

House Planned Near Rare White Sand Beach at Pōhue Bay

An owner of Ka'ū Coast Property at Pōhue Bay plans to build a house there. "Mr. Geoff Palmer is proposing to develop a single-family home for his private use on a property he owns ... under a company called Nani Kahuku 'Āina," Keli'i Kapali, planner for PBR Hawai'i & Associates, wrote in a letter to Ka'ū's state Rep. Richard Creagan. The company is seeking input from Creagan "as to whether the proposed Palmer Residence may have an impact on any of your existing or proposed projects, plans, policies or programs that we should consider" as the

company prepares an Environmental Assessment, Kapali said. The land has been identified for acquisition by Hawai'i County and also Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, though funding is yet to be finalized. The home site is within the State Land Use Conservation District Resource Subzone. According to Kapali, the house site will be designed in conformance with Conservation District rules related to single-family residential design standards, which

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An owner of Ka'ū Coast property at Pōhue Bay plans to build a house at the district's only white sand beach.

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Any Public Benefit to Ocean View Ranchos Solar Farms?

Solar farms in the middle ofouselots at Hawaiian Ocean View Ranchos, a project apparently sold to Chinese investors who would sell power to Hawaiian Electric Light Co., received a bashing at Ocean View Community Center in July. Citizens began to organize. The founder of South Point U-Cart, Stan Troeller, who has provided propane and home improvement and construction equipment, supplies and services in Ocean View for more than three decades, said the project is an example of "a large corporation blindsiding a little subdivision."

When asked whether anyone could come up with any redeeming value to the community from the project, one person said perhaps fewer power outages. When asked if residents have a problem with power outages, no one raised a hand. When asked how many people opposed the project, most raised a hand. Any benefit to local residents? Another called out, "Not unless we sell our souls." Several stated that the project would not provide local jobs or any discounts in electric rates.

The investment group has purchased and arranged to use numerous agricultural house lots by clearing and covering them with solar panels. Hawai'i Electric Light Co. plans to build a substation in Ranchos and buy the electricity from the company.

Dominic Lopez, project manager, wrote in an email to a Ranchos resident that "Solar Hub and SPI will be installing ground-mount

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Alexandar Calumpit's AC Ka'ū Coffee placed first in Ka'ū and second in the statewide Creative Division at Hawai'i Coffee Association's cupping contest. Photo by Julia Neal

Small Farmers Win Big in State Coffee Competition

Alexander Calumpit, of Pāhala, took first in Ka'ū and second statewide with his AC Ka'ū Coffee in the Creative Division cupping contest held in July at the Hawai'i Coffee Association's annual gathering. Leo Norberte was the top Ka'ū Coffee in the statewide Commercial Division with his JN brand.

Up early and working in Ka'ū, far from banquets, speeches and politics of the coffee conference in Kona, Calumpit and Norberte were thrilled to learn the next day that their coffees earned such high honors. Calumpit has been involved with Ka'ū Coffee since early days at Pear Tree, where he farmed for five years starting in 1998.

It was a family affair that he gave up in a labor shortage when his two sons moved to Las Vegas in 2003. Upon their return, however, Alexander, now 70, and sons Alden and Allan, in their 40s, started farming coffee on Olson Trust land on the edge of Wood Valley, growing their enterprise to

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Community Organizes for Ka'alaiki Road Repairs

Repairing Ka'alaiki Road from Makino about three miles above Nā'ālehu all the way to the old Pāhala garage is an effort being organized by ranchers and farmers Al Galimba and Phil Becker. Galimba said they are working with County Council member Maile Medeiros David to use some of her contingency funds and seeking other private and public donors. Commitments are coming in through money, equipment and labor from Taylor Built Construction, Wally Andrade, Forest



Ka'alaiki Road is used by farmers, ranchers, visitors and trucks hauling heavy loads. Photo by Julia Neal

Solutions, Kuahiwi Contractors, Edmund C. Olson Trust, Aikane Plantation Coffee Co., Bishop Estate and The Nature Conservancy. "Pacific Quest gave us the first \$2,000 check, and we set up a special account at CU Hawai'i Federal Credit Union for the fundraising," Galimba said. The road is an old sugar plantation cane haul road, left without funding for its care when Ka'ū Sugar Co. shut down in 1996.

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Gov., State, County and Local Producer Oppose HECO/NextEra Merger

Opposition to the proposed merger of Hawaiian Electric Co. and Florida-based NextEra Energy is coming from all sides, including Gov. David Ige, state agencies, Hawai'i County and Tawhiri Power, LLC. Ige recommended that the state Public Utilities Commission reject the deal. "Although I welcome capital investment in Hawai'i with respect to energy, any merger or investment must align with the state's 100 percent renewable energy goal," Ige said. "The state respectfully opposes the merger in its current form because it fails to align with the state's renewable energy goals. We are committed to a 100 percent renewable future, standing alone among fifty states in the nation in that action. We need an electric company that sees Hawai'i as the center of its work and the opportunity we represent as one of the greatest

moments in history for any utility. We have not seen that in this proposal."

The state Office of Planning and Department of Business, Economic Develop-

ment & Tourism filed documents with the PUC stating that the merger "should not be approved." The office said NextEra has not provided information about possible societal

benefits of the deal. "There remain questions or uncertainty on issues such as commitments

NextEra Merger, pg. 10



Tawhiri Power, which operates windmills at South Point, opposes the proposed merger of HECO and NextEra Energy.

Photo by Peter Anderson

Cabral Retires From Long Career in Ka'ū Macadamia

Randy Cabral, Senior Vice President of Operations at Royal Hawaiian Orchards, has retired. Cabral is a leader in the development of macadamia, having worked in ag

at the company, its predecessors, including ML Macadamia, and other previously related firms for more than 41 years.

"We sincerely appreciate Randy's contributions to Royal Hawaiian Orchards during his long tenure. Randy is certainly a leader in the Hawai'i agriculture industry, and I sincerely wish him the best in his future endeavors," said Scott Wallace, President & CEO of Royal Hawaiian Orchards, L.P.

Cabral is vice president of the statewide Hawai'i Farm Bureau and has served on numerous ag-related committees and boards in Ka'ū. He owns a small ranch in Ka'ū, where he raises horses, and a home in Volcano.

Mehe's Opens in Ocean View

Mehe's Ka'ū Bar & Grill opened in July at the former site of Lava Tube Restaurant in Ocean View. Dale and Shannon Meheula, of Ocean View, are the owners. They are former manager and bartender at Drysdale's restaurants at Kona Inn Shopping Village and Keauhou Shopping Center.

Opening menu items include pupus, salads, burgers, main dishes and, on Saturday only, prime rib. Beverages include beer and wine.

Current hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Call 929-7200 for more information.



Mehe's Ka'ū Bar & Grill is now open in Ocean View.

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Thy Word Ministry took the Most Patriotic Trophy at Nāʻālehu July 4 parade.

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Kaʻū Auto Repair brings a shocking reminder to drive safely each July 4 weekend.

Photo by Julia Neal



Miss Kaʻū Coffee Maria Miranda represents the thriving Kaʻū Coffee industry, which includes her own family.

Photo by Peter Anderson



Kaʻū's state Rep. Richard Onishi waves to supporters along Hwy 11.

