

New Book & Visitors Inspired by Punalu‘u’s Henry ‘Ōpūkaha‘ia

A history tour last month stopped in Ka‘ū to retrace the steps of Nīnole-born Henry Obookiah, the native Hawaiian who boarded a sailing ship in 1808 and wound up in New England where he was adopted, schooled and inspired missions to Hawai‘i. Obookiah, known here as Henry



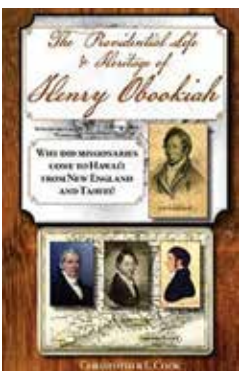
Cynthia Lehua Nani Ho‘omanawanui-Akimseu, at left, and her cousin Deborah Li‘ikapeka Lee hold a maile lei placed at ‘Ōpūkaha‘ia Memorial Chapel.

Photo by Chris Cook

‘Ōpūkaha‘ia, is honored by the Henry ‘Ōpūkaha‘ia Memorial Chapel on a rise overlooking Punalu‘u Beach. In February, members of the group of 24 flew in from across the mainland and Hawai‘i and gathered at the tiny, open-air stone chapel, with its window shaped

like a cross, looking out to the Punalu‘u surf.

Among them was Christopher L. Cook, author of the recently released book *The Providential Life & Heritage of Henry Obookiah*. Cook researched the life of Obookiah for decades, traveling throughout Hawai‘i, New England and beyond, in an exhaustive scouring of records at churches and other archives. He describes Obookiah as an



Henry ‘Ōpūkaha‘ia, born in Ka‘ū, is the topic of a new book.

“extraordinary native Hawaiian scholar and Christian.” He emphasizes Obookiah’s role in Hawaiian history by writing: “Remove Henry Obookiah’s scholarly work in preserving the Hawaiian language, delete the love he drew of the staunch New England Christians, silence his Macedonian cry to the Second Great Awakening Church in America, and Hawai‘i today

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PUC Hears Opposition to Industrial Solar

An estimated 80 Ocean View residents attended Public Utilities Commission’s hearing in February to voice their opinions on a 69-kilovolt transmission line that Hawai‘i Electric Light Co. wants to construct for a substation to support a proposed solar project. Residents are angry that the industrial project is planned for 17 three-acre lots in Ranchos, eight lots in undeveloped Kona South and one in Kula Kai. The developer, SPI Solar, was able to get permits under the utility’s feed-in-tariff program to install 6.75 megawatts of power-generating arrays on lots interspersed with homes. David Corrigan, of *Big Island Video News*, recorded the meeting.

While almost all testifiers told PUC Chair Randy Iwase that they oppose the line, they also expressed their opposition to the solar project itself. Concerns include safety, property values, views and quality of life.

Peter Bosted received applause from attendees when he told Iwase, “I do not believe we need the overhead line because we don’t need the substation because we don’t need the 30 thousand panels.”

Ann Bosted said she and her neighbors would have no choice but to pack up and move if the solar project is built.

Phil Sharkey said residents are opposed to the overhead line because they want to “break the chain,” which would bring the project to a halt. “We don’t need it,” he said.

Bobbi Wood, a Planning Director on the Hawaiian Ranchos Community Association,

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An arch on the coast used to advertise Great Crack land listed for sale.

Photo from Zillow

Great Crack for Sale, National Park Service has Funding

Great Crack lands, makai of Hwy 11 between Pāhala and Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, have been funded for purchase by the National Park Service but are up for sale on real estate listings by a private landowner group, led by Ken Fujiyama, of Mana Land Co.

One 70.03-acre parcel is listed at \$3.85 million. The Zillow online real estate listing says: “This particular parcel is the favorite

fishing area for many ulua” fishermen. Another 27.05-acre parcel is listed at \$1.755 million. The listing says, “Great fishing in a totally stress-free environment that people dream about but rarely ever find.”

Another 272.28 acres is listed for \$2.983 million. Its northern boundary “butts against the National Park wilderness area,” the

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New Report Highlights Ka‘ū Ag

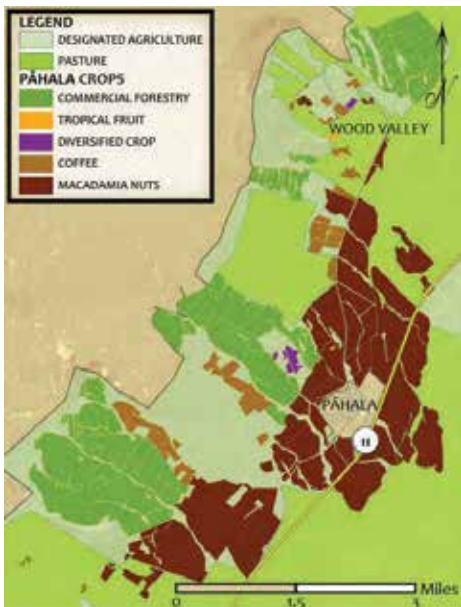
Ka‘ū agriculture is part of a study released by Hawai‘i Department of Agriculture that provides information on locations of commercial ag activities throughout Hawai‘i. The Statewide Agricultural Land Use Baseline 2015 study, which updates a 1980 survey, is intended to help industry, government and the community in making decisions that affect ag land use throughout the state.

“Ka‘ū is best know for its 4,800 acres of macadamia nut orchards and its 660 acres of coffee,” the report states. It also provides a history of Ka‘ū Coffee: “Following the closure of Ka‘ū Agribusiness, former sugar workers pioneered an emerging coffee industry. Workers were offered short-term leases to undivided lands, on

which most planted coffee. This group of 40 farmers has held onto their coffee dreams for nearly 20 years, many of them with little or no certainty of their land tenure. Today, there are approximately 60 coffee farmers in the region, and Ka‘ū Coffee has achieved high standings in recent international cupping contests and is a growing contributor to Hawai‘i’s boutique coffee marketplace.”

According to the report, pasture use accounts for 83 percent of all productive agricultural land use in the state, and 73 percent of that is on Hawai‘i Island. The report acknowledges Ka‘ū’s livestock industry: “Larger ranches, such as Kapāpala and Kuahiwi, and a variety of smaller operations produce beef and goats for lo-

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Livestock, mac nuts and coffee are major ag endeavors in Ka‘ū. Map from SALUB

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Studio 4 Salon Opens with Style in Ocean View Town Center

Studio 4, a new hair and nail salon, opened its doors in Ocean View Town Center, holding its grand opening party last month. Owner and stylist Elise Russell said, "We need these services here," which remained her driving reason for opening



Studio 4 owner and stylist Elise Russell with fellow stylist Kathy Mateo and client Patti Barry. Photo by Nālani Parlin

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listing says. "The roadway from the top of the property to its lowest point sits on the southern boundary. We will create an easement from the end of the roadway to the National Park boundary so the owners of (adjacent parcels) will have an access to visit the park for fishing, hiking and camping. All camping within the park will need permits issued by the National Park," the real estate listing notes.

Another 1,537 acres at the Great Crack are listed for \$8.45 million. "Beautiful, barren and totally isolated, this oceanfront property is so unique that the National Park Service has it listed on their 'to acquire' property. Owner does not have to sell to the National Park," the listing states. It also says, "The fishing is fantastic along this coastline. There are three small ancient Hawaiian pads, a few petroglyphs and a few small historical sites on this property. There is a 300-foot conservation area setback and a 500-foot Special Management Area district setback from the coastline. The remaining area is zoned agriculture-20 acres. The top of the property sits at the 1,000-foot eleva-

tion and is three miles to the coastline. The oceanfront boundary is over a mile long." The lands are the site of many cultural remains including native Hawaiian house sites and fishing villages, caves where Hawaiian travelers took overnight rests, and lava tubes, which are well known among spelunkers, who have explored the underground tubes and the Great Crack itself – as

Russell, who also lives in Ocean View, is a seasoned entrepreneur and professional hair stylist and cosmetologist who owned businesses on the mainland. Her credits also include working with celebrities at Harrah's in Lake Tahoe and the Mauna Lani resort, and most recently at Kama'āina Kuts in Nā'ālehu. Also a reverse glass painter, Russell has a heart for the arts. She hopes to feature a local artist every other month at her

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Saturday, May 14

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

Saturday, May 14

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

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Friday, May 20

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Saturday, May 21

Enjoy the Ho'olaule'a,

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



Sunday, May 22

**Learn about the Growing
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Ka'ū Coffee Fest Brings Ten Days of Activities in May

Miss Ka'ū Coffee candidates are starting their practice to win titles at the pageant to be held at Ka'ū Coffee Mill on Saturday, May 14, following the annual Ka'ū Coffee Recipe Contest that day and the annual kick-off Pa'ina with Bolo and other entertainment at Pāhala Plantation House, the night before. The new event, Lobsterpalooza, is planned for Punalu'u Beach with a \$75 gourmet dinner and entertainment on Sunday, May 15 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., sponsored by Hana

Hou Restaurant and 'O Ka'ū Kākou community organization.

