

One Down, Four to Five Cyclones Expected in Hurricane Season

The 2016 Central Pacific Hurricane Season began June 1, following a hurricane forming southwest of Hawai'i early this year, and 2015, an El Nino year marking one of the most active on record. The map of 2015 cyclones shows the Hawaiian Islands looking like a kipuka of calm in the middle of many tropical storms and hurricanes spinning around the islands.

Tropical weather jumpstarted 2016 with Hurricane Pali forming south of Hawai'i on Jan. 7 and becoming the earliest Central Pacific tropical cyclone on record,

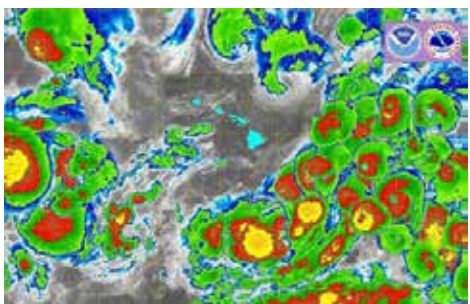
demonstrating that tropical cyclone formation is possible all year long. She did no damage.

The Central Pacific Hurricane Center released its 2016 predictions on May 25, forecasting a 40 percent chance of normal hurricane activity and a 40 percent chance of above-normal activity, with only 20 percent likelihood of a below-normal season. Normal is about four or five tropical cyclones. Last year marked a record with 15. The lowest number of storms was zero in 1979.

The season ends on Nov. 30.

The Central Pacific Hurricane Center recently issued this message:

"Are you prepared for a hurricane? You'll need supplies not only for the duration of the storm but also for the potentially lengthy recovery period that could follow. Have enough non-perishable food, water and medicine to last each person in your family a minimum of one week. Electricity and water could be out for at least that long. You'll need extra cash, a battery-powered radio and flashlights.



Hawaiian Islands looking like a kipuka of calm in the middle of many 2015 tropical storms and hurricanes spinning around the islands.
Image from NOAA

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Industrial Solar in Ranchos Draws More Opposition

Maile David, Ka'ū's Hawai'i County Council member, in May wrote to the Public Utilities Commission about the industrial sized solar project proposed for the Hawaiian Ranchos neighborhood. She asked the PUC to "seriously consider the voices of the many residents directly impacted by this flawed proposal and deny the application."

David's letter was in response to an application by Hawai'i Electric Light Co. to build a high-voltage overhead transmission line, along with a new substation to tie a proposed 27-site solar project to the grid. This project has proved to be very unpopular in Ocean View, as the proposed two-acre sites are scattered among homes throughout the Ranchos subdivision. David's letter also stated: "At the outset, there have been procedures that give rise to valid questions whether such a development (despite its permitted use under state law) met all the lawful requirements to qualify as a participant in the FIT (Feed In Tariff through which the utility buys electricity from customers) program. There are existing issues that raise valid questions regarding that: 1) the project was not shovel ready; 2) it exceeded the maximum size for projects; 3) the developer did not obtain authorization to combine permits; and 4) the project exceeds the five megawatt requirement for competitive bidding. It was also brought to the attention of the Commission via written testimony that 'site-control,' a basic pre-qualification requirement for the Feed-In-Tariff program, was not secured.

"Given the fact that the request by HEL-



Miss Ka'ū Coffee Pageant participants gather on stage at Ka'ū Coffee Mill after receiving scholarships, crowns, lei, flowers balloons and gifts.
Photo by Pamela Taylor

Rochelle Koi Named Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2016

Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2016 is Rochelle Koi, 22, daughter of Rory Koi, of Nā'ālehu, and Michelle Ortega, of Pāhala. She was crowned by Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2015 Maria Miranda at the pageant held May 14 at Ka'ū Coffee Mill. Koi won the Interview and Evening Gown titles and tied for the Career Outfit title at the pageant directed by Ka'ū Coffee farmer Trini Marques.

Koi, whose talent is singing, is a University of Hawai'i student and works at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park as a ranger. Koi takes home scholarships totaling \$2750 from the Edmund C. Olson Trust, Pacific Quest and Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce.

For all scholarships, sponsors and the pageant program, see <http://www.kaucalendar.com>

[com/MissKauCoffeeFest_Program2016.pdf](http://www.kaucalendar.com/MissKauCoffeeFest_Program2016.pdf).

First Miss Ka'ū Coffee Princess is Casey Koi, 21, daughter of Corey and Connie Koi, of Pāhala. She tied in Career Outfit and Miss Photogenic categories. She is a student at University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

Jami Beck, 17, is Second Miss Ka'ū Coffee Princess and daughter of James and Sharon Beck, of Nā'ālehu. She won the Swimsuit competition and tied in the Talent competition. Beck is a student at Ka'ū High School.

Third Miss Ka'ū Coffee Princess is Shaira Panganiban Badua, 18, daughter of Mario and Lucia Badua, of Pāhala. The senior at Ka'ū High School tied in the Talent competition.

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Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2016 Rochelle Koi receives her crown from Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2015 Maria Miranda.
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KA'U BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE

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Hawai'i Volcanoes Visitors Bring \$189 Million in Economic Benefits

A new National Park Service report shows that 1,832,660 visitors to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park in 2015 spent \$151,246,200 in communities near the park. That spending supported 1,834 jobs on island and had a cumulative benefit to the local community of \$189,391,100.

The park's 2015 visitation is up 8.25 percent from 2014 (1,693,005 visitors) and reflects a steady trend of rising visitation to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park since 2009. The park, which celebrates its 100th anniversary this year along with the National Park Service, shares two of earth's most active volcanoes, Hawaiian culture and native ecosystems with local residents and visitors.

"We are pleased to again report an increase in both visitation to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and the important economic impact park visitors have by spending money and creating jobs in our local community," Park Superintendent Cindy Orlando said. "National park tourism is a significant driver in the national economy, returning \$10 for every \$1 invested in the National Park Service, and it's clearly a big factor in our local economy as well. We appreciate the partnership and support of our neighbors and are glad to be able to give back by helping to sustain local communities."

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by U.S. Geological Survey economist Catherine Cullinane Thomas and National Park Service economist Lynne Koontz. The report shows \$16.9 billion of direct spending by 307.2 million park visitors in communi-



Visitors enjoy a ranger-guided hike on Sulphur Banks Trail in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. *Photo from NPS*

ties within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 295,000 jobs nationally; 252,000 of those jobs are found in these gateway communities. The cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy was \$32 billion.

According to the 2015 report, most park visitor spending was for lodging (31.1 percent) followed by food and beverages (20.2 percent), gas and oil (11.8 percent), admissions and fees (10.2 percent) and souvenirs and other expenses (9.8 percent).

Report authors this year produced an interactive tool. Users can explore current year visitor spending, jobs, labor income,

value-added and output effects by sector for national, state and local economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data. The interactive tool and report are available at the NPS Social Science Program webpage: <http://go.nps.gov/vse> or <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/socialscience/vse.htm>.

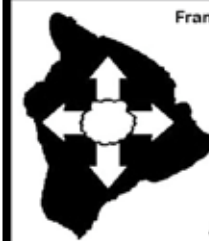
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KA PEPA PĀHALA

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Ka'ū Coffee Fest Events Break Attendance Records

The eighth annual Ka'ū Coffee Festival drew record turnouts at many of the events over ten days in May. Sold out were hikes to agricultural water sources in the rainforest. A night sky event took participants to a heiau on Makaanau. Residents created many kinds of foods using Ka'ū Coffee for the annual Ka'ū Recipe Contest. A Pa'ina kickoff event featured Puerto Rican and Hawaiian music and was attended by farm leaders from around the state. A ranch lunch offered hay rides deep into the pastures and coffee farms



New coffee farmer Delvin Navarro serves up an iced coffee drink from his family company.

Photo by Denise Laitinen/Ka'ū Coffee Festival



Ka'ū Coffee farmers, many of them celebrating the 20th year of the industry, were honored at the annual Ka'ū Coffee Festival Ho'olaule'a in Pāhala.

Photo by Jesse Tunison/Ka'ū Coffee Festival

in the mountains. A beach event offered up lobster, steak and live music. The pageant launched new Miss Ka'ū Coffee. Jr. Miss Ka'ū Coffee and Peaberry queens and courts.

