

# Hawaiian Place Names, Language, Culture Net Top Award

Elevating Hawaiian language, place names and culture earned Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Visual Information Specialist Michael Newman the Excellence in Interpretation Award, a top National Park Service honor that he recently received in Washington, D.C.

In addition to his use of 'ōlelo Hawai'i (Hawaiian language) and Hawaiian place names, Newman produced several innovative digital products.

Newman said that "Native Hawaiians have named places throughout the

islands for centuries, but many Inoa Wahi (place names) were erased by western colonization." He said the traditional names "reflect the rich cultural history and identity of native Hawaiians while preserving stories and land descriptions. As you share these names with others you begin to perceive that place through that native lens, fostering a deeper connection."

Newman's productions include:

A story map of Hawaiian place names at Kīlauea summit, [https://www.nps.gov/maps/stories/the-language-of-](https://www.nps.gov/maps/stories/the-language-of-the-land.html)

[the-land.html](https://www.nps.gov/maps/stories/the-language-of-the-land.html);

Hawaiian place names pronunciation web page for Hawai'i Volcanoes that also includes place names at other national parks in Hawai'i, <https://www.nps.gov/locations/hawaii/pronunciation-of-place-names.htm>;

A Hawaiian language web page, <https://tinyurl.com/jvrz8t32>. These products were produced under Newman's leadership in collaboration with other parks, employees, and in consultation



Michael Newman NPS Photo

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# THE KA'Ū CALENDAR

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## Up to Three More Housing Units Allowed Per Lot

Up to three additional dwelling units (ADUs) will be allowed on each lot to address the housing shortage on the island. Ka'ū's County Council member Michelle Galimba said, "This bill will make it easier for people in our towns to build additional dwelling units and help to ease our housing crisis. I'm pleased to have been able to support it at the Council."

The bill was co-drafted by Council Chair Heather Kimball, Councilwoman Ashley Kierkiewicz, Planning Director Zendo Kern, and Deputy Director Jeff Darrow. Mayor Mitch Roth announced the signing of County Council Bill 123 in October. It's a piece of legislation aimed at increasing housing inventory on properties classified Urban and Rural by the state, including properties zoned Agriculture by the county that fall within the state's Urban and Rural classifications.

The additional accessory dwelling units (ADUs) will have a size limit of 1,250 sf each, helping address the county's housing shortage and enabling local families to stay in Hawai'i, says the county statement.

"Bill 123 is a significant step toward expanding housing opportunities on Hawai'i Island," said Kierkiewicz. "By allowing more ADUs in urban areas, we're encouraging smart growth

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Hōkūle'a and Maui Voyaging Canoes stopped off in Miloli'i as part of Polynesian Voyaging Society's outreach to communities in late October and early November. Photo by Jonathan (Sav) Salvador/ Polynesian Voyaging Society

### Hōkūle'a & Maui's Voyaging Canoes Anchor at Miloli'i

Polynesian Voyaging Society's Hōkūle'a and Maui's voyaging canoe Mo'okiha O Pi'ilani of Hui O Wa'a Kaulua sailed into Miloli'i in late October for five days of public engagement. The voyage follows a visit to

Kaho'olawe where the crew was welcomed at Honokanai'a by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana's Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

Polynesian Voyaging Society describes the "brief but emotional over-

night stop at Kaho'olawe" which included "a visit to the island's sacred navigation platform and the sharing of stories from the last 50 years of work to reclaim, restore, and heal this special

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## Would New Affordable Housing Bill Produce Sprawl in Ka'ū?

The new affordable housing law, allowing three Additional Dwelling Units on each house lot, would create sprawl, according to Jason Masters, Chair of the Ka'ū Community Development Plan Action Committee.

Masters, who said he is speaking for himself and not the Action Committee, said Bill 123 could unintentionally fail to solve the affordable housing problem. He noted that he grew up in Ka'ū, received higher education in urban planning and worked as an urban

planner before coming back home to Ka'ū. He said he has seen this kind of good intention leading to massive development without serving the local people. Masters had urged Mayor Mitch Roth to veto Bill 123, following its recent passage by the County Council. Masters also presented his concerns to the Ka'ū Community Development Plan Action Committee.

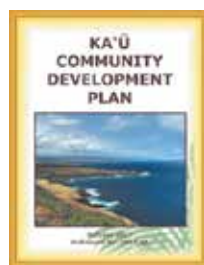
While he said he does "admire the

intention and direction taken by the County Council to address the complex problems of affordable and available housing on our Hawai'i Island," he wrote that Bill 123 would "actually result in just the opposite of what it hopes to accomplish." He referred to the possibility of investors coming into communities and buying up land with the higher housing density approval, to construct multiple expensive, large

houses instead of helping to solve the local housing shortage.

He said some of the many unknown adverse effects of this bill include problems with traffic and circulation. He contended it could triple the potential population "without accounting for general infrastructure, on- and off-site parking, sewage which is a significant issue in Ka'ū of which we are awaiting resolution, water supply, energy" and more.

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## PUC Still Considering Approval of Industrial Solar in OV

The eight-year-long fight over the proposed construction of an industrial-scale solar power generating facility in Ocean View took a new twist in October when a state Public Utilities Commission Hearings Officer released a draft of his report. It recommends that the solar project be allowed and that the PUC decide if the project is "in the public interest."

The project would allow 17 three-

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An artist's rendering of how two of the proposed solar farms would look from a drone if they were to be built as planned in Ranchos. Seventeen such projects, each covering three acres, are planned to be built among existing homes throughout the west side of the subdivision.

The rendering is by John Fretz, a graphic artist who lives in Ranchos.

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## New Law May Encourage More Vending on County Roadsides

A bill to allow vending on county roadsides was up for signature by Mayor Mitch Roth at the end of October after it passed the County Council. Council member Michelle Galimba, who represents all of Ka'ū into Volcano and South Kona, voted for the measure.



Director of the Department of Public Works would grant \$50 annual special activity permits to business licensees along county roads. Applicants would have to show capacity to handle any waste management and other concerns put forth by the County Council, Public Works, Hawai'i Po-

lice Department and other agencies. The Council would determine the roads where vending would be allowed.

County roadside vendors without the required permit kept on site for inspection could be fined \$250.00.

Exempt from the permitting would be fundraisers by nonprofit and educational groups raising money for their programs.

Grassroots Institute of Hawai'i issued a statement saying that allowing more roadside vending would support local families and entrepreneurs, giving them a chance to benefit not only from sales to locals but to tourists.

The only council member opposing the bill was Rebecca Villegas from Kona, advocating for safer vending places than the roadsides.

## Punalu'u Main Topic for Community Development Committee

Punalu'u development was the main topic of the Ka'ū Community Development Plan Action Committee in October. The group met in Nā'ālehu and voted to send a letter, testimony and other documents to the Windward Planning Commission regarding the rehabilitation and expansion of the resort with accommodations and other development. The developers are seeking a Special Management Area permit designed to protect the shoreline. Its approval is in the hands of Windward Planning Commission and is needed for the project to move forward.



Ka'ū Community Development Plan Action Committee voted to send its research to the Windward Planning Commission to consider CDP compliance by the Punalu'u development proposal for a Special Management Area permit. The package to the Planning Commission will also include the response from the developer and all public testimony. Photo by Michelle Chacron

ment, which also has commercial businesses, is the minimum number of units that could fund the repair and upkeep of the water and sewer systems on the property.

Action Committee members said that most of the project proposed in the SMA permit application is in compliance with the Ka'ū CDP, which identifies Punalu'u as a resort area. Several members stated they are neither for or against the resort. However, the Action Committee said there are some policies that need work in order to align with the CDP.

Punalu'u Black Sand Beach, LLC consultant Daryn Arai stressed that the infrastructure at Punalu'u is 50 years old and needs some kind of economic engine to fund its repair. He noted that the proposal for some 230 units of resort development is tiny compared to more than 2,000 units in the past. He contended that the proposed development anything close to over 1,000 sq. ft.; could never exceed the existing dwelling size; and never used for less than long term rental.

One is a shoreline study that determines setbacks from development; the last study was in the 1980s. Another is preparing a new Environmental Impact Statement since the one on hand is also

He asked why Bill 123 was "so urgently rushed through. I believe in finding solutions to affordable housing islandwide. But I believe that they have to be varied and targeted solutions as appropriate. I work at the schools in Ka'ū. I want somewhere for these kids and, heck, for their parents right now to be able to live affordably." He said that "given the opportunity, the District of Ka'ū's Community Development Plan

Former County Council member Guy Enriques, who grew up at Punalu'u and lives at Punalu'u mauka, submitted testimony and urged the Action Committee recommend that the Planning Commission not only follow the CDP but also consider overwhelming opposition to the project at protests and two days of public hearings before the Windward Planning Commission.

Action Committee would certainly discuss and provide testimony on this item."