The Forest & Water System Hike on Wednesday and Thursday, May 18 and 19 will take walkers along the old plantation waterways into the rainforest above Ka'ū Coffee Mill. Coffee & Cattle Day on Friday May 20 shows off a local beef and coffee enterprise with a paniolo lunch at Aikane Plantation on the high road between Pāhala and Nā'ālehu. It is followed by Stargazing at Makaanau. All



Miss Ka'ū Coffee Maria Miranda will mentor contestants for the Miss Peaberry, Miss Ka'ū Coffee Jr. Miss, and Miss Ka'ū Coffee pageant.
Photo by Peter Anderson

Ka'ū High School Students Win at 'Imiloa Science Fair

Ka'ū High School science students received awards for their projects at the 2016 Hawai'i District Science and Engineering Fair held at 'Imiloa Astronomy Center in Hilo on Feb. 13.

Aaron Delos Santos and Randall Patton won first prize for the most outstanding renewable energy award from Hawai'i Electric Light Company. Their project was *Watt's It All About?* They showed the hidden power of microbes and the effect of sodium chloride on mud as a future alternative source of energy.

Justin Subica-Kawakami won second prize in the same category. His project was *Batteries that Make Cents*. He made a battery from pennies, nickels, sodium chloride and acetic acid.

Brennen Nishimura was recognized as the best project in the robotic and intelligent machine category. His project was *What Light is Right?* He explained the effect of the reflector on grasshopper robot's photovoltaic cells.

All the students were from Mrs. Chayane Brooks' Physical Science classes at Ka'ū High.

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wide and deep as 60 feet descending into the Earth.

Fujiyama and his group purchased the Great Crack area from former Ka'ū sugar company and its owner C. Brewer after it became known that the National Park Service was interested in buying it to add onto Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. He has been involved in several negotiations to

sell the property to the federal government. Fujiyama was also the former operator of Volcano House hotel and its restaurant and store concessions.

In its 2016 budget, the National Park Service received funding to purchase 1,951 acres in the Great Crack area. The Park Service is planning an appraisal and title search to move forward with the acquisition. The Park Service is prohibited by law from purchasing any land at a higher price than its appraisal.



Ka'ū High School students Justin Subica-Kawakami, Brennen Nishimura and Aaron Delos Santos share their Science Fair wins with Principal Sharon Beck and Physical Science teacher Chayane Brooks. Missing is Randall Patton.

Photo from Chayane Brooks

these events are accepting reservations and applications, all leading up to the May 21 Ka'ū Coffee Festival Ho'olaule'a at Pāhala Community Center, with a full day of farm tours, Ka'ū Coffee tastings, entertainment and food. The next day at the Pāhala Community Center is Ka'ū Coffee College. See a schedule and contact information on page 3 and at www.kaucoffeefest.com.

Miss Ka'ū Coffee Maria Miranda said she has been proud to represent the Ka'ū Coffee community this past year in parades, many community and agricultural events and at the state legislature and County Council, as well as meeting with U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard. Miranda, daughter of Ka'ū Coffee farmers Jose and Berta Miranda, is planning to help mentor candidates for Miss Ka'ū Coffee, Ka'ū Coffee Junior Miss and Miss Peaberry, under the guidance of pageant director Trini Marques. Those applying to run for one of the pageant titles can call Marques at 936-

0015. Applications are available at Longs, Mizuno Superette and Ka'ū Coffee Mill in Pāhala, Will & Grace and Punalu'u Bake Shop in Nā'ālehu and DJ's Pizza in Ocean View. Candidates who enter the pageant by March 31 will ride in the Merrie Monarch Parade.

Ka'ū Coffee Festival co-chairs are Chris Manfredi of Ka'ū Farm & Ranch and Brenda Iokepa-Moses of Resource Land Holdings. Scholarship Chair is Julia Neal, of Pāhala Plantation Cottages. Sponsorship chair is Ralph Gaston, of Rusty's Hawaiian. Information booth chairs are Phil and Merle Becker, of Aikane Plantation Coffee Co. Ka'ū Farmers Cooperative, which provides a huge volunteer effort, is led by Gloria Camba.

Among the major funders are: Hawai'i Tourism Authority; Buy Local, It Matters; the County of Hawai'i and the Edmund C. Olson Trust II.

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cal consumption. Kuahiwi Ranch worked hard to develop its reputation for the local grass-fed beef it delivers regularly to Whole Foods and Foodland. Ka'ū ranches also ship calves to the U.S. mainland."

"This baseline study is one of several projects we are working on to lay a foundation for measuring our progress toward increasing agricultural production statewide," said Scott Enright, Chair of Hawai'i's Board of Agriculture. "We look forward to using this tool in making informed decisions about current agricultural enterprises

and in the planning and promoting of new agricultural investment to increase our food security."

The report provides a wide range of maps and graphics depicting the location of 15 crop categories with island-by-island summaries and regional descriptions of some of the factors that drive ongoing agricultural activity around the state. It is a snapshot in time from which to measure change in agricultural land use patterns both historically and for measuring change in the future.

According to the report, diversified crops are grown on 16,900 acres statewide, compared to just 7,490 acres in 1980. This indicates a substantial increase in local food production, but most occurs on O'ahu, where the market is largest and transportation costs are the lowest.

The complete report is posted at hdoa.hawaii.gov/salub.

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KA'U SPORTS REPORT

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Future Ka'ū Track & Field Stars Shine at County Meet

Ka'ū kids ran and jumped their way to success last month at Hawai'i County Department of Parks & Recreation's age group track & field meet held at Konawaena. Nā'ālehu Elementary and Ka'ū Middle School took home nearly 40 medals collectively.

Standout sixth-grader Kevin Hirata won two first-place medals for Nā'ālehu Elementary, finishing the 400-meter run in one minute and 12.78 seconds and the 200-meter in 30.37 seconds in the boys age group 11-12. First-place finishers for the Nā'ālehu Honu in this age group also included triple-jumper Rudolph Lanwi (26' 7.25"). Lanwi also placed third in the 400-meter run (1:13.13). Gold also went to the girls age group 11-12 relay team of Terlynn Hirata, Rolinda Bunglick, Roselita Anni and Rosi-ena Joseph, who beat the pack with a time of 1:15.56.

Ka'ū middle-school students, ages 13-14, took home three gold medals. Kauila

Acasio jumped to first place in the boys running long jump at a distance of 15' 10", while Takios Paul took first in the boys shot put with a throw of 27' 2". Lyric Oliveros placed first for girls 13-14 shot put.

With 50 girls and boys attending the track meet, Nā'ālehu ended up taking home 21 medals for the girls and 10 for the boys. For boys age group 9-10, fifth-grader Derek Lang placed second in the 400-meter run (1:15.71) and third in the standing triple jump (17'). Fellow fifth-grader Nyzea Kai-inoa also placed third in the 100-meter run. For the girls, sixth-grader Keahi Forcum gained a silver medal in the age group 13-14 triple jump (22' 5").

Nā'ālehu relay race medalists also included the following girls teams: 6-8 4x50 third place 51.55 – Sarah Meyer, Wailea Kainoa-Haili-Barawis, Kamalea Davis, Hoku Cohen; 9/10 4x100 Silver 1:18.58 – Naehu DeGuair, Omella Luther,



Honu Terlynn Hirata races toward the finish line.

Photo from Bob Martin



Nā'ālehu Honu fans in green shirts watch teammate Roselita Anni compete at Hawai'i County's age group track meet.

Photo from Bob Martin

Meola River, Neilynntha Paul; 9/10 4x100 Bronze 1:19.31 – Zaela Malia Kainoa-Haili-Barawis, Arielle Cohen, Madison Okimoto, Candace Keohulua; and 11/12 4x100 Silver 1:21.80 – Linna Ading, Kailani Okamura, Amelia Uribe-Bounos, Akela Kuahiwinui.

