

Public Can Weigh in on Volcanoes Park Management Plan

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park last month released its Abbreviated Final General Management Plan/Wilderness Study/Environmental Impact Statement. More than 50 percent of the park is located in Ka'u, including its Kahuku section, lands mauka of Nā'ālehu and Pāhala and parts of the Ka'u Desert to the rim of Kīlauea Crater.

The plan provides long-term management guidance about preservation and use of the park, UNESCO World Heritage Site and International Biosphere Reserve.

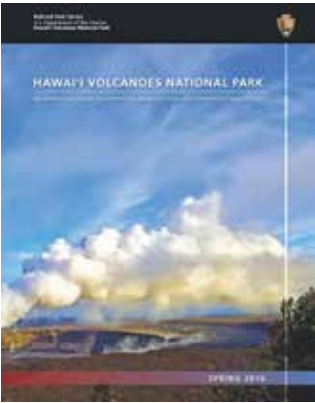
Over the past several years, many people participated in the planning process through pub-

lic meetings and formal comments received via mail, comment forms and website forums. The NPS released the Draft GMP/WS/EIS in May 2015. During the 60-plus days that the document was available for review and comment, the NPS received 32 pieces of correspondence on the draft plan. Through the feedback received, it was determined that Alternative Two would remain the preferred alternative and that the management actions it proposes will best guide long-term stewardship of the park.

Alternative Two would strengthen and broaden opportunities to connect people with

the park and provide a wide range of high-quality visitor experiences based on different geographic areas. This alternative emphasizes the park's role as a refuge and haven for native biota, people and cultures in a world constantly adapting to volcanic activity and island-building processes and emphasizes Native Hawaiian values such as mālama 'āina (nourishing or taking care of the land) and kuleana (responsibility) as important concepts in park stewardship of resources.

"It's vital to have a comprehensive plan that guides management decisions as we enter into
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Ranchers, Farmers Seek Ag Water Protection

Ka'ū Farm Bureau members who ranch and farm are seeking protection for their sources of water that originate on state land, testifying that they could lose their revocable leases. Kapāpala ranchers Lani Cran Petrie, Jon Cran and Bill Petrie told Sen. Russell Ruderman, during his public meeting in Ka'ū last month, that they should be excluded from any canceling of water permits that originated through now defunct sugar plantations across the state that took water and diverted the natural flow of streams to use for their crops.

A case on Maui involves returning water diverted by a Maui sugar company back to its natural course for wildlife and more

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Hawai'i Wildlife Fund Celebrates 20 Years

Hawai'i Wildlife Fund is celebrating 20 years of activities, including cleaning up the Ka'ū Coast and working on preservation of endangered turtles.

"We bring a variety of experiences together to serve a common goal," said Hawai'i Wildlife Fund co-founder and Volcano resident Bill Gilmartin. "Although we are a small organization, we combine our like-minded passions, and great things happen. Please join us to celebrate two decades of conservation work and



Bill Gilmartin
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Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park guide John Stallman points out features of Puapo'o Lava Tube, where the nonprofit's Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute offers tours during the park's centennial year.
Photo by Ron Johnson

Friends' Institute Offers Wild Cave Explorations

Ka'ū residents can participate in an unparalleled adventure during Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's centennial year. Through the rest of 2016, Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Hawai'i

Volcanoes Institute offers guided tours of Puapo'o Lava Tube, one of the most ornate in Hawai'i. Formations include hollow lavacicles, dribble spires, lava lines and flow ripples, shelves that resemble pathways and

various colors on walls caused by mineral and chemical interactions.

Friends' tours begin at Thurston Lava Tube and descend 500 feet on a trail to the
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Kanaka'ole Invite Community to Heiau Preservation

Cultural education and preservation of the hula heiau in the mountains between Pāhala and Nā'ālehu brought community members and the Edith Kanaka'ole Foundation together last month at Pāhala Community Center. Foundation representatives Kala and Huihui Kanahahele-Mossman said they welcome all ideas, family histories and community participation in not only the future of the physical 'Imakakōloa Heiau recently rediscovered on property belonging to Edmund C. Olson Trust. They talked about the heiau becoming a focal point for community and cultural outreach, perhaps with programs in the schools.

Olson Trust has welcomed the Kanaka'ole Foundation to help steward 'Imakakōloa Heiau. At the meeting, Keoni Fox, who advocates for historic site and cultural preservation in Ka'ū, asked about the timeline for involving the community. He also talked about numerous other cultural sites that would benefit from conservation easements.

Huihui Kanahahele-Mossman explained that after Kanaka'ole Kupuna visited the hula heiau at Ke'e on Kaua'i, they decided to come to Ka'ū to see 'Imakakōloa Heiau with their own eyes and validate its significance. The planning began last August with

consultation with these kupuna, including Nalani Kanaka'ole, Pua Kanaka'ole Kanahahele and Kekuhi Kanaka'ole, all experts in hula and Hawaiian culture.

On the ground has been the removal of cat's claw and other invasive plants. The heiau location and condition is being mapped and documented ahead of any restoration and plans for ongoing stewardship. The foundation is looking at old chants, in which lie explanations of the significance of the heiau and its relationship to the chief 'Imakakōloa, who shares its name.

Nohea Ka'awa asked whether the
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Businessman Olson Donates \$2 Million to Trust for Public Land

Edmund C. Olson, the businessman who founded Ka'ū Coffee Mill, owns macadamia and coffee orchards in Ka'ū and is building a hydroelectric system above Wood Valley, has donated \$2 million to Trust for Public Land. Years ago, Olson, the owner of 8,800 acres in Ka'ū, was introduced to TPL by community members working on preservation of the Ka'ū Coast. Working with then-TPL manager Josh Stanbro, Olson put up more than \$100,000 to hold lands at Honu'apo that were up for sale until private and public money could be secured to turn some 400 acres into a county park. He also purchased coastal lands being advertised for sale, between Honu'apo and Punalu'u. They also became county property with help from TPL.



Lea Hong and Ed Olson

Photo from Trust for Public Land

Olson's \$2 million gift to TPL permanently endows the position of Hawai'i State Director. "The Edmund C. Olson Trust Fellow endowment will ensure that the leadership of The Trust for Public Land in Hawai'i is never compromised," said Will Rogers, President and CEO of the national organization. "This unprecedented gift is an extraordinary testament to the success of our local team in saving some of Hawai'i's most precious and endangered places for people to enjoy – and to the skills of Lea Hong, Hawai'i's state Director for nearly ten years.

"After a long and successful career in contracting and self-storage businesses, Olson became a major landowner in Hawai'i in 2000 with acquisition of former sugar lands on Hawai'i Island and later on O'ahu. Since then, he has championed stewarding land for positive change through sustainable agriculture, conservation, clean energy and community," a TPL press release stated.

After working on Honu'apo, Olson joined the board of TPL. Since then, he

has been a key supporter of the protection of Kāwā, as well as Kauhola Point in North Kohala and Honouliuli Forest Reserve on O'ahu. He has donated conservation easements dedicating thousands of acres of land that he owns on Hawai'i Island and O'ahu to agriculture or conservation, ensuring these lands will never be developed. He also invested in successful campaigns to establish open space land conservation funds on Hawai'i Island and O'ahu that have generated tens of millions of dollars for land conservation.

"The Trust for Public Land has earned my support," Olson said. "They bring national expertise to bear with dedicated local focus to deliver conservation that honors our local culture and ensures that future generations of Hawai'i's people will always be able to connect with the land they love."

Hong, who was recently named Islander of the Year (environment) in *Honolulu Magazine*, said, "Ed loves the land or 'āina that

sustains us. A big mahalo to Ed for this tremendous legacy. I am so pleased and humbled that I and my successor state directors will henceforth be known as the Edmund C. Olson Trust Fellow."



Miss Ka'ū Coffee Maria Miranda guides 2016 contestants through the paces.

Photo by Trinidad Marques

Local Businesses Donate to Pageant Scholarship Fund

Many local businesses are donating to the Miss Ka'ū Coffee Scholarship fund for the pageant coming up on May 14 at Ka'ū Coffee Mill.

Deadline for young ladies of all ages to sign up for the three categories was March 31. Contact Trinidad Marques at 936-0015 or alii-hhhcoffee@yahoo.com for more information about the pageant

Contestants compete for scholarships for higher education. Donate to the pageant scholarship fund with Julia Neal at 928-6471 or mahalo@aloha.net.

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Fajardo Named New Chief for KAHU Radio & HPR

KAHU radio in Pāhala has a new chief under Hawai'i Public Radio, and the station promises to expand its reach throughout Ka'ū.

HPR announced in March that its Board of Directors selected José A. Fajardo, a Florida-based public media executive with more than 30 years of industry experience, as the organization's new president and general manager, based in O'ahu. He will succeed Michael Titterton, the station's longest-serving president and general manager, who will exit the post June 30. Fajardo will begin at HPR full-time on May 16 and make an earlier appearance during the station's April on-air fund drive. Titterton arranged for KAHU to merge with HPR.

"It won't be easy to follow the extraordinary tenure of Michael, but after a comprehensive search process, we are convinced that José has the right stuff to take Hawai'i's public radio forward," said Dr. Tyrie Jenkins, HPR Board chair. "José's impressive experience in expanding audiences

and membership, while navigating the impacts of digital listening habits, make him uniquely qualified to lead HPR into the future. His upbringing in Puerto Rico gives him a special affinity for island life, and we believe Hawai'i's communities will embrace him."