The result of Bill 123, predicted Masters, "will be to forever price out future generations of existing residents and lock them into being forever-renters." He noted that currently Ka'ū District has among the highest homeownership rates in the state even with lowest income levels in the state. "With this Bill, outside investors will come in and buy up cheap lots, and

Later in the meeting the Action Committee Vice Chair Pernell Hanoa said he listens to the kūpuna of the area for direction on Punalu'u and wouldn't be swayed by hundreds or a thousand protesters. He also called non-profits that have preserved and stewarded land along the coast in Ka'ū the worst thing that has happened, contending they are keeping locals from freely going to the shore except by reservation. He also pointed to jobs that would be created by the resort.

Most testifiers at the meeting opposed the development, stating that it would change the way of life in Ka'ū, overcrowd the place and damage wildlife and natural resources. A few brought up Hawaiian Kingdom issues and said there are problems with the title to the property.

See pro and con testimony submitted to the Action Committee in its website records at <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/Weblink/1/fol/88959/Row1.aspx> Watch the meetings at the County of Hawai'i's Planning Department Youtube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAFoRmb3rFWLQMPd6TAKEGA>.



Jason Masters, Chair of Ka'ū Community Development Plan Action Committee, is concerned about the new bill allowing three Additional Dwelling Units per lot.

develop them for multifamily housing rentals which will drive up land values, pricing out local families forever." He said that the result of Bill 123 "is to literally encourage urban sprawl just like Los Angeles. Please reconsider the far-reaching implications of Bill 123."

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## Alumni Establish Pāhala-Ka'ū High School Scholarship Endowment

A Pāhala-Ka'ū High School Alumni Scholarship Endowment for University of Hawai'i at Hilo is in the making. Gary Ota, a 1966 graduate of Ka'ū High School, assisted in making the arrangement with University of Hawai'i Foundation. He reports that so far, \$26,000 of \$50,000 to start funding the endowment has been raised. Once the \$50,000 goal is reached, scholarships will be made available to Ka'ū High School graduates in perpetuity.

Ota notes that due to the relatively large Federal standard deduction amounts, and the increased Hawai'i standard deduction amounts, donors may not receive any tax benefit by deducting contributions on tax returns. The threshold for states other than Hawai'i may vary.



An Alumni Scholarship Endowment for Ka'ū High graduates is being created through University of Hawai'i Foundation. Photo from Ka'ū High

Donors older than 70½, with an IRA, may consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from the IRA. QCDs may not be made from other types of retirement accounts (e.g.

401k, 403b, TSP, etc.)

Those younger than 70 ½ and those without an IRA, could receive the benefit of QCD by partnering. Ota said

that for a minimum \$150, he will make a \$200 QCD from his IRA for the donor. Or, a 25% "discount" on any larger amount. If interested, contact Ota at 808-622-2900.

For those 73 and older, and subject to IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) requirements, a QCD can be applied toward the RMD.

To avoid tax on capital gains, donors may also consider contributing stocks, ETFs, or mutual funds which have significantly appreciated in value since their purchase, said Ota who can be contacted for details.

Checks for the scholarship endowment can be made out to University of Hawai'i Foundation and mailed to P.O. Box 11270, Honolulu HI 96828-0270.

## Write Letters to Santa Starting Nov. 1

Letters to Santa kicks off Nov. 1 for Pāhala. This year's Letters to Santa will be hosted and sponsored by Ku'u Ihi Flowers & Gifts next to Pāhala Post

Office in the Pāhala Center. Co-sponsors are R & G Mini Mart and 'O Ka'ū Kākou.

Letters to Santa Pāhala, in which keiki ask Santa for gifts, will be accepted Nov. 1 through Dec. 1. Children or parents may pick up the letter templates from Ku'u Ihi Flowers & Gifts or R & G Mini Mart.

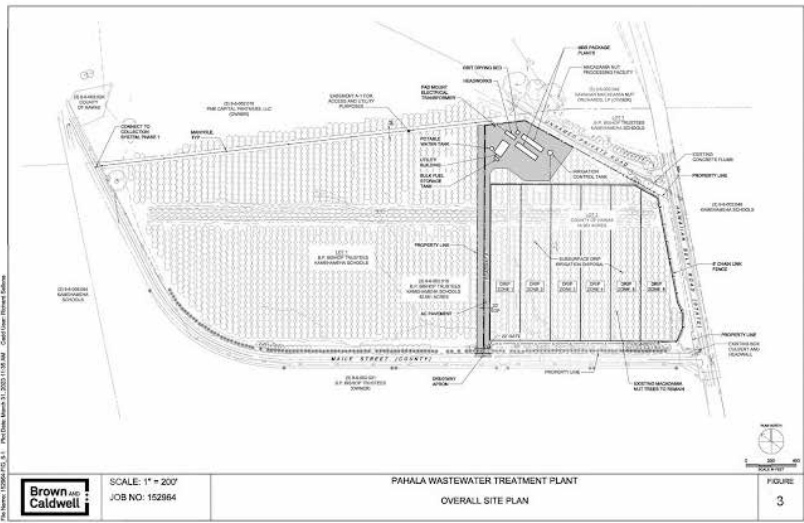
Completed letters can be dropped off in the Letters to Santa Mail Box located at Ku'u Ihi Flowers & Gifts.

"We will be seeking donations to help make this event a success," said organizer Marlene Freitas. For more information on how to make a donation or how donations will be used, contact Freitas at 808-987-2578.

Freitas also wished, "A huge Mahalo to Jana Kaniho for organizing the Letters To Santa event in the past years."



Letters to Santa organizer for many years, Jana Kaniho, has passed the torch to Marlene Freitas, who will host the gift giving program at her Ku'u Ihi Flowers & Gifts next to Pāhala Post Office. Photo by Julia Neal



The treatment plant is set back from the pine tree entrance to the village on Maile Street. Macadamia orchards will be irrigated with treated water. Image from County of Hawai'i

## County Announces January Start of Pāhala Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Implementation Plan for the new wastewater, sewage system for Pāhala was submitted to the EPA on Oct. 24 by County of Hawai'i. The County also announced awarding the construction contract to Goodfellow Brothers, Inc., with work anticipated to be approximately 18 months, beginning in January. Read the Implementation Plan at <https://www.dem.hawaiicounty.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/308434>.

The Implementation Plan describes the remaining planning, design, and construction schedule for the package wastewater treatment plant and new collection system, following EPA's approval of the Final Environmental Information Document.

The County is overseeing the design and engineering, and the acquisition of necessary land and easements, for the collection system, treatment plant, and disposal system.

Owners of homes in the affected area will have received via USPS a right-of-entry agreement for the construction of the new collection system. The County asks that owners sign the agreement and return it to the County in the enclosed envelope. With questions, call the phone numbers listed in the letter.

The final deadline for the County to close the large capacity cesspools is January 22, 2027. Those cesspools are illegal nationally and are left over from the sugar plantation days.

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within our communities. This practical solution not only increases housing availability, but also empowers residents to actively contribute to addressing our island's housing shortage."

"Hawai'i County is leading the way with Bill 123. ADUs offer a flexible and affordable housing solution for our residents," said Kimball. "Building ADUs for parents, children or long-term renters can help families stay together here on the island and can help homeowners generate extra income needed to get by. By encouraging development of existing

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## Meet the New Owners of Hana Hou

Hana Hou Restaurant in Nā'ālehu has announced that it is under new ownership. "New owners Zane Monteleone and Marc Umayam, both from Lahaina, are bringing in a fresh taste to the menu with local Kuahiwī Ranch beef and locally caught Ka'ū fresh fish. They have a passion for supporting local and offering friendly service."

Hana Hou still serves pizza, local plates,

daily specials and bakery favorites. The hours are extended to being open every day of the week from 11 a.m. to 8 pm. In the coming months the hours will be further extended to Sunday brunch and breakfast, said the new owners.

Also on tap is live music from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights.

Photo by Cynthia Monteleone

## Hōkūle'a, from pg. 1

place. In the 1970's, the stopping of the bombing of Kaho'olawe and the birth of Hōkūle'a to revive ancient Hawaiian voyaging were simultaneously part of the movement of what would become the Native Hawaiian Cultural Renaissance."

At 6 a.m. Oct. 26, Hōkūle'a departed Kaho'olawe and arrived in Miloli'i at 5:30 p.m. Originally, the crew planned to sail to southwest Maui's Keone'ō'io Bay, also known as La Perouse, which voyagers call "the gate" to one of the most dangerous channels in the world, the Alenuihāhā channel between Maui and Hawai'i Island. However, due to weather, the crew sailed directly to Miloli'i. The two-week engagement included

Miloli'i and Hōnaunau (Oct. 28 to Nov. 1), Keauhou (Nov. 1-8) and Kawaihae (Nov. 8-15). A public engagement schedule will be announced soon.

Polynesian Voyaging Society describes this Pae 'Āina sail as "part of Hōkūle'a's larger mission to sail around the Hawaiian Islands, engaging communities in cultural and educational experiences and exchanges focused on mālama honua (caring for our island Earth). Each stop allows students and the general public alike to connect with the legacy of exploration, environmental stewardship, and aloha 'āina that Hōkūle'a embodies."

