

Senator Kahele Leaves a Legacy, Miloli'i through Ka'ū

Sen. Gil Kahele, a son of Miloli'i and Ka'ū's state senator in 2011 and 2012, died on Tuesday, Jan. 26. He had been hospitalized with heart problems and missed the opening of the 2016 state Legislature on the previous Wednesday. A celebration of life will be held on Monday, Feb. 8 at 5 p.m. at Hilo Civic Auditorium, with visitation beginning at 4 p.m. A private service is planned at Kapua Bay, south of Miloli'i.

Kahele was born in Miloli'i, where his father and grandfather were fishermen. He enjoyed taking people on hikes along the

coastal trail to his family's house site and canoe landing. He was a driving force in the establishment of Pa'a Pono Miloli'i, a nonprofit dedicated to keeping the village's fishing practices and cultural traditions alive for future generations.

Kahele was instrumental in preservation of wildlands and the South Kona Coast. One of his major legislative



Sen. Gil Kahele
Photo by Julia Neal

achievements in his first year was establishment of the South Kona Wilderness Area, an area roughly 6,000 acres from Honomalino to Kalanamauna dedicated to nature and conservation for perpetuity.

A longtime operative in the Democratic Party, Kahele helped to organize Gov. Neil Abercrombie's inaugural events around the islands to be in rural areas. On the Big

Island, they were held at Hawaiian Homes Community Hall in Kamuela and at Pāhala Plantation House. They were also held on Lāna'i and Moloka'i.

Kahele was a staunch supporter of Pāhala Public & School Library when it was threatened with closure. He also worked for clean water and housing for veterans and others.

Following his graduation from Hilo High School in 1960, Kahele served in the U.S. Marine Corp. and graduated from
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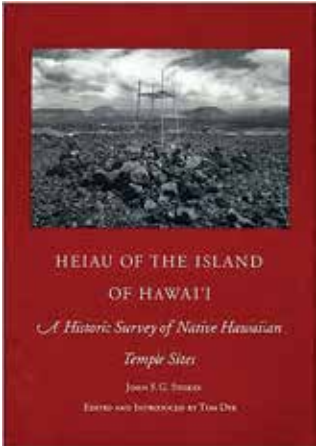
'Imakakōloa Heiau, dedicated to hula, is under the guardianship of The Edith Kanaka'ole Foundation. The foundation, which describes 'Imakakōloa as the only known hula heiau on this island, will host an informational meeting on Saturday, March 19 at 12 p.m. at Pāhala Community Center to discuss ways the community can get involved.

According to Olson Trust land manager John Cross, John Replogle, of The Nature Conservancy, asked about the location of the heiau years ago after Olson purchased the property and as ranchers planned to use more land around it for cattle.

The presence of the heiau was familiar to Cross through the archaeological survey *Heiau of the Island of Hawai'i* by John F.G. Stokes, published by Bishop Museum in 1991 and now out of print.

In his book, Stokes described the heiau as "a series of enclosures with walls sometimes broadened into platforms. The

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John F.G. Stokes described 'Imakakōloa Heiau in his archaeological survey.



Keiki and their families lined the Ka'ū Coast at Punalu'u last month for 'O Ka'ū Kākou's eighth annual Keiki Fishing Tournament. See story on page 5.
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Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death Spreads into Ka'ū

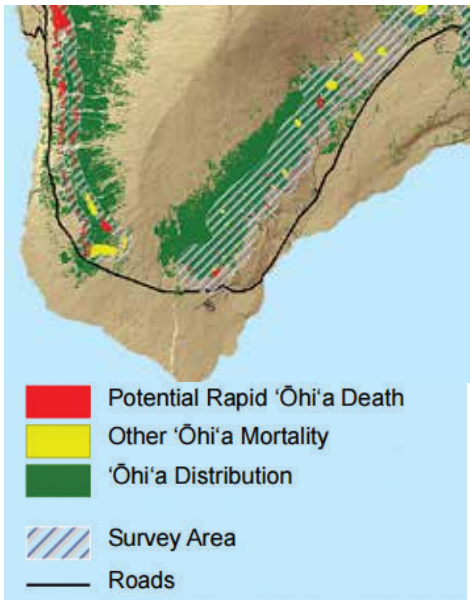
Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death has invaded Ka'ū, Hawai'i Department of Land & Natural Resources confirmed in late January. The fungal infestation of 'ōhi'a trees is much greater than earlier thought, as shown by recent aerial surveys of 810,000 acres of Hawai'i Island forests. Crews from a collaboration of state, county and federal agencies took the survey from Jan. 11 through Jan. 15. Satellite imagery of 'ōhi'a forests in 2014 resulted in an estimate of 15,000 acres infected by this newly identified disease. The latest survey, pending ground verification, estimates the infection has now spread to some 34,000 acres of the Big Island's 'ōhi'a forest.

"It's sad but not unexpected that we have a confirmed case of Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park," Park Superintendent Cindy Orlando

said. "We are very concerned about the impacts to our cherished 'ōhi'a that thrives throughout the park, and we will continue to implement the stringent measures developed by our interagency partners to prevent the spread of this devastating disease. We will also continue to sample trees throughout the park."

Dr. Flint Hughes, with USDA Forest Service, said, "Unfortunately, Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death is spreading much quicker than we had hoped. The aerial surveyors noted 'ōhi'a trees with no leaves or brown leaves, likely impacted by the disease, as well as 'ōhi'a trees which have been dead for a longer time and those that have been affected by either drought or vog. It's important that we differentiate the causes of tree deaths and continue to carefully and

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Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death has come to Ka'ū, spreading faster than expected.
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Miss Ka'ū Coffee Represents the Industry, Pageant May 14

Miss Ka'ū Coffee, with a pageant to select the new queen on Saturday, May 14 at Ka'ū Coffee Mill, is much more than brains and beauty. Over the past year, Miss Ka'ū Coffee Maria Miranda has represented the industry at numerous events around the island and on O'ahu and Maui, becoming involved in not only the image of brand but the quest for land security for the farmers who this year celebrate 20 years of growing Ka'ū Coffee.

Miranda, 2016 pageant director Trini-



Ka'ū Coffee Pageant organizers, including 2016 pageant director Trinidad Marques, above, 2015 director Gloria Camba and Miss Ka'ū Coffee Maria Miranda have been among the spokespersons for the industry.

Photo by Julia Neal

Miss Ka'ū Coffee, Peaberry & Junior Miss Applications Open

Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2016 pageant Director Trinidad Marques has opened the application process through April 2. Miss Ka'ū Coffee candidates must be between the ages of 16 and 24 as of the day of the pageant. It will be held at 6 p.m. at Ka'ū Coffee Mill on Saturday, May 14. Candidates must be residents of Ka'ū, even if attending school or working outside the district. Ka'ū Coffee Junior Miss candidates must 11-15 years of age on day of pageant. Miss Peaberry must be 6-10.

For Miss Ka'ū Coffee, categories to be judged include talent, career plan and dress, swimsuit with

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ground declines to the southeast, but the earth floors of the enclosure have been approximately leveled as though by cutting and filling. The large enclosure on the southeast is said to have been for the chiefs and kahuna, the stone pavement shown being the kuahu. Outside and adjoining the wall of this enclosure on the west is a platform one foot high. To the north of the latter is another platform 4.5 feet high, an extension of the walls. This last is said to have been the hale o Papa. The second largest enclosure is said to have been for the hale hula. There was no information regarding the smallest enclosure."

Pele Hanoa, long involved in historic, cultural and land preservation efforts in Ka'ū, also informed Olson Trust about the general location of the heiau, and several crews tried unsuccessfully to find it. It was

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pare'o, evening gown and interview. Candidates for Ka'ū Coffee Junior Miss will be judged on talent, evening gown, hobby dress and interview. Peaberry candidates will be judged on talent, evening gown and character dress.

Candidates of all ages and their supporters will sell \$10 pageant admission tickets (for those 12 and older) to support the event and to raise funds for each candidate's expenses through commissions. Keiki admission tickets for those 5-11 are \$5. Toddlers sitting with parents will be admitted at no costs.

Also supporting the event will be Friends of Ka'ū Coffee donation tickets for \$1 each with drawings for prizes at the pageant. For more information, call Trinidad Marques at 936-0015.