Honu coaches are fourth-grade Teach for America Teacher Linda Le, a former high school track and field and cross country standout originally from San Di-

ego; Audrey Meyer, parent of first-grade participant Sarah Meyer and NES Mighty Miler program volunteer; and Bob Martin. "We're fortunate to have Coaches Le and Meyer on board this year," Martin said. The coaches thanked Doug and Glory Arnot for providing transportation, Mr. John DeGuzman, Nā'ālehu School teachers and staff and Hawai'i County Parks and Recreation employees for volunteering their time

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Lorenzo Earns Pana'ewa Stampede Rodeo Queen Title

Lorilee Lorenzo's Rodeo Queen accomplishment at the Pana'ewa Stampede last month will be followed up with a ride in the Merrie Monarch parade on Saturday, April 2 in Hilo. Lorenzo, of Pāhala, will ride with the Hawai'i Horse Owners, which sponsored the stampede.

Lorenzo earned the title by selling 700 rodeo tickets and obtaining 11 company sponsors to total \$1,600 worth of donations to support the rodeo. She also launched a gofundme.com campaign to raise money



Ka'ū's Lorilee Lorenzo makes her grand entry as Pana'ewa Stampede Rodeo Queen.

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Ka'ū's Lorilee Lorenzo, at left, was Pana'ewa Stampede Rodeo Queen. Princess was Grace Andrade.

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The Good Life Alliance, a capacity-building organization based in Chicago, IL, last month sparked passion in Ka'ū youth leaders and helped develop programs serving community needs. The organization's mission is to create and sustain change at a community level that will have national impact by unifying, equipping and building capacity in local leaders to solve long-standing social issues.

"The time is ripe for youth in Ka'ū to experience their beauty and brilliance with innovative opportunities," Ka'ū organizer Sandy Tran said.

David Rojas, Director of Business Development for the Good Life Alliance, facilitated two days of training focused on personal empowerment, interpersonal connections and development of creative programming. Rojas also co-lead sessions for Ka'ū High School's soccer team and helped five youth leaders acquire the U.S. Soccer National "F" License Coaching Certificate. On Friday, Feb. 12, Chloe Gan (16), David Pillete (18), Kaiminani Rapoza (17), Rayncin Salmo-Grace (18) and Augustina Sanchez (16) received certificates. They are creating a fun, activity-centered and age-appropriate environment for five- through eight-year-old players and have access to U.S. Soccer's Digital Coaching Center, a state-of-the-art online educational platform that includes curricula and hundreds of professional training sessions.

"I am excited for kids to learn new things," Gan said. "Our soccer programs can help younger kids become better at the sport. We can change how our current soccer program is at the school and change the reputation of this community."

Youth leaders Chaunalisa Velez (14) and Mark Galacio (15) also participated in the training and developed programs focusing on the arts and environment. Galacio created a dance program, and Velez contributed ideas for creation of a community garden.

Chamber Scholarship Deadline May 1

The new deadline to apply for Ken Wicks Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce Scholarships is Sunday, May 1. High school seniors and adults seeking to re-enter the educational system at college or trade school levels are encouraged to apply. The scholarships are also available to former

winners, as long as they remain in good standing continuing their higher education.

Applicants are asked to



write an essay about how their educational experience will benefit Ka'ū. Preference will be given to those who intend to remain in or return to Ka'ū and live here.

Scholarship money can be used for all college and vocational training and will range from \$250 to \$1,000. See kauchamber.org to download applications. Scholarship funding is raised through support of The Directory, the annual Ka'ū Community Business & Resource Guide.

Call Lee McIntosh at 929-9872 with any questions.



Leina'ala Enos with Ka'ū youth leaders.

Photo from Elijah Navarro

"In our community, a lot of kids are not involved in good things, and I want to make a space where kids can enjoy themselves and not have to roam the streets," Velez said.

Rojas also built an alliance with local members to support the programs. Elijah Navarro and Winona Makuakane, of Hawai'i County Parks and Recreation Department, and Dolly Kailiawa, of Pāhala Boys and Girls Club, have created spaces for leaders to run their programs, and Navarro is finding resources to better support development of the youth.

Donations from 'O Ka'ū Kākou and Leina'ala Enos, of Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center and Trust Fund, made training possible. Some partners are working to bring the Good Life Alliance back to Ka'ū to provide professional development for youth workers, educators and more young people in the community and other districts of Hawai'i Island.

"Youth are the solution to many issues this community faces," Tran said. "With the right supports in place, a spark of passion and a platform to use their voice, many Ka'ū youth can illuminate and revolutionize the community and world. They truly deserve to be living 'the good life.'"

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- Wed, March 2, 3 p.m., Ka'ū @ Pāhoa
- Sat, March 5, 1 p.m., Honoka'a @ Ka'ū
- Thu, March 10, 3 p.m., Ka'ū @ KS
- Sat, March 12, 1 p.m., Kohala @ Ka'ū
- Thu, March 17, 3 p.m. Ka'ū @ Waiākea



Track & Field

w/Coach Angie Miyashiro

- Sat, March 5, 9 a.m., Ka'ū @ Kona
- Sat, March 12, 9 a.m., Ka'ū @ KS
- Sat, March 19, 2 p.m., Ka'ū @ Kea'au
- Sat, March 26, 9 a.m., Ka'ū @ HPA
- Sat, April 2, 9 a.m., Ka'ū @ Kamehameha
- Sat, April 9, 3 p.m., Ka'ū @ Kona
- Sat, April 16, Ka'ū @ HPA (JV)
- Fri, April 29, 2 p.m., BIIF Trials
- Sat, April 30, 3 p.m., BIIF Finals
- Sat, May 7, HHSAA

Judo

- Sat, March 19, 10 a.m., Ka'ū @ Hilo
- Sat, March 26, 10 a.m., Ka'ū @ Kealakehe
- Sat, April 2, 10 a.m., Ka'ū @ Kea'au
- Sat, April 9, 10 a.m., Ka'ū @ Kamehameha
- Sat, April 26, 10 a.m., BIIF
- Fri, May 6, 9 a.m., HHSAA

Splash Bash March 19 in Nā'ālehu

Believe in our Community is the theme of a free family fun day happening Saturday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nā'ālehu Community Center. This event, sponsored by the Big Island Substance Abuse Council, will feature water slides, a balloon battle, a photo booth, games, music and more. An activity touted as the Bubblicious Family Fun Walk will have participants wading through walls of bubbles and soapy suds. Food such as cotton candy, shave ice, hot dogs, and water will be available for just \$1 apiece. A prize giveaway will allow lucky winners to



Water balloon battles are part of BISAC's Splash Bash next month.

Photo from BISAC

walk away with a new bike, Razors and more. The County of Hawai'i will also provide two buses for transportation throughout the day.

The first pick-up will be at 9:30 a.m. from Pāhala Community Center and the Park-noRide gravel lot across from Ocean View Shopping Center. The last drop-off to both locations leaves Nā'ālehu at 2:15 p.m. Those leaving their cars in Pāhala should note that the Pāhala Community Center gates will open from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. that day. Buses will run continuously throughout the day.

For more information or questions about the Splash Bash event, contact Pamella Deniz at 969-9994 (ext. 827) or Pamella.Deniz@bisac.com.

Enrollment Open at Volcano School

Volcano School of Arts & Sciences' Open Enrollment is underway, with openings in several grade levels. Deadline to apply is March 31. For grade levels with more applicants by March 31 than spaces available, a public lottery will be held on April 20 at 2:30 p.m. Call 985-9800 or see volcanoschool.com to get an application. For more information or to schedule a tour, email Education Director Kalima Cayir at director@volcanoschool.com. In addition to campus programs, the Community-Based Education program serves students who learn best in a home environment. CBE provides a supported home curriculum including online and print curriculum, a licensed teacher, individualized and flexible programming, and collaborative learning experiences. To learn more, email director@volcanoschool.com.

VSAS provides a rigorous and engaging core curriculum plus classes in Art, Music, 'Ike Hawai'i, Japanese and more. With small class sizes between 18 and 21 students, VSAS is able to tailor instruction to each student's unique needs. The school prides itself on serving diverse students from as far as Ocean View and Mountain View. According to VSAS philosophy, education is more meaningful to children when presented in an environment that is familiar, that relates to their home life and that allows for discovery-based experiential learning.

The school's vision is to provide an environment in which students are "learning through Volcano's unique natural and cultural resources to become creative global citizens." An example is the annual Spring Musical, which integrates science and art through songs, puppets and props. This year's musical, *Archipelago!*, explores the geology

and natural systems of the Hawaiian Archipelago from the Main Hawaiian Islands through the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and even the undersea Emperor Seamounts. *Archipelago!* is an original musical written by Dina Kageler, directed by her and Hall Treddinich, and performed by VSAS students. Performances are on Thursday, March 10 at the Kilauea Military Camp Theater at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. "We promise you'll leave smiling," Cayir said.

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at the meet. Coach Le added, "We could not have done it without all of the support and hope to have an even better turn-out next year!"