The annual Ho'olaule'a, May 21, presented many brands and tastes of Ka'ū Coffee as well as foods and community enterprises and outreach, including a Buy Local, It Mat-

ters promotion. Musicians and hula dancers, including Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2016 Pageant contestants, graced the stage and entertained the crowd throughout the day. Tours to scenic farms informed participants about Ka'ū Coffee production. The Ka'ū Coffee Experience offered an opportunity to taste coffee brewed using a variety of techniques.

The Ka'ū Coffee College wrapped up the Ka'ū Coffee Festival, with more farmers attending than ever, to focus on keeping up the quality that makes Ka'ū Coffee famous. Ka'ū Coffee Farmers are celebrating 20 years of building a new Ka'ū economy since the closure of Ka'ū Sugar Co.

Miss Ka'ū Coffee, cont. from pg. 1

Junior Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2016 is Karlee Fukunaga-Camba, 15, daughter of Keala and Justine Camba, of Pāhala. She won Talent and Evening Gown categories. She attends Ka'ū High School.

First Junior Miss Ka'ū Coffee Princess is Calaysa Koi, 11, daughter of Corey and Connie Koi, of Pāhala. She is a student at Ka'ū Middle School.

Lyric Oliveiros, 15, is Second Miss Ka'ū Coffee Princess. She is the daughter of Junior and Saydi Llanes. Oliveiros won the Hobby Outfit Competition and attends Ka'ū Middle School.

Third Junior Miss Ka'ū Coffee Princess is Helena Nihipali-Sesson, 14, daughter of Guy Sesson and Sherraine Nihipali-Sesson, of Pāhala, and Bradford and Jadelyn Moses, of Pāhala. She is a student at Ka'ū High School.

Miss Ka'ū Peaberry 2016 is nine-year-old Chazlynn Pua-Queja, daughter of Chad

and Queja and Jerilyn Pua, of Pāhala. She won the Character Outfit category and attends Pāhala Elementary School.

First Miss Ka'ū Peaberry Princess is eight-year-old Jazmyn Navarro, daughter of Jonathan and Jennifer Navarro, of Pāhala. Navarro won the Talent competition. She is a student at Pāhala Elementary School.

Second Miss Ka'ū Coffee Princess is six-year-old Khloe Moses, daughter of Jack and Brenda Moses, of Pāhala. She won the Evening Gown competition. Moses attends Pāhala Elementary School.

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CO is to approve an overhead 69kV transmission line specifically to accommodate this developer under the FIT program, if requirements of qualification have not been met by this developer under the FIT program, then I submit that the proposed mini substation and overhead line being proposed to handle the power generated by a such a non-conforming company is therefore unnecessary and should be denied.

"As decision-makers, I believe it is incumbent upon all of us, and particularly in this application, that we recognize and acknowledge that the intent, as beneficial and supportive of our goal to achieve energy self-sufficiency and protect our environment may be, our decisions cannot be made at the expense of the health, safety and welfare of our community."

David also wrote about the demise of a bill introduced to the recent state Legislative session by Ka'ū's state Rep. Richard Cragan. It died, without explanation, on the last day of the session. If it had passed, it would have required a developer who intends to build a large solar farm in a non-conforming subdivision to get a county permit.

"Finally, from a legislator's point of view, it is very disappointing that our Senate and House Conference Committees were unable to come to an agreement regarding the intent of House Bill 2636 HD2 SD2, and thus the measure died," she wrote. "HB 2636 added an important component that would have expanded HRS Section 205-2 to require a special permit approval when the capacity

of solar energy production totals more than twenty-five kilowatts. This would have created a much needed check and balance in the governmental approval process and would have required the Hawai'i County Planning Commission's review and approval of certain uses within agricultural and rural districts. More importantly, review and authority at the county level would afford an impacted community its right to participate and to have their voices heard."

Jeff Barger, interim President of Ranchos Community Association, praised David's letter.

"Maile hit the nail on the head," he said. "The developer broke FIT rules to get the lucrative permits and is only building this boondoggle project to qualify for Federal and State tax credits. We all need to write to the PUC and let them know we are wise to all this. This docket is the closest we have come to due process."

Six hundred thirty residents have signed a petition against the project, and scores have written to the PUC docket that was opened to consider HELCO's application. To date, 65 documents have been filed, the vast majority from writers opposed to the project.

In May, public comment protesting HELCO's application were received from Ka'ū Scenic Byway Committee, Steve Smith, Bob Werner, Tomislav Gracanin and Veda Hackell, Tim and Linda Shutt, Daine Ware, Sandra Mayville, James Cohn, Ray and Linda Raquinio, Sammi Fo, Ron Riggs, Bob South, Susan Moss, Phil and May Flanders, Barbara Winch, Michelle Wall-O'Connor, Larry &

Sandra Shelton, Jay Hibbard, Peter and Ann Bosted, Bobbi Wood, Jeffrey Barger, Cynthia Cohn and Vernon Harvey. No public comment in favor of the project was filed during the month.

Ka'ū residents and others wanting to voice opinions can email puc.comments@hawaii.gov with docket number 2015-0229 on the subject line. Comments can also be mailed to the PUC at 465 S. King Street, 1st Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813. All comments should be addressed to "Dear Chair Randy Iwase and Commissioners Lorraine Akiba and Michael Champley."

Consumer Advocate Questions HELCO

Hawai'i Consumer Advocate's office, headed by Jeffrey Ono, asked Hawai'i Electric Light Co. for answers to tough questions, including who owns the Ocean View solar project, who benefits from the project, how power will be curtailed, and the cost of restoring residential land that the solar project would industrialize.

The CA's questions quizzed HELCO about some aspects of the project, but wide areas of concern from residents were not in-

cluded, such as fire danger, the cost of compensating residents forced to move, and how power from the project would drive up the cost of retail power on Hawai'i Island.

HELCO has applied to the Public Utilities Commission for permission to construct an overhead transmission line to serve 27 photovoltaic projects slated to be built on 19 three-acre housing lots scattered among existing homes in Ocean View Ranchos and eight lots in Kona South, an undeveloped subdivision without legal access. The PUC has opened a docket for the case. The CA has filed 24 pages of questions for HELCO in docket number 2015-0229.

The Division of Consumer Advocacy's role is that of a watchdog, and it is mandated to act in the "public benefit." Executive Director Jeffrey Ono attended the PUC's public hearing in Ocean View on Feb. 15, when many residents complained about having their rural neighborhood industrialized, the fire danger, the loss of property values, and the way HELCO's Feed-in-Tariff program had been confounded. Since then, about 50

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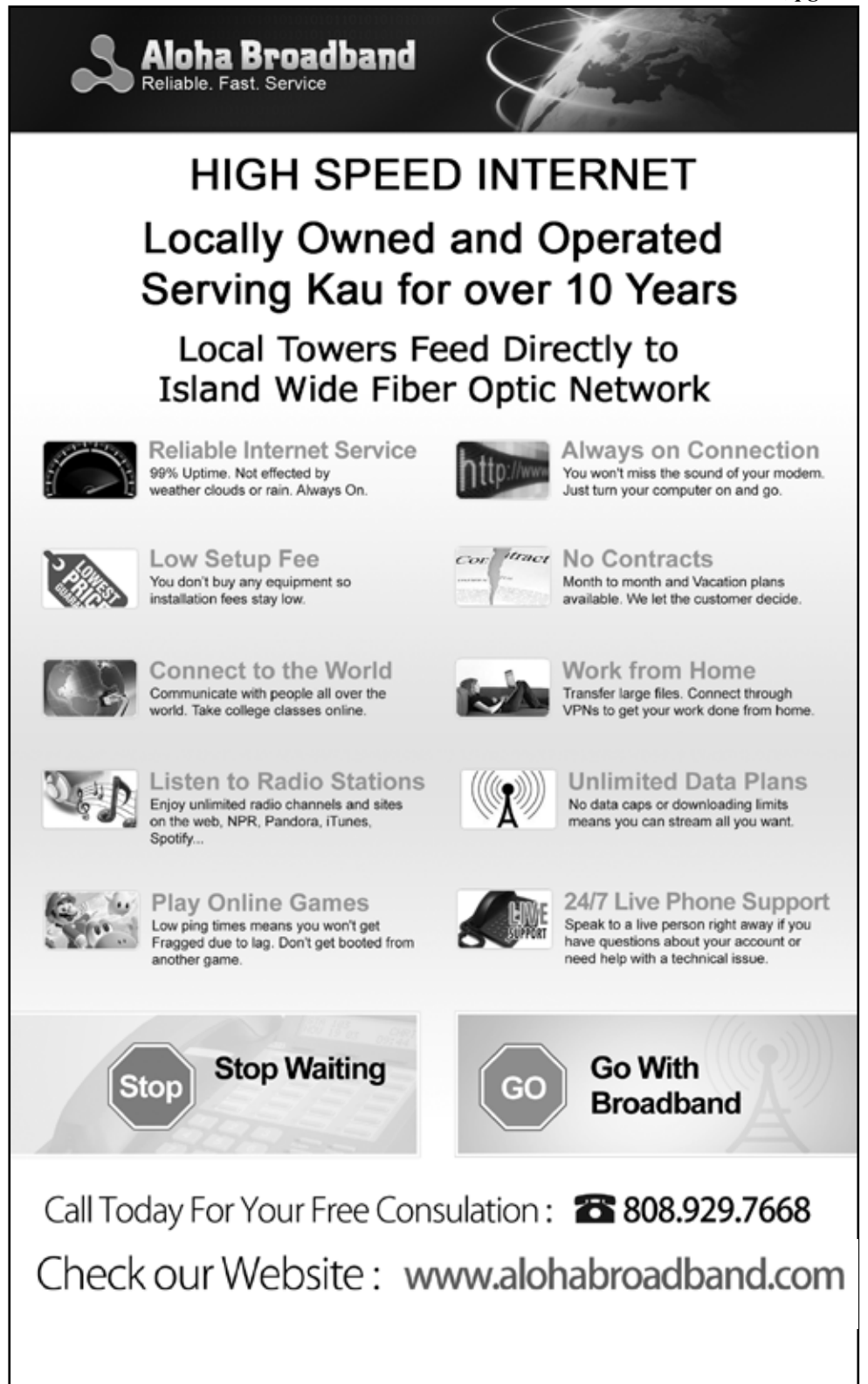


