

# Kīlauea Lava Lake Ignites Volcano Visitor Blitz & BioBlitz



The rising lava lake within Halema'uma'u Crater at the summit of Kīlauea volcano drew thousands of additional visitors to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park in late April. NPS Photo by Mark Wasser

Visitors in late April flocked to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park to witness the lava lake steadily rise and overflow onto the floor of Halema'uma'u crater at the summit of Kīlauea Volcano. Activity in the park promises to increase even more with the upcoming BioBlitz and Biodiversity & Cultural Festival May 15 and 16. See more about those events on page 14.

The lava lake began rising on April 21, when, according to Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, "an abrupt inflation started" at 4:30 p.m. At that time the lake surfaced was fluctuating between 100 and 130 feet below the rim of the Overlook crater, the floor of Halema'uma'u crater. On April 23, at 90 feet below the rim, "the level of the

summit lava lake rose to what may be its highest level since October 2012," HVO reported. The next day, at around 66 feet below the rim, it was higher than since March 2008. One week later, on April 28, the lava lake rose to the rim of Halema'uma'u Crater and began to overflow onto its floor.

To ease traffic once Jaggar Museum and Kīlauea Overlook parking lots filled up, rangers redirected vehicles during peak visitation hours to park at Kīlauea Military Camp's ball field. From there, visitors could hike one mile to Jaggar Museum observation deck, the closest and best vantage point to view the lava lake.

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## THE KA'Ū CALENDAR

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The Good News of Ka'ū, Hawai'i

May, 2015

### Ka'ū Planning Sessions Focus on Ag, Coast & Development

Ka'ū residents reviewed the draft Ka'ū Community Development Plan at four speak-outs held throughout the district in April and have opportunities to attend focused discussions on important subjects this month. Two on Saturday, May 9 at Nā'ālehu Community Center focus on agriculture at 9 a.m. and coastal management at 1 p.m. A proposed development is the topic at another discussion on Tuesday, May 12 at 10 a.m. at Discovery Harbour Community Center.

The open houses last month included seven stations with displays covering agricultural lands; coastal areas and Punalu'u; mauka forests; Pāhala and Wood Valley; Nā'ālehu, Wai'ōhinu and Green Sands; Discovery Harbour, Mark Twain and South Point; and Ocean View.

Displays focused on how, for each location, the CDP achieves objectives set by Ka'ū residents. Objectives covered at the speak-outs were advancing sustainable conservation and settlement patterns; protecting and enhancing natural and cultural resources; strengthening infrastructure, facilities and services; and building a resilient, sustainable local economy.

To advance, protect and enhance natural and cultural resources on agricultural lands, for example, the CDP guides stewardship of ag lands and watersheds to minimize nonpoint source pollution and advocates for funding for ag land conservation programs and the local Soil and Water Con-

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Maria Miranda, second from left, was crowned Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2015 on April 26. First Princess is Joyce Ibasan, third from left. Second Princess is Vivien Santos, left, and Third Princess is Jennifer Tabios, right. Photo by Pamela Taylor

### Miss Ka'ū Coffee is Maria Miranda

Maria Miranda, a college student and daughter of Ka'ū Coffee farmers Berta and Jose Miranda, won the title of Miss Ka'ū Coffee on April 26 at Pāhala Community Center after winning the Talent, Evening Wear and Speech competitions. First Miss Ka'ū Coffee Princess is Joyce Ibasan, who took the Miss Congeniality, Photogenic and Popularity titles. Second Miss Ka'ū Coffee Princess is Vivien Santos, and Third Miss Ka'ū Coffee Princess is Jennifer Tabios.

More than \$7,200 in scholarships was donated by businesses, public officials and community organizations at the pageant sponsored by the Ka'ū Coffee Growers Cooperative.

Miranda won the Talent trophy playing piano, accompanied by a show of photographs of Ka'ū Coffee farms on stage. Ka'ū Coffee farmers Annabelle and Franklin Orcino presented the trophy and \$500 in scholarships, with \$250 from Ka'ū Specialty Coffee

and Malian Lahey, \$150 from County Council member Maile David and \$100 from Pāhala Plantation Cottages and Julia Neal, Miss Ka'ū Coffee Scholarship Chair.

Miranda won the Evening Wear and Speech trophy presented by Ka'ū Coffee farmers Maile and Efren Abellera. She earned \$500 in scholarships, with \$250 from state Sen. Josh Green and \$250 from state Rep. Richard Onishi.

Joyce Ibasan won the Miss Photogenic trophy presented by Ka'ū Coffee farmers Maria and Roberto Miranda and a \$250 scholarship from Rep. Richard Creagan. Ibasan won the Miss Congeniality trophy presented by Ka'ū Coffee farmers Verna and Milton Dacalio and a \$250 scholarship from Sen. Russell Ruderman. Ibasan also won the Miss Popularity trophy presented by Ka'ū Coffee

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Maria Miranda talked about responsibility of citizenship and won the Miss Ka'ū Coffee title. Photo by Jesse Tunison

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# KA'U BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE

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## Volcanoes National Park: \$170 Million Flows into Local Economy

A new National Park Service report shows that 1,693,005 visitors to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park in 2014 spent \$136,838,700 in communities near the park. That spending supported 1,672 jobs on island and had a cumulative benefit to the local community of \$170,878,000.

The park's 2014 visitation is up 6.9 percent from 2013 (1,583,209 visitors) and reflects a steady and rising trend of visitation to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park since 2009. The park, which celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2016, shares two of Earth's most active volcanoes, the Hawaiian culture and its native biodiversity with local resi-

dents and visitors.

"It's heartening to again report an increase in both visitation to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and the significant economic impact park visitors have by spending money and creating jobs in our local community," said Park Superintendent Cindy Orlando. "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."



A new report shows an increasing number of visitors to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Ranger Dean Gallagher gives a *Life on the Edge* talk to visitors along the Jagger Museum observation deck in the park.

NPS Photo by Janice Wei

The report includes information for visitor spending at individual parks and by state.

To download the report, see [nature.nps.gov/socialscience/economics.cfm](http://nature.nps.gov/socialscience/economics.cfm).

## Efforts to Restore Ka'ū's Ag Water Systems Boosted

Ka'ū Agricultural Water Cooperative District elected new officers in April and learned of new efforts to complete legal contracts and renovation of the old sugar plantation water system between Kapāpala Ranch, Wood Valley, the stretch between Pāhala and Nā'ālehu and into Wai'ōhinu. Government contracts and approvals are necessary since all water, under Hawai'i law, belongs to all the people of Hawai'i. Ka'ū farmers and ranchers have been meeting for a decade toward this goal.

John Cross, who was re-elected President of KAWCD, said the purpose of the

cooperative is to restore and ensure that the water is shared, not stolen from the old plantation system. In addition to Cross, who works for Edmund C. Olson Trust and helped develop Ka'ū Coffee Mill, new officers are treasurer Kapāpala rancher Lani Cran; secretary Jeremy Buhr, who seeks ag water for the Wai'ōhinu area communities; and vice president Ron Self, who is an attorney and farmer representing Wood Valley Water Cooperative.

The water, coming from old horizontal shafts dug into the side of Mauna Loa volcano more than a century ago, will be used

for agriculture, all agreements promise. The cooperative is seeking a memorandum of agreement with the state Agribusiness Development Corp., which seeks an agreement with the state Water Commission under the state Department of Land & Natural Resources.

The Agribusiness Development Corp., in turn, is expected to sign an agreement for the cooperative to manage water distribution.

Reporting to the cooperative will be representatives for each major water source

with their own cooperative or other entity, *Water Systems, pg. 6*

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# County Council Committee Approves Grants to Nonprofits

Hawai'i County Council's Committee on Human Services and Social Services approved distribution of \$1.5 million to county nonprofit agencies in March. The committee received 137 eligible applications requesting more than \$5.5 million. Last year, 103 organizations requested slightly more, while the budgeted amount was the same.

Ka'ū Council member Maile David, who chairs the committee, said, "Although amounts requested by organizations far exceeded recommended award amounts, all applicants expressed their understanding

and conveyed their determination to continue providing services to supplement the needs of our island communities and increasing population."

