

Medical Association Names Ka'ū Rep Legislator of Year

The title Hawai'i Legislator of the Year was awarded to Rep. Richard Creagan by the Hawai'i Medical Association in October. Creagan received a koa bowl, engraved with "In Recognition of Advocacy for Health Care in Hawai'i," during the annual statewide meeting of the Hawai'i chapter of the American Medical Association. The gathering was called Ola Pono Ike – Health is Knowledge – and was held at the Hilton



Richard Creagan

Hawaiian Village on O'ahu. Creagan is a physician who has practiced on the Big Island and on the mainland. He also served in the Peace Corps in the Marshall Islands and speaks the language. As a Hawai'i Department of Health bioterrorism preparedness epidemiologic investigator, he monitored disease outbreaks. As an educator, Creagan has assisted in teaching junior scientists at Yale and the Worcester

Polytechnic Institute. He taught English as a Peace Corps volunteer, seventh- and eighth-grade math and science in Pittsburgh, PA and tutored students in English at Nā'ālehu Elementary School. Creagan is a graduate of Yale and University of Connecticut Medical School. He studied agriculture and psychology at University of Hawai'i-Hilo. He and his wife Marilyn, a nurse, live on a farm in Ka'ū. Creagan serves as vice chair of the state House of Representatives Committee on Health. The Hawai'i Medical Association

commended Creagan for working toward affordable and accessible health care. Creagan said his goal for the 2016 Legislature is to "enhance health facilities on the Big Island, including a West Hawai'i Medical Center, and continued support for the rural, critical access hospitals like Ka'ū." He said he will also follow the proposed partnership between Hilo and Ka'ū Hospitals with Castle Medical Center's parent organization, Adventist Health. He said such partnerships could help improve health care.

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Coastal, Ranch & Coffee Lands Expected to Change Hands

A new era for management of 5,800 coastal, ranch and coffee farm acres in Ka'ū is expected to begin with Colorado-based company Resource Land Holdings, LLC closing on the purchase from Lehman Brothers Holdings in early November. The land, once the property of C. Brewer and its sugar company in Ka'ū, is coveted by preservation groups involved in conserving the Ka'ū Coast, ranchers who have cattle high above the shore of Waikapuna, and coffee farmers who have developed small businesses and a new industry in Ka'ū during the last two decades. All three groups are hoping that the land can be acquired from Resource Land Holdings for protection of natural resources, ranching and coffee and other agriculture. The land has changed hands a few times since the 1996 shutdown of the sugar industry in Ka'ū. The first round of buyers included Chris Manfredi, of New York, who decided to make his home in Nā'ālehu. Through his management of the property, founding of the Ka'ū Farm Bureau and marketing of Ka'ū Coffee and the Ka'ū Coffee Festival he rose to the presidency of the

statewide Hawai'i Farm Bureau Federation. His first investment group drew plans for a ranching community with scattered homes tucked into the hillsides to preserve views from Hwy 11. Pastures would remain, and rodeo grounds created. When the first group of partners wanted to sell their interests, Manfredi helped bring in investors who bought them out and formed WWK Hawai'i Holdings. WWK also bought additional property in Ka'ū from Brewer – the Ka'ū Coffee lands at Moa'ula and Pear Tree. Manfredi went to work to promote the coffee and also became a coffee broker. With the growing fame of Ka'ū Coffee, WWK with Manfredi as their representative on the ground here, planned to subdivide the coffee farms into coffee estates, winning a Project Unit Development approval from the county planning director. The PUD would allow houses on the farms, and those Ka'ū Coffee growers who would be unable to afford the coffee estates were promised that they could stay under a license arrangement, farming around the houses of each new owner. Most farmers said they would

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Iokepa-Moses to Become Land Manager for RLH

Brenda Iokepa-Moses is expected to assume the position of Ka'ū land manager when Resource Land Holdings, LLC closes on the purchase of 5,800 acres in coffee, coastal and ranch properties from Lehman

Brothers Holdings in November. She said she is serving as an interim consultant for RLH until the land transfer closes.



Iokepa-Moses, a Pāhala resident for more than 20 years, has a long history of working with farmers and ranchers on the land formerly owned by the C. Brewer sugar company. "I started my career in Ka'ū with C. Brewer and was part of the team that helped the displaced sugar workers retain a license for 5 acres free of rent for five years," she said. "After the close of the plantation, I worked for WWK Holdings which pur-

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Keiki enjoyed a close encounter with honu'ea before Hawksbill Turtle Recovery Project personnel released the hatchlings. Photos by Geneveve Fyvie

Punalu'u Hawksbill Nest a Success

Hawai'i Hawksbill Turtle Recovery Project successfully protected and opened a nest at Punalu'u in October. Keiki from local schools, other Ka'ū residents and visitors looked on as project manager Lauren Kurpita and others helped the honu'ea escape their shells and deep nest in the black sand. Students examined the hatchlings up close in containers before setting them off on their journey to the Pacific, where they will live out the rest of their lives munching on sponges and other treats. Honu'ea come ashore only to nest, with confirmed sites from Ka'ū into Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park at Awili Point, Pōhue Bay, Kāwā, Punalu'u, Kamehame, Halape and 'Apua Point. More than 90 percent of the nests statewide are found on this island.

Volunteers who would like to help monitor and protect nests can contact Hawksbill Turtle Recovery Project at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park



at 985-6090 or HAVO_Turtle_Project@nps.gov. Report people harming sea turtles to 974-6208 and dead, sick or injured sea turtles to 327-7780.

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probably be unable to buy their individual farms, particularly with the cost of new roads and utilities put in for housing.

To fund its project, WWK negotiated more than \$100 million in loans and borrowed more than \$40 million from Lehman Bros. However, in 2008 when the national economy tanked and Lehman Brothers went under, the investment group found itself in a no-win position. Without the additional capital available beyond the \$40 million, the hui was unable to go forward with its project and unable to return the money to Lehman. Eventually, Lehman Bros. reor-



Resource Land Holdings is expected to close on 5,800 acres of coastal, coffee and ranch lands.

Photo by Julia Neal

ganized, coming out of its own bankruptcy proceedings, and foreclosed on the development group. At the courthouse in Honolulu, Lehman declined to take a bid from large Ka'ū landowner Olson Trust to buy the 5,800 acres during the foreclosure auction. Instead, Lehman put the property up for sale with the real estate firm Kennedy Wilson. Resource Land Holdings is buying it.

At a recent coffee farmer meeting, Manfredi said it was very painful for his group to lose the land, especially when they always made their loan payments on time. He said, however, he decided to stay in Ka'ū

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Kahua 'Olohū Makahiki Grounds Acquisition Placed on Hold

County acquisition of Kahua 'Olohū Makahiki Grounds, makai of Hwy 11 on the Volcano side of Nā'ālehu, was placed on hold in October. Hawai'i County Council considered Ka'ū council member Maile David's Resolution 287-15, which stated that the 13-acre property is listed for its historical significance and cultural importance as a key priority for purchase in Public Access,

Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Committee's 2014 Annual Report.

Jerry Warren, of Nā'ālehu, testified that the site is actually low on PONC's priority list; it was listed as number 11. He said the PONC process has become "a welfare program for grant seekers" who apply for stewardships of preserved land. He also referred to the property as "an albatross" that the

owners want to get rid of.

Property owner James Weatherford said he bought the 13-acre parcel in 2008 for agriculture and learned of its "great historic significance" in 2011, when Hawai'i County surveyed the property as a possible site for a sewage treatment plant.

He praised the PONC staff for their quality help. He said he is willing to sell at an appraised value or his original purchase price, whichever is less, and that he is not interested in making money.

Weatherford also said he has another interested, unnamed buyer who would use the site for ecotourism, but he prefers to sell to the county.

After hearing Warren's testimony, council member Danny Paleka asked Weatherford to respond to Warren's statements. Weatherford told the council, "All of that information that Mr. Warren put out was completely false."

Council member Aaron Chung asked David to investigate Warren's statements further "for the sake of transparency." He asked if Weatherford has a vested interest

in the property and if Weatherford was involved in creating the PONC process during his time working for former Ka'ū Council member Bob Jacobson. He also questioned nonprofits' use of county funds for stewardship "to generate money."

David agreed to postpone the matter until the council's Nov. 4 meeting and research Paleka's and Chung's concerns.

Ka'ū residents who testified about Kahua 'Olohū before Hawai'i County Council's Finance Committee earlier in October supported county purchase of the grounds.

Beverly Byouk spoke as a representative of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka'ū. Property owners allowed club members to visit the parcel recently. Byouk said it was "a very, very personal experience. Being there at the site of what Mary Kawena Pukui identified as Makahiki grounds, you could almost hear the crowd, the spectators watching the Hawaiian games. And it's something that inspired our club to take a real interest in this parcel because it just totally dovetails with our club mission - Ho'omalua, Ho'omalua, Makahiki, pg. 10

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Ka'ū Food Pantry Distributes at St. Jude's in Ocean View

Ka'ū Food Pantry has moved food distribution from Ocean View Community Center to St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View. Distribution takes place on the last Tuesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ka'ū Food Pantry Board President Karen Pucci asks all participants to respect the grounds where this will be held. She also said volunteers are always needed and welcomed, beginning at 9 a.m. on monthly distribution days. Ka'ū Food Pantry, Inc. is staffed entirely by volunteers and is a non-profit agency whose mission is to feed the

hungry of Ocean View.