Photo by Peter Anderson



South Side Shaka Restaurant & Bar wins Most Imaginative in Nāʻālehu's Fourth of July Parade with Hawaiian Idol winner Victor Sonma, who will soon go to American Idol tryouts in Las Vegas.

Photo by Peter Anderson



Summer Fun checks out poke at July 4 Parade.

Photo by Teri Martindale



Kaʻū's County Council member Maile Medeiros David celebrated in red, white and blue.

Photo by Peter Anderson



Nāʻālehu July 4th parade's first-ever Pāʻū Queen is Lorilee Lorenzo.

Photo by Peter Anderson



Kaʻū Multicultural Society celebrates diversity in Kaʻū.

Photo by Crystal McIntosh
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Kaʻū's state Sen. Russell Ruderman and Rep. Richard Creagan, carrying flag, marched in Nāʻālehu's Fourth of July parade.

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Grand Marshal of the Nāʻālehu Fourth of July parade was Kaohi Mokuhalī'i.

Photo by Peter Anderson

Parades Celebrate Independence

When Fourth of July lands on a Saturday, Kaʻū and Volcano both celebrate Independence Day with parades, some marchers, floats and classic cars participating in both. This year, Thy Word Ministries put together

The Most Patriotic float and procession in Nāʻālehu. South Side Shaka Restaurant & Bar was voted Most Imaginative. Parades featured horses, fire engines and many community, church and business entries.



Krishna followers pull their wagon at Volcano Parade.

Photo by Ron Johnson



Classic Cars are a regular in the Volcano Fourth of July Parade.

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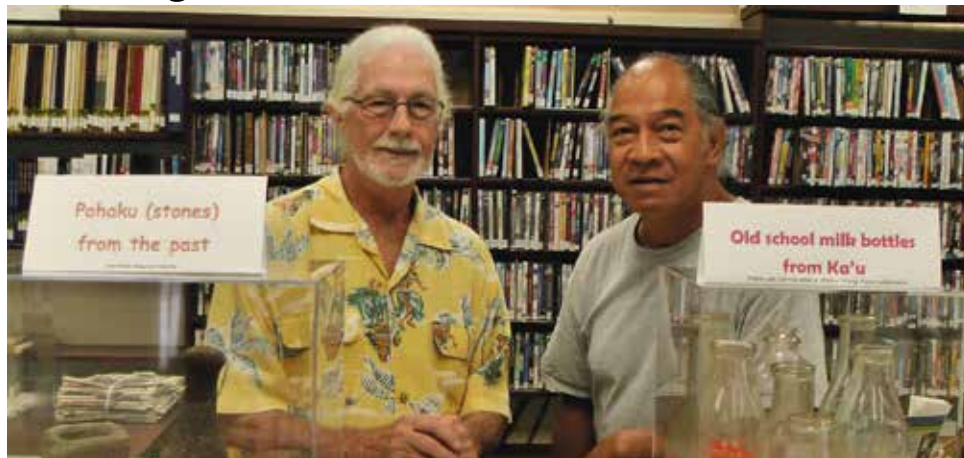
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Ka'ū History Project Films, Teaches Local Students

"Let's start with your name, age and how long you've been in Ka'ū." That's how interviews begin for the Ka'ū History Collection oral video project. The project is assisted by the video apprentice program of the Center for Hawaiian Music Studies. Kyle Pitcher and Eugene Watson are apprenticing under Joe Demoruelle, a volunteer of Friend's of the Ka'ū Libraries.

Historical news articles and photographs will also be saved in a digital format and available for viewing and copying. The collection, available to the public, is housed at Pāhala Public and School Library.

"By sharing their Ka'ū lifestyle and



Joe Demoruelle and Walter Wong Yuen display artifacts at Pāhala Public & School Library.

Photo from Joe Demoruelle

history, kupuna in our community will leave a legacy for our communities that will carry on for generations and will be cherished by their loved ones," Demoruelle said. A digital CD of donated photos from a person or group will be made and given to the donor at no charge.

Walter Wong Yuen, the History Collection director, has set up displays in the library featuring donated objects from Ka'ū, including bottles, Pāhala sugar mill articles and lava tools. Memorabilia can be donated or given on loan.

For more information, contact Wong Yuen at Pāhala Library.

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care for both a five-acre and a seven-acre coffee farm.



Alden Calumpit is one of two brothers who returned home to help their family grow Ka'ū Coffee. Photo by Julia Neal

Only three years into the new venture, the Calumpits wholesale their Ka'ū coffee. Their major buyers are Rusty's Hawaiian and Olson's Ka'ū Coffee Mill.

They call their coffee AC. The A stands for Alexander and children Alden, Allan, Alpha and Arlene, as well as the mother's nickname, Anching. With the statewide win, said Alexander and Alden, they may think of marketing their own brand of Ka'ū coffee. Like many of the

coffee farmers, the Calumpits have been successful enough to own their own home in Pāhala and drive from the village each day to work on the farms.

John Cross, Olson Trust land manager, described Calumpit's operation as "a model farm."

In the Creative Division, which is designed for small, specialty lots of coffee, Calumpit scored 85.5 points, just behind Hula Daddy of Kona. Other Ka'ū Coffees in the top 20 included Lorie Obra's fourth-place finisher with 85.4 points, her 11th place with 84.6 and 18th place with 83 points in three separate entries of Rusty's Hawaiian that was all grown at Cloud Rest. Leo Norberte's JN Coffee took tenth place with 84.7 points with the beans grown at Cloud Rest. Gloria Camba and Bong Aquino's Ka'ū Royal Coffee from Pear Tree scored 83.4 points to take 17th place.

The top three coffees from Ka'ū were Calumpit's AC Coffee, Rusty's Hawaiian from Obra, and Norberte's JN.

In the Commercial division, Norberte's JN Coffee from took first in Ka'ū and fifth statewide with a score of 83.1, the coffee grown on Olson Trust land. Ka'ū Coffee Mill on Olson land took seventh with a score of 82.5 and 15th with a score of 80.

The conference, held over the last three days at King Kamehameha Kona Marriott Courtyard, included technical talks on fighting the coffee berry borer pest and creation of a cold, canned Hawaiian coffee by a major Japanese drink manufacturer.

Ka'alaiki Road Repairs, cont. from pg. 1

It is used by the public, especially during emergencies when Hwy 11 is closed. It is being cared for by those who drive it. "It is one of the roads in limbo with not much pub-



When Hwy 11 shuts down, Ka'alaiki is the emergency road, and it needs repair.

Photo by Julia Neal

lic funding since there are not many houses along its 12-mile stretch. However, the county did pay for, through the Roads in Limbo program, for repaving the first three miles from Nā'ālehu," Galimba explained.

"We hope that the community and the county will come together again to make repairs along the other nine miles," Galimba said. "In real need are repairs at the gulch crossings where water has damaged road surfaces and created huge potholes." These roads are used by macadamia and coffee farmers, ranchers and families with horses and a small number of cattle. Increasingly, visitors are traveling the road

hour Emergency Room, which is located in Pāhala, would be inaccessible from Nā'ālehu when Hwy 11 is closed. It is also used as a heavy equipment haul road because some of the bridges along Hwy 11 are weak and need replacement. "There is a definite need to maintain Ka'alaiki Road and its bridges," Galimba said.