Ka'ū nonprofits receiving funds include Boys & Girls Club, \$10,000 for Out-of-School Fitness for Life in Pāhala; Ho'omalū Ka'ū, \$3,000 for a native dry-land plants workshop; Ka'ū Rural Health Community Association, \$25,000 for Ka'ū Rural Health Academy; and 'O Ka'ū Kākou, \$20,000 to be divided equally among its Family Fun Fest, Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run and 'Ohana

Day, Ka'ū Sanitation Program and Keiki Fishing Tournament at Punalu'u.

Except for Boys & Girls Club, these organizations did not receive grants from this funding source in the past two years.

Other nonprofits with a presence in Ka'ū include Bay Clinic, which receives \$35,000 for its mobile health unit; Big Brothers Big Sisters, \$7,000 for one-to-one mentoring; The Food Basket, \$20,000 ensuring capacity for East and West Hawai'i; Hawai'i County Economic Opportunity Council, \$20,000 for drop-out prevention program

and \$35,000 for its transportation program; Hawai'i Meth Project, \$5,000 for meth prevention youth outreach; and Hui Mālama Ola Nā 'Ōiwi, \$3,000 for 15th annual Ladies Night Out, \$10,000 for its cancer program and \$35,000 for Kokua Hali Health transportation.



Maile David

## TM Telescope Draws Sign Waving Along Ka'ū Highway 11

"A'ole TMT; Aloha 'Āina" was the message sent by Ka'ū residents who gathered along Hwy 11 at Nā'ālehu Park and in Pāhala to wave signs in opposition of the Thirty Meter Telescope planned to be built at the summit of Mauna Kea.

"Enough is enough," was the message of several sign-wavers, referring to the thirteen telescopes in operation on Mauna Kea.

"We have enough telescopes to find the truth of the cosmos up there," said Lehua Lopez, "but cosmological truth is also contained in the mountain of Mauna Kea.

Destroying portions of the mountain by building another telescope destroys portions of the culture."

Mel Davis said Mauna Kea is a temple sacred to the Hawaiian people. He said he



Lehua Lopez

hopes officials reconsider building the telescope and "hear people's voices." He suggested that funds allocated for construction of the facility instead be used for infrastructure on Department of Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiary projects.

Pu'u Davis said the project was like "the Tower of Babel coming out of Mauna Kea."

Ku'uipo Dacalio asked, "Why build telescopes to look into space? Use the money to fix what's in front of our face."

Native Hawaiians who consider the site sacred and their supporters have been converging at

the site since late March, at times blocking vehicles that were trying to reach the summit to begin work on the telescope. On April 2, county and state officials arrested 31 of them.



Ka'ū residents line Hwy 11 at Nā'ālehu Park in opposition of the Thirty Meter Telescope planned to be built at the summit of Mauna Kea.

Photos by Ron Johnson

Gov. David Ige put the project on a one-week time-out following the arrests. Following a period of discussions with entities involved, he left the construction schedule up to TMT officials, who have yet to start the project.



A group of sign wavers opposing the Thirty Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea interact with motorists along Hwy 11 below Pāhala.

Photo by Julia Neal

## HMSA's Elisa Yadao Praises KRHCAI and Blue Zones

Hawai'i Medical Service Association's Elisa Yadao, a former television newscaster in Honolulu, keynoted the recent 18<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of Ka'ū Rural Health Community Association, Inc. in Pāhala. She congratulated Jessie Marques, founder of the organization, and said: "All of you are such incredible examples of what a healthy, vibrant community looks like. Thanks to Auntie Jessie's persistence, HMSA and the HMSA Foundation have been able to be a small part of the good things that happen here."

Yadao drew comparisons between Ka'ū Rural Health Community Association and HMSA. "Both organizations are committed to the health and wellbeing of community. Both organizations were founded by people who were motivated to help family, friends and neighbors."

In HMSA's case, social workers and nurses wanted to be sure that family, friends and neighbors would be able to access and afford healthcare whenever they needed it. "For you, those folks who sustain the Ka'ū Rural Health Community Association un-



Elisa Yadao, right, and Ka'ū Rural Health Community Association, Inc. Director Luz Miguel.

derstand that health is so much more than healthcare."

Yadao pointed out that a "fundamental part of wellbeing is having the opportunity to make a living wage, provide for family and give back to community."

She called both HMSA and Ka'ū Rural Health Community Association "innovative. In your case, you have a profound understanding that access to care means so much more than going to the doctor or

hospital. And wellbeing goes far beyond physical attributes," said Yadao. "Through your innovative efforts, you've been able to teach generations of health care industry professionals, simultaneously creating more access to care and offering opportunity to young people."

Yadao praised Ka'ū Distance Learning Center and Ka'ū Rural Health Academy, both operated by KRHCA, as "tremendous examples of community based programs that meet needs, create opportunities and turn what some might view as challenges into huge assets."

She noted that HMSA Foundation contributed \$40,000 to the Academy and said the investment paid off with: Chronic disease management training in Waimea and at the Community Correctional Center in Hilo; Blood pressure screenings in Ka'ū, Pāhala, Nā'ālehu and Ocean View "with 70 of your family, friends and neighbors identified with high blood pressure and referred to doctors; An internship at the Hilo Medical Center for high school students who participated in the

Academy's youth program.

Yadao pointed to HMSA's online care providing access to doctors 24 hours a day, seven days a week via computer. "Here on the Big Island, where distances are great and doctors are lacking, that is a valuable service. Last year, on the Big Island there were 261 visits to health care providers through online care. While the numbers may seem small, I can tell you the convenience and security were big for the folks who got care that way."

Yadao addressed social determinants of health and wellbeing. "Kids having good educations. Water and food that's safe and healthy and easily accessed. Jobs that pay living wages. Housing."

While HMSA is not planning on building schools, opening grocery stores or developing housing, said Yadao, "We do see that these things are connected and all influence our health and wellbeing." She explained Blue Zones, "areas in the world with the highest concentrations of people

# KA PEPA PĀHALA

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## Ka'ū Coffee Perks Up Local Creators of New Recipes

Ka'ū Coffee Recipe Contest adult winners took home as much as \$300 each in late April at Ka'ū Coffee Mill during the Ka'ū Coffee Festival. Miss Holly K, of Native-FM, was DJ, and Keoki Kahumoku and Makana provided music.

Masako Sakata took first in the Adult Pupu category with **Masako Sakata** Ka'ū Coffee Beans, a mochi with ham and coffee. She donated her \$300 to the Miss Ka'ū Coffee Scholarship Fund. Melia Taganas took home \$150 when she came in second with Tortilla & Coffee Dip, and Peggy Kilkenny, taking home \$75, came in third with Ka'ū Coffee South of the Border Enchilada Sauce.



Miss Ka'ū Coffee Amery Silva and DJ Miss Holly K present the first-place prize in Adult Dessert category to Cathy Haber.

Photos by Jesse Tunison

Adult Entrée first place was Peggy Kilkenny with Pig Pickin in Paradise winning her \$300. Melia Taganas took home \$150 with her second-place Teri-Coffee;



Peggy Kilkenny

and Austin Kilkenny created Ka'ū Coffee Rubbed Short Rib Spicy Noodle Trifle to take third and \$75.

In the Adult Dessert category, Cathy



Lorilee Lorenzo

for third and \$75.

Student winners each earned \$150 - Melia Okimoto with her OMG! It's Mocha-Tastic in the Dessert category and Lorilee Lorenzo with Ka'ū Coffee Pulehu Steak in the Pupu category. All prizes were provided by Ka'ū Coffee Mill.



Melia Okimoto



Joyce Ibasan, her mother Jocelyn Tamayo and brother Lester Ibasan celebrate as she is crowned Miss Ka'ū Coffee First Princess.

Photos by Jesse Tunison

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farmers Jackie and Leonardo Castaneda.

Third Miss Ka'ū Coffee Princess Jennifer Tabios took home a trophy presented by Ka'ū Coffee farmers Herme and Leo Norberte and \$700 in scholarships, with \$600 from Friends and Family of the late Bobby Tucker and \$100 from an anonymous donor in honor of the late Leiani Camba-Penera and Zailaiah.

Second Miss Ka'ū Coffee Princess Vivien Santos received her crown from Pageant Director Nālani Parlin and Ka'ū Coffee Festival organizer Chris Manfredi and a trophy from Lorie Obra. She received \$900 in scholarships, with \$500 from the Ka'ū Coffee Festival Committee; \$350 from Bio-Eco Hawai'i, Inc., presented by Francisco Lobos; and \$50 from Damian Eater.