Ka'ū middle-school coach Angie Miyashiro said, "We did very well." She said she was very proud of her well-behaved group. Other middle-school participants were Jayme Kaneshiro, Sepe Levi, Rosenlintha Ken, Amber Sugrue, Marilou Manantan, Rina Joseph, Anthony Ywasa, Nelson Boaz, Cyrus McMasters, Seth McMasters and Assistant Coach Carma Hanshew.



Ka'ū High's middle-school track & field team placed well at the meet. Photo from Coach Angie Miyashiro, at left

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KA‘Ū COMMUNITY

Sightlines, daily through 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. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Hawai‘i County Council Meetings, Tue/Wed, March 1/2 & 15/16. 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, March 1, 15 & 29, 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 2 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center and Whitney Vault in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Ka‘ū resident Dick Hershberger brings Hawaiian Volcano Observatory founder Thomas Jaggar to life every other Tuesday.

Ka‘ū Coffee Growers Meeting, Tue, March 1, 6 – 8 p.m., Pāhala Community Center.

After Dark in the Park: Civilian Conservation Corps in the Park, Tue, March 1, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Archaeologist Summer Roper and Supervisory Park Ranger Andrea Kaawaloa-Okita reveal key accomplishments of CCC and share what life was like during its era. \$2 donations support park programs; park entrance fees apply.

Stewardship at the Summit, Wed, March 2; Fri, March 11; Sat, March 19 & 26, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Volunteers clear ginger from park trail. Free; park entrance fees apply. nps.gov/havo

The Magic of Midway, Thu, March 3, 7 – 9 p.m. Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Artist Caren Loebel-Fried shares her Midway experience, and Rob Shallenberger, former Refuge Manager, presents photos of historical Midway and a year in the life of an albatross. \$5 donations appreciated.

Ocean View Neighborhood Watch meeting, Thu, March 3, 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center.

National Parks Traveling Quilt Exhibit, Fri, March 4 – Sun, March 27, Volcano House Great Room in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Quilts created by Fiber Works, a group of textile artists from the Lincoln-Omaha, Nebraska area. nps.gov/havo

EcoLogical Land Care: Plant Propagation, Sat, March 5, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Participants learn basics, including varietal selection, scion-wood cutting, tools, rooting-out environment and more. volcanoartcenter.org

Soft Pastel Still Life, Sat, March 5, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Patti Pease Johnson helps students gain confidence and learn techniques. 967-8222

Hii‘iaka & Pele, Sat, March 5 & 26, 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

Art Demonstrations, Sat, March 5, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Caren Loebel-Fried demonstrates her block printing process, and Zeke Israel demonstrates hand-building with clay. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-8222

Palm Trail Hike, Sun, March 6, 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 hike provides one of the best panoramic views Kahuku has to offer. nps.gov/havo

Ham Radio Operators Potluck Picnic, Sun, March 6, Manuka Park. All American Radio Emergency Service members, anyone interested in learning how to operate a ham radio and families are invited to attend. Dennis Smith, 989-3028

Beginning Hawaiian Language Classes, Sun, March 6 & 20, 2:30 p.m., Ka‘ū Youth Center near Nā‘ālehu Community Center. Classes taught by kupuna Jeannette Howard are followed by informal kanikapila stressing songs of Ka‘ū. Free; open to all. Beverly Byouk, 936-7262

Volunteer Fire Department Meeting, Mon, March 7, 4 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Altogether: We Are One, Tue, March 8, 1 – 8 p.m., Wood Valley. A day of presentations, movement, meditations, dancing, exercises and more to cleanse, balance and align consciousness and energy centers. AltogetherWeAreOne.com, 928-0151

Republican Presidential Caucus, Tue, March 8, 6 – 8 p.m., Nā‘ālehu School. Republicans make their choice for the general election candidate. 808-593-8180

Ahu Lā‘i Demonstration, Wed, March 9, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Park rangers demonstrate how to make ti-leaf capes. Free; park entrance fees apply.

St. Patrick’s Day Craft, Wed, March 9, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register March 2 – 8. 928-3102.

Spring Musical, Thu, March 10, 9 a.m. & 6 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp Theater in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Volcano School of Arts & Sciences students present Dina Kageler’s original musical *Archipelago!* Free; park entrance fees may apply.

Photography Tour, Thu, March 10, 2 – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Participants carpool to Footprints Archaeological site. 967-7565

Red Cross Volunteer meeting, Thu, March 10, 7 p.m., HOVE Road Maintenance Corp. office. For volunteers and those interested in becoming volunteers. Hannah Uribes, 929-9953

Japanese Stab Bookbinding, Fri, March 11, 9 – 11 a.m., Ocean View Community Center. Susan O’Malley shares her skills. 939-7033

Pancake Breakfast, Sat, March 12, 8 – 11 a.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Atlas Recycling at South Point U-Cart, Sat, March 12, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

EcoLogical Land Care: Pollinator Habitat Creation, Sat, March 12, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. volcanoartcenter.org

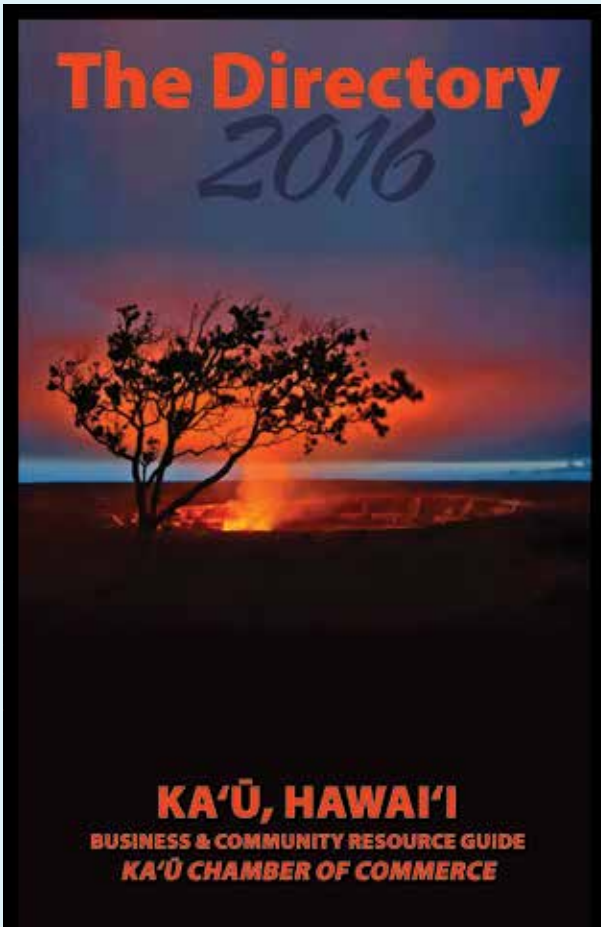
‘Ōhi‘a Lehua, Sat, March 12 & 19, 9:30 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Participants learn about the vital role of ‘ōhi‘a lehua in native Hawaiian forests, its many forms and flower on this free, easy, one-mile walk. nps.gov/havo

Basic & Advanced Grant-Writing Workshops, Sat, March 12, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Ka‘ū Rural Health Community Association in Pāhala. Register by Mon, March 7 at hiilei.org or jenniferc@hiilei.org.

Oil Painting, Sat/Sun, March 12/13, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Vicki Penney-Rohner helps students understand the medium

and use tools effectively. 967-8222

Watercolor Demonstration, Sat, March 12, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Lisa Louise Adams shares her knowledge. Free; park entrance fees apply.



The Directory, Online & Printed

The Directory 2016 Business & Community Resource Guide, sponsored by Ka‘ū Chamber of Commerce, is online and can be read at kaucalendar.com/TheDirectory2016.html. It will be circulated free of charge this month and throughout the year. The 80-page guide welcomes local business advertising and membership fees that support Ka‘ū Chamber’s annual scholarships, annual art show through which the cover is chosen, and production and printing of *The Directory*.

Also known as Ka‘ū’s phone book, *The Directory* includes listings of community organizations, businesses, parks and community centers, public officials, schools and their schedules, churches and government services. There are calendars for annual, monthly, weekly and daily events.

Images of Ka‘ū from photographers, including Peter Anderson, whose volcano photo graces the cover, illustrate the book along with maps of each community. Features include the winning scholarship essay, *Local Lands in Local Hands*, and winners of the art show. There are stories on the legacy of the late Gil Kahele; the new tea industry and competition; rumblings of Mauna Loa; preservation of Makahiki Grounds; Kapāpala and Panio-lo Hall of Fame; wars against dengue fever, rapid ‘ōhi‘a death and fire ants; the role of the community in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park; and the nearly completed Ka‘ū Community Development Plan.