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dad Marques and 2015 pageant director and Ka'ū Coffee Growers Cooperative president Gloria Camba all shared the farmers' message to a Ka'ū Coffee Growers Cooperative public meeting on the future of the farmland in September and to the Hawai'i Farmers Union United statewide meeting in November on Maui. Miranda also met with state Rep. Richard Onishi in Honolulu in January.

In addition, she has represented Ka'ū Coffee in annual parades for Fourth of July,

Ka'ū Plantation Days and Christmas, and at running events, festivals and many other occasions, including the recent 'O Ka'ū Kākou Punalu'u Keiki Fishing Tournament. See Page 5.

Marques said she looks forward to Miranda working with the Miss Ka'ū Coffee candidates and toward the next Miss Ka'ū Coffee queen helping to speak to the public for the coffee community.

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Fujimotos, Gomes Merit Certificates

Hawai'i County Council honored Ka'ū residents at its first meeting of the New Year on Wednesday, Jan. 6. Ka'ū's County Council member Maile David presented Certificates of Merit to Patty Fujimoto and Bobby and Phoebe Gomes. "What they do for the Ka'ū community and this island has been in collaboration and partnership for the betterment of our whole community," David said.



Ka'ū's Hawai'i County Council member Maile David honored Bobby and Phoebe Gomes, Patty Fujimoto and her late husband Drake.

Photo from Office of Maile David

David honored Fujimoto and her late husband, Drake, for their dedication, aloha and compassion in sponsoring Hana Hou Restaurant's annual Keiki Christmas Party for the past 12 years. "Your desire to do more and to help those less fortunate, es-

pecially our children, is overwhelming and inspirational," David said. "Your volunteerism, spirit of aloha and unity in helping the families of Ka'ū has made a profound difference in the quality of life for the people of your community."

"Through your hard work, dedication and collaboration, you also provided the Ka'ū Community with economic opportunities and career

mentoring, which are important components for building a health social and economic community. We honor you for the many years that you and Drake unconditionally gave back to the community with compassion, generosity and working together with

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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.



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Speaking of Ka'ū's Heritage Draws Residents to Culture

Speaking of Ka'ū's Heritage was the title of a gathering last month that filled Pāhala Community Center. Sponsored by Uhane Pohaku Na Moku O Hawai'i, it focused on Hawaiian knowledge useful today that is carried by local families, oral histories, writings and archaeology. Fred August Kalani Meinecke, who teaches Hawaiian language and Hawaiian studies at Windward Community College on O'ahu, shared his Ka'ū connections, including a paternal ancestor, Kaholowaho, of Kahuku. He talked about the vastness of Ka'ū on the side of Mauna Loa, the largest single mountain mass and largest active volcano on earth. Ka'ū has over 1,000 square miles, bigger than Maui, Moloka'i and Kaho'olawe combined, noted Meinecke. He talked about early settlers from the southeast Marquesas and later Tahiti and also arrivals from Sāmoa.

Archaeologist Kamuela Plunkett said he entered the field to learn how Hawaiian methods of growing food in the past can help "understand how to feed ourselves." He said that in old Hawai'i and today, it takes a community. He said "the word community is easy to say but difficult to live by;" it takes relationships, patience, aloha and forgiveness. He mentioned Ka'ū Multicultural Society President Darlyne Vierra and praised the organization's efforts to collect photos and documents on the history of lo-

cal families in agriculture. He said history is important – important to know what the heritage is, whether one has been here a lifetime or only one year.



Kamuela Plunkett talked about knowledge found in archaeology and history, including agricultural practices that are valuable in growing food today.

Photo by Julia Neal

Plunkett talked about massive farming systems found through archaeological research. One of them with sweet potatoes and sugar cane was 26 square miles, crossing 21 ahupua'a. He said remnants of the food systems can be seen today in pastures as ripples on the land. These were the terraces or walled-in sweet potato planting areas with berms. Field walls and mounds not only provided protection but held moisture for dry times. Sugar cane was a windbreak, also collecting moisture and making mulch.

He mentioned planting food lower, makai in wet years and more mauka in dry years. "Hawaiians called it common sense." Sci-

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Speaking of Ka'ū's Heritage was the title of a gathering that filled Pāhala Community Center, led by Fred August Kalani Meinecke and sponsored by Uhane Pohaku Na Moku O Hawai'i.

Photo by Julia Neal



The late Sen. Gil Kahele emceed Gov. Neil Abercrombie's inauguration party at Pāhala Plantation House, with Ka'ū musicians performing for the gala.

Photo by Julia Neal

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Laney College in Oakland, California. He retired from Hawai'i State Department of Defense after 33 years as the Director of Public Works at Pōhakuloa Training Area.

On Jan. 11, 2011, Gov. Abercrombie appointed Kahele as senator for the Second District, which encompassed Ka'ū, Puna and Hilo. In his first race for public office, he was elected in 2012 to represent Hilo, now known as the First Senatorial District as a re-

spent the last few years working for the good of his beloved community at the Hawai'i State Legislature. He was a respected and influential leader both in the Legislature and in his hometown community of Hilo. My deepest condolences to his 'ohana, friends and supporters during this difficult time."

"I am deeply saddened to learn today of the passing of my dear friend, Sen. Gilbert Kahele," Lt. Gov. Shan Tsutsui said. "Gil was a warm and caring man with the highest principles and values, who had the unique ability to always make you feel welcomed and at ease. I was honored to have served as his colleague in the Senate and to have continued our friendship thereafter. I will miss his kindness, positive outlook and ability to make me laugh."

"I send my thoughts and prayers to Gil's 'ohana and friends. He was a committed and loving husband, father and grandfather, who spoke often of his loved ones with great joy and pride. The people of Hawai'i were privileged that a man of his experience and dedication devoted his life to public service. His smile and infectious laugh will continue to live on in our hearts and minds forever."

Ka'ū's state Sen. Russell Ruderman said, "I am deeply saddened by the passing of an honored colleague and fellow Big Island Sen. Gilbert Kahele. My thoughts and condolences go out to his family and loved ones."

"Gil Kahele was one of the kindest, most decent, most caring public servants that I have

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Emma Emalia Ka'olaniali'i Keohokalole, whose ancestry dates back to High Chief Kewawe-a-Heulu, of Kiolaka'a and Wai'ōhinu, led the singing, including Ka'ū's songs.

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Ka'ū equestrian Lorilee Lorenzo hopes to become queen of Pana'ewa Stampede.

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Pana'ewa Stampede Candidate to Support Tickets for Ka'ū

Ka'ū residents have until Feb. 6 to support Lorilee Lorenzo in her effort to become Rodeo Queen of the Pana'ewa Stampede, which takes place the weekend of Feb. 13 and 14 at the Pana'ewa rodeo grounds this side of Hilo.

The Lorenzo family has set up a gofundme.com fundraiser to buy tickets for the rodeo to give away to senior citizens and youth of Ka'ū. Through this fundraising Lorelee will earn points toward becoming rodeo queen. She is also selling the \$6 Pana'ewa Stampede tickets in person around Ka'ū and at key sites on weekends in more populated places.

To donate, see <https://www.gofundme.com/3jkc4wu4> or call her at 896-5964. Lorenzo has been Ka'ū Pa'ū Queen for the 2015 Independence Day Parade in Nā'ālehu and Pa'ū Queen for the Ka'ū Plantation

Days Parade. She is 14 years of age and in ninth grade through the charter school, the Myron B. Thompson Academy. She said she enjoys rodeo, hunting, riding horses and ranching in the hills above her home town of Pāhala. Her hobbies include photography. She is daughter of Frank and Mahina Lorenzo and sister to Frank, Jr. and Jesse Lorenzo.

"On the gofundme.com site, Lorenzo writes, "I am hoping to earn my first ever trophy buckle. The winner is the girl who sells the most rodeo tickets, \$6 each, to help pay for the rodeo expenses. This rodeo is a very huge and awesome event; it is non-profit, and it cannot be continued without the support of community donations.

"I live out in the country, so I am at a great disadvantage to the city girls who can sell in town every day. I hope this website helps."