First Miss Ka'ū Coffee



Maria Miranda, Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2015, and her parents Berta and Jose Miranda celebrate her reign to represent the Ka'ū Coffee industry.

Princess Joyce Ibasan received her crown from Miss Ka'ū Coffee Pageant Chair Gloria Camba and Roger Kaiwi, of Hawai'i Coffee Co., with a trophy from Ka'ū Coffee farmer Rogelio Aquino. She received \$1,500 in scholarships, with \$1,000 from Hawai'i Coffee Co. presented by Roger Kaiwi and \$500 from Ka'ū Royal Hawaiian Coffee & Tea,

LLC presented by Tyler Johansen.

Miss Ka'ū Coffee Queen Maria Miranda received her crown from Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2014 Amery Silva and Edmund C. Olson, with a trophy presented by

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Vivien Santos, her mother Amelita Santos and sister Chandra Mae Santos celebrate as she is crowned Miss Ka'ū Coffee Second Princess.



Jennifer Tabios and her parents Will and Grace Tabios celebrate her Miss Ka'ū Coffee Third Princess win. Jennifer is also valedictorian of Ka'ū High School class of 2015.

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# May 2015

**International Art Exhibit**, daily except Sunday through May 6, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village.

**Through the Artists' Eye**, daily through May 31, Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. VAC's first-ever invitational exhibition focusing on native plants, animals and minerals found in the park.

**May Day is Lei Day**, Fri, May 1, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Two lei makers demonstrate how to sew the perfect lei using hundreds of fragrant blossoms and plant materials and share the proper protocol of giving and receiving a lei and more. Wes Awana teaches a few local favorites on the 'ukulele.

**Stewardship at the Summit**, Fri, May 1 & 8; Wed, May 20; Sat, May 30; 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Volunteers meet at Kīlauea Visitor Center to help remove invasive Himalayan ginger from park trails. Free; park entrance fees apply.

**Pu'u o Lokuana**, Sat, May 2, 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 Ka'ū on this moderately difficult 0.4-mile hike to the top.

**Mushroom Workshop**, Sat, May 2, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. Zach Mermel teaches the basics of fungal biology. \$40 members; \$50 non-members plus \$25 supply fee. 967-8222

**Palm Trail Hike**, Sun, May 3, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Kahuku Unit. This moderately difficult 2.6-mile loop trail provides one of the best panoramic views Kahuku has to offer. 985-6011 or [nps.gov/havo](http://nps.gov/havo)

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

**Summer Fun Registration**, Mon – Thu, May 4 – 7, 1 – 7 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Program runs Mon – Fri, June 8 – July 17, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. \$90. Nona, 928-3102

**Ka'ū Scenic Byway Committee Meeting**, Mon, May 4, 5 p.m., Nā'ālehu Methodist Church. Public invited. [richmorrow@alohabroadband.net](mailto:richmorrow@alohabroadband.net)

**Cinco de Mayo Buffet**, Tue, May 5, 5 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Adult \$18; child \$9. 967-8356. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply; 967-8371.

**After Dark in the Park – Hawai'i's Scenic Roads: Paving the Way for Tourism in the Islands**, Tue, May 5, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Historian Dawn Duensing's new book examines the political, economic, social and environmental history of the state's most renowned

scenic drives.

**Mother's Day Bouquet**, Wed, May 6, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register May 1 – 5. Nona, 928-3102

**Ocean View Neighborhood Watch meeting**, Thu, May 7, 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center.

**Manukā Bay Cleanup**, Sat, May 9. Hawai'i Wildlife Fund is a co-sponsor. RSVP to [kahakai.cleaups@gmail.com](mailto:kahakai.cleaups@gmail.com)

**Ka'ū CDP Focused Discussions**, Sat, May 9, 9 a.m. \$ 1

p.m. Morning session topic is Agriculture; afternoon, Coastal Management. 961-8137 or [ron.whitmore@hawaiiicounty.gov](mailto:ron.whitmore@hawaiiicounty.gov)

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

**People and Land of Kahuku**, Sat, May 9, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Kahuku Unit. This guided, 2.5-mile, moderately difficult hike over rugged terrain focuses on the area's human history. 985-6011



## Plan for Ka'ū Future in May

Ka'ū residents can attend focused discussions on important Community Development Plan subjects this month. Two on Saturday, May 9 at Nā'ālehu Community Center focus on agriculture at 9 a.m. and

coastal management at 1 p.m. A proposed development is the topic at another discussion on Tuesday, May 12 at 10 a.m. at Discovery Harbour Community Center. See story on page 1.



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**Mother's Day Buffet**, Sun, May 10, 4 – 7 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Entrees include prime rib, shrimp Alfredo with mushroom and spinach, Asian-infused Hawaiian ono and vegetable stir-fry with black bean sauce. Adult \$28; child \$14.50. Call 967-8356 for seating times. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply; 967-8371.

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

**Senior ID Cards**, Mon, May 11, 9 – 10 a.m., Pāhala Housing Center and 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center. For ages 60 and over. 928-3100

**Ka'ū CDP Focused Discussion: Discovery Harbour**, Tue, May 12, 10 a.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. 961-8137 or [ron.whitmore@hawaiiicounty.gov](mailto:ron.whitmore@hawaiiicounty.gov)

**A Walk into the Past**, Tue, May 12 & 26, 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.

**Hū: Kukui Nut Tops**, Wed, May 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association staff members share their knowledge and love of one of Hawai'i's popular traditional arts.

**Ladybug Craft**, Wed, May 13, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register May 6 – 12. Nona, 928-3102

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

**BioBlitz and Biodiversity & Annual Cultural Festival**, Fri, May 15, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. & Sat, May 16, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. For BioBlitz, Hawaiian cultural practitioners, students and the public join forces to discover and inventory as many living plants and creatures as possible in the park. The Biodiversity & Cultural Festival offer hands-on science and cultural exhibits, food, art and entertainment, plus the opportunity to meet individuals and organizations at the forefront of conservation, science and traditional Hawaiian culture – and learn how to join their efforts. Park entry fees waived.

**Hula Arts & Hawai'i's Butterflies**, Fri, May 15, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Noe Noe Kekaulua presents hula, and Lanaya Deily focuses on butterflies.

**Recycling at Nā'ālehu School**, Sat, May 16, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Nā'ālehu School Gym. Redeem your HI-5 sorted by type; receive 5 cents per container and additional 20 cents per pound on all aluminum. Atlas Recycling donates 20 cents per pound on all aluminum redeemed to the school. 939-2413, ext. 230

**Nā Mea Hula**, Sat, May 16, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, with Loke Kamanu and 'ohana.

**Hula Performance**, Sat, May 16, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., hula platform near Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

**Book Making**, Sat, May 16, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, with Charlene Asato.

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## Water Systems, cont. from pg. 2

formed by agriculturalists to manage water use and distribution systems.

State Department of Agriculture chair Scott Enright called into the meeting and said that surveys of some of the water systems have been accepted by DLNR and that he will work on finalizing memoranda of agreement. Ka'ū's County Council member Maile David also called in to listen to the meeting and said she wants to help farmers and ranchers with their need for ag water.



**New efforts are underway to complete legal contracts and renovation of Ka'ū's old sugar plantation water system.** *Photo from state Department of Agriculture*

Also attending was Melanie Bondera, representing The Kohala Center, which is offering grant-funded sessions on conflict resolution to help prevent any future problems between water users, the groups and government agencies. She said there is also funding to help organization of cooperatives for each management area, though some groups might form a different type of organization, like limited liability corporations. It is up to each management area group to decide what type of organization to form, Bondera noted.