Checks can be made to Mauka Road Repairs and mailed to Phil Becker, PO Box 698, Pāhala, HI 96777 or Al Galimba, PO Box 643, Nā'ālehu, HI 96772. For more information, call Galimba at 938-7472 or Becker at 808-927-2252.

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August 2015

Kumu Pele, daily through Aug 23, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Avi Kiriarty exhibits of original paintings and prints opens. 967-8222

Oil Painting, Sat/Sun, Aug 1/2, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Vicki Penny-Rohner teaches students to understand the medium and use tools effectively to get desired results. \$100/\$90 VAC members. 967-8222

Palm Trail Hike, Sun, Aug 2 & Sat, Aug 29, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Hawaiʻi 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

Ham Radio Operators Potluck Picnic, Sun, Aug 2, Manukā 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

Volunteer Fire Department Meeting, Mon, Aug 3, 4 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

A Walk into the Past, Tue, Aug 4 & 18, 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 life every other Tuesday.

Back-to-School Name Tags, Wed, Aug 5, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register through Aug 4. 928-3102

Ocean View Neighborhood Watch meeting, Thu, Aug 6, 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

OVCC Yard Sale, Sat, Aug 8, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Atlas Recycling at South Point U-Cart, Sat, Aug 8, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Stewardship at the Summit, Sat, Aug 8 & 15;

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Fri, Aug 21 & 28, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Volunteers meet at Kīlauea Visitor Center to help remove invasive Himalayan ginger from park trails. Free; park entrance fees apply.

The Birth of Kahuku, Sat, Aug 8 & Sun, Aug 30, 9:30 – 11 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Participants explore Kahuku's rich geologic history, traverse the vast 1868 lava flow, see different volcano features

Local Marshallese Featured in PBS Film

Jonithen Jackson, of Ocean View, stars in a fictional account about the Marshallese situation. *The Land of Eb* was shown on PBS July 30.

“Living in the stark volcanic landscape of one of the most remote Hawaiian communities, Jacob, an immigrant father and grandfather, struggles to provide for his large family,” reads the synopsis at thelandofeb.com.

“When Jacob overhears a cancer diagnosis from his doctor, he keeps the news to himself, foregoing treatment in favor of working to pay off his property which he plans to pass down once he's gone. As Jacob's search for work becomes more desperate however, he enters into a dubious agreement with a coffee farmer who promises him the money he needs.

“His sickness getting worse and the new job beginning to fall apart, Jacob is left with few options. Sensing his own end, Jacob turns a small video camera on him-

self and begins to record his story – and that of his people, the Marshallese. See thelandofeb.com.

and formations and identify many parts of the Southwest Rift Zone of Mauna Loa on this guided, easy-to-moderate hike.

Ho'olaule'a & Lū'au, Sat, Aug 8, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Ocean View Evangelical Church at 92-8977 Leilani Circle. Follow signs. Registration begins at 9 a.m. This is the third year the church has offered this gift to the community.

Mushroom Cultivation Workshop, Sat, Aug 8, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Zach (the Mushroom Guy) Mermel teaches basics of fungal biology. 967-8222

ʻŌhi'a Lehua, Sun, Aug 9 & Sat, Aug 22, 9:30 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Participants learn about the vital role of ʻōhi'a lehua in native Hawaiian forests, the many forms of the ʻōhi'a lehua tree and its flower on this easy one-mile walk. Free. 985-6011

Medicine for the Mind, Sun, Aug 9, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Buddhist healing meditation for beginners through advanced. Free. Patty, 985-7470

After Dark in the Park – Kīlauea's Night Skies: An Artist's Perspective, Tue, Aug 11, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Hawaiʻi Island artist and interpretive guide Kent Olsen presents the night skies over Kīlauea Volcano in a way that is sure to provide a new perspective and may change the way attendees see everything. 985-6011

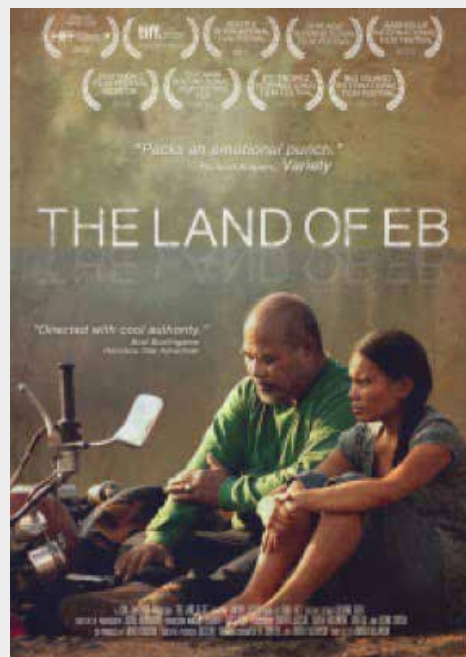
Nā La'au: Important Uses of Hawaiian Plants, Wed, Aug 12, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lanai in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Ranger Julia Espaniola shares her knowledge and love for some of the island's native plants and their traditional uses. 985-6011

Kaʻū Scenic Byway Committee Meeting, Thu, Aug 13, 5 p.m., Nā'ālehu Methodist Church.

Public invited. richmorrow@alohabroadband.net

Thursday Nights at the Center, Aug 13, 7 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Elizabeth Miller hosts the film *Exit Through the Gift Shop* by British artist Banksy. 967-8222

Red Cross Volunteer meeting, Thu, Aug 13, 7 p.m., HOVE Road Maintenance Corp. office. For volunteers and those interested in becoming



self and begins to record his story – and that of his people, the Marshallese. See thelandofeb.com.

volunteers. Hannah Uribes, 929-9953

Manukā Area Seminar, Fri, Aug 14, 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Recycling at Nā'ālehu School, Sat, Aug 15, 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

Pu'u o Lokuaana, Sat, Aug 15, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Kahuku unit of Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Participants learn about formation and various uses of this grassy cinder cone and enjoy a breathtaking view of lower Kaʻū on this moderately difficult 0.4-mile hike to the top. 985-6011

Hula Presentations, Sat, Aug 15, Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Kumu Ab Valencia and Hālau Hula Kalehuaki'eki'eika'iu present Nā Mea Hula (All Things Hula) on Volcano Art Center Gallery's front porch, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., and perform on the hula platform near the gallery, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. 967-8222

Zentangle: Alice in Wonderland, Sat, Aug 15, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Tangling on Bijou tiles. 967-8222

Kaʻū CDP Steering Committee Meeting, Sat, Aug 15, 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Ron Whitmore, 961-8137

People & Land of Kahuku, Sun, Aug 16, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park's Kahuku Unit. This guided, 2.5-mile, moderately difficult hike over rugged terrain focuses on the area's human history. 985-6011

ADVOCATS Spay/Neuter Clinic, Wed, Aug 19, 7:30 a.m. – 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Hālau O Mailelalani, Wed, Aug 19, 6:30

– 8 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lanai in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Kumu Hula Mailelalani Canario's hālau perpetuates ancient and modern style of hula. 985-6011

Family Reading Night, Thu, Aug 20, 5 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Hawaiian Civic Club of Kaʻū, Thu, Aug 20, 5:30 p.m. 929-9731 or 936-7262

OVCA Board Meeting, Thu, Aug 20, 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Volcano Rain Forest Runs, Sat, Aug 22, Volcano Village. Half Marathon, 7 a.m.; 10K, 7:45 a.m.; 5K, 8 a.m.; Keiki Runs, 10 a.m. All events start and finish at Cooper Center on Wright Road. Food & entertainment makes the day fun for everyone. volcanorainforestruns.com

