

HVO Raises Mauna Loa's Eruption Advisory Alert Level

An elevated Mauna Loa eruption advisory has been issued by the USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory. Scientists have elevated Mauna Loa's Volcano Alert Level from normal to advisory. This change in status indicates that the volcano is showing signs of unrest that are above known background levels, but it does not mean that a Mauna Loa eruption is imminent or certain.

According to HVO, its seismic stations have recorded elevated rates of shallow, small-magnitude earthquakes beneath the summit, upper Southwest Rift Zone and

west flank of Mauna Loa for at least the past year. During this same time, HVO monitoring instruments have measured ground deformation (inflation) on Mauna Loa that is consistent with recharge of the volcano's shallow magma storage system. Together, these observations indicate that Mauna Loa is no longer at a background level of activity.

Based on these changes in activity, and in accordance with the USGS Volcanic Activity Alert-Notification System, HVO raised the Volcano Alert Level for Mauna Loa to **Mauna Loa Advisory**, pg. 8



USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory scientists are closely monitoring recent signs of unrest on Mauna Loa. In this 1985 photo, Mauna Loa looms above Kilauea's summit caldera at left center and nearly obscures Hualalai in the far distant upper right. *Photo from USGS*

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Ka'ū Coffee Farmers Ask & Help is Promised

Ka'ū Coffee farmers asked for help from the community, government officials and current and prospective owners of land where they farm. The Sept. 27 public meeting was held at Pāhala Community Center.

Farmers talked about the possibility that a new owner could subdivide land where they have farmed for nearly 20 years. A Project Unit Development plan, approved by the county after investors bought the former sugar land from C. Brewer, could allow the land to be divided and sold. Under one proposal, up to a half acre could be cleared within a coffee farm to make room for a house, as in a coffee estate. The estate could be sold, leaving the coffee grower farming around the house until the farmer's license expires.

State Rep. Richard Onishi asked representatives of current owner Lehman Brothers, of New York, and prospective buyer Resource Land Holdings LLC, of Colorado, whether they would consider selling the land to the farmers. Lehman Brothers' broker for the sale, Joel LaPinta, said the land is in escrow to Resource Land Holdings and that Lehman is not considering marketing it to anyone else at this time. Tom Yeh, a Hilo attorney representing Resource Land Holdings, said he would take the question back to his client.

County Council member Maile David said she grew up on a coffee farm and understands land security challenges. She applauded the open dialogue between the

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Areas of Ka'ū Forest Reserve are popular for hunting, recreational opportunities, cultural uses, personal gathering and educational programs and activities. *Photo by Rob Shallenberger/ Map from DLNR*

More Access Coming to Ka'ū Forest Reserve

Edmund C. Olson Trust II and Hawai'i Department of Land & Natural Resources are establishing a public access route to the Ka'ū Forest Reserve. Providing public access is called for in DLNR's Ka'ū Forest Reserve Management Plan (2012), which can be found at [http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/forestry/files/2013/02/Kau_](http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/forestry/files/2013/02/Kau_FR_Mgmt_Plan_2012.pdf)

The public vehicular access route will soon be established along three miles of road along the lower boundary of the forest reserve that spans over 61,000 acres on the southeastern slopes of Mauna Loa. It will make areas of the reserve more accessible for public use, which includes hunting, rec-

reational opportunities, cultural uses, personal gathering and educational programs and activities.

To be known as the Olson Forest Access, establishment of this route was accomplished through a collaborative effort by the Ka'ū community, local hunters, pri-

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Ka'ū CDP Steering Approves Shoreline Setback

Ka'ū Community Development Plan Steering Committee approved a one-quarter-mile shoreline setback at its meeting in on Thursday, Sept. 24. In its current version, Policy 29 states: "On lots that are partially within the Special Management Area in the Ka'ū CDP Planning Area, establish shoreline setbacks at the earliest stages of the land use planning and development process at 1,320 feet (one-quarter mile). However, the applicant may request that the setback be reduced by providing information, including information required for SMA review, to the department which would allow the proposed activity's impacts and in consideration of the physical limitations of the property. For lots created prior to the date of the adoption of the CDP with an average lot depth of two hundred feet or less, the shoreline setback line shall be 40 feet."



Ka'ū CDP Steering Committee has approved a quarter-mile shoreline setback. *Image from Ka'ū CDP*

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farmers and real estate investors. She pointed to the "human element" and the difference between the corporate bottom line of investors needing to make a profit and everyday families needing to make a living.

In addition to the possibility of the lands being subdivided, Ka'ū Coffee Growers Cooperative spokesperson Joan Obra said coffee growers face a proposal of higher land rents from the prospective new corporate owner at a time when costs are climbing to fight the coffee borer and possibly other pests. Should rents go up at the same time as the cost of fighting the coffee berry borer, some farmers could quit, the land left unattended with borers spreading. The Ka'ū Coffee industry could go into a tailspin, she said.

Three Ka'ū, Volcano Workshops to Teach Social Security Strategies

Free Social Security Planning workshops come to Ka'ū in October, sponsored by Anderson Wealth Planning, of Kailua-Kona. Sessions will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at Nā'ālehu Community Center; Thursday, Oct. 22 at Cooper Center in Volcano Village; and Friday, Oct. 23 at Ocean View Community Center. Call 327-5410 to reserve a seat for the workshop location and date that works best.

The organizers of the workshops issued a statement saying that "with more people learning about file-and-suspend and claim-now-claim-more-later, mistakes are being made – like trying to do certain things before full retirement age. Make sure you understand the rules before going down to your Social Security office."

The workshops aim to show baby boomers how the Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act of 2000 ushered in some subtle rules that can lead to a little extra income

Listening to these challenges were county and state officials who all promised to help, including state Chair of the House of Representatives agriculture committee, Rep. Clift Tusji, deputy chair Onishi, Ka'ū state Rep. Richard Creagan and Chair of the state Department of Agriculture, Scott Enright. County economic development staff members were also on hand, as well as University of Hawai'i and state agriculture workers who regularly help Ka'ū Coffee farmers.

Ka'ū Coffee Grower Cooperative President Gloria Camba said, "Ka'ū Coffee is a positive influence in our community. It brings pride, economic independence and jobs. It provides unprecedented economic growth in the form of small, independent, locally owned businesses. Ka'ū Coffee has

from Social Security.

One strategy is file-and-suspend, where the higher-earning spouse files for Social Security upon reaching full retirement age in order to entitle his spouse to her spousal benefit, and then immediately suspends his benefit in order to earn delayed credits to age 70.