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Ka'ū Boys Reach State Volleyball Semi-Finals

Ka'ū volleyball players attending Kamehameha Schools-Hawai'i led their team to the Big Island Interscholastic Federation championship and played for the state finals on O'ahu. They are Addison Enriques, of Punalu'u – hitter; Avery Enriques, of Punalu'u – hitter; Kameron Moses, of Pāhala – setter and libero; and Naia Makuakane, of

Nā'ālehu – setter. Kamehameha, coached by Punalu'u resident Guy Enriques, was undefeated in regular season play.

On O'ahu, Kamehameha-Hawai'i beat Kapalama High School 25-15, 25-19, 26-28 and 25-18. After making it to the semi-finals, the team fell to Moanalua, 3-2. Moanalua took the state title.

Southside Aims for Nationals

Southside Volleyball Team is raising money to fly again to the mainland for the

Boys Junior National Championships, this year in Dallas. The team is comprised of

young men who have been playing volleyball together since age ten. The training and competition has led to superior high school play and college scholarships. This year, Southside competes as a 17's team, after rolling through different age groups over the years. Recently, team members received college volleyball of-



Ka'ū volleyball players attending Kamehameha-Schools-Hawai'i led their team to the BIFF championship before playing in state championship matches. Photo by Coach Richard Lau tied for thirteenth.

Ka'ū players are Kameron Moses, of Pāhala; Nai'a Makuakane, of Nā'ālehu; and Addie and Avery Enriques, of Punalu'u. All attend Kamehameha Schools on this island.

After a weeklong volleyball camp in Pāhala, Southside flies out on June 30 and begins play on July 3. This will be Southside's eighth trip to the competition. In the last five years, they have once become National Champs, and finished twice at fourth, once as a Silver Division champ and once

To donate toward plane tickets and accommodations for Ka'ū players to attend the national championships, call Brenda Iokepa Moses at 896-3932.



Team members include Heidi Vital, Rina Joseph, Sepe Levi, Roselintha Ken, Chayla Ault, Marilou Manatan, Lyric Oliveiros, Alethea Ramones and Sila Livai. Not shown are Cherisse Althea Calumpit, Amber Sugrue and Melinda Eder. Photo from Jen Makuakane

Ka'ū's Middle Girls Win the Title

Ka'ū Middle School girls brought home the trophy on Saturday, May 7, when the basketball team defeated Pāhoa at their championship game. The match was close, with a score of 14-12. Throughout the season, the girls had multiple games against Kea'au and Pāhoa Middle School teams.


The girls learned many fundamentals and skills from Coach Bridget Pasion. This is the first time the girls have accomplished such a milestone and the first time that Pasion coached her own team. "The future looks bright for both these basketball players and their coach," said Director Sandy Tran. "Special thanks to Uplink All-Stars After-School Program, Ka'ū Middle School Athletics, Ka'ū High Girls Basketball Coach

Cy Lopez and Coach Jennifer Makuakane for their continued support."

Keiki Learn to Swim this Summer

Keiki can learn to swim at Pāhala Pool this summer. Sessions begin on June 6 and continue through July 29. Fee is \$15 for each two-week session.


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Seventeen Ka'ū students received Ken Wicks Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce Scholarships.

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Seventeen Win Ka'ū Chamber Scholarships

Seventeen higher education scholarships were awarded last month by Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce at a dinner at Pāhala Plantation House.

Scholarship Chair Lee McIntosh, Chamber President Donna Masaniai and scholarship committee members Alan and Nancy Stafford commended many of the students for their determination to bring their new skills back to the Ka'ū community. Following are the winners, their majors and their campuses, some of them continuing college and others graduating this year from Ka'ū High School:

Jay-R Abalos, a Pāhala resident and University of Hawai'i at Mānoa marketing student;

Tyler Amaral, a Nā'ālehu resident and UH Hilo computer engineering student;

Lexis L. Andrade, a Wai'ōhinu resident and architecture student at Walla Walla College in Washington, transferring to California Polytechnic University-San Luis Obispo.

Tiani L. Castaneda-Naboa, of Nā'ālehu, a UH Hilo marine biology major;

Monica Lynn Pascual Cavarrubio, of Pāhala, a UH-Hilo nursing student;

Ty Alfred De Sa, of Pāhala, a Hawai'i Community College nursing student;

Charlotte Faye Esquida, of Nā'ālehu, a UH Hilo nursing student;

Sheilla Mae Felipe, of Nā'ālehu, a UH Hilo nursing student;

Annie Mae Flores, of Nā'ālehu, a University of Nevada political science major;

Leaokalani Hashimoto, of Wai'ōhinu, a UH Hilo educa-

tion major;

Kaweni Christopher Ibarra, of Pāhala, a California State University at Sacramento electronic engineering major;

Kamrie Koi, of Pāhala, a UH Hilo political science and administration of justice and pre-law major;

Rochelle Koi, of Nā'ālehu, a UH Hilo English and history major and 2016 Miss Ka'ū Coffee;

Crystal McIntosh, of Discovery Harbour, an HCC culinary arts and Spanish major;

April Joy D. Miguel, of Pāhala, an HCC Administration of Justice major;

Tiare-Lee Shibuya, of Nā'ālehu, an HCC and UH Hilo student in nursing and nursing administration; and

Jennifer Flores Tabios, of Nā'ālehu, a St. Johns University-New York City major in biology.



Leaokalani Hashimoto's winning essay is entitled *Great Teachers Make Great Leaders*.

Photo by Julia Neal

Leaokalani Hashimoto Wins with a Ka'ū Teaching Goal

Leaokalani Hashimoto won the 2016 Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce Essay contest, taking home a Ken Wicks scholarship in May. Seventeen Ka'ū scholars received scholarships for higher education at the annual dinner at Pāhala Plantation House. Scholarships are provided through community support of *The Directory*, the Ka'ū business and resource guide, published each year by the Ka'ū Chamber and Local Productions, publisher of *The Ka'ū Calendar* newspaper.

The winning essay is entitled *Great Teachers Make Great Leaders* and presents Hashimoto's personal quest as a mother of two and native Hawaiian of Wai'ōhinu, to help her community by becoming qualified to teach at Nā'ālehu Elementary School. Hashimoto has worked her way through college with jobs at ACE Hardware and the Punalu'u condos, followed by six years with Tūtū & Me, the early childhood education pro-

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Birds on the wing and students launched from high school after the Ka'ū Trojan graduation. Photo by Pam Taylor

Martinez Inspires 48 Grads

Forty-eight students graduated from Ka'ū High School on Friday, May 20. Deisha Gascon, who graduated with academic honors, is valedictorian for the Class of 2016.

Students heard a commencement address by Big Island Honda Hilo Assistant Manager Kiko Martinez. The keynote speaker graduated from Ka'ū High 19 years ago, in the Class of 1997. Martinez discussed *Things that Helped Me Get to Where I Am Today*.