Hi'iaka & Pele, Sun, Aug 23, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Kahuku unit of Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Participants discover the Hawaiian goddesses and the natural phenomena they represent on this moderate one-mile walk. 985-6011

Ocean View Food Pantry, Tue, Aug 25, 12 – 2 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

HOVE Road Maintenance board of directors meeting, Tue, Aug 25, 10 a.m., St. Jude's Church. 929-9910

ʻUkulele Lessons, Wed, Aug 26, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lanai in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Rangers teach participants how to play a simple tune on the ʻukulele and leave with a new skill and treasured ʻike (wisdom). 985-6011

Legal Aid, Thu, Aug 27, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Ocean View Community Development Corp. meeting, Fri, Aug 28, 5 p.m., Hawaiian Ranchos

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Enduring Wiliwili, Sat, Aug 29 – TBA, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Pacific Island Print Makers' exhibit features work by Andrea Pro, Margaret Barnaby, Lisa Louise Adams, Kathy Molina and John McCaskill. Opening reception 5 p.m. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-8222

Jazz in the Forest, Sat, Aug 29, 4:30 & 7:30 p.m. Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. Pauline Wilson joins Volcano Art Center Jazz Ensemble. 967-8222

Instructional Youth Volleyball, Mon, Aug 31 – Nov 4, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Ages 8 – 14 register Aug 3 – 7. 928-3102

EXERCISE & MEDITATION

Pāhala Pool Schedule: Adult Water Exercise M/W/F 9 – 10 a.m.; Public Recreational Swim Mon – Fri 1 – 3 p.m., Sat/Sun 9 – 11 a.m. & 1 – 4 p.m.; Adult Lap Swim Mon – Fri 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Sat/Sun 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

928-8177 or hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

Walking Group, Mon/Wed, 2 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 16 and up. 929-9113

Jump Rope Challenge, Mon, 3 – 4 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 – 12. 929-9113

Exercise for Energy, Mon/Wed, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. DVD instructions; bring your own band, ball and mat. Free w/donation of non-perishable food. Judy Knapp, 939-8149

Zumba Fitness, Mon/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

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 Nialani 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.

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

Nialani Nature Walks, Mon, 9:30 a.m., Volcano Art Center's Nialani 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

Folk & Country Music, Mon/Wed, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Punalu'u 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

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



Rimban Jeffrey D. Soga, of Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuian, presided at Pāhala Hongwanji, above, and Nā'ālehu Hongwanji during Obon services last month in Ka'ū. Obon services and Bon Dances continue around the island this month. See schedule below. Photo by Julia Neal

Bon Dance Season Continues through Aug

Aug. 1 (Sat.): Hilo Taishoji Soto Mission, 7 p.m.; Taishoji Taiko will perform; Hatsubon service on Sunday, Aug. 2, at 9 a.m.; Toro Nagashi on Sunday, Aug. 2, at 5 p.m. at the Wailoa River. (935-8407)

Aug. 1 (Sat.): Hawi Jodo Mission, 6:30 p.m., following short service. (775-0965)

Aug. 1 (Sat.): Pa'aulo Kongoji Mission, 7-10:30 p.m., Hatsubon and Obon service at 5 p.m. (776-1474)

Aug. 1 (Sat.): Kurtistown Jodo Mission, 8 p.m., following Hatsubon and Obon service at 7 p.m. (966-9777)

Aug. 8 (Sat.): Hāmākua Jodo Mission, following 6:30 p.m. service (775-0965)

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 Nialani 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

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'ohinu. 938-0411

Sumi-e Japanese Brushstroke Painting, Wed, 1 – 3 p.m., Nā'ālehu Hongwanji

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, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. David, 329-0574

Desperately Seeking Serenity AFG meeting,

Aug. 8 (Sat.): Kona Koyasan Daishiji Mission, 7 p.m., service at 5 p.m. (324-1741)

Aug. 14 (Fri.): Life Care Center of Hilo (Hilo Higashi Hongwanji), 5:30 p.m., refreshments available (959-9151)

Aug. 15 (Sat.): Kamuela Hongwanji, 7 p.m., following 6 p.m. service; 4:30 p.m. graveside service at Kamuela Japanese Cemetery (885-4481)

Aug. 15 (Sat.): Hakalau Jodo Mission, 8 p.m., following Hatsubon and Obon service at 7 p.m. (966-9777)

Aug. 29 (Sat.): Honohina Hongwanji, 7 p.m., following 6 p.m. service (963-6032)

Thu, 5 p.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View. Sandy, 557-9847

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.

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

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

Kīlauea Buffet & Hula Show, Fri, 5 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Buffet every Friday at Crater Rim Café; hula shows Aug 7, 14 and 21 in Lava Lounge. KMC is open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8371

Live Music Fridays at South Side Shaka's, 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.

Karaoke, Sat, South Side Shaka's in Nā'ālehu. 929-7404

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'ohinu (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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August 2015

Cowgirl Wins All-Around at Fourth of July Rodeo

Fourth Of July All-Around Rodeo Winner earned the champion cowboy belt buckle at Nā'ālehu Rodeo Grounds and proclaimed, "I am not a cowboy!" She is cowgirl Jaymie Loando and wound up with the most points overall competing with kane and wahine. Here is a list of winners during the two-day Fourth of July Rodeo, sponsored by Ka'ū Roping & Riding Association:

Kelly Medeiros and Jaymie Loando won the Kane-Wahine Dally. Boots Kaapana and Jaymie Loando won Kane-Wahine Ribbon. Lexis Andrade and Evan Manoa won Open Dally. Cienna Joseph won Wahine Breakaway. Laenaia Andrade took the Youth Barrels title. Brian DeMattos and Mike Smith



Jaymie Loando took the All-Around title for the most points at the July 4 rodeo in Nā'ālehu. Among her winning events was Kane-Wahine Dally with Kelly Medeiros. Photo by Julia Neal



Paniolo of all ages competed in the Fourth of July Rodeo over two days, sponsored by Ka'ū Roping & Riding Association.



Po'o Wai U, the most traditional Hawaiian rodeo event, was featured at the annual Fourth of July Rodeo in Nā'ālehu.



Rodeo Queens Cheyanne Keli'ihō'omalū of Hawai'i, Sheila Shirah of Florida and Joni Qualm of Nebraska attended Ka'ū Roping & Riding Association's rodeo in Nā'ālehu. They said they are looking forward to the national Miss Rodeo Competition. Photos by Julia Neal



Roping calves is a required skill on Ka'ū ranches.

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won Team 90s, the competition where the age of team members must add up to 90 years or more. Rigan Kaapana and Kepa Awai won Bull Riding. Christine Beck and Denicia Deresin won Wahine Mugging. Kahiau Onaka won Po'o Wai U. Boots Kaapana and Ina Ynigues won Double Mugging. Ethan Awa won Tie Down Roping. Chance Miranda won Calf Riding. Aiden Benavides won Goat Undecorating and Dummy Roping, five to eight years of age. Jaycee Amaral won Dummy Roping, four and under.