Ka'ū Paniolo Head to Pana'ewa

Ka'ū paniolo head to the Equestrian Center this side of Hilo on Sat. Feb. 13 and Sun., Feb. 14 for the annual Pana'ewa Stampede. The rodeo begins at noon, Saturday, 11 a.m. on Sunday, with qualifying and slack

roping starting at 8 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Hawai'i Horse Owners, Inc. with support from First Hawaiian Bank, Coors, County of Hawai'i and Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Keiki Win at 'O Ka'ū Kākou Annual Fishing Tournament

Results of the annual 'O Ka'ū Kākou Keiki Fishing Tournament are in. Ka'ū keiki and their families lined the coast at Punalu'u Beach Park for the eighth annual tournament on Saturday, Jan. 23.

Loea Kaupu won for Most Fish Over-

all. Zachary Blanco-Louis took second place, and Joe Buyuan placed third.

Largest Po'opa'a was caught by Chelsea Velez. Noa Cambe caught the second largest, and X'avier Alani caught the third

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Miss Ka'ū Coffee Maria Miranda presented award and prizes to Loea Kaupu, Zachary Blanco-Louis and Joe Buyuan, who placed first, second and third in Most Overall Fish.

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Ocean View resident Vernon Harvey posted his aerial footage of the Keiki Fishing Tournament on YouTube.

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largest.

In the Kupipi category, Keenana Toriano placed first, Rylan Equis second and Daystan Resurreccion third.

Lexi Manila-Louis caught the largest Hinala'a, Jyzeiah Garcia hooked the second largest, and Rylan Peralta caught the third largest.

First place in the Largest Āholehole category went to Harlem Reyes Espejo. Jance Ke took second, and Gabriel Sesson Paaluhi-Young, third.

After fishing, participants enjoyed free lunch and shaved ice.

Aerial footage taken by Vernon Harvey, of Ocean View, can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Xx6CVCpu9Q>.



Success at OKK Keiki Fishing Tournament.

Photo by Peter Anderson

Scholarships Available for Science Camps

The Pauahi Foundation is offering scholarships for Science Camps of America, which will be based at Pāhala Plantation Cottages again this summer. Through funds from the Thirty Meter Telescope International Observatory, the foundation is offering this opportunity to 12 students; six for the Land & Sea session and six for the Air & Space session. Tuition cost for each 10-day experience is \$2,395.

Science Camps of America's sessions of fun and science are filled with field trips, field exercises, lab exercises and hands-on STEM experience.

Students must be residents of Hawai'i Island, 13 to 17 years of age and in good physical condition with ability to hike five miles.



Science campers explore the Ka'ū Coast this summer.

Photo from Science Camps of America

The Pauahi Foundation's policy is to give preference to applicants of Hawaiian ancestry to the extent permitted by law. The foundation utilizes the services of Kamehameha Schools Ho'oulu Hawaiian Data Center to verify Hawaiian ancestry of those applicants who wish to be considered under the Foundation's preference policy. All questions regarding Hawaiian ancestry registration and verification should be directed to the Data Center. Call 800-842-4682, see www.ksbe.edu/datacenter, or email registry@ksbe.edu. This is a separate process and should not be confused with the scholarship application process.

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- Sat, Feb 6, Girls BIIF finals
- Wed, Feb 10, Girls HHSAA
- Thu, Feb 11 Boys BIIF semi-finals
- Sat, Feb 13 Boys BIIF finals
- Thu, Feb 18 Boys HHSAA

Boys Basketball

w/Coach Darryl Shibuya

- Tue, Feb 2, Pāhoa @ Ka'ū
- Thu, Feb 4, Ka'ū @ Kona
- Fri, Feb 12, BIIF semi-finals
- Sat, Feb 13, BIIF finals
- Thu, Feb 18 HHSAA on



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Girls Basketball

w/Coach Cy Lopez

- Fri, Feb 5, BIIF semi-finals
- Sat, Feb 6, BIIF finals
- Wed – Sat, Feb 10 -13, HHSAA in Hilo

Wrestling

w/Coach Greg Rush

- Sat, Feb 13, BIIF @ HPA, 10 a.m.

Swimming

w/Coach Bruce Simmerman

- Fri, Feb 5, BIIF @ KS Hawai'i, 2 p.m.
- Sat, Feb 6, BIIF @ KS Hawai'i, 11:30 a.m.

Trojan Boys Win At Homecoming

Ka'ū High Trojan's celebrated homecoming in style on Friday, Jan. 29, with the boys varsity basketball team winning over Laupahoehoe 74-34. Evan Manoha and Jacob Flores each scored 14 points. Joven Padrigo added 13; Janslae Badua, 11; and Richard Souza, 10.

Final score for the Trojans' loss at Kohala on Tuesday, Jan. 5 was 35-59.

On Wednesday, Jan. 13, Junior Varsity lost to HPA 32-47, and Varsity lost as well.

Junior Varsity lost to their Hilo opponents on Wednesday, Jan. 20 with a final score of 28-48. Zachary Kai was high-scorer with 14 points. Varsity got off to a low-scoring start with eight points in the first quarter, rebounded, but ultimately lost 44-71. As high-scorer, Jacob Flores contributed 11 points, one-quarter of Ka'ū's total.

Trojans played St. Joseph on Friday, Jan. 22. Junior Varsity racked up an impressive 52 points and kept St. Joseph's team to 17. Varsity lost 43-64.

On the road Saturday, Jan. 23, the final score for Varsity was Ka'ū 30, Waiākea 69. For JV, 31-59.

Trojans teams hosted Kea'au Wednesday, Jan. 27. Junior Varsity lost 28-48, and Varsity lost 36-66. Mike Tamayo earned \$500 from 'O Ka'ū Kākou for Ka'ū Athletics by making a Half-Court Shot. He received a \$20 gift card for his efforts.

The teams complete regular season play in the first week of February. They host Pāhoa on Tuesday, Feb. 2 and travel to Kona on Thursday, Feb. 4.

Soccer Season Comes to a Close

Ka'ū soccer team completed regular-season play in January. Traveling to Parker on Saturday, Jan. 9, they lost 0-2. At Honoka'a on Jan. 16, they also lost 0-5. At Christian Liberty on Jan. 20, they scored one goal to CLA's two.

Following a 0-9 loss to HPA at home on Saturday, Jan. 23, the team hosted Kea'au on Wednesday, Jan. 27. Kun Monkeya made two goals, and Trevor Taylor made one, but Kea'au brought the final score to 3-7.

Scores for the final match at Kona were not available at press time.



Seniors Deisha Gascon, Bea Padrigo, and Maricar Manantan finish their final basketball season for Ka'ū High.

Trojan Wahine Finish Their Regular Season

Girls basketball started the New Year hosting Honoka'a on Monday, Jan. 4 with a loss of 20-52.

On Thursday, Jan. 7 at Kealakehe, JV won 35-27, but Varsity lost 17-62.

On Saturday, Jan. 9, JV won again at HPA 27-24, and varsity rebounded from previous losses to win 36-33.

At Hilo on Friday, Jan. 15, both teams lost, with scores of 25-47 for JV and 9-79 for Varsity.

Hosting Waiākea on Tuesday, Jan. 19, Ka'ū JV lost 21-62, and Varsity lost as well. Analei Emmsley and Reishalyn Kekoa each contributed eight points to Ka'ū's 28, but the team couldn't overcome Waiākea's high-scoring team that racked up 58 points. With 10 points, Junialla Manantan was Ka'ū JV's high scorer, with nearly half of her team's points.

The Trojan wahine basketball teams finished regular-season play at Kamehameha on Thursday, Jan. 21. Both Ka'ū teams fell to Kamehameha by 20 points, with JV's score 15-35 and Varsity's 34-54.

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Medical Marijuana Doctor Visits, Mon, Feb 1, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Volunteer Fire Department Meeting, Mon, Feb 1, 4 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Hawai'i County Council Meetings, Tue/Wed, Feb 2/3 & Feb 16/17. Ka'ū residents can participate via videoconferencing at Nā'ālehu State Office Building. See hawaiicounty.gov for agendas & live-streamed & archived meetings.

A Walk into the Past, Tue, Feb 2 & 16, 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 2 p.m., Kilauea Visitor Center and Whitney Vault in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Ka'ū resident Dick Hershberger brings Hawaiian Volcano Observatory founder Thomas Jaggar to life every other Tuesday.

