earn the title of Miss Ka'ū Coffee on Sunday, April 26 at Pāhala Community Center at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and available from contenders and their families.

All candidates are from families deeply embedded in the Ka'ū Coffee industry. In alphabetical order:

Joyce Anne Ibasan was born on Jan. 26, 1994 in Dagupan, the Philippines. She is the daughter of Orlando Ibasan and Jocelyn Tamayo, of Pāhala. The 21-year-old is a 2012 graduate of Ka'ū High School. Ibasan graduates this spring with an Associate of Arts degree in administration of justice from Hawai'i Community College and plans to transfer to University of Hawai'i in Hilo to major in criminal justice.

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Joyce Anne Ibasan



Maria Miranda



Louise Vivien Santos



Jennifer Tabios

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The lava lake within Halema'uma'u Crater at the summit of Kīlauea.

Photo from HVO

Kīlauea's Summit Eruption: Heat, Health & Vog

With the seventh anniversary of Kīlauea's summit eruption at Halema'uma'u, Hawaiian Volcano Observatory released a history in March in its

regular report called *Volcano Watch*.

"While Kīlauea Volcano's East Rift Zone eruption at Pu'u 'Ō'ō has been making headlines with the June 27 lava flow (that

pushes into Puna) and its hazards, Kīlauea's summit eruption within Halema'uma'u Crater has steadily continued in the absence of

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Ka'ū Royal Hawaiian Coffee & Tea, LLC has announced long-range plans for the 1,600 acres it recently purchased in Nā'ālehu. Project Manager Louis Leong said the hui is grateful for being welcomed into the community of Nā'ālehu and looks forward to helping to contribute to Ka'ū's economic growth and support of Ka'ū's small farms and small businesses. "We hope to enhance the success of the nearly two decades of work by Ka'ū Coffee farmers who have built a new economy after the closing of Ka'ū's sugar industry. We also envision a complementary Ka'ū Tea industry becoming as successful," he said, noting that other crops are also being

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Residents Encouraged to Speak Out on Ka'ū Development Plan

The draft Ka'ū Community Development Plan was made available at the end of March for public review by community members and other stakeholders. The draft includes revisions recommended by Ka'ū CDP Steering Committee.

"None of the CDP strategies are set in stone," said project planner Ron Whitmore. Comments and feedback are welcome through June 1.

Informal drop-in listening sessions called speak-outs are scheduled through-

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Updated Ka'ū Enterprise Zone to Give Tax Breaks

Ka'ū Enterprise Zone state tax benefits are available to more small farms and manufacturers, not just larger companies, according to Jane Horike, of the county Department of Research & Development. Companies that have benefited from state tax savings in Ka'ū in recent years include Royal Hawaiian Orchards and its predecessor ML Macadamia,

which farms thousands of acres of macadamia and does some of its processing locally. Olson Trust, with its Ka'ū Farm & Management, Ka'ū Coffee Mill and coffee farm, as well as thousands of acres in macadamia and ranching, has also applied for state tax relief, as has Tawhiri Power windmill farm, Horike

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Planning Commission OK's Charter School at Clubhouse

Ka'ū Learning Academy won unanimous approval of the county Windward Planning Commission in March to open the state-approved charter school at Discovery

Harbour Clubhouse on July 29 for the 2015-2016 school year. At the Planning Commission meeting, founder Kathryn Tydlacka told commissioners the academy plans to use the



Ranches and wind farms are eligible to take part in the Ka'ū Enterprise Zone.

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golf course clubhouse for three years and would then move to Lehua Court in Ocean View. She said two other sites, one in Dis-

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considered.

"We may lease some of the farmland to local farmers that fit into our overall plans. We will announce more details on this subject in the near future," Leong said. He also announced that Ka'ū Royal Hawaiian Coffee & Tea has engaged Elite Agri Services of Nā'ālehu as the local representative. Tyler Johansen, of Elite Agri

Services, can be reached at 808-938-3230.

Leong said that plans not only include expanding coffee and adding tea and other agriculture, but also building a coffee mill, tea processing establishment and visitor center along Hwy 11. The property is located on the mauka side of Nā'ālehu in the area behind Ace Hardware and extends into the hills and along Hwy 11 on the Wai'ōhinu side of the village.

Leong said that through "responsible and sensitive management of 1,600 acres at Nā'ālehu, 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 Nā'ālehu as an integral part of the economy."

The company's first community donation was to support the Ka'ū Chamber
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Coffee, tea, ranching and other agriculture planned for 1,600 acres above Nā'ālehu.

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Honu'apo Hillside Back on the Market

The hillside south of Honu'apo lookout and some four miles of land above the coastline are up for sale again. The 1,363 acres are listed by Hawai'i Pacific Brokers for \$11.5 million. The listing describes the land:

"Located between Whittington Beach Park and Nā'ālehu Village, the Kaunamano Ranch offers approximately four miles



Kaunamano Ranch includes almost four miles of ocean frontage.

of ocean frontage including a small rocky beach. Incredible ocean sunrise and coastal views all the way to Volcano National Park. Property currently provides excellent pasture for livestock. The ranch consists of nine separate Lots of Record, has subdivision potential and County Water commitments."

Ka 'Ohana O Honu'apo, which partners with the county in managing the public park adjacent to the parcel, has been working to

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National Park & Friends Win Award for Public Land Partners

Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, in March, received the Association of Partners for Public Lands 2015 Partnership Award for Public Lands Partners.

According to APPL, the Public Lands Partners Award recognizes "an exemplary partnership for a stunning achievement to protect and preserve our public lands and

enhance the experiences of their visitors and users." The award is presented in tandem to both the nonprofit and agency partners for their shared achievements.

"We rely on the support of our Friends group, which is vital to the success of many park programs, including the Youth Ranger Internship Program, now in its sixth year, and the upcoming BioBlitz and Biodiversity & Cultural Festival in May," said Park Superintendent Cindy Orlando. "It is wonderful to be recognized for such a positive and essential partnership," she said.

Because of the partnership, nearly 140 high school students in Ka'ū and Puna have landed paid internships in the park since 2010, and thousands of island residents, visitors and schoolchildren will be able to participate with scientists in discovering the unique biodiversity of the park.

The organization's mission is to support the park in protection, preservation and interpretation of natural and cultural resources for the enjoyment of current and future generations. It has raised more than \$700,000 for the national park since 2009.

"We are honored to share this award with Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park," said Elizabeth Fien, Executive Director of FHVNP. "We have a very collaborative partnership that exemplifies the way nonprofits should work with public land agencies."

The APPL Partnership Awards celebrate the best in public lands partnerships, recognizing individuals, organizations, pub-



Youth Ranger Fernando Ramangmou trains for search and rescue missions through a program with funds raised by Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

NPS photo by David Boyle



Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park operates the Youth Ranger Program in conjunction with the park. The two entities won the 2015 Partnership Award for Public Lands Partners.

Photo by Jesse Tunison

lications, products, programs and services that embody leading edge achievements in the preservation of public lands and the enrichment of visitors.

For over 35 years, APPL has served as the national voice for nonprofit public lands

partners and has strengthened its membership through education, information sharing and representation. Its membership is comprised of nonprofit organizations whose missions embrace a vibrant future for the nation's natural and cultural heritage.

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out the district. They are organized as open houses where residents can find visual displays about parts of the CDP they are interested in, discuss CDP strategies with people familiar with the plan and provide feedback. Listeners and recorders will be on hand to document comments. There will not be any presentations or formal testimony at the speak-outs.

Four identical speak-outs are scheduled. Two on Saturday, April 11 are from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Nā'ālehu Community Center and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Ocean View Community Center. On Sunday, April 19, residents can attend from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Pāhala Community Center and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Discovery Harbour Community Center.

Residents can also submit feedback online or in writing by email, fax, or mail.

For community organizations wishing to offer feedback, Whitmore suggests having comments officially recorded in meeting minutes and submitted in writing to Ka'ū CDP Steering Committee, c/o Planning Department, 101 Pauahi Street, Suite 3, Hilo, HI 96720.