Rodeo Queens from Hawai'i, Florida and Nebraska attended the rodeo. Miss Rodeo Hawai'i Cheyanne Keli'ihō'omalū, Miss Rodeo Florida Sheila Shirah and Miss Rodeo Nebraska Joni Qualm said they are looking forward to the national Miss Rodeo Competition.



Ayden Benevides won both Goat Undecorating and Dummy Roping in the five-to-eight age group.



Chance Miranda took the rodeo's Calf Riding title.



Laenaia Andrade took the Youth Barrels buckle.

Volcano Rain Forest Runs Sat., Aug. 22

Volcano Rain Forest Runs are on Saturday, Aug. 22. All races start and finish at Cooper Center on Wright Road in Volcano Village. The Half Marathon begins at 7 a.m. followed by the 10K at 7:45 a.m. and the 5K at 8 a.m.

Packet Pick-Up and Late Registration is Friday, Aug. 21 at the Volcano Art Center's Nialulani Campus in Volcano Village from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

10K and 5K participants can register race morning at Cooper Center from 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. T-shirts are not guaranteed for late registrations. There is no race day registration for the Half Marathon.

Keiki ages 1-7 can register for free 100- and 200-yard dashes on race morning until 9:30 a.m. Sponsored by Kīlauea Lodge, Keiki Runs begin at 10 a.m. All entrants receive a ribbon and other goodies after coming through the finish line. Everyone is a winner.

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Science Camps of America Wraps, Offers 2016 Ka'ū Scholarships

The third year of Science Camps of America wrapped up July 18 at its base in Pāhala. According to founder Michael Richards, the Big Island of Hawai'i is the ideal location for experiencing the air and space sciences and the world's greatest laboratory for Earth science. He said interested Ka'ū parents and youth can contact him for possible scholarships for summer sessions in 2016.

Air and Space Camp gives students the chance to learn about Earth's atmosphere and climate and about space. Participants visit observatories and the centers where astronomers work. They also learn how scientists study concentrations of substances in the atmosphere, see alternate energy development in action and gain a better understanding of climate change and how to be better prepared to participate in solutions to chal-



Pāhala Community Center became Ka'ū Spaceport when Science Campers successfully shot off 22 rockets during Air & Space Camp.

lenges they will face.

During Land and Sea Camp, the focus is on volcanoes (geology) and the ocean (oceanography). Students visit Kīlauea, the world's most active and easily studied volcano. They view footprints in hardened ash that are over 200 years old, along with one of the world's greatest mineral collections and beaches made entirely of minerals. They learn not just about the events that take place in the natural world but experienced first-hand how they affect plants, animals and humans.

For more information, see sciencecampsamerica.com.



Science Campers visited Mauna Loa Observatory, the atmospheric research facility 11,000 feet above sea level.



Participants in Science Camps of America's Land and Sea session studied Hawai'i Island's geology last month.

Photos from Michael Richards

Donate Backpacks for Public School Students

Hawai'i Police Department is again participating in a backpack drive for children who cannot afford to buy them. As in previous years, all police stations around the island will double as drop-off points for persons interested in helping children in need. Backpacks may be dropped off until Aug. 30.

The main police station in Ka'ū is on the Volcano side of Nā'ālehu at 95-5624 Māmālahoa Hwy. Call 939-2520.

Backpacks have been identified as the most requested non-food item for charities in Hawai'i. The donated backpacks will be distributed to children at women's shelters, homeless shelters and transitional housing facilities around the Big Island.

This is the seventh consecutive year the Police Department has worked in partnership with HOPE Services Hawai'i, formerly known as the Office of Social Ministry, which provides a continuum of homeless and transitional programs from outreach to emergency shelters, including permanent supportive housing placements.

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Southside Boys Take Silver at Nationals

The Silver went to Southside Boys 16's at the United States Association of Volleyball Boys Junior National Championships held recently in Columbus, Ohio. Sam Thomas reported that the team was led by timely blocking of Nalu Kahapea and Kamahao Kawelu in the semi-final match against Ocean Bay Volleyball Club of California, and the SS boys were able to sweep the match by scores of 25-15 and 26-24.

In the championship match, they played the hard-hitting Gigantes from Puerto Rico. It was a match Thomas deemed to be highly entertaining due to long rallies on both sides of the net and which drew an increasing crowd as the match went on. The SS boys eventually won as they rode the hitting of Addie and Avery Enriques to a three-set victory with scores of 25-16, 22-25 and 15-12.

Members of the team are Addie Enriques, Avery Enriques, Nai'a Makuakane, Kameron Moses, Daylan Kalai, Logan Thomas, Nalu Kahapea, Jarvis Benito, Kamahao Kawelu and Kainoa Downing II.



Southside 16's Boys Volleyball teammates are champions of the Silver Bracket at the U.S. Association of Volleyball Boys National Championships in Columbus, Ohio.

Photos from Julie Enriques



Southside Boys 16's are back home from National Championships in Ohio. Front row L – R: Addie Enriques, Logan Thomas, Kameron Moses, Kainoa Downing II. Back row L – R: Albert “Kamahao” Kawelu, Avery Enriques, Jai Nai'a Makuakane, Samuel “Nalu” Kahapea, Jarvis Benito, Daylen Kalai.

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Volcano Rotary Club serves a BBQ Grill Lunch on race day from 9 a.m. for \$9. Face painters and balloon animals with the Hiccup Circus delight all the children. Crafts and other booths are set up for everyone's enjoyment.

Parking is limited within Volcano Village; arriving early and carpooling is suggested. Parking lots are located at Volcano Store and Thai Thai Restaurant. All parking lots are on Old Volcano Road and within walking distance of Cooper Center.

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solar PV on 26 sites throughout the Ocean View area. Each site will roughly be using two acres per site. Each site will have 1,172 panels per site.”

Companies involved with the project include Ohana Solar Power, LLC, Solar Power Holdings, Solar Power, Inc., Solar Hub and Solar PV Projects.

Concerns coming from many speakers at the community meeting included probable loss of archaeological sites, mature ‘ohi’a trees and the endangered native lama tree, also called Hawaiian ebony or Hawaiian persimmon, as lots are bulldozed. Another issue: loss of opportunity for Ranchos and other Ocean View residents to install solar to sell power to HELCO, should the project take up all the capacity for the utility to receive solar energy

Check the Notice to Motorists on page 14 for road closures on race morning. “Everyone please use caution throughout the village during the race morning to insure the safety of all participants, volunteers and spectators,” said race director Sharron Faff. “A big mahalo goes out to everyone involved in this sixth annual community event.”

All participants are responsible for knowing their race route. For more information, maps, FAQs, registration and volunteering, see volcanorainforestruns.com or call 808-967-8240.

into its system from the neighborhood. Residents talked about losing the residential feel of the community should numerous lots be cleared, fenced and covered with panels. Some houses would be bordered by solar farms and their fencing. They talked about traffic associated with the project damaging roads they work hard to maintain themselves. Community security is another issue. Some said it is a certainty that thieves will steal solar panels, fencing and copper in the remote locations.

The group talked about signing up an attorney. West Ka‘u state House of Representative member Richard Creagan said he would look into the Public Utilities Commission's role in the issue and would speak to the governor. He later said the governor understands how

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to corporate giving, impacts to employees/employment/labor, corporate governance and community values," the office said.

DBEDT is concerned that NextEra has not proven that it has internalized local issues into its decision-making processes. "The applicants have not shown that the proposed transaction is in the public interest. Thus, the commission has the authority to reject the proposal without further consideration," DBEDT said. "The applicants had the burden of proof and were either unable or unwilling to submit a proposal that satisfied that burden."