"We are currently feeding 150 families," Pucci said. "Our program is designed to provide one to three days worth of nutritious food to help people who run short of money, benefits and/or food by the month's end."

Donations of non-perishable food items and funding are welcomed. Food drop-off locations are at St. Jude's Episcopal Church on Paradise Circle, Grandma's Closet next to Mālama Market in Ocean View and the Nā'ālehu Methodist Church.

Checks or money orders can be mailed to Ka'ū Food Pantry, PO Box 6184, Ocean View, HI 96737. Cash donations may be tax deductible.

Ka'ū Food Pantry is also a member of the Amazon Smile program, where .5 percent of sales are donated to the organization. As a nonprofit, the Pantry is able to purchase food from Hawai'i Food Basket at 18 cents per pound. One dollar can buy a half-case of food.

Lawful Hawaiian Government Releases Ka'ū Voting Results

Lawful Hawaiian Government, organized to reinstate a Hawaiian government from March 1999, has released results of its elections held Saturday, Sept. 12. Elected were its Ka'ū Representative, Noble, and Prime Minister of the Hawaiian Islands.

Two polling places were set up in Ka'ū, at Pāhala and Ocean View, for all kanaka 18 years and older to vote.

John Kalua'u is the elected Noble of Ka'ū District, and Eli Whitney is District Representative. Henry Noa is Prime Minister. "Congratulations to these men who



stepped up to represent all kanaka, keiki and kupunas for a four-year term," said Hope Cermelj, of LHG.

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For more information about the elections and the Lawful Hawaiian Government, see thelawfulhawaiiangovernment.org, or call Alohalani (last name not provided) at 808-896-9201.

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Ka'ū Plantation Days: *For the Good Times, 'Before Time'*

The fifth annual Ka'ū Plantation Days on Oct. 17, organized *For the Good Times* by Ka'ū Multicultural Society, saw residents and visitors learning and sharing their experiences of "before time."

After a night of lightning strikes and heavy rain, the skies cleared as a former sugar cane truck traveled down Maile Street to start the parade.



Clyde Silva emceed the parade and Plantation Days event.

Pā'ū riders representing the Hawaiian Islands followed, with Pā'ū Queen Lorilee Lorenzo and her mother Mahina, father Frank and brothers Frank, Jr. and Jesse leading others.

Ua and Gavin Galimba represented Ni'ihau; Kehau and Mana Ke, Kaua'i;

Merle Becker and John Wacker, O'ahu; Kana Kuluwaimaka and La'a Ke, Moloka'i; Mikela and Donnell Akana, Lāna'i; Teani Souza, Kaho'olawe; Alexa Wacker and Kailee Kahalua-Stacy, Maui; and Samantha



Collections of photos and memorabilia from ranches, farms, dairies and sugar camp life filled the carriage house and the old plantation manager's house

Wacker and Kealia Galimba, Hawai'i. Riders also carries signs honoring living and deceased family and well respected members of the Ka'ū community.

Others joining the parade were Friends of the Ka'ū Libraries, Miss Ka'ū Coffee Maria Miranda, Ka'ū Coffee Growers Cooperative and Ali'i Hawaiian Hula Hands Coffee. Hunny Ke cleaned up after the horses.

Following the parade, Ka'ū residents and visitors headed to Pāhala Plantation



Ua and Gavin Galimba represented Ni'ihau.



Darlyne Vierra and Liz Kuluwaimaka hosted Ka'ū Plantation Days, sponsored by Ka'ū Multicultural Society.



Hannah's Makana 'Ohana



Traditional Plantation Day games, with handmade toys.

Manager's House. Palaka cloth draped the veranda, where residents shared artifacts and children's activities.

In the dining room, they looked through collections of various camp photos, identifying homes of families and friends. In the living room, Ka'ū Coffee grow-



Mahina and Frank Lorenzo in the Hawai'i Island contingent.



Lorilee Lorenzo was Pā'ū Queen for Ka'ū Plantation Days.

Photos by Julia Neal



Kehau and Mana Ke represented Kaua'i. ers set up displays about the history of the industry that is flourishing almost 20 years after the sugar plantation closed down. Iwao Yonemitsu, a longtime agronomy expert on Ka'ū, shared his knowledge.

In the carriage house, Ka'ū Multicultural Association leaders Darlyne Vierra and Liz Kuluwaimaka dis-



John Wacker and Merle Becker represented O'ahu.

played their vast collection of photos and artifacts of ranches, dairies and rural life.

Attendees watched films of the past, including *Ka'ū Sugar: A Town Remembers*, *Canefield Songs: Hole Hole Bushi* and *The Untold Story: Internment of Japanese Americans in Hawai'i*.

Food, entertainment and arts and crafts filled the front and side lawns. Attendees could choose from Portuguese, Hawaiian, Chinese, Japanese and more ethnic foods, including sushi from Nā'ālehu Hingwanji. Entertainment ranged from hula with Hannah's Makana 'Ohana to Hawaiian and country music. Also assisting with the event was 'O Ka'ū Kākou.

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From the Ground, Up, daily through Sun, Nov 15, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Robert Weiss' solo exhibit features a new collection of plein air oil paintings of landscapes within the park.

ʻŌhiʻa Lehua, Sun, Nov 1 & Sat, Nov 21, 9:30 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Participants learn about the vital role of ʻōhiʻa lehua in native Hawaiian forests, the many forms of the ʻōhiʻa lehua tree and its flower on this easy, one-mile walk. Free. 985-6011

Ham Radio Operators Potluck Picnic, Sun, Nov 1, 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

Volunteer Fire Department Meeting, Mon, Nov 2, 4 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Hawaiʻi County Council Meetings, Tue/Wed, Nov 3/4 & 17/18. Committees meet Tue; full council Wed. Kaʻū residents can participate via videoconferencing at Nāʻālehu State Office Building. Meetings are streamed live & archived at hawaiicounty.gov.

Mason Jar Lamp, Wed, Nov 4, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register through Nov 3. 928-3102

Ocean View Neighborhood Watch meeting, Thu, Nov 5, 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center.

Island Kine Stories with Auntie Jan, Fri, Nov 6, 1:30 p.m., Pāhala Public & School Library. Janice Morimoto shares humorous folktales, poetry and participatory games from around the world adapted to local style. For ages 5 and older; parents or caregivers must accompany young children. 928-2015

TOTUS Awards & Community Tea-In, Sat, Nov 7, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. The first national tea competition for U.S.-grown teas. Enlightening talks and presentations by professionals and an exhibition of TOTUS Award Competition entries. totus1awards.com or volcanoartcenter.org

Holiday Bazaar Fundraiser, Sat/Sun, Nov 7/8, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. Handmade crafts, foods, etc. Table rent \$10 per day or \$15 for both in advance. Set up at 8 a.m. inside or out; first come, first to choose. Pit ham and beef sandwiches for sale Sat. Dina Shisler, 410-935-8087

Hula Kahiko Performance, Sat, Nov 7, 10:30 a.m., hula platform near Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Featuring Kumu hula Chrissy Noelani Henriques with Hālau Hula E Hulali Mai I Ka La. Starting at 9:30 a.m. on the Gallery porch, it's Nā Mea Hula with Loke Kamanu and ʻohana. 967-8222

Mongolian BBQ, Sat, Nov 7, 5 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Open to authorized patrons or sponsored guests. Park Entrance fees apply. 967-8356

Hīʻiaka & Pele, Sun, Nov 8 & Sat, Nov 28, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Kahuku unit of Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Participants discover the Hawaiian goddesses and the natural phenomena they represent on this moderate one-mile walk. 985-6011

Sunday Walk in the Park, Nov 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Cheryl Gansecki leads an easy and accessible roundtrip walk exploring Keanakakoʻi Crater. Free for Friends of Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park; non-members can join in order to attend. Registration required at admin@fhvnp.org or 985-7373.