For more on Polynesian Voyaging Society, a map and more info on the sail, see [www.hokulea.com](http://www.hokulea.com).

## Housing Units, from pg. 3

properties in urban areas close to school, work, and commercial areas, ADUs also promote more sustainable land use practices outside the urban core."

The Mayor's announcement said the bill introduces new provisions that replace previous restrictions on "ohana dwelling units," providing more flexibility for homeowners to add ADUs. Key amendments include:

Allowing ADUs, whether detached or attached, to be built alongside single-family homes in Residential (RS), Duplex (RD), Residential-Agricultural District (RA), Agricultural (A), and Family Agricultural (FA) districts.

Limiting each property to a maximum of three ADUs.

Ensuring compliance with infrastructure and safety standards, including requirements for sewage disposal and water supply.

Restricting the use of ADUs for transient accommodations, with limited exceptions.

"The ability to build additional dwellings on existing properties is essential in addressing our housing shortage, but it's also about preserving our communities and ensuring that future generations—our keiki—can continue to live and thrive here in Hawai'i," said Roth. "This bill expands our housing inventory in a way that is both sustainable and community-centered."

The statement said Bill 123 reflects Hawai'i County's commitment to tackling the housing crisis while promoting long-term stability and sustainability.

For more information on the new ADU provisions or to learn how to apply for building permits, contact the Planning Department at [planning@hawaiiicounty.gov](mailto:planning@hawaiiicounty.gov).



Polynesian Voyaging Canoe Hokule'a shelters at Miloli'i as the crew opens up for public and student outreach into Ka'ū and South Kona.

Photo by Eric Edwards

## Industrial Solar, from pg. 1

acre house lots to be fenced in and covered with solar panels. They would be built on lots intended for housing. The energy produced would be sold to Hawaiian Electric at 25c per kWh - nearly triple the current market price. Homes could be adjacent to industrial solar lots stripped of trees and bulldozed.

The complaint was filed with the Public Utilities Commission in August 2016 by Peter and Annie Bosted, who live in Hawaiian Ocean View Ranchos, below Highway 11. Many home and lot owners there joined to launch an opposition, which is documented by a petition, public testimony at community meetings and numerous letters to the PUC. Opponents contend that the solar would come with a high price for the electricity sold to Hawaiian Electric, and with degradation of family neighborhoods that would be turned into a mix of housing and industrial.

"I find it mind-boggling" is the recent comment by Ranchos resident Bob Werner. "I have been following this case since it began." He said the recent PUC report "is based on a truly shocking and disturbing misunderstanding of the complaint. Many important points have been ignored, twisted, or apparently misunderstood.

"Over a year ago, the Bosteds filed follow-up  
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briefs, amounting to about 40 pages, which detailed the case complete with evidence, citations, rules of law, and everything necessary for the commission to come to a well-reasoned decision," said Werner. "Now, by law, the Bosteds have less than two weeks to file 'exceptions' and ask for them to be corrected; this after it has been in the hands

of the Commission for over a year. For them it will be like picking up the pieces of Humpty Dumpty and gluing the case back together again with more documentation. The way it has been completely changed is staggering and responding to all the misinterpretations and faulty reasoning will be extremely difficult in such a short time."

Werner, a retired elected county evaluator, also said, "The Hearings Officer complains that he was given a very narrow task and that many issues were outside his scope." The Hearings Officer is recommending that the Commission definitively determine whether such projects as the one proposed at Ocean View are in the public interest.



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Last year the Hawai'i Supreme Court addressed proposed solar projects conceived years ago that don't necessarily result in a lower price for electricity and are far behind the current approach to alternative energy. The Court stated that, with regard to energy projects conceived decades ago, "yesterday's good enough has become today's unacceptable" and named numerous factors not in the public interest. The Court added, "The PUC was under no obligation to

evaluate an energy project conceived of in 2012 the same way in 2022. Indeed, doing so would have betrayed its constitutional duty."

Solar projects now coming on line near Waikoloa sell electricity to Hawaiian Electric for about 9c per kWh and they have backup batteries. Since the Ocean View project will not have batteries, it will supply power only when the sun is shining and its owners will be paid 25c per kWh.

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# KA'Ū SPORTS REPORT

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## Ka'ū Trojans & Coach Mazyck Warm up for BIIF Wrestling

Pre-seasoning Conditioning began in late October for the Ka'ū Trojans BIIF wrestling team which sent four out of five of its members to states last year.

Head Coach Ray Mazyck said he is looking forward to another winning season. "This season is really promising. We have a large turn-out and have generated a lot of interest. I expect the boys and girls to really put the work in this season and become a dominant force on the island."

Assisting the Head Coach are Head Assistant Coach Connor Norton, Assis-

tant Coach Tim Drafahl, and Women's Coach Chantel Bender.

Big Island Interscholastic Federation is also heating up for winter, with coaches meetings, student weigh-ins and preseason tournaments.

Girls Weight Classes, at scratch weight are: 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 155, 170, 190 and 235 lbs.

Boys Weight Classes, at scratch weight are: 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 157, 165, 175, 190, 215 and 285 lbs.

The testing date for all schools



Four of the five Trojan wrestlers last year qualified for state. They were La'akea Kajiwara-Ke, Ocean Nihipali-Sesson, Rain Nihipali-Sesson, Alazae Forcum, Stephen Adler II, and Eli Crook. Coaches left to right were Head Coach Ray Mazyck, Assistant Coach Joe DeYoung, and Assistant coach Connor Norton.

Photo by Elizabeth Crook

weight certification will be Nov. 20 at 9 a.m. at Honoka'a High School and on Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. at Kea'au High School.

A JV Wrestling Invitational will be held at Hawai'i Preparatory Academy on Dec. 7 at 10. a.m and on Dec. 14

at Pāhoā High School. There will be a wrestling tournament on Dec. 21 at Kealakehe and on Dec. 27 at Punahou. Dec. 21. Regular Season Schedule will be every Saturday in January.



Rain Nihipali-Sesson, a Junior at Ka'ū High in 2023, works for pin against a Hilo girl. A. senior at Volcano School of the Arts & Sciences this year, she will wrestle for Ka'ū again.

Photo by Coach Ray Mazyck

## Community, County Reopen Wooden, Indoor Volcano Skatepark

Volcano Skatepark reopened on Oct. 19 in a celebration by the community and County of Hawai'i Department of Parks & Recreation. The relaunch followed extensive repairs completed in collaboration with a contingent of dedicated volunteers from the Volcano and skateboarding communities.

Skateboarders, roller skaters, and families joined County of Hawai'i officials and skatepark volunteers at the re-opening event, which featured speakers, a blessing, and a lei untying, marking the official reopening.

"It's an honor to stand alongside the dedicated community volunteers who put in countless hours to help us make this important resource safe and accessible for everyone once again," said Mayor Mitch Roth. "We understand how valuable these skateparks are in providing our keiki with safe, fun spaces to develop their skills and stay on a positive path. This reopening is a testament to what we can achieve when the community comes together and works with us to get things done."

Volcano Skatepark is one of eight



Volcano Skatepark enthusiasts with County Council member Michelle Galimba, Mayor Mitch Roth and Parks & Recreation Director Maurice Messina at the reopening at Cooper Center.

Photo by Thatcher Moats

county skateparks across the island and the only one of wood construction and situated indoors. It was closed dur-

ing the COVID-19 pandemic after the surface of the wooden skating structure deteriorated to the point that it posed considerable safety risks to users.

As Parks & Recreation explored options to address the skatepark, a group within the Volcano community advocated for rehabilitating the wooden structure and stepped up to support the effort. The Volcano Skatepark Organization established a Friends of the Park agreement with Parks & Recreation and provided expertise and labor, while Parks & Recreation supplied the building materials and general oversight of the restoration project.

"Working with the Volcano Skatepark Organization was vital to the success of this project," said Maurice Messina, Director of Parks & Recreation. "The volunteers' passion for the sport

of skateboarding, combined with their knowledge of skate park construction, allowed us to join together and restore this important community asset. We extend a big 'mahalo' to the Volcano Skatepark Group and all those who supported this endeavor."

Parks & Recreation plans to continue making improvements to the structure that surrounds the skatepark and hopes that the partnership with the Volcano Skatepark Organization will provide ongoing and timely maintenance of the skatepark to ensure the continued use and enjoyment for skaters.

The skatepark is at Volcano Park, 19-4030 Wright Road in Volcano. The county park site also includes the Cooper Center facility, a playground, restrooms and other amenities.



Hawai'i County and Volcano community reopen the wooden, indoor Volcano Skatepark at Cooper Center.

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# KA'Ū SCHOOL & YOUTH

## Fundraising & Online Auction for Ka'ū Hawaiian Immersion School

An online auction and fundraising campaign for \$100,000 has been launched to create the first Hawaiian immersion school in Ka'ū in modern times. Supporters can learn more and make direct donations to by going to <http://bit.ly/nakmfoundation>. The school is called Nā 'Ā'ali'i Kū Makani 'O Ka'ū. The non-profit is Nā 'Ā'ali'i Kū Makani Foundation. The location is in Wai'ōhinu at the old Shirakawa Hotel

and former Lori Lei Shirakawa hula studio and grounds.