According to Whitmore, the CDP is intended to direct future conservation and development patterns; protect and enhance natural and cultural resources; strengthen infrastructure, facilities and services; and build a resilient, sustainable local economy.

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of Commerce scholarship fund and *The Directory*.

Leong is vice president of HPL Development, of San Mateo, CA, a partner in Island Paradise Investments, which is building a \$75 million-plus, 17-story senior

The CDP will become a county policy document when adopted by County Council. It also guides state and federal agencies as well as community-based action.


Copies will be available at www.kaucdp.info, with review reference copies at local libraries and community centers as well as the Hilo and Kona Planning Department offices. Two versions of the CDP will be available: a shorter "clean" copy and a longer version that includes brief explanations for each CDP strategy. The CDP includes an executive summary and a more detailed introductory section.

The CDP Planning Team is available to discuss specific topics or sections of the document. On May 9 at Nā'ālehu Community Center, discussions will focus on agriculture at 9 a.m. and coastal management at 1 p.m. Contact Whitmore to schedule a discussion about another topic at 961-8137 or ron.whitmore@hawaiiicounty.gov.





The Steering Committee will review all feedback and make final decisions about revisions before recommending that the county adopt the CDP. As always, committee meetings are open to the community, and public testimony on agenda items is welcome.

Whitmore said he, Steering Committee members and Community Planning Assistant Nālani Parlin are happy to answer any questions. Contact information is available at www.kaucdp.info.

housing building in the Ala Moana district on Kalakaua Ave. near the convention center. Called Kalakaua Gardens, it is expected to provide 46 skilled nursing beds, 106 units for assisted living and 32 "memory care" units. The project on O'ahu could be completed by 2016.



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Win \$1,000 at Ka'ū Coffee Fest: Buy Local, It Matters

Businesses are lining up, and area residents starting to visit them for the Buy Local, It Matters cross-promotion sponsored by Ka'ū Coffee Festival and the state Department of Agriculture. Visit kaucoffeefest.com to see updates on where to collect receipts and business cards for the drawing during the May 2 Ka'ū Coffee Festival Ho'olaule'a at Pāhala Community Center. Visiting as many local businesses as possible between now and the ho'olaule'a increases chances to win the Buy Local It Matters \$1,000 award at the festival. Winner must be present at time of drawing to collect the prize.

Among participating companies are Aikane Plantation Coffee Co., Ali'i Hawaiian Hula Hands (Punalu'u Bake Shop), BEI, Big Island Candies, Crop Production Services, Hana Hou Restaurant, Hawai'i Coffee Association, Hawai'i Coffee Co., Isla Custom Coffees, GreenPoint Nurseries, Ka'ū Coffee Mill, Ka'ū Farm and Ranch Co., Ka'ū Local Products, Ka'ū Royal Coffee (R&G Store



Krystalynn Gascon won the \$1,000 Buy Local, It Matters drawing sponsored by state Department of Agriculture and Ka'ū Coffee Festival in 2014. The campaign is renewed for 2015, leading up to the May 2 ho'olaule'a at Pāhala Community Center. For more on this and other Ka'ū Coffee Fest events, see kaucoffeefest.com.
Photo by Julia Neal

in Pāhala), Ka'ū Royal Hawaiian Coffee & Tea, Kona Transportation, Moon & Turtle Cafe, OK Farms, Orchid Island Auto Center, Pacific Quest, Pāhala Plantation Cottages, ProVision Solar, Inc., Punalu'u Bake Shop, Rusty's Hawaiian Coffee (Nā'ālehu and Kino'ole Farmers Markets), Sustainable Island Products, Wiki-Wiki Mart and xpedx.

Buy Local, It Matters campaign aims to encourage residents to support Hawai'i businesses. It particularly focuses on agriculture, encouraging conscious decisions to purchase locally grown farm products. The campaign was created by University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Hawai'i Farm Bureau Federation and Hawai'i Department of Agriculture. As a community service, Hawai'i Medical Service Association sponsors printing a Buy Fresh – Buy Local Seasonality Chart on availability of local produce.

See frequent updates and map at kaucoffeefest.com.

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She works fulltime at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. She completed two high school Youth Ranger internships with the interpretation and eruption crew/protection division of HVNP and is in the park's Pathway Program as a fee collector. Ibasan is a fulltime student and fulltime employee. Some of her family members recently started a Ka'ū Coffee farm above Wood Valley Road. Her talents are singing and dancing.

Maria Caroline Miranda was born on June 4, 1992 in the California agricultural town of Visalia in the San Joaquin Valley. She is the daughter of award-winning coffee farmers Jose and Berta Miranda, of Discovery Harbour. The 22-year-old graduated from high school through Safe

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purchase the section closest to Honu'apo and Whittington Beach Park through the county's Two Percent funding set aside through property tax revenues and additional funding from other sources.

Alexandra Kelepolo, of Hawai'i County Finance Department's Property Management Division, said she sent a letter to Charlie Anderson, who represents owner E.W. Moody, saying the county is no longer pursuing the purchase at Honu'apo in the near future. Instead, it is concentrating on buying 3,000 acres along the coast, makai of Hawaiian Ocean View Estates. She said that the Honu'apo property remains on the list and could be purchased in the

Haven Christian Co-op in 2012. She has completed an Associate of Arts degree and studies nursing at University of Hawai'i at Hilo. At Hawai'i Community College, Miranda interned as a laboratory assistant. She is a Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce scholarship winner. She volunteers at Ka'ū Hospital, visiting residential patients, some with no family. Miranda works in her family Ka'ū Coffee business, from picking to processing and marketing. She is developing a Sunday school program for Amazing Grace Baptist Church of South Point. Her talent is playing piano and singing.

Louise Vivien Santos was born on Dec. 2, 1994 in Ilocos Norte in the Philippines. She is daughter of Arnel and Amelita Santos, of Pāhala, her father a schoolteacher and mother an employee of a macada-

future either in its entirety or a portion of it.

Anderson said the owner of the property is hoping that the community could rally to find funding to preserve it. The parcel closest to Honu'apo is 700 acres, he said.

The county has been working with Trust for Public Lands to partner with private, state and federal entities to preserve land in Ka'ū.

mia orchard. Her aunt Anabelle Orcino is a Ka'ū Coffee farmer, and Santos helps with the business. The 20-year-old graduated from Ka'ū High School in 2013. Santos also graduated from high school with honors in the Philippines. She is a Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce scholarship winner who studies in the nursing program at University of Hawai'i at Hilo. She aspires to become a nurse at Ka'ū Hospital. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Interact Club and Akamai Finance Academy and has interned with the international Longshore & Warehouse Union. She has tutored at Pāhala and Nā'ālehu schools, won statewide awards for science and engineering projects and speaks several languages. Her talent is playing the violin.

Jennifer Flores Tabios was born Jan. 11, 1997 on the Big Island. She is the daughter of William and Grace Tabios, of Nā'ālehu. The 18-year-old is a senior at Ka'ū High School. She serves as vice president of the student body and is a member of National Honor Society and the Interact Club. She has earned one of the highest grade-point averages in her class. At the 2015 Science and Engineering Fair at 'Imiloa, she won best proj-

ect for astronomy and earned the Galileo Award for her experiment on surface tension. She works with her family's The Rising Sun Ka'ū Coffee, which has taken top awards at the international Specialty Coffee Association of America competition. She also works with the Will & Grace store in Nā'ālehu. Upon graduation, Tabios will attend St. John's University in New York. She aspires to be a neurosurgeon. Her talent is singing and playing 'ukulele.

To purchase tickets for the pageant, contact any of the contestants: Joyce Ibasan: joyce_ibasan@yahoo.com; Maria Miranda: (808) 936-3362, island-Gurl15@ymail.com; Vivien Louise Santos: (808)769-1039, louiseviviensantos@gmail.com; Jennifer Tabios: jennifer.tabios@kauh.k12.hi.us, (808) 634-6377, or contact Grace Tabios at Will & Grace Variety Store, (808) 557-4441.