Medicine for the Mind, Sun, Nov 8, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Buddhist healing meditation for beginners through advanced. Free. Patty, 985-7470

Senior ID Cards, Mon, Nov 9, 9 – 10 a.m., Pāhala Housing Center; 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Nāʻālehu Community Center. 928-3100

Watercolor Exploration, Mon, Nov 9, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Lisa Louise Adams teaches a series on five consecutive Mondays. \$80/\$72 VAC members. volcanoartcenter.org or 967-8222

Epic ʻŌhana, Mon, Nov 9, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Classes for parents and children who are reuniting after legal separation. 939-7033

A Walk into the Past, Tue, Nov 10 & 24, 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 2 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center and Whitney Vault in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Kaʻū resident Dick Hershberger brings Hawaiian Volcano *The Kaʻū Calendar*

Observatory founder Thomas Jaggar to life every other Tuesday. 985-6011

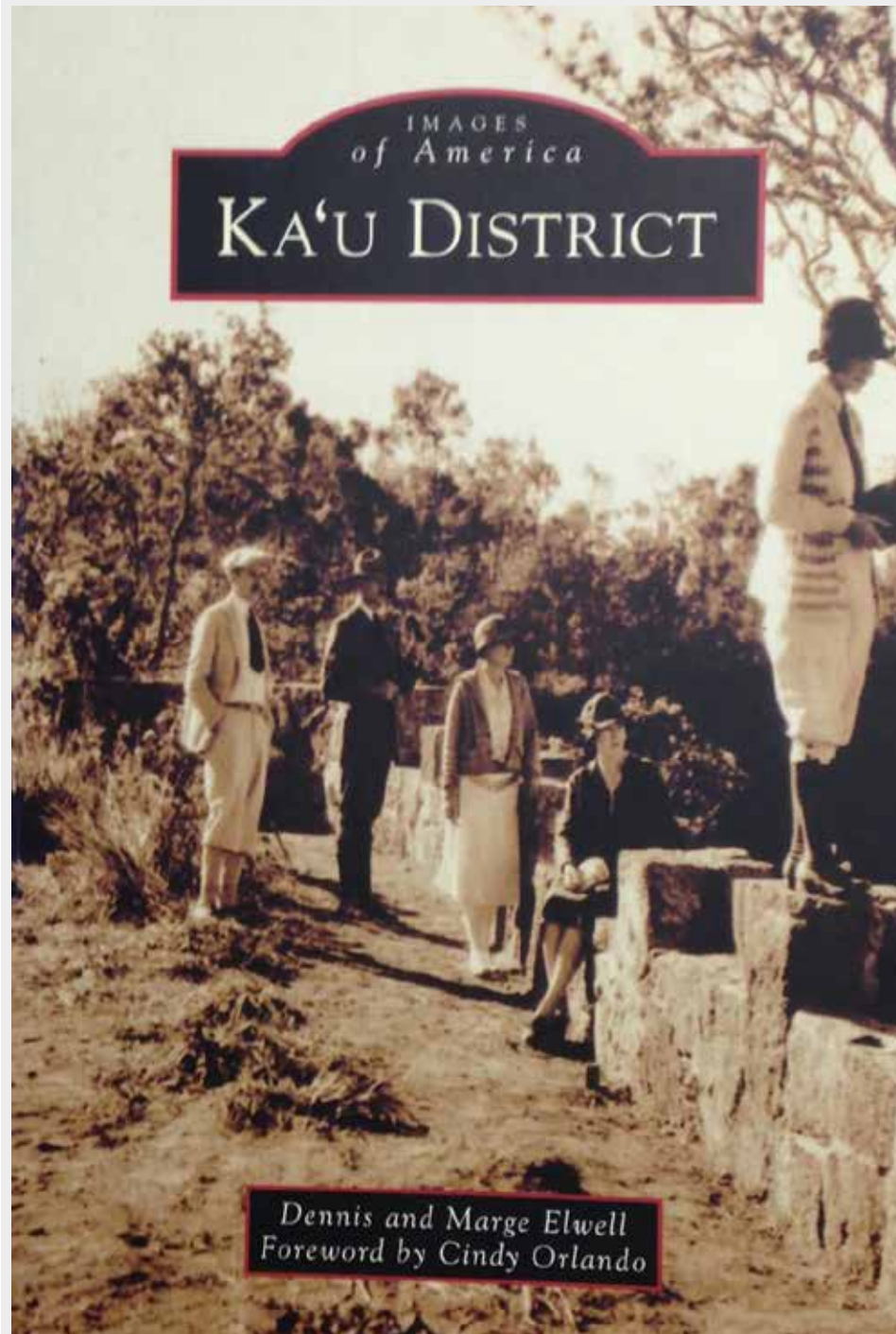
Fee-Free Day, Wed, Nov 11, Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. The park recognizes Veterans Day by waiving entry fees. 985-6011

Veterans Day Ceremony, Wed, Nov 11, 3 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. The public is invited to join KMC in *Honoring Those Who Served*. 967-8371

Veterans Day Buffet, Wed, Nov 11, 4 p.m., Kīlauea

Military Camp's Crater Rim Café, in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Prime rib, baked ono, spinach and mushroom Alfredo. \$26.95 adults; \$13.50 children 6 – 11 years old. All eligible veterans who attend the ceremony are invited to be guests for the buffet by registering before Nov 6 at 967-8371.

Red Cross Volunteer meeting, Thu, Nov 12, 7 p.m., HOVE Road Maintenance Corp. office. For volunteers and those interested in becoming volunteers. Hannah Uribes, 929-9953



Images of Kaʻū in New Book

A new book, *Images of America: Kaʻū District*, is available for purchase beginning Monday, Nov. 2. The book by historians Dennis and Marge Elwell, of Discovery Harbour, tells a story in pictures, many which have never been published.

Chapters include *The Discovery of Hawaiʻi and Fishhooks Revelations; Sugar, Plantations and Population Change; Wai ʻōhinu and Mark Twain's Monkeypod Tree; Nāʻālehu, a Plantation Town; Pāhala and the End of the Sugar Industry; Ranching and the Paniolo in Kaʻū; Ocean View and Kula Kai Caverns; Coastal Kaʻū, a Hidden Treasure; and Life on the Slopes of Mauna Loa.*

“Sometimes, we forget how incredibly fortunate we are to live here,” said Kaʻū resident and Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park Superintendent Cindy Orlando in the foreword. “The remarkable convergence of culture, geology, biology, history and numerous other factors enhancing our quality of life contributes to all that is unique about Kaʻū and its rich heritage.”

The book can be purchased at bookstores, independent and online retailers or through the publisher at 888-313-2665 or arcadiapublishing.com.

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Thursday Nights at the Center, Nov 12, 7 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Featuring local author Kahikāhealani Wight and her recent book *Rainforest Puʻuhonua*. 967-8222

Atlas Recycling at South Point U-Cart, Sat, Nov 14, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Kaʻū Inspired, Sat, Nov 14, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Proceeds from this show/fair featuring Kaʻū artists benefit OVCA. See story on page 11. suzanne@dixstudios.com

Puʻu o Lokuana, Sat, Nov 14, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Kahuku unit of Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Participants learn about formation and various uses of this grassy cinder cone and enjoy a breathtaking view of lower Kaʻū on this moderately difficult 0.4-mile hike to the top. 985-6011

People & Land of Kahuku, Sun, Nov 15 & 29, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park's Kahuku Unit. This guided, 2.5-mile, moderately difficult hike over rugged terrain focuses on the area's human history. 985-6011

AdvoCats Spay & Neuter Clinic, Wed, Nov 18, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Turkey Cup Craft, Wed, Nov 18, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register Nov 9 – 17. 928-3102

Hula Performance, Wed, Nov 18, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Kumu hula Manaiakalani Kalua and Hālau o Akaunu perpetuate the ʻaihaʻa style, “which was born of this landscape.” Kumu received his ʻūniki (training) from Taupōuri Tangaō, kumu hula for Unukupukupu, whose foundation comes from the traditions of Hālau o Kekuhi. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Family Reading Night, Thu, Nov 19, 5 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Hawaiian Civic Club of Kaʻū, Thu, Nov 19, 5:30 p.m. 929-9731 or 936-7262

OVCA Board Meeting, Thu, Nov 19, 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Forest Restoration Project, Fri, Nov 20, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Volunteers plant native seedlings in the Mauna Loa section. Register by Mon, Nov 16 at forest@fhvnp.org or 352-1402.

Christmas in the Country, Fri, Nov 20 – Jan 3, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park, with Members Appreciation party opening evening. Handmade wreaths and local holiday gifts. The invitational Wreath Exhibit also opens the same evening. 967-8222

Recycling at Nāʻālehu School, Sat, Nov 21, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Nāʻālehu School Gym. Redeem your HI-5 sorted by type; receive 5 cents per container and additional 20 cents per pound on all aluminum. Atlas Recycling donates 20 cents per pound on all aluminum redeemed to the school. 939-2413, ext. 230

Kahuku ʻŌhana Day, Sat, Nov 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Keiki are invited to join park rangers and participate in a day of fun botanical discovery. Call 985-6019 to sign

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up by Fri, Nov 6 and be included in a free lunch.

Double Movie, Sat, Nov 21, 1 – 5 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Enjoy a double feature, food, prizes and more. 939-7033

Palm Trail Hike, Sun, Nov 22, 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

HOVE Road Maintenance board of directors meeting, Tue, Nov 24, 10 a.m., St. Jude's Church. 929-9910

Ka'ū Food Pantry, Tue, Nov 24, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View.

After Dark in the Park: Amazing Birds and Megafauna Adventures in Botswana, Tue, Nov 24, 7 p.m., Kilauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Park Ranger Jay Robinson and Biologist Jack Jeffrey offer a fun-filled photo safari through the national parks and World Heritage Site, ending at Victoria Falls. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Learn to Play 'Ohe Hano Ihu, Wed, Nov 25, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kilauea Visitor Center Iānai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants learn about the traditional uses of 'ohe (bamboo), including its use in creating musical instruments like 'ohe hano ihu, the Hawaiian nose flute. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Annual Rubberband Turkey Shoot, Wed, Nov 25, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. All ages register Nov 16 – 24. 928-3102

Thanksgiving Dinner, Thu, Nov 26, 1 – 5 p.m. Ocean View Community Center. Turkey & all the fixings. Free; donations appreciated. 939-7033

Thanksgiving Buffet, Thu, Nov 26, 3 – 7 p.m., Kilauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Roasted turkey, pineapple honey-glazed ham, sweet & mashed potatoes, steamed rice, green bean casserole, corn chowder, salad bar, desserts and a beverage. \$19.95 adults; \$9.95 children 6-11 years old. No reservations required. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8356.