Chief organizer of the immersion school development, Raylene Auli'i Fujikawa Moses, noted that the campus is provided by the Gary and Apolonia Stice 'Ohana Foundation, a 501C3 nonprofit. "They have since the beginning supported our vision and offered a space to be utilized for our mission." She said the \$100,000 to be raised is planned

for facilities compliance, curriculum development, staffing needs, keiki meals and program insurance.

The school is set to begin with a Pre-K program for ages three to four, expanding into additional grades each year. Fujikawa Moses explained the vision for the immersion school.

"A Hawaiian Immersion school is an educational institution where students learn primarily in the Hawaiian language, promoting both language fluency and cultural knowledge. These schools are part of a broader movement to revive and sustain Hawaiian language and culture after it faced significant decline in the 20th century. Students are immersed in Hawaiian from a young age, which enables them to think, speak, and interact in the language while also learning core subjects like math, science, and history through a Hawaiian cultural lens.

"Hawaiian Immersion programs are spread across the Hawaiian islands, with schools such as Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u, Ke Kula Kaia-puni 'o Ānuenuē, and Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'o Maui, among them, providing education from early childhood through high



Lei at the dedication of grounds for the Hawaiian immersion school in Ka'ū at Wai'ōhinu. An auction and fundraising campaign are underway.

Photo by Cadence Feeley

school.

"These programs are integral in cultivating a strong sense of identity and cultural pride, as well as preparing students for future success. Graduates of Hawaiian Immersion schools often go on to pursue higher education, including colleges in Hawai'i and on the mainland. Many find meaningful work in areas such as education, community leadership, conservation, and the arts. Their bilingual proficiency, coupled with a deep cultural foundation, uniquely positions them to contribute to fields

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# Ka'ū Night Skies - November 2024

by Christopher Phillips

Astronomer, Resident of Volcano and Co-Host of *Stargazer* on Hawai'i Public Radio

During November, a parade of planets are visible throughout the night, beginning at sunset with the planet Venus (Hōkūloa). Venus can be seen on the western horizon shortly after the Sun sets, it's very bright and easy to spot. Saturn (Nāholoholo) can also be seen after sunset, almost directly above our heads during twilight. Saturn will remain visible throughout the night. Just before 8pm Jupiter (Ikaika) will rise in the east, followed by Mars (Holoholopīna'au) around 11pm. Both planets are quite bright and should be visible right the way through till sunrise.

## NOVEMBER MOON PHASES



Image credit: 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i

### Our Hawaiian sky

This month the Hawaiian starline of Kalupeokawelo continues to dominate our skies. The starline of Kalupeokawelo, is known as The Kite of Kawelo, and it is composed of some asterisms (collections or patterns of stars) that may be familiar. The largest of these is the great square of Pegasus, which is the mythical winged horse of Greek mythology). This large formation of four bright stars is the body of the kite of Kawelo. The four stars of the Great Square are named for Hawaiian chiefs; Keawe of Hawai'i Island, Pi'ilani of Maui, Kākuhihewa of O'ahu, and Manokalanipō of Kaua'i. From each corner star of the square we see celestial lines that are the guidelines of the kite. The lines are anchored in the northern sky to 'Iwakeli'i, the constellation of Cassiopeia with its distinctive 'W' shape. There is also Kamō'i, known as Cepheus, the King in Greek mythology. In the southern sky they are held in place by Pi'ikea, Diphda; Kaikilani, Anka'a; Kalanikauleleaiwi, which is the bright blue giant star Achernar; Kūkaniloko, which is the star Fomalhaut; and Nālani, known as Alnair in Grus the Crane.

The story of the kite goes some-

thing like this: Kawelo his cousin Kauahoa releasing a kite into the sky. Kawelo, inspired by the kite riding on the winds, returned home and asked his grandparents for a kite of his own. They obliged and the next day he took to the skies with his kite, alongside his cousin Kauahoa. The two boys were competitive and both Kawelo's and Kauahoa's kites became entangled in the sky. During the fray the string holding Kauahoa's kite broke, and the kite came loose, landing somewhere in a distant forest. To this day near Koloa is a place called Kaho'oleināpe'a in reference to Kauahoa's fallen kite. Kawelo and Kauahoa could have come to blows over the loss of the kite, which was arguably Kawelo's fault, but Kauahoa attributed the loss to the elements and was not angry at Kawelo. This apparent battle of kites was a powerful sign to those onlookers who witnessed the dra-



The Milky Way from Keck  
Credit: W.M. Keck Observatory/Adam Makarenko

matic display. It was a sign that Kawelo's mana, or supernatural power, was greater than Kauahoa's.

### Dandelion Sky

In the year 1181 a seemingly dark and empty patch of sky in the constellation of Cassiopeia was filled with light as a distant star appeared to end its life in a supernova! Where once there was nothing but empty space, there now appeared what people thought was a new star. This brilliant new point of light was short lived however, fading slowly over the course of six months. For those

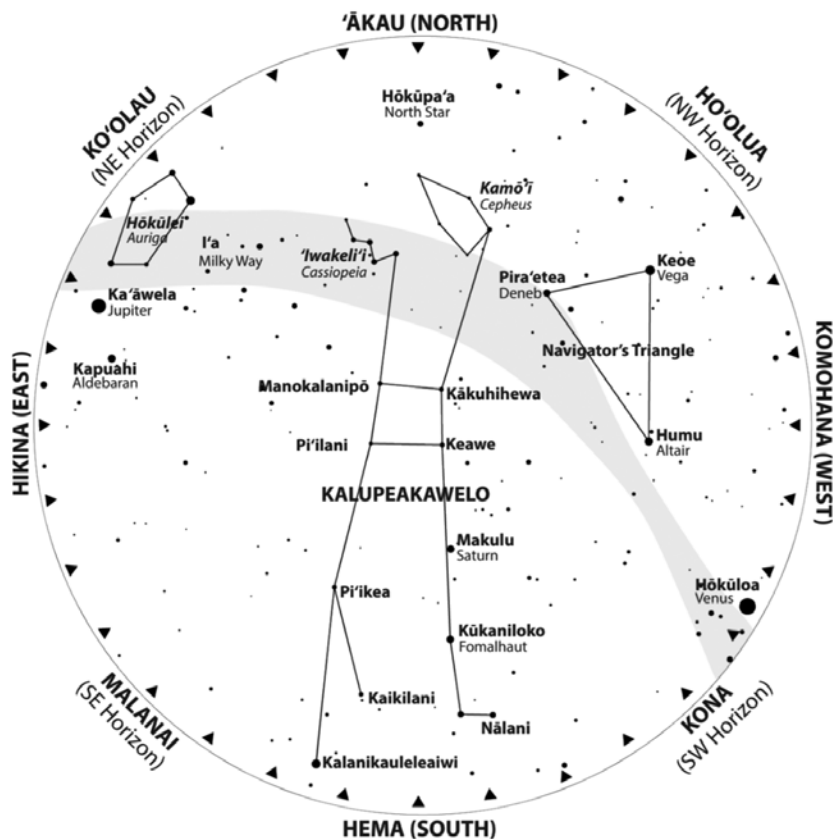


Dandelion Supernova Filament  
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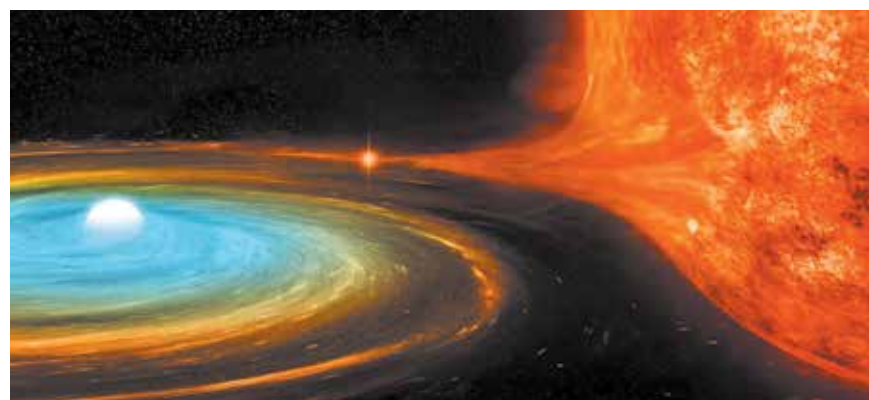
lucky few who saw it the origin of this mysterious new star would remain just that, a mystery. That is until 2013 when an amateur astronomer by the name of Dana Patchick discovered the remnants of this distant stellar explosion in data from the Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE) observatory, and orbiting infra-red space telescope. What Dana has found was the remnant of a colossal explosion, a nebula, the debris from a celestial cataclysm.

Fast forward to the year 2024 and astronomers at the W.M. Keck observatory atop Maunakea pointed the tele-

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Sky Chart from 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i



A White dwarf star drawing matter from a much larger companion star.