The pageant candidates are also competing for Miss Popularity which is a part of their tallied pageant score, along with their talent, evening wear and speech scores. Each \$1 donation collected by a candidate goes toward advancing her to become the next Miss Ka'ū Coffee.

CALENDAR

April 2015

Kuku Kapa, daily through Sun, April 19, Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Micah Kamohoali'i presents kapa creations.

Stewardship at the Summit, Thu, April 2; Sat, April 11; Fri, April 17 & 24; 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Volunteers meet at Kīlauea Visitor Center to help remove invasive Himalayan ginger from park trails. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Ocean View Neighborhood Watch meeting, Thu, April 2, 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center.

Lawful Hawaiian Government Meeting, Sat, April 4, Miloli'i. Naliko Kahoali'i Markel, Minister of Interior of The Lawful Hawaiian Government, discusses the movement. 238-0428

Pu'u o Lokuana, Sat, April 4, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Kahuku unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants learn about formation and various uses of this grassy cinder cone and enjoy a breathtaking view of lower Ka'ū on this moderately difficult 0.4-mile hike to the top.

Ham Radio Operators Potluck Picnic, Sun, April 5, Manukā Park. All American Radio Emergency Service members and anyone interested in learning how to operate a ham radio and families are invited to attend. Dennis Smith, 989-3028

Easter Brunch, Sunday, April 5, 7:30 – 11:30 a.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Beef pot roast with gravy, honey-glazed ham, omelet station, sweet bread French toast, ice cream sundae bar, beverages and more. Adults \$16.75, children 6 – 11 \$8.50. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8371

Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 5, 9 a.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's 'Ōhi'a Room in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Children 10 and under pre-register at 967-8352. Sunday registration 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply.

'Ohe Hano Ihu, Tue, April 7, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Rangers share their knowledge and love of the traditional art of musical bamboo nose flutes. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Mongolian BBQ, Tue, April 7, 5 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Choose from an array of veggies and proteins for chefs to wok up. \$.85 per ounce. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8356

After Dark in the Park: Halema'uma'u Happenings, Tue, April 7, 7 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory geologist Matt Patrick presents an update on Kīlauea's summit eruption, including an overview of volcanic processes occurring within the vent. Free; park entrance fees apply. \$2 donations support future programs.

Lā'au Lapa'au: Medicinal Plants, Wed, April 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Ka'ohu Monfort shares her knowledge and love of native plants used by Hawaiians to nourish and heal. Participants see and touch a variety of medicinal plants.

'Ohe Kāpala Demonstration, Thu, April 9, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Staff from Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association share the traditional art of bamboo stamping. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Ka'ū Scenic Byway Committee Meeting, Thu, April 9, 5 p.m., Nā'ālehu Methodist Church. Public invited. richmorrow@alohabroadband.net

Red Cross Volunteer meeting, Thu, April 9, 7 p.m., HOVE Road Maintenance Corp. office. For volunteers and those interested in becoming volunteers. Hannah Uribes, 929-9953

Lei Making, Fri, April 10, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Patti Kaula demonstrates a variety of traditional lei-making techniques

Ka'ū Draft CDP Speak-Outs, Sat, April 11, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center; 3 – 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Ka'ū residents view visual displays about the CDP, discuss strategies with people familiar with it and provide feedback. See below for more speak-outs. ron.whitmore@hawaiicounty.gov or 961-8137

Ten Days of Ka'ū Coffee Fest

Ka'ū Coffee Fest offers ten days of events sponsored by Ka'ū Coffee Farmers Cooperative, local farmers, ranchers, coffee millers, and many community members. Sponsors also include the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, County of Hawai'i, and Buy Local, It Matters. See kaucoffeefest.com. Here is the schedule:



Ka'ū Coffee Fest Pa'ina Kickoff, Scholarship Fundraiser, Friday, April 24, Pāhala Plantation House. Jr. Volcano Choy Jazz, Keoki Kahumoku Hawaiian music, Meet Miss Ka'ū Coffee contenders. Co-sponsored by Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce. 928-9811.

Miss Ka'ū Coffee Pageant - Sunday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Pāhala Community Center. Tickets \$10. Call Pageant Chair Gloria Camba at 928-8558.



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



Ka'ū Coffee Festival Ho'olaule'a - Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Enjoy a free, full day of music, hula, Ka'ū Coffee Experience, educational displays and demonstrations, farm tours, vendors and meet the farmers.



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 techniques served by expert baristas.

including haku, kui, hipu'u, and hilo styles. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Merrie Monarch: Lei Making, Fri, April 10, Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Featuring master lei maker Randy Lee. 967-8222



Ka'ū Coffee Recipe Contest - Saturday, April 25 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 kaucoffeefest.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.



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



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

Merrie Monarch: Book Signings, Sat, April 11, Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Featuring Caren Loebel-Fried and David Kwika Eyre. 967-8222

Atlas Recycling at South Point U-Cart, Sat, April 11, 9 a.m.

– 1 p.m.

People and Land of Kahuku, Sat, April 11, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Kahuku Unit. This guided, 2.5-mile, moderately difficult hike over rugged terrain focus on the area's human history. 985-6011

Process Painting, Sat, April 11, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. Patricia Hoban teaches students how to let their subconscious or right brain engage in spontaneous expression. 967-8222

Merrie Monarch: Book & Print Signings, Sun, April 12, Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Featuring Dietrich Varez. 967-8222

Sunday Walk in the Park, April 12, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Cheryl Gansecki leads this four-mile hike for Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park exploring Kīlauea Iki. Non-members may become members in order to attend. Preregistration required. 985-7373

Medicine for the Mind, Sun, April 12, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. Buddhist healing meditation for beginners through advanced. Free. Patty, 985-7470

Senior ID Cards, Mon, April 13, 9 – 11 a.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View. For ages 60 and over. 928-3100

A Walk into the Past, Tue, April 14 & 28, 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 2 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center and Whitney Vault in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Ka'ū resident Dick Hershberger brings Hawaiian Volcano Observatory founder Thomas Jaggar to life every other Tuesday.

Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka'ū, Thu, April 16, 5:30 p.m. 929-9731 or 936-7262

Forest Restoration Project, Fri, Apr 17, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more information and to register, email forest@fhvnp.org or call 352-1402.

Jazz in the Forest, Sat, April 18, Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. VAC's second in a series of three spring jazz concerts. Call 967-8222 for more information.

Jackpot Hunting Tournament, Sat, April 18, 6 a.m. – 6 p.m., Pāhala. Cash prizes for biggest boar, sow and laho'ole and longest tusk. \$100 registration fee due April 10. Cameron, 808-646-1316

Ka'ū Farmers Union United Meeting, Sat, April 18, 9 a.m., Gilligan's Café in Discovery Harbour. gailandgreg@mac.com

Fee-Free Days, Sat/Sun, April 18/19, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Entry fees waived to celebrate National Park Week.

Open House, Sat/Sun, April 18/19, Kīlauea Military Camp in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Experience how KMC supports America's troops by utilizing any of KMC's facilities and services.

Fundraising Bazaar, Sat, April 18, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Kauaha'ao Congregational Church in Wai'ōhinu. Vendor booths \$10 for a 10'x10' space. Walter Wong Yuen, evenings at 928-8039

Recycling at Nā'ālehu School, Sat, April 18, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Nā'ālehu School Gym. Redeem your HI-5 sorted by type; receive 5 cents per container and additional 20 cents per pound on all aluminum. Atlas Recycling donates 20 cents per pound on all aluminum redeemed to the school. 939-2413, ext. 230

Zentangle: Ink Blown Strings, Sat, April 18, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. Lois and Earl Stokes teach techniques behind creating a string without fear or hesitation. Prerequisite: Zentangle Basics. 967-8222

Jazz in the Forest, Sat, April 18, 7:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. Upcoming artists for the series include Keahi Conjugacion, Jimmy Borges & Gabe Baltazar. \$20 or \$18 for VAC members.