"This is a world right here, this gym," Martinez told graduates. "Any type of career you guys want to get into, it's a world. ...

"I'm trying to share my vision with the world. When you try to share your vision with the world, people are going to feel that you're crazy. ... What you find out is that, slowly, people are going to start enjoying it a little bit, and the world starts to see your vision, and the world

starts to feel what you feel. And once you get the world to do what you feel, then you can influence.

"Bring your energy to the table; bring it into the world.

"Learn the art of influence, because that's the skill set that's the most important thing in the world, to me, is learn-

Graduation, pg. 10



Kiko Martinez was keynote speaker at Ka'ū High School graduation ceremonies. Photo by Pam Taylor



Friends and family congratulate Ka'ū High School seniors on Graduation Day.

Photo from KHPES

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gram. She is currently a student and mom seeking a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Here is her essay:

Great teachers are the unsung heroes of the world. They play an important and difficult role in our society. Many of us can recall a teacher who has influenced the course of our life. However, quality teachers are becoming harder to find and keep here in Hawai'i. I want to become an elementary school teacher so I can help fill the need for qualified teachers and inspire the youth of Ka'ū.

The ancient African proverb says, "It takes a village to raise a child," but what has happened to our "village?" According to Hawai'i News Now, Department of Education officials expect as many as 1,600 vacancies throughout the state next school year. Corey Rosenlee, president of the Hawai'i State Teachers Association, shared that "Hawai'i has the highest turnover rates in the nation, and this is more so for people that come from the mainland." Corey added that recruiting teachers from the mainland is an ongoing cycle.

Teachers who are recruited from the mainland are often placed in rural schools, like Nā'ālehu Elementary and Ka'ū High School. New teachers are often surprised by Ka'ū's unique, rural lifestyle as well as the state's high cost of living. I was raised in Ka'ū and attended Nā'ālehu Elementary

School and graduated from Ka'ū High. As a native, I can relate to and understand the racial and cultural background of our youth. I live in Wai'ohinu and hope to teach at Nā'ālehu Elementary, one of Hawai'i's public schools that need qualified teachers. I want to use the knowledge I have acquired to inspire students of Nā'ālehu Elementary and Intermediate School and help them identify their strengths and reach their full potential. I want to create a great classroom for students to learn, feel successful, and achieve.

I am grateful to say that I am the product of great teachers, including my parents who successfully fulfilled their role as my first teachers. I am passionate about education because of the time and energy these wonderful teachers invested in me. They helped me acquire the skills, knowledge, and expertise needed for success in college, career, and life. Great teachers do not receive a high salary or get praised daily for their contribution. However, they enjoy what they do and are passionate about education. Great teachers are sustained daily by the outstanding opportunity to change a student's life. I hope to be as great as the teachers who have inspired me.

Hashimoto said that the Ken Wicks Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce Scholarship will help her to achieve her "educational goals with minimal impact on my family. My academic studies are a major part of my professional develop-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tropic Care 2016, through Sat, June 4, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. (closing 12 p.m. Sat), Kaʻū High School & Ocean View Community Center. Free medical screenings, school sports physicals, dental services, eye exams, hearing screenings, nutritional services, veteran services, prescription eyeglasses. Bring water, snacks & current glasses & medications. 808-874-6035

Up Close, daily through Sun, June 5, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Marion Berger exhibits her paintings featuring portraits of Hawaiʻi's native birds. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Hawaiʻi County Council Meetings, Thu/Fri, June 2/3 & Tue/Wed, June 14/15. Kaʻū residents can participate via videoconferencing at Nāʻālehu State Office Building. See hawaiicounty.gov for agendas & live-streamed & archived meetings.

Ocean View Neighborhood Watch meeting, Thu, June 2, 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-2442 & 928-2015

Stewardship at the Summit, June 3, 11, 17 & 22, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Volunteers clear ginger from park trails. Free; park entrance fees apply. nps.gov/havo

Architectural Tour, Sat, June 4, 9:15 a.m., Volcano Village. Architect Boone Morrison offers a rare look inside four historic and environmentally homes. \$40 fees support a scholarship fund. 967-7366 or volcanocommunityassociation@gmail.com

ʻŌhiʻa Lehua, Sat, June 4, 9:30 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Participants learn about the vital role of ʻōhiʻa lehua in native Hawaiian forests, its many forms and flower on this free, easy, one-mile walk. nps.gov/havo

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

Birth of Kahuku, Sun, June 5, 9:30 – 11 a.m. Kahuku Unit of Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Participants explore the area's rich geologic history. Free. nps.gov/havo

Beginning Hawaiian Language Classes, Sun, June 5 & 19, 2:30 p.m., Kaʻū Youth Center near Nāʻālehu Community Center. Taught by kupuna Jeannette Howard and followed by informal kanikapila stressing songs of Kaʻū. Free; open to all. Beverly Byouk, 936-7262

Volunteer Fire Department Meeting, Mon, June 6, 4 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

A Walk into the Past, Tue, June 7, 14, 21 & 28, 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.

Kaʻū Coffee Growers Meeting, Tue, June 7, 6 – 8 p.m., Pāhala Community Center.

After Dark in the Park: Hāʻupu, Tue, June 7, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Kamehameha Schools Hawaiʻi presents the Hawaiian language opera based on the legend of Hina and her son, Kana. This all-school production tells the story through mele (song), oli (chant) and hula (dance). \$2 donations support park programs; park entrance fees apply.

AdvoCats Free Spay & Neuter Clinic, Wed, June 8, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Appointments required. 327-3724

Make a Hū Kukui, Wed, June 8, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Help revive the practice of making and playing the traditional Hawaiian top, hū kukui. Free; park entrance fees apply.

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

Rivers & Tides, Thu, June 9, 7 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. An open discussion about artist Andy Goldsworthy, moderated by Liz Miller, follows the film. 967-8222

Volcano Pottery Sale, Fri, June 10, 3 – 7 p.m. & Sat, June 11, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Meet the artists and view wheel throwing demonstrations on Saturday.

Stew Day Fundraiser, Sat, June 11, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Atlas Recycling at South Point U-Cart, Sat, June 11, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Contemporary Cordage, Sat, June 11 – Sun, July 17, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Taupouri Tangaro & Kealiʻi Reichel's exhibit highlights ritual and regalia of hula and the ancient art of traditional Hawaiian cordage techniques with a contemporary twist. Opening reception 5 – 7 p.m. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Hiʻiaka & Pele, Sat, June 11, 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 free, moderate, one-mile walk. nps.gov/havo

Mongolian BBQ, Sat, June 11, 5 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park; 967-8356. Open to authorized patrons & sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply; 967-8371.

Realms & Divisions of Kahuku, Sun, June 12, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Puʻu Kahuku Trail explores realms and divisions of the traditional Hawaiian classification system at Kahuku. Free. nps.gov/havo

Sunday Walk in the Park, June 12, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park's Kahuku Unit. Friends of the park hike the Palm Trail. Free for Friends members; non-members can join in order to attend. Registration required at admin@fhvnp.org or 985-7373.

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

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

Mr. Kiko Searches for Aloha, Tue, June 14, 12 p.m., Pāhala Public & School Library. Former Pāhala resident Marion Kittleson-Villanueva reads her recently published book. Free. 928-2015

Native Dryland Plants Workshop, Tue, June 14, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Pāhala Public & School Library. Among topics, Lehua Lopez-Mau discusses ʻohiʻa lehua's environmental and cultural values, and Edward Rau presents information on rapid ʻohiʻa death. Free. 928-2015

After Dark in the Park: Liliʻuokalani at Washington Place, Tue, June 14, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Jackie Pualani Johnson performs a one-woman show taken directly from the writings of Queen Liliʻuokalani, the queen's family and other historical sources. \$2 donations support park programs; park entrance fees apply.

Hālau Nā Pua o Uluhaimālama, Wed, June 15, 6:30 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Led by kumu hula Emery Aceret, a student of Ray Fonseca, the hālau has participated in many notable hula competitions, including the Merrie Monarch Festival. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Family Reading Night, Thu, June 16, 5 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Hawaiian Civic Club of Kaʻū, Thu, June 16, 5:30 p.m. 929-9731 or 936-7262

OVCA Board Meeting, Thu, June 16, 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Stained Glass, Thu, June 16, 6 – 9 p.m. – Sat, July 24, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Claudia McCall & Lois Pollock offer this six-session workshop. 967-8222

Find Your Park on the Big Screen, Fri, June 17, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. View John Grabowska's 16-minute film *Puʻuhonua o Hōnaunau: Place of Refuge* and Brad Watanabe's 12-minute documentary *HiStory: Hawaiʻi Island's National Parks*.