The meeting was attending by numerous other ag stakeholders in Ka'ū, including Bonnie Schoneberg, of Royal Hawaiian Orchards; Tyler Johansen, a rancher and representative of Ka'ū Royal Hawaiian Coffee & Tea, LLC; Jeff McCall, a farmer and Ka'ū farmland owner; Joel LaPinta, who represents Lehman Brothers Holdings and its 5,300 acres, including Moa'ula and Pear Tree coffee lands; rancher Steve Baczkiewicz; coffee farmer Brenda Domondon;



**Visitors and local residents explored the old plantation water system during two days of hikes sponsored by Ka'ū Coffee Mill as part of ten days of activities during the Ka'ū Coffee Festival. Repairs to the water systems between Kapāpala Ranch and Wai'ōhinu are in the planning by the Ka'ū Agricultural Water Cooperative District.** *Photo by Jesse Tunison*

Malian Lahey, of Ka'ū Specialty Coffee; and Bill Savage, who advocates for Ha'ao Springs & Mountain House Ag Water Co-op.

It was the first meeting of the Ka'ū Ag Water Cooperative District since February 2014. Cross described it as very productive.

## Calendar, cont. from pg. 5

**Jazz in the Forest**, Sat, May 16, 4:30 & 7:30 p.m. Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. 967-8222

**The Birth of Kahuku**, Sun, May 17, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants explore Kahuku's rich geologic history, traverse the vast 1868 lava flow, see different volcano features and formations and identify many parts of the Southwest Rift Zone of Mauna Loa on this guided, easy-to-moderate hike.

**Nā Leo Manu: Heavenly Voices**, Wed, May 20, 6:30 p.m., Kilauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Kai Ho'opi'i returns to share the music of his 'ohana from Maui.

**Memorial Day Craft**, Wed, May 20, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register May 13 – 19. Nona, 928-3102

**Estuary Restoration Workday**, Thu, 5/21. Volunteers meet Hawai'i Wildlife Fund staff at 7:45 a.m. at Wai'ōhinu Park. Potluck-style lunch. kahakai.cleups@gmail.com

**Ka'ū Ag Water Cooperative District Meeting**, Thu, May 21, 4 p.m., Royal Hawaiian Macnut Office in Pāhala. Jeffrey McCall, 937-1056

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

**Memorial Day Lei**, Fri, May 22, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 6 – 12 register Wed, May 20. Teresa, 929-9113

**Ka'ū Farmers Union United Meeting**, Sat, May 23, 10 a.m., Earth Matters Farm on South Point Road. Potluck at 11 a.m. gailandgreg@mac.com

**KMC Memorial Day Ceremony**, Mon, May 25, 3 p.m., Kilauea Military Camp's Front Lawn in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Keynote speaker is Rod Sueoka, Office of Veterans' Services. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. Call 967-8371 for additional information.

**Memorial Day Buffet**, Mon, May 25, 4 – 7 p.m., Kilauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Hawaiian kalua pork sandwich, local-style fried chicken, chili con carne, biscuits & honey, buttered corn, steamed rice, dessert & a beverage. Adult \$18; child \$9. 967-8356. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply; 967-8371.

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

**Ocean View Food Basket**, Tue, May 26, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7000

**'Ike Hana No'eau: Experience the Skillful Work**, Wed, May 27, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kilauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Park volunteer Rick LaMontagne displays Hawaiian implements that he has replicated.

**Ocean View Community Development Corp. meeting**, Fri, May 29, 5 p.m., Hawaiian Ranchos offices.

**'Ōhi'a Lehua**, Sun, May 31, 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, the many forms of the 'ōhi'a lehua tree and its flower on this easy one-mile walk. Free. 985-6011

## EXERCISE & MEDITATION

**Pāhala Pool Schedule: Water Exercise Mon/Wed/Fri 9 – 10 a.m.; Public Recreational Swim Mon – Fri 10 – 11 a.m. & 1:15 – 4 p.m.**, Sat/Sun 9 – 11 a.m. & 1 – 4 p.m.; Adult Lap Swim Mon – Sun 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Closed Mon, May 25. 928-8177 or hawaiiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

**Iyengar and Yin Yoga**, Mon/Wed/Fri, 10 – 11:30 a.m.; Ocean View Community Center. Mats and props provided. Stephanie, 937-7940

**Youth & Adult Basketball**, Mon/Wed, 5 – 7 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center. For ages 13 and above. Richard, 939-2510

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

**Zumba Fitness**, Mon/Thu, 5:30 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m., New Hope Christian Fellowship in Volcano. Certified instructor Linda Fanene, 990-3835

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

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

**Beginners Yoga**, Mon/Wed/Fri, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 929-7033

**Kempo Karate**, Tue/Thu, Ocean View Community Center, children 5 – 6 p.m.; adults 6:30 – 8 p.m. Gordon Buck, 929-7033.

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

**Belly Dance Classes**, Tue; beginners, 5:30 p.m.; intermediate, 6:30 p.m. Farasha, 990-3835

**Youth & Adult Volleyball**, Tue/Thu, 5 – 7 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center. Richard, 939-2510

**Karate**, Tue/Fri, Pāhala Community Center. Cliff Field, 333-1567

**Self-Guided Yoga**, Wed, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Cooper Center, Volcano. Calabash donations. Debra Serrao, 985-7545

**Gentle Senior Yoga**, Wed, 3 – 4 p.m., Nā'ālehu

Hongwanji. Senior price \$10 for 10 sessions. Stephanie Peppers, 937-7940

**Meditation**, Wed, 4 – 5 p.m. Nā'ālehu Hongwanji. Velvet Replogle, 936-8989

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

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

**Western Line Dance Classes**, Thu, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall.

## DAILY & WEEKLY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

**Ocean View Community Center computer lab**, Mon – Fri, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Members \$2/hour, non-members, \$4/hr. 939-7033 for information on computer classes.

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

**Nialani Nature Walks**, Mon, 9:30 a.m., Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. This one-hour nature walk travels through a portion of old-growth Hawaiian rain forest on an easy, 1/7-mile loop trail. Free (calabash donations welcome). 967-8222 or volcanoartcenter.org

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

**Nā'ālehu Senior Nutrition Center (Hawai'i County Nutrition Program)**, Lunch served Mon – Fri, 10:45 a.m. for residents aged 60+, greater Nā'ālehu area. 939-2505

**Ocean View Nutrition Site and Senior Club**, hosts activities at St. Jude's Church on Mon/Wed/Fri from 8:30 a.m. and provides lunches 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for seniors 60+. Donations requested. On Thu, the program takes seniors to Kailua-Kona for doctors appointments, grocery shopping and to pick up prescriptions. Program closed Tue. Dick Hershberger, 989-4140

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

**Youth Arts & Crafts**, Mon – Fri, 3 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center. For ages 5 – 17. Richard, 939-2510

**Kanikapila Jam Sessions**, Mon, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. 967-8222

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

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

**Ka'ū Driver License Office**, Tue/Wed by appointment.

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**Movie Matinee**, Tue, 2:30 p.m., Nā'ālehu Public Library. Free, family-friendly movies for all ages plus free popcorn. 939-2442

**Computers for Dummies**, Tue, 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 929-7033

**Ka'ū Farmers Market**, Wed, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., 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

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

**Free 'Ukulele, Slack Key and Steel Guitar classes**, Wed, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Olson Trust Building in Pāhala; Fri, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Nā'ālehu Methodist Church. Keoki Kahumoku. Call Tiffany at 938-6582 for details and to confirm.

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

**Game Night**, Wed, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. Lucy Walker, 929-7519

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

**VA Center for Veterans**, Thu, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. David, 329-0574

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

**Art Fridays**, 1 – 2 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 – 12. Teresa, 929-9113

**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.

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

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

**Live Music at Gilligan's**, Fri/Sat, 4:30 – 9 p.m., Discovery Harbour.

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

**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

# KA'U SPORTS REPORT

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May 2015

## Navarro Signs for Pierce College Basketball Scholarship

Ka'ū High School senior Denisha Navarro signed a letter of intent last month for an athletic scholarship to play basketball for Pierce College Raiders in Tacoma, WA.

Serving as student body president, being a member of the National Honor Society and playing multiple sports, Navarro knows what hard work and dedication is. After nine years of training and practicing, she said she is thrilled to receive the scholarship.

Immediately after her final basketball season, Head Coach Cy Lopez, Jr. received a phone call from Pierce's recruiting coach asking about Navarro. He had many great things to share after coaching her at varsity level for the past three years. Days later, they reviewed a video of Navarro and requested a visit from her. This past spring break, Navarro went to the campus to show her skills, see if this is what she wants and where she wants to live for the next four years. At the end of her trip, the coaches decided they'd like to offer her a scholarship. Navarro said the hospitality of the coaches and players she met, the facility, the campus and the education the college had to offer helped with her decision.