The other strategy is claim-no-claim-more-later. This strategy turns the traditional way of claiming spousal benefits on its head by having the high-earning spouse claim HIS spousal benefit off the low-earning spouse's earnings record from age 66 to 70 while his own benefit builds delayed credits.

According to Anderson Wealth Management, "While these strategies are simple in theory, it is important to understand the nuances as they apply to your individual situation. One or the other (or both) may be available to you, but it is critical to get the timing just right."

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One of the original Ka'ū Coffee farmers, Trini Marques, gave a history of the plantation workers setting out to create the new economy and to build a coffee co-op, develop a market, and to start the Ka'ū Coffee Festival. She talked about assistance that first farmers gave newer farmers and how the industry helped the community come out of the sociological and financial crisis of losing the sugar industry. She referred to help provided through the late Sen.

Daniel Inouye and federal, state and county programs, as well as education and agricultural consulting by numerous agencies.

She talked about the success of the Miss Ka'ū Coffee pageant which raises scholarship money for young women and provides a Ka'ū Coffee ambassador.

Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2015 Maria Miranda spoke about her family's journey from El Salvador to the mainland and to Hawai'i where they first worked on Kona coffee farms until they joined the Ka'ū Coffee movement by establishing their own farm. She said how much it means to her family to be in the U.S. and to have the opportunity

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Artists may enter no more than three pieces, and no more than one in any single category.

Registration is \$5.00 per adult entry, \$2.50 per youth entry (grades 7-12) and \$1 per keiki entry (grades 1-6). All proceeds go to help defray costs of the show, and any surplus is used for the scholarship program.

Overall winning entry will grace the cover of the 2016 edition of The Directory, Ka'ū's business and community resource guide.

Overall winner \$100, Youth \$50, Keiki \$25.



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Ka'ū Community Volunteers Repair Ka'alaiki Road

A band of community volunteers has finished major improvements on sections of the old cane haul road between Nā'ālehu and Pāhala. The effort with \$12,000 in funding for materials from County Council member Maile David began with rancher Al Galimba and farmer-rancher Phil Becker of Aikane Plantation using their own equipment. Becker, Galimba and crew worked several weeks to widen about 90 percent of about a 10-mile stretch where grass and shrubs had encroached on the old cane haul road. The project culminated in two days when Wally Andrade, Bob Taylor, Aikane and Galimba, The Nature Conservancy, Forest Solutions and Olson Trust furnished machines and



Crewmembers fill potholes on Ka'alaiki Road. *Photo by Davelyn Barido*

manpower to clear more and to pave.

About 40 people participated, many of them showing up with hand tools. "Not only did the communities of Pāhala and Nā'ālehu help, we also had volunteers from Kona, Waimea, Hilo and Honolulu," Becker said. "Al and I thank all of the many work-

ers and companies that made this project a success. It truly was a community project."

The road is an old sugar plantation cane haul road, left without funding for its care when Ka'ū Sugar Co. shut down in 1996. It is used by the public, especially during emergencies when Hwy 11 is closed. It is being cared for by those who drive it. "It is one of the roads in limbo with not much public funding since there are not many houses along its 12-mile stretch. However, the county did pay, through the Roads in Limbo program, for repaving the first three miles from Nā'ālehu," Galimba explained.

It is the only emergency route when Kāwā floods or a range fire crosses Hwy 11. Without Ka'alaiki Road, Ka'ū's only 24-hour Emergency Room, which is located in Pāhala, would be inaccessible from Nā'ālehu when the highway is closed. It is also used as a heavy equipment haul road because some of the bridges along Hwy 11 are weak and need replacement. "There is a definite need to maintain Ka'alaiki Road and its bridges," Galimba said.

"We hope that the community and the county will come together again to make (more) repairs," Galimba said. "In real need are repairs at the gulch crossings where water has damaged road surfaces and created huge potholes." These roads are used by macadamia and coffee farmers, ranchers and families with horses and a small number of cattle. Increasingly, visitors are traveling

the road for its views of the coast, the mountains and "the beauty of Ka'ū," Galimba said.

The total cost in materials was about \$19,000. Monetary donations were promised and more are needed, said Galimba, who can be reached at 938-7472.

Commitments are coming in through money, equipment and labor from Taylor Built Construction, Wally Andrade, Forest Solutions, Kuahiwi Contractors, Edmund C. Olson Trust, Aikane Plantation Coffee

Co., Bishop Estate and The Nature Conservancy. "Pacific Quest gave us the first \$2,000 check, and we set up a special account at CU Hawai'i Federal Credit Union for the fundraising," Galimba said.

Checks can be made to Mauka Road Repairs and mailed to Phil Becker, PO Box 698, Pāhala, HI 96777 or Al Galimba, PO Box 643, Nā'ālehu, HI 96772. For more information, call Galimba at 938-7472 or Becker at 808-927-2252.



Ka'ū's County Council member Maile David joined crewmembers making Ka'alaiki Road safer to use when Hwy 11 is closed. *Photo by Davelyn Barido*

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vate landowners, public land managers and natural resource conservation partners.

The route was formally agreed to on June 22, when Olson signed a memorandum of agreement with DLNR Chair Suzanne Case to establish it over lands owned by the Edmund C. Olson Trust II.

DLNR's Division of Forestry and Wildlife won competitive grants to establish the public access route from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Improvement Program and the National Shooting Sports Foundation's

Hunting Heritage Partnership.

Other key partners who will be involved include Hawai'i Department of Agriculture, Kuahiwi Contractors, Three Mountain Alliance Watershed Partnership, The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Hawai'i County's Game Management Advisory Commission. These partners will install fencing, signage and roadway improvements along the public access route and provide ongoing maintenance in accordance with the MOA.

The public will be able to use the access after DOWAF secures access over the initial

segment of the route from DLNR's Land Division and after project partners complete planned infrastructure improvements.

A permit will not be required for entry. However, DLNR rules may require a permit or license for certain activities within the forest reserve. For more information about the Olson Forest Access, including volunteer opportunities, contact Nohea Ka'awa at 808-333-7497.



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Uhane Pohaku to Open Safe House for Girls in Pāhala

A safe house for girls, to open Oct. 1 in Pāhala, was presented to residents at a meeting at Pāhala Plantation House last month. The location is on Ōhi'a Street between Pikeake and Kamani Streets in the former home of Alice and Goichi Furusho, now owned by retired San Jose dentist David Nye.

Nye, who studies Hawaiian music and culture and visits the Islands frequently, said he is happy to provide a place for education and well being for young people.

The safe house will be operated by Uhane Pohaku Na Moku O Hawai'i. Up to six girls at a time, 13 to 17 years of age, will live there for up to about six months at a time. Executive director will be Roxanne Costa, of Hilo, who will leave after more than 25

years working with the Salvation Army, 10 of them operating a safe house in Honoka'a, which the Salvation Army is no longer able to fund, she said.