Ka'ū Draft CDP Speak-Outs, Sun, April 19, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Pāhala Community Center; 3 – 6 p.m. at Discovery Harbour Community Center. Ka'ū residents view visual displays about the CDP, discuss strategies with people familiar with it and provide feedback. ron.whitmore@hawaiicounty.gov or [Calendar, pg. 6](http://Calendar.pg.6)

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961-8137
Palm Trail Hike, Sun, April 19, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Kahuku Unit. This moderately difficult 2.6-mile loop trail provides one of the best panoramic views Kahuku has to offer. 985-6011 or nps.gov/havo
International Art Exhibition, Sun, April 19 – Wed, May 6, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Seven artists exhibit paintings, objects and installations. Opening reception Sun, April 19, 5 – 7 p.m. 967-8222
Zentangle Practice Group, Tue, April 21, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. 967-7133
Ocean View Community Development Corp. meeting, Fri, April 24, 5 p.m., Hawaiian Ranchos offices.
HOVE Road Maintenance board of directors meeting, Tue, April 28, 10 a.m., St. Jude's Church. 929-9910
Ocean View Food Basket, Tue, April 28, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7000
Anchialine Pool Restoration Workdays, Wed/Thu, April 22/23. Hawai'i Wildlife Fund sponsors the program at Ho'onoua. For more information and to sign up, email kahakai.cleanups@gmail.com.
Pa'ina, April 24, See Coffee Fest, P. 5.
Orchid Cultivation, Sat, April 25, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Hilo Orchid Society members Ben Oliveros, Larry Kuekes and Shelby Smith discuss best orchids for the region and how to divide and mount them. 967-8222
The Artist's Eye, Sat, April 25 (opening), 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. VAC's first-ever invitational exhibition focusing on native plant and animal species and minerals found in the park.
Hi'iaka & Pele, Sat, April 25, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants discover the Hawaiian goddesses, sisters Pele and Hi'iaka, and the natural phenomena they represent through epic stories depicted in the natural landscape on this easy 1.7-mile walk on the main road in Kahuku.
Hula Performance, Sat, April 25, 10:30 a.m., hula platform near Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Featuring Kumu Ha'amauliola Aiona & Kumu Kawelo Kong Kee with Ke Kula o Nawahiokalani'opu'u. Nā Mea Hula with Loke Kamanu and 'ohana on gallery porch, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Recipe Contest, April 25. See Coffee Fest, P. 5.
Miss Ka'ū Coffee, April 26. See Coffee Fest, P. 5.
Mountain Water Hike, April 29. See Coffee Fest, P. 5.
Ka'ū Estuary Restoration Workday, Wed, April 29. For more information and to sign up, email kahakai.cleanups@gmail.com.
Coffee & Cattle Day, May 1. See Coffee Fest, P. 5.
Stargazing, May 1. See Coffee Fest, P. 5.
Ho'olaule'a, Farm Tours, Coffee Experience, May 2. See Coffee Fest, P. 5.
Coffee College, May 3. See Coffee Fest, P. 5.

EXERCISE & MEDITATION

Pāhala Pool Schedule: Water Exercise Mon/Wed/Fri 9 – 10 a.m.; Public Recreational Swim Mon – Fri 10 – 11 a.m. & 1:15 – 4 p.m., Sat/Sun 9 – 11 a.m. & 1 – 4 p.m.; Adult Lap Swim Mon – Sun 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. 928-8177 or hawaiiicounty.gov/pr-recreation
Iyengar and Yin Yoga, Mon/Wed/Fri, 10 – 11:30 a.m.; Ocean View Community Center. Mats and props

provided. Stephanie, 937-7940
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/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
Aikido, Mon/Wed, 6 p.m., Old Pāhala Clubhouse. Alan Moores, 928-0919 or artbyalan2011@gmail.com
Beginners Yoga, Mon/Wed/Fri, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 929-7033
Kempo Karate, Tue/Thu, Ocean View Community Center, children 5 – 6 p.m.; adults 6:30 – 8 p.m., beginning Feb. 19. Gordon Buck, 929-7033.
Beginning and Intermediate Yoga, Tue/Thu, 8:30 - 10 a.m. Noa's Island Massage in rear entrance of Ka'ū Realty across from Hana Hou. Please come 10 minutes early. \$10 a class or \$80 for 10 classes. 756-3183
Belly Dance Classes, Tue; beginners, 5:30 p.m.; intermediate, 6:30 p.m. Farasha, 990-3835
Karate, Tue/Fri, Pāhala Community Center. Cliff Field, 333-1567
Self-Guided Yoga, Wed, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Cooper Center, Volcano. Calabash donations. Debra Serrao, 985-7545
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. Ka'ū School of the Arts, 854-1540 or info@kauarts.org
Western Line Dance Classes, Thu, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall.

DAILY & WEEKLY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Volcano Farmers Market, Sun, 6 – 10 a.m., Cooper Center. Fruits and veggies, swap meet and more. EBT welcome.
Sizzlin' Sunday Nights, 5 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Open to all authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8356
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. This one-hour nature walk travels through a portion of old-growth Hawaiian rain forest on an easy, 1/7-mile loop trail. Free (calabash donations welcome). 967-8222 or volcanoartcenter.org
Pāhala Senior Center: Lunch served Mon – Fri, 10:30 a.m. for residents aged 60+. Julie, 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. 929-7033
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. 929-7033
Ka'ū Farmers Market, Wed, 8 a.m. – noon, Shaka's Restaurant in Nā'ālehu. Produce, Hawaiiana, 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 Kauaha'ao Church in Wai'ōhinu. 938-0411
Sumi-e Japanese Brushstroke Painting, Wed, 1 – 3 p.m., Nā'ālehu Hongwanji
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 Kahumoku. Call Tiffany at 938-6582 for details and to confirm.
Ka'ū 'Ohana Band Rehearsals, Wed/Thu, 4 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. David, 329-0574
Desperately Seeking Serenity AFG meeting, Thu, 5 p.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View. Sandy, 557-9847
Art Fridays, 1 – 2 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.
Hula Hoop Fun, Fri, 3 – 4 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 – 12. Teresa, 929-9113
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, Fri/Sat, 4:30 – 9 p.m., Discovery Harbour.
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

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much press," the article states. "However, the lack of media attention does not reflect on the eruption's remarkable nature.

"Kīlauea's ongoing summit eruption began on March 19, 2008, after several months of increasing seismic tremor and gas emissions. A small 'throat clearing' explosion opened a new crater (informally called the Overlook crater, because it is located imme-

diately below the former National Park visitor overlook) on the wall of Halema'uma'u Crater. During 2008–2009, lava was only occasionally seen deep within this crater and was often masked by thick volcanic fume. In February 2010, however, lava rose within the Overlook crater and established a large lava lake that has persisted to today.

"When the Overlook crater first opened, it was about 115 feet wide, but today, it is

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The Good News of Ka'ū, Hawai'i

April 2015

Trojan Girls Take Out Hawai'i Prep in BIIF Softball

Ka'ū High girls softball team scored a 9-8 win over Hawai'i Preparatory Academy in March. It marked the first time in four years that Ka'ū girl Trojans won a softball game in BIIF competition.

Sheri Lynn Freitas pounded 10 hits; Alysha Kaupu, three; Kehaulani Ke and Alysha Gustafson-Savella, two each; and Shyann Flores-Carvalho and Staysha Ault, one each. In the bottom of the seventh inning,

freshman Analei Emmsley-Ah Yee, playing her first game for the Trojans, won the game with her hit. Originally called a 12-8 win, officials revised the score after concluding the winning hit was not a grand slam.

Kealakehe overcame Ka'ū during the teams second game of the season. Final score was 2-17 after four innings. Sheri Lynn Freitas racked up three hits; Sky Kanakaole-Esperon, 2; and Kehaulani Ke, 1.