Image credit: NASA

scope's large 10 meter mirror toward this area of sky in the hopes of studying this ancient remnant. Using an instrument called the Keck Cosmic Web Imager (KCWI), which is mounted on the telescope, they have been able to map this supernova remnant in three dimensions, revealing the intricate and beautiful structure of the cosmic explosion. To get an idea of what it looks like artist Adam Makarenko created a beautiful visualization that is representative of the Keck data, showing debris streaking out from the energetic flash of the runaway thermonuclear explosion that marked the end of a star. An energetic cosmic firework, a delicate celestial dandelion head? All these images come to mind when one gazes upon the echoes of the mysterious event that occurred over eight hundred years ago.

So how does something like this come to pass? We know from decades of supernovae study that such explosions are associated with pairs of stars, typically a small white dwarf star and a larger sun-like star. These pairs are locked in a celestial waltz, entwined in a gravitational embrace that ultimately leads them to destruction. The smaller white dwarf star draws matter from its larger companion, as can be seen in this artist's

rendition from NASA. This may seem harmless enough, but this extra material causes the white dwarf to get heavier, increasing its mass. Once its mass is around 1.4 times that of our own sun a runaway thermonuclear explosion ensues which completely destroys the white dwarf! But in the case of the 1181 supernova the star survived, a zombie star so to speak. Something that should be dead, but is not. Instead it continues to wander the dark space between the stars. The mystery of that supernova in 1181 continues.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**ALOHA FRIDAYS AT VAC GALLERY:** Lei making with Kaipo Ah Chong. Friday, Nov. 1 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on porch of Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Tropical farmer Kaipo Ah Chong, member of Hālau Nā Kamalei, marries the science of agriculture with Hawaiian lei and hula traditions. Free cultural event part of VAC's Cultural Connections Initiative supported in part by Hawai'i State Grant In Aid (GIA) Wai Wai Program. Park fees apply.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR 2024 TAIWAN INTERNATIONAL COFFEE SHOW** is Friday, Nov. 1. Hawai'i Coffee Association will promote Ka'ū and other Hawai'i Coffees from Friday, Nov. 15 - Monday, Nov. 18 in Taipei. To sell 100% Hawai'i Coffee complete form before Nov. 1 [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024\\_Taiwan](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024_Taiwan).

**ANNUAL HAWAII ARBOR DAY TREE GIVE-AWAY** is Saturday, Nov. 2 from 7 a.m. at Ocean View Swap Meet, near Mālama Market. Meet West Hawai'i Master Gardeners, ask questions and get free tree seedlings while supplies last.

**STEWARDSHIP AT THE SUMMIT** is Saturdays, Nov. 2, 9, 15, 23 & 30 from 8:45 a.m. - noon, meet near Kīlauea Visitor Center restrooms in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Volunteers help remove plant species that prevent native plants growth. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and long pants. Bring hat, raingear, day pack, snacks and water. Gloves and tools provided. Under 18 years old require parental or guardian accompaniment or written consent. More at [https://www.nps.gov/havo/planyourvisit/summit\\_stewardship.htm](https://www.nps.gov/havo/planyourvisit/summit_stewardship.htm).

**HŌ'OKUPU HULA NO KA'Ū CULTURAL FESTIVAL** is Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Ke Ola Pu'uhonua. With Hawaiian crafts, food booths, cultural practitioners, hula, music and giveaways. For more information contact Debbie Ryder at 808-649-9334.

**IMMIGRANT RESOURCE CENTER FREE ASSISTANCE** is Saturday, Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Ocean View Community Center Main Hall. Free chili and rice provided. Sponsored by Hawai'i Department of Health. For more information contact Paul Strauss at 808-322-1513 or [paul.strauss@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:paul.strauss@doh.hawaii.gov).

**MOKUHANGA: TRADITIONAL JAPANESE WOOD-BLOCK PRINTMAKING** is Saturday, Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Volcano Art Center Nīaualani Campus Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Learn fundamental techniques with Glenn Yamanoha. Workshop series includes 4 sessions. Cost \$150/\$130 for VAC members, plus \$40 fee. Supplies included. To register 808-967-8222 or visit <https://www.volcanoartcenter.org>.

**MĀLAMA 'ĀINA FUN DAY** is Saturday, Nov. 2 from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at OKK Market. Cardboard boxes and HI-5 cans collection event. With hula, music, games and prizes for those bringing cardboard boxes and HI-5 can to recycle. Learn from Zero Waste Youth Advocates. More at [malamaainacompostable@gmail.com](mailto:malamaainacompostable@gmail.com).

**KŪLA I KA NU'U HEALTH FAIR** is Sunday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 95-5642 Māmalahoa Highway, Nā'ālehu (behind Punalu'u Bake Shop). Free event for the whole ohana. With Lā'au lapa'au, health screening, food demonstrations, resource provider demonstrations, mele, hula and more. Sponsored by Hawaiian Music Perpetuation Society.

**AFTER DARK IN THE PARK: GREAT PACIFIC GARBAGE PATCH: FROM HOPELESS TO HOPEFUL** is Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Learn about the impacts of marine debris and what is being done to clean up the ocean. With Ranger Dean Gallagher. Part of Hawai'i Volcanoes' ongoing After Dark in the Park programs and co-sponsored by the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Free event. Park fees apply.

**ALOHA FRIDAYS AT VAC GALLERY:** with Desiree Moa-

na Cruz is Friday, Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on porch of Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Desiree Moana Cruz shares traditional and contemporary dye processes and the use of repetitive symbolism featured in hula garments. She is an advocate for Hawaiian practitioners and a member of Hālau Na Kipu'upu'u of Waimea. Free cultural events are part of VAC's Cultural Connections Initiative supported in part by Hawai'i State Grant In Aid (GIA) Wai Wai Program. Park fees apply.

**HULA KAHIKO:** Featuring Unuokeahi with kumu hula Stacey Kapuāikapoliopele Ka'au'a is Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at kahua hula (platform) in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The Unuokeahi traditions stem from the Kanaka'ole hula 'aiha'a traditions in Hilo. Students at the hālau learn traditional and cultural leadership through mo'olelo, ritual, and environmental sustainability. Part of Volcano Art Center's Hula Arts at Kīlauea performance series. Donations welcome. Free event. Park fees apply.

**PAINTING DEMONSTRATION WITH LUTI CASTRO** is Saturday, Nov. 9 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Luti studied painting and woodwork at the Art Institute of Boston and at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design. Free event. Park fees apply.

**DELBERT ANDERSON QUARTET: ARTIST IN RESIDENCE AT KAHUKU** is Saturday, Nov. 9. From 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. at Kahuku unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. A special performance with a distinct blend of classical, jazz, and traditional Diné (Navajo) music. Free event.

**AN EVENING WITH REBECCA FOLSOM** is Saturday, Nov. 9 from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Volcano Art Center Nīaualani Campus Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Intimate acoustic concert with award-winning artist. Cost \$30/\$25 for VAC Members. Tickets at [www.volcanoartcenter.org](http://www.volcanoartcenter.org).

**FREE PET VACCINES & MICROCHIPS** on Sunday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Nā'ālehu Community Center. Cats must be in carrier, dogs must be on leash. Sponsored by County of Hawai'i. Provided by Petco Love. More at 805-774-0071 or [aloha@alohaanimals.org](mailto:aloha@alohaanimals.org).

**THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE CENTER:** A Celebration of Light, Sound and Spirit with Ken Goodrich is Thursday, Nov. 14 from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Volcano Art Center Nīaualani Campus Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. With photos of dramatic volcanic eruptions to the exquisite beauty of the mountains, deserts, rivers and sea. Free presentation. Donations welcome.

**ALOHA FRIDAYS AT VAC GALLERY:** 'Ukulele with Wes Awana is Friday, Nov. 15 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on porch of Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Wes Awana offers family-friendly lessons on the iconic and inviting 'ukulele. Free cultural events are part of VAC's Cultural Connections Initiative supported by in part by Hawai'i State GIA Wai Wai Programs. Park fees apply.

**VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION & AWARENESS SIGNWAVING** is Friday, Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Pāhala below the shopping center. Gathering to spread awareness and share information about support resources available.

**ALOHA FRIDAY AT VAC GALLERY:** Lauhala Weaving with Ku'uipo Kalahiki-Morales is Friday, Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on porch of Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Visitors and kama'āina alike are invited to experience a free, hands-on workshop. Free cultural events are part of VAC's Cultural Connections Initiative supported in part by Hawai'i State Grant In Aid (GIA) Wai Wai Program. Free event. Park fees apply.

**AFTER DARK IN THE PARK: BIG ISLAND SINGERS IN CONCERT** is Friday, Nov. 22 from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes

## Lā'au Letters: Native Plants of Ka'ū

Welcome to *Lā'au Letters: Native Plants of Ka'ū*. Read about Ka'ū's native plants and their mo'olelo (stories), uses, preferred habitats, and opportunities to adopt them for stewardship. This column seeks to encourage making new plant friends and to reunite with others.