Fajardo recently served as Executive Vice President for Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce, a role he held since August 2013. He also served as President & CEO for WMFE-TV/FM, the member-supported public broadcasting stations for Central Florida. During his 16 years with WMFE, he led acti-

vations of WMFE-TV Digital Channel 24 and of 90.7 WMFE-FM's HD Radio transmitter, which provided two full-time radio streams of programming and increased audiences for both stations. Additionally, Fajardo spearheaded two major changes at WMFE: the change of the radio-programming format to an all-news format and the sale of WMFE-TV to University of Central Florida.

Fajardo's broadcast career started in

Central Texas, where he worked for three years in commercial radio before joining KNCT-TV/FM, the public broadcasting stations in Killeen, Texas. He served at KNCT in several roles, concluding as its general manager.

In 2005, Fajardo was presented with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce & Hispanic Business Initiative Fund Don Quijote Professional of the Year Award. In 2009, *Ahora Orlando* magazine named him

one of the 25 most influential local Hispanic community leaders.

Fajardo is a native of Puerto Rico. In May 2010, he received an MBA from the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College.

One of his first challenges will be completing the towers and equipment installation at Kulani to expand KAHU's reach throughout Ka'ū with HPR programming.



Jose Fajardo is new chief of KAHU Radio in Pāhala and its sister Hawai'i Public Radio stations.

Dolly Kailiawa Honored by Big Island Boys & Girls Club

Dolly Kailiawa, the Pāhala Club Director for the Boys & Girls Club, took home a Ten Years of Service Award at the organization's annual dinner in March. A life-long supporter and advocate for youth and the Ka'ū community, Kailiawa joined the Boys & Girls Club of the Big Island's team as a Youth Development Specialist in 2006. In the time since, she became Pāhala Club Director and now serves as Club Director for both the Pāhala Club and the Ocean View outreach site.

"Dolly is a strong leader in the club and the Ka'ū community as demonstrated by the partnerships she has built and the staff and youth she has mentored," said Zavi Brees-Saunders, the club's islandwide Chief Executive Officer. Brees-Saunders was given an award by the Board of Directors



Pāhala's Dolly Kailiawa (r) and islandwide manager Zavi Brees-Saunders earned service awards from the Boys & Girls Club.

for leadership and service to the youth of the Big Island. The Board expressed its gratitude to her for leading the organization during a time of transition.

Puapo'o's resemblance ends there. Puapo'o has a much richer diversity of life than Nāhuku, including blind spiders and tiny bugs that live on 'ōhi'a roots and others that create grids of white tunnels as they travel along the cave walls. Puapo'o's floor is littered with rocks and huge boulders that dropped from above during past earthquakes. Its walls are covered in white mineral deposits. Stallman explained that Nāhuku's walls don't have such material because chemicals emitted by crowds of visitors there have reacted with it and caused it to disappear.

At an open area of the cave, Stallman asked explorers to turn off their lights to experience total darkness. When one person asked Valencia if an oli would be appropriate in the cave, he said it would not be, because his training is "of the light."

Stallman also pointed out the impact of visitors where they descend a 15-foot ladder to the cave's entrance. Even a limited number of visitors, with twice-weekly tours limited to 12 participants each, are trampling groundcover in

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Ka'ū Byway Committee Blesses Nā'ālehu Site with Educational Signage

Ka'ū Scenic Byway Committee held a blessing of the new informational kiosk sign at Nā'ālehu Park on Monday, March 28. The kiosk is the committee's second project. Funds to make the signs were provided by former County Council member Brenda Ford, and Hawai'i County Parks & Recreation Department installed them with assis-

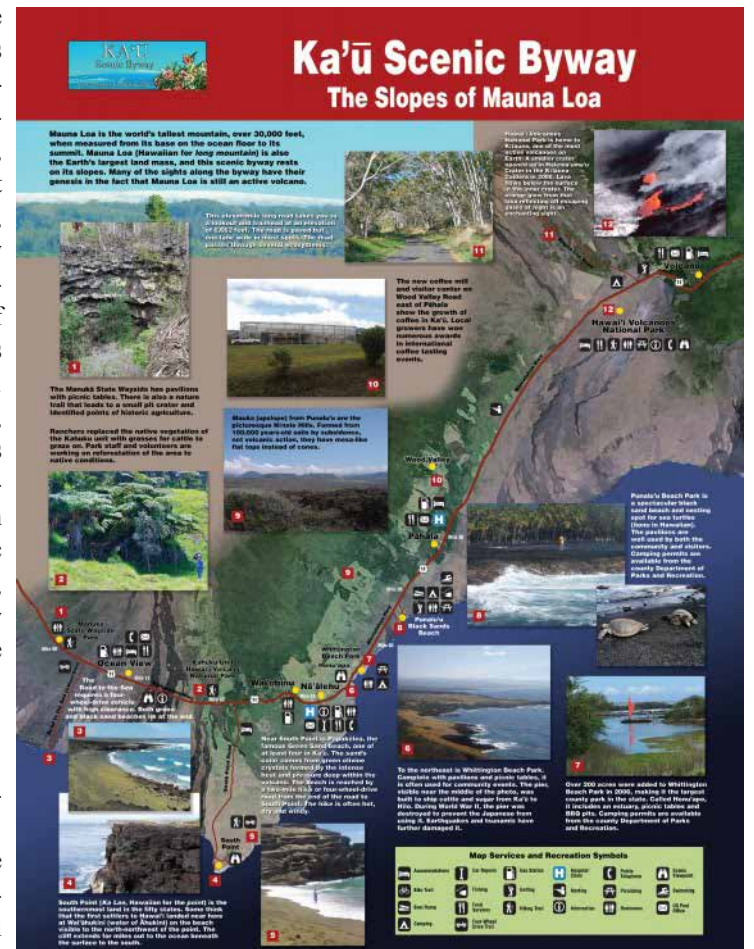
tance from 'O Ka'ū Kākou.

The three panels on the kiosk display maps and photos of the byway and the Nā'ālehu area; show some historical photos; give some history of Nā'ālehu, Wai'ōhinu and Honu'apo; tell about the 1886 earthquake; discuss the agriculture of sugar and coffee; and more.

The committee's first project was placing two interpretive signs at the scenic overlook at mile marker 75, just outside of Ocean View. This marked the first time that there have been signs explaining to the public what they are seeing as they visit Ka'ū. The signs include information on the history, geography and culture of the South Point area.

The commit-

tee is a joint venture of local businesses and property owners, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Hawai'i Department of Transportation, Hawai'i County government, Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka'ū and various local organizations. Ka'ū Scenic Byway, known as The Slopes of Mauna Kea, received designation as a Hawai'i Scenic Byway on Oct. 18, 2011. The byway covers the entire length of Hwy 11 through Ka'ū.



Three panels at Nā'ālehu Park's informational kiosk share Ka'ū information. Image from Ka'ū Scenic Byway Committee

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flow. It was created by workers hired by the sugar companies to dig horizontal tunnels into the volcano where large amounts of rainwater percolate through the lava and into a lens of water deep in the volcano. As the water drips down within Mauna Loa, the tunnels catch some of it. The tunnel water, which was used in the past to carry sugar cane to the mills, more recently has been used for ir-

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Kapāpala ranchers said they had been called by Hawai'i Farm Bureau to help with the issue by testifying before the state Legislature on House Bill 2501, which would allow for extension of revocable permits if long-term lease applications are pending. They flew to Honolulu and testified with Kuahiwi rancher Michelle Galimba; John Cross, who represents Olson Trust, which grows coffee and macadamia in Ka'ū; and Randy Cabral, a retired macadamia plantation manager in Ka'ū who also has a small ranch here and is state president of Hawai'i Farm Bureau. All have been working for the last decade to restore old sugar tunnels for agriculture water, and state funding has been appropriated.

In written testimony given prior to the hearing, Cabral said the Maui case "is of special interest to agriculture as many of our farms and ranches depend on diverted waters for irrigation. Without water, there can be no agriculture. The Maui case involves one of the largest contiguous active agricultural lands in the state. The farm families and organizations along with their communities are at risk if an interim solution is not identified. We believe the proposed measure provides a good option. As stated, it is clearly an interim measure and not a means to get around the law. It provides

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KA'U SPORTS REPORT

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Ka'ū High boys volleyball team again took first place at an annual tournament. Shown are Assistant Coach Jade Cabrereros and daughter Janayah, #5 Janslae Badua, #8 Jacob Flores, #3 Jovan Padrigio, #1 Trevor Taylor, #7 Travis Taylor, #4 Pete Dacalio, #20 Jamal Buyuan and Head Coach Joshua Ortega.

Photo from Joshua Ortega

Boys Volleyball Team Wins Tourney Again

Congratulations to Ka'ū High boys volleyball team that took first place for the second consecutive time in the Big Island Under 300 Boys Volleyball Invitational Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 27. "Playing

five games in a row with only seven players, they were tired at times, but all of them stayed strong. At the end, it was all worth it," Coach Joshua Ortega said.

Ka'ū Kamehameha Player Seeks Funds to Play Ball Down Under

Pāhala resident Wayne Dacalio, Jr., a junior at Kamehameha, has been invited to represent Hawai'i Football in the 28th annual Down Under Sports Tournaments this summer on the Gold Coast of Australia. This past fall, he was a linebacker on the school's varsity team.