Volcano Village Artists Hui Tour & Sale, Fri – Sun, Nov 27 – 29, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Volcano Village. Meet artists in their studios throughout the village. See story and ad on page 14. 987-3472, 985-7487 or VolcanoVillageArtistsHui.com

2016 Program Preview Exhibit, Fri/Sat, Nov 27/28, Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Displays of workshops, events and classes with some new and some returning favorites. 967-8222

Ocean View Community Development Corp. meeting, Fri, Nov 27, 5 p.m., Hawaiian Ranchos offices.

Floating Lantern Celebration, Sat, Nov 28, 3 – 7 p.m.,

Punalu'u Beach Park. Ka'ū Rural Health Community Assoc., Inc. sponsors the fifth annual event with taiko drummers, a qigong demonstration, hula hālau, local musicians and a powerpoint presentation dedicated to loved ones, friends, family and caregivers. 928-0101

Dances of Universal Peace, Sat, Nov 28, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Mark Twain. Fun, easy-to-learn movements and songs from around the world, evoking peace. Last Saturday of each month. 430-1356 or 939-9461

EXERCISE & MEDITATION

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

Afternoon Ball Play, Mon – Fri, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 – 12. 929-9113

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

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

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

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

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

Beginning and Intermediate Yoga, Tue/Thu, 8:30 – 10 a.m. 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

Hula Hoop, Tue, 2 – 2:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 5 – 12. 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

Gentle Senior Yoga, Mon/Wed, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Nā'ālehu Hongwanji. Senior price \$10 for 10 sessions. Stephanie Pepper, 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 in Volcano Village. \$5. Rob Kennedy, 985-9151

Qigong for Health and Tranquility, Thu, 10 – 11 a.m., Mark Twain Estates. Shary Crocker, student of Kenneth Cohen for past eight years with personal practice of 18 years, teaches gentle postures and focused attention from Taoist healing practices. Private sessions available. \$5 donation. 929-7647

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

Country Line Dancing, Thu, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. For men & women; no partner required. Free & easy lessons (a new dance each week) for beginners & intermediate. Suzanne, 930-4678

Instructional Tennis, Sat, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Ages 8 – 13 register Nov 2 – 6. 928-3102

DAILY & WEEKLY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

Folk & Country Music, Mon/Wed, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Punalu'u Bake Shop. Gary Cole, aka Foggy, entertains diners.

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

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

Ocean View Nutrition Site and Senior Club hosts activities at St. Jude's Church on Mon/Wed/Fri from 8:30 a.m. and provides lunches 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for seniors 60+. Donations requested. 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. 929-9113

Afterschool Craft Fun, Fri, 3 – 4:30 p.m. Nā'ālehu Community Center. For grades 3 – 12. 939-2510

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

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

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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The Good News of Ka'ū, Hawai'i

November 2015

Ka'ū High Trojans Wrap Eight-Man Football Season

The Trojans' eight-man football team kept the score close in the first half, but Kohala revved up in the second half to close out 27-6 on Saturday, Oct. 10. Ikaika Salmo-Grace intercepted the ball and scored Ka'ū's one touchdown in the second quarter.

Kohala takes this year's eight-man football title for Hawai'i Island high schools. Last year, Ka'ū won the title.

The Trojans overcame Pāhoa on Thursday, Oct. 1. After being tied at halftime and again in the third quarter, Ka'ū was able to break away and keep the lead later in the third quarter and throughout the fourth. Ka'ū kept Pāhoa's score at 22 while the Trojans continued to rack up points. With great blocking and ball running, Evan Manoha ran 50 yards for a touchdown to bring Ka'ū's score to 28.

In the fourth quarter, Janslae Badua ran an interception 49 yards for another touchdown. Later, Kalamakoa Waiwaihole went two yards into the end zone, and the two-point conversion was good.

Final score: Ka'ū 42, Pāhoa 22.

The Trojans were scheduled to again play in Pāhoa for the season's final game on Saturday, Oct. 24, but the game became a draw when no officials showed up.



Zachary Kai intercepted a Pāhoa pass and ran the ball 75 yards into the end zone when the Trojans' won 42-22.

Photo by Taylor Sports Photography

Trojan Girls Win Final Four Volleyball Games of Season

Ka'ū High Girls Volleyball teams won their final four match-ups of regular-season play in October. The varsity team ended its chances to move on in Big Island Interscholastic Federation Championships with a loss to Pāhoa in first-round play on Tuesday, Oct. 20. The Trojan wahine won the second set to tie the match, but Pāhoa took charge and won the next two. Finals scores were

20-25, 25-20, 21-25 and 14-25.

On Friday, Oct. 2, the varsity team traveled to St. Joseph and won 25-11 and 25-14.

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, both teams pounded Parker. Varsity scores were 25-9 and 25-15. Junior varsity kept their rivals' scores to single digits, 25-5 and 25-9.

The Trojans met Christian Liberty Academy on Senior Night Tuesday, Oct. 13. Both Ka'ū teams won in two sets. Varsity's scores were 25-19 and 25-20; Junior Varsity, 25-16 and 25-18.

On Friday, Oct. 17, Ka'ū wahine hosted Hawai'i Academy of Arts & Sciences. Varsity overcame HAAS 25-23 and 25-13, and JV overpowered their opponents 25-9 and 25-7.

"Great way to end the season," Ka'ū Athletic Director Kalei Namohala said.



Senior Night for four senior Trojan wahine.

Trojan Basketball Girls Will Travel

Trojan girls will travel to Hana Maui, Kamuela and Hilo for three- and four-day tournaments in December. The Ka'ū High School girls basketball sign-ups and tryouts will be held starting on Monday, Nov. 9 at 2:45 p.m. at the Ka'ū High gym and continue daily through Friday, Nov. 13.

The parent meeting will be the following Monday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. at the band room at the school.

The Ka'ū Calendar

Girls basketball season will start the first week in December with Tuesday games. Additional tournaments will include a three-day session in Kamuela and Hawai'i Preparatory Academy, the first weekend in December, followed by a four-day trip to Hana, Maui during the second weekend in December and a tournament at Hilo High the third week in December.

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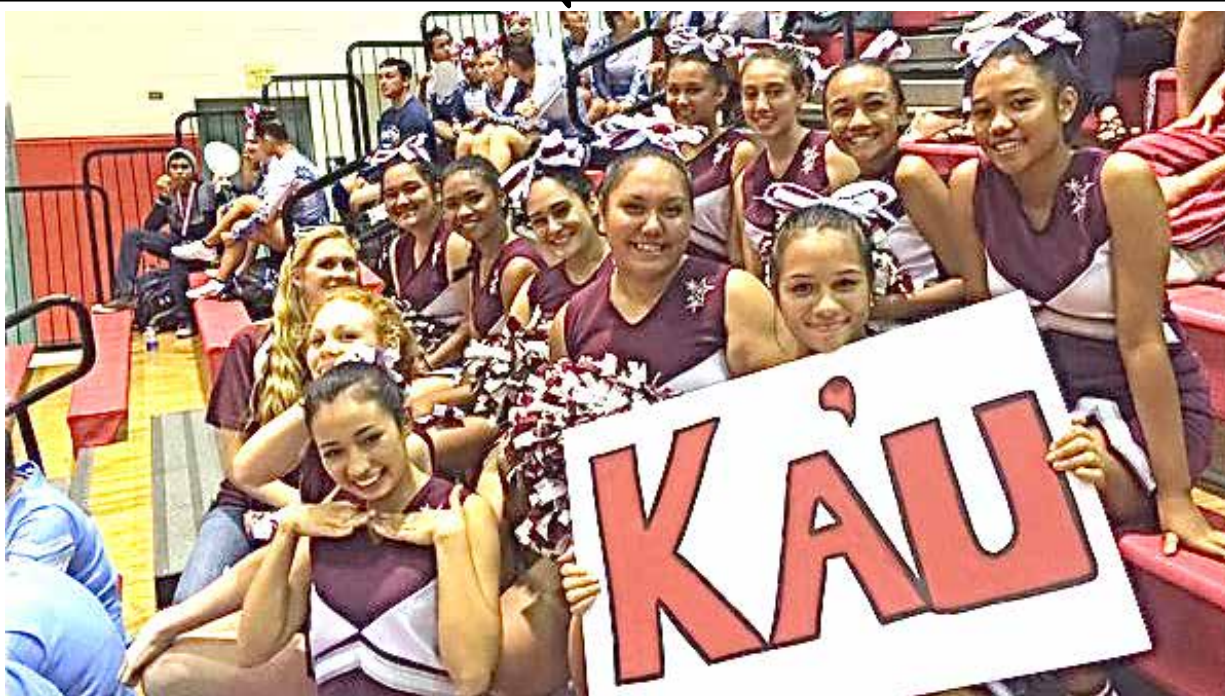
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Cheerleaders Warm Up for Fall

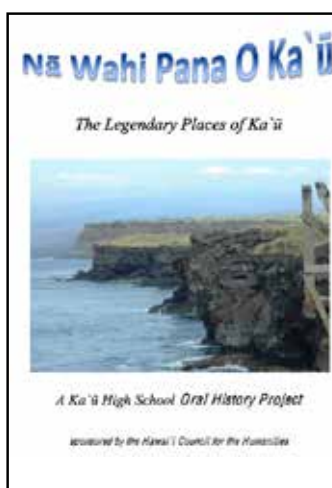
Ka'ū Trojan Cheerleaders are ready for the fall season of basketball, wrestling, soccer and swimming. Coach is counselor Jessica Carroll, who brought back cheerleading during the last school year. *Photo from Ka'ū High School*

Places of Ka'ū to Raise Scholarship Money

A second edition of *Na Wahi Pana O Ka'ū* is to be issued. Ten years ago, the second-year students of Maile Moulds-Carr's Hawaiian Language Class at Ka'ū High School completed an oral history project with funding through the Hawai'i Council for the Humanities. The result of the project was the book *Na Wahi Pana O Ka'ū: The Celebrated Places of Ka'ū*. In view of the student work, all profits from the sale of this second edition will be applied to student scholarships, Moulds-Carr said.