Costa is assisted by Pauline Pavao, longtime islandwide executive director of the Salvation Army, who retired this year and is consulting on the project.



Kawehi Ryder

Staff members will include Kawehi and Debbie Ryder, of Pāhala, who are founders of Uhane and have worked with challenged youth here, on O'ahu, Maui and Lāna'i. President of the Uhane board is retired warden of Kulani Prison, Glen Hasashima.

Hasashima told those who attended the meeting that helping young people at the

youngest age can help to keep them out of the judicial system and prison and headed for productive lives in their communities. Organizers and supporters attending the meeting said that Ka'ū, with all of its cultural and community resources, is a perfect place to help these girls.

Costa said that many of the girls have had no stable home. Some are from the streets. "They need a home and direction," she said. They will come from the Big Island, some from other islands and will be referred to the program by the courts. Some are runaways; some convicted of petty crimes. They will not be a danger to the community, the organizers promised. There will be two adults at all times with the girls. Costa said that four jobs will be created to fill these positions, a fifth to be a coordinator.

Kawehi and Debbie Ryder will operate the outdoor work-study and Hawaiian cultural components of the program, which Kawehi described as farming, and possibly the care and restoration of a fishpond at Punalu'u. Debbie Ryder is a Kumu Hula.

Funding of \$500,000 a year comes from the state Office of Youth Services, and oversight is through the state Department of Human Services. The county Planning De-

partment required a public gathering, organizers said.

According to Costa, home schooling will be provided with computers in the house, hooked up to the distance learning program of Kua O Ka La Public Charter School.

For more information, call Debbie or Kawehi Ryder at 315-7032.



A Pāhala neighborhood is working to eradicate little fire ants. Photo from HDOA

Pāhala Residents Battle LFA

Little fire ants have been identified at some houses on Huapala Street in Pāhala. Royal Hawaiian Orchards is working with residents to control and eradicate them.

The pest is considered one of the world's worst invasive species. Their painful and irritating stings cause long-lasting, itchy rashes or welts. Ants crawl in pets' fur and sting soft tissue, including their eyes. As a result, pets suffer high rates of skin irritation and tropical keratopathy, a clouding of the corneas that resembles cataracts.

For more information from Hawai'i Ant Lab, see littlefireants.com or call 315-5656.

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The Enduring Wiliwili, daily through Sun, Oct 4, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Pacific Island Printmakers focus on this tree endemic to the state. 967-8222

Ocean View Neighborhood Watch meeting, Thu, Oct 1, 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center.

Stewardship at the Summit, Fri, Oct 2, 23 & 30; Sat, Oct 17, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Volunteers meet at Kīlauea Visitor Center to help remove invasive Himalayan ginger from park trails. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Ho'okupu Hula No Ka'ū Cultural Festival, Fri/Sat, Oct. 2/3, 4 – 10 p.m., Pāhala Plantation House. Music, hula, crafts, food and cultural workshops. Open to the public with no fees both nights. See www.hookupukau.com. Kumu Hula Debbie Ryder, 315-7032

Oktoberfest, Fri, Oct 2, St. Jude's Church in Ocean View with 6 p.m. dinner. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. 939-7000

Pu'u o Lokuana, Sat, Oct 3 & Sun, Oct 25, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Kahuku unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants learn about formation and various uses of this grassy cinder cone and enjoy a breathtaking view of lower Ka'ū on this moderately difficult 0.4-mile hike to the top. 985-6011

White Line Printing Workshop, Sat, Oct 3, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Lisa Louise Adams and Margaret Barnaby teach how to carve lines into wood, paint with watercolors and print by hand. \$15 supply fee. \$63 VAC members; \$70 non-members. 967-8222

Ham Radio Operators Potluck Picnic, Sun, Oct 4, Manukā Park. All American Radio Emergency Service members, anyone interested in learning how to operate a ham radio and families are invited to attend. Dennis Smith, 989-3028

Hi'iaka & Pele, Sun, Oct 4 & Sat, Oct 24, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Kahuku unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants discover the Hawaiian goddesses and the natural phenomena they represent on this moderate one-mile walk. 985-6011

Volunteer Fire Department Meeting, Mon, Oct 5, 4 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Game Night & Potluck, Wed, Oct 7, 6:30 – 9 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. Potluck begins at 5:30 p.m.; bring a favorite dish for six. Fun games & great conversation open to the public. Sheri, 929-9258

Ka'ū Scenic Byway Committee Meeting, Thu, Oct 8, 5 p.m., Nā'ālehu Methodist Church. Public invited. richmorrow@alohabroadband.net

Red Cross Volunteer meeting, Thu, Oct 8, 7 p.m., HOVE Road Maintenance Corp. office. For volunteers and those interested in becoming volunteers. Hannah Uribes, 929-9953

Halloween Bat, Fri, Oct 9, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 5 – 8 register Oct 6 – 9. 929-9113

Atlas Recycling at South Point U-Cart, Sat, Oct 10, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

From the Ground, Up, Sat, Oct 10 – Nov 15, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Robert Weiss' solo exhibit features a new collection of plein air oil paintings of landscapes within the park. Opening reception Sat, Oct 10, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Ōhi'a Lehua, Sat, Oct 10, 9:30 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants learn about the vital role of 'ōhi'a lehua in native Hawaiian forests, the many forms of the 'ōhi'a lehua tree and its flower on this easy, one-mile walk. Free. 985-6011

Sunday Walk in the Park, Oct 11, 12 – 2 p.m. Nick Shema guides this walk exploring the park's summit. Free for Friends of Hawai'i 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, Oct 11, 4 – 5:45

The Ka'ū Calendar

Ka'ū Plantation Days, Oct. 17

The fifth Ka'ū Plantation Days in Pāhala, open and free to everyone, will bring back memories of Ka'ū's multicultural history on Saturday, Oct. 17. This year's theme is For the Good Times.