"I intended to move to Washington after high school with or without an athletic scholarship so I could make a better life for myself and to get a good education," Navarro said. "Getting to play college ball at the same time is a privilege and bonus. On my trip, I loved the city life and how different it was compared to Hawai'i."

Navarro is planning on getting her associate's degree in diagnostics and health. She plans on transferring to Seattle University to get her bachelor's degree in athletic training.

"My passion has always been sports, and I've been inspired by our school's athletic director, Kalei Namohala. After shadowing and learning from her this past year, she has become one of my role models and someone I look up too."

Navarro also said that her basketball coaches, Cy Lopez, Jr., Jennifer Makuakane and April Jara, have made a big impact in her basketball career and life.

"My coaches have helped me out a lot throughout the past three years, especially this year," Navarro said. "Not only with basketball but helping me prepare for my



Surrounded by supporters, Denisha Navarro, in Raider Basketball T-shirt, signs her letter of intent for an athletic scholarship from Pierce College. Photo from Jennifer Makuakane

future and life after high school. My cousin Staysha has also been a big inspiration in my life. She has helped motivate me to be a better player and is probably the toughest on me and keeps me going."

Navarro leaves for Washington in July

to start her journey. She hopes to come back to Hawai'i and be an athletic trainer for one of the state's high schools.

Jennifer Makuakane contributed to this story.

## Calling Ka'ū Coffee Trail Runners

Registration is now open for Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run, celebrating award-winning Ka'ū Coffee. All proceeds raised by the event, sponsored by 'O Ka'ū Kākou, stay in Ka'ū to benefit the Ka'ū community, said OKK secretary Nadine Ebert.

On Saturday, Sept. 19, runners will have a second annual opportunity to run through a trail and view Ka'ū's prized coffee and view the Ka'ū Coast.

The course is designed to be fun and challenging for all ages, offering runners the choice to register for either a 5K, 10K or Half Marathon. The 5K is a family-friendly run/walk trail through macadamia nut groves and coffee fields. The 10K is a moderate run through macadamia nut groves, coffee fields and a huge eucalyptus tree forest. The Half Marathon follows the 5K and 10K course, then continues up to an elevation of 3,100 feet, traversing onto a four-wheel-drive access road, marked trails undulating through grazing pastures, former sugarcane fields and winding down through newly planted coffee fields.

The main activity in addition to the race will be a silent auction. Businesses, groups and individuals can sponsor an aid station on the trail route for \$250 each. There will be 13 stations, one at each mile marker, where volunteers hand out water and fruit. Sponsors can advertise at their aid station, as well as include promotional items in goodie bags given to each runner. Sponsors will also be



Registration is now open for the second annual Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run.

Photo from Taylor's Treasures Photography

listed on the race program.

Ebert said the race is OKK's biggest fundraiser of the year. "The funds we raise help us to continue our community programs and widen our supportive reach into the community." Last year's race allowed OKK to do more senior projects, provide more help to local high school athletic and community teams, as well as increase this year's OKK scholarship program by \$1,500.

Awards go to top three men and women overall (overall winners do not win top age group awards) and top three men and women in age groups from 19 and under to 70 and over.

All runs, starting at 7:30 a.m., begin and finish at Ka'ū Coffee Mill.

Race packets are available by mail or pickup on Friday, Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Walmart in Hilo or on race day between 6:30 a.m. and 7:10 a.m. at Ka'ū Coffee Mill.

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## Charter School Passes 80 Percent Enrollment

Ka'ū Learning Academy still has openings for students to begin classes July 29. The charter school's enrollment is currently above 80 percent, and the final lottery takes place June 30.

Academy staff includes two recently hired teachers.

Kalika Kastein joined the Peace Corps in 2011 as a computer literacy educator and immediately fell in love with teaching, later becoming an arts electives teacher as well. When she wasn't teaching primary or secondary school, she worked on computer lab, library and microscope acquisition projects for local schools. After her service, Kastein worked for a community relations department at a Girl Scout World Centre in India before becoming a part of educational nonprofit WorldTeach in early 2014. With WorldTeach,

she worked as an admissions coordinator and later as a field director in Chuuk, Micronesia where she not



**Kalika Kastein**

only trained and managed a team of 27 volunteer teachers but also acted as an administrative assistant, substitute teacher and occasional bus driver for a local public school. She

is a current Teach for America corps member working on her master's in education from Johns Hopkins. She will teach English Language Arts at KLA.

Kalena Roark is a recent graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, where she majored in elementary education and learning behavioral disabilities. Throughout her time at Eastern, Roark was extremely involved within her campus and



**Kalena Roark**

her community. She served as vice president of several collegiate honor societies and, in her senior year, was elected president of Kappa Delta Pi Teacher's Honor Society, where she devoted her time to volunteering and improving the educational experience of others. Roark was recognized for her outstanding achievements, being awarded the Outstanding Four-Year Member Award from Student

Alumni Ambassadors, also receiving awards for being the most involved and most dedicated ambassador. Her devotion to education is apparent through four consecutive years of placement on the Dean's and President's list, as well as honors she received upon graduating. At KLA, the current Teach for America corps member will teach Social Studies.

See [kaulearning.com](http://kaulearning.com) for more information.

### Miss Ka'ū Coffee, cont. from pg. 4

Ka'ū Coffee farmers Trini and Francis Marques and a scepter presented by Miss Peaberry 2014 Madison Okimoto. Her \$2,500 in scholarships: \$1,000 presented by Sammy Stanbro and Olson Trust; \$500 from CU Hawai'i Federal Credit Union presented by Lester "Mako" Okazaki; \$500 from Pacific Quest; \$250 from Punalu'u Bake Shop presented by Connie Koi; and \$250 from Ka'ū Chamber of Com-



Community organization and business representatives line up to give scholarships to the winners. Left to right: Donna Masaniai, President of Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce; Lester Okazaki, manager of CU Hawai'i Federal Credit Union branches in Ka'ū; Connie Koi, manager of Punalu'u Bake Shop; and Edmund C. Olson, of Ka'ū Coffee Mill and Olson Trust. Miss Ka'ū Coffee Maria Miranda receives a scepter from Miss Peaberry 2014 Madison Okimoto, a trophy from Trini and Francis Marques and a crown from Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2014 Amery Silva. Photo by Jesse Tunison

merce presented by Donna Masaniai.

The Miss Ka'ū Coffee Pageant Committee is comprised of pageant chair Ka'ū Coffee Growers Association President Gloria Camba; teacher and county community planning liaison Nālani Parlin, who serves as pageant director; and *The Ka'ū Calendar* newspaper publisher Julia Neal, who serves as scholarship chair.

Judges for the pageant included:

Rose Y. Bautista, who works as the Immigration Information Specialist for the County of Hawai'i, providing U.S. Immigration information and serving as liaison to U.S. Citizenship and Immigrant Services.

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# Spring Sports Calendar



Ka'u High boys volleyball team celebrated Senior Night with a win over Wai'akea Tuesday, April 21.

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## Boys Volleyball Season Ends; BIIF Play Begins

Finishing their regular season with nine wins and four losses, Ka'u High boys volleyball team begins Big Island Interscholastic Federation play Friday, May 1 at 2:30 p.m. at Hilo Civic Auditorium.

The teams traveled to Hawai'i Prep Saturday, April 25. Junior varsity won in two straight sets, 25-12 and 25-19. Varsity lost in three straight sets, 17-25, 16-25 and 10-25.

Both teams won their only home matches in April against Wai'akea Tuesday, April 21. Junior varsity scores were 25-20 and 25-22. Varsity went to a fifth-set tie-breaker, 25-8, 22-25, 25-20, 20-25 and 15-12.

Cameron Enriques made 29 kills, with nine in the fifth set, and Brian Gascon made 12 kills, three of them in the fifth set.

At Ehunui Wednesday, April 15, Ka'u won in three straight sets with scores of 25-9, 25-17 and 25-16.

Kamehameha School Hawai'i Warriors took Ka'u teammates prisoners on Monday, April 13. JV scores were 17-25 and 9-25. Varsity's were 13-25, 19-25 and 25-27.