William Rolston, energy coordinator at Hawai'i County's Department of Research and Development, said, "Whether admitted

or not by incumbent utilities, a revolution has begun with individuals taking their energy destiny in their own hands. The death spiral for the Vertically Integrated Investor-Owned Utility seems to have started already, particularly in a region such as Hawai'i, where extremely high prevailing electricity rates provide sufficient 'headspace' for alternatives to deliver more favorable economics and a more desirable 'value package' to consumers. The electric utilities are seeing decreasing demand year after year, in large part due to their high prices, and are holding tightly to the mechanism called Decoupling that ensures their business model will persist even

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the law allowing solar on ag land is poorly written. Creagan also said he would look into whether the number of lots and land area to be used for the solar project taken as a whole would trigger an Environmental Assessment requirement and also the idea of finding other, state land for the solar project. He said the situation is an example of unintended consequences of policy aimed at making Hawai'i more self-sustaining in energy

Reward Offered for Return of Nature Conservancy Equipment

A reward is offered for information leading to the return of more than \$25,000 in equipment from the Kaiholena workshop operated by The Nature Conservancy. It is believed that the theft took place on June 29 around dawn. Stolen were a Troy flatbed trailer with wooden bed and black wheel rails, no railings; a 2009 Honda ATV called Big Red, painted in green and tan camouflage; a Briggs & Stratton compressor; and a green ATV 500.

Also stolen were a standing gun safe, three Stihl chain saws, a Honda 1000 generator and a Shindaiwa weedwacker, hand tools and landscaping tools. The thieves were seen driving a black 1996 - 2000 Toyota pickup headed through roads from macadamia orchards toward Pāhala. Thieves broke hinges off gates to access the property. Any information can be provided to Ka'ū Police Station at 939-2520.

production. He said to change the law that allows such projects in housing areas would take years, "like turning around a big ship."

The Dolittle estate, adjacent to Ranchos, was also mentioned as a place with more than 400 acres with permits that would allow felling 'ōhi'a and lama trees and covering lots with solar panels.

County Council member Maile Meeiros David encouraged Ocean View and Ranchos residents to organize and said she would look into ways for the community to have more input in such situations. Since solar is allowed on ag land, and Ranchos is zoned ag, it is an allowable use, even though

the community is considered residential by its occupants. If the county had required the project to go before the Planning Commission, "you would be entitled to a contested case," the councilwoman said, promising to look into the issue at the county regulatory level.

Ocean View resident Ralph Roland said that if communities were allowed to incorporate in Hawai'i, these issues could be handled locally. He predicted more problems on the horizon from outside decision-making.

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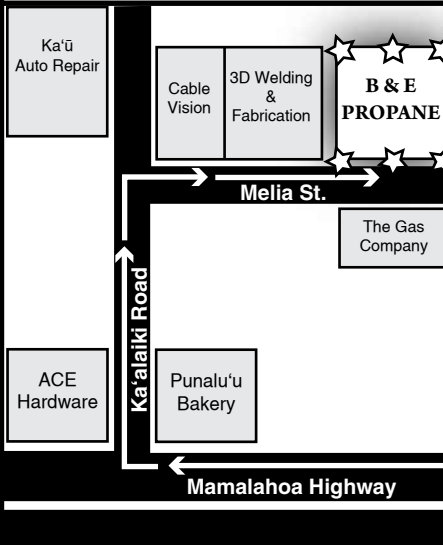
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Face-painting and furry friends are some of the ho'olaule'a fun for keiki.

Photo from Daneille Scheiern

Third Ocean View Ho'olaule'a Aug. 8

Ocean View Evangelical Church gifts the community with a ho'olaule'a and lū'au on Saturday, Aug. 8. This will be the church's third year holding the event.

Churches from the Ka'ū area present entertainment, and a variety of organizations offer services, such as The Food Bank, The Pregnancy Center, Keiki ID, Operation Christmas Child, CERT and a Prayer Booth.

Many local businesses have donated door prizes. Free Hawaiian food, including lomi lomi salmon, chicken long rice and kalua pork is served while

supplies last. Bounce house, tie-dyeing, children's games and face-painting entertain keiki.

Registration opens at 9 a.m. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m.

This is an alcohol- and drug-free event. Everything is free, "like God's salvation and is given for God in Jesus' name as a gift to the community," said organizer Daneille Scheiern. "Come and join the fun!"

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with these imminent warning signs."

As an example of "individuals taking their energy destiny in their own hands," Rolston noted that "our Ka'ū residents are extremely self-sufficient and survive many interruptions of power, including, for example, when they have been regularly cut

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Ocean View Community Association offered a place to meet, and committees were formed to study the issues and come up with an action plan. Acting Ocean View Community Association President

Sandi Alexander said the biggest problem "is that we found out only recently about how far along the project had come without involvement of the community. We don't want this coming into the community without our input."

A Petition to Stop Industrial Solar in residential Ocean View is being circulated in the community by an ad hoc group of residents. It says, "We, the undersigned, are opposed to the introduction of industrial-scale solar PV power generation into Ocean View subdivisions, as exemplified by the plan of SPI-



Ka'ū's County Council member Maile Medeiros David and state Rep. Richard Creagan, sitting at left, were among those listening to Ocean View-area residents during a meeting about a proposed solar project makai of Hwy 11.

Photo by Julia Neal

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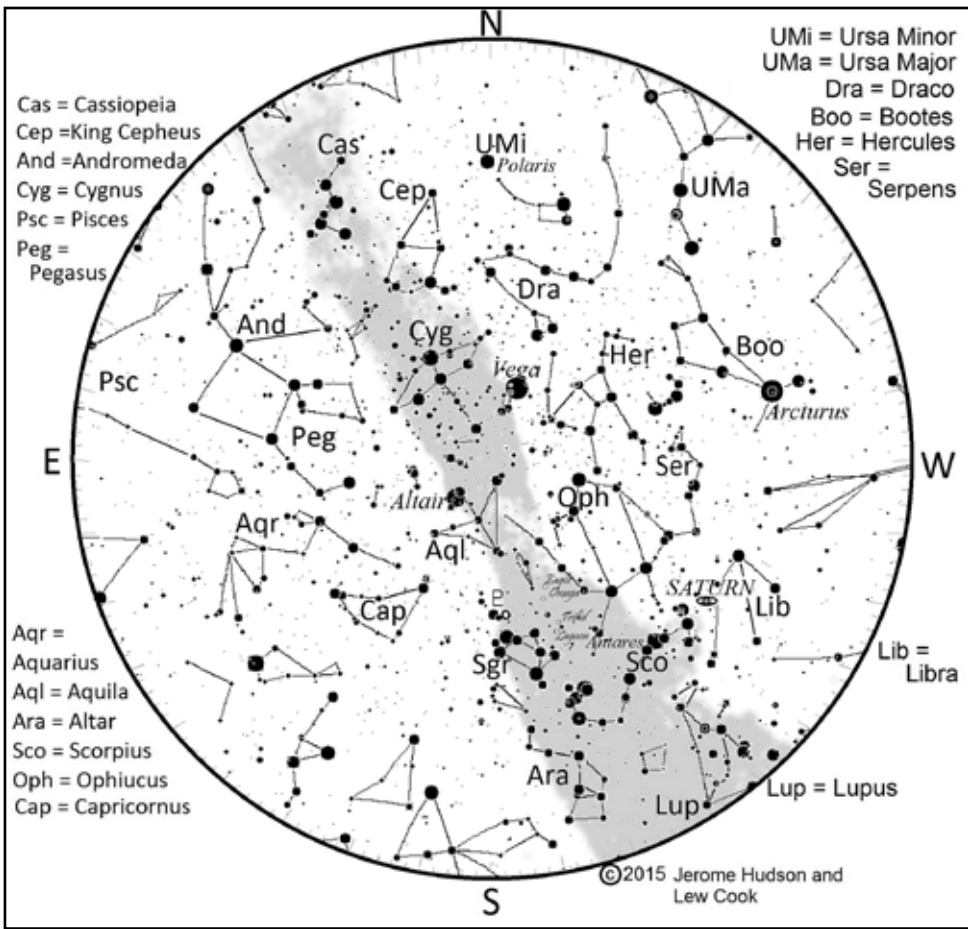
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Stars over Ka'ū - August 2015