Recycling at Nāʻālehu School, Sat, June 18, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Nāʻālehu 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

Dollarama, Sat, June 18, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. All items at the fundraising sale are \$1 or less, including food and drinks. 939-7033

Fabulous Gourds, Sat, June 18, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Learn how to select, prepare and decorate a gourd with Jelena Clay. 967-8222

Puʻu o Lokuana, Sat, June 18, 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. nps.gov/havo

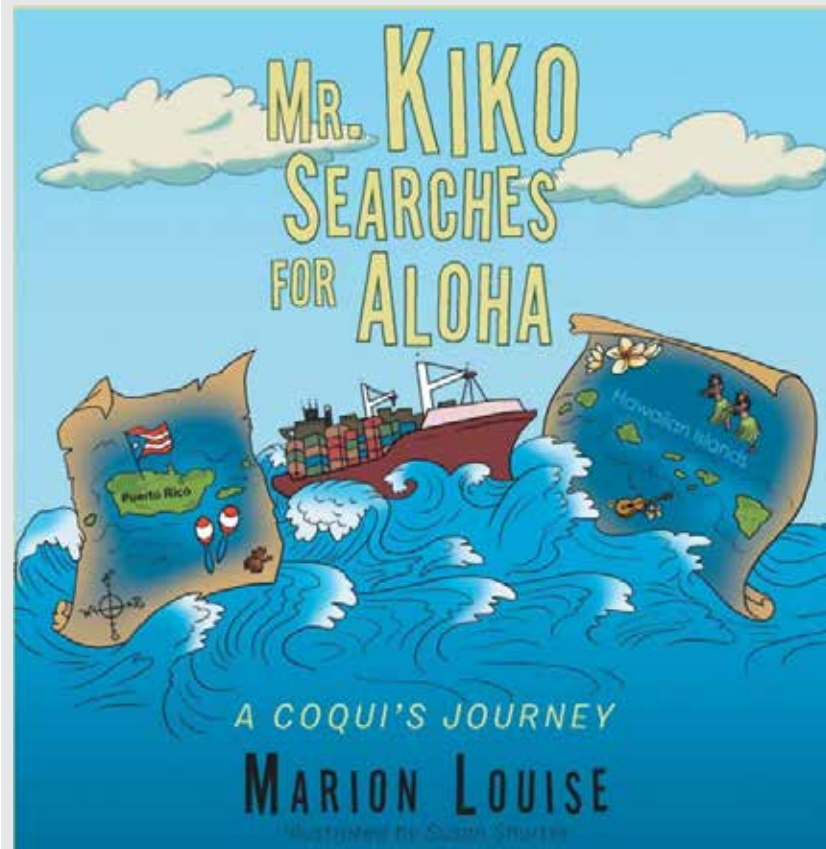
Zentangle Basics, Sat, June 18, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. For beginners and those who wish to revisit the fundamentals. 967-8222

Kahuku ʻŌhana Day, Sat, June 18, 10 a.m. to – 2 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Keiki 17 and younger join park rangers for a fun day of discovery. Participants hike a new trail and learn to weave lei. Register and sign up for a free lunch by June 2. 985-6019

Hula Kahiko, Sat, June 18, 10:30 a.m., hula platform near Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Kumu hula Iwalani Kalima with Hālau Kou Lima Nani E perform. Nā Mea Hula with Loke Kamanu and ʻohana on the porch, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

People & Lands of Kahuku, Sun, June 19, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Hawaiʻi 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. nps.gov/havo

Sunday Clay: Guided Open Studio, June 19 – July 24, 3 – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Emily Herb & Chiu Leong offer a six-session workshop. 967-8222



Mr. Kiko Searches for Aloha in Pāhala

Marion Kittleson-Villanueva, a former Pāhala resident, reads her first, recently published book at Pāhala Public & School Library on Tuesday, June 14 at 12 p.m.

Written under the pen name Marion Louise, *Mr. Kiko Searches for Aloha* is a children's picture book, for ages four to eight, which the author described as having “cultural implications and highlighting the values of individual differences. In the story, the coqui, a singing tree frog of Puerto Rican fame, finds himself as a misfit in Hawaiʻi. Not by choice, Kiko faces the other species in the rainforest and comes to know true rejection. Will there ever be any aloha for this new arrival?”

Kittleson-Villanueva, a retired teacher and librarian, was born in Hawaiʻi of Puerto Rican and Portuguese decent. She has traveled to Puerto Rico several times and has worked on many projects to perpetuate the Puerto Rican experience in Hawaiʻi. The author shared Kaʻū's Puerto Rican heritage at past Kaʻū Plantation Days at Pāhala Plantation House. As president of the Puerto Rican Heritage Society of Hawaiʻi, she unveiled a historical plaque in Qua-

nica Bay commemorating the exodus of Puerto Ricans to Hawaiʻi in the 1900s. As chair of Boricua Hawaiiana, she coordinated and organized an educational exhibit capturing the emigration of 5,000 Puerto Rican sugar laborers in Hawaiʻi from 1900 to 1910. The exhibit has traveled throughout Hawaiʻi and was featured at the Plaza de Americas in San Juan, PR. The author was also a member of a committee that spearheaded rededication of the Cartwright Monument at Francis Wong Stadium in Hilo.

Kittleson-Villanueva suggested that the intercultural story would be an excellent selection for schools' Book of the Month. It is available at amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com and authorhouse.com. Contact the author at 938-8774 or kumumari-on@gmail.com.

A copy of the book has been donated to both Pāhala Public & School Library and Nāʻālehu Public Library and is available for borrowing with a Hawaiʻi State Public Library card.

After the program, there will be a simple craft for children. For more information, call Pāhala P&S Library Manager Debbie Wong Yuen at 928-2015.

Father's Day Buffet, Sun, June 19, 5 – 8 p.m. Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Entrees are prime rib, shrimp Alfredo with spinach & mushrooms, Asian-Infused Hawaiian Ono. Adults \$28; children \$14.50; 967-8356. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply; 967-8371.

Weave a Ti Leaf Lei, Wed, June 22, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Legal Aid, Thu, June 23, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Ocean View Community Center.

Ocean View Community Development Corp. meeting, Fri, June 24, 5 p.m., Hawaiian Ranchos office.

The Business of Art, Sat, June 25, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Ira Ono presents this intensive workshop for artists who want to grow their business.

Kaʻū & Kīlauea Reflections, Sat, June 25 – Sun, July 10 (closed Mondays), 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Dr.

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Douglas Davenport displays his artwork to raise funds for the Ka'ū Hospital Charitable Foundation. 967-8222

HOVE Road Maintenance board of directors meeting, Tue, June 28, 10 a.m., St. Jude's Church. 929-9910

Ka'ū Food Pantry, Tue, June 28, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View.

Ocean View Transfer Station Meeting, Tue, June 28, 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. County officials update residents about status of the planned station. 939-7033

After Dark in the Park: Landscape Restoration, Tue, June 28, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Chief of Natural Resource Management Dr. Rhonda Loh discusses Special Ecological Areas and decades of successful restoration of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's rich biological resources.

EXERCISE & MEDITATION

Pāhala Pool Schedule: Public Recreational Swim Mon – Fri 1 – 4:30 p.m., Sat/Sun 1 – 4 p.m.; Adult Lap Swim Mon – Sun 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Closed Mon, June 11. 928-8177 or hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

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

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

Youth Volleyball, Mon – Thu, 4:30 – 7 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center. For ages 8 – 12. 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., Nā'ālehu Community Center. Certified Zumba instructor Erin Cole, 938-4037

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

Beginning and Intermediate Yoga, Tue/Thu, 8:30 - 10 a.m. Noa's Island Massage in rear entrance of 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

Meditation, Wed, 4 – 5 p.m. Nā'ālehu 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 Classes, Thu, 9 – 10:30 a.m., Mark Twain Estates near Kama'oa Rd. Learn Primordial Qigong (Hunyuan Gong), healing walk for balance, crane animal frolic for asthma and strengthening the lungs, along with other easy-to-learn self-care practices that balance the body for health and vitality. Beginners always welcome; Sliding donation \$5 - \$10. Shary, 929-7647

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.

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., 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.