Sophomore Sheri Lynn Freitas pitched a complete game for Ka'ū High against Hawai'i Prep.



Ka'ū High girls softball team won their first game in four years during the season opener.

Photos from Marlene Freitas

Kealakehe overcame Ka'ū girls softball team at home on March 13. Final score was 2-17 after four innings. Sheri Lynn Freitas

made three hits; Sky Kanakaole-Esperon, 2; and Kehaulani Ke, 1.

Trojans Win Opener in Boys Volleyball

Both the varsity and JV boys volleyball teams at Ka'ū High School won their season openers March 5, hosting Kea'au. Varsity won in three straight games, 25-15, 25-20 and 25-18. Junior Varsity also won 22-25, 25-12 and 15-12.

The varsity team played Konawaena March 13 and won 3-0 on their home court.

Scores were 25-11, 25-22 and 25-7.

The boys varsity volleyball team beat Konawaena 3-0 on March 13 on their home court. Scores were 25-11, 25-22 and 25-7. On March 18, the Trojans beat Kohala. Scores in the three-game match were 25-20, 30, 28 and 25-22.



Ka'ū High's Cameron Enriques helped the Trojan boys volleyball team win the season opener.

Photo from Taylor's Treasures Photography

Chamber Scholarship Deadline May 1

Adults and youth headed to and continuing higher education can apply for the Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce scholarship until Friday, May 1.

Applicants are asked to write an essay about how their educational experience will benefit Ka'ū. Preference will be given to those who intend to remain in or return to Ka'ū and live here. Scholarship money can be used for all college and vocational training and will range from \$250 to \$1,000. The Chamber follows students through their higher education and aims to fund them each year to help keep them on track.

Visit kauchamber.org to download the application. Call Lee McIntosh at 929-9872 with any questions.

Recipients of last year's scholarship included those studying nursing, computer science, pre-law, music and other disciplines.

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Judo

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- Sat, Apr. 11, Ka'ū @ Kamehameha, 9 am
- Sat, Apr. 18, BIIF (team) @ Kona, 9 am
- Sat, Apr. 25, BIIF (Individual) @ Waiakea, 9 am
- Sat, May 9, HHSAA at UH-Manoa

Track & Field

w/ Coach Jacob Findlay

- Sat, Apr. 4, Ka'ū @ Kamehameha, 9 am
- Sat, Apr. 11, Ka'ū @ Kona Relays, 9 am
- Sat, Apr. 18, Ka'ū @ Kea'au, 9 am
- Sat, Apr. 25, Ka'ū @ HPA
- Sat., May 2, Ka'ū @ Kamehameha, 9 am
- Fri., May 8, BIIF Trials at Kona 3 pm.
- Sat., May 9, BIIF Finals at Kona 3 pm
- May, 15-16, HHSAA- MILINANI

Tennis

w/ Coach Hiilani Lapera

- Wed, Apr. 1, Ka'ū @ Waiakea, 10 am
- Sat, Apr. 4, Ka'ū – BYE
- Sat, Apr. 11, Ka'ū @ Kealakehe, 10 am
- Thur, Apr. 23 – 25, BIIF at Holua Resort
- May 7 – 9, HHSAA Tournament

Boy's Volleyball

w/ Coach Joshua Ortega

- Fri, Apr. 3, Ka'ū @ Honoka'a, 6 pm
- Tues, Apr. 7, Ka'ū @ Pahoa, 6 pm
- Mon, Apr. 13, Ka'ū @ Kamehameha, 6 pm
- Wed, Apr. 15, Ka'ū @ Ehunui, 6 pm.
- Sat, Apr. 18, Ka'ū Host Laupahoehoe, 10 am
- Tues, Apr. 21, Ka'ū Host Waiakea, 6 pm
- Sat, Apr. 25, Ka'ū @ HPA, 10:00 am
- Tues, Apr. 26, DII First Round
- Wed, Apr. 28, DII Second Round
- Fri, May 1, DII Semi's Waiakea
- Sat, May 2, DII Finals

Girls Softball

w/ Coach Donald Garo

- Wed, Apr. 1, Ka'ū Host Kea'au, 3 pm
- Sat, Apr. 4, Ka'ū @ Honoka'a, 3 pm
- Tues, Apr. 7, Ka'ū @ Hilo, 3 pm
- Fri, Apr. 10, Ka'ū @ Kamehameha, 3 pm
- Wed, Apr. 15, Ka'ū Host Waiakea, 3 pm
- Sat, Apr. 18, Ka'ū @ Konawaena, 1 pm
- Fri, Apr. 24, DII Softball
- Sat, Apr. 25, DII Softball

Villa Earns Black Belt in Shorin Ryu

Francisco Villa, Jr. has successfully tested for his Black Belt in Shorin Ryu. Villa has been training in International Karate since 2009 when the dojo first opened in Pāhala. International Karate League is a traditional Shorin Ryu-style karate that was founded by Walter Nishioka Shihan.

IKL trains every Tuesday and Friday beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Pāhala Community Center. It is open to enrollment year-round. For information about the league, call Cliff Field at 333-1567.



Black Belt Francisco Villa, Jr., center, with Cliff Field (Sensei) and Susan Field (Senpai)

Photo from Pāhala Karate Dojo

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Ka'ū Enterprise Zone, cont. from pg. 1 said.

Smaller family farms and ranches – Rusty's 100 Percent Ka'ū Coffee, Kapāpala Ranch and Paradise Meadows – are also beneficiaries of the Ka'ū Enterprise Zone, Horike said. Horike said that even the smallest family business can apply.

The purpose is to give state tax reductions to businesses to encourage them to hire more employees, even family workers, and grow their companies, said Horike. She gave some examples. A company may reduce state income taxes (on its profits) by 80 percent the first year, the tax break going down 10 percent each year until the deduction reaches and remains at 20 percent. There is also tax relief against the cost of unemployment insurance. The company may reduce state income taxes by 80 percent of the unemployment insurance premiums for the first year, with a 10 percent reduction during each subsequent year. Another benefit is that the qualifying company is exempt from the .5 percent wholesale state general excise tax.

According to Horike, a Hawai'i County benefit is that eligible businesses get a three-year exemption from any increase in state property taxes resulting from new construction by an Enterprise Zone business at Enterprise Zone sites.

Another state benefit is that licensed contractors and subcontractors are exempt from GET on revenue from construction done at the Enterprise Zone site of any business enrolled in the program, Horike said.

To qualify for Ka'ū Enterprise Zone tax benefits, a new company must increase employment by 10 percent the first year and

Events Calendar



Ka'ū High's Shavon Mello-Waiwai'ole took fourth in last month's state wrestling tournament. Photo from KHPES

Mello-Waiwai'ole: Top Four in States

Ka'ū High senior wrestler Shavon Mello-Waiwai'ole took fourth in the state tournament in March.

In her first match at the tournament, Mello-Waiwai'ole pinned her opponent in 17 seconds to move on. Down 8-3 in the second period of the next match, she did a reverse to pin her opponent for the win. Although she dropped her semi-final match, she wrestled Big Island Interscholastic Federation champ Ebony Ayers in the consolation bracket and pinned her for fourth place.

Andrade Invites Ka'ū To Drag Races

Ka'ū resident Tony Boy Andrade is an enthusiastic member of the Hawai'i Drag Racing League. Andrade started racing back in 2012 when he and his father built his 1968 Chevy Nova in their family shop South Side Repair Services from the ground up and named the car *It's About Time*. The Hawai'i Drag Racing League has monthly races at the Hilo Drag Strip. The races are held by veteran racer Keith Aguiar, his family and many friends.

Andrade said his dragster is the "quickest true stock chassis 1968 Nova on the Big Island." His fastest time is 11.1 seconds in a quarter mile. "Racing is a good stress release," he said. "It's an expensive sport, but something worth getting into." He said the sport needs to be in a safe environment, on racing tracks that are supervised and cared for.

Andrade encourages Ka'ū residents to make the



Ka'ū's Tony Boy Andrade races his 1968 Nova, named *It's About Time*. Photo from the Andrade family

drive to Hilo to support his sport. An event takes place on Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5.