### Miss Ka'u Coffee, cont. from pg. 8

She practiced law in Washington State, representing clients in the areas of family-based and employment-based immigration, deportation, asylum and refugees.

Lori Lei Shirakawa, who lived in Wai'ohinu, Ka'u for many years, where she raised her two sons Tyler and Noah. Both are adults now, and she is also a grandmother to four-year-old Taevan. She is Kumu Hula for Wai'ohinu Hula Studio, which she opened 25 years ago. She later opened Lori Lei's Hula Studio in Hilo in 1993. She received her Kumu Palapala from Hula Master George Na'ope and Kumu Hula Rae Kahikilaulani Fonseca.

Dr. Norman Q. Arancon, an Associate Professor of Horticulture at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Agriculture with a major in Crop Science from Xavier University Ateneo de Cagayan, Cagayan de Oro City, the Philippines. He was awarded a Post-Graduate Diploma in Agricultural Studies from the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, after an award from the Rotary International Foundation.



Ka'u High senior Brian Gascon moves in for a point against Wai'akea High.

Photo from Taylor Sport Photography

On Tuesday, April 7, Ka'u took the fourth set 25-22 for a 3-1 win over Pāhoa's Daggers. Final scores: 25-19, 23-25, 25-9 and 25-22.

The Trojans overpowered Christian Liberty Academy in three straight sets Tuesday, March 31, with scores of 25-14, 25-9 and 25-12.

Lenny Castillo, a 1998 graduate of Hilo High School. In 1993, he took second place in the Shower of Stars talent competition in Hilo. In 2001, he placed second, representing the Orchid at Mauna Lani Hotel in the Kohala Coast Hotels Talent Competition. Castillo entertained and serenaded in the Young Miss Hawai'i Island Filipina Pageant, Junior Miss Samaguita Pageant, Junior Miss Hawai'i Island Filipina Pageant, Miss Hawai'i Island Filipina Scholarship Pageant and the Young Miss & Junior Miss Lehua Hawai'i Pageant.

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## Sign Up to Float or Walk in Annual Fourth of July Parade

'O Ka'ū Kākou is calling all interested participants to sign up by Monday, June 1 to be in this year's annual Fourth of July parade in Nā'ālehu. Contact Debra McIntosh at 929-9872 to register floats or walkers.

Last summer, 59 different groups and



Sixth annual Fourth of July parade comes to Nā'ālehu again this year.

individuals marched into town in the parade, including clubs, civic groups, churches, pā'ū riders, motorcycles, cars and the kiddie train.

Following the parade, senior bingo will be held at Nā'ālehu Community Center, and there will be a kids' day in the park with inflatables and shave ice.

"The event draws the whole community to celebrate our nation's history," said OKK secretary Nadine Ebert. "We expect the parade to be bigger and better this year."

This is the sixth year OKK has volunteered to organize the parade. OKK also

held a senior bingo last month with 62 senior players. "A great time was had by all!" Ebert said.

In January, OKK celebrated another successful Keiki Fishing Tournament with 292 registered fishermen and over 700 lunches served. "We thank everyone for their support," Ebert said.

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**Ka'ū Planning, cont. from pg. 1**  
servation District.

Challenges to meet this objective, according to the CDP, are that, during heavy rains, there is significant runoff from ag areas and that there are no watershed management plans in place in Ka'ū.

At the first speak-out held at Nā'ālehu Community Center, Ka'ū resident Shalan Crysdales said, "I do think it really is a great set of ideas generated from the community and specifically for our mauka forests." He said the CDP contained excellent ideas about



Ka'ū residents discuss a display with Ka'ū CDP staff. *Photos by Ron Johnson*

the need for increased access to forests for cultural and subsistence hunting purposes as well as for protection of watersheds.

Longtime Ka'ū resident and former sugar plantation supervisor Iwao Yonemitsu said his areas of interest are agriculture and mauka forests and that he enjoyed reviewing the displays on those topics.

Several Ka'ū residents encouraged their friends and neighbors to attend the speak-outs. Many said the information helped them understand the draft and inspired them to study it more.

At Ocean View Community Center's speak-out, one Ka'ū resident said his main concern for ag in Ka'ū is vast tracts of land being used to grow products that are not in-

tended for local consumption.

Another comment was, "With regard to



Ka'ū's state Rep. Richard Creagan, at right, talks story with CDP staff in Ocean View.

land use in Ocean View, I think the commercial center should be restricted to the existing area designated as urban expansion."

Access to the coastline and Pōhue Bay was the topic of several comments.

The Pāhala speak-out presented community and planner ideas for the future of the village and surrounding conservation and agricultural lands. Proposed general plan amendments would increase the amount of urban land within Pāhala village



The Discovery Harbour display attracted many residents who offered views on a proposed residential, resort and commercial development there.

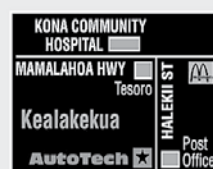
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to accommodate places where there has traditionally been or could be urban use in the walkable community. Displays also showed community comments. Some Pāhala ideas included encouraging variances to maintain town character, prioritizing rural street standards and historic streetscape on Kamani Street and community-based efforts to retain town character and document local history.

Pointing to unique culture, an objective in the draft Ka'ū Community Development Plan is to "establish and enforce standards for development and construction that reflect community values of architecture, beauty and distinctiveness."

Several comments regarding local planning and ag-

riculture reflected differing views on farmland. One community member said that farmers should be allowed to live on farmland. Another said that housing on farmland could introduce speculation and make land too expensive for real farming, contending that the Pāhala model of living in town where there is childcare and facilities with

*Ka'ū Planning, pg. 14*



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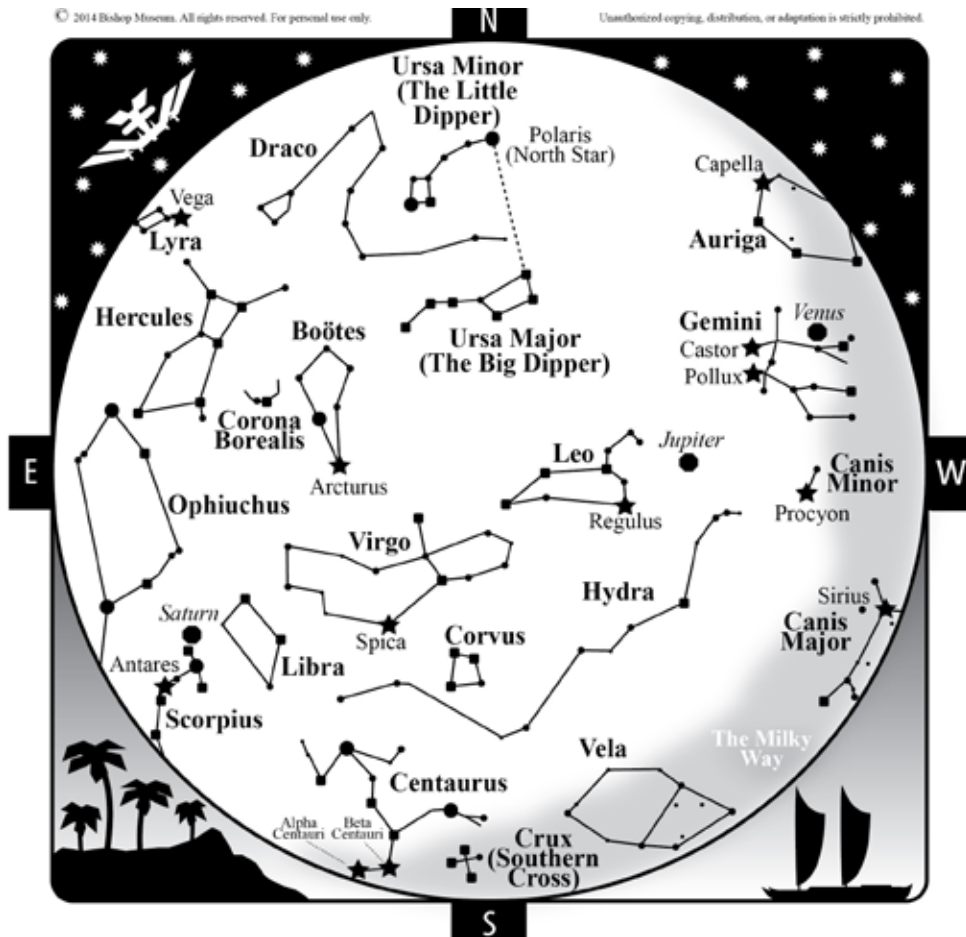
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## Stars over Ka'ū - May 2015

by Lew Cook

Three bright planets are visible this month. Venus is in the west at sunset, and higher in the sky is Jupiter and its moons, while at the time for which our chart is drawn (10 p.m. midmonth, an hour later at the beginning of the month and an hour earlier at the end of the month), Saturn is just starting to rise in the eastern sky within the claws of the Scorpion.