Parade starts at 9 a.m., led by a sugar cane truck driven by Derek Andrade, and followed by riders on lei-bedecked horses, traveling from Pāhala Community Center down Maile Street to the old radio station and Pāhala store building. Lorilee Lorenzo is Pa'ū Queen, escorted by her brothers, their partners and her parents. Kaua'i Island will be represented by Kehau Ke and her son Mana, in the color purple. O'ahu will be represented by Merle Becker and her escorts, in the color yellow. Moloka'i will be represented by Tiana Kuluwaimaka and La'a Ke, in the color green. Lana'i will be represented by Mikala Akana and grandpa, in the color orange. Kaho'olawe will be



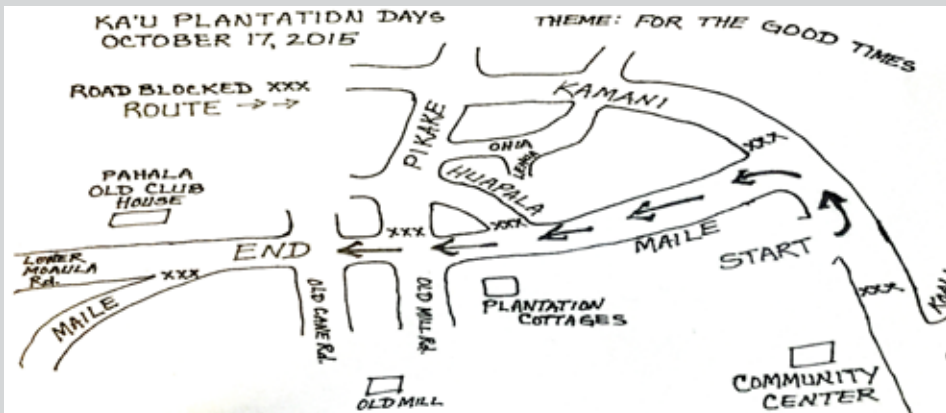
The Pa'ū parade celebrates the colors of each island and family members important to the agricultural history of Ka'ū.

represented by Keani Souza and escort, in the color gray. Maui will be represented by Alexis Wacker and escort, with color pink. Hawai'i Island will be represented by Samantha Wacker and escort, in color red. Many of the riders will honor family members, living and deceased.

Miss Ka'ū Coffee Maria Miranda will represent the Ka'ū Coffee industry. Friends of Ka'ū Library and Boys & Girls Club will march along with other community groups.

Festivities and a look into the past will take place at Pāhala Plantation Manager's House. On display will be plantation history and stories from Iwao Yonemitsu, a veteran of the sugar industry. He and Toku Nakano are also both veterans of the famed Japanese 442nd fighters in WWII. Films of plantation days are planned for showings inside the Plantation Manager's House.

Life of Ka'ū's Hawaiian cowboys - the paniolo - will be presented through the



displays of the Ka'ū Multicultural Society, which has a large collection of the ranching and dairy history in Ka'ū. Family members are encouraged to share copies of photos of



County Council member Maile David (center), with Ka'ū Multicultural Society leaders at 2014 Ka'ū Plantation Days.

Photos by Julia Neal
ranch life back in time.

Plantation Days presents the dance, song and food of many cultures of Ka'ū. A Samoan group will dance and sing, led by Tammy and Kainoa Ke, Ka'ū High's football coach, with their 'ohana. Nā'ālehu Hongwanji will offer a sushi sale. Chinese family presentations will come from the Wong Yuen family. Hawaiian cultural displays, hula and music will be provided by Ulu Makuakane, Kumu Hula Debbie Ryder and Hālau Hula Leonalani, as well as Hannah's Makana 'Ohana.

Kauaha'ao Church from Wai'ōhinu will offer musubi, drinks and desserts. Filipino food will be presented by the Ada family from Pāhala. Kalani Vierra will offer smoked meat and barbecue plates, and Lauren Wong Yuen will offer Portuguese plate, both fundraisers to send young family members on an educational trip to Washington, D.C. Ulu Makuakane will offer an herbal tea for refreshments.

The emcee will be Clyde Silva, from a long line of Portuguese settlers in Ka'ū. Hawaiian Civic Club will have a booth and Hawaiian games. Pāhala Karate Dojo will display their skills and offer refreshments. There will be a display of plantation days games and artifacts.

Organizers plan to bring back activities from the old sugar plantation days. 'O Ka'ū Kākou is acting as "camp police" for parking and security.

Plantation Days is planned by Darlyne Vierra and Liz Kuluwaimaka of Ka'ū Multicultural Society. Call 640-8740 or 339-0289.

p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Buddhist healing meditation for beginners through advanced. Free. Patty, 985-7470

Senior ID Cards, Mon, Oct 12, 9 – 11 a.m., St. Jude Church in Ocean View. 928-3100

A Walk into the Past, Tue, Oct 13 & 27, 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 2 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center and Whitney Vault in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Ka'ū resident Dick Hershberger brings Hawaiian Volcano Observatory founder Thomas Jaggar to life.

Ka'ū Plantation Days Final Organizing Meeting, Tue, Oct 13, 6:30 p.m., Pāhala Plantation House. Darlyne Vierra, 640-8740

After Dark in the Park: Fossil History of Hawai'i, Tue, Oct 13, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Joe Iacuzzo, of Ka'ū Learning Academy, and anthropologist Mark Sledziewski share their expertise fossils of Hawai'i and other fossil discoveries from around the world – including dinosaurs. Free; park entrance fees apply. 985-6011

Make a Ti Leaf Lei, Wed, Oct 14, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lanai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Park rangers demonstrate how to create ti leaf lei during this hands-on demonstration. Free; park entrance fees apply. 985-6011

Spider Craft, Wed, Oct 14, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register Oct 5 – 13. 928-3102

Family Reading Night, Thu, Oct 15, 5 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka'ū, Thu, Oct 15, 5:30 p.m. 929-9731 or 936-7262

OVCA Board Meeting, Thu, Oct 15, 6:30 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Thursday Nights at the Center, Oct 15, 7 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. *The Hawaiian Room* by Anne Marie Kirk documents the Hotel Lexington when young Hawaiian girls wooed New York with their songs and entertainment. Some of the Lexi Girls will talk story. Free; donations accepted. 967-8222

Forest Restoration Project, Fri, Oct 16, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Register at forest@fhvnp.org or 961-5012 by Monday, Oct 12.

Mask Making, Fri, Oct 16, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 8 – 12 register Oct 13 – 16. 929-9113

Hapa Haole Hula Workshop, Fri, Oct 16, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Participants learn how to hula with TeMoana Makolo, one of the Lexi Girls. \$15 members; \$18 non-members. 967-8222

Ka'ū Plantation Days, Sat, Oct. 17. Sponsored by Ka'ū Multicultural Society, the event features a parade on the streets of Pāhala and a gathering at Pāhala Plantation House celebrating the many ethnic groups who make up the community through immigration during sugar plantation days. Food, music, displays & education. Darlyne Vierra, 640-8740

Orchid Cultivation Workshop, Sat, Oct 17, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Participants at this Hilo Orchid Society event take home knowledge and a plant. \$20 VAC members; \$25 non-members. 967-8222

Recycling at Nā'ālehu School, Sat, Oct 17, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Nā'ālehu School Gym. Redeem your HI-5 sorted by type; receive 5 cents per container and additional 20 cents per pound on all aluminum. Atlas Recycling donates 20 cents per pound on all aluminum redeemed to the school. 939-2413, ext. 230

The Birth of Kahuku, Sat, Oct 17 & 31, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants explore Kahuku's rich geologic history, traverse the vast 1868 lava flow, see different volcano features and formations and

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identify many parts of the Southwest Rift Zone of Mauna Loa on this guided, easy-to-moderate hike.