Ka'ū Coffee Growers Meeting, Tue, Feb 2, 6 – 8 p.m., Pāhala Community Center.

Chinese New Year Craft, Wed, Feb 3, 3:30 – 6 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register through Feb 2. 928-3102

Ocean View Neighborhood Watch meeting, Thu, Feb 4, 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center.

‘Ōhi'a Lehua, Sat, Feb 6 & 27, 9:30 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants learn about the vital role of ‘Ōhi'a lehua in native Hawaiian forests, its many forms and flower on this free, easy one-mile walk. nps.gov/havo

Ka'ū Coast Cleanup, Sun, Feb 7, Kalaemano. Volunteers meet Hawai'i Wildlife Fund staff at Wai'ōhinu Park at 7:45 a.m. Register at kahakai.cleanup@gmail.com.

Ham Radio Operators Potluck Picnic, Sun, Feb 7, 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

People & Lands of Kahuku, Sun, Feb 7 & 21, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Kahuku Unit. This free, guided, 2.5-mile, moderately difficult hike over rugged terrain focuses on the area's human history. 985-6011

Super Bowl Party, Sun, Feb 7, 11 a.m., Kilauea Military Camp's Lava Lounge in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Kick-off at 1:30 p.m.; quarterly prizes. 967-8365 after 4 p.m. Open to authorized patrons & sponsored guests; 967-8371.

Senior IDs, Mon, Feb 8, 9 – 11 a.m., St Jude's Church in Ocean View. For ages 60 and over. 928-3100

After Dark in the Park: The Mysterious World of Volcanic Caves in 3D, Tue, Feb 9, 7 p.m., Kilauea Visitor

Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Photographers Peter and Ann Bosted share their images in 3D (glasses provided). Hear how they document, protect and conserve lava tubes. \$2 donations support park programs;



Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's centennial celebration continues with *The Mysterious World of Volcanic Caves in 3D* on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

park entrance fees apply.

Kōnane: A Traditional Game of Strategy, Wed., Feb. 10, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kilauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Test your strategic skills against your friends and make your own kōnane cloth board to play this popular game on at home. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Valentine's Day Craft, Wed, Feb 10, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register Feb 3 – 9. 928-3102

Red Cross Volunteer meeting, Thu, Feb 11, 7 p.m., HOVE Road Maintenance Corp. office. For volunteers and those interested in becoming volunteers. Hannah Uribes, 929-9953

Valentine's Weekend Hukilau, Fri – Sun, Feb 12 – 14, Whittington Beach Park. Handijam presents this blanket & toy drive featuring Buddy Cage, of New Riders of the Purple Sage. \$15 suggested donation; veterans free. 917-561-4800

Valentine's Day Card, Fri, Feb 12, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 6 – 12 register Feb 9 – 11. 929-9113

Pancake Breakfast, Sat, Feb 13, 8 – 11 a.m., Ocean View Community Center. Vision Van will offer free screenings. 939-7033

Atlas Recycling at South Point U-Cart, Sat, Feb 13, 9 a.m.

– 1 p.m.

Sightlines, Sat, Feb 13 – Mar 20, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. A curated collection of works by members of Volcano Village

Artists Hui. Artist's reception Sat, Feb 20, 5:30 p.m. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Hi'iaka & Pele, Sat, Feb 13, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Kahuku unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants discover the Hawaiian goddesses and the natural phenomena they represent on this moderate one-mile walk. 985-6011

Composting Workshop, Sat, Feb 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Earth Matters Farm on South Point and Kama'oa Roads. Recycle Hawai'i brings its popular workshop to Ka'ū. Register at hiartrecycle@gmail.com or 985-8725.

Love the Arts: m'ART'i Gras, Sat, Feb 13, 5 – 9 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. VAC's 12th annual fundraiser gala invites guests to add to their art collection, enjoy gourmet catered food and wines and partake in silent and live auctions that will include art as well as experiences, hotel stays, restaurants, local products and gift certificates to local businesses. \$55 for VAC members; \$65 for non-members. volcanoartcenter.org or 967-8222

Palm Trail Hike, Sun, Feb 14 & 28, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Kahuku Unit. This free, moderately difficult 2.6-mile loop trail provides one of the

best panoramic views Kahuku has to offer. nps.gov/havo

Medicine for the Mind, Sun, Feb 14, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Buddhist healing meditation for beginners through advanced. Free. Patty, 985-7470

Valentine's Day Buffet, Sun, Feb 14, 5 – 8 p.m., Kilauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Prime rib au jus, shrimp & mushroom alfredo, chicken piccata, salad, soup, dessert & beverage. \$27.95 adults; \$14.50 children 6 – 11. Open to authorized patrons & sponsored guests; 967-8371.

Cage in Ka'ū, Mon, Feb 15, 12 p.m., Nā'ālehu Park & Community Center. Handijam's fundraiser for music programs and instruments features Buddy Cage. Hosted by Gary "Foggy" Cole. 917-561-4800

Solar Project Meeting, Mon, Feb 15, 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission hears comment on an application by HELCO for approval to construct a transmission line across Hwy 11 to support a proposed solar project. 939-7033

AdvoCats Free Spay & Neuter Clinic, Wed, Feb 17, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Presidents Day Craft, Wed/Thu, Feb 17/18, 3 – 5 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center. Ages 5 – 12 register through Feb 12. 939-2510

Plaster Craft Frame, Wed, Feb 17, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register Feb 10 – 16. 928-3102

Hula Performance by Hālau Ke 'Olu Makani o Maunaloa, Wed, Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m., Kilauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The hālau's goal is to perpetuate Hawaiian culture, protocol and history through song and dance while instilling confidence, respect and responsibility. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Family Reading Night, Thu, Feb 18, 5 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka'ū, Thu, Feb 18, 5:30 p.m. 929-9731 or 936-7262

OVCA Board Meeting, Thu, Feb 18, 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Volunteer Forest Restoration Project, Fri, Feb 19, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. forest@hvnvp.org

Jump Rope Challenge, Fri, Feb 19, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 6 – 12 register Feb 16 – 18.

Place-Based Learning Teacher Workshop, Sat, Feb 20, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Kamehameha Schools' Keauhou Forest, Ka'ū. Teachers K-12 participate in native forest restoration, visit Keauhou Bird Conservation Center and learn about resources

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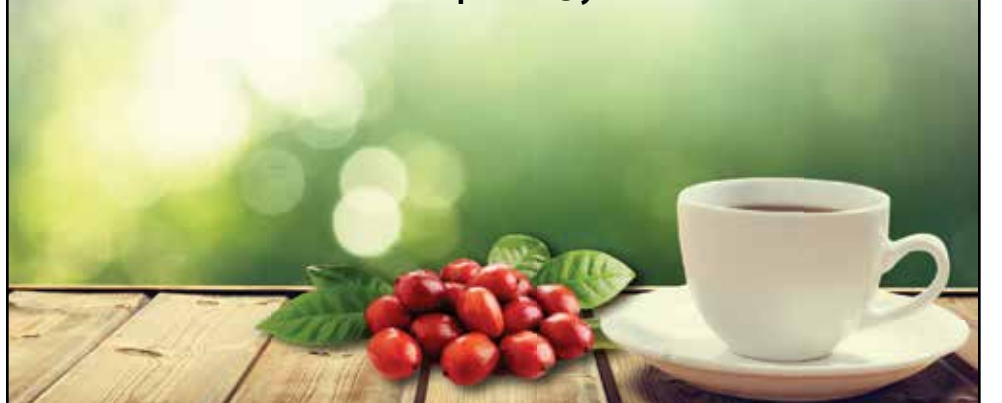
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Recycling at Nāʻālehu School, Sat, Feb 20, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Nāʻālehu School Gym. Redeem your HI-5 sorted by type; receive five cents per container and additional 20 cents per pound on all aluminum. Atlas Recycling donates 20 cents per pound on all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

Puʻu o Lokuana, Sat, Feb 20, 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 free, moderately difficult 0.4-mile hike to the top. 985-6011

Hula Kahiko, Sat, Feb 20, 10:30 a.m., hula platform near Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Featuring Kumu Hula Manaialalani Kalua with Akaunu. Free; park entrance fees apply

Nā Mea Hula, Sat, Feb 20, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery lanai in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Kumu Hula Ab Valencia and members of Hālau Hula Kalehuakiʻekiʻeikaʻiʻu share all things hula. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Alaska Days in Hawaiʻi Potluck Picnic, Sat, Feb 20, 12 – 5 p.m., Honuʻapo & Whittington Beach Park. Sponsored by families who live in both Kaʻū and Alaska. Salmon and other Alaska foods encouraged. Bring instruments to join the entertainment. Tim Childs, 907-388-8546

HOVE Road Maintenance board of directors meeting, Tue, Feb 23, 10 a.m., St. Judeʻs Church. 929-9910

Kaʻū Food Pantry, Tue, Feb 23, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., St. Judeʻs Episcopal Church in Ocean View.