Sunday Walk in the Park, March 13, 9 – 11 a.m., Kīpukapuaulu in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Friends of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park explore the three-mile roundtrip trail. Free for Friends members; others can join the organization in order to attend. fhvnp.org

The Birth of Kahuku, Sun, March 13, 9:30 – 11 a.m. Kahuku Unit of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Participants explore the area’s rich geologic history. Free.

Medicine for the Mind, Sun, March 13, 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, March 14, 9 – 10 a.m., Pāhala Senior Housing Center; 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Community Center. For ages 60 and over. 928-3100

Shamrocks & Rainbows, Tue, March 15, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 6 – 12 register March 11 – 15. 929-9113

St. Patrick’s Day Craft, Wed/Thu, March 16/17, 3 – 5 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Community Center. Ages 5 – 12 register March 1 – 12. 939-2510

Kai Ho‘opi‘i in Concert, Wed, March 16, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Ho‘opi‘i, a winner of Aloha Festivals’ Hawaiian falsetto contest, shares music of his ‘ohana. Free; park entrance fees apply.

School Community Council Meeting, Thu, March 17, 3:30 p.m., Ka‘ū High & Pāhala Elementary School. Residents invited to express concerns, learn about successes and hear academic and financial plans. Angela_Miyashiro/KAUH/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us

St. Patrick’s Day at KMC, Thu, March 17 at Kīlauea Military Camp in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Dinner buffet 5 – 8 p.m., Crater Rim Café includes corned beef and cabbage, lamb stew, shepherd’s pie and more. Adults \$18; children 6-11 \$9. Call 967-8356. Lava Lounge offers Irish cheer and green beer plus a free performance by the Whirligigs Dance Troupe and the Stringmajigs, 6 – 8 p.m. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests; 967-8371. Park entrance fees apply.

Family Reading Night, Thu, March 17, 5 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka‘ū, Thu, March 17, 5:30 p.m. 929-9731 or 936-7262

OVCA Board Meeting, Thu, March 17, 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Volunteer Forest Restoration Project, Fri, March 18, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. See [forest@fhvnp.org](mailto:fhvnp.org) for details.

Rapid ‘Ōhi‘a Death Informational Meeting, Fri, March 18, 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Dr. John Friday, PhD, of University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa and Komohana Research and Extension Center in Hilo, discusses the fungal disease. 939-7033

The Soul of Kalaupapa: Voices of Exile, Fri, March 18, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Fred E. Woods’ film shows what life was like for patients and residents of Kalaupapa. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Recycling at Nā‘ālehu School, Sat, March 19, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Nā‘ālehu School Gym. Redeem your HI-5 sorted by type; receive 5 cents per container and additional 20 cents per pound on all aluminum. Atlas Recycling donates 20 cents per pound on all aluminum redeemed to the school. 939-2413, ext. 230

Splash Bash, Sat, March 19, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Park. Big Island Substance Abuse Council presents music, photo booth, water slides & games. \$1 cotton candy, shave ice, hot dogs & water. 969-9994

Hula Kahiko, Sat, March 19, 10:30 a.m., hula platform near Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Kumu hula Pele Kaio and students of Unulau and Papa Hu‘elepo perform. Nā Mea Hula with Kumu hula Ab Valencia and members of Hālau Hula Kalehuaki‘eki‘eika‘iu, 11 a.m., gallery porch.

Japanese Paste Paper Collage, Sat, March 19, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Ira Ono demonstrates. Free; park entrance fees apply.

‘Imakakōloa Heiau Restoration Meeting, Sat, March 19, 12 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Edith Kanaka‘ole Foundation provides information and ways for residents to help. kalahoohie@gmail.com or 936-0213

Mongolian BBQ, Sat, March 19, 5 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp’s Crater Rim Café in Hawai‘i 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.

An Evening with Rebecca Folsom, Sat, March 19, 7 – 9 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. The award-winning singer offers an intimate acoustic concert. \$20 VAC members; \$25 non-members. volcanoartcenter.org

People & Lands of Kahuku, Sun, March 20, 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

The Art of Vocal Freedom, Sun, March 20, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Rebecca Folsom teaches how to merge art, singing and writing prose. \$50. 967-9222

HOVE Road Maintenance board of directors meeting, Tue, March 22, 10 a.m., St. Jude’s Church. 929-9910

After Dark in the Park: Recovery Efforts for Endangered Native Birds, Tue, March 22, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Wildlife Biologist Kathleen Misajon highlights two critically endangered bird species, nēnē and ‘ua‘u. \$2 donations support park programs; park entrance fees apply.

Hawaiian Games, Wed, March 23, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Park rangers and staff from Hawai‘i Pacific Parks Association demonstrate various games. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Blacksmithing Demonstration, Wed, March 23, 2 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Public Library. 939-2442

Humane Society Meeting, Thu, March 24, 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Representatives discuss available programs and resources. Roxy, 329-1175

DHCA Volunteer Fire Department Rummage Sale, Fri/Sat, March 25/26 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. Drop off items Wed/Thu, March 23/24, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 929-9576

Ocean View Community Development Corp. meeting, Fri, March 25, 5 p.m., Hawaiian Ranchos office.

The Bible: The Complete Word of God (Abridged), two weekends March 25 – April 3, Fri/Sat, 7:30 p.m., Sun, 2:30 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp Theater in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. KDEN presents Reduced Shakespeare Co.’s books of the Bible in two hours. \$15, \$12 students, \$10 children 12 and under. Kīlauea General Store, 982-7344 and kden73@aol.com

Ocean Sanctuary Count, Sat, March 26, 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., various locations. The third of three monthly humpback whale counts. Registration required at hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov.

Kino Lau of Laka: The Embodiment of Hula, Sat, March 26 – April 24, 9 a.m. –

CALENDAR February 2016

5 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Mixed media featuring works by John Dawson, Jelena Clay, Bernice Akamine and Micah Kamohoali'i. Reception Fri, March 25, 5 p.m. 967-8222

Centennial Hike: Protect Nēnē and Devastation Trail, Sat., March 26, 9 a.m., Devastation Trail Parking lot in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Join park staff to mālama (care for) a section of Devastation Trail that provides important nēnē habitat. nps.gov/havo

Fermentation Workshop, Sat, March 26, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Jasmine Silverstein teaches how to make sauerkraut, pickles and more. 967-8222

Democratic Presidential Preference Poll, Sat, March 26, 1 p.m., Pāhala & Ocean View Community Centers. Party members caucus to choose their candidate. 844-596-2980

Jazz in the Forest, Sat, March 26, 4:30 & 7:30 p.m. 967-8222 or volcanoartcenter.org

Easter Brunch, Sun, March 27, 7 a.m. – 12 p.m., Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Omelet station, honey-glazed ham, beef pot roast and more. Adults \$16.75; children 6-11 \$8.50. Call 967-8356. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests; 967-8371. Park entrance fees apply.

Easter Egg Hunt, Sun, March 27, 9 a.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's 'Ōhi'a Room in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Open to children 10 years and under. Pre-register at 967-5382. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests; 967-8371. Park entrance fees apply.

Pu'u o Lokuana, Sun, March 27, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Kahuku unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants learn about formation and various uses of this grassy cinder cone and enjoy a breathtaking view of lower Kaʻū on this free, moderately difficult 0.4-mile hike to the top. 985-6011

Medical Marijuana Doctor, Mon, March 28, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Kaʻū Food Pantry, Tue, March 29, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View.

EXERCISE & MEDITATION

Pāhala Pool Schedule: Water Exercise Mon/Wed/Fri 9 – 10 a.m.; Public Recreational Swim Mon – Fri 1 – 4 p.m., Sat/Sun 9 – 10:30 a.m. & 1 – 4 p.m.; Adult Lap Swim Mon – Fri 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Sat/Sun 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Closed March 25 & 26. 928-8177 or hawaiicounty.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 your own equipment, ball and mat. Free w/ donation of non-perishable food. Judy Knapp, 939-8149

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

[gmail.com](mailto: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



A humpback breaches, catapulting nearly its entire body out of the water. *Credit: Amy Kennedy/NOAA*

Next Kaʻū Whale Count March 26

The last humpback whale count of the season is set for Saturday, March 26 from 8 a.m. to noon. Area locations re at Kaʻena Point inside Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Punaluʻu Beach, Ka Lae at South Point, And Miloliʻi. Volunteers are needed to help collect important population and distribution information on humpback whales that winter and give birth in nearshore waters each year, most of the,, spending the summers in Alaskan waters. To register and for more see <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov/involved/hawaiiocsites.html> and <http://www.sanctuaryoceancount.org>

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

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PĀHALA	
• River of Life Assembly of God	928-0608
• Holy Rosary	928-8208
• Pāhala Bible Baptist Mission	928-8240
• Pāhala Hongwanji	928-8254
• Wood Valley Tibetan Buddhist Temple & Retreat	928-8539
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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 (Hawai'i 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. Jude's Church on Mon/Wed/Fri from 8:30 a.m. and provides lunches 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for seniors 60+. Donations requested.