The second edition will be reprinted in December with a slight change in its title – *Na Wahi Pana O Ka'ū: The Legendary Places of Ka'ū* – plus several corrections, an addendum page and additions of a summary and comments from authors Van James and Nalani Bernardo on the back cover. Bernardo was a former Ka'ū High School teacher.

"I remember getting the notice about the approval of our grant by the council just before school restarted,"



Profits from the sale of the second edition will go to student scholarships.

Image from Maile Moulds-Carr

Moulds-Carr said. "Since the writing of the grant, the school had gone from block scheduling to the present schedule with its shorter periods. I was going to refuse the grant."

"Don't you dare," acting principal Josephine De Morales told Moulds-Carr.

"Since the video camera we were using had a 30-minute disk, it actually worked out quite well," Moulds-Carr said. "The council had said that normally they don't grant oral history monies to high schoolers, but since there was so little in print on Ka'ū, they did in this case."

Places covered in the book are

Kapāpala Ranch, Punalu'u, Kāwā, Honu'apo, Makanau, Ka Lae, Wai'ōhinu and Kahuku Ranch. Kupuna interviewed were Abigail "Gramma" Api, Gordon Cran, Pele Hanoa, Christopher Bengay, Thomas Kaniho, Mae Akamu, Takumi Shirakawa, Carl Bredhoff and Dave Ka'awa.

Students recorded their interviews of kupuna on cassette tape and video. Shanda-Jo Kahahane, Sacha Malepe, Kirsten McClure, Clayton Haina, Jr., Camilyn Hashimoto, Kiliona Bounos, Keoni Ako, Noel Smith and Ku'ulei Ka-ne wrote individual chapters.

CreateSpace, the self-publishing branch of Amazon.com, is printing the edition. It should be available in December from Amazon.com, Basically Books and Lyman House Museum in Hilo.

Those interested may also contact Moulds-Carr at rayandmaile@msn.com for copies or possible other outlets.

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Ka'ū Sports Calendar

Ka'ū Swimmers Win at Island Championships

Eight of the 22 Ka'ū Youth Swimmers earned ribbons at the novice swim team championships held Saturday, Oct. 24 at Kawamoto Swim Stadium in Hilo. The county Parks & Recreation event followed an islandwide meet at Pāhala Pool on Oct. 10 with more than 200 swimmers.

Ka'ū swimmers who placed in the Kawamoto championship are:

In the boys 25-yard races, Diesel Kaleohana took fifth in freestyle with 21.49 seconds. He also took fourth in breaststroke with 29.53 seconds and third in butterfly with 26.56.

In the girls 25 yard races, Kawena Brown took sixth in breaststroke with 25.06.

In the boys 50-yard races, Justin Denny took first in freestyle with 27.25, second in butterfly with 16.34 and first in the individual medley with one minute, 18.72 seconds.

Ryder Brown took third in freestyle with 30.64, first in backstroke with 38.58 and first in breaststroke with 40.15.



In girls 50-yard races, Olivia Kanahale took second in freestyle with 32.41. Tiare Wong Yuen took third in freestyle with 34.44, fourth in breaststroke at 47.09 and third in butterfly in 18.34.

In the 100-yard races, Weston Davis took first in freestyle with one minute, 07.30 seconds, third in breaststroke at one minute, 32.47 seconds and first in butterfly with one minute, 35.13 seconds. Zachary Blanco-Louis took fifth in freestyle with one minute and 17.50 seconds, fourth in backstroke with one minute, 45.32 seconds and fourth in butterfly with one minute, 42.07 seconds.

Game Bird Hunting Opens on Nov. 7

The 2015-2016 game bird hunting season opens on Saturday, Nov. 7. With lingering drought impacts in many parts of Hawai'i, the state Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Forestry and Wildlife biologists predict a below average season.

The fall game bird hunting season will run through Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016. A valid hunting license and a game bird stamp are required for all game bird hunting on public and private lands.

Kapāpala Ranch Cooperative Game Management Area and Kapāpala Forest Reserve will be open on Saturdays, Sundays and state holidays for the entire game bird season.

Kīpuka 'Ainahou will be open on weekends and *Trojan Basketball, cont. from pg. 7*

Coaches are Cy Lopez, Jennifer Makuakane, April Jara and Bridgett Pasion.

Fundraising for the team and tournament travel includes the annual Chinese Pretzel sale, with presale tickets and distribution the last Sunday of November at Pāhala Shopping Center. To donate to the team, call Lopez or Makuakane at 345-6895.

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and continue his work with the coffee community.

John Cross, who works for Olson Trust as its land manager and helped develop the Ka'ū Coffee Mill after being a land manager for C. Brewer, is consulting for the new landowners, Resource Land Holdings. Cross said he believes the purchase will be good for the community. Coffee growers whose licenses to rent the farms have expired, are being offered 15-year licenses. Cross said that RLH will help the growers improve production with fertilization regimes and contribute to fighting the coffee berry borer, "to make sure farms are as productive as possible." He said the inexpensive rental rates on the property licenses will go up over time from the \$150 an acre a year that farmers have been paying since the days when the rent went to C. Brewer. Recent proposals by RHL to the farmers have included rents of \$600 an acre a year, which some farmers say would be a burden, particularly with the rise in the cost of fighting the coffee berry borer.

Ka'ū High Swim Tryouts

High school swim team tryouts and practice start early in November under coach Bruce Simmerman. The girls and boys Trojan swim teams will travel to schools around the island into February. Swim tryouts and practice are from 2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays at Pāhala Pool. This is the first year for coaching for Simmerman, who teaches pre-algebra, 'ukulele and art at the school. He swam competitively as a student.

During a meeting reported in the October edition of *The Ka'ū Calendar*, Ka'ū Coffee farmers expressed their desire to be on the land for the long term and to make sure they would be recognized by the new owners as owning the coffee trees. They have also talked about initiatives through which the state would purchase or trade other property with Resource Land Holdings to make an agricultural park for the farmers. Another possible initiative could involve Trust for Public Land, which helped preserve Honu'apo and other coastal lands in Ka'ū. TPL would seek money from public and private sources to buy the land, with possibly the coffee cooperatives or a nonprofit organization owning the portion where the coffee farms are located. Perhaps the state could own the coastal and ranch lands.

State Rep. Richard Onishi, who attended the September coffee farmer meeting, asked Thomas Yeh, the attorney for Resource Land Holdings, whether the company would sell to the farmers and he said he would take

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the question back to his client.

Rep. Richard Creagan said in late October that "the coffee farmers have never been truly in control of their destiny and it's about time that the community and government help them realize that goal. They don't need this sense of insecurity and these leases don't give them that control."

State Department of Agriculture Chair Scott Enright said he would also try to help the farmers.

In the meantime, in late October, the Ka'ū Coffee Growers Cooperative convened at Pāhala Community Center to learn more about agricultural finance through a Kohala Center workshop. It included scenarios for farmers to purchase their land with 40 -year, 4 percent loans.

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Makahiki, cont. from pg. 2

Ho'opi'i, Mālama, which means To Protect, Perpetuate, Promote and Preserve the Hawaiian culture as Hawaiian assets.

"Looking at this parcel of land, ... you can see the wonderful opportunities in the future to have educational programs and cultural programs for our local school-children, for our community residents, to bring back the Makahiki, to have Hawaiian games. ...

"We feel that this is something that the whole community could participate in."

Byouk said the site could bring people to Ka'ū as cultural tourism and help Ka'ū's economy.

Keoni Fox, who has long ancestral ties to the area, discussed the importance of

Makahiki. He described it as a "time of peace and festivities, ... including games of all sorts, particularly boxing. The Makahiki rituals were the most elaborate and complex in the Hawaiian religion. For farmers, this was a time to pray for rain. It guaranteed abundance of food, and for the chiefs, this was a time to levy taxes on the people.



County purchase of Kahua 'Olohū Makahiki Grounds is on hold while Maile David researches concerns of other County Council members.

Map from PONC

as a track for bowling games.

"Although the property is relatively flat, there is a high, rocky outcrop overlooking the track, which seems to have served as a natural amphitheater or viewing area. On the surrounding properties, there were additional sports and training areas specifically for warriors and students of ... Hawaiian martial arts.

"As native descendants and cultural practitioners, we are hoping to work with other community organizations to revive Makahiki on the property. ...