Zentangle: Color, Sat, Oct 17, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Tangling in vibrant, living color. \$10 supply fee. \$30 members; \$35 non-members. 967-8222

People & Land of Kahuku, Sun, Oct 18, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Kahuku Unit. This guided, 2.5-mile, moderately difficult hike over rugged terrain focuses on the area's human history. 985-6011

Halloween Tissue Wreath, Wed, Oct 21, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register Oct 12 – 20. 928-3102

Hawaiian Music Concert by Sean "Olanui" Robbins, Wed, Oct 21, 6:30 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Robbins' recently released debut CD, *Olanui*, will be available for sale at the concert. 985-6011

Social Security Workshops, Wed, Oct 21, Nā'ālehu Community Center; Thu, Oct 22, Cooper Center in Volcano Village; Fri, Oct 23, Ocean View Community Center. All 6:30 – 8 p.m. See ad on page 16 for topics covered. Reserve at 327-5410.

How to Influence State Laws, Fri, Oct 23, 11 a.m., Ocean View Community Center; 2:30 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Hawai'i Legislature's Public Access Room presents free workshops providing the public with tools and resources to help them become active participants in the legislative process. par@capitol.hawaii.gov or 974-4000 x7-0478

Chicken Skin: Obake Stories, Fri, Oct 23, 7:30 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp Theater in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Master storyteller, kumu & actor Lopaka Kapanui tells true ghost stories of Hawai'i. \$20 in advance at CD Wizard & Irie Hawai'i; \$25 at the door. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply; 967-8371

Teaching Demonstration, Sat, Oct 24, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Robert Weiss, whose collection is currently on display, offers this free event. Register at 967-7565. Park entrance fees apply. www.volcanoartcenter.org

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Hula Performance, Sat, Oct 24, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., hula platform near Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Kahiko Hula featuring Kumu Hula Aloha Victor and Hālau Kala'akeakauikawekiu. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-8222

Native Dryland Plants Workshop, Sun, Oct 25, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Kahuku Park Pavilion in Ocean View. Presenters showcase plants well-suited to Ka'ū's climate and environment and that can be used to great effect as landscape features. hoomalukau@gmail.com or 929-8526

HOVE Road Maintenance board of directors meeting, Tue, Oct 27, 10 a.m., St. Jude's Church. 929-9910

Feng Shui Lecture, Tue, Oct 27, 4 p.m., Nā'ālehu Library. Clear Englebert is author of *Feng Sui For Love & Money*. 939-2442

Ka'ū CDP Steering Committee Meeting, Tue, Oct 27, 5:30 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center. The committee makes final recommendations for CDP revisions and adoption. The public is invited. kaucdp.info

After Dark in the Park: The Last Volcano, Tue, Oct 27, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Author John Dvorak, a former staff member of HVO, presents a special program and book signing. Dvorak's book tells how Thomas Jaggard and his wife Isabel Maydwell solved the mystery of why volcanoes erupt and found something else – enduring love. Free; park entrance fees apply.

'Ulana Lauhala, Wed, Oct 28, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Park rangers and cultural practitioners share the art of pandanus weaving. Free; park entrance fees apply. 985-6011

Halloween Fun, Wed, Oct 28, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. All ages register Oct 19 – 27. 928-3102

Legal Aid, Thu, Oct 29, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Beauty of Ka'ū Entry Drop-off, Fri, Oct 30, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. & Sat, Oct 31, 9 – 11 a.m. for the Nov 2 – 5 show at CU Hawai'i in Nā'ālehu. kauchamber.org or Donna Masaniai, 238-0505

Halloween Party, Fri, Oct 30, 12 – 5 p.m., Nā'ālehu Library. Goodies, crafts, activities & costume contest. 939-2442

Ocean View Community Development Corp. meeting, Fri, Oct 30, 5 p.m., Hawaiian Ranches offices.

Halloween Party, Fri, Oct 30, 7 – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Lava Lounge in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park with DJ Thomas Ramirez. \$3 with costume; \$5 without. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply; 967-8371

EXERCISE & MEDITATION

Pāhala Pool Schedule: Adult Water Exercise M/W/F 9 – 10 a.m.; Public Recreational Swim Mon – Fri 1 – 3 p.m., Thu/Fri 1 – 3:15 p.m., (10 a.m. – 12 p.m. only beginning 10/26), 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

Instructional Basketball, Mon/Wed, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 6 – 12 register Oct 1 – 9. 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

Hula Werk: Adult Workout, Mon/Wed, 6 – 7 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Ulu Makuakane. Free; donations accepted. 928-3102

Instructional Basketball, Mon/Thu 6 – 7:30 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Ages 8 and under

register Oct 5 – 9. 928-3102

Instructional Volleyball, Tue/Thu, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 6 – 12 register Oct 12 – 16. 929-9113

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

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

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

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

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

Jump Rope, Wed, 2 – 2:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 5 – 12. 929-9113

Gentle Senior Yoga, Wed, 3 – 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 teaches gentle postures and focused attention. Private sessions available. \$5. 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 for beginners & intermediate. Suzanne, 930-4678

DAILY & WEEKLY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ocean View Nutrition Site and Senior Club hosts activities at St. Jude's Church on Mon/Wed/Fri from 8:30 a.m. and provides lunches 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for seniors 60+. Donations requested. 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 Kauaha'ao Church in Wai'ōhinu. 938-0411

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

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 in 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

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, 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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Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run Draws Local & Worldwide Athletes

Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run saw worldwide competition on Sept. 19 with Half Marathon winner Kenneth Stover finishing in 1 hour, 37 minutes and 44 seconds. Half Marathon women's winner is Elda Carreon, who finished in 2 hours, 10 minutes and 25 seconds.

After a week of heavy rains with road closures, waterfalls pumping and streams overrunning their banks in Wood Valley and all around race headquarters at Ka'ū Coffee Mill, event emcee Guy Enriques said, "We were blessed today. We had the right amount of clouds, right amount of sun, right temperature."

Enriques said that many of the runners in the inaugural event last year, who returned, were very impressed with improvements, calling courses "more fun and more challenging." He said the Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run is one of the more challenging half marathons in the state. "The 5 and 10Ks are also tough."