Hoi Kuahiwi (*Smilax melastomifolia*)

Art by Joan Yoshioka

### Hoi Kuahiwi (*Smilax melastomifolia*)

**Description:** Have you ever met a plant that just makes you smile when you see it? For me, this one does it every time. I recently learned that the genus (*Smilax*) is named from the Greek word smile because most species in this genus have prickly spines that tickle to touch, though our endemic *Smilax* evolved to no longer need those spines.

Hoi kuahiwi is an endemic woody liana (climbing vine) in the Smilacaceae family. Its thick, glossy, heart-shaped leaves look like garland in the forest, each with two yellow tendrils that wrap around other plants to support the vine as it grows. The new leaves can be a beautiful shade of royal purple and nearly translucent like stained glass if they catch the sun just right. Hoi kuahiwi is dioecious, meaning that the staminate (male) and pistillate (female) flowers are not found on the same individual plant. Regardless, the white flowers form in clusters and smell ever so sweet, almost like a light vanilla orchid. Small (~1cm) and fleshy fruits adorn hoi kuahiwi like strings of pearls and are a favorite snack for some of our larger forest birds. As if that weren't enough to make you smile, the big and hearty leaves of hoi kuahiwi make a perfect home for kāhuli (Hawaiian endemic land snails) and nananana makaki'i (happy-faced spiders)! Hoi kuahiwi is also a host plant for the endemic Hawaiian moth, *Scotorythra otharacha*, as the caterpillars feed exclusively on the young leaves.

**Uses:** Many species elsewhere in the world store starch in their roots, which make them edible (though maybe not delicious), so hoi kuahiwi could have potentially been used as a food source during times of famine. Try as I might, I was unable to find documented ways Kānaka Maoli used hoi kuahiwi. If you are aware of any uses, please do share them with me!

**Habitat:** Hoi kuahiwi is found in wet forests on all of the main Hawaiian Islands, excluding Ni'ihau and Kaho'olawe. It occurs in elevations between 180-2,000 meters (600-6,600 feet). You can easily see it in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park climbing around the vegetation near Nāhuku (a.k.a. Thurston Lava Tube). In Ka'ū, hoi kuahiwi climbs its way through the Ka'ū Forest Reserve, the Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, and other wet forest locations within that elevational band.

**Growing and Purchasing:** Yet again, this is another endemic plant species that could and should be offered to the public, but it would need to be sourced by a specialty grower, so please contact me if you are looking and I can point you in the right direction. It is possible to grow hoi kuahiwi from seed (fresh germinates best) in your standard well-drained medium. I would recommend planting hoi kuahiwi to mimic natural forest conditions, so set it up for success by planting it near the base of native trees such as 'ōhi'a or kōpiko or kōlea. It likes shade and will want plenty of water, so it is probably not the ideal candidate for hot and dry locations. Hoi kuahiwi can also make a beautiful trellis, and will no-doubt be a decorative addition to your native garden.

**About the artist:** Joan Yoshioka says she is a conservationist at heart and has dedicated her life to preserving the native plants and animals of Hawai'i through her work with federal, state, and private organizations over the past 30+ years. She describes herself as an outdoor-lovin' optimist, biologist/botanist, and habitual creator of art-stuff. She says the key to our most fundamental and truest part of ourselves is found in nature and she constantly draws on it for inspiration.



Joan Yoshioka

**About the author:** Jodie Rosam says she has a deep love for native plants and a passion for exploration, with over 15 years of experience in working in the restoration of Hawai'i's forests. As a mother and an educator, she says the next generation has the power to lead the world to a sustainable future, and is committed to teaching her children (and others) from a place-based perspective.



Jodie Rosam

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National Park. The Big Island Singers is a 36-person community chorus led by Doug Albertson. Part of Hawai'i Volcanoes' ongoing After Dark in the Park programs and co-sponsored by the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Free event. Park fees apply.

EXHIBIT: CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY: ANNUAL WREATH EXHIBITION is Friday, Nov. 29 - Tuesday, Dec. 31 in Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Presenting one-of-a-kind wreaths in a variety of imaginative media, techniques and styles. For more call 808-967-7565 or email sales@volcanoartcenter.org.

ALOHA FRIDAY AT VAC GALLERY: Lei making with Zennie Sawyer is Friday, Nov. 29 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on porch of Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Free cultural events are part of VAC's Cultural Connections Initiative supported in part by Hawai'i State Grant In Aid (GIA) Wai Wai Program. Park fees apply.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION AT NIAULANI is Friday, Nov. 29 from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Volcano Art Center Nialani Campus Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Holiday festivities include Christmas caroling, Santa, hot cocoa, cider and cookies. For more call 808-967-7565 or email sales@volcanoartcenter.org.

VOLCANO VILLAGE ARTISTS HUI 38TH ANNUAL ART STUDIO TOUR AND SALE is Friday, Nov. 29 - Sunday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Studios across Volcano Village will be open for visitors to meet the artists and view the art. For studio tour map and more information https://volcanovillageartistshui.com/.

KAUAHA'AO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FALL BAZAAR is Saturday, Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on church campus. Individuals, schools, clubs, sports and athletic groups invited to be vendors. The charge for a 12' X 12' space is \$10. Vendors responsible for bringing tent, table and chairs, and if power is needed, a generator. Vendors can sell anything except hot foods and plate lunches. Vendors must submit a Vendor Application with the \$10 fee by Saturday, Nov. 23. To request a Vendor Application, and for more information text Delana Phillips at 850-463-7544 or email Treasurer.kauahaaochurch@gmail.com.

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VOLCANO EVENING MARKET is Thursdays from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. at 19-4030 Wright Rd, Cooper Center, Volcano Village. Live music, artisan crafts, ono grindz, and fresh produce. https://www.facebook.com/groups/656338372906619/.

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KA'U FOOD PANTRY open Tuesday, Nov. 26 from 9:30 a.m., 92-8606 Paradise Mauka Cir Ocean View. Distribution is at St. Jude's Episcopal Church above Kahuku Park in Ocean View. More at 224-209-9404.

COOPER CENTER COMMUNITY PANTRY open Wednesday, Nov. 27 from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Cooper Center, 19-4030 Wright Rd Volcano. Closed on holidays. More at 808-967-7800.

NA'ALEHU FOOD PANTRY will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 28 at Sacred Hearts Catholic Church, 95-558 Māmalahoa Hwy. More at 896-8393.

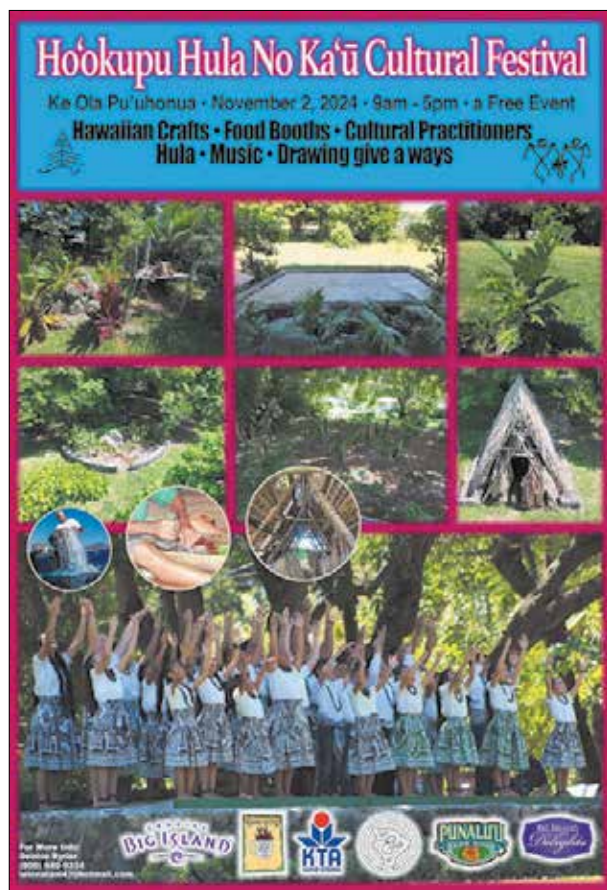


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November 2024

## Kūlia I Ka Nu'u Health Fair on Nov. 3

A free health fair called Kūlia I Ka Nu'u will be held on Sunday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ke Ola Pu'u honua grounds in Nā'ālehu behind Punalu'u Bakeshop.

It is sponsored by Hawaiian Music Perpetuation Society.

It includes Lā'au Lapa'au, health screenings, food demonstrations, re-

source provider demonstrations, mele and hula.

The first 200 people to attend will receive fresh fish plates cooked by the new owner of Hana Hou Restaurant.

Among the presenters are Mother's Milk from Waimea, Ka'ū Hospital & Rural Health Clinic, Ed Rau food and medicinal plant expert, Hui

Mālama Ola Nā 'Ōiwi, Women's Recovery, Genealogy with Babs Brooks & 'Ohana, Ka'ū Women's Health Collective Midwives and Jonathan Whites with his honey water. Most will give short stage presentations and be available at their booths.