Walk Your Talk, Hunters

Ka'ū hunters can register for Walk Your Talk, the second annual Jackpot Hunting Tournament scheduled for Saturday, April 18 in Pāhala. According to organizers, the tournament is provided to hunters "to prove to everyone that you, your team and your dogs are worthy of being a top contender in the hog hunting industry."

Hunting starts at 6 a.m., with weigh-in from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cash prizes go to biggest bar, biggest sow, biggest laho'ole and longest tusk.

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third year and increase employment 15 percent during the span of the fourth through seventh years.

Horike noted that the Ka'ū Enterprise Zone does not
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a different kind of hazard that has a much farther reach than any lava flow. The continuous gas emissions create volcanic air pollution, commonly called vog, which affects communities and agriculture in downwind areas, sometimes statewide. Vog is a respiratory irritant that can cause coughing, sore throats and headaches in otherwise healthy individuals and can aggravate symptoms in people with pre-existing ailments, such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. The agricultural industry, particularly in the Ka'ū District on the Island of Hawai'i, has been hit hard by vog, which has damaged crops and corroded fences and other metal infrastructure.

"Geologically, the Kīlauea summit eruption stands out for the size of the lava lake it has created. The lava lake in Halema'uma'u is most likely the second-largest lava

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Esteve Salmo

Salmo Stands Out In BIIF Track Meet

Ka'ū High School track star Esteve Salmo was a standout on Saturday, March 21 at the Big Island Interscholastic Federation track and field meet held in Kea'au. He took second in the long jump, leaping 19-01.50 feet, and fourth in the 100-yard dash, finishing in 11.53 seconds, under coach Jacob Findlay.

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maintain its level of employees. For agriculture, the company can increase and maintain employment or increase gross sales two percent a year. Existing businesses getting into the program must increase employees by 10 percent the first year, maintain the employment the second and

Kīlauea: Heat, Health & Vog, cont. from pg. 6

560 feet by 720 feet in size. This enlargement is the result of frequent collapses of the crater walls, some of which have dropped rocks directly into the lava lake, triggering small explosions of lava spatter and gas.

"Unlike the East Rift Zone eruption which sends lava flows out onto the slopes of Kīlauea, the summit eruption emits primarily gas, along with a tiny amount of ash and fine particles (for example, Pele's hair). To date, the lava within the summit vent has not flowed out of the Overlook crater. Instead, lava rises into the lake, releases gas and cools, and then sinks back into the magmatic system in a process called 'magmatic convection.'

"This containment within the crater lowers the risk posed by the lava itself, but the summit eruption creates

lake on Earth, exceeded only by the lava lake in Nyiragongo Volcano in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. There are a few other – and much smaller – lava lakes on Earth, but the Halema'uma'u and Nyiragongo lava lakes are in a class of their own.

"The expansive size of the lava lake in Halema'uma'u also translates to copious amounts of emitted heat. A recent study by University of Hawai'i Mānoa researchers used satellite thermal images to calculate heat output from many of the Earth's active volcanoes over the past 15 years, and Kīlauea – counting the summit and East Rift Zone eruptions together – was at the top of the list. The researchers state that Kīlauea's top rank in heat output justifies its unofficial title as the most active volcano on Earth.

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NŪPEPA NĀ'ĀLEHU

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Nā'ālehu Educator Wins Teacher of Promise Award

Dean Curran is the National Milken Educators of Hawai'i annual Teacher of Promise Award winner for the Ka'ū Kea'au-Pāhoa educational complex area. Schools submitted nominees of teachers who have already made outstanding contributions in the classroom in just a few years of service. Hailed as the Oscars of Teaching by Teacher magazine, Milken Educator awards have been given at the state level since 1987.

A Teach for America recruit, Curran moved to Ka'ū last year from rural Massachusetts. He graduated from University of Massachusetts at Amherst with a degree in political science and journalism but always harbored a passion for teaching. "I had so many teachers in my life that made a difference for me and steered me in the right direction. I want to do the same for our kids," Curran said.

Curran co-teaches students with and without disabilities in an inclusive setting with teacher Karen Wallace, a special education teacher. Curran said that he enjoys working with students who may have experienced difficulties in school. "I want to show them that they can do it and push themselves further," he said. Curran said that he hopes to add a special education credential to his license.

Joining TFA, which places new teach-



Dean Curran, fifth-grade teacher at Nā'ālehu School, won a National Milken Educators of Hawai'i Teacher of Promise Award. Photo from Nālani Parlin

ers in traditionally underserved schools, became a turning point in Curran's life. "I could stay with family or go some place completely different, but I was determined to go where I was needed or where I thought I could make an impact," he said. The TFA program allowed Curran to earn his teaching license through an affiliate program with Johns Hopkins University. Curran is now pursuing his master's degree while continuing to teach fulltime.

At Nā'ālehu, Curran said he has encountered "overwhelmingly positive and collaborative experiences," which has spurred forward his zeal for teaching. He added that the staff and administration have been very supportive. "It's like a family," he said.

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KAHUKU TO MILOLI'I

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Newly Preserved Land Connects Kahuku Unit to South Kona

Preservation of a 1,000-acre parcel of land in South Kona completes a vast area of uninterrupted charitable trust lands along with protected private and public lands extending more than 50 miles to the Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Owners agreed to a \$3.2 million conservation easement with the state Department of Land & Natural Resources using federal Forest Legacy Program funds.



State Division of Forestry and Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service and ranch representatives sit next to a koa tree on Kealakekua Heritage Ranch, adjacent to Ka'awaloa Forest. The two areas are the first conservation easements held by DLNR under the federal Forest Legacy Program.

With the acquisition of the property, another 10,000 acres total of native Hawaiian forest are now protected from development by DLNR, U.S. Forest Service and Hokuano Ranch. The area, known as Ka'awaloa Forest, together with the adjacent 9,000-acre Kealakekua Heritage Ranch, represent the first two conservation easements held by DLNR under the Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program. These conservation easements will permanently restrict develop-

Charter School, cont. from pg. 1
covery Harbour and one in Ocean View, are available if Lehua Court isn't ready in time.

Requirements imposed by the commission include removing alcohol and terminating bar operations at the clubhouse, where KLA currently operates Gilligan's Café as a nonprofit to raise funds for the charter school. School operators must also install a fire alarm, which Tydlacka said they are prepared to do, although it would add to the cost.

Documents submitted to the commission by KLA included a petition of support signed by area residents and a letter of support from Ka'ū's state Rep. Richard Creagan.

Organizers of the charter school say the

ment and maintain sustainable harvest levels.

"The partnership we have with DLNR is invaluable as we look to restore and protect these crucial resources," said U.S. Forest Service Pacific Southwest Regional Forester Randy Moore. "We are excited for DLNR to pick up this conservation easement and add to our total of 47,055 protected acres on the Big Island."

Hawai'i County had previously approved a development plan for the construction-free public charter school will offer a home schooling program, with all lesson materials and computers provided. They promise daily support online, by phone and on campus. The founders promise that parents and guardians "will know that your child is meeting all the state requirements." Parental choice will be allowed for campus activities including arts, field trips and afterschool programs.

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tion of 500 residential lots and a golf course.

With the region's history of nearly 200 years of timber extraction, many of the large trees – specifically koa and sandalwood – were harvested. Coupled with pressures from grazing animals, many of these forests have not fully recovered and have ultimately suffered a significant loss of forest cover. With a goal of sustainable management, the current owners are re-investing in the forest and encouraging regeneration of Hawai'i's native trees.

The property also provides a variety of non-timber economic activities, including plant collection, tourism and hunting. The Ka'awaloa con-

servation easement will protect ecosystems that support several endemic Hawaiian birds. Preserving the Ka'awaloa Forest, part of the fog-shrouded South Kona cloud forests, will also directly contribute to safeguarding the water supply and water quality in a region subject to severe drought.