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

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

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

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

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

Family History/Geneology Workshops, Tue, 4 – 6 p.m., Nāʻālehu Mormon

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Henry Obookiah, cont. from pg. 1
would be a lesser place."

Group leader Dave Buehring, who has worked with Youth with a Mission training ministry, said, "When I learned the story of Henry Obookiah and his impact on the people of these islands, it touched something deep inside me."

Obookiah left Ka'ū at age 10 in about 1796, following his father, who fought

against Kamehameha in the battle of Kaipalaoa in Hilo. After the battle, warriors of Kamehameha hunted down and killed the family, all except for young Obookiah. He boarded the sailing ship at Kealakekua in 1808, experiencing travel and many adventures. When he reached New England, Obookiah was

taken in by the family of Connecticut minister Samuel Mills, Sr. and attended schools, becoming a popular speaker about Hawai'i and inspiring mis-

sionaries to come here. Upon 'Ōpūkaha'ia's death in 1818, his school principal Edwin



A history tour stopped at 'Ōpūkaha'ia Memorial Chapel last month.

Photo by Chris Cook

Dwight published a palm-size memorial, *The Memoirs of Henry Obookiah*, which is also credited with sparking interest in sending missionaries to Hawai'i from New England.

The tour group also visited Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park to hear the story of another native Hawaiian Christian, High Chiefess Kapi'olani, who challenged goddess Pele in 1824 on the rim of Halema'uma'u Crater, as told by Kupuna Mary Kamahele Boyd, of Hilo.

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Church. Theresa Ducret presents free, online workshops. Appointments at 238-6221.

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, Hawaiian, arts and crafts, fresh baked goods.

Nā'ālehu Market, Wed/Sat, 6:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Ace

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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

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

Women, Infant, Children Services, Fri (except holidays) at various locations. 965-3030 or 934-3209

Aloha Fridays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery porch at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Variable hula art offerings. Everyone welcome. Free; donations welcome; park entrance fees apply.

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

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

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

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

Ocean View Farmers Market, Sat, 7 a.m. – noon, Pōhue Plaza.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings: One Day at a Time Group, Sat, 6:30 p.m., Cooper Center; Friday Night BBQ Meeting, Fri, 5 p.m., Wai'ōhinu (929 -7674); Happy, Joyous and Free Group, Mon/Thu, 7 p.m. and Sat, 5 p.m., St. Jude's in Ocean View. West Hawai'i Intergroup (329-1212) or the Hilo office (961-6133); Pāhala Meeting, Sun, 6:30 p.m., Edmund C. Olson Trust Bldg (928-8525)

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PUC, Ind. Solar, cont. from pg. 1

talked about the feed-in-tariff program, under which the project is being constructed. "This program was designed for 'shovel ready' projects, as it was in the interest of all Hawaiians to take advantage of renewable energy as soon as possible," she said. "However, instead of working on unencumbered land to create farms that would save Hawai'i burning fossil fuels, the developer chose sites with huge infrastructure problems – problems that have so far taken HELCO five years to fix.

"This is a boondoggle project, purely and simply. After five years, the project is still not shovel ready."

Wood also said HELCO wants to build a substation on land where an easement is under question. Hawaiian Ranchos Road Maintenance Corporation has its office on the land, which Wood said has never been subdivided. HRRMC board voted to not sell to HELCO and to not subdivide and will take legal action to set aside the easement, if necessary, Wood said.

Don Nitsche told Iwase that "coming into a residential area is ridiculous." He said the developer is taking advantage of available infrastructure, including roads and overhead lines that are already in place, rather

than having to build their own.

Ralph Roland said, "This is a really major dilemma for every reason imaginable." He said the problem is a result of dysfunctional government, with elected and appointed officials who "don't know how to make rational decisions."

Michael Last was the only testifier in favor of the overhead line. He said it is required for equal distribution of electricity to all utility customers on the island. He pointed out that the 69kV line would be

the same as those already along the highway.

Ka'ū's state Rep. Richard Creagan said, "There is a statute moving through the Legislature that would make this type of installation illegal going forward and not allow this to expand. The governor strongly supports that legislation and actually suggested that it be done."

Creagan referred to the Ranchos solar project as an "unintended consequence" of current law. "We are hoping that with your help, or at least the help of the Consumer Advocate, that it can be stopped now," Creagan said.

Prior to the meeting, Hawaiian Ranchos Road Maintenance Corp. President Mats Fogelvik said, "The rules under which solar installation permits were issued actually allowed for the combination of two or more permits on one lot of land. At Miloli'i, they combined five permits to make a contiguous installation on 'real' ag land. They did not need a substation or a PUC hearing about an

overhead line there.

"Here in Ranchos, SPI Solar could have done that instead of exploiting a loophole and using the law in a way it was not intended. It would be like a visitor breaking a window and crawling in to visit you, instead of walking in the front door. They could have achieved their ends without traumatizing a neighborhood. Now they have to face their critics, and the PUC will have to listen to us. This is our only chance to direct a decision that will have enormous consequences for all of Ocean View."

While Iwase restated that the focus of the meeting was only the overhead power line, he assured attendees that their comments about the solar project "have not fallen

on deaf ears."

Hawaiian Ranchos Community Association Secretary Sandra Shelton said, "I just hope the PUC really does uphold the interests and wishes of the Hawaiian public and does not feel obliged to keep a multi-million dollar overseas company in business."

See video of the meeting at bigisland-videonews.com.



Solar farms at Miloli'i that dwarf a home in the background show what may occur in Hawaiian Ocean View Ranchos if a proposed project is built there. Photo by Peter and Ann Bosted



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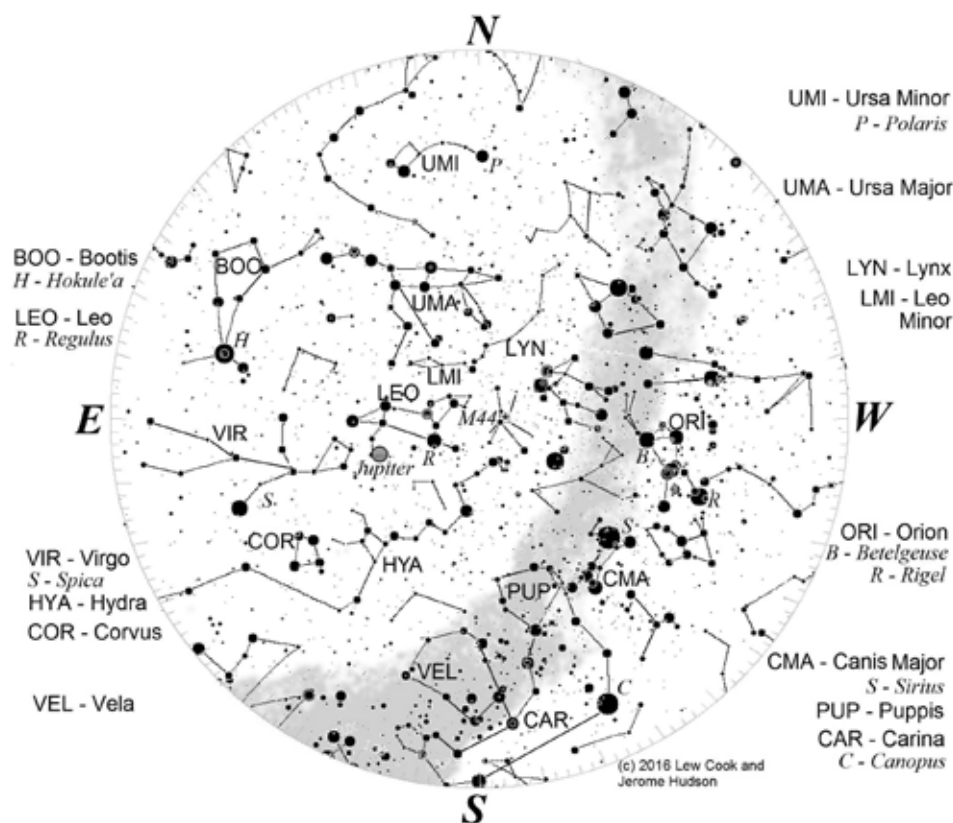
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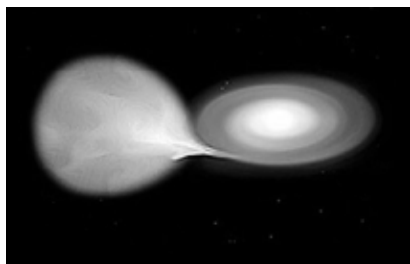
The constellations are presented with their three-letter abbreviations, with (usually) the Latin names shown in the margins. Stars as faint as magnitude-six are shown. This is done to take advantage of the truly dark skies Ka'ū is blessed with when there is no bright moon and the skies are clear of fog.