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## Five Hālau & Ku'uipo Kumukahi at Ho'okupu Hula No Ka'ū Cultural Fest

Five hālau will grace the Saturday, Nov. 2 Ho'okupu Hula No Ka'ū Cultural Festival, along with musical performers and cultural practitioners. Kumu Debbie Ryder said she welcomes hālau from afar and near and headliner singer Ku'uipo Kumukahi along with the musical group He Mea Hou, led by Victor Chock.

The event begins at 9 a.m. at Ke Ola Pu'u honua grounds in Nā'ālehu, with Pule and Ho'okupu. Ku'uipo Kumukahi at 10 a.m. She is followed by:

Hālau O Kaleo A Keahialapalapa with Kumu Hula Naoho Kanaha



Kumu Hula Moses Kaho'okele Crabbe and hālau will perform Nov. 2 at Ke Ola Pu'u honua in Nā'ālehu.

Kanakaole, great granddaughter of Aunty Edith Kanakaole.

Hālau Na Pua O Uluhaimalama with Kumu Hula Emery Acerat, whose 'ūniki is from the Late Ray Fonseca;

Hālau Hula 'O Leionalani with Kumu Hula Debbie Ryder

whose 'ūniki is from the late Loea George Lankilakeikiahiali'i Naope;

Ho'omaika'i Hula Studio with Kumu Hula Shona LamHo, an O'ahu Hula sister of Debbie Ryder;

Hālau Auolaokalani with Kumu Hula Moses Kaho'okele Crabbe;

Cultural practitioner demonstrations include:

Net Making with Uncle Chucky Leslie of Nāpō'opo'o;

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## Kauaha'ao Church to Host Fall Bazaar

Kauaha'ao Congregational Church in Wai'ōhinu will host a fundraising Fall Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the church campus.

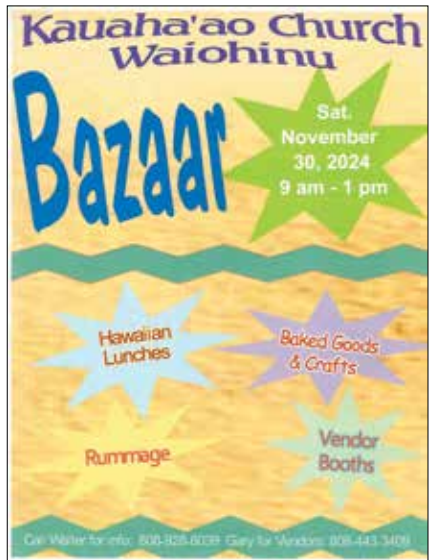
The church is located on the corner of Māmalahoa Hwy, Kamā'oa Road and Pinao Street just above the Wong Yuen Store.

Individuals, schools, clubs, sports and athletic groups are invited to be vendors at the flea market on the church lawn. The charge for a 12' X 12' space is \$10. Vendors are responsible for bringing their own tent, table and chairs, and if power is needed, a generator. Vendors can sell anything except hot foods and plate lunches.

Vendors must submit a Vendor Application with the \$10 fee by Saturday, Nov. 23. To request a Vendor Application, and for more information text Delana Phillips at 850-463-7544 or email Treasurer.kauahaaochurch@gmail.com.

Church members will be selling Lau Lau Plate Lunches and Kalua Pork

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## 'Ukulele & Kanikapila Weekly Lessons in Ocean View

'Ukulele lessons followed by a Kanikapila have been launched on Saturdays at 3 p.m. in the Ocean View Community Center downstairs. Lessons and Kanikapila will occur throughout the winter, says 'ukulele teacher Scott Taylor. Beginner lessons start at 3 p.m. followed by a Kanikapila around 3:30 until 5 p.m. All ages are welcome, but Taylor encourages children to bring their parent(s) or an adult friend. He also recommends bringing 'ukulele and

a music stand to hold the paper song-books. Donations are accepted for the song printing costs. Taylor says there an emphasis not only on learning 'ukulele but also having fun.

Taylor, who summers in Anchorage, Alaska, is a member of the Alaskan Jumping Fleas Society, devoted to playing 'ukulele, with a number of the members playing at public venues. Taylor is the gig coordinator.

OV Community Center is located at 92-8924 Leilani Circle. Taylor is a 14-year 'ukulele player and teacher. For more info, call him at 907-350-7849.

This activity is a branch of the 'ukulele lessons hosted by Woodley White, of Nā'ālehu.



Scott Taylor, front right, announces beginning 'ukulele classes followed by kanikapila on Saturdays at Ocean View Community Center at 3 p.m.

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## Board of Ag Toughens Regs to Reduce Invasive Species

Stopping the spread of invasive species, including Coffee Berry Borer and Coffee Leaf Rust, both damaging to Ka'ū Coffee farms, is the goal of state Board of Agriculture. In October, it approved permanent rules that will enable the state to designate quarantine areas in places of infestation. It voted to establish monthly updates on invasive species management and progress and to come up with a guide to educate businesses threatened by invasive species.

The new rules mean that plants and other materials tainted with invasives can more easily be banned from moving them around the islands where they could spread the infestation. The new

rules give the state the authority to inspect the movements of plant materials.

Support has come from agriculturalists, environmentalists and public health advocates. Such invasives as Little Fire Ants attack and hurt pets and people; they are often carried in potted plants from nurseries into communities.

Coconut rhinoceros beetles that live in decayed plants can be carried around in potted palms, in moving palms and in mulch and compost. They kill palm trees and damage and destroy banana, taro, papaya, sugar cane and pineapple.

Coffee Berry Borer and Coffee Leaf Rust can seriously reduce production and kill coffee trees.

Department of Agriculture has developed action plans to deal with various invasives, and plans to further strategize with such agencies as state Department of Land & Natural Resources, which has the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council and University of Hawai'i, which has Invasive Species Committees on each island.

Board of Agriculture Chair Sharon Hurd said the new campaign will begin with education, followed by regulation. She said, "Educate before you regulate." Before adoption, the rules will go to state Small Business Regulatory Review Board and then to Gov. Josh Green for final approval.



Coffee Berry Borer is one of the invasive species that state Department of Agriculture hopes to fight with new rules passed in October, allowing quarantining plant materials in areas where invasive species threaten farming and nature.

Photo from Department of Agriculture

## Ka'ū High's Zero Waste Business Reaches Out

Mālama 'Āina Compostables introduces the public to its Zero Waste business run by Ka'ū High School students through an EPA REO Grant Program funded through Recycle Hawai'i. The event is on Saturday, Nov. 2 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the O.K.K. Market in Nā'ālehu.



empower students to take an active role in environmental stewardship. Throughout the year, students participate in running a Zero Waste business out of Ka'ū High School, focusing on increasing recycling rates and reducing waste go-

ing into Hawai'i's landfill.

Youth advocates will organize cardboard shredding demos, community outreach and educational presentations throughout the event. There will be a hula performance, games and music provided by a local DJ.

"Community members are more than welcome to drop off or stay and hangout with us throughout the day," says the students' statement.

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This will be the students' first community collection event focusing on cardboard & HI-5 resources. "The materials collected will be reused, repurposed and most importantly diverted from the community's landfill," says the statement from the students.

Participants who contribute will also have the opportunity to win free swag.

The EPA REO Grant Program is a three year, \$1.5 million, youth-led initiative designed to

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## Together With Veterans Honors, Helps those Who Faced War

Preventing veterans from committing suicide is a mission of the Together With Veterans group of Ka'ū residents who hold signs on the 22nd of every month at 11 a.m. "Twenty-two is too many," said a sign held in October along Kamani Street, in Pāhala next to posters with the 988 helpline. The 22 refers to the campaign declaring 22 as the daily number of veteran suicides across the country. According to the Veterans Administration, approximately 8,030 veterans kill themselves every year, more than 5,540 of whom are 50 or older. The rate is about twice the rate of civilian suicides.

Volunteer Fire Captain Ron Ebert, himself a vet of the Vietnam War, joined the sign-waving and said sol-



Together With Veterans group waves signs to raise awareness about suicides among veterans.

Photo from Kehau Kalani

it was something he personally had to deal with. Ebert became a public servant and pastor.

More recent statistics show that more than 30 percent of those returning from war are afflicted with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, which can be an important factor in suicide risk.

Together With Veterans organization is based in Pāhala. Its Facebook page also notes a sign waving in Hilo on the bayfront across from King Kamehameha's statue on the 22nd of each month. Together With Veterans, Facebook says: "This in-person sign-waving event aims to raise awareness and provide support to those

who have served our country. Together, we can make a difference. Let's stand up against this critical issue and create a community that supports our heroes. Don't miss out on this opportunity to show your solidarity and contribute to a cause that truly matters. Mark your calendars for the 22nd of every month and join us for an hour filled with compassion, understanding, and hope!"