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

Knit-Wits, Tue, 1 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 929-7033

Ka'ū Driver License Office, Tue/Wed by appointment. 854-7214

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

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

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

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

Ka'ū Farmers Market, Wed, 8 a.m. – noon, Shaka's Restaurant in Nā'ālehu. Produce, Hawaiiana, arts and crafts, fresh baked goods.

Nā'ālehu Market, Wed/Sat, 6:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Ace Hardware. Produce and locally made products.

Community Bookstore, Wed, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Kauaha'ao Church in Wai'ōhinu. 938-0411

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

Ka Lena Na Keiki O Ka'ū, Wed, 4 – 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Nonprofit Family Support Hawai'i 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., Nā'ālehu Library. Coloring club for all ages. 939-2442

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ing how to influence people.

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"Understand that the hardest thing in life is, understand yesterday is yesterday. You guys have a new opportunity every day to change your life. What you were yesterday is not going to dictate what you are in the future. ...

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Nā'ālehu Independence Day is July 2

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who would like to participate or donate can call Debra McIntosh at 929-9872.

'O Ka'ū Kākou sponsors the parade and activities at Nā'ālehu Park, including keiki treats, bounce houses and senior Bingo and lunch.

"Learn to turn all negatives into positives. Make negatives your best friends; make failures your best friends. Keep them close. Failure is the way to get better; failure will test your character. The bigger the challenge, the bigger the blessing.

"I view negatives as a video game. ... Just like one video game, if you don't pass all the levels, what are you going to do? Stay up all night. Practice. Figure it out. ... If you are struggling, do whatever you can to get past it, because there's another level waiting for you, a bigger and better level.

"Do not make any excuses. ... By blaming others, you lose the chance of learning or building your character. Do not cheat yourself out of that.

"Find your passion. When we have passion, we have sacrifice." Martinez said

that when he found his passion, he devoted himself to it, even when it meant missing family gathers year after year.

"The world is right out this door. ... As soon as you walk out that door, make wise choices. ... Succeed, make Ka'ū proud. ..."

Industrial Solar, cont. from pg. 4
people and organizations have contributed "public comment" to the PUC's docket on the case. With two exceptions, all are against the overhead transmission line, the substation and the project.

In a set of Supplemental Information Requests, the CA asked detailed questions about the cost of not only placing the high voltage transmission line underground but also maintaining it for twenty years (the life of the project) and then removing the substation, transmission line and the project from home sites and restoring the sites. The CA has, as a participant in the FIT program, argued for lower rates to be paid to developers of PV projects for their wholesale power and has opposed the rate of 23.8 cents per kilowatt-hour. When the standardized rate was set, it was argued that the high rate was needed to allow the developer to cover the cost of building the PV installations. "The CA appears to be using this high rate to justify requiring the developer to cover all the costs of the project, including its dismantling, for twenty years, so that the costs are not passed on to future HELCO ratepayers," said Rancho's resident Ann Bosted. "If the solar project goes forward and this tab is picked up by the developer, it will represent a huge saving for ratepayers down the line."

The CA also raises questions of "curtailment" – the process by which HELCO can turn off power from generators when the grid is "full." This happens during the day and after 10 p.m. when the supply of power exceeds the demand or the "load."

"If the CA finds that this power is not
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needed, he could recommend that the project not go forward as it is not in the public interest to build unneeded power generators," Bosted said. "The developer, however, stands to gain from building PV generation projects, thanks to the very generous solar tax credits, by which 65 percent of the cost of the project will be paid back by state and federal governments, amounting to a subsidy by taxpayers. The CA will need to evaluate if the earning of these tax credits by the developer serves the public interest, in view of the fact that the Big Island is decades ahead of the state mandated renewable energy goals."

The FIT permits were issued in 2011. Since then the "load" has decreased by about 20 percent, and several renewable energy facilities have been constructed, including a 1.25-megawatt solar farm at Miloli'i.

The CA also quizzed HELCO for details about its claim that the substation is of benefit to the community because it will improve "reliability and power quality." Ocean View residents have told HELCO representatives at public meetings that they do not have power outages and do not want the substation. The CA is now asking HELCO to document complaints over the last five years.

While eliciting responses to many issues, the CA's questions did not address several concerns of Ocean View-area residents, according to Ranchos resident Ann Bosted.

One of those concerns is fire danger. Ocean View is prone to fierce winds and dry brush that can be a fatal combination. "Solar installation fires have been caused by electrical faults. Defective solar panels can also cause problems, and with 30,000 panels to be installed, the risk of even a small percentage being bad is significant," Bosted said.

At the Public Utilities Commission's public hearing in February, an Ocean View firefighter said, "You are going to get someone killed if you put all that (photovoltaic equipment) down there." He said that each year the firefighting budget gets smaller, yet the amount of work gets larger. In letters to the docket, residents have called for an independent fire hazard study of the area.

Also left off the CA's list of questions

was the cost of reimbursing property owners who may leave their homes because of the project. Many chose Ranchos for its rural, ranch-like atmosphere, low crime rate, wide-open vistas and ambiance. "From published comments by Ranchos residents, it is clear that many will move if the project is built," Bosted said. "Added to the fire risk is the eyesore problem. Each PV site will be leveled edge-to-edge and surrounded by a six-foot chain link security fence. Herbicides will be used to control over 60 acres of weeds, so groundwater contamination is a risk for the whole town. The unwanted project will be a magnet for crime and vandalism. Some handgun owners have talked of using the solar panels for target practice. This is not what residents signed up for."

According to Bosted, the CA asked questions about the 26 owners of the project, but allowed the answers to be filed elec-

tronically, "thus keeping the tangle of related and associated corporations a mystery," she said. "It is assumed that 17 of the 26 owners are shell companies incorporated in Delaware, owned by another shell company, Calwahi, that is owned by SPI Solar, headquartered in Shanghai. The eight Kona South lots are supposedly leased from the Doolittle Trust, but county records do not indicate that. They appear to be under the

control of Hawai'i FIT Twelve LLC, which appears to be a shell company of Green Island FIT LLC. The 26th site is supposedly under the control of South Point FIT LLC, also owned by Green Island, but county re-

cords show it belongs to Jasmine Drive Aina LLC. Does SPI Solar also own Green Island? The spokesman for the 26 owners, Ian Craig, of Roseville, California, refused to speak at the PUC's public meeting, failed to show up at a community meeting he called in September and has declined to answer questions from West Hawai'i Today."

The CA did not ask how the developer intended to access the eight sites in Kona

South, for which FIT permits have been issued. Each subdivision in Ocean View is a "stand alone," and it is not legal to access one from another, Bosted said. "Craig has asked the Hawaiian Ranchos Road Maintenance Corporation for permission to access this subdivision from Ranchos and has been refused. Mats Fogelvik,

President of HRRMC, was walking his dog when he encountered a surveyor staking out a route to be bulldozed from Ranchos to Kona South. Mr. Fogelvik 'ran him off.' Craig later claimed that the surveyor had 'lost his way,'" Bosted said.

Responses will be filed in the docket. See puc.hawaii.gov for more on docket 2015-0229.



Maile David supports residents' opposition to solar project.