"We believe that this effort will honor our kupuna while also presenting amazing opportunities to educate the community and reconnect through traditional sport."

As the organization's president, Le-

hua Lopez Mau spoke for Ho'omalū Ka'ū, which is working to build a cultural center north of Ocean View. Lopez Mau quoted a state archaeological survey that said Kahua 'Olohū, because of its connection with the Makahiki Festival, is directly related to an important religious event in the Hawaiian calendar. As such, "The property would appear likely to qualify for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places as a traditional, cultural property," Lopez Mau read. She said Ho'omalū Ka'ū would be interested in stewarding the area, reviving Makahiki practices and promoting educational activities there.

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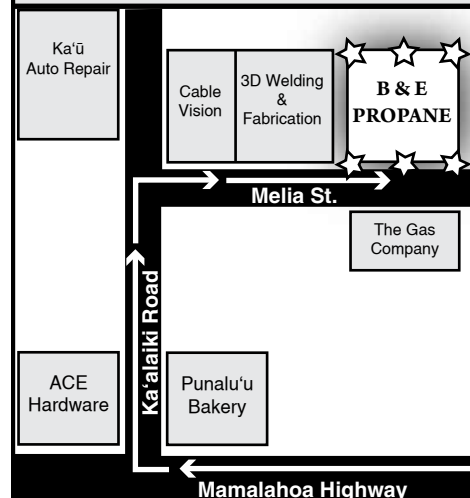
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KAHUKU TO MILOLI

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Boys & Girls Club Opens at Kahuku County Park

Kahuku County Park is the site of the new Ocean View Boys and Girls Club. The club operates on Fridays (school days) from 1 p.m. until the park closes at 5 p.m. Membership registrations are being handed out to all interested youth ages 6 to 17 at the

club site. The club's purpose is Play, Learn and Grow Together. The program is Fitness Fun For Youth!

A grant for the program involves implementing the SPARK afterschool fitness program to increase fitness and physical ac-

tivity. The goal is to instill physical activity habits early in life to prevent obesity and its many associated chronic diseases. Resources of the SPARK After School Physical Activity Program, identified by the Center for Disease Control as a model obesity preven-

tion program, will be used to increase moderate to vigorous physical activity for youth participants. Boys & Girls Club also operates at Pāhala Community Center.

For more information, call Dolly Kailiawa at 756-5285.

Awong New Kahuku Manager

Keola Awong is the new site manager for the Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. She will oversee staff and visitor programs in the 116,000-acre unit, which is open to the public on weekends from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Awong has served as the park's cultural anthropologist since 2005 and will continue to serve as the park's liaison to the native



Keola Awong
Photo from NPS

Hawaiian community. She holds a Master of Arts degree in American Studies and graduate certificates in Museum Studies and Historic Preservation from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology with a minor in Hawaiian studies from UH-Hilo. She began her career in the national park as a fee collector in 1999.

Habitat to Build in Ocean View, Raises Funds with Gingerbread

Habitat for Humanity will partner with a family and community to build at least one home in Ocean View, probably breaking ground in June, according to West Hawai'i Executive Director Patrick Hurney. The house lot is secured, and the Aukai family of five will contribute their own sweat equity in

order to own the home.

To support the effort for the Aukai family, the inaugural Great Gingerbread Competition, co-sponsored by Habitat and ChoiceMart, will be held on Dec. 5 at Daylight Mind Coffee Co. in Kona from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Reminiscent of a Food Network show, competitors will seek to build the best gingerbread house.

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Art Show/Fair Benefits OVCA

Ka'ū Inspired, a show and fair of artists who live and work in Ka'ū, takes place Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ocean View Community Center. Dee Dee Bodine and Suzanne Dix host the event in conjunction with Ocean View Community Association. All proceeds from the show benefit OVCA.

A sampling of the artists participating is: Anita Broennimann (Fine Art Prints), Dale Addlesberger (Pastels & Mixed Media), Susan O'Malley (Handmade Books), Hosoi (Mixed Media), Olivia Ling (Ceramics and Fine Jewelry), Dee Dee Bodine (Hawaiian Landscapes and Photos), Sandy Mayville (Abstract Paintings), Don Elwing (Trash Art Sculpture), Suzanne Dix (Hawaiian Landscape Paintings), Ronald Kaliko (Hawaiian Shell Jewelry) and more.

Elwing will have his Trash Art car in the upper parking lot. He will be inviting people to contribute to environmental awareness by

working on it during the event.

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Ka'ū Hospital Earns 5 Stars & Baby

Medicare surveyors from the federal Department of Health's Office of Health Care Assurance gave Ka'ū Hospital a five-star rating last month. The team reviewed not only the long-term care services but also inpatient and emergency departments to ensure that Ka'ū Hospital meets all the standards and provides safe, quality care.

Director of Nursing Nona Wilson reported that "the results of the survey were excellent in both long-term care and acute care services. Medicare has a rating system for long-term care services called Nursing Home Compare. It is a bit like the rating for hotels. Because of our consistently



Baby born in Ka'ū Hospital's ER, delivered by Dr. Douglas Davenport and nurses Jerelyn Hammer and Debra Javar.

Photo from Ka'ū Hospital

good surveys, we continue to maintain a five-star rating. The inpatient and ER areas are not rated in the same way, but just like in long-term care, they continue to achieve milestones in quality."

Wilson stated the administration at Ka'ū Hospital is "incredibly proud of our staff for their accomplishments." However, "the icing on the cake occurred on Friday (Oct. 23) at 0730 when a surprise birth occurred in our ER. Dr. Davenport and nurses Jerelyn Hammer and Debra Javar handled the situation with ease, and both mom and baby did very well."

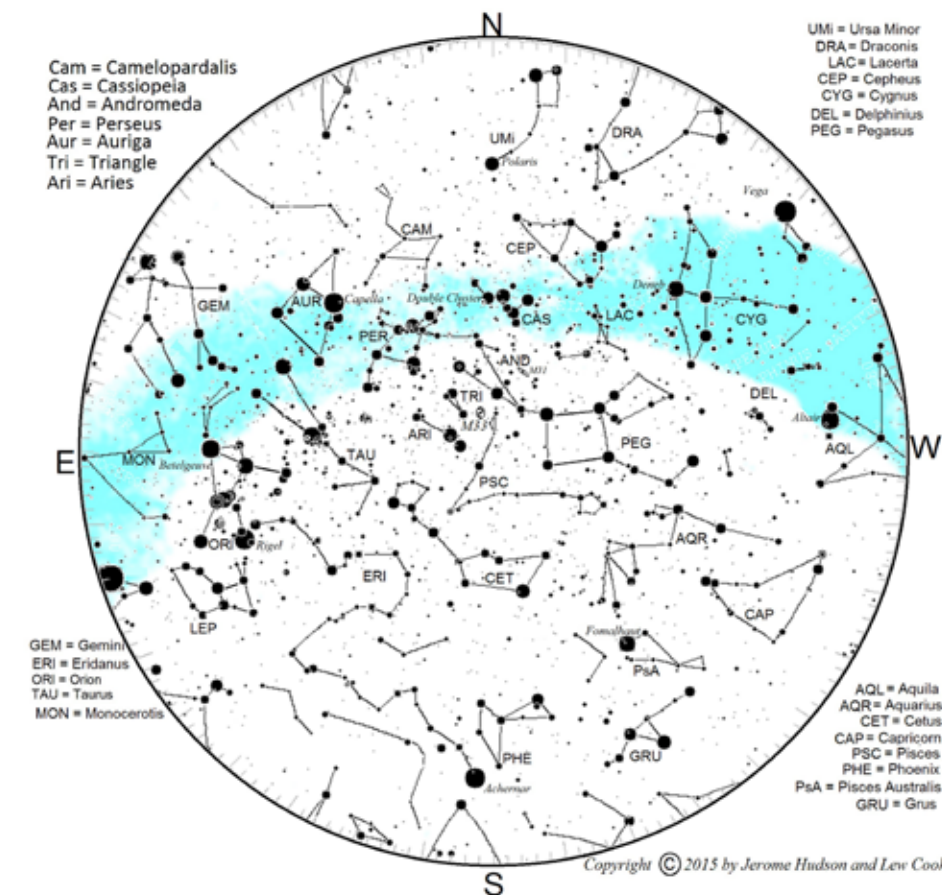
Sunrise and Sunset times:

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Nov. 06	6:25 a.m.	5:46 p.m.
Nov. 13	6:28 a.m.	5:44 p.m.
Nov. 20	6:32 a.m.	5:43 p.m.
Nov. 27	6:37 a.m.	5:42 p.m.

Moon Phases table with the respective rising and setting times:

Moon Phases		Moon Rise	Moon Set
Last Quarter	Nov. 3	11:57 a.m.*	12:58 p.m.
New Moon	Nov. 11	6:27 a.m.	6:08 p.m.
First Quarter	Nov. 18	12:21 p.m.	12:15 a.m.**
Full Moon	Nov. 25	6:01 p.m.	6:19 a.m.

*Day before; **Day after



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

How to use this map: Hold this map over your head so that the northern horizon points toward the north on the Earth. For best results, use a red flashlight to illuminate the map. If you are looking east, hold it in front of you so that east is on the bottom. For south views, south at the bottom, and for west, west at the bottom. Use this map at about 11:00 p.m. early in the month, about 10:00 p.m. mid-month, and 9:00 p.m. late in the month. Keep this page handy and show it to your keiki next month. They probably have bed times before the time of the chart shown here.