by Lew Cook

Venus is still bright this month, all the while growing larger. By the end of the month, it has become larger but has slimmed down into a thinner crescent than last month. It sets before the time the chart is drawn for, but as soon as it is getting dark, it stands out brilliantly in the west.

Pluto made a spectacular splash in the news last month. The New Horizons spacecraft passed Pluto after traveling for ten years to get there. The results were magnificent! Pluto is in Sagittarius, and its position is marked on the chart with its symbol, a run together "PL," but again, please, don't waste your time looking for it because it is so very faint (14th magnitude) and in an area packed with stars. Without a large telescope and good star charts there is no way to distinguish it from the background stars. The symbol and the name, Pluto, honor Percival Lowell, who founded the observatory at Flagstaff, AZ. Lowell began and funded the search for Pluto. Clyde Tombaugh actually discovered the planet on photographic plates in 1930.

Those of you who have telescopes or large binoculars can enjoy several nebulae in Sagittarius. Remember also, the center of the Milky Way (our home galaxy) is in Sagittarius. There, the massive black hole dominates its neighbors. The black hole's effects on its neighboring stars can't be seen in optical views, but due to its effects on the nearby stars, it's location can be determined quite closely. It is near the spout of the teapot.

To the north of the teapot there are several beautiful nebulae. We discussed the Lagoon nebula last month. This month we'll mention several more. About a degree north of the Lagoon Nebula, those of you with telescopes can look for and enjoy the Trifid Nebula. Then, continue further northwest, about eight degrees. There you will find (after concentrating on the task at hand and not letting yourself get distracted by the beauty of the night sky) the Omega nebula and two degrees to the north to the Eagle nebula. The Eagle contains what NASA termed "The Pillars of Creation" in what may be the Hubble Space Telescope's most beautiful photo. All these nebulae are marked on the chart.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Aug. 07	6:01 a.m.	6:55 p.m.
Aug. 14	6:03 a.m.	6:50 p.m.
Aug. 21	6:04 a.m.	6:45 p.m.
Aug. 28	6:06 a.m.	6:40 p.m.

Moon Phases table with the respective rising and setting times.

	Moon Rise	Moon Set
Last Quarter		
Aug. 06	11:23 p.m.*	12:21 p.m.
New Moon		
Aug. 14	6:09 a.m.	6:20 p.m.
First Quarter		
Aug. 22	12:41 p.m.	12:16 a.m.**
Full Moon		
Aug. 29	6:50 p.m.	6:02 a.m.
*Previous day		
**Following day		

Once again, the sky map is different from that usually presented. To make the map more informative, the constellations are presented with their three-letter abbreviations, rather than their full Latin names to make room for more stars. The Latin names are shown in the edges around the edges. The smaller constellations names have been omitted, again to give more room for displaying fainter, but still visible, stars. Stars as faint as magnitude six are shown. This is done to take advantage of the truly dark skies we are blessed with.

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off from help due to steady rains that led to flooding, cutting off road access to any outside assistance."

Rolston pointed out what he considers a lack of trust of many Hawai'i residents toward outside entities. "Most communities are wise enough to let each newcomer know, especially in tight-knit communities (such as those that comprise the Island of Moloka'i, Island of Lana'i, the areas of Puna and Ka'ū, as well as many others) that they have heard




This is what NASA's New Horizon's spacecraft saw as it passed by Pluto: Pluto and its largest moon, Charon. Four other, smaller moons orbit Pluto. Charon is about half of Pluto's diameter. Planetary geologists are studying many features on both of these objects. *Photo from NASA*

all the promises before. Rightfully, they are suspicious as they have years of experience with failed promises from outsiders and even the HECO companies themselves."

Rolston also said, "There is significant lack of transparency with this transaction in terms of 'what, how, when things will be done.' Further, the ratepayer is not guaranteed any cost reductions. Therefore, if the commission decides to approve the merger, it must include ... conditions to protect the

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Health Related Bills Become the Law with Gov's Signature

Numerous health bills are now the law with their recent signing by Gov. David Ige.

HB 589 (Act 211) establishes a state stroke data registry and requires hospitals to report stroke patient data. Through this registry, the state's acute stroke hospitals will collect a uniform data set based on their stroke patients and will submit the data to the state Department of Health. The data will help identify weaknesses in the state's stroke care system and work to improve the system's response to and quality care of stroke patients.

HB 467 (Act 212) requires birthing facilities to screen newborns for critical congenital heart defects using pulse oximetry prior to discharging infants from the hospital or birthing center. Pulse oximetry, or pulse ox, is a simple, non-invasive, inexpensive test in which sensors are placed on the infant's hand or foot to check blood oxygen levels. The test takes a few minutes, costs under \$5 and can identify infants with this defect before symptoms develop. Hawai'i is the 42nd state to require this testing.

HB 174 (Act 213) requires insurance coverage of orthodontic treatment for orofacial anomalies (cleft palate surgeries). Also known as Anya's Law, medical insurance benefits of up to \$5,500 will be required for orthodontic services for individuals under age 26 who are born with orofacial anomalies, most commonly a cleft lip and palate.

HB 10 (Act 214) authorizes state Department of Education employees to volunteer to be trained to administer and oversee administration of insulin, glucagon or other medication and assist with blood glucose testing if needed. This will improve the ability of diabetic students to manage their diabetes in school and at school-related activities.

Ige Signs Good Samaritan Law

Gov. David Ige signed a bill last month that allows limited immunity for individuals who call 911 to prevent an alcohol or drug overdose from becoming fatal. It allows individuals to come to the assistance of another without fear that calling 911 would result in their subsequent arrest.

"This will law will encourage bystanders who may otherwise hesitate to act. Overdose deaths are preventable, and this law will save lives," Ige said.

Hirono Supports Telemedicine

Increased access to telemedicine for Medicare patients is the goal of new legislation Sen. Mazie Hirono is fighting for. The bipartisan Telemedicine for Medicare Act

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public interest."