He said that despite the downpours earlier in the week, "we were able to send the runners into the rainforest. The good weather yesterday, overnight and this morning dried things out. It was just a perfect day."

With a break in the weather, a slew of people of all ages showed up early this morning to expand the number of racers from the 137 who pre-registered. Racers came from as far away as Austria, Germany, France, Japan and Alabama.

Ka'ū Coffee Mill founder Ed Olson said, "We had a very good crowd and happy everyone turned out. Mr. Weatherman cooperated with us 100 percent. A very successful day."

Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run raises money for the community group 'O Ka'ū Kākou. Entertaining were local hula groups and musicians. Miss Ka'ū Coffee Maria Miranda started the race and

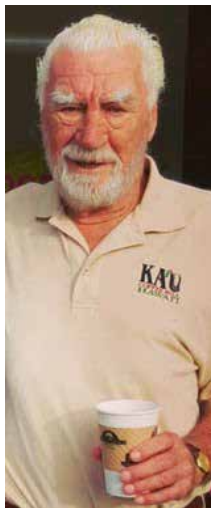


Runners head through coffee tree fields and into the forest during last month's Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run.

Image from video by Vernon Harvey at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXqHWIHqwFM>.

was accompanied by First Princess Joyce Ibasan and 2014 Miss Ka'ū Coffee Amery Silva.

Here are times for winners in adult divisions.



Ed Olson

Half Marathon winner is Kenneth Stover in 1 hour 37 minutes, 44 seconds. Second is Topher Fast, 1 hour 57 minutes, 24 seconds. Third is Mike Sibalsky in 2 hours, 29 seconds.

Winner of the Men's 10K is Michael Webster in 52 minutes, 59 seconds. Second is John Swanson in 54 minutes, 56 seconds. Third is Kyle Sullivan in 57 minutes, 20 seconds.

Winner of Men's 5K is Danilo Padilla, 23 minutes 39 seconds. Second-place finisher is TJ Kuhn in 25 minutes 46 seconds. Third is Mark Wasser, 26 minutes, 46 sec.

Winner of the Women's Half Marathon is Elda Carreon, 2 hours, 10 minutes, 25 seconds. Second is Vicki Daniel,



Nami Kurokawa and Tomoko Iwano, of Japan, participated in the 5K with Takami Munnerlyn, son of Pāhala residents Mike and Kayo Munnerlyn.

Photo from Minako Yamazaki who won last year. She came in this year in 2 hours, 18 minutes, 38 seconds. Third is Sally Marrack in 2 hours, 21 minutes, 37 seconds.

Winner of the Women's 10K is Meggie Olson in 1 hour, 2 minutes, 48 seconds. Second is Abigail Rotholz, 1 hour, 4 minutes, 43 seconds. Third is Mona Lichtblau in 1 hour, 5 minutes and 2 seconds.

The Women's 5K-winner is Hope Saxton, who finished in 26 minutes and 41 seconds. Second is Megan Denny, 27 minutes, 32 seconds. Third is Jesse Gunnels in 28 minutes, 19 seconds.

Ka'ū residents competing in the run finished in high places. Susan Field, of Punalu'u, the nurse practitioner at Ka'ū Hospital and karate teacher, took first in the Half Marathon among women in age group 50-59. Cliff Field, the Ka'ū Hospital physician and karate sensei, who lives at Punalu'u, took first in the half marathon for men 50 - 59. Randy Kai took first in the 5K for men 70 - 79. Maggie Olson was the overall women's winner in the women's 10K. Don Zimbeck took 1st in the 10K

men's 70-79 division. Robin Stratton took first in the women's 5K for ages 50-59.

Here are other Ka'ū winners.

In the Women's 10K: ages 30-39 Lindsey Paulekas 3rd place; 50-59 Joanne Galaher 3rd place.

In Men's 10K, ages 30-39 Michael McGee 2nd place.

In the Women's 5K: Megan Denny 2nd place overall and Maiki Cofer 3rd place. For ages 30-39, Karen Dusenbery 3rd place.

In the Men's 5K ages 19 and under Justin Denny III 2nd place; ages 40-49 Justin Denny 2nd place, John Poetzel 3rd place; and ages 50-59 Fred Strehler 3rd place.

The eldest finisher, who participated in the 5K 90-plus division, was Bill Spangrud, of Waimea, who is 91.

See a Phantom Drone Helicopter video of the race by Vernon Harvey, of Ocean View, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXqHWIHqwFM>.

For full results, see okaukaku.org/trail-run-family-day.



Miss Ka'ū Coffee Maria Miranda, with former Queen Amery Silva and current First Princess Joyce Ibasan, reigned over the Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run.

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Trojans take to the field for their season opener.

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Trojans Honor Fallen Classmate with a Win

Ka'ū High's eight-man football team won in a fiercely fought battle Thursday, Sept. 12 when they met Pāhoa at Kea'au Field. The Trojans led 16-14 at the end of the first quarter. Pāhoa took over the lead 22-26 at halftime and kept it until Ka'ū tied the game 48-48 with only one minute remaining. Then, with only four seconds left, Evan Manoha ran two yards for a touchdown. Final score: 54-48.

The Trojans dedicated their win to Kobie Bivings, a classmate who lost his battle with cancer last month. Josh Pacheco, of *Big Island Now*, said Manoha "dug deep in memory of his friend."

Manoha told Pacheco, "Every time we needed that score, I just tried to focus and play hard for our classmate that passed, because he could've been out here with us."

Coach DuWayne Ke told Pacheco that Bivings "was a good boy. He loved playing football, but he couldn't be on the field. That was the hardest part about it all."

On Twitter, a tweet from Ka'ū High after the game

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advisory and the Aviation Color Code to yellow. The Volcano Alert Level is a four-tiered system that uses the terms normal (background levels), advisory, watch and warning (highest threat) to inform the public about a volcano's status. These alert levels are issued in conjunction with

read "For Kob."

Hosting Kohala on Saturday, Sept. 19, Trojans wore yellow ribbons in memory of Bivings and signed a Number 21 jersey – his Pop Warner number – for his parents. Manoha scored more for Bivings in the fourth quarter of Senior Night's losing battle hosting Kohala. He also added two points on the conversion, making the final score 8-30.

Other seniors honored were Kamaehu DeRamos, John Kaawa-Kaluau, Isaac Kailiawa, Evan Manoha, Triesson Pascubilio, Duane Santiago, Kalamakoa Waiwaiolo and Gregory Ysawa.