Dances of Universal Peace, Tue, Feb 23, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Mark Twain. Fun, easy-to-learn movements and songs from around the world, evoking peace. 430-1356 or 939-9461

After Dark in the Park: Natural Resources of Kahuku, Tue, Feb. 23, 7 p.m., Kilauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Park Botanist Sierra McDaniel and Wildlife Biologist Jon Faford discuss the natural treasures of the Kahuku Unit and the challenges of conserving native species that cling to life here.

Hanging Flower Mobile, Wed, Feb 24, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register Feb 17 – 23. 928-3102

Legal Aid, Thu, Feb 25, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 800-499-4302

Pottery Throwing, Thu, Feb 25, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Erik Wold and Emily Herb center and throw a ceramic vessel. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Charades, Fri, Feb 26, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 6 – 12 register Feb 22 – 25. 929-9113

Ocean View Community Development Corp. meeting, Fri, Feb 26, 5 p.m., Hawaiian Ranchos office.

Ocean Sanctuary Count, Sat, Feb 27, 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., various locations. The second of three monthly humpback whale counts on last Saturdays through March. Registration required at hawaii-humpback-whale.noaa.gov.

Paint Your Own Silk Scarf, Sat, Feb 27, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Patti Pease Johnson invites beginning and intermediate artists to enjoy instant results of dyes. \$45 VAC members; \$50 non-members plus \$10 supply fee. 967-8222

Edible Landscaping for Backyards & Beyond, Sat, Feb 27, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Zach Mermel teaches fundamental techniques. \$40/\$35 VAC members plus \$15 supply fee. 967-8222

Centennial Hike: Forested Pit Crater at Kahuku, Sat., Feb 27, 10 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Park Botanist Sierra McDaniel and Wildlife Biologist Jon Faford lead a moderate 2.4-mile roundtrip hike to a forested pit crater in the Kahuku Unit that naturally protects rare and endangered Hawaiian plant species that are easily observed in this crater, and other native plants that grow along the trail.

Metal Repousseʻ, Sat, Feb 27, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Elizabeth Miller demonstrates techniques. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Native Dryland Plants Workshop, Sat, Feb 27, 1 – 3 p.m., Kahuku Park in Ocean View. Hoʻomalū Kaʻūʻs second workshop focuses on propagation techniques and tips on landscaping with native plants. Free. 929-8526 or hoomalukau@gmail.com

Mongolian BBQ, Sat, Feb 27, 5 – 8 p.m., Kilauea Military Campʻs Crater Rim Café in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. \$.85 per ounce includes protein, veggies, noodles and a beverage. 967-8356. Open to authorized patrons & sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply; 967-8371.

Sen. Russell Ruderman Town Hall, Tue, March 1, Pāhala Plantation House. Ruderman discusses his agenda for the current legislative session. senruderman@capitol.hawaii.gov

EXERCISE & MEDITATION

Pāhala Pool Schedule: Water Exercise Mon/Wed/Fri 9 – 10 a.m.; Public Recreational Swim Mon – Fri 1 – 3:30 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. Closed Feb 15. 928-8177 or hawaii-county.gov/pr-recreation

Free Play, Mon – Fri, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 5 – 12. 929-9113

Gentle Senior Yoga, Mon/Wed, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Nāʻālehu 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



Hālau Ke ʻOlu Makani o Maunaloa performs Wednesday, Feb. 17 at Kilauea Visitor Center Auditorium.

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Instructional Volleyball, Mon – Thu, 4:45 – 6:30 p.m., Nāʻālehu Community Center. 939-2510

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., Nāʻālehu Community Center. Certified Zumba instructor Erin Cole, 938-4037

Open Gym Volleyball, Mon/Thu, 6 – 8 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. For ages 15 & up.

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

Kenpo Karate, Tue/Thu, Ocean View Community Center, children 5 – 6 p.m.; adults 6:30 – 8 p.m. Gordon, 285-6294

Beginning and Intermediate Yoga, Tue/Thu, 8:30 - 10 a.m. Noaʻs Island Massage in rear entrance of Kaʻū Realty across from Hana Hou. Please come 10 minutes early. \$10 a class or \$80 for 10 classes. 756-3183

Instructional Kickball, Tue/Thu, 3:45 – 4:45 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 – 7. 929-9113

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 longtime 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, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., Pāhala Community Center. 929-8571

Health Insurance Sign-ups, Mon, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

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

Nāʻālehu Senior Nutrition Center (Hawaiʻi County Nutrition Program), Lunch served Mon – Fri, 10:45 a.m. for residents aged 60+, greater Nāʻālehu area. 939-2505

Ocean View Nutrition Site and Senior Club hosts activities

at St. Judeʻs Church on Mon/Wed/Fri from 8:30 a.m. and provides lunches 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for seniors 60+. Donations requested. On Thu, the program takes seniors to Kailua-Kona for doctors appointments, grocery shopping and to pick up prescriptions. Program closed Tue. Dick

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, 238-6221.

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, Shakaʻs 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. Rod Ducosin and Kealoha Martin share the love in the food they make. Bring a can; have a meal. Everyone welcome; volunteers needed. Donations accepted c/o OVCC. FEED THE NEED. 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. Judeʻs 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 Hawaiʻi 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

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'Ōhi'a forests cover approximately 865,000 acres of land across the state and are considered the primary species providing habitat for countless plants, animals and invertebrates. These forests protect watersheds that provide significant agriculture and drinking water across the state.

Research into treatments for the par-

ticular fungus that causes Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death continues at the USDA Agricultural Research Service lab in Hilo. Investigation into how it spreads is also being conducted with potential culprits being insects, underground via roots, on small wood or dust particles, on clothing and shoes, and possibly on animals. Ultimately, scientists hope that by identifying what is spreading the fungus, they will be able to mitigate its devastating impacts.



Rapid browning of affected tree crowns is a symptom of Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death.

Photo from UH-CTAHR

Merit Certificates, cont. from pg. 3

others in unity."

David honored Gomes for his public service and community advocacy. Gomes launched his 53-year career with Hawai'i

County Police Department in 1962. "You nurtured several generations of children in Ka'ū through tough love and constant reminders about the importance of 'ohana, of helping your community and of treating everyone with honesty and respect," David said.

'Imakakōloa Heiau, cont. from pg. 2

cattleman Al Galimba who bumped into a heiau rock wall as he was clearing land for pastures and paddocks. He contacted Cross, and they identified the heiau, buried deep in a tangle of Christmas-berry, cat's claw and a large

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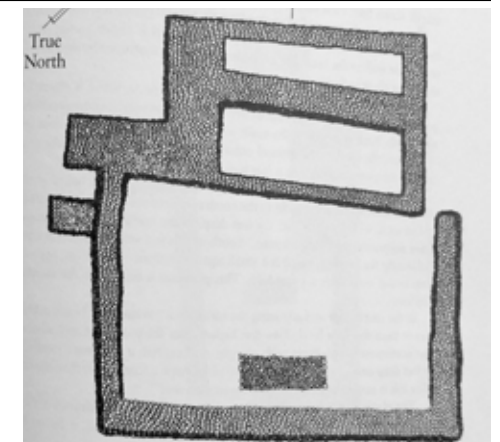
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Live Entertainment at Hana Hou Restaurant, Fri, 5:30 p.m. in Nā'ālehu. 929-9717

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Sen. Gil Kahele enjoyed sharing his Miloli'i coastal fishing village heritage. Photo by Kaali'i Kahele

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ever known," Sen. Brian Schatz said. "His heart for the people of his community made him an effective leader, community organizer and senator. He was so kind to me and to everyone whom he touched. This is a sad day, and he will be missed."