"I am honored to be an ambassador of not only my community and state, but also our country," Dacalio said.

Dacalio is seeking sponsors to help



cover travel costs of competing down under and would appreciate any type of donation to help him fulfill this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Information about the program is available at DownUnderSports.com.

Donations can be mailed to PO Box 431, Pāhala, HI 96777.

For more information about donating, call 938-4405 or 938-0467.

'Ohana Share Projects at Math & Science Night

Nā'ālehu School Gym was filled last month with thought-provoking projects and hands-on activities during the annual Math and Science Night. Teachers and staff volunteered time to work with 'ohana members and the public, giving insight into their classrooms and providing a fun activity for students and families.



The Blancos talk with kindergarten teacher Mary La-Grandeur, while investigating a tent daughter Tenielle designed.

Photo by Nālanī Parlin

Volleyball Club Invited to Kaua'i Tourney

Miloli'i- Ka'ū Girls Traveling Volleyball Club has been invited to participate in the 29th annual Ho'oikaika Invitational Tournament May 27-30 on Kaua'i. Members have participated in various tournaments, including the annual Haili Tournament of Hilo, where they placed first and third in different divisions.

The club is raising funds to offset travel expenses that include flights, room and board and ground transportation.

"This will be our first off-island trip and an opportunity to compete with girls in our brackets from various neighboring islands,

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time for the law to be interpreted and implemented in the best interest of the people and environment."

Michelle Galimba wrote, "My family operates a cattle ranch in Ka'ū district on Hawai'i Island. We live and work in a remote area where there is very little public infrastructure. We have a revocable permit that allows our ranch and several other ranches in the area to use water that originates from a water tunnel dug by the sugar plantation early last century. We only use the excess water left over after the County

as well as an opportunity to expand our skills and abilities," donations chair Starlette Freitas said. "Any contribution will be greatly appreciated."

Players include Kyia Hashimoto, Hailley Fa'afia, Shaila Fa'afia, Honey Freitas, Lehiwa Freitas-Moses, Precious Mareko-Ke, Kaelyn Medeiros-Shibuya, Chelsea Velez, Johnette Llanes and Jaydah Pilanca-Emmsley.

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The National Honor Society at Ka'ū High School inducted new Trojan members and honored current members last month with a candlelight service at the campus. Vice Principal Wilma Roddy complimented the students and their families for their efforts to help develop young men and women with character, community service, leadership and academic success. English teacher Brenda Neidigk talked about honor students often being the quiet ones and said the Honor Society gives high potential students the opportunity to interact with "others of like minds." She noted Honor Society members' humble service to the community, from painting buildings to cleaning up trash and volunteering at senior centers and Ka'ū Hospital.

The local chapter is called the Silver Oak, and its club advisor is teacher David Brooks. He said the families of the Honor Society members deserve recognition and applause for their support of the new inductees and senior members.

During the gathering, honor students announced their future plans, which include studying biology and careers in nursing, marketing, the Air Force and U.S. Army. They talked about inspiration, quoting Woodrow Wilson, who said that if one thinks about what one can do for other people, character will take care of itself. John F. Kennedy was quoted about leadership and learning being a never-ending



A candlelight service welcomed new Honor Society members.

Photo by Julia Neal

process. Another quote: "If you think you know it all, your learning has ceased." Another: "Great leadership inspires others with confidence," Henry David Thoreau said about following confidently in the direction of dreams. Also, Confucius say: "He who says he can, and he who says he can't, are both usually right."

Current leaders of Ka'ū High Honor Society are President Sheilla Felipe, Maricar Manantan, J-r Abalos, Chloe Gan and Deisha Gascon. New members are Monica Lynn Covarrubio, Charlotte Faye Esquida, Aislinn Carroll, Rowlie John Flores, Hayden Hanshew, Zachary Ishii, Keosokin Kheng, Junially Manatan, Daryl Moreira, Revis Petitt, Ezra James Ramones and Daniel Savage.



New Ka'ū High National Honor Society members were inducted last month.

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in the district of Ka'ū.

"We do our best to obey the regulatory requirements as defined by the state. We would have preferred to have been allowed a long-term water lease, however we understand how complex permitting is and have patiently worked with what tenure has been available to us. Now even the short-term tenure that these water permits offered are at risk. HB2501 will allow us all to work through the complex issues of water permits and leases without causing immediate harm to our agricultural businesses and homesteads

here in Ka'ū. I hope that you will vote in its favor."

While Ka'ū farmers and ranchers testified in favor of the bill, others, including environmental groups, opposed it. "This bill appears to be another subversive attempt by Alexander & Baldwin to evade the law and judicial review in order to avoid stream restoration, environmental analysis and basic water stewardship," wrote Sierra Club of Hawai'i Director Marti Townsend. "Lawmakers elected to protect the public trust must vigorously oppose HB2501 and prevent any further steps to usurp public water rights and subsidize the profits of a multi-billion dollar company receiving special status over the interests of the public trust."

Earthjustice attorney David Lane Henkin testified, "The bill would allow the department to extend indefinitely an expired lease for use of state water resources, without ever considering or mitigating the harm such diversions can inflict on Hawai'i's unique and fragile stream environments and on the exercise of traditional and customary rights. HB 2501 is a transparent attempt to overturn a recent circuit court decision holding that the department violated "the public interest" when it allowed, for more than thirteen years, a private corporation to divert up to 450 million gallons of water each day from over a hundred streams and tributaries on public lands in East Maui.

Volcano resident Rick Warshauer testified, *Ag Water, pg. 10*

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Ka'ū Trojans Winter Sports Schedule

Track & Field

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- Sat, April 2, 9 a.m., Ka'ū @ Kamehameha
- Sat, April 9, 3 p.m., Ka'ū @ Kona
- Sat, April 16, Ka'ū @ HPA (JV)
- Fri, April 29, 2 p.m., BIIF Trials
- Sat, April 30, 3 p.m., BIIF Finals
- Sat, May 7, HHSAA

Judo

- Sat, April 2, 10 a.m., Ka'ū @ Kea'au
- Sat, April 9, 10 a.m., Ka'ū @ Kamehameha
- Sat, April 26, 10 a.m., BIIF
- Fri, May 6, 9 a.m., HHSAA

Boys Volleyball

- Fri, April 1, 6 p.m., Ka'ū @ Kealakehe
- Tue, April 5, 6 p.m., Hilo @ Ka'ū
- Thu, April 7, Ka'ū @ Kamehameha
- Sat, April 16, 10 a.m., Waiākea @ Ka'ū
- Tue, April 19, 6 p.m., Ka'ū @ Kohala
- Fri, April 22, 6 p.m., Ka'ū @ HPA
- Tue, April 26, 6 p.m., BIIF first round
- Thu, April 26, 6 p.m., BIIF semifinals
- Sat, April 30, 5 p.m., BIIF finals
- Wed, May 4 – Sat, May 7, HHSAA

Softball

- Fri, April 1, 1 p.m., Kealakehe @ Ka'ū
- Wed, April 6, 3 p.m., HPA @ Ka'ū
- Sat, April 9, 1 p.m., Ka'ū @ Kohala



Ka'ū High Students Learn Forest Stewardship

Last month, Ka'ū High School students from Chayanee Brooks' environmental science and AVID class went to Keauhou Bird Conservation Center in Volcano to do service on planting trees in order to make habitats for birds.

Students witnessed 'apapane showcasing their songs and learned that everything in the ecosystem depends on each other. They planted a total of 200 plants consisting of māmane, koa and a'ali'i.

"They also learned to appreciate and contribute service to the land they live on," Brooks said.



Ka'ū High students participated in a forest restoration project last month. Photo from Chayanee Brooks

Ka'ū Students Aim for Health Careers

Ka'ū High & Pahala Elementary School's Health Occupations Students of America club members have set up a gofundme account, raising money to travel to Nashville, Tennessee and compete in Nationals. They competed with 32 schools at the state level on O'ahu in February, and members qualified for Nationals by taking second and third places.

HOSA is a nationwide organization that includes secondary as well as post-secondary education students. It provides students with opportunities to promote health, deliver quality care



Ka'ū residents can help local health career student travel to a national completion.

and learn about elements that are essential for health career professionals. HOSA also provides students with the chance to compete in various health subjects individually or as a team. Club Advisor Angie Miyashiro said the advantage of HOSA is that it allows students to engage even more in critical thinking beyond the classroom as well as enhance their problem solving skills.

This is the first time that Ka'ū

High and Pāhala had such an event. As the first year for the

Health Careers, pg. 15

Senator Encourages Students to Participate in Government

Ka'ū High School Students met with their state senator in March and expressed hopes and concerns for education and the community. Among issues discussed with Sen. Russell Ruderman, who represents Honu'apo through Pāhala and Volcano into Puna, was shutdown of the carpentry and building program at Ka'ū High School. At the meeting held at Pāhala Plantation House, student Sheri Freitas said she was looking to a career in the building trades, and suddenly the program that prepared youth for jobs in this community was gone. She also talked about Advanced Placement classes being unavailable when the minimum number of students in the small high school is unavailable to take them. Ruderman commended the students for becoming vocal about such issues. Regarding AP classes, he encouraged students to organize as many students as possible to sign up for them. Regarding the building trades program, he said he wants to learn more.