Stars over Ka'ū - November 2015

by Lew Cook

Venus is a morning star and can easily be seen before sunrise, after it rises – just after 3 a.m. on Nov. 2. Mars is very close to it. The distance between them is less than a degree when they rise. On the morning of the Nov. 6, Venus, Mars, the crescent moon and Jupiter convene between the blue first magnitude stars Regulus (in Leo) and Spica (in Virgo). Spica rises only an hour and a half before the sun, so as last month, you must get up early to see them – between 4 a.m. and morning twilight. If the sky is quite clear, you may see Spica.

There are plenty of Deep Sky objects present in the night sky. By "Deep Sky," we mean "outside the sun's neighborhood." Rising in the east is the Great Orion Nebula, shown on the chart as M42, a vast cloud of newly forming stars. Very young stars are there, too.

To get an understanding of what this area will look like in 100 million years, look at a neighboring cluster, the Pleiades (M45). The Pleiades are 1,300 light years away, and the Orion Nebula is around 320 light years distant. This means that the Pleiades are four times farther than the Orion Nebula. Any light the stars emit will be reduced by a factor of 16. Now, imagine the stars in the Pleiades appear 16 times brighter than at present, three magnitudes brighter than they appear now. This is how the stars in the Orion nebula will look in 100 million years. It is also how the Pleiades would look if it were at the distance of the Orion nebula.

Another interesting object is the double

cluster that lies between Perseus and Cassiopeia. If you have a good pair of binoculars, this is a nice sight to behold! It is fainter than the Pleiades because it is 12 times further away. The double cluster formed from a gas and dust cloud that happened to be a twin cloud.

Every open cluster of stars had the same origin; they developed from a cloud of gas and dust similar to the Orion Nebula. There are several such areas in our galaxy. Many of them are in the direction of the galactic center because that is where we can find more stars in the galaxy than elsewhere. If we look at other galaxies, we find them distributed all over their spiral arms. M33 in Triangulum is a fine example. This galaxy is going through a period of intensive star formation, which is clearly visible on photographs. M33 is three million light years distant.

The last object we will discuss is our nearest large neighbor galaxy, the Andromeda Nebula. Except for the Magellanic clouds and several dwarf galaxies, this giant is our nearest sizable neighbor. It is about 2.6 million light years distant. And is it big! It contains about a trillion stars, nearly twice what our puny Milky Way has. And that's not the end of the bad news. It is headed for us and will collide with us. There is no need to worry about it, though. Galaxies collide all the time with very few, if any, stellar collisions. There is time to prepare for the event; we've got four billion years.

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Negotiations Begin With Adventist for Hilo & Ka'ū Hospitals

Ka'ū Hospital's overseers, the East Hawai'i Regional Board for the Hawai'i Health Systems Corp., voted last month to seek partnerships with outside health care providers. Among those being considered is Castle Medical Center's parent Adventist Health. Gov. David Ige announced that similar negotiations have begun between HHSC's Maui hospitals and Kaiser Permanente.

East Hawai'i Board Chair Kurt Corbin said the strategy for Hilo, Ka'ū and other health providers in the HHSC Big Island group is to "secure our financial situation and preserve patient care services." The vote followed a Hilo meeting with Ka'ū's state Representative and physician Richard Creagan and members of the state House of Representatives' Committee on Finance, who toured the Big Island. At the meeting, East Hawai'i Regional CEO Dan Brinkman predicted a \$7 million shortfall next fiscal year. A shortfall of \$7 million this year led to 87 job and other cutbacks. The state Legislature's approval of union-negotiated pay and retirement benefit increases has led to the hospital system seeking funding from



Ka'ū Hospital is a member of the East Hawai'i Region of Hawai'i Health Systems Corp., which is in negotiations for a merger with Adventist, the parent of Castle Medical Center on O'ahu.

Photo by Julia Neal

the Legislature to fund the shortfall.

In a memo to employees, reported in *Hawai'i Tribune-Herald* by Colin M. Stewart, Corbin wrote, "This year-to-year cycle of financial uncertainty, as well as the limited availability of state funds, is of great concern to our board. They take very seriously their responsibility to preserve and enhance the health-care services in our community.

At our board meeting (Wednesday), they approved a motion that directed our region to actively explore partnerships with other health-care entities as a strategy to secure our financial situation and preserve patient care services. As a part of our next steps, we will be working to have legislation introduced and passed that will allow our region and other regions to enter into partnerships.

"We are still at the start of this journey that involves many steps and many decisions. Our board and executive management team are committed to doing all that we can to ensure the health of our community and the well-being of our employees. I strongly believe that these two objectives can be accomplished in a way that is fair to our employees and their families and still preserves the essential services so vital to our community.

"As we talk further with Adventist and other potential partners, we will actively inform and communicate new developments. Our board and executive team are committed to an open and transparent process. After all ... we are all in this together."

Creagan told *The Ka'ū Calendar* that he was happy to learn that Dan Brinkman has moved from acting CEO to permanent CEO for the East Hawai'i region. "He is doing a great job supporting hospital workers and doesn't demonize the unions.

"East Hawai'i is doing a good job of cutting costs while maintaining quality patient care," Creagan said. He also suggested that any private-public partnerships between East Hawai'i hospitals and private or non-profit health care entities be delayed at least a year, until "we see how the new partnership on Maui works out."

New Family & ER Physician to Join Ka'ū Hospital Clinic

Dr. Carey Gear will soon join the medical staff of Ka'ū Hospital Rural Health Clinic. Gear is a board-certified family physician. He has practiced both Family Medicine and Emergency Medicine in small towns and big cities and volunteered in medical work in China, Zambia, Nicaragua and Cambodia.

Over the years, Gear has enjoyed many family trips to the Hawaiian Islands, drawn to the ocean and warmth of the people and culture.

He and Kim, his wife of 35 years, will move to Ka'ū along with their entire family, saying their intention is to make Ka'ū their new home. They will be joined by their two married daughters, two sons-in-

law and six grandchildren.

"The Gears were really looking for a community, not just a job, and I think they have found it in Ka'ū," Ka'ū Hospital Administrator Marilyn Harris said. "It was important to us to find someone who would want to stay here and call Ka'ū home, so we're very happy that Dr. Gear is looking forward to both serving and joining the Ka'ū community. He says he is anxious to get to know

his new patients and that he will give his best efforts toward helping them stay healthy."

In his new permanent position, Gear will work in the clinic, caring for patients in the hospital and providing occasional coverage in the Emergency Department.



Dr. Carey and Kim Gear

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Council Supports Lantern Ceremony & Domestic Violence Support Group

Ka'ū Rural Health Community Association, Inc. received support in October from Hawai'i County Council for two of its programs.

Resolution 293-15 provides a grant of \$3,000 for KRHCAI's fifth annual Lantern Floating Celebration scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 28. Funds will be used to purchase materials for the event, which Director Jesse Marques said has seen increasing participation each year since its inception.

Resolution 294-15 provides \$2,000 for KRHCAI's Better Choices, Better Health domestic violence support group. Funds will be used for CPR/First Aide Certification, a leadership conference and travel and lodging expenses.

Ka'ū's council member Maile David introduced both resolutions.



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Author Writes of Sanctuary Found in Volcano Village

A Volcano Village author's book about living in the rainforest is available this month. *Rainforest Pu'uhonua* is Kahikahealani Wight's memoir of her awakening in the 1980s when she bought a cottage near the erupting summit of Kīlauea and lived there for five years. She found pu'uhonua – sanctuary, refuge – in the endangered Hawaiian rainforest ecosystem, and she shares the feeling of be-



ing in a landscape alive with ancestral voices singing through mist and fire, native birds and insects, plants and ferns.

"Discovering the fullness of herself in these sacred uplands," a press release states, "Wight inspires us to find our own healing places, to connect more fully with the intuitive knowing that springs out of ancient awareness embedded in our land, and continues to be

chanted on the wind." Wight grew up in a time when society did not value Hawaiian language, culture or landscape. Her Hawaiian father always emphasized learning Western ways and would not directly teach his daughter about their genealogical roots, although he couldn't help but transmit to her his indigenous sensibilities and wisdom. Her New England mother, like most parents at that time, discouraged her daughter's interest in her Hawaiian heritage.

Wight grew up conflicted. She loved Hawaiian stories and songs and wanted to

learn Hawaiian language and connection to the natural world, but she was discouraged from doing so.

Wight's rhythmic prose along with 62 paintings and photos by local artists convey the depth and magic of the Hawaiian rainforest and bring the ancestral songs to life.

The author will be reading from her book and signing copies on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village.

See rainforestpuuhonua.com.

Cooper Center Upgrades Funded Hui Holds Annual Thanksgiving Art Studio Tour/Sale

The Cooper Center in Volcano Village will make improvements with \$15,000 appropriated by Hawai'i County Council in October. Council member Maile David's Resolution 308-15 passed unanimously. Funds will be used to purchase building materials.

The center is the hub of the Volcano community and used by hundreds of people weekly. In her testimony, the organization's president Linda Ugalde said the funds go toward a new roof and a new water tank "to support all of the activities" at the center.