Sen. Mazie Hirono said, "Gil Kahele served Hawai'i and our country with distinction for more than 50 years, first in the U.S. Marine Corps, then as a community advocate and in elected office. I will remember Gil for his kindness and tireless work on behalf of the people of Hawai'i Island and our state. Gil's steadfast advocacy on behalf of individuals and families ensured that the resources were available to address community needs for Tropical Storm Iselle

and the Puna lava flow. My thoughts and prayers are with Gil's wife Linda and the entire Kahele 'ohana."

Rep. Tulsi Gabbard said Kahele "has always been known as a strong advocate for the people of Hawai'i Island, serving as their voice at the Hawai'i State Capitol, especially through times of challenge and hardship. I saw him recently in Washington, DC, where as always, he was ready with a smile, a hug, warm aloha and a picture to post on his Facebook page. My heart is with the Kahele 'ohana, and all of Hawai'i Island. Gil, you are missed."

PUC To Hold Meeting on Ranchos Solar

Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission will hold a public meeting at Ocean View Community Center on Presidents' Day, Monday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. to hear comment on an application by Hawai'i Electric Light Co. for approval to construct a high-voltage overhead transmission line from a proposed substation and across Hwy 11.

HELCO's application is expected to be very hotly contested by Ocean View residents who oppose the massive solar project planned for housing lots there. The developer, SPI Solar, an international company based in Shanghai, China, and its subsidiary, Calwai'i, based in California, plan to put 250-kilowatt installations on 16 housing lots throughout Ranchos and one in Kula Kai.

The developer also has permits to build

eight installations on the 500-acre subdivision called Kona South, which is west of Ranchos. Kona South has no roads but a lot of very mature 'ōhi'a trees.

Mats Fogelvik, President of Hawaiian Ranchos Road Maintenance Corporation, is one of the project's critics and urges neighbors to write emails to the PUC referencing docket number 2015-0229.

"The purpose of the substation is to up-transform the produced electricity from the solar farms to 69 kilovolts and feed it into the 69kV transmission line along Hwy11, where it can be absorbed and fed to daytime loads in Kona or Hilo," Fogelvik said. "Without the substation, the solar farms cannot operate. Without the 69 kV connection to the transmission line, the substation cannot operate."

"In my mind, the 69kV transmission line is the Achilles Heel of the whole project. We need to convince the PUC that this is not wanted or needed by the community. It is being put in just for the solar project. The project needs to be stopped."

Sandra Shelton, secretary of Hawaiian Ranchos Community Association, has actively opposed the solar project since the

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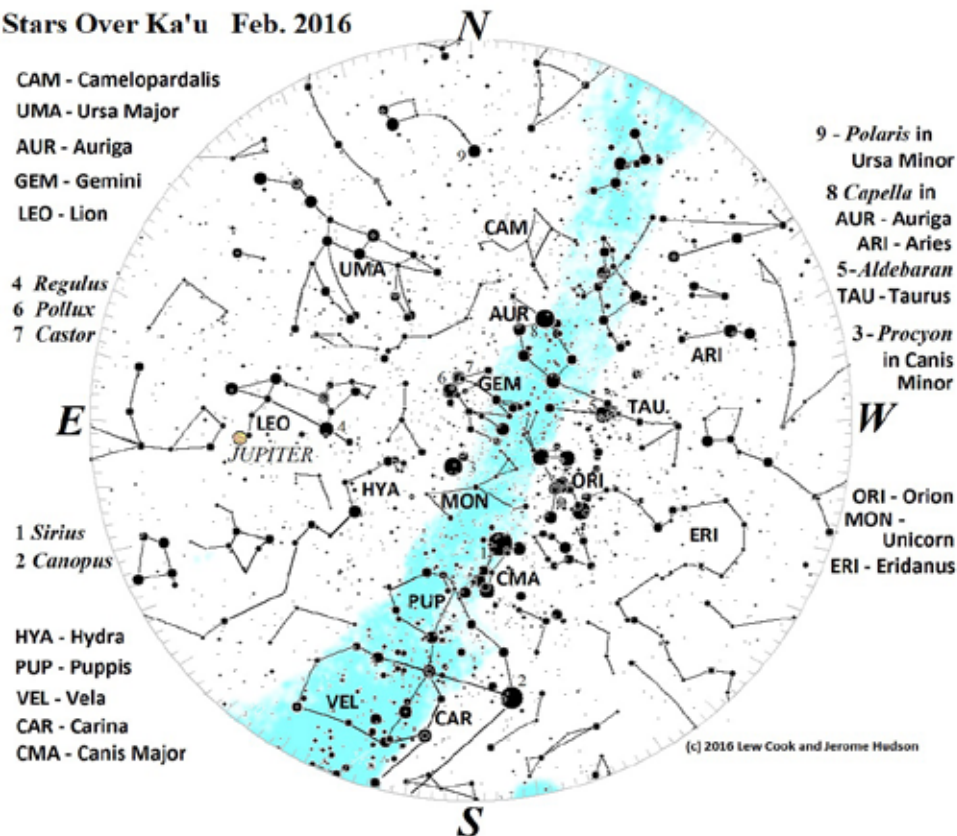
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The star chart is produced from a sky Atlas program written by Jerry Hudson, who has given us permission to publish it. Thanks, Jerry!

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 - February 2016

by Lew Cook

Jupiter is in the East, dangerously tickling Leo the lion's hind paw. Jupiter is visible all night. Mars won't rise until after midnight.

Deep Sky Items

Last month, a report about an X-ray star was published in *Nature* magazine. This star flared up in June last year, after a 26-year period of dormancy. Along with X-rays, it also varied in optical light. It came from a binary system – two objects orbiting about their common center of mass. All orbiting objects behave this way, from the Earth-Moon system, to two stars circling each other. One of these objects in the system studied (known as V404 Cygni) is an ordinary star. The other is a black hole with nine times the mass of the sun! It started out its life with a mass greater than 25 times the mass of the sun. I played a minor part in the investigation and am listed as an author of the article, near the end of the author list.

These stars with high masses burn through their hydrogen and other nuclear fuel quickly, living their lives in the "fast lane." It also happened to be a member of a binary star system. The other star in this pair lives on, still feeding its sibling. How

does it feed it? This second star can't help it! It has swollen to as large as the sibling, the black hole, will permit it to get. The stellar wind from the weaker member of the family leaks out and mostly falls into a disk around the black hole. Then the disk itself has an upset – and ends up dumping matter into the black hole.

How does a star become a black hole? Through a supernova explosion. As stars go through the aging process, they all become red giants, if you wait long enough. Now, the mass becomes what happens next. Low mass stars throw off their outer layers. The object is then called a planetary nebula and can glow for thousands of years. The remnant of the star is a white dwarf, a star that starts out at an extremely hot temperature, 100,000 degrees or so, and begins cooling, as there is nothing going on within the star to generate heat. White dwarfs are about the size of the

Earth but contain the mass on the same scale as the sun.

The limit on a star becoming a black hole is 25 solar masses, before it blows itself apart, leaving the core to become a black hole. A star's lower limit for becoming a

supernova is eight solar masses, leaving the remnant as a neutron star, about the size of Mauna Loa.

Constellations

Last month, we teased you about Jason and the Argonauts, and this month we'll talk more about it. Jason was a Greek mythological hero, and he assembled a group of other heroes who are known as the Argonauts. The sky once contained a huge constellation called Argo Navis. Since its recognition as a single constellation was considered to occupy an over-large amount of the sky, it was divided into three constellations. These are the poop deck at the stern of the ship, Puppis, the hull and keel, Carina and Vela, the sails. All these can be seen in the southern sky at the time of our chart.

Gemini, the twins, ride overhead with faint Cancer, the Crab soon to follow. The dogs, both big and little, are also on the meridian. The brightest stars seen in the sky crossed the meridian within the last

hour. Those are Sirius and Canopus. They are numbered 1 and 2, respectively, on the chart. Procyon (#3) in the Little Dog follows within the hour, however Castor (#7) beats it in this race. Last to cross this imaginary line this hour is the brighter of the twins, Pollux (#6).