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# KA PEPA VOLCANO

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## Volcano School Celebrates with First Ho'olaule'a

The first Volcano School of the Arts & Sciences Ho'olaule'a celebrated in the rain and shine in October with people, music, food and fun. Hundreds came to the campus during the state-wide flood watch with umbrellas and spirit.

The Ho'olaule'a honored the mission of the preKindergarten through 12th grade Hawai'i focused public charter school, which services students who are 53 percent from low-income families and 47 percent Native Hawaiian, most of them from Ocean View through Ka'ū into Puna, and all living within five districts on Hawai'i Island.

The school's welcoming words are "Kūlia. 'Ohana. Aloha." It serves about

225 students and has been educating for 15 years.

The school is on two campuses within Volcano Village, one at 99-128 Old Volcano Road and the Keakealani Campus at 19-4024 Haunani Road where new facilities are being developed.

Volcano School of the Arts & Sciences puts forth a philosophy that "education is more meaningful to children when presented in an environment that is familiar, that relates to their home life, and that allows for discovery-based experiential learning." That approach was on hand at the Ho'olaule'a with Hawaiian music, cultural experiences and activities connected to nature.

The School's mission is to provide an environment in which students are: "Learning through Volcano's unique natural and cultural resources to become creative global citizens."

In addition to a day program with the small school of choice capping classes at 18 to 20 students, VSAS offers after



The group Huliau with teachers, composers and performers at Ho'olaule'a for Volcano School of the Arts & Sciences. Photo by Sara Espaniola

school enrichment programs in such experiences as cooking, sewing, dance, art and languages. Among the employment positions at the school are teachers, educational assistants, bus drivers, cafeteria helpers and custodians.

Principal is Kalima Kinney. Vice Principal is Chris King-Gates. The school also has Social Worker Kim Miller, Business Manager Jessica Rohyas, and SASA & Enrollment chief Kaye Nagamine.

The Governing Board Chair is Rob Hamnett and Friends of the Volcano School of Arts & Sciences is led by Ian Cole. See much more with opportunities to enroll, work and volunteer



Making ti lei at the Ho'olaule'a. Photo by Sara Espaniola at <https://www.volcanoschool.net>.



Wide community support in attendance at Volcano School of Arts & Sciences Ho'olaule'a. Photo by Sara Espaniola

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11/9 – Rebecca Folsom in Concert  
11/9 - Luti Castro painting  
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11/14 – TN@TC with Ken Goodrich  
11/29 – 12/31  
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Wreath Exhibition  
11/ 29 – 12/1 – Artist Hui  
11/29 - Community Tree Lighting

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**Volcano Village  
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*For map & current  
information about the  
Studio Tour, as well  
as individual artist  
contacts, please visit:*

[www.VolcanoVillageArtistsHui.com](http://www.VolcanoVillageArtistsHui.com)

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## Visit Volcano Artists Hui Studio Tour Thanksgiving Weekend

Volcano Village Artists Hui plans its 38th Annual Studio Tour & Sale for Friday, Nov. 29 through Sunday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Volcano Village during Thanksgiving Weekend.

A statement from the Hui says, "This is an opportunity to meet and talk story with the artists in five different studios and galleries in Volcano Village. Hui members are grateful for the community support through nearly four decades!"

Locations this year are:  
Studio 1 is hosted by Pam Barton with her own fiber work and more. She will also host Zeke Israel with raku, jewelry, and whimsical surprises; and Randy Sutton, with textile art, cards and wall vases.

Studio 2 is hosted by J.M Fusions with Jamie Le-sourd's kiln-formed glass.

Studio 3 is Volcano Garden Arts, with Ira Ono's fine art and gifts.

Studio 4 is hosted by Margaret Barnaby with her woodblock prints. She will also host Mike and Misato Morata with their hand-blown art glass; Nash Adams Pruitt with his functional glass art; the work of Nolan Odachi, blade smith and metal worker; and Anne Brooke with her Hawaiian-grown indigo, natural dyed and hand-woven goods.

Studio 5 is Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus with Ricia Sherma's vintage silk clothing, bags and more; Joan Yoshioka's original paintings, prints and bags; Scott Pincus with his handmade silver jewelry and Bill Hamilton with his Treasures of the Tree, woodwork and fine furniture.

A special drawing for artwork contributed by each of the artists will be held at the end of the sale. Maps to the artists' studios and galleries will be available at local businesses and galleries in Volcano Village, and at [www.VolcanoVillageArtistsHui.com](http://www.VolcanoVillageArtistsHui.com). For further information please call 936-2821.

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**Hawaiian Immersion, from pg. 6**

that benefit from an understanding of Hawaiian values and traditions. This immersion experience not only strengthens the community but also sustains the Hawaiian language and culture for future generations.”

Interested members of the public can visit the Ka’u campus on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and join in fundraising activities, including auction and operation of a thrift store. Fujikawa Moses said, “Welina mai! We accept and appreciate any kākō’o!”

Supporters can go online to see the growing number of auction items at <http://app.galabid.com/naaaliikumakani/>. The auction itself will accept bids Nov. 22-25. Additional auction items are being accepted and already include a \$500 stay at Mauna Kea Resort in an ocean facing room with breakfast; a Premium Golf Package for Four at Kohala, two koa canoe paddles valued at \$500, one of them a Hoe Wa’a for recreational paddling and the other a Steering Blade; a \$300 Gift Card to the Hana Hou Hilo eclectic clothing and gift store; an Aly Dove Photo Session, a Sunrise or Sunset Photoshoot with Moments by Sara Louise; gift baskets from Punalu’u Bake Shop; bags of Rusty’s Hawaiian Coffee, selections from KeAli’i Malu Plants and Things; and many more items.

Purchased items can be picked up locally at the school on Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The organizers also invite everyone to join in for a celebration featuring Hawaiian music, plate lunches, and a visit to the thrift store, which is also a place to give and buy items to fundraise for the Hawaiian immersion school. The address is 95-6039 Māmalahoa Hwy. Nā’ālehu, HI 96772.

A statement from the immersion school’s lead parent fundraising advocates Cadence Feeley and Wai’ala Ahn says, “These donations are just a few of the many from our community, and we welcome additional contributions to help us reach our goal.”

Those who would like to give tax-deductible donations can make them to the current fiscal sponsor ‘Iewe Hānau o ka ‘Āina and designate the donation for Nā ‘A’ali’i Kū Makani Foundation, which is registered and incorporated in Hawai’i. Contact [nakm-foundation@gmail.com](mailto:nakm-foundation@gmail.com) or visit [bit.ly/nakmfoundation](http://bit.ly/nakmfoundation).

**Ka’u Cultural Fest, from pg. 10**

Poi pounding and demonstrating with Bobbie Pahia from Maui and Kawehi Ryder of Pāhala;

Medicinal Awa (Kava) with Todd Reilly.

There will also be food and vendor booths.

The Saturday festival is followed by a free Kulia I Ka Nu’u Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday at the same location, sponsored by Hawaiian Music Perpetuation Society.

It includes Lā’au Lapa’au, health screening, food demonstrations, resource provider demonstrations mele and hula.

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# Sulphur Banks Boardwalk Under Renovation

Sulphur Banks Trail will be closed through Dec. 12 in Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park. National Park Service staff will remove and replace the aging wooden boardwalk to improve visitor safety at Ha’akulamānu.

The area, also called Sulphur Banks, is known for the bright yellow sulfur crystals that adorn the lava rocks, and for other volcanic gases and steam that seep from the ground. Durable yellow cedar will be used to replace the aging facilities. Exposure to volcanic gas, sun, and rain has contributed to the degradation of the boardwalk. Two trail crew workers from Yellowstone National Park will assist staff from Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park during the eight-week project.

The Sulphur Banks boardwalk replacement project is one of several construction projects in Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park. Park visitors and partners

**Place Name, Award, from pg. 1**

with park kūpuna (elders) consultation group, <https://www.nps.gov/havo/learn/historyculture/ike-hana-noeau-film.htm>.

A Park statement says, “Michael’s work exemplifies the Hawaiian proverb Ma ka hana ka ‘ike – knowledge is acquired by doing. Through hands-on dedication, he has made Hawaiian culture available to a wide audience with innovative digital projects.”

Newman said he extends a big mahalo to Bobby Camara, Noah Gomes, the Kūpuna Consultation Group, and park staff for their “incredible support throughout these projects.”



Degraded wooden boardwalk at Sulphur Banks Trail in Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park will be replaced through Dec. 12. *NPS photo by Jessica Ferracane*

are encouraged to bookmark the construction web page for updates: <https://www.nps.gov/havo/planyourvisit/construction-closures.htm>.



Michael Newman, Visual Information Specialist at Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park, receives an Excellence in Interpretation Award in Washington, D.C. for his work to educate the public in Hawaiian language and place names. *NPS photo*



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There is much left to be done. We need to make health care more accessible to all who need it, no matter where you live. We need to keep supporting our schools and the teachers and staff who inspire our next generation. And we need to protect our heritage, culture, and those things that make Ka'ū so special.

I would be honored to keep working for you in the Hawai'i State Senate. Mahalo for the opportunity to serve as your Senator.



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