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Stars over Ka'ū - April 2015

by Lew Cook

If you are up early Saturday morning (or are staying up late Friday night) you may be able to see a total lunar eclipse on the morning of April 4. This is a "total" lunar eclipse only by definition because the moon is fully immersed in the darker part of the earth's shadow for less than 10 minutes, centered on 2:01 a.m. HST.

People in Hawai'i have a great look at this occasional celestial event, visible from start to finish. The moon enters the part of earth's shadow called the umbra at 12:16 a.m. and leaves the darkest part of the shadow at 3:45 a.m. The word umbra is the source of our word umbrella. When we use an umbrella in the rain, it makes a rain shadow. If you are looking for the eclipse, I hope you have clear skies and don't need an umbrella!

Where in the sky will this happen? Near Spica in Virgo. Spica is the blue-white star off to the left of the moon by about 10 degrees. It is over 12,000 times as bright as the sun.

Other solar system objects are visible this month. Venus is setting in the west at sunset, but that process takes three hours. It was preceded first by Mercury and then Mars; both planets are too close to the sun to notice. High in the sky is Jupiter and its gaggle of moons.

Did you like the photo NASA took with the Hubble space telescope that we published last month? The moons casting their shadows on Jupiter's cloud bands and the silhouettes of two moons was really a treat!



M51, also called the Whirlpool Galaxy, is presented as you would see it near midnight, with south up. It may be visible through good, large binoculars on a clear dark night if you have good night vision and your eyes have gotten dark-adapted. It is 3.7 degrees southwest of the end star in the Big Dipper's handle. Southwest is up and to the right.

Last month I promised to take some photos of a galaxy, so here it is. This is known as the Whirlpool Galaxy, one of our nearby neighbors. How nearby? Try 25,000,000 light-years. There are two galaxies shown here. The small galaxy and the larger galaxy have been interacting with each other in the "recent" past. The larger galaxy is clearly a spiral galaxy that has considerable star formation going on in it. It is number 51 in Charles Messier's catalogue of objects that may be mistaken for comets. Messier was a comet hunter in the 18th and 19th centuries in Paris. He discovered 13 comets, but the catalog that bears

his name includes 109 objects identified by Messier and other astronomers. The telescope used was a 20-inch reflector located in New Mexico. The M51 image shown here is a combination of 18 one-minute exposures in various colors. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did processing the final result. And I hope you enjoy the eclipse of the moon Friday night, April 3 and Saturday morning, April 4.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Moon Phases	Moon Rise	Moon Set
April 03**	6:14 a.m.	6:36 p.m.	Full Moon (April 04)	7:07* p.m.	6:32 a.m.
April 10	6:08 a.m.	6:38 p.m.	Last Quarter (April 11)	12:39 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
April 17	6:03 a.m.	6:40 p.m.	New Moon (April 18)	5:53 a.m.	6:15 p.m.
April 24	5:58 a.m.	6:42 p.m.	First Quarter (April 25)	11:45 p.m.	12:12 a.m.

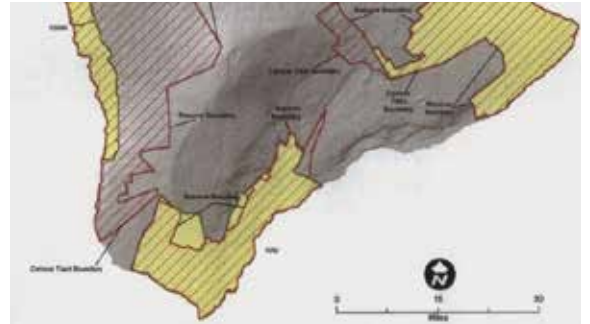
**Eclipse late tonight! *Eclipse early in the morning - 2 a.m. is the time for totality

In the Moon Phases table are the respective rising and setting times.

Ka'ū Enterprise Zone, cont. from pg. 9 apply to services, hospitality or retail activities. Manufacturing, agriculture production and processing and wholesale distribution qualify, along with wind energy.

The Ka'ū Enterprise Zone expires May 1, and a proposed new map has been drawn by the county to designate the new area where benefits would apply. The new map takes out some conservation areas in the mauka lands between Pāhala and Nā'ālehu and mauka toward Volcano and adds on some territory makai of Hwy 11 between Pāhala and Volcano. The Ka'ū Enterprise Zone has included and would include the entire Ka'ū Coast. Horike said that the Enterprise Zone does not override any county zoning or state land use designations and does not supersede building regulations.

To apply, no matter how small, business owners can call Horike at 961-8496. She said it is important to apply before May 1.



Ka'ū small business owners are encouraged to take advantage of Ka'ū Enterprise Zone benefits before May 1.

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Ka'ū Hospital: Manage & Partner Locally, Seek More Efficiency

The future of Ka'ū Hospital is not affected by proposed legislation that would privatize some of Hawai'i Health Systems Corp.'s state-run hospitals, according to Ka'ū Hospital administrator Marilyn Harris. "Our Board of Directors has been very clear in expressing the view that privatization is not the solution for the East Hawai'i Region (of HHSC)," she said. "They prefer to look at other options within our island to collaborate and partner with so that we can operate as efficiently as possible to meet the needs of our local communities. For example, our region is very interested in finding ways to achieve further efficiencies by joining efforts with Kona and Kohala, which comprise the West Hawai'i Region of HHSC.



Marilyn Harris

"To date, we have been very successful in controlling costs while growing and improving our services, but we cannot exist without some funding from the state as over 76 percent of our patients are covered by either Medicare or Medicaid, neither of which covers the full cost of care. We're very proud of the fact that we are safety net facilities because we believe that care should be available for everyone, but it sure is challenging.

"We're asking for help from the state to fund the collective bargaining increases and the 10 percent increase in the cost of the employee benefit package that was passed into law last year. We're also asking for support for the Primary Care Training Program in Hilo that provides a residency program



Ka'ū Hospital is not affected by proposed legislation that would privatize Hawai'i Health Systems Corp. state-run hospitals in Maui County.

Photo by Julia Neal

for primary care physicians.

"We know so well in Ka'ū how hard it is to find and retain good primary care providers, so this is an especially important program for us.

"Also, there is a bill before the Legislature to fund the installation of photovoltaics in our three facilities. Since the air condi-

tioning and filtration was installed in our hospital, our energy costs have risen substantially, so this is a key issue as well."

Maui Memorial and Kula and Lāna'i Community Hospitals could be peeled off from the state hospital system.

The state House Finance Committee approved HB 1075, which would authorize the Maui regional system of Hawai'i Health Systems Corp. to enter into an agreement with a private entity to transition one or more of its facilities into a new private Hawai'i nonprofit corporation. Hawai'i Pacific Health, which operates hospitals on O'ahu and Kaua'i, would take over the Maui hospitals, as well.

Terms of the transition include continued employment for no less than six months for current employees who fill qualifications of Hawai'i Pacific Health.

Hirata Leaves Ka'ū Hospital for Kealakehe High

Brad Hirata, who is known around Ka'ū as a chef for weddings and other events, judging the Ka'ū Coffee Recipe Contest, writing a food column and preparing excellent food at Ka'ū Hospital, is leaving his post to become Food Services Manager at Kealakehe High School.



Brad Hirata

for our patients/residents and staff, but more than that, he has been a constant force for good – always willing to go out of his way to help. He truly demonstrates the aloha spirit, and we're all going to miss him."

The hospital has been looking for his replacement as Food Services Manager II and may have filled the job by the time this paper is printed. Required experience

includes participation in menu planning, food and supply purchasing, quantity cooking, fiscal record keeping and supervision of kitchen assistants, including cooks. Experience in food service management may be gained in commercial ventures such as restaurants, hotels, airline food services, as well as schools, hospitals and correctional institutions.

Substitutions of training for experience are allowed. See hilomedicalcenter.org for more information on available positions at Ka'ū and other hospitals and clinics.