Fridays Sunrise and Sunset times:

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Feb 05	6:55 a.m.	6:17 p.m.
Feb 12	6:52 a.m.	6:21 p.m.
Feb 19	6:48 a.m.	6:24 p.m.
Feb 26	6:44 a.m.	6:26 p.m.

Moon Phases with the respective rising and setting times.

Moon Phases Moon Rise Moon Set

New Moon		
Feb 09	6:55 a.m.	6:49 p.m.
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Collecting Tires Continues to Thwart Dengue in Hawai'i

Hawai'i County's tire collection program has been extended through February. The program helps the community stave off the spread of dengue fever by reducing mosquito breeding sites by recycling old tires.

Households may bring in passenger vehicle, motorcycle or ATV tires with no rims to any of the Solid Waste Division's 22 Recycling & Transfer Stations during normal op-



Dengue Tire Amnesty Collection
Hawai'i County has extended its free tire collection. Image from Hawai'i County
erating hours. Customers must locate Solid Waste Facility Attendants on duty (wearing

fluorescent safety vests) and advise them that they have acceptable tires for recycling. Attendants will instruct residents where to properly place the tires. Tires dropped off before or after normal operating hours will be considered illegal dumping.

There is a limit of 10 acceptable tires per day per vehicle so that the county can fairly serve the public and ensure that one customer

doesn't overload the site and unnecessarily prevent other customers from participating in the temporary collection.

Transfer stations with hours of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. include Volcano on Monday, Thursday and Saturday; Pāhala on Sunday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday; and Wai'ōhinu daily. Ocean View's station is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays only.

Health Insurance Extended for Marshallese & COFA Natives

Ka'ū's Marshallese community is encouraged by Gov. David Ige and U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono to enroll for extended health care coverage. Eligible Hawai'i residents of the Compact of Free Association nations can once again sign up now that the enrollment period has been extended to Feb. 15.

The governor said, "When people have access to affordable health care cov-

erage, their health outcomes are more positive, and our four decades of experience with Hawai'i's Prepaid Health Care Act of 1974 have shown us that. We appreciate the federal government's understanding of the special circumstances our residents from Compact nations face when seeking health care services in Hawai'i."

Earlier in January, Hirono sent a

Hawai'i delegation letter to Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell to request a special enrollment period for COFA citizens in Hawai'i due to challenges experienced with the enrollment process on healthcare.gov. Hirono spoke with Acting Administrator for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Andy Slavitt about how the call center hours and site maintenance downtime disadvantaged Hawai'i's COFA citizens because of the time difference and the

need to approve certified language translators. CMS announced the special enrollment period with retroactive coverage on Christmas Eve.

"It is critical that residents from COFA nations have the ability to sign up for health care insurance to take care of themselves and their families. This extension is just the latest effort in our state's long-standing tradition of providing health care coverage for all," Hirono said. "This is truly a Christmas gift to those families who missed the enrollment deadline."

Click on the following link for CMS guidance on the Special Enrollment Period for Compact of Free Association Migrants in Hawai'i: https://www.regtap.info/uploads/library/ENR_GuidanceSEP_HI_COFA_Migrants_122415_5CR_122415.

Ranchos Solar, cont. from pg. 11

June 18 public meeting called by HELCO to announce that a substation and overhead high-voltage lines would be constructed. She has led a petition drive that collected over 600 signatures in Ocean View from people opposed to the project.

"Locating a substation at the entrance to Ranchos is insane," Shelton said. "This is like the front door to the subdivision. There are homes and a restaurant nearby, and a large commercial project is planned for the lot that would look straight down onto this industrial eyesore. All the homes in Ocean View that can see the Kohala entrance to Ranchos near King Kam will have a very large and ugly substation as well as very tall and massive poles to look at.

"We cannot allow the industrialization of Ranchos. We live here. We enjoy our views, and we don't want them taken away."

Brian Lampron, a resident of Ranchos, agreed with Shelton. "We all need to send emails to the PUC," he said. "This is a boondoggle project. The power from this project may not be needed, as there is a surplus of daytime power on the island, which is why the PUC ended the popular Net Energy Metering program. NEM customers with

rooftop solar could earn daytime credits for nighttime usage. The grid is full of solar power, which, because it is unstable, can only be used to a limited extent. That extent has been reached.

"This project was permitted back in 2011. In the last four years, the amount of solar power that can be used has changed considerably. The reason why this project can be built but no more NEM permits can be issued is that HELCO can turn off, or 'curtail' power coming from the project if there is no need for it on the grid.

"This would be like saying 'I can light this room with six lamps, but I will install 20 lamps and turn off the 14 I don't need.' Should we be ruining a neighborhood like Ranchos just so that an unneeded project can be built? I am a businessman, and I say that if it's not needed, don't build it. I can only think that the developer does not understand 'curtailment' or thinks it won't happen. Should Ranchos be sacrificed as a learning lesson for an overseas developer?"

Contents of the docket are available, public comments can be submitted, at puc.hawaii.gov/dms. Docket number is 2015-0229.

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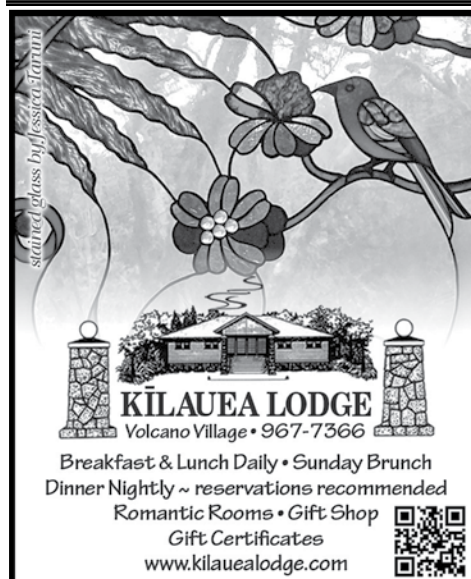
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Sightlines Visible at Volcano Art Center Gallery

Volcano Village Artists Hui presents *Sightlines*, a curated collection of members' works, at Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park beginning Feb. 13. The exhibit continues through March 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

This multi-media exhibition features works by Lisa Louise Adams, Margaret Barnaby, Pam Barton, Mary Goodrich, Emily Herb, Zeke Israel, Elizabeth Miller, Ira Ono, Eric Wold and Michael and Misato Mortara. The artists included in the exhibit have lived, worked and interacted with the unique elements and energy of the Volcano rain forest area over an extended period of time. The

exhibit seeks to provide residents and visitors an opportunity to view how the dynamic environment has captured their interest and inspired their imaginations. The surrounding environment within their particular "line of sight" is expressed through the art form they've worked years to perfect.

Volcano Village Artists Hui is possibly best known for its annual studio tour in November. The annual event, over Thanksgiving weekend, draws quite a crowd as the artists open their studios and welcome the public to see their latest works.

Volcano Village Artists Hui is a group of working artists in Volcano who have skills in many art media. Reflected in their work are the elements of Hawai'i such as lava, birds, animals, tropical plants and the culture of Hawai'i as it blends with each artist's origins. All of the Hui artists have the distinction of having works included in fine art collections



Members of Volcano Village Artists Hui are included in *Sightlines* exhibition at VAC Gallery. Photo by Ken Goodrich

and have won major awards in their chosen media.

In addition to the works of art on display, an abundance of educational offerings are scheduled with participating artists including lectures and demonstrations. All educational offerings will be held at VAC Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. These events are free of charge; park entrance fees apply.

For more information, see volcanoart-center.org or call VAC Gallery at 967-7565.

Sign Up Now to See Ka'ū's 'Alalā in March

Keauhou Bird Conservation Center holds a Ka'ū Community Day on March 12. KBCC and the 'Alalā Project invite members of the Ka'ū community to visit the center and learn about what's being done to save Hawai'i's endangered birds.

KBCC runs a captive breeding program that protects Hawai'i's native birds from disappearing forever. Several spe-



'Alalā at Keauhou Bird Conservation Center Photo by Robby Kohley/San Diego Zoo Global

cies of endangered forest birds, including the 'alalā, are raised in captivity to increase their populations.