The students revealed that they are well on their way to coming up with their own solutions for a number of their challenges. Chloe Gan and Tina Sanchez talked about working with the Boys & Girls Club to offer sports coach training. They are advocating for the return of music to the school,



Ka'ū High School students met with state Sen. Russell Ruderman at Pāhala Plantation House and asked for help with school and community issues. Photo by Julia Neal

working on the soccer program and providing opportunities for art and dance.

Ruderman said, "If it was up to me, we would put twice as much money into education, and it wouldn't go to people sitting in offices in Honolulu." He encouraged the students to form or work with nonprofit organizations and get ready for next year's Legislature where a grant-in-aid could be a possibility to help meet their objectives.

Regarding other topics, students weighed in on Ka'ū Coffee farming and asked whether the land could be sold

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KA‘Ū COMMUNITY

Stewardship at the Summit, Fri, April 1, 15 & 22; Sat, April 9 & 30; 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Volunteers clear ginger from park trail. Free; park entrance fees apply. nps.gov/havo

Kino Lau of Laka: The Embodiment of Hula, daily through April 24, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center’s Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Mixed media featuring works by John Dawson, Jelena Clay, Bernice Akamine and Micah Kamohoali‘i. 967-8222

Dinner and Theater Night, Fri – Sun, April 1 – 3, Kīlauea Military Camp’s Crater Rim Café in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Before KDENs production of *The Bible: The Complete Word of God*, KMC invites patrons to indulge in a casual dinner. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests.

The Bible: The Complete Word of God (Abridged), Fri/Sat, April 1 – 2, 7:30 p.m. & Sun, April 3, 2:30 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp Theater in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. KDEN presents Reduced Shakespeare Co.’s books of the Bible in two hours. \$15, \$12 students, \$10 children 12 and under. Tickets at Kīlauea General Store, 982-7344 and kden73@aol.com. Park entrance fees may apply.

A-mazing Triangles, Sat, April 2, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Charlene Asato shares her expertise. 967-8222

Secrets of the Soil, Sat, April 2, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Zach Mermel’s workshop explores dynamics of the soil food web. Two sessions can be taken together or separately. 967-8222 or volcanoartcenter.org

Sustainable Workshop, Sat, April 2, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Earth Matters Farm, corner of Kama‘oa & South Point Roads. Richard Perea teaches Ka‘ū Natural Farming, which uses local microorganisms to strengthen plants’ ability to receive available nutrients. \$25 includes garden-fresh lunch; free to HFUU members. earthmatterskau@aol.com or 443-3300

Ham Radio Operators Potluck Picnic, Sun, April 3, Manuka Park. All American Radio Emergency Service members, anyone interested in learning how to operate a ham radio and families are invited to attend. Dennis Smith, 989-3028

Beginning Hawaiian Language Classes, Sun, April 3 & 17, 2:30 p.m., Ka‘ū Youth Center near Nā‘ālehu Community Center. Classes taught by kupuna Jeannette Howard are followed by informal kanikapila stressing songs of Ka‘ū. Free; open to all. Beverly Byouk, 936-7262

Volunteer Fire Department Meeting, Mon, April 4, 4 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Hawai‘i County Council Meetings, Tue/Wed, April 5/6 & 19/20. Ka‘ū residents can participate via videoconferencing at Nā‘ālehu State Office Building. See hawaiiicounty.gov for agendas & live-streamed & archived meetings.

Ka‘ū Coffee Growers Meeting, Tue, April 5, 6 – 8 p.m., Pāhala Community Center.

‘Ukulele Basics, Wed., April 6, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National

Park. Rangers show the basics of how to play the iconic Hawaiian musical instrument. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Ocean View Neighborhood Watch meeting, Thu, April 7, 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-2442 & 928-2015

Slack Key with Jeff Peterson, Fri, April 8, 2 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Public Library & Tuesday, April 12, 5:30 p.m., Pāhala Public & School Library. Peterson helps Ka‘ū celebrate National Library Week.

Pancake Breakfast, Sat, April 9, 8 – 11 a.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Atlas Recycling at South Point U-Cart, Sat, April 9, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday Walk in the Park, April 10, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. This month’s Friends of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park walk explores Sulphur Banks and ‘Iliahi Trails. Free for Friends members; non-members can join in order to attend. Registration required at admin@fhvnp.org or 985-7373.

Medicine for the Mind, Sun, April 10, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Buddhist healing meditation for beginners through advanced. Free. Patty, 985-7470

Senior IDs, Mon, April 11, 9 – 11 a.m., St. Jude’s Church in Ocean View. For ages 60 and over. 928-3100

Home-School Meeting, Mon, April 11, 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Home-school families meet for social interaction. 939-7033

Invertebrate Investigation with Bob Peck, Wed, April 12, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. 967-8222

After Dark in the Park: The Return of the ‘Alalā, Tue, April 12, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Learn more about the release and recovery of a beloved and unique bird found nowhere else on earth. \$2 donations support park programs; park entrance fees apply.

Into the Light, Thu, April 14, 7 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Ken Goodrich presents an exploration of light, sound and spirit. \$5 donations appreciated. 967-8222

Red Cross Volunteer meeting, Thu, April 14, 7 p.m., HOVE Road Maintenance Corp. office. For volunteers and those interested in becoming volunteers. Hannah Uribes, 929-9953

KRHCAI 19th Annual Membership Meeting & Conference, Fri, April 15, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Theme is *Rural Health at Work in Our Communities*. Register by Sunday, April 10. 928-0101

Volunteer Forest Restoration Project, Fri, April 15, 9

a.m. – 3 p.m., Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park forest@fhvnp.org

Fee-Free Days, Sat, April 16 – Sun, April 24, Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. The park commemorates the centennial during National Park Week by waiving entry fees.

Kilauea Military Camp Open House, Sat, April 16 – Sun, April 24. Experience how KMC supports America’s troops by re-visiting KMC during fee-free week. Open to authorized patrons and



Peterson Returns to Ka‘ū

Jeff Peterson helps Ka‘ū libraries celebrate National Library Week. Peterson is one of Hawai‘i’s most versatile and respected musicians and is at the heart of the Hawaiian music scene today. His passion for the guitar has allowed him to shine as a solo artist and has given him the opportunity to collaborate with a wide variety of artists from Hawai‘i, the mainland and abroad. His focus on slack key guitar, classical and jazz music has allowed him to develop a unique and transcendent voice while being deeply rooted in traditions of his Hawaiian heritage.

Peterson was born on Maui and introduced to the rich heritage of Hawaiian music by his father, a paniolo on Haleakalā Ranch. He is well known in Ka‘ū for teaching visitors and locals at workshops sponsored by the Center for Hawaiian Music Studies at Pāhala Plantation Cottages. Many local youth received scholarships to learn from him and other Hawaiian music masters.

Programs are on Friday, April 8 at 2 p.m. at Nā‘ālehu Public Library and Tuesday, April 12 at 5 p.m. at Pāhala Public & School Library. The 45-minute programs are suitable for all ages. Young children must be accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver.

For more information, call 939-2442 or 928-2015.

sponsored guests. 967-8371

Recycling at Nā‘ālehu School, Sat, April 16, 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

Mushroom Cultivation Workshop, Sat, April 16, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Part one of Zach Mermel’s three-part Fungi Series. 967-8222 or volcanoartcenter.org

Kahuku ‘Ohana Day, Sat., April 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Keiki 17 and younger join park rangers for a free, fun day of discovery. Participants hike the historic lower Palm Trail and learn to make traditional string figures called hei. 985-6019

Hula Kahiko, Sat, April 16, 10:30 a.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery’s hula platform in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Kumu hula Stephanie Apolo with Hālau Hula Kalaulani o Pu‘uanahulu perform. Nā Mea Hula with Kumu hula Ab Valencia and members of Hālau Hula Kalehuaki‘eki‘eika‘iu begins at 11 a.m. volcanoartcenter.org

Wonderful Watercolors, Mon, April 18, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Lisa Louise Adams teaches this four-week series. 967-8222

Hula Performance by Haunani’s Aloha Expressions, Wed, April 20, 6:30 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. This popular, award-winning hula hālau shares the aloha spirit with visitors cruise ships and at Hilo International Airport. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Family Reading Night, Thu, April 21, 5 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka‘ū, Thu, April 21, 5:30 p.m. 929-9731 or 936-7262

OVCA Board Meeting, Thu, April 21, 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Mongolian BBQ, Sat, April 23, 5 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp’s Crater Rim Café in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. 967-8356. Open to authorized patrons & sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply; 967-8371.

HOVE Road Maintenance board of directors meeting, Tue, April 26, 10 a.m., St. Jude’s Church. 929-9910

Ka‘ū Food Pantry, Tue, April 26, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., St. Jude’s Episcopal Church in Ocean View.

After Dark in the Park: What Makes a Species Invasive? Tue, April 26, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Ecologist David Benitez discusses what makes a species invasive and some of the most unwanted species in the park, Hawai‘i and around the world. Attendees learn what they can do to stop their spread. \$2 donations support park programs.

Hawaiian Arts & Crafts, Wed, April 27, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Hawai‘i Pacific Parks Association staff make and demonstrate how to play ‘ohe hano ihu (Hawaiian nose flute) and create designs on a bamboo stamp, or ‘ohe kāpala. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Legal Aid, Thu, April 28, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Ocean View Community Center.