Kohala ran away with the football in the second half at the Trojans' first eight-man game of the season on Aug. 29 at Kohala. The score was close at halftime, with Kainalu Medeiros-Dancel catching a pass from Kamaehu DeRamos and scoring a touchdown to close the second quarter at Ka'ū 6, Kohala 7.

Kohala ran in three more touchdowns in the second half. Final score: Ka'ū 6; Kohala 28.

Aviation Color Codes, which provide information about volcanic-ash hazards to the aviation industry. The codes are green (background), yellow, orange and red (eruption imminent).

An advisory/yellow status is declared when one or more volcano monitoring parameters is above the background range of activity, which is the current situation on Mauna Loa. According to HVO, progression toward an eruption is by no means certain, but the volcano is closely watched to track how the unrest develops.

"It's possible that the increased level of activity at Mauna Loa could continue for many months, or years, without leading to an eruption," HVO's Scientist-in-Charge Tina Neal said. "It is also possible that the current unrest could be a precursor to the next eruption of Mauna Loa, but at this early stage, we cannot determine precisely which possibility is more likely."

HVO previously maintained an advisory/yellow status for Mauna Loa following increased rates of ground deformation during

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Ka'u Sports Calendar

Trojans Fall Sports Schedule

Eight-man Football

w/*Coach DuWayne Ke*

- Thu, Oct 1, Pāhoa @ Ka'ū, 6 p.m.
- Sat, Oct 10, Ka'ū @ Kohala, 2 p.m.
- Sat, Oct 24, Ka'ū @ Pāhoa, 2 p.m.
- Sat, Oct 31, State Championship

Girls Volleyball

w/*Coach Joshua Ortega*

- Fri, Oct 2, Ka'ū @ St. Joseph, 6 p.m.
- Tue, Oct 6 Ka'ū @ Parker, 6 p.m.
- Tue, Oct 13, Christian Liberty @ Ka'ū, 6 p.m.
- Sat, Oct 17, HAAS @ Ka'ū, 10 a.m.
- Tue, Oct 20, BIIF Div. II First Round, 6 p.m.
- Thu, Oct 22, BIIF Semi-finals, 2 p.m.
- Sat, Oct 24, BIIF Div. II Finals, 4 p.m.

Boys & Girls X-Country

w/*Coach Erin Cole*

- Fri, Oct 2 @ HPA, 3 p.m.
- Sat, Oct 10 @ Kea'au, 10 a.m.
- Sat, Oct 24, BIIF Championship @ Kamehameha, 2 p.m.
- Sat, Oct 31, State Championship, Maui, 8:30 a.m.

Boys & Girls Bowling

All games @ Kona Bowl at 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

- Sat, Oct 3, Ka'ū vs Hilo & Kamehameha
- Tue, Oct 6, Ka'ū vs Kona & Kea'au
- Sat, Oct 17, BIIF Individual Championship
- Thu, Oct 29, State Championship & Kaua'i.

Ka'ū Trojan Wahine 7-3 Through September

Ka'ū High wahine varsity volleyball team found its groove after losing the season opener to Honoka'a in August. Hosting Makua Lani on Monday, Aug. 31, Varsity lost the first game 23-25 but recovered to take the next two 25-11 and 25-13. JV only needed two sets to win 25-18 and 25-15.

Varsity won at home again on Tuesday, Sept. 1. The Trojans trounced St. Joseph in the first game, 25-8, then St. Joseph was able to climb out of the hole to win a close second game 21-25. The third game was once again Ka'ū's, with a score of 25-11.

Both teams continued their winning ways on Friday, Sept. 4. Ka'ū won all sets when they hosted Parker. Varsity scores were 25-12 and 25-10; JV scores were 25-8 and 25-14.

The wahine Trojans traveled to Christian Liberty Academy on Friday, Sept. 11. Varsity's match went three games, with Ka'ū taking the second game 25-18 after CLA overcame them in the first game 27-25 and finished off

with a third game score 25-15. Junior Varsity won 25-15 and 25-16.

Both teams won again against Hawai'i Academy of Arts & Science on Tuesday, Sept. 15. Scores were 25-20 and 25-18 for Varsity and 25-19 and 25-13 for Junior Varsity.

During their rematch in Honoka'a on Friday, Sept. 18, the teams came back from the opening-season losses. Varsity won in three games, 25-22, 15-25 and 25-14. Junior varsity scores were 26-24 and 25-13.

Laupāhoehoe Varsity again kept the Trojans from winning on Wednesday, Sept. 23. After Ka'ū winning the first game 25-21, Laupāhoehoe took the other games 25-21 and 25-19.

Trojan wahine finished off September with more wins at Makua Lani. Varsity won two games in a row, 25-14 and 25-15, bringing their record to 7-3 so far. Junior Varsity went into a third game to win 25-19, 12-25 and 15-11.

Ka'ū Coffee Farms, cont. from pg. 2

to successfully create their own business, "the American dream."

Hawai'i Farm Bureau President Chris Manfredi committed his organization to helping coffee farmers and reviewed his own involvement in helping to market Ka'ū Coffee and organize the Ka'ū Coffee Festival.

Coffee broker Malian Lahey, who has her own farm

Shoreline Setback, cont. from pg. 1

Ka'ū residents who testified at the meeting all favored some sort of setback. One Ocean View-area resident said a quarter-mile is not enough, suggesting that having development at that distance would still effect ocean life because of run-off associated with such activities. She said 1.5 miles would be more effective in creating a balance between the environment and human impacts.

Another Ocean View resident, citing South Kona Wilderness Area as a successful example, said, "We must be very vigilant" on saving coastal land.

John Replogle, of Ocean View, said he understood people wanting a 1.5-mile setback, but that one-quarter mile "meets owners halfway. Everybody will be treated equally," he said. "People feel this quarter-mile setback will be taking something from them. It's to keep our coast open and take care of the things that can't talk. Ka'ū will benefit so much from having this setback."

in Wood Valley, said the Ka'ū situation is the intersection between agriculture and the real estate business. "Real estate is famous for killing off agriculture."

Obra and Miguel Meza, who also markets Ka'ū Coffee, gave a detailed analysis of break even scenarios for the farmers given their land cost and coffee berry borer risks.

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After changing language from previous drafts of Shoreline Setback Policy 29, people previously and currently involved in stewardship of Honu'apo supported the current language. Megan Lamson, current President of Ka 'Ohana O Honu'apo, expressed concern about a clause regarding choosing methods of determining setbacks, but the committee removed that language.

Former KOOH Executive Director Lehua Lopez Mau said, "I see no conflict with any future development at Honu'apo. It would only be reasonable to limit human (development activities) within one-quarter mile of the shoreline." She cited climate change with rising sea levels, increased hurricanes, earthquakes and other natural events as reasons to keep development further inland.