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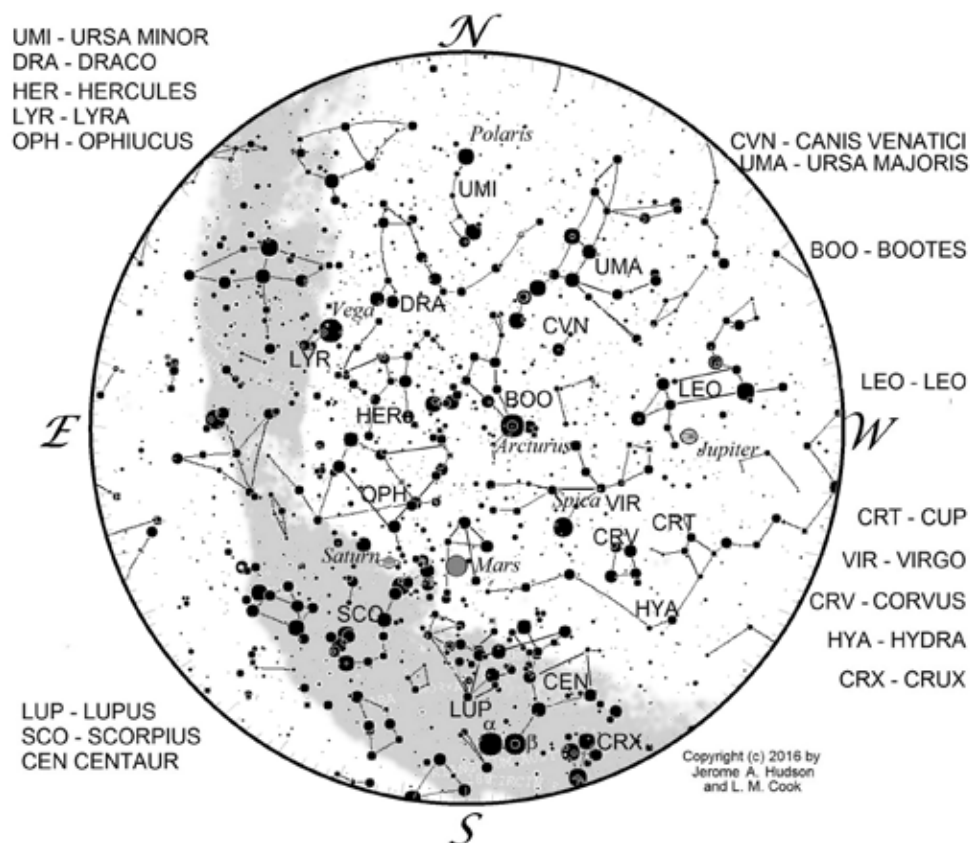
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The constellations are presented with their three-letter abbreviations, with (usually) the Latin names shown in the margins. Stars as faint as magnitude-six are shown. This is done to take advantage of the truly dark skies Ka'ū is blessed with when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

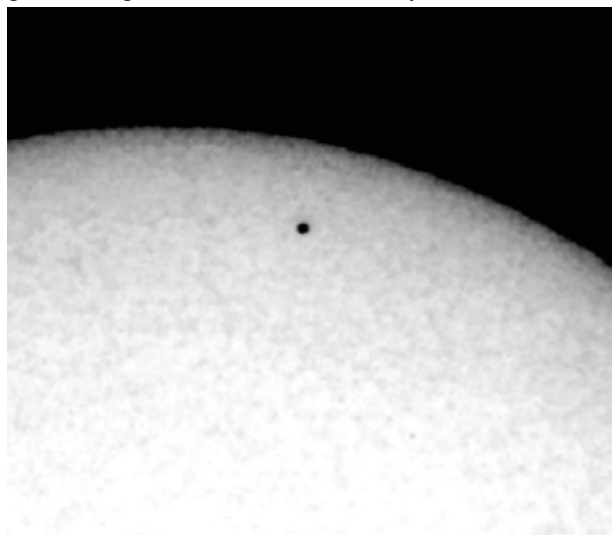
Stars over Ka'ū - June 2016

by Lew Cook

Disappointed? When I joined *Sky and Telescope* magazine's webcast of the transit of Mercury on May 9, it was late in the event. I was disappointed by the quality of the images shown. The steadiness of images, termed "seeing," wasn't good, even from

the McMath Solar telescope on Kitt Peak in southern Arizona. This telescope frequently has excellent seeing. However, there are excellent images published by both amateur astronomers and professional observatories.

Here is an image a friend of mine took who had clouds for the first part of the transit. He took around 100 images, and this is the best of the bunch.



Mercury transited the sun on May 9.

Image from Mike Harms/Lew Cook

Have you noticed how bright Mars is lately? My wife said, "That can't be Mars. Mars is never that bright!" I told her it was. She wasn't firmly convinced. Why do you suppose Mars is so bright now? Could it be that Mars is closer to the sun than it was a few months ago? Mars' orbit is elliptical (egg-shaped), ranging from 155 million miles from the sun to as close as 128 million. So an observer on the surface of Mars would see that the sun was over twice

as bright than when it is farthest from the sun. It is also brighter because it is closer to Earth. This means that each square kilometer on Mars appears larger, and, consequently, Mars is brighter than it has been in several years.

Constellations

The moon tours around the sky every month and can be used to highlight stars and planets around the zodiac. We begin this tour on the evening of June 9. As soon as the sky is dark, about 8 p.m., the crescent moon is near Regulus, the brightest star in Leo.

However, it isn't the brightest star-like object in Leo, which will be highlighted by the moon on the next two evenings. That object is the planet Jupiter, and the moon will be between it and Regulus on June 10 and will be east of Jupiter the next evening, when it is at First Quarter phase.

Three nights later (June 13), when the moon is in its gibbous phase, it will have passed Spica, Virgo's brightest star. Look for Spica about six degrees southwest of the moon. On the 17th, the nearly full moon completes a lop-sided diamond, with Sat-

urn on the eastern corner, Mars to the west, Antares on the south and the moon on the northern corner. Antares is the brightest star in Scorpius. You need a haze-free sky to see the rest of the stars clearly, but Scorpius is a beautiful grouping of stars that does look just like a scorpion or Maui's fishhook. The night of the 19th finds the moon passing near the center of the galaxy, which was found by astronomers to be a massive black hole. There have been several studies of the stars near the black hole, and they circulate in very strange-appearing orbits, some highly elliptical. Some of these stars revolve around the center of the galaxy in tens of years. Our revolution period is on the order of 250 million years.

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June 11.....12:03 p.m. 12:37 a.m.*

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June 196:38 p.m.** 6:07 a.m.**

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June 2712:08 a.m. 12:34 p.m.

*Early on June 12 (after midnight)

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Leaokalani Hashimoto, cont. from pg. 7 ment, but like many things, it comes with a price," she said. "I am a mother, and my family is my number one priority. Balancing academic with family life is always a challenge. This scholarship will alleviate some of the financial burden that my ongoing studies have placed on my family, allowing me to concentrate on my education."

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Former Ka'ū Doctor Continues Support of Ka'ū Hospital

An upcoming exhibit at Volcano Art Center benefits Ka'ū Hospital Charitable Foundation. *Ka'ū and Kīlauea Reflections* features works by former Ka'ū Hospital Dr. Douglas Davenport in an effort to raise funds for the foundation.

From June 25 through July 10, Davenport's paintings and ceramics by will be available for viewing Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at VAC's Nialani campus in Volcano Village. The works display his appreciation for the unique district of Ka'ū through a multitude of landscapes.

"I came to the Big Island with my wife and three children 25 years ago and fell in love with Volcano," Davenport said. "We built a small house as a refuge from the busy life on O'ahu. Volcano became a place for us to be together as a family. We worked the land, the children included, hand-clearing the forest of ginger and tibouchina. As the years went by, our love of the place grew, as did our family."

Davenport retired as an ER doctor after 25 years on O'ahu and took up a part-time

position at Ka'ū Hospital. With his background as a professional potter on O'ahu's North Shore and a family history in oil painting from his grandfather and brother, Davenport said his artistic endeavors in Ka'ū were "a natural progression."

"The paintings and painted ceramic vases depicting scenes around Ka'ū and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park are the result of my time here," Davenport said. "These works reflect the varying landscapes that grace this land, which I have been so lucky to experience."

"I feel fortunate to have been able to work in Pāhala and, in my small way, give back to the community and to the island that has enriched my life immeasurably."

"Volcano Art Center is pleased to support Ka'ū Hospital through this exhibition of art by Dr. Douglas Davenport, MD. The hospital provides invaluable resources to the people of Hawai'i Island when they need it most," VAC's Executive Director Michael Nelson said.

Proceeds from artwork sold as well as



Dr. David Davenport exhibits his art to benefit Ka'ū Hospital Charitable Foundation.

Photo from VAC

donations received go directly to Ka'ū Hospital Charitable Foundation and its mission "to be the very best it can be for the community," Nelson said.

A special opening reception takes place on Saturday, June 25 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the campus. For more information, see volcanoartcenter.org or call 967-8222.

Kiosk Helps Ka'ū Residents Access Health Care

Telehealth is coming to Ka'ū. To be located at Ka'ū Rural Health Community Association, Inc. in Pāhala, the Health Kiosk makes accessing health care easy and convenient for community members. The kiosk will serve residents from Ocean View,

ask offers. "The kiosk makes it much easier for residents to go to the community center and sit down for a 15-minute visit versus driving an hour and a half or taking the bus to Hilo or Kailua-Kona," Richards said.

Another advantage of the kiosk is that



Telehealth is coming to Ka'ū this summer.

Image from KRHCAI

Nīnole, Wai'ōhinu, Nā'ālehu and Pāhala communities. Anyone living in those communities, including children accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, can use the kiosk for free.