Ocean View Community Development Corp. meeting, Fri, April 29, 5 p.m., Hawaiian Ranchos office.

Centennial Hike: Save the Summit Understory, Sat, April 30, 9 a.m. Meet near the flagpole outside Kīlauea Visitor Center in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park to lop invasive Himalayan ginger from the native Hawaiian rainforest. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Jazz in the Forest, Sat, April 30, 4:30 & 7:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. volcanoartcenter.org or 967-8222

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Gentle Senior Yoga, Mon/Wed, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Hongwanji. Senior price \$10 for 10 sessions. Stephanie Pepper, 937-7940

Pilates Plus, Mon/Wed, 4 – 5 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. Open to all ages. Exercise by DVD; bring your own equipment, ball and mat. Free w/donation of non-perishable food. Judy Knapp, 939-8149

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Zumba, Mon/Thu, 6 – 7 p.m., Nāʻālehu Community Center. Certified Zumba instructor Erin Cole, 938-4037

Aikido, Mon/Wed, 6 p.m., Pāhala Hongwanji. Alan Moores, 928-0919 or artbyalan2011@gmail.com

Beginning and Intermediate Yoga, Tue/Thu, 8:30 - 10 a.m. Noa's Island Massage in rear entrance of Kaʻū Realty across from Hana Hou. Arrive 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

Meditation, Wed, 4 – 5 p.m. Nāʻālehu Hongwanji. Velvet Replogle, 936-8989

Beginners Yoga, Wed, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. \$5. Rob Kennedy, 985-9151

Qigong for Health and Tranquility, Thu, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Mark Twain Estates. Easy to learn, slow, calming, historic forms of Daoist healing postures and meditations. Teacher Shary Crocker is a long-time student and friend of Master Kenneth Cohen. Private sessions available. \$5 Donation \$5 - \$8. 929-7647

Hula Kahiko, Thu, 4–6 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. Kaʻū School of the Arts, 854-1540 or info@kauarts.org

Country Line Dancing, Thu, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. For men & women; no partner required. Free & easy lessons (a new dance each week) for beginners & intermediate. Suzanne, 930-4678

Daily & Weekly Events & Activities

Volcano Farmers Market, Sun, 6 – 10 a.m., Cooper Center. Fruits and veggies, swap meet and more. EBT welcome.

Tūtū and Me Traveling Preschool, free classes Mon/Wed, Nāʻālehu Community Center; Tue/Thu, Pāhala Community Center; 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. 929-8571

Niaulani Nature Walks, Mon, 9:30 a.m., Volcano Art Center 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

Folk & Country Music, Mon/Wed, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Punaluʻu Bake Shop. Gary Cole, aka Foggy, entertains diners.

Pāhala Senior Center: Lunch served Mon – Fri, 10:30 a.m. for residents aged 60+. Julie, 928-3101

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Joining in Community Supported Agriculture “gives families and individuals a direct connection to the farm, and you will eat the freshest, most nutritional greens and vegetables available year-round. By joining us, you will be supporting organic farming practices that are healthful to people and the environment,” said a statement from Earth Matters.

Earth Matters is one of the sponsors of the kick-off event for Kaʻū Coffee Festival on Friday, May 13 at Pāhala Plantation House. It also offers on-site farming workshops. To learn more and to sign up for the CSA program, call Gail or Greg Smith at 443-8281.

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.

Zhineng Qigong, Mon, 2 – 4 p.m., Cooper Center in Volcano Village. \$10 suggested donation. alohachigong@gmail.com

Kaʻū Community Chorus Rehearsals, Mon, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall; Kaʻū School of the Arts, 854-1540 or info@kauarts.org

A Walk into the Past, Tue, 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 2 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center and Whitney Vault in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Kaʻū resident Dick Hershberger brings Hawaiian Volcano Observatory founder Thomas Jaggar to

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Kaʻū Driver License Office, Tue/Wed by appointment. 854-7214

Family Movie Matinee, Tue, 3 p.m., Nāʻālehu Public Library. Free movies plus free popcorn. 939-2442

Family History/Geneology Workshops, Tue, 4 – 6 p.m., Nāʻālehu Mormon Church. Theresa Ducret presents free, online workshops. Appointments at 238-6221.

Basic Computer & Internet Classes, Tue, 5:30 & 6 p.m., Pāhala Public & School Library. Debbie, 928-2015

Kanikapila Jam Sessions, Tue, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. 967-8222

Kaʻū Farmers Market, Wed, 8 a.m. – noon, Shaka's Restaurant in Nāʻālehu. Produce, Hawaiiana, arts and crafts, fresh baked goods.

Nāʻālehu 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 Waiʻōhinu. 938-0411

Free Dinner, Wed, 4 – 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Bring a can; have a meal. Everyone welcome; volunteers needed. Donations accepted c/o OVCC. 939-7033

Ka Lena Na Keiki O Kaʻū, Wed, 4 – 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Nonprofit Family Support Hawaiʻi sponsors this free talent group, with Chassie Cantiberos teaching song and dance. 430-7886

Baptist Church Choir Practice, Wed, 6 – 8 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Game Night, Wed, 6:30 – 9 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. Fun games & great conversation. Open to the public. Potluck first Wednesday of each month begins at 5:30 p.m.; bring a favorite dish for six. Sheri, 929-9258

Ka Lae Quilters, Thu, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. 238-0505

VA Center for Veterans, Thu, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. David, 329-0574

Color Me Happy, Thu, 3 – 6 p.m., Nāʻālehu Library. Coloring club for all ages. 939-2442

Desperately Seeking Serenity AFG meeting, Thu, 5 p.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View. Sandy, 557-9847

Women, Infant, Children Services, Fri (except holidays) at *Calendar, pg. 10*

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Hawai‘i County Department of Agriculture Proposed

Should Hawai‘i County have its own Agriculture Department? The County Council’s Committee on Agriculture, Water & Energy Sustainability considered the question at its most recent meeting. Kohala Council member Margaret Wille introduced a bill calling for a charter amendment to be placed on the November ballot.

According to the bill, “It is declared to be the policy of the county to support policies and practices that promote agricultural self-sufficiency, protect and preserve the indigenous heritage of agricultural resources and promote family farms and community cooperatives necessary to promote food security on Hawai‘i Island.”

The bill calls for the department director to have a minimum of three years of experience in the fields of both conventional and organic agriculture, a degree in agriculture

and a minimum of three years in an administrative capacity.

The Agriculture Commission would consist of nine members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council. Each council district would have one member. The commission would advise the department on issues related to functions of the department and exercise any other powers related to the functions of the department that may be delegated to it by ordinance.

Several council members had questions about the measure. How much will it cost? What will be its responsibilities? How will it work with the state Department of Agriculture?

Nancy Cook Lauer, of *Hawai‘i Tribune-Herald*, reported Kaʻū’s Council member Maile David saying, “We do have an overlapping jurisdictional issue (with the state).



Ag land in Kaʻū includes vast pastures.

This (bill) doesn’t really say what you want this department or commission to address.”

Big Island Video News recorded David saying, “Something this huge should be a task for the Charter Commission, which will probably be coming up in a couple of years.”

Photo by Julia Neal

According to, Cook Lauer, Wille said she introduced a similar measure during the 2010 Charter Commission, but it was not approved.

The council postponed the measure for further review by Wille.



Kaʻū farmers and ranchers are concerned that their water permits could be revoked because of a case on Maui about water diverted for sugar returning to its natural courses.

Photo by Julia Neal

Ag Water, cont. from pg. 6

“This bill is bad for the stream environment, bad for taro cultivation, bad economics for the state, bad because it continues bad practices instead of resolving them, bad because it continues a disincentive for Maui County

to secure its water supply directly, bad because it is one more example of perpetuating old boy politics favoring the traditional powers at the expense of the people and the environment. Kill the bill.”

Hawai‘i Farmers Union United asked Kaʻū residents to testify in opposition to the bill. “We ask you

oppose HB 2501 HD2 and support farmers, fishermen and the ‘āina,” HFUU Vice President Simon Russell said. “This new law will have long-term effects on our watersheds statewide, and Hawai‘i needs more time to

make decisions about its implications. This measure creates a holdover permit process for over a year (unspecified amount of time actually) for water to be removed from the public trust without an environmental assessment. HFUU does not support this concept, and neither does the spirit of the state

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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.

Art Fridays, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 5 – 12. 929-9113

Kaʻū ‘Ohana Band Rehearsals, Fri, 4 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Instruments provided; no experience necessary. Kaʻū School of the Arts, 854-1540 or info@kauarts.org

Kīlauea Lū‘au Dinner Buffet, Fri, 5 – 8 p.m., Crater Rim Café in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Free hula show April 8, 15 & 22, 7 – 8 p.m., Lava Lounge. 967-8356. Open

Heiau Preservation, cont. from pg. 1

Kanaka‘ole Foundation would be willing to teach and share with the Kaʻū community the protocol for going to the heiau. Representatives of the foundation agreed.

Yesterday’s gathering drew suggestions, including the Kanaka‘ole Foundation offering language and cultural classes in Kaʻū and drawing on local experts. It was mentioned that unlike other areas with Hawaiian populations, Kaʻū is without an immersion school where the Hawaiian language is spoken. Local kupuna noted that cultural knowledge is diminishing as kupuna pass on.