Tawhiri Power, which generates electricity with windmills at South Point and sells it to Hawai'i Electric Light Co., is concerned that the merger as currently formulated may severely impact its interests. "The application ... does not contain any provisions or commitments that the applicants will ensure adequate protection of current long-term power purchase agreements with independent power producers, said Steve Pace, president of Apollo Energy Corp., the managing member of Tawhiri, which has a PPA that expires in 2027. "Without such mechanisms, independent renewable energy producers like Tawhiri must consider the possibility of losing its PPA subsequent to the Change of Control of

the Hawaiian Electric Companies. Additionally, the proposed Change of Control has no assurances that Tawhiri will not risk incurring substantial loss of revenues because of increasing curtailment of energy deliveries to the utilities because of either significant load migration or uncontrolled growth of affiliates.

"The application for the proposed Change of Control does not present any means for preventing continued shrinkage of HECO Companies loads, specifically the load of Hawai'i Electric Light Company, Inc. This is a very serious problem that exists today. Even worse, the Application seems to be endorsing the HECO Companies' plans to triple investments in Distributed Energy Re-

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Medical Marijuana Dispensaries to Open

Hawai'i's medical marijuana dispensaries bill became law following Gov. David Ige's signing of HB321 (Act 241a) in July. The law establishes a licensing system for the dispensaries.

"I support the establishment of dispensaries to ensure that qualified patients can legally and safely access medical marijuana," Ige said. "We know that our challenge going forward will be to adopt rules that are fair,

cost effective and easy to monitor. The bill sets a timeline. We will make a good faith effort to create a fair process that will help the people most in need."

The law also prohibits counties from enacting zoning regulations that discriminate against licensed dispensaries and production centers; allows the legal transport of medical marijuana in any public place, under certain conditions by qualified patients, primary caregivers or owners/employees of medical marijuana production centers and dispensaries.

is a bill that would allow Medicare patients to seek care from Medicare doctors across state lines through telemedicine services.

"As our country confronts a looming physician shortage, those of us in Hawai'i are already feeling the pain of a lack of access to medical care in rural and underserved communities," Hirono said.

"Hawai'i residents often are forced to drive for hours to see their physician or spend thousands of dollars to fly to O'ahu and the mainland to seek care from a specialist. For seniors, these long travel times are difficult and even impossible. The TELE-MED Act will help to eliminate the financial and physical stress of seeking quality medical care by allowing seniors access to Medicare-participating physicians from the convenience of their home or local doctor's office."

The TELE-MED Act is supported by the Health IT Now Coalition, the Healthcare Leadership Council, the U.S. Chamber, Verizon and the Parkinson's Action Network.

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Pōhue Bay House, cont. from pg. 1

limit developable area to 5,000 square feet. Design will include independent electricity, water and wastewater system.

Kapali said the home site will be within an area of less than five acres and near the shoreline of the parcel that contains 16,500 acres. Previous plans for the property included a hotel, condominiums and a golf course in a development called Kahuku Village.

In March 2014, owners' representative Michael Reyes told *The Ka'ū Calendar*, "While we have not taken any affirmative steps to move this (development) forward, we have not officially withdrawn the application, either. There are also no pending discussions with any federal or local government agency regarding the disposition of the property at this time. So basically, we are in a holding pattern and are treating the asset as a longer-term investment."

Also in March 2014, Hawai'i County Planning Department announced that the

County Council authorized the Director of Finance to enter into negotiations to acquire all, a portion of, or a conservation easement for the 16,000 acres around Pōhue Bay.

Shoreline setback policy is a topic being given more attention by Ka'ū Community Development Plan's Steering Committee. In its draft form, the CDP says, "Site-specific shoreline setbacks shall be established at the earliest stages of the land use planning and development process either 1) at 1,320 feet (1/4-mile) or 2) as far as practicable from the shoreline using a science-based assessment and in consideration of the physical limitations of the property." Options being considered are to eliminate this policy entirely; remove the 1/4-mile setback requirement; remove "1,320 feet (1/4-mile)" and replace with "a distance to be determined with community input;" or reconsider comprehensively all sections pertaining to coastal development to determine how best to achieve the related community objectives.

The Ka'ū Calendar's report on the house planned for Pōhue Bay on kaunewsbriefs.blogspot.com and its Facebook page drew

quick response:

Saydi Llanes: "Sick I tell you, just sick."

Gennifer Medeiros Shibuya: "Ugh. This just makes me sick. They're sick! No build!"

Lora Olson: "What about beach access?"

Lisa Edwards: "Bad move. Very bad, bad, bad decision."

Larry Cush: "The owner should work with the state and/or national parks or a land trust to save this unique and irreplaceable property. The petroglyph site, aqua-lin ponds and undeveloped site make this area a gem worthy of National Monument status. The owner is in a position to do the

right thing for Hawai'i."

Kapono Lena Hayden: "No build!"

Cherub Akin: "I hope they will share their road with beach goers. It sure would be nice to have a white sand beach in Ka'ū."

Kallie Barnes: "The very rare and endangered Hawksbill Turtle nests here! Undoubtedly the lights from a structure would interfere with this! It would be very sad to see this area developed; it's an absolute gem."

Rena Higgins: "What about the turtles? Will this affect them?"



The Palmer Residence would be in State Land Use Conservation District. Map from PBR Hawai'i letter to Rep. Richard Creagan

Land Stewardship Grants Up in the Air

No stewardship grants were approved by the County Council's Finance Committee last month though more than \$1.1 million funded by .25 percent of property taxes sits in a county fund. It is earmarked for nonprofits that help the county care for lands bought with Open Space funds generated from two percent of property taxes.

In Ka'ū, a partnership with the county exists with the nonprofit group Ka 'Ohana O Honu'apo. However, the Honu'apo land around Whittington Beach Park was purchased before two percent funding became available, making the organization ineligible to use the .25 percent stewardship funds at Honu'apo. The Ka 'Ohana organization has a crew of volunteers and raises money on its own, receiving grants and donations from other sources.

At Kāwā, Ka 'Ohana has a project to cut back invasive plants. Another organization, Na Mamo O Kāwā, led by Kai McGuire and Kauai Felder, has been helping to clean the access and other areas used by surfers and other community members and is still working on its formal organization as a 501C3.

Uhane Pohaku Na Moku O Hawai'i, which is a registered nonprofit with its founders living in Pāhala, applied to help steward Kāwā. However, the Finance Committee declined to recommend funding for any project around the island including two in Waipi'o and two in Kohala.

Council member Maile Medeiros David said that a process is needed to better handle the proposals and that perhaps the groups applying for stewardship will be able to reapply.

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sources without any sound planning or consideration of the commission's inclinations.

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Dr. Jim Kauahikaua in 1996 with a dome fountain from a skylight.

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longest terms in the observatory's history – Kauahikaua rotated back to his former position as an HVO research geophysicist in March 2015. He is now happily focused on scientific investigations that had to be put on hold during the past decade, when his time and attention were effectively consumed by administrative and managerial responsibilities.

Tina Neal, who succeeds Kauahikaua as Scientist-in-Charge, notes the extremely high regard that HVO holds in the global science community, both in terms of scientific accomplishment and public service. "It is an honor to inherit leadership of such a

Photo by Carl Thornber, USGS
beloved and talented organization within the Hawai'i Island community, and I give Jim much credit for that," she said.

In response to the award bestowed upon him, Kauahikaua said, "HVO couldn't have accomplished so much these past 10 years without the support of the entire HVO staff, a team of highly dedicated individuals. Together, we have accomplished some amazing things, and now, with Tina's leadership, we will do even more."

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