Stars over Ka'ū - March 2016

by Lew Cook

Jupiter now is near the Meridian, remaining near Leo the Lion's hind paw. Jupiter is visible all night. Mars won't rise until near midnight. The other visible planets are in the morning sky.

For the last month, I have been participating in a fascinating project: monitoring a recurrent nova in the Andromeda Galaxy in the deep sky. It is too faint to be seen by my telescope at the present time. A recurrent nova consists of a white dwarf star paired with a normal star, which is



Here, the larger star is losing mass, which forms a disk around the white dwarf. This matter is fed onto the white dwarf and builds up until a nuclear explosion results. This does not disrupt the white dwarf star.

Image from NASA-CXC-M. Weiss

is nearly always red, on the same scale as the sun's mass and size. White dwarfs are about the size of the Earth but contain a mass on the same scale as the sun. What happens with a recurrent nova is the same process that happens with a regular nova: Matter streams from the normal-type star onto the surface of the white dwarf until the pressure and temperature reach a critical point. Then there is a runaway nuclear explosion on the surface of the white dwarf star. The star increases many fold in brightness, and we see a "new" star in the sky. Novas can repeat this process many times, with recurrence times from never to 20 years. The star we are looking for is an exception: it has a recurrence time of one year, and possibly six months! A diagram of the nova process is shown below.

As of Feb. 15, the star we are watching for so far has not yet been seen. The date of the expected outburst of the nova is March

26, probably too late for me and most others looking for it, but look for it, we will. Why? Supernovas (one type, anyway) come from white dwarfs that have grown beyond a limit called the Chandrasekhar mass limit. This mass is about 1.4 times the mass of the sun. The recurrent novae are suspected to be the progenitors of supernovae.

Chandrasekhar was an Indian astrophysicist who began was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1983 for calculating this limit. He shared the Nobel Prize with fellow astrophysicist William Fowler.

Other notable deep sky sights include the Beehive Cluster, easily seen with a small telescope or binoculars. It got its nickname because it reminds one of bees swarming about their hive. Charles Messier noted it as M44. It is also called Praesepe. It is in Cancer, and is marked with M44 followed by an asterisk where the cluster is located. Galileo was the first person to see the cluster through a telescope.

Regarding other constellations, the poop deck at the stern of the ship, Puppis, the hull and keel, Carina and Vela, and the sails can be seen in the southern sky at the time of our chart. Cancer, the Crab, is overhead, with Leo following. In the west are Orion, Taurus, Auriga and Perseus. Rising in the east are Virgo, Hydra, the water snake, and Bootes, the herdsman, with its brightest star Arcturus. Here, it is labeled

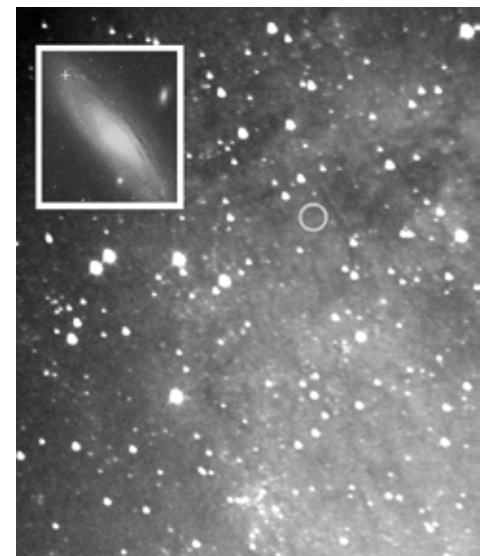
Hokule'a - the star that told early Polynesian navigators they were at the latitude of Hawai'i. Hokule'a is the native word for Star of Happiness. There is also a sailing canoe of the same name making its way around the world. You can check its progress on the web at hokulea.com.

Friday Sunrise and Sunset times:

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
March 04	6:38 a.m.	6:29 p.m.
March 11	6:33 a.m.	6:31 p.m.
March 18	6:27 a.m.	6:33 p.m.
March 25	6:21 a.m.	6:34 p.m.

Moon Phases	Moon Rise	Moon Set
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Last Quarter		
March 1	12:24 a.m.	11:58 a.m.
New Moon		
March 8	6:19 a.m.	6:32 p.m.
First Quarter		
March 16	12:14 p.m.	12:39 a.m.
Full Moon		
March 23	7:04 p.m.	6:36 a.m.
Last Quarter		
March 31	12:49 a.m.	12:20 p.m.



The study area in the Andromeda Galaxy (a circle) is shown with the entire galaxy as a small inset. The study area is in a tiny portion of the galaxy, about a degree from the center, and is marked by a small + on the upper left of the inset. Image from AAVSO

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Ka'ū Community Health Workshops Set for April, June, August

A four-part free training opportunity for community members, health providers and professionals will continue on Friday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nā'ālehu Community Center. The workshop will be given by Big Island Substance Abuse Council CEO Dr. Hannah Preston Pita, PysD, CSAC and will focus on kupuna, or elder, care.



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"These topics were identified by Imua Ka'ū's coalition as training area priorities for the community," Pita said. Imua Ka'ū is a group dedicated to improving the well being of the Ka'ū community and residents.

The training will provide information on these issues to include education, application, intervention and resources.

Kathy Carr, a Mark Twain health professional who attended the first session on

mental health, said Pita was "very knowledgeable" and the presentation was very timely and informative. Carr recommended the training to anyone interested in learning more about these topics. To register,

email Pamella.Deniz@bisac.com with IMUA KA'U in the subject line. For more information, call Elizabeth Murph at 961-7051.

Volunteers Keep Coast Healthy for Everyone

Thirty-seven people helped Hawai'i Wildlife Fund during its first 2016 Ka'ū Coast Cleanup on Super Bowl Sunday. Participants included Peace for the Roots environmental team at Kea'au High School, whose members stayed at Pāhala Plantation Cottages during their trip to Ka'ū, and Hawai'i Community College's Service Learning Projects.

Volunteers removed nearly 870 pounds of debris, including about 450 pounds of derelict fishing nets. They also removed one tire from Japan and moved one propane tank above the high-tide level so it wouldn't re-



Members of Kea'au High School's Peace for the Roots team traveled to Ka'ū in February, staying at Pāhala Plantation Cottages and volunteering at Hawai'i Wildlife Fund's first 2016 Ka'ū Coast Cleanup.

HWF Photo by K. Matthews

float and endanger wildlife. HWF has now removed over 204 tons of debris from the shores around the Hawaiian archipelago.

See wildhawaii.org for future Ka'ū Coast Cleanups.

Report: Hawai'i's Micronesian Patients Are Younger, Sicker

Micronesians in Hawai'i, including Ka'ū's large population, were hospitalized at significantly younger ages and were often sicker than comparison populations, according to a report in American Journal of Public Health.

Hospitalized Micronesians were significantly younger at admission than were racial/ethnic groups across all patient re-fined-diagnosis related group categories. The severity of illness for Micronesians

was significantly higher than was that for all comparison racial/ethnic groups for cardiac and infectious diseases, higher than was that of Caucasians and Japanese for cancer and endocrine hospitalizations, and higher than was that of Native Hawaiians for substance abuse hospitalizations.

Researchers expect their results to be useful to researchers, state governments, hospitals, health care providers and health systems.



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Park Opens Puapo'o to Lava Tube Tours for Centennial

Visitors to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park during its centennial year can reserve an adventurous guided hike into a large lava tube formed by Kilauea volcano centuries ago. Starting March 2, the park and its non-

profit partner, Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, offer weekly, guided hikes into Puapo'o lava tube by reservation only. The challenging adventure is

limited to 12 people ages seven and up. Reservations must be made at least one week in advance.

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's ranger-guided treks of Puapo'o last about three hours and cost \$30 per adult and \$25 for youth seven to 12. FHVNP offers in-depth programs through its Hawai'i Volcanoes In-

stitute. Six-hour, \$150 sessions with experts include lunch, a commemorative coin and a certification of completion suitable for framing. Proceeds support the park. See fhvnp.org for dates, information and reservations.

The challenging four-mile trek is not recommended for inexperienced or claustrophobic hikers. There is a 500-foot elevation change, and hikers must be able to

climb down a 15-foot ladder into the lava tube, scramble up and over large rocks and walk on uneven terrain with minimal light. Hikers will also have to walk in a crouched position for about 25 feet under a low ceiling. Helmets with headlamps, flashlights and gloves are provided.