Charmaine Keanu said the community would welcome more keiki learning their culture, language and the history of their home area.

Darlyne Vierra, of Kaʻū Multicultural Society, said she wanted to make sure Kaʻū people are involved.

The foundation asked for the community to answer four questions: What would you like to learn from a study on the heiau? What can the study do for the Kaʻū community? How can you contribute to the study? Who would know old stories of this area?

Anna Cariaga, of Pāhala, whose father grew dryland taro in Wood Valley, urged an agreement that would put the heiau area in conservation forever. She called for any ar-

to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8371

Live Entertainment at Hana Hou Restaurant, Fri, 5:30 p.m. in Nā‘ālehu. 929-9717

Live Music Fridays at South Side Shaka’s, Nā‘ālehu. 929-7404

Ocean View Farmers Market, Sat, 7 a.m. – noon, Pōhuke 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‘ōhina (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); Pāhala Meeting, Sun, 6:30 p.m., Edmund C. Olson Trust Bldg (928-8525)



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Edith Kanaka‘ole Foundation representatives met with Kaʻū residents about ‘Imakakōloa Heiau.

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range to be in “black and white” so any future owners of the property could not take it away. “We are not going to let nobody come and take that mountain,” proclaimed Cariaga. She asked for more than an “access agreement.” Representatives of the Kanaka‘ole Foundation said they are just in the beginning stages of planning and working with Olson Trust and the community. Also mentioned in the talk of preserving historic sites was Makanaui, the flat-topped lookout mountain with its own heiau.

Community members pointed to Kaʻū having land and cultural sites like no other place in the Hawaiian Islands. ‘Imakakōloa Heiau is one of them.

For more information, email huihui@edithkanakaolefoundation.org or kala@edithkanakaolefoundation.org.

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Bill Passes House to Ban Industrial Solar in Neighborhoods

A bill that originated in the Hawaiian Ranchos community to ban large solar installations from being built in residential subdivisions has passed the state House of Representatives and is being considered by the Senate. It applies only to the Big Island.

House Bill 2636, introduced by Ka'ū's state Rep. Richard Creagan, is designed to amend an existing state law that allows huge solar farms to be built on any land that is zoned agriculture. The intention, at the time, was to keep solar installations away from rural and urban areas where people live. However, the legislators failed to take into account the fact that many non-conforming, or old, subdivisions on the island are zoned agriculture. Thus, in those cases, a law that allows industrial-scale solar installations only on agricultural land fails to protect residential neighborhoods from being industrialized.

In a letter to the Public Utilities Commission, Creagan wrote: "I have introduced legislation in the House, and Sen. Josh Green has introduced a similar bill in the Senate, to stop this kind of project in the future, and also to prevent this project from being expanded. When HR 205-2 was passed, the idea was that farmers and ranchers and owners of poor agricultural land could profit from generating much-needed renewable energy. Power generation was permitted only on agricultural

Cave, cont. from pg. 3
the fragile environment.

Participants are instructed not to touch cave walls and to avoid hitting them or the ceiling with their hardhats. They must scramble over and around loose rocks and boulders, crouch at some points where the ceiling is low and climb a mountain of boulders to exit the cave, all while using minimal light from headlamps, making this Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute program a truly Wild Cave Exploration, compared to the relatively mild cave exploration at Thurston.

Once explorers returned to the light, Valencia offered another oli, giving thanks for the opportunity to explore this treasure.

For more information and to reserve Friends' five- to six-hour tours or the park's two- to three-hour tours, see fhvnp.org.

lands, which implies, not rural or residential or towns.

"This bill, when it was introduced, looked like a very sensible plan. The state would benefit from the renewable power (solar, wind, etc.), and the struggling owners of Hawaiian land would also benefit from entering the Feed-In-Tariff program, which would help them become developers by smoothing the way for them.



Rep. Richard Creagan

"However, as shown by the Ocean View situation, the well-intentioned law had unforeseen consequences. The law was so broad and unrestricted, it was unfortunate. The devil was in the details, and we didn't put in the details.

"It is easy for lawmakers in Honolulu to forget that there are many non-conforming subdivisions on the island of Hawai'i that are zoned agricultural in spite of their growing rural and semi-urban populations. Indeed, when my bill was before the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection on Feb. 4, Daniel E. Orodener, Executive Officer of the Land Use Commission testified, 'Residential subdivisions are not allowed in the state Agricultural District under Chapter 205, HRS.'

"Thus, inadvertently, loopholes in the law were created. Ocean View and other towns are located on agricultural land. Thus, the intentions of the law – to keep industrial-scale power generation installations away from homes – were confounded. It saddens me that the administrators of the FIT program were unwilling to enforce the spirit of the law and persuade the applicants to go

elsewhere. At the time that the permits for this project were placed on the FIT's Active Queue, the developers were still in escrow with the housing lots that they intended to buy in order to qualify for the permits. At that time, December of 2011, they could have changed locations with minimal loss of time and essentially no loss of funds. Ninety-five percent of the island of Hawai'i is zoned Agriculture, so they could have moved almost anywhere else."

The bill has been referred to Senate committees on Public Safety, Inter-governmental & Military Affairs and Transportation & Energy. If the bill is approved by the committees, the

Senate will vote on it. Gov. David Ige has told Creagan that he will sign the bill into law if both houses approve it.

The public can track progress of this and other bills and submit testimony at capitol.hawaii.gov.



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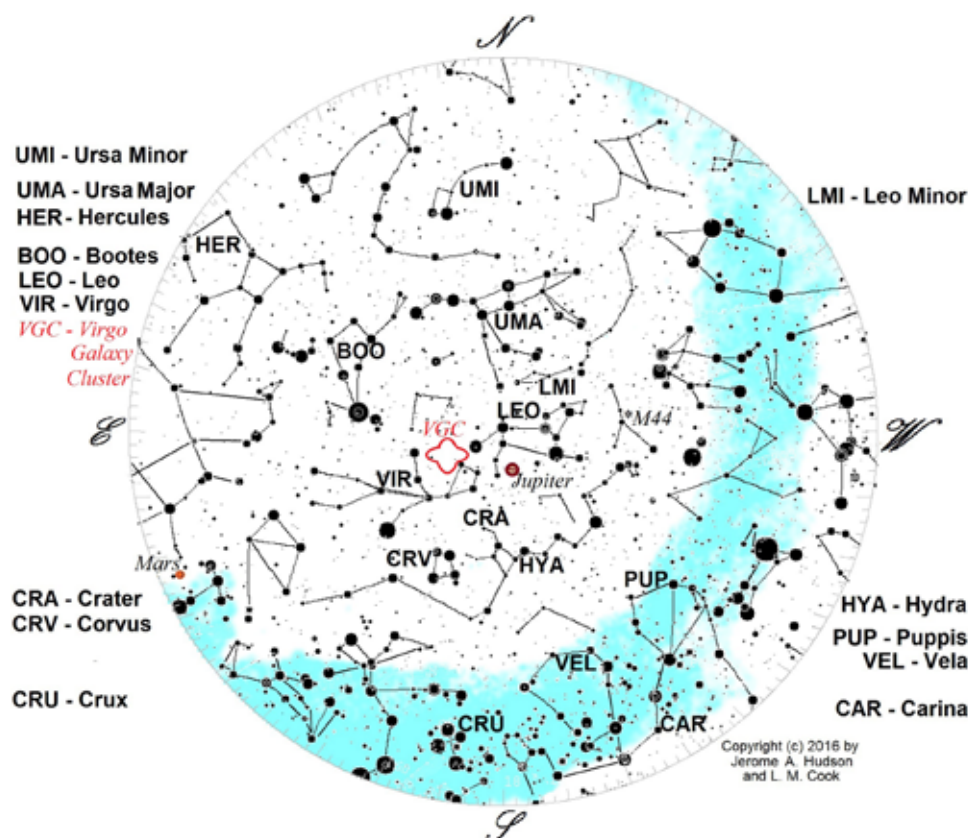
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The star chart is produced from a sky Atlas program written by Jerry Hudson, who has given us permission to publish it. Thanks, Jerry!

The constellations are presented with their three-letter abbreviations, with (usually) the Latin names shown in the margins. Stars as faint as magnitude-six are shown. This is done to take advantage of the truly dark skies Ka'ū is blessed with when there is no bright moon and the skies are clear of fog.

Stars over Ka'ū - April 2016

by Lew Cook

Planets

Jupiter now is near the Meridian, remaining near Leo the Lion's hind paw. Jupiter is visible all night. Mars has just risen at chart time – 10 p.m. on April 15 and an hour later at the start of April or an hour earlier at the end of the month. It will make a close approach to Earth later in the year, so expect some bogus warnings from the Internet about how big it will appear.

Deep Sky Items

The recurrent nova in the Andromeda Galaxy we are watching for so far has not yet erupted, so it is not erupting earlier than expected, if the six-month schedule is accurate. The date of the expected outburst of the nova was March 26, too late for me to see it and most others looking for it. Each day, Andromeda Galaxy comes closer to the sun until April 1. It won't be visible again until April 20 or so, when it starts rising in the morning sky before the sun comes up. Recurrent novae are suspected to be the progenitors of supernovae.