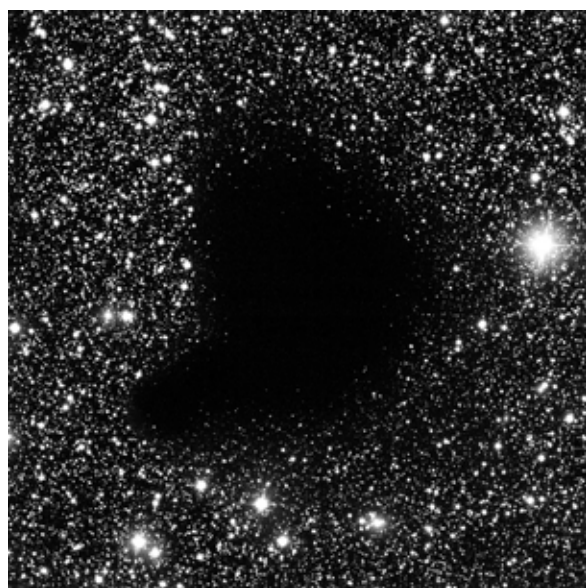
North to south, we are looking at the constellations of Ursa Major, which contains the Big Dipper, Leo the lion to the west and Boötes, the herdsman, to the east. Next we find Virgo. Look pretty empty? In our

galaxy, it is. But it has a host of galaxies. Corvus the crow dangerously perched atop Hydra the water snake, Centaurus and finally the Southern Cross, called Crux.

What is in interstellar space – the area between the stars? If you answered, “Nothing,” then in some ways you are right. In other ways you are wrong. At its least dense areas, those where it is very hot and atoms are split into two or more parts – the proton and an electron in the case of hydrogen. In the case of some warm areas, there may be less than one atom per cubic centimeter. Now that is what I call a real vacuum! In

denser areas, the interstellar medium can exceed a million molecules per cubic centimeter. That sounds like a lot, doesn't it?

The interstellar medium is a better vacuum than we can produce in a lab. Even the dustier regions in interstellar space contain a million molecules per cubic centimeter. A person could be excused for thinking, “A million! That's a lot!” and you'd be right. But a high performance lab vacuum chamber at its best will have over a billion molecules in the same volume. Interstellar space will occasionally have dust clouds where there are large volumes of very thin dust. The dust particles are about the size of that in cigarette smoke. What the dust lacks in density, it makes up for in volume – so much so that that it blocks out optical light from the



This is an example of an interstellar dust cloud that absorbs blue light more than red light, just as smoke on the earth does. Barnard 68 blocks all visible light from the stars behind it. Deep infrared light isn't dimmed as much, and astronomers in Chile have seen the stars behind it using infrared.

Image from Wikipedia commons

stars behind it. It has two times the mass of the sun spread over a volume that has half a light year in diameter.

Pictured here is one of these dark blobs – Barnard 68. The dust in Barnard 68 isn't very thick, but there's lots of it! Deep infrared studies have shown that the apparent lack of stars is only an optical illusion. It only looks like there are fewer stars in the area, but these studies have shown there are a similar number behind it as surrounding it. Barnard 68 is about 500 light-years distant.

This is astronomer Lew Cook's 108th contribution – 9 years' worth – to The Ka'ū Calendar. “It is a continuing pleasure to write these articles,” Cook said. The Ka'ū Calendar sends out a stellar Mahalo to him for encouraging Ka'ū residents to appreciate their dark night skies.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
May 01	5:54 a.m.	6:44 p.m.
May 08	5:50 a.m.	6:47 p.m.
May 15	5:47 a.m.	6:50 p.m.
May 22	5:45 a.m.	6:52 p.m.
May 29	5:44 a.m.	6:55 p.m.

Moon Phases table with the respective rising and setting times.

Moon Phases	Moon Rise	Moon Set
Full Moon		
May 04	6:43 p.m.	5:42 a.m.
Last Quarter		
May 11	12:49 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
New Moon		
May 17	5:34 a.m.	6:45 p.m.
First Quarter		
May 25	12:30 p.m.	12:29 a.m.

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# KEEPING HEALTHY IN KA'Ū

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## KRHCAI Praises, cont. from pg. 3

who live long and well.” Okinawa; Ikaria, Greece; Sardinia, Italy; Nicoya Costa Rica, and Loma Linda, California were identified by National Geographic explorer and author Dan Buettner as Blue Zones. His research found:

“People in these places are physically active all their lives. They don’t go to gyms or health club. They’re shepherds or fishermen. Their preferred mode of transportation is walking.

“These folks are very connected to their families and their communities. Generations live together and old people are revered and make meaningful contributions throughout their lives.

“These are people who wake up every day with a strong sense of purpose. They generally eat food grown where they live, with a strong plant slant. They have a time for work and a time for play. Many of them enjoy a glass of wine in the evening. A large number of them have a strong faith.

“Kind of sounds like Ka’ū doesn’t it?” asked Yadao. She noted that in Blue Zones, “more of these folks live to 100 years of age than anywhere else. And they die well too, quick passings due to old age rather than painful, disease ridden endings.”

She said the National Geographic researcher wanted to know if Blue Zones could be created in other places in the world. “Was it possible to create environments where healthy choices were easy choices? And if you did that, what would result?” The



**Ka'ū Rural Health Community Association, Inc. founder Jesse Marques (right) exercises with kupuna.**  
*Photo from KRHCAI*

researcher, with a strong foundation of science and research, attempted the first Blue Zone in Albert Lea, Minnesota. He had the

support of government and civic leaders, restaurants and grocery stores, employers, educators, etc.”

## Hawai'i Bans E-Cigs Where Smoking is Illegal

Hawai'i Department Of Health applauded Gov. David Ige, members of the Legislature and partners statewide for passing and signing Act 19 (HB 940), which restricts use of electronic smoking devices, or e-cigarettes, in all locations where smoking is illegal.

Act 19 upholds protections created by Hawai'i's Smoke-Free Workplace and Public Places Law enacted in 2006. The signing of this legislation makes Hawai'i the fourth U.S. state to have passed such a bill, after North Dakota, New



**Dr. Virginia Pressler.**

Jersey and Utah.

According to DOH, use of e-cigarettes in existing smoke-free locations has had the potential to expose non-smokers and vulnerable populations, such as children and pregnant women, to aerosolized nicotine and other toxic substances, which could be dangerous to one's health. Studies have found that there is enormous variability among e-cigarette devices in terms of their design, operation, contents and emissions of carcinogens, other toxicants and nicotine.

“These products currently are not regulated, and many of the hazardous components in cigarettes are also found in e-cigarette emissions,” said Director of Health Dr. Virginia Pressler. “Just as we found that smoking was dangerous after many years of unrestricted use, we could be unintentionally harming people as a result of not including e-cigarettes as part of our smoke-free laws.”

In a report issued this month on workplace tobacco policies, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health warns about secondhand exposure to nicotine from e-cigarettes. Nicotine is addictive and toxic, and harmful even at low doses. It is an acute irritant and capable of causing headache and nausea. For pregnant women, nicotine can transfer to and harm the developing fetus.

Yadao reported: “What resulted was lowering of health care claims and an increase in physical activity. Less people smoking and more people eating healthfully. Higher productivity at work.” She said Blue Zones are happening in California and Iowa, Oregon and Texas.”

HMSA is taking up the program for the Big Island; open to all residents. “We know that we need to incorporate and complement all of the good work already being done by folks like you.” Yadao noted that People make communities healthier “people who engage in their own health, who look out for their families, who care for their neighbors. That’s where the real change is made and that’s how lasting change is sustained.”

For more, see [hawaii.bluezonesproject.com](http://hawaii.bluezonesproject.com).