Participants will get to see the 'alalā, the native Hawaiian crow. 'Alalā once lived across Hawai'i Island, including in the forests of Ka'ū. Due to threats like introduced predators, diseases and loss of Hawaiian forests, the 'alalā are found only in captivity today.

The Ka'ū Community Day tour takes place on Saturday, March 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Participants meet at the front gate to Keauhou Forest, Ka'ū, behind Volcano Golf Course. To reserve a spot, contact Lea Ka'aha'aina at lea.kaahaaina@gmail.com, or call 391-8585. Space is limited, and the deadline to make a reservation is March 1. To learn more about the 'alalā, visit AlalaProject.org.

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Forest Stewardship/Management Planned for Ka'ū Acreage

Ka'ū residents can submit comments on a Draft Environmental Assessment for a proposed forest stewardship and management plan. The Black Rhinoceros Foundation seeks to turn a 190-acre parcel at the southeast corner of Kama'oa and South Point

Roads into a native forest. According to the Draft EA, the nonprofit's goal is to establish a thriving mixed species forest there, maintaining a sustainable yield of forest products, while preserving cultural sites as well as the health and function of Pu'u'e'o Ahupua'a

and the South Point Watershed. Twenty percent of total plantings would be introduced hardwood timber trees that would "provide wildlife habitat and continued productivity for the project." Trees would be selectively harvested and regenerated to support the foundation's goals and to continue management of the property as a working forest.

The land is currently covered in a mixture of introduced



A 190-acre parcel in Ka'ū could become a native forest.

Map from Draft EA

noxious and invasive weeds that would be controlled and replaced with more desirable and productive vegetation throughout the project. The primary species to be established are Hawaiian sandalwood ('iliahī) and koai'a (Acacia koai'a) in addition to a variety of other native, Polynesian and non-native, non-invasive species. The site would also serve as a seed bank for these valuable Hawaiian endemics, as well as serve as a demonstration site for a viable and productive investment strategy for formerly forested agricultural lands.

Two sites that contain burials were found during the archaeological inventory survey of the parcel.

One is a small lava tube in the west-central portion of the parcel that contains a Historic Period burial. Another is a lava tube in the northwestern portion that contains two sets of presumably Precontact Period human skeletal remains along with some habitation debris. Four additional archaeological sites were recorded during the inventory survey: historic boundary walls enclosing the entire study parcel, two collapsed lava tube depressions with modified edges, and the remains of a large platform interpreted as a heiau. With the exception of the boundary walls, all of these sites are slated for preservation.

The Black Rhinoceros Foundation, based in New Mexico, seeks funds by a cost-share grant through Hawai'i's Forest Stewardship Program.

The public can offer comments through Feb. 22. Send comments to DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325, Honolulu, HI 96813. The draft EA is available at oeqc.doh.hawaii.gov/default.aspx. Click on EA_and_EIS_Online_Library, Hawai'i and 2010s.



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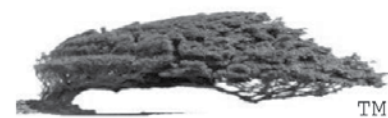
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entists today call it "risk management," he said. "We look back not to stay in the back but to move forward."

He also noted that oral histories, the mo'olelo describing huge amounts of food grown in ancient Hawai'i, are not just stories; they are supported by findings of archaeological research.

Earl Louis said, "Ka'ū is the piko. Ka'ū can be an example." He urged going back to the ahupua'a system.

Stephanie Tabata and John Dancel talked about their family's long Hawaiian lineage in Ka'ū, with their own oral history and documentation of land ownership that differs from some of the other written and oral accounts.

Trini Marques talked about the need for archaeologists going on lands to connect with the families whose ancestors lived there in the past.

Anna Cariaga suggested "unlearning" the negative and moving forward, understanding and implementing the valuable Hawaiian lessons in a positive way.

Kawehi Ryder, founder of Uhane, talked about opportunities to restore springs and fish ponds at Punalu'u and said there was a poi mill at one time near Kāwā.

Meinecke said that Wai'ōhinu means reflecting water, earning its name from seven lo'i – taro patches, and noted that water for taro had been diverted by the now defunct sugar plantations.

Hawaiian musician and educator Emma Emalia Ka'olani'ali Keohokalole, who has Ka'ū ancestors, led songs of Ka'ū during the meeting.

The book *The Polynesian Family System in Ka'ū* by E.S. Craighill Handy and Mary Kawena Pukui was on display and for sale as a reference for Ka'ū households. So were films on history made by Eddie Kamae.

NEWS BRIEF... RANCHOS BOARD ELECTION PENDING

A new Board for the Hawaiian Ranchos Community Association is to be voted on in March. The current Board is made up of several individuals that were serving merely on an interim basis. The new election is especially important to the Ranchos community this time. Running for President this term is local resident Brian Lampron. He shares with us why this particular vote matters more than past elections...

"As we are all aware, there's a continued issue with commercial solar farms trying to enter our neighborhood. This slipped into our community through a loophole in our State law. This loophole needs to be closed! With the assistance of Ann Bosted as our Treasurer, we are confident we can eliminate the solar company's efforts."



Brian Lampron —

"Let's make a difference"

"In addition, after speaking with many members of our community, I heard a resounding voice that many of you would love to have a Community Center. To that end, we have a preliminary plan we are sharing with Kau News that will greatly enhance all the residents in Ranchos. (See insert below). I have already communicated with an architect, civil engineer, as well as many tradesman, most of whom will volunteer their time and expertise to help. This could possibly double as a community shelter and Red Cross assistance relief center in the event of a natural disaster."

The team that Brian has assembled to make significant changes in Ranchos will last for generations to come. All these positions are up for election.

Jeff Barger — He's agreed to join as Vice President. He's a semi-retired, very successful business owner living here full time for the last 7 years.

Ann Bosted — for Treasurer. Ann, a former professional bookkeeper, has been doggedly communicating with representatives and professionals on many levels to stop the solar installations.

The Planning Directors that have agreed to join also need your specific vote;

Janice Hazen — Previously served on the HRCA Board in 2015, a former business owner, and having served as corporate secretary will bring a wealth of leadership to the Board.

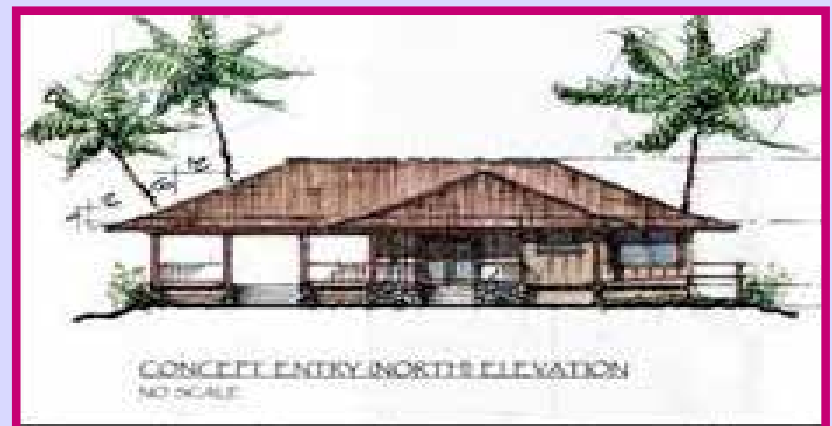
Maira Foglevik — Everyone in Ranchos loves Maira as she currently manages all the Road Maintenance affairs. She's an incredible asset to have.

David Stokes — David is heavily invested here on the Big Island working full time as a boat captain here for a large tour operator in Kona.

Sterling Quier — Another important and knowledgeable asset as he's currently the Vice President of the Ranchos Road Maintenance Committee.

Brian's experiences include all aspects of building from single family homes, condominiums, to high rises. The drawing below is just a preliminary sketch for the HRCA Center. When asked what drove him to take on this role, he had this comment,... "Well clearly our wonderful community needs a single strong voice to fight these commercial solar farms. It's a travesty and everyone involved knows it. I feel that this needs to be corrected at the State level and I am willing and able to work with legislators to protect our community. If I can use my expertise to also build HRCA a lasting Community Center we can all enjoy, then my efforts are purposeful in more ways than one."

Here's a future view of what the center may entail...



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