Virgo is the home of dozens of bright galaxies that can be seen through a telescope. These are located to the north of Virgo's "head" and directly east of the lion's tail. The Milky Way and the Andromeda Galaxy are on the fringes of the Virgo cluster and all of those galaxies – and many more clusters are actually part of the supercluster of galaxy clusters. This has been named Laniakea.

If you have a telescope, take a look through it while scanning the area between Leo's tail and the hand on the outstretched arm of Virgo. Charles Messier noted more than a dozen galaxies in Virgo, many of them in this cluster. As you are searching through this area with a medium-sized telescope, preferably at least six-inch diameter, you

may happen on a fuzzy patch. This likely is a galaxy in the Virgo cluster of galaxies. If you have a dark sky and your eyes are well adapted to the dark, you may see many galaxies.

Still visible is the Beehive Cluster in Cancer, the Crab, and it is easily seen with a small telescope or binoculars. Charles Messier noted it as M44. It is also called Praesepe. It is in Cancer and marked with an asterisk where the cluster is located followed by M44.

The Solar Eclipse of March 8, 2016

Failure to predict an eclipse resulted in the beheading of two astronomers in 2300 BC in China. I hope the penalty is not as severe for me. I failed to mention that there was a solar eclipse on March 8, but if you were interested, you may have caught some news stories beforehand. In Hawai'i, it was only a partial solar eclipse and as it turned out was mostly cloudy in Ka'ū. You could have gotten a look at it through the cirrus clouds as it was setting – if you went to South Point.

The truly fortunate folks were those sitting in the right window seats on Alaska Airlines flight 844 as it flew from Anchorage, Alaska to Hawai'i. The passengers knew they were going to fly through the path of the eclipse, but the flight would have been at the right spot 20 minutes too early. They convinced the airline to delay the departure by that 20 minutes, so they got to see the total eclipse!

Constellations

Orion waves goodbye as it sets in the west along with Auriga, the Charioteer, to the north and Sirius in Canis Major (the Big Dog) and the smaller pup following him. Procyon is the bright star in the Little Dog. There are several constellations I haven't shown before, like Leo Minor. Our old friend Arcturus (Hokule'a) in the constellation Bootes (the

Herdsmen) will pass overhead later tonight. This serves as a reminder to us all to reflect back on the Polynesian navigators who used this star as an indicator that they had reached the latitude of Hawai'i after their long journey north and eastward.

Friday Sunrise and Sunset times

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
April 1	6:15 a.m.	6:36 p.m.
April 8	6:09 a.m.	6:38 p.m.
April 15	6:04 a.m.	6:40 p.m.
April 22	5:59 a.m.	6:42 p.m.
April 29	5:55 a.m.	6:44 p.m.

Moon Phases Moon Rise Moon Set

New Moon		
April 7	6:31 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
First Quarter		
April 13	11:57 a.m.	12:21 a.m.
Full Moon		
April 21	6:37 p.m.	5:51 a.m.
Last Quarter		
April 29	12:23 a.m.	12:01 p.m.

Students in Govt., cont. from pg. 7

off, putting farmers at risk. They had questions on an initiative at the Legislature to grow hemp for livestock food, fiber, biofuel and other non-drug uses, asking whether science supports these uses.

They also talked about changing campaign spending laws. Ruderman said political action committees can put up large money and influence politicians more than constituents. He talked about the power of lobbyists at the state Legislature. "The whole game of money and politics has gone too far," said the senator, calling for term limits like those already in place for mayor, County Council and governor. Ruderman told the students that even if they are under the voting age, their opinions count. He urged them to use the Internet to testify on issues of their concern by logging onto capitol.hawaii.gov.

Among the other students participating were Jenny Mauricio and Kun Mongkeya. Their teacher Kevin Sun offers a participation in democracy class at the high school. Assisting in their efforts is Pāhala Middle School teacher Sandy Tran.

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Public Invited to Rural Health Meet

The public is invited to Ka'ū Rural Health Community Association's 19th annual general membership meeting and conference on Friday, April 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Pāhala Community Center. The theme is *Rural Health at Work in our Communities*.

Attendees will hear presentations from representatives of Ka'ū Hospital & Rural Health Clinic, USDA Rural Business & Development Grant Programs, Commission on

the Status of Women, Alu Like Employment & Training Program, Community Health Workers Pilot Program, Ka'ū Intermediate & High School Health Occupation Students of America and Hawai'i County Office of Aging/Aging & Disabilities Resource Center.

Free blood pressure and vision screenings will be available. Deadline to register is April 10. For more information, call 928-0101.

Ka'ū Hospital Recognizes Volunteers

April is Volunteer Recognition Month. Ka'ū Hospital shows its gratitude to those who have donated so much of their time and labor over the past year. "From Alvin Kailiawa, who for at least the past dozen years has been coming every Monday to keep the grounds looking nice; to Margaret Drake, a retired occupational therapist, who continues to work with our long-term care residents; to Audrey Meyer, who applies her considerable administrative skills to help our clinic; to Jessica Garret, who works with our residents; to Jenny Mauricio, a student who has been a wonderful help in our clinic; to all the members of our Foundation



Marget Drake



Alvin Kailiawa

and 'O Ka'ū Kākou, who have raised funds for us; we send a heartfelt mahalo," Administrator Marilyn Harris said.

The hospital hopes to expand its volunteer program in the coming year. There are opportunities to work in most areas of the hospital from working with patients to office support. By law, hospital volunteers must undergo criminal background checks and TB clearance, both of which will be provided in Ka'ū. Depending on the nature of the work, some additional immunizations may be required.

For more information, call Ka'ū Hospital Imaging Department at 932 4392.



Jean Kailiawa, Myra Sumida and Wayne Kawachi, hand over keys to a new van for Ka'ū Hospital to Administrator Marilyn Harris.

Foundation Donates New Wheels to Ka'ū Hospital

Ka'ū Hospital Charitable Foundation has been able to purchase a like-new 2013 Dodge Van for Ka'ū Hospital, reports Hospital Administrator Marilyn Harris. "Thanks to some amazing donors for our community, this van will be used to transport hospital patients and long-term care residents who need to go to Hilo or Kona for diagnostic tests and specialist appointments," she said.

Harris observed that many Ka'ū patients who are admitted to Hilo Medical Center would prefer to finish out their required hospital stay closer to home. "Ka'ū Hospital has been working hard to make that possible, but often those patients need to return to Hilo for follow-up appointments or tests, so transportation has been a challenge."

While Ka'ū Hospital has "a beautiful 14-seat wheelchair- and gurney-accessible bus that Ka'ū Hospital Foundation provided in 2009, it is impractical to use the bus for only one person, so this van will be a tremendous help," Harris said. The purchase has been made possible by generous donations from Pacific Quest, Myra and Cyrus Sumida, Naomi and Harold Yoshida, Ka'ū Royal Hawaiian Coffee and Tea, Hawaiian Sunshine Farms and Ka'ū Mahi. Harris also praised "the tremendous fundraising efforts of 'O Ka'ū Kākou."



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Volcano Art Center Exhibit Features *Ke Kinolau O Laka*

Ke Kinolau O Laka: The Embodiment Of Laka, Goddess Of Hula is on display daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sunday, April 24 at Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The multimedia exhibit features botanical sketches, pyrography-carved gourds and dyed kapa pieces of Hawai'i Island artists John Dawson, Jelena Clay, Bernice Akamine and Micah Kamohoali'i. The exhibit is open to the public and free of charge; park entrance fees apply.

Kinolau literally translates to "many bodies." It is a reference to the belief in the myriad forms of the deities that make up the Hawaiian pantheon and that every plant, animal and force of nature, such as wind, rain and snow, is an embodiment of a god. This concept encompasses more than ritual and religious belief; it is a way of being in the natural world. In Hawaiian culture, Laka is known for creating hula. With hula, a form of storytelling, Laka gave the Hawaiian people a way to record their history and pass it on to future generations. A hula dancer looks to Laka for inspiration before a performance. The dancer is the body – that which is moved; Laka, the



Hawai'i Island artists depict Ke Kinolau O Laka in many media.

Images from VAC

inspiration – that which causes movement. The dancer and Laka become one in the dance. The dancer will adorn themselves in the kinolau of Laka, which include 'ōhi'a lehua, 'ie 'ie, hala pepe, maile, palapalai and other native ferns.

Each artist in the exhibition has explored the plant form of Laka by representing it in the art they have created. Both Dawson and Akamine have depicted the plants as botanical portraits. Clay has burned the image of the forms into gourds, and Kamohoali'i has dyed his kapa fabric using these plants. The plants will also be highlighted in a kuahu (altar) paying

homage to Laka. The native lama wood

base, adorned by various kinolau of Laka, will be dedicated each Friday of the exhibit by a different kumu hula. Just as each story told through hula can differ and styles of teaching may vary, each kumu hula has their own way of honoring Laka. VAC invites Ka'ū residents and visitors weekly to see each kuahu arrangement.

Due to the threat of the 'ōhi'a wilt, 'ōhi'a lehua will be intentionally left out of the kuahu in an effort to protect Hawai'i's natural resources.



Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is upgrading Sulphur Banks Trail. NPS Photo by David Boyle

Trail Improvements Continue into June

A project to improve and repair the popular Sulphur Banks Trail and boardwalk in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park begun last month. Visitors can expect partial trail closures as a park trail crew widens sections for better viewing of interpretive exhibits, improves accessibility for the disabled and replaces rotting boards, among other enhancements.