For more information about tobacco prevention and control in Hawai'i, see <http://health.hawaii.gov/tobacco/>.

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# KA PEPA VOLCANO

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## Nat Geo, Park Host BioBlitz, Biodiversity, Cultural Fest

The National Park Service's and *National Geographic's* two-day BioBlitz species count and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Biodiversity & Cultural Festival are coming up on Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16.

To be part of a scientist-led inventory team for BioBlitz, participants must register online at [nationalgeographic.com/bioblitz](http://nationalgeographic.com/bioblitz). Participation on inventory teams is limited, and spots are filled on a first-come basis. Children ages eight and older, accompanied by adults, may participate in the free inventory opportunities.

Themed *I ka nana no a 'ike* (By observing, one learns), the BioBlitz is part scientific endeavor, part outdoor classroom excursion and part celebration of biodiversity and culture. It brings together more than 150 leading scientists and traditional Hawaiian cul-

### Ka'ū Planning, cont. from pg. 11

farmers owning homes and going out from the village to farm is already a good model.

A proposed development was a hot topic at Discovery Harbour's Community Center. The development includes a lodge, condominiums, possible time-share units and retail areas in the community.

Comments from residents were both pro and con. One resident said the development would provide an option for the one



An endemic nēnē feeds on indigenous naupaka kahakai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, which holds BioBlitz and its Biodiversity & Cultural Festival this month. NPS Photo by Janice Wei

tural practitioners, more than 750 students and thousands from the general public.

million people who visit Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park annually.

Concerns about the development included waste management, more theft and increased traffic. "Residential lots are fine; not commercial resorts or big development," a resident said.

"I think it's selfish for people to discourage development," someone wrote.

"Growth can bring beauty," another resident said.

Another suggested that developers should generate a community benefits packet with commitments to community.

Another said the development would create more jobs "to keep the younger generation here."

One resident listed "three reasons to reject upzoning: changes nature of Discovery Harbour fundamentally; logistics and infrastructure; and roads will be dangerous as more tourists come through."

Read the CDP at [kaucdp.info](http://kaucdp.info) and at local libraries and community centers. Comments are accepted by June 1. Posters and handouts from the speak-outs are also available at the website.

Together, they will be dispatched across the park's 333,086 acres to explore and document the biodiversity that thrives in recent lava flows and native rain forests of Kilauea volcano.

"We are honored to host BioBlitz 2015," said Park Superintendent Cindy Orlando. "BioBlitz provides an unparalleled opportunity to work alongside leading scientists and cultural practitioners

to discover, count and add to the park's species list; to explore the interconnectedness of plants, animals, Hawaiian people and our daily lives; and to protect this amazing biodiversity and rich culture in our park."

In connection with the BioBlitz opportunity, the park is moving its 35th annual Cultural Festival from July to May this year and expanding it to include biodiversity. At the two-day festival, visitors will discover how native Hawaiians lived closely to the land as its stewards, embodying *I ka nana no a 'ike* principles that continue today. The Biodiversity & Cultural Festival will offer hands-on science and cultural exhibits, food, art and entertainment, plus the opportunity to meet individuals and organizations at the forefront of conservation, science and traditional Hawaiian

culture – and to learn how to join their efforts. The festival is free and open to the public.

The Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park BioBlitz is the ninth in a series of 10 BioBlitzes co-hosted by *National Geographic* and the National Park Service at different national parks across the country, leading up Na-



Keiki examine insects with an entomologist in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

Photo from NPS

tional Park Service's centennial in 2016.

"Each year, the BioBlitz evolves," said John Francis, *National Geographic's* vice president of Research, Conservation and Exploration. "Last year, we moved away from paper data sheets and used smartphones and the iNaturalist app to photograph, identify and map species finds, adding more detailed information to both Park Service and international species databases. This year, we are going to build on that and blend technology with Hawaiian culture. This exciting, holistic approach will enhance our appreciation for the amazing resources in this breathtaking park and establish a more complete model for scientific exploration in Hawai'i and around the globe."

BioBlitz, pg. 15

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## Ka'ū's Lawmakers Attend Blessing for Hemp Project

Lawmakers representing Ka'ū attended last month's blessing and seed planting ceremony for the Hawai'i Industrial Hemp Research Project on O'ahu. Sen. Russell Ruderman and Rep. Richard Creagan support re-introduction of hemp as an emerging industrial industry that can employ Hawai'i's latitude and climate as the center for breeding to recover and reconstitute hemp varieties.



Ka'ū's Sen. Russell Ruderman and Rep. Richard Creagan with project assistant Robin Smith at the Hawai'i Industrial Hemp Research Project. Photo from Sen. Ruderman's Facebook page.

Sen. Russell Ruderman said hemp was once a mainstay of our nation's agricultural industry in the past. "One of our founding father, Thomas Jefferson, believed that 'hemp is of first necessity to the wealth and protection of the country,'" Ruderman said.

A bill at the state Legislature calling for research of industrial hemp has passed through required House and Senate commit-

tees and awaits a final vote.

Simon Russell, Vice President of Hawai'i Farmers Union United, which has a chapter in Ka'ū, submitted testimony in favor of the bill. "Farmers should not have to wait years for permission to grow hemp," Russell said.

"Under current U.S. law, hemp is legal to grow for research purposes. It has some

25,000-plus known uses and will create jobs. There is much research to do, and farmers need to start doing it, and the sooner the better if you please.

"Our producers will have a multi-year hybridization process to go through to develop viable hemp seeds for our various micro-climates across the state. Waiting more years is not going to be helpful, as there are a number of U.S. states and many countries around the world growing hemp for industrial purposes. The U.S. competition for hemp production is on, and Hawai'i's farmers have not even approached the starting line.

"Hemp is a good animal feed. Poultry

### BioBlitz, cont. from pg. 14

A longtime partner of the National Park Service, the National Geographic Society helped draft legislation to establish the Service in 1916. It has given many grants to create and sustain national parks across the United States and has extensively covered the parks in its media for nearly a century.

The BioBlitz program is the latest successful collaboration between the two partners. The first BioBlitz took place in 2007 at Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C. Smaller-scale events take place throughout the year at various national parks across the country. For more information, see [nature.nps.gov/biology/biodiversity/](http://nature.nps.gov/biology/biodiversity/).

To learn more about BioBlitz and the festival, see [nationalgeographic.com/bioblitz](http://nationalgeographic.com/bioblitz) or call 800-638-6400, ext. 6186. For more information about the park, see [nps.gov/havo](http://nps.gov/havo).

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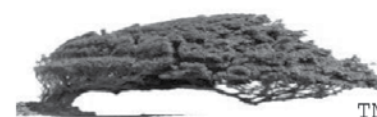
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The lava lake at Halema'uma'u thrilled spectators watching from Jaggar Museum Overlook in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

Photo by Dave Berry

#### Lava Lake, cont. from pg. 1

"Visitors should come prepared to ensure a safe and enjoyable park experience," said Superintendent Cindy Orlando. "We encourage people to avoid peak hours and arrive after 10 p.m. and before 4 a.m. if possible, or they will likely wait in line for parking."

The park remains open 24 hours a day.

In late April, the National Park Service offered more tips for optimal viewing of the lava lake:

Be prepared to hike one mile each way between Kīlauea Military Camp ball field and Jaggar Museum observation deck on Crater Rim Trail. Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring rain gear, water, binoculars, a flashlight and extra batteries.

Carpool if possible to reduce the number of vehicles in parking areas.

As a courtesy to other visitors, tailgate parties in Jaggar Museum or Kīlauea Over-

look parking lots are prohibited. Choose another picnic location so others have a chance to view the eruption.

To observe viewing and weather conditions, monitor USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory's webcams. The KI camera provides a panoramic view of Halema'uma'u Crater from HVO.

High levels of dangerous sulfur dioxide gas and volcanic ash can be blown over Jaggar Museum by southerly winds. These gases are a danger to everyone, particularly to people with heart or respiratory problems, young children and pregnant women. Kīlauea Visitor Center offers updates on air quality 24 hours a day, and visitors can monitor SO<sub>2</sub> at [hiso2index.info/](http://hiso2index.info/).

In addition, the public is reminded that park entrance fees apply and that the use of unmanned aircraft (drones) is prohibited in all national parks.

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