Improvements to The Cooper Center are on the way.

Photo from Volcano Community Association

Hui Holds Annual Thanksgiving Art Studio Tour/Sale

Volcano Village Artists Hui hosts its 29th annual Art Studio Tour & Sale over Thanksgiving weekend, Friday, Nov. 27 through Sunday, Nov. 29. Meet the artists in their studios, and see artwork in a wide variety of media including hand-blown art glass, wood and metal sculpture, pottery and fiber art as well as paintings, prints, photography and more. The artwork will be on display and available for purchase at six studios and galleries in the heart of Volcano Village.

Participating members this year include Erik Wold, Ira Ono, Misato and Michael Mortara, Elizabeth Miller, Zeke Israel, Emily Herb, Mary Goodrich, Cynee Gillette-Wenner, Pam Barton, Margaret Barnaby and Lisa Louise Adams, along with guest artists Randy Sutton, Scott Mitchell, Tim Freeman and Charlotte Forbes Perry.

As in past years, a special drawing for

Tea-In Celebrates TOTUS

Tea is the topic at TOTUS Awards Community Tea-In, which follows Tea of the United States competition held on Wednesday, Nov. 4. The event on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. features talks and



The topic is tea on Saturday, Nov. 7.

Photo from VAC

The Book of Tea's Influence on Western Art; Jane Pettigrew, *The World's Less Well-Known Tea Growing Regions*; Kevin Gascoyne, *Talking Terroir* and *Tea and Scotch Pairing*; Selena Ahmed, *Tea and the Taste of Climate Change*; and Jane Pettigrew and Bruce Richardson, *The Social History of Tea in Britain and America*.

All events are held at Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Admission is required with preregistration before 12 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6 at \$20 per person and \$18 for VAC and Hawai'i Tea Society Members. Tickets may also be purchased at the door at \$25 per person or \$20 for active VAC and Hawai'i Tea Society members.

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Aquarium Fish Collecting Business Could Cease

Hawai'i Office of Environmental Quality Control and Hawai'i Environmental Council want commercial aquarium fish collection activities to stop. Waters off Ka Lae and other remote coastal areas, particularly in west Ka'ū, are sites of aquarium fish collecting.

OEQC Director Jessica Wooley wrote

to state Department of Land & Natural Resources Chair Suzanne Case last month asking for an immediate moratorium, for at least 180 days. Wooley stated that it would "allow time for DLNR to evaluate the health of nearshore waters and work with potentially affected permittees to find solutions." Wooley claimed that new information shows "significant negative effects" of the aquarium fish collecting industry and "the importance of protecting areas, at least for a period of time, to allow fish populations to recover."

Wooley cited reasons for her request

as "the immediacy of the crisis facing our nearshore waters due to unprecedented and ongoing coral bleaching and ... the removal of critical herbivore populations" that may help control bleaching.

Wooley also wants commercial aquarium activities to go through an environmental review process before allowing them to reoccur.

Joseph Shacat, chair of the Environmental Council, which is comprised of 15 members appointed by the governor, also made the case for a moratorium. "In the context of the 'Big Three' human threats

to coral reef ecosystems (overfishing, pollution and climate change), wise management choices are imperative," he wrote to Case. "Estimates of the economic value of Hawai'i's coral reefs range from the hundreds of millions to billions of dollars. If left unchecked, the current bleaching event could have a significant economic impact in Hawai'i."

According to the Humane Society, Hawai'i is the largest U.S. supplier of reef wildlife for the aquarium trade and the third largest supplier in the world. Hundreds of thousands of animals are captured annually, and some once common species have nearly disappeared as a result, including the Bandit Angelfish and the Hawaiian Turkeyfish, both of which are endemic.



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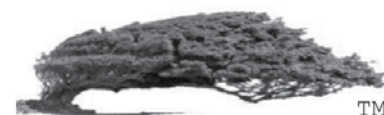
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PAR Urges Readiness for Legislature Opening Jan. 20

How to shepherd legislation through the Hawai'i Senate and House of Representatives drew coffee farmers, Ka'ū library advocates, senior citizens and members of Hawaiian Ocean View Ranchos and Hawai'i Ocean View Estates communities to two October meetings in Ka'ū. The workshops were given by Keanu Young, of the Public Access Room at the state Capitol, a veteran of working for state legislators. He showed the path and ways citizens follow legislation and provide pro and con testimony to committees considering it, all the way up to the point at which the governor signs, vetoes or allows it to become law without the gubernatorial signature.

Young talked about the gut-and-replace *Habitat*, cont. from pg. 11

To raise funds, teams of five people can form a "corporate team" for \$500. An individual can be a "master builder" for \$100. Each will receive a gourmet, handcrafted gingerbread



Proceeds from Habitat for Humanity's ReStore support the organization's efforts to eliminate poverty housing.

kit with candy decorations and refreshments to enjoy during the build time. Each team can purchase "add-ons" to try and win, and audience members and the "builders" can purchase "slow work down" permits and other creative "permits" and "red flags."

Local "building" official celebrities will judge the finished gingerbread houses. The winner will be showcased at the Christmas Dining with the Chef event at the Courtyard

Iokepa-Moses, cont. from pg. 1

chased some 2,000 acres that these very same farmers occupied." She praised the famers who became successful with their award winning Ka'ū Coffee "despite the uncertainty of their future."

After working with WWK, Iokepa-Moses transferred to a job with Olson Trust under the land division working with John Cross on land leasing to open up property to more coffee farmers as well as other diversified agriculture ventures. She worked in many different capacities for the Trust, the latest position at the Ka'ū Coffee Mill Visitors Center on Wood Valley Road in Pāhala.

Iokepa-Moses said, "I am really excited to work with new landowners in securing long term licenses for our hard work-

Don't forget the **most** important participants in State legislative government... People like you!



The state Legislature's Public Access Room urges Ka'ū residents to participate in state government. Images from PAR tactic used to change the meaning of legislation or take it over for another purpose, making it critical for advocates to keep track of changes as bills move through the process. Citizens attending showed interest in King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel that evening of Dec. 5, where it will be viewed by hundreds of people with the winning team's name on it.

The public is invited to attend the gingerbread house build for \$5 to cheer the teams on or add a "layer of red tape." Information about the event and sign-up forms are available at habitatwesthawaii.org/pdf/gingerbread.pdf.

Additional donations of money and supplies are being taken for Habitat. Founded by Pres. Jimmy Carter, the global, nonprofit organization is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes. It advocates for fair and just housing policies and provides training and access to resources in order to improve lives of families and help them get back on their feet. Habitat for Humanity was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety.

Habitat operates a ReStore in Kona at 73-4161 Ulu Wini Place. Residents can support Habitat by donating gently used home improvement products or purchasing items previously donated.

ing coffee farmers who have been tossed around since the close of the plantation. Over the last 20 years I have built relationships with the Ka'ū farmers. I know them personally and understand their hardships.

"I will work hard to help them secure a future not only for themselves but also the next generation of Ka'ū coffee farmers," she promised.

Iokepa-Moses also serves as President of the Hawai'i Agricultural Conservation District, President of Ka'ū Farm Bureau, Chair of Ka'ū Soil and Water Conservation Board, and is a member of the Hawai'i County Board of Water Supply, 'O Ka'ū Kākou and the Ka'ū Coffee Festival Committee. She is a retired member of the U.S. Army Reserves.

est in protecting neighborhoods from industrial solar farms, keeping local libraries strong and open and protecting farmlands, particularly the Ka'ū Coffee lands that are being sold to a real estate investment firm in Colorado.

Young noted that Hawai'i is a leader in providing ways for the public, even those living remotely, to track and give testimony and to search for people and subjects involved in legislation. He encouraged people to vote and to know the House and Senate members representing Ka'ū, who would typically sponsor bills coming from the community. "The most important people involved in the Legislature are the members of the public," Young said.

He gave instruction on giving testimony online.

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The Public Access Room offers online help through emails and phone calls, Internet access to archives of bills, reports and testimonies, and a place to work at a computer and desk when visiting the Legislature in person.

See more on the legislative process, PAR's blog, newsletters and links at lrhawaii.org/par. Contact 808-587-0478 or par@capitol.hawaii.gov.

The Hawai'i Legislature opens on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016. Deadline for submission – up to ten bills by each legislator (20 for each committee chair) allowed each session – soon follows the opening day.

Beauty of Ka'ū Nov. 2 – 5

Beauty of Ka'ū art show opens Monday, Nov. 2 at CU Hawai'i Federal Credit Union. The annual show generates the cover for *The Directory*, Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce's business and community guide for Ka'ū. The Chamber raises scholarship money for higher education for Ka'ū students through memberships and directory participation. The show is co-sponsored by CU Hawai'i Federal Credit Union.

Hours for public viewing at CU Hawai'i Federal Credit Union in Nā'ālehu are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2 through Thursday, Nov. 5.

The overall winner will be featured on the cover of *The Directory 2016* and receive \$100 and an article inside *The Directory*.

Each day, the public may sign in and receive a ballot to vote for their favorite entry. Each ballot, a numbered ticket, will be entered into a drawing for door prizes to be held each hour, and the winner does not need to be present. Various Ka'ū merchants are donating prizes.

A reception to view the winners and greet the artists will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, with light refreshments.



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