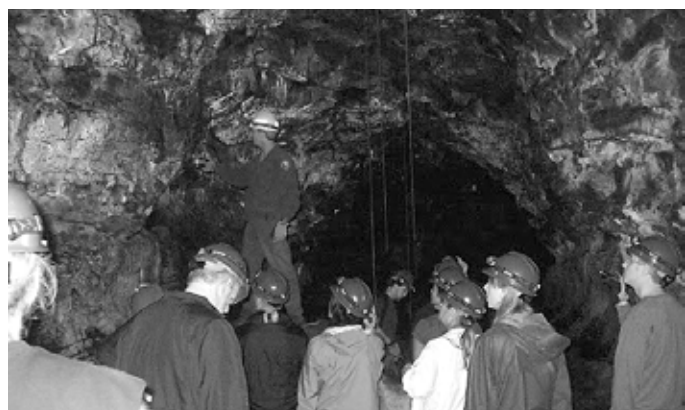
All other caves and lava tubes in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park are closed

to the public due to the sensitive and fragile nature of cave resources, except Nāhuku (Thurston Lava Tube) and the new guided tours of Puapo'o. Puapo'o is nearly as large as Nāhuku, and its magnificent lava formations include lavacicles, dribble spires, lava lines and flow ripples. These fascinating features make Puapo'o one of the most ornate lava tubes in Hawai'i, and it has remained largely intact because access is restricted. The entrance to the cave is cloaked in native rainforest, and Hawaiian birds including 'apapane, 'ōma'o and 'amakihi can be seen

and heard.

"We asked our public how they'd like to celebrate the park's centennial anniversary, and the resounding answer was to bring back an opportunity to explore Puapo'o lava tube," Park Superintendent Cindy Orlando said. "With our Friends' group, we are able to offer visitors an unparalleled adventure into the depths of Kilauea volcano during our 100th anniversary."

For more information on park centennial events, see nps.gov/havo/getinvolved/100th-anniversary.htm.

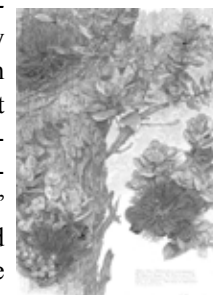


Park Ranger Jay Robinson leads a tour of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Puapo'o lava tube. NPS Photo by Stephen Geiger

Exhibit Examines *Kino Lau of Laka*

Kino Lau of Laka: The Embodiment of Hula will be on display daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., from March 25 through April 24 at Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Kino lau literally translates to "many bodies," a reference to belief in the myriad forms of deities that make up the Hawaiian pantheon and that every plant, animal and force of nature, such as wind, rain and snow, is an embodiment of a god. The concept encompasses more than ritual and religious belief. Instead, it is a way of being in the natural world.

In Hawaiian mythology, Laka is known as a sister to Pele, deity of fertility, guardian of the forests and patron of hula. She is identified by the red lehua blossom. Hula



'Ōhi'a Lehua by John Dawson

Image from VAC

dancers look to Laka to inspire their performances. The dancer and Laka become one in the dance. Often, dancers adorn themselves in the kino lau of Laka, which include 'ōhi'a lehua, 'ie 'ie, hala pepe, maile, palapalai and other native ferns. Through hula, also a form of storytelling, Laka gives people a way to record their history and pass it on to future generations.

The multimedia exhibition features botanical sketches, pyrography-carved gourds and dyed kapa pieces of Hawai'i Island artists John Dawson, Jelena Clay, Bernice Akamine and Micah Kamohoali'i. The free exhibit is open to the public; park entrance fees apply. A special opening reception is on Friday, March 25 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

KDEN presents *The Bible: The Complete Word of God (Abridged)*

Posing the theological question: Does God have a sense of humor? *The Bible: The Complete Word of God (Abridged)* seems to prove that undoubtedly he has, according to Suzi Bond, of Kilauea Drama & Entertainment Network. KDEN presents this hilarious adventure into the quirks and conundrums of the Bible for two weekends at Kilauea Military Camp Theater in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The show runs for two weekends, opening March 25 and playing through April 3, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

The play is by Adam Long, Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor, aka Reduced Shakespeare Company. Additional material is by Matthew Croke. The show reunites Stephen Bond, Wilfred Tyler Gee and Chris Tomich, who performed *The Complete*

Works of Shakespeare (Abridged) three years ago as Stephen Bond's senior project for his Performing Arts degree from UH-Hilo. Suzi Bond directs the trio, with Angie Nakamura as stage manager.

The premise is fairly straightforward: present the books of the Bible in chronological order. Of course, with 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament, it's easy to imagine that two hours just isn't enough time. "And this is where it gets funny," Bond said. "The subject is one that's liable to cause some to bristle at its treatment of the Bible. But, this is where it's important to emphasize that the show is about the Bible, not Christianity, Judaism, Islam, or any religion. They even go out of their way to clarify that."

Tickets are \$15 general, \$12 for students and seniors and \$10 for children 12 and under. Purchase at Kilauea General Store, Kea'au Natural Foods and The Most Irresistible Shop in downtown Hilo. Reserve at 982-7344 or kden73@aol.com.



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County Council Puts Styrofoam on the Back Burner

Hawai'i County Council's Environmental Management Committee put a bill that would ban Styrofoam food containers on the back burner last month. The committee voted 6-1 to have the Environmental Management Commission review the measure before considering it.

Testifiers supporting the bill included students and scientists concerned about Styrofoam's harmful effects on animals that ingest broken pieces of it. Ka'ū's Council member Maile David thanked the children for testifying. "With convenience comes these situations that we are in right now,"



Megan Lamson testified in favor of banning Styrofoam. Image from Hawai'i County

David said. "It (Bill 140) is a first step, and for natives of this land, part of our duty is, and our responsibility is, to take care of our resources, whether they be animal, plant or human. I don't see any other way that we can start doing (that, except) by small, little issues, efforts like this. In my district, I have seen the stuff, the rubbish that comes up at South Point. We used to always go there. It is just unbelievable how much plastic and how much Styrofoam and rubbish that collects at that very special place."

Megan Lamson, Hawai'i Wildlife Fund's Hawai'i Island program director and organizer of Ka'ū Coast Cleanups in the South Point vicinity, testified that "plastic pollution and marine debris are a

very serious and global problem, but they are people problems and can be resolved by the steadfast commitment of people like you and me."

Business owners who use polystyrene

containers testified against the measure, saying other options don't work as well. One said he uses container that are manufactured in Hawai'i, thereby support the local manufacturing economy.

Energy Co-op Seeks Ka'ū Support

Ka'ū residents can support Hawai'i Island Energy Cooperative through an online fundraiser. HIEC was formed after a Florida-based NextEra Energy announced in late 2014 that it intended to buy Hawaiian Electric Co., of which Hawai'i Electric Light Co. is a subsidiary. "Our board (of which Ka'ū rancher Michelle



HIEC supporters receive an Own the Power T-shirt. Image from HIEC

Galimba is a member) decided that as the deal was being evaluated, all options should be put on the table – including, and especially, an energy co-operative for Hawai'i Island," the board said in a statement.

Before HIEC can ask large investors for additional funding, it needs to raise \$50,000 to prove that the community is on board with having an energy co-op replace HELCO. The money will be used for planning and public outreach. Actual purchase of the utility would be made with traditional financing sources.

"Why a coop?" board members ask. "Local, democratic control, community-driven strategic priorities and potentially lower electric costs are just a few reasons. Under the co-op model, profits would be returned to members or invested back into the co-op; no dividends paid to the mainland or to outside shareholders – the money stays local."

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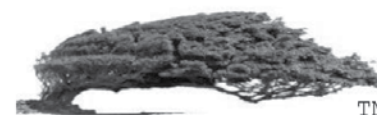
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Mining operations in Ocean View can move forward.

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Commission OKs Mining in OV

Mining operations in Ocean View can move forward with their plans, Hawai'i County Windward Planning Commission decided in February. Arrow of Oregon/Hawai'i, LLC wants to add 8.009 acres for a total of 13.012 acres of land to its cinder mining operation. The properties are northwest of Mahimahi Drive, between Lurline Lane and Liliana Lane.

David and Laura Rodrigues applied for a Special Permit to allow a cinder and

rock quarry operation on 5.003 acres on the northeast and southeast corners of Kailua Boulevard and Lurline Lane.

Both properties are with the State Land Use Agricultural District.

Before making its decision, Planning Commission members visited the sites and heard residents' concerns. Recommendations by a panel of members included creating setbacks and buffers, controlling dust and limiting operations' days and times.

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