"Many residents have no primary care physician, no insurance, no access to health care and limited financial resources," said Jessie Marques, executive director of KRHCAI. "They often have medical conditions that are treatable, but they don't see a doctor or health care professional and eventually end up in the emergency room or in the hospital."

Natasha Richards, business analyst for HMSA's Online Care, encouraged residents to use the wide array of services that the ki-

residents can get behavioral health services, which is one of the specialist shortage areas.

The kiosk also features a blood pressure cuff, otoscope, derm cam, thermometer, pulse oximeter and a handset for private conversations.

"It's remarkable how rapidly telehealth has grown over the past few years," Richards said. "We've gone from expensive, complicated computer equipment in doctors' offices and hospitals to immediate access to quality health care with a simple click of a button. We hope that offering use of the kiosk free of charge to community members will encourage more of them to see a health care professional before their condition gets serious. It's easy, convenient and completely confidential."

The kiosk also plays a role with intern-ing practical nursing students from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, certified nurse aides and community health workers who help people use the kiosk and its features.

"The internship is an outreach to the underserved, geographically isolated communities and minorities who are in dire need of access to health care," Marques said. "The students learn about telehealth alternatives while connecting residents to doctors and specialists."

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The Nēnē Class of 2016 Takes Flight, Caution Advised

Nēnē have begun to reappear in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park after being less visible since fall and winter, when they hunker down to nest, raise goslings and grow a new set of flight feathers (molt).

Nēnē have started to flock, and younger nēnē are taking their first flights. Drivers are reminded to slow down and watch out for the native geese on roadways in and out of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

An unknown motorist killed two fledglings last Saturday on Crater Rim Drive between Kīlauea Overlook and Jaggar Museum. A park ranger discovered the young birds, which were around six months old.

"Young fledglings test out their wings and explore new territories this time of year," said Wildlife Biologist Kathleen Misajon, Manager of the park's Nēnē Recovery Program. "The park uses nēnē crossing signs to alert motorists to key areas, however, until the young birds learn the ropes from their parents, the areas they choose to land can be unpredictable. It's so important to be extra vigilant when driving so these kinds of accidents don't happen."

Nēnē, the largest native land animal in Hawai'i, are present in the park and other locations on Hawai'i Island year-round. They



A young nēnē fledgling tests its wings in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

NPS Photo by Kathleen Misajon

blend in with their surroundings and can be difficult for drivers to spot. They are federally listed as endangered.

Nēnē crossing signs posted throughout the park call attention to roadside areas frequented by nēnē. These include Crater Rim Drive, Chain of Craters Road and sections of Hwy 11. Motorists are urged to use extra

caution in signed nēnē crossing areas and to obey posted speed limits.

By 1952, only 30 birds remained statewide. Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park began efforts to recover the species in the 1970s. The Nēnē Recovery Program continues today, and more than 250 birds thrive in the park from sea level to around 8,000 feet.

See Rivers and Tides in Volcano Village

Rivers and Tides is an award-winning documentary film about the famed British artist, Andy Goldsworthy. Directed by Thomas Riedelsheimer, the film depicts the engaging and interactive relationship between art and nature and follows Goldsworthy all over the world as he opens up about his unique creative process and demonstrates how he engineers and collaborates with nature, space and time.

Rivers and Tides will be shown at Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus on Thursday, June 9 at 7 p.m. Local earth-media-based artist Liz Miller, who has done many earthwork installations, will present the film

and moderate a discussion afterward. There will also be a book collection of Goldsworthy's work to peruse that show pictures of Goldsworthy's latest works as artist-in-residence at The Presidio/Golden Gate National Park.

The film received a number of awards, including the Best Documentary awards of the San Diego Film Critics Society and the San Francisco Film Critics Circle. It is an Anglo-German co-production by Mediopolis Film and the British independent film company Skyline Productions.

More than 2,500 exist statewide.

Wild nēnē, the world's rarest goose, are only found in Hawai'i and are the last survivors of several other endemic geese. Their strong feet sport padded toes and reduced webbing, an adaptation that allows them to traverse rough terrain like lava plains. Most nēnē fly between nighttime roosts and daytime feeding grounds.

To report nēnē on the road in the park, call 985-6170. Outside the park, call 974-4221.

Call for Volcano Runners, Walkers and Volunteers

It's time to get out your running shoes, tie up those laces, and begin training as the seventh annual Volcano Rain Forest Runs Half Marathon, 10K and 5K will be here on Saturday, Aug. 20.

Cooper Center will be the happening place for the Start/Finish for all three races and where the very popular free Volcano Keiki Runs for ages one to seven is held. Sponsored by Kīlauea Lodge – where every keiki is a winner.

Volcano Rain Forest Runs' Half Marathon is the third leg of the Big Island Triple Crown Series. Participants who ran the Hilo Half and plan on running the Kona Half and the Volcano Half can sign up for the Triple Crown Series. Final ceremony will be at the Volcano event.

Register online for all events at volcano-rainforestruns.com.



Start preparing, and register now for Volcano Rain Forest Runs. Photo from Sharron Faff

Local Artist Awards will be given for male and female runners who place first, second and third in each race and first and second in 10-year age divisions for all three.

Rotary Club of Volcano will serve a BBQ lunch on race day. There will also be health and fitness booths, entertainment and much more. "Make it a family affair, and bring everyone for a fun-filled day," Race Director Sharron Faff said. "We would like to thank the community for last year's overwhelming support of this event, and we sincerely hope that you will join us again for this year's festivities as a runner, walker, volunteer or spectator.

For more information, call Faff at 967-8240.



June Events

Gallery Events

Up Close: Marian Berger, continues through 6/5

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Niaulani Campus

6/1 - 7/6 ~ Fun w/Clay (Preschoolers)

6/2 - 7/7 ~ Hand Building w/Clay Afternoons

6/9 ~ Rivers & Tides: Film w/discussion

6/10 & 11 ~ Volcano Pottery Sale

6/16 ~ Stained Glass Workshop

6/18 ~ Zentangle: Basics

6/18 ~ Fabulous Gourds

6/19 - 7/24 ~ Sunday Clay: Guided Open Studio

6/25 - 7/10 ~ Ka'ū & Kīlauea Reflections

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Call 967-8222 or visit
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Pauahi Foundation Offers Hawai'i Island Students Sci Camp Scholarships

The Pauahi Foundation has announced a June 15 deadline for Hawai'i Island students of Hawaiian ancestry between the ages of 13 and 17 to apply for full scholarships to Science Camps of America. Science Camps are ten-day overnight experiences that start June 29. They are based in Ka'ū.

In support of its mission to support the educational needs of people of Hawaiian descent, and through funds provided by the

TMT International Observatory, the Pauahi Foundation will sponsor 12 students to attend Science Camp in 2016 – six for Land & Sea camp and six for Air & Space camp through the Pauahi Foundation.

"We at the Foundation are so proud to be able to offer this funding in support of STEM programs on Hawai'i Island," said Mavis Shiraishi-Nagao, Scholarship Services Manager for Pauahi Foundation.

At Science Camp, students go outside to learn about the volcanoes, mountains, ocean, forests, plants and animals of Hawai'i. "Science Camp is a unique experience for teens to learn and do science while having fun. Each day, we head out on field trips from our base camp in Ka'ū to science destinations across Hawai'i Island, where we explore new environments, help collect scientific data for research, meet working scientists, and experience and study Hawai'i's unique natural environment." said founder and Executive Director Michael Richards. "We are very excited by this opportunity that Pauahi Foundation is providing to Native Hawaiian students interested in science. We are proud to be part of the greater effort to encourage young people in Hawai'i to embark on science careers that will help them have a long-term positive impact on our local environment."



Interested students can learn more at <http://ScienceCampsAmerica.com>. Additional information and application forms for the scholarships offered by Pauahi Foundation may be found at <http://www.pauahi.org/science-camps-of-america/>.

The mission of the Pauahi Foundation is to support the mission of Kamehameha Schools by seeking and developing new and diverse sources of income to support the ever-increasing educational needs and goals of people of Hawaiian ancestry. The Foundation accomplishes its mission by building community partnerships that improve the lives within the Native Hawaiian community through education.

Science Camps of America is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation based in Hawaii. Founded in 2012, its mission is to provide outdoor science learning experiences to students.

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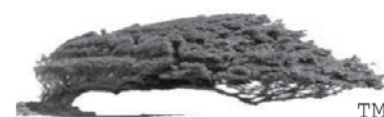
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