Kīlauea: Heat, Health & Vog, cont. from pg. 9 It's not clear how long Kīlauea's summit eruption will last, but recent monitoring indicators show no signs of it slowing down – or speeding up. Overall, the eruption has been characterized by a remarkable degree of steadiness. Halema'uma'u Crater hosted a nearly continuous lava lake for at least 100 years (first written accounts are from the early 1800s) through the early 1900s, a testament to the potential for long-lasting eruptions at the summit of Kīlauea.

"Is it possible that Kīlauea Volcano's current summit eruption will persist for decades, as it did a century ago? No one knows for sure, but if it does, we will all have to continue adapting to the effects of another long-term eruption," HVO scientists state.

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KA PEPA VOLCANO

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Neal New Scientist-in-Charge at Hawaiian Volcano Observatory

Christina Neal is the new Scientist-in-Charge at Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, under the U.S. Geological Survey. She takes the place of Jim Kauahikaua, who will concentrate on research.

Neal comes to Hawai'i from Alaska, where she spent almost 25 years working as a USGS geologist with the Alaska Volcano Observatory. However, from 1983 to 1989, Neal was on staff at HVO. Her work included monitoring Kīlauea during the early years of its ongoing East Rift Zone eruption, as well as Mauna Loa during its 1984 eruption. As part of the Big Island Mapping Project, Neal mapped the summit of Kīlauea, resulting in the *Geologic Map of the Summit Region of Kīlauea Volcano, Hawai'i*. She also mapped Kīlauea's Southwest Rift Zone for the *Geologic Map of the Island of Hawai'i*.

In 1990, Neal moved to Alaska to work at the newly created AVO in Anchorage, where she monitored and studied a number of Alaskan volcanoes and their eruptions. Working on remote Alaskan stratovolcanoes

is not for the faint-hearted – steep-sided, glacier-covered volcanic mountains are hazardous even when not erupting.



Christina Neal returns to Hawaiian Volcano Observatory from its Alaska counterpart. Photo from USGS

Neal also investigated eruptive histories and hazards of several volcanoes on the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands. She was particularly interested in the physical processes of explosive eruptions.

In 1998, Neal accepted a two-year assignment in Washington, D.C., as the first USGS geoscience advisor to the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, a USAID unit responsible for coordinating U.S. government responses to disasters overseas. She oversaw and initiated programs in geohazards mitigation, advised OFDA on responses to geologic disasters and served as liaison between federal agencies, academics and non-governmental organizations that work on natural hazards mitigation.

When Neal returned to AVO in 2000, she resumed her work as a geologist. With colleagues, she strengthened the Alaska-based interagency response system for volcanic eruptions and coordinated AVO's eruption monitoring and crisis response efforts with Russian counterparts. She is also internationally recognized for her efforts to

reduce the risk of volcanic ash to aviation in the North Pacific and globally. As part of an NSF-funded multi-disciplinary team, Neal recently helped install the first volcano monitoring equipment on the long-active Cleveland volcano in the Central Aleutians.

In addition to geologic work, Neal was Chief of Staff and Deputy Regional Director for the USGS' Western Regional Office in 2009 and 2010 and Acting Scientist-in-Charge at AVO in 2010.

Over the years, Neal has maintained ties to HVO. In 2012, she helped with HVO's 100th Anniversary Open House, and in Octo-

ber 2014, she spent two weeks at HVO assisting with monitoring efforts and community meetings as Kīlauea's lava flow moved toward Pāhoā.

Tom Murray, Director of the USGS Volcano Science Center, which oversees all five USGS volcano observatories, said he was thrilled when she accepted the post as HVO's leader. "Tina brings to the HVO Scientist-in-Charge position the required broad scientific background, strong communication skills and eruption response experience, including much work with various communities at risk," he said. "I know that both HVO and the communities that it serves will be in good hands going forward."



USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory Scientist-in-Charge Christina Neal. Photo from USGS HVO

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Orchid hobbyists and those with budding orchid addictions will want to join speakers from Hilo Orchid Society for Volcano Art Center's Orchid Workshop. Larry Kuekes will discuss which orchids grow best at different elevations. Ben Oliveros will be giving hands on demonstrations for dividing and mounting. Shelby Smith, a self-confirmed orchid addict, will be on hand to answer questions.

The Orchid Workshop takes place Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at VAC's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. Cost is \$25 or \$20 for VAC members. For more information or to register, call 967-8222.



Learn orchid cultivation at Nialani. Photo from VAC

Chris Yuen, cont. from pg. 15 completed 'uniki rites of her family's genealogical hula traditions.

"I am honored to be asked to continue to serve on the board and am committed to preserving Hawai'i's natural resources," Woodside said.

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Chris Yuen Sails onto BLNR, Ching Nomination Withdrawn

While Gov. David Ige's nomination of Carleton Ching for chair of the state Board of Land & Natural Resources was challenged by testimony and by Ka'ū's state senators, and ultimately withdrawn, former Hawai'i County Planning Director Chris Yuen's nomination for the board saw little resistance.

Yuen is a resident of Ninole and served on the board during the previous administration. He also held BLNR's Hawai'i County seat from 1990 to 1998. He serves the advisory councils for the Laupāhoehoe and Pu'uwa'awa'a Experimental Tropical Forest. Since 1995, Yuen has owned and managed The Family Farm, Inc., a 20-acre certified organic farm supplying local markets with bananas, lychees and rambutans. From 2000 to 2008, he was Hawai'i County's planning director. He has also served as the county's deputy corporation counsel and practiced law as a private attorney.

"With significant work experience as a planner, attorney and farmer, Chris brings a balanced and insightful point of view to the board table," said Ige. "Hawai'i will greatly benefit from his commitment and passion to our communities and his willingness to serve."

Yuen received a bachelor's degree in

human biology from Stanford University, a master's degree in environmental science from State University of New York's College of Environmental Science and Forestry and a juris doctorate from UH William S. Richardson School of Law.

"It's a pleasure and a privilege to continue serving on the board," said Yuen. "I look forward to the deliberations of the board and making decisions today that will shape the future of our state."

Ige announced two other nominations to BLNR. All were subject to state Senate approval.

Born and raised in Honolulu, Keith "Keone" Downing is an expert waterman and respected big wave rider. Downing is the son of big-wave pioneer George Downing, one of Hawai'i's major figures in modern surfing. Keone, along with his sister Kaiulu, run the family-owned business which is also Hawai'i's oldest surf shop, Downing Hawai'i. He continues in the lasting legacy of the Downing family through his commitment to and advocacy on behalf of ocean conservation, a statement from the governor said, pointing to his long-term involvement



Chris Yuen

with the nonprofit group Surfing Education Association, which "shows his dedication to the preservation of Hawai'i's oceans, coral reefs, waves and beaches. Keone's unparalleled knowledge of local waters will be an asset to the Board of Land and Natural Resources," said Ige. "I know he will be a voice for the community."

Downing graduated from Kamehameha Schools in 1975 and earned a degree in commercial art from California College of the Arts. He went on to design logos for surf industry giants Quiksilver and O'Neill.

"I'm humbled to be nominated for this position," Downing said. "It is an honor to be asked to preserve our natural and cultural resources for future generations."

Ulalia Woodside, who has been serving on the Board on an interim basis since last year, lives in Waimanalo and is currently regional asset manager for natural and cultural resources at Kamehameha Schools' Land Assets Division. Prior to this, Woodside worked at Wilson Okamoto Corporation, The Hallstrom Group and the DLNR.

She serves as a steering committee member for Hawai'i Green Growth and is the indigenous representative for the Landscape Conservation Cooperative National Council. She is a former commissioner for the Natural Area Reserves System Commission and a former executive council chair for the Pacific Islands Climate Change Cooperative.

"Ulalia has extensive experience managing Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources, and she provides a valuable perspective on the board," said Ige. "I am pleased that she has agreed to continue to serve on the Board."

Woodside received bachelor's degrees in political science and Hawaiian studies, along with a certificate in Hawaiian language, from UH Mānoa. She is also a kumu hula, having

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