The work should be complete by the end of June. Partial closures will occur weekly Monday through Thursday, but the trail will be fully open Friday through Sun-

day. Although the work will prevent loop hikes along Sulphur Banks (Ha'akulamanu) Crater Rim trails, a portion of the trail will remain open either from Kīlauea Visitor Center or Steam Vents access points.

Sulphur Banks is a scenic and easy trail that goes to an area where volcanic gases created colorful sulfur crystals, and other minerals paint the landscape. Due to sulfur fumes, people with heart or breathing problems, pregnant women and young children should avoid this trail.

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our next 100 years of protecting this extraordinary park for future generations," Superintendent Cindy Orlando said. Both Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and the National Park Service commemorate their centennial anniversaries in 2016.

The Final GMP/WS/EIS is in an abbreviated form because comments received during the public review period required only minor responses and editorial changes to the draft. There are no substantial changes to the al-

ternatives or the impact analyses presented in the draft, and Alternative Two remains the preferred alternative. This abbreviated format of the final plan has allowed the NPS to produce a simple, brief document and to avoid costly reprinting of the entire 500-plus-page document.

A 30-day no-action period follows the public release of the Abbreviated Final GMP/WS/EIS, after which the NPS will prepare a record of decision to document the selected alternative. During the no-action period, the public can provide comments on the plan at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/havogmp>. Deadline for comments is April 8. CDs of the documents, as well as the full, abbreviated final document, are available at Ka'ū libraries.



April Events

Gallery Events

Ke Kinolau O Laka continues through 4/24

Up Close: Marian Berger, Watercolors opens 4/30
Artist Reception at 5PM

Aloha Fridays on the Porch

Hula Arts April 16

Hula Kahiko with Kumu hula Stephanie Apolo
& Hālau Hula Kalaulani o Pu'uānāhulu

Nā Mea Hula with Kumu hula Ab Valencia

Niaulani Campus

April 2: A-Mazing Triangles

April 2: Secrets of the Soil

April 18 (4 weeks): Wonderful Watercolors

April 12: Bob Peck's *Invertebrate Investigation*

April 14: *Into The Light* with Ken Goodrich

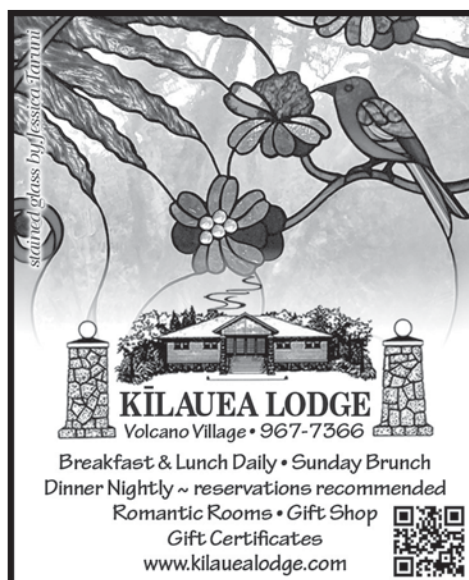
April 16: Zentangle Sprigs & Twigs

April 16: Mushroom Cultivation

April 30: Jazz in the Forest

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FRIENDS OF HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK
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FRIDAY, April 15 • 9am - 1pm

This month we will be collecting seeds in the main section of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. We will also learn about the park's native forest restoration program. Our goal is a crew of 14 people, and pre-registration is required. Volunteers should be at least 12 years old, and be able to hike over rough, uneven terrain and through brush. To register, please contact forest@fhvnp.org or call (808) 352-1402.

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community outreach.”

A statement from the organization, headed in Ka'ū by Megan Lamson, notes that Hawai'i Wildlife is volunteer-powered. Some projects have extended statewide and into Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. Outreach and education are funded through donations and competitive grants.

Hawai'i Wildlife Fund was founded March 16, 1996, when activities focused on the critically endangered Hawaiian monk seal, hawksbill turtle and outreach marine education. Today, HWF manages Honu'ea and Honu Watches and continues to expand outreach education and community-based conservation efforts.

“HWF is committed to building the next generation of marine conservationists.

Since 1996, thousands of volunteers, and more than 400 students and interns from around the globe, have participated in HWF programs.

Community-based programs focus on, but are not limited to, marine debris recovery and education, sea turtle conservation, environmental education and habitat restoration,” the anniversary summary reports.



Megan Lamson has educated the public on marine debris in remote Ka'ū through interviews with international news reporters, including Kyung Lah, of CNN.
Image from cnn.com

our programs and the collective efforts of students, interns and volunteers, HWF has saved thousands of endangered hawksbill (honu'ea) sea turtle hatchlings through identification of migration routes and long-term foraging habitat and protected hundreds of threatened green (honu) sea turtles.

“Teams also have recovered miles of sensitive habitat by removing 200 tons of marine debris. Celebrating 20 years of conservation work, outreach and community involvement makes me very proud.”

To celebrate 20 years of community education, activism and conservation work, HWF team members plan public events through 2016. Upcoming events in Ka'ū include a Kāwā Estuary Restoration Workday this Friday, March 18 and a cleanup at Kamilo on July 9. Check wildhawaii.org.

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CTE Health career and technical program of offering, there was the opportunity to create a health club. To date, the club has 24 students, with nine that chose to compete this year.

The students had their first District competition at University of Hawai'i at Hilo. Ka'ū entered pathophysiology, Community Aware-

ness and with the topic of dengue fever and a public service announcement on promoting wellness and healthy lifestyles. “Ka'ū club worked hard after school and on weekends,” Miyashiro said. “We were stunned but excited that we received first in all of our categories.”

The HOSA Health Club then went to O'ahu Feb. 24-26 and competed at the state level. There were 32 schools, and Ka'ū qualified for Nationals by receiving second and third places. Nationals take place June 20-26. The club needs to raise \$20,000 to attend and represent Ka'ū High and Pāhala Elementary.

“Please help us if you can by any donations and creative ways that you might be able to do so,” Miyashiro said. “We need to raise the money soon, as reservations need to be made.” Checks can be made out to HOSA Health Club Ka'ū High and Pāhala Elementary.

“We are very proud to represent Ka'ū and what the future holds,” Miyashiro said.

To donate online, see gofundme.com/cysq9wuk?utm.

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Co-founder and HWF Executive Director Hannah Bernard stated, “Through

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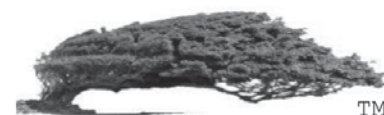
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EVENTS FROM MAY 13th - MAY 22nd HO'OLAULE'A, SATURDAY, MAY 21

Friday, May 13

**Celebrate with the Farmers
at Kick-off Pa'ina at Pāhala**

Plantation House, at 6 p.m. with fresh farm foods and entertainment. Meet Miss Ka'ū Coffee candidates. Contact Pāhala Plantation Cottages at mahalo@aloha.net, 928-9811



Saturday, May 14

**Get your Recipes together for
Ka'ū Coffee Recipe Contest**,
11 a.m. Contact lisa@kaucoffeemill.com,
928-0550

Saturday, May 14

Miss Ka'ū Coffee Pageant,

Miss Peaberry and Junior Miss Ka'ū Coffee Pageant, 6 p.m. at Ka'ū Coffee Mill. Contact Trinidad Marques, 936-0015, aliihcoffee@yahoo.com



Donate to the Miss Ka'ū Coffee Pageant Scholarship Fund Contact Julia Neal at mahalo@aloha.net, 928-6471



Sunday, May 15

Ka'ū Coffee Festival Lobsterpalooza,
Punalu'u beach house, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Tickets \$75 in advance. Live entertainment with Larry Dupio Band and Special Guest Full Tilt Band. Sponsors welcome. Visit www.kaucoffeefestival.com/events for menu and ticketing information.



**Wednesday & Thursday,
May 18 & 19**

**Explore the Ka'ū Forest &
Water System Hike**, 9 a.m.

Contact Lisa Wright at
lisa@kaucoffeemill.com, 928-0550



Friday, May 20

**Reserve a Ranch Lunch at
Coffee & Cattle Day**,

10 a.m. Contact Phil and Merle Becker at
aikaneplantation@hawaii.rr.com,
808-927-2252

Friday, May 20

Stargaze from the top of

Makanau, 5:30 p.m.

Contact Lisa Wright at
lisa@kaucoffeemill.com, 928-0550



Saturday, May 21

Enjoy the Ho'olaule'a, beginning at
9 a.m., with a full day of entertainment, displays,
Ka'ū Coffee tasting, Farm Tours, the Ka'ū Coffee
Experience and food at Pāhala Community
Center. Meet the farmers and Miss Ka'ū Coffee and her court.

Sunday, May 22

**Learn about the Growing
Business of Ka'ū Coffee at
the Ka'ū Coffee College**,

Contact Chris Manfredi, 929-9550,
cmanfredi@kaufarmandranch.com



Volunteer & Sponsor for the Ho'olaule'a, Sat, May 21. Contact Ka'ū Coffee Festival organizers Chris Manfredi at cmanfredi@kaufarmandranch.com, 929-9550 or Brenda Iokepa Moses at biokepamoses@gmail.com, 896-3932.

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