Steering Committee member Ron Ebert, of Punalu'u, argued against the setback. "The Steering Committee is charged with creating economic development," Ebert said. "How would this proposed setback affect anyone who wanted to come in here and provide

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a lot of jobs?" He gave examples of possible desalination and wave energy plants. "It seems this is very restrictive to any kind of development that ... would provide jobs," Ebert said.

CDP Project Manager Ron Whitmore said such projects can apply for variances.

Michelle Galimba, who represents Ka'alaiki and Honu'apo on the committee, said, "Protecting our resources will have an economic impact."

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Tūtū and Me Travels to Ka'ū Keiki Homes

Families in the Ka'ū community with keiki ages birth to five years old are urged to sign up for a Home Visiting Program, offered by Partners In Development Foundation's Tūtū and Me Traveling Preschool. A statement from PID says it offers "caregiver support and fun, educational resources for families to use with their keiki."

PID says the program is a "family-

strengthening model, which targets the caregivers first." Home visitor Linda Bong will meet with caregivers in the comfort of their own homes or at the park in 1.5-hour sessions, two to four times a month, for a total of 12 to 15 home visits.

Bong will offer caregivers a "compassionate, listening ear, helpful parenting techniques and strategies and educational resources" from Tūtū and Me Traveling

Preschool, the statement says. She will also network with community partner agencies to assist families who may need additional support services.

The program, which originally began in April 2015, offers rolling admission. To sign up or for more information about the program, call Linda Bong, LSW MSW, at 464-9634.



Donna Pabre and her granddaughter Elli enjoy home visits with Tūtū and Me's Home Visitor Program. Photo by Linda Bong

Kama'aina Kuts Salon Expands Team with Rhonda Balmer

Kama'aina Kuts in Nā'ālehu, welcomed hair stylist Rhonda Balmer in September. Balmer, of Ocean View, is a licensed cosmetologist, in business 32 years. Starting out in

Los Angeles, Balmer worked several years and trained with Vidal Sassoon. In Sedona, AZ, she operated Denovo salon and spa in the Hilton. In 2001, she made the trek to Hawai'i and worked as cosmetologist at Four Seasons and for the past 12 years at the Ocean View Hair Salon.

With opportunity to work with Kama'aina Kuts owner and stylist Corrine Kaupu and fellow hair stylist Elise Russell, Balmer is excited to add natural nails and facial waxing to her services. "I love making people beautiful and see their



Rhonda Balmer works on a spiral perm at Kama'aina Kuts salon located behind ACE Hardware and across the street from Punalu'u Bakery.

smile," describing it as a powerful job to help someone beautify appearance to boost self-confidence and affect all aspects of life. Pam Spencer, Balmer's client for a decade, said, "Rhonda has a passion for what she does and it shows in her work." She commented that she really liked the Kama'aina Kuts salon space as it gives a "personalized environment" providing a "one-on-one experience."

Balmer offers hair services on Sunday, Monday and Friday. She does manicures and pedicures on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Call 929-8151.

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Solar Electricity & Drinking Water Coming to Miloli'i

Native Hawaiian residents of Miloli'i will soon have solar power for electricity, refrigeration and cooking and a solar distillation kit to procure safe drinking water. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack last month awarded one of nine High Energy Cost grants to help reduce energy costs for residents in remote rural areas where the cost of producing electricity is extremely high.

The nonprofit Heritage Ranch, Inc. received \$896,450 to provide equipment and technical assistance for a solar energy network that will serve 255 native Hawaiians



A grant will provide solar power and a potable water system for Native Hawaiian residents of Miloli'i. Photo by Kaiali'i Kahele in Miloli'i. The community has no utility-provided electricity and no potable water.

Residents pay high rates to have fuel and water delivered.

"The High Energy Cost Grant Program is one more approach USDA is taking to deliver cleaner, more cost-effective energy sources across the country," Vilsack said.

"Energy conservation programs like this help improve the environment by reducing carbon emissions and

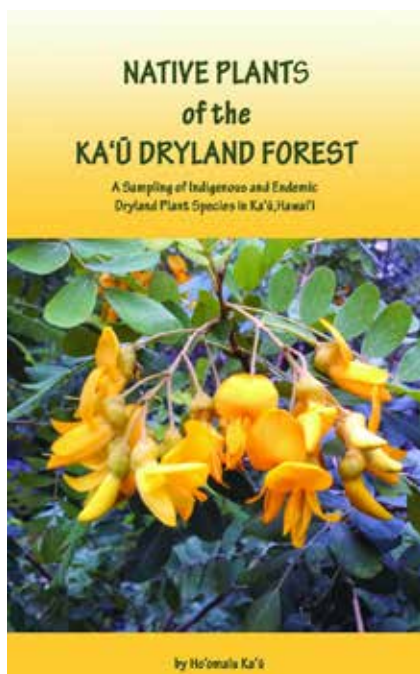
the use of fossil fuels. In addition, when businesses and families spend less on fuel and electricity, they have more money to invest in local businesses. The grants ... will help create jobs and benefit entire rural communities."

Workshop Focuses on Native Dryland Plants

Ho'omalū Ka'ū, the local nonprofit whose major goal is to build Ka'ū Heritage Center, holds its first free Native Dryland Plants Workshop on Sunday, Oct. 25 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Kahuku Park pavilion in Ocean View. The workshop is designed to educate local residents, especially lot owners throughout Ka'ū, about the environmental and cultural values and uses of native Hawaiian dryland plants, many of which have grown here for thousands of years.

Ho'omalū's Secretary/Treasurer Wendy Vance said, "For too many new owners of raw land, the first thing that is suggested to them is that they bulldoze their properties in preparation for building. The question then becomes, 'What should we plant?' We're advising that many of the plants now growing there are extremely well-suited to Ka'ū's climate and environment and can be used to great effect as landscape features.

"Bulldozing is, of course, an effective way to clear land, but selective bulldozing is the key. We would very much like to encourage identifying and inventorying what's growing on your lot before clearing, and then planting native plants."



Each workshop participant receives a free copy of Ho'omalū Ka'ū's booklet.

Participants receive Ho'omalū's recently published booklet, *Native Plants of the Ka'ū Dryland Forest*, a catalog of 15 native species found on the 15 acres in Manukā that were donated to Ho'omalū in 2011 for the purpose of building a Ka'ū Heritage Center.

Workshop presenters showcase several dryland species in their plant forms as well as in artifacts and discuss their cultural values and historical uses. There will also be a session about la'au lapa'au, medicinal uses of selected dryland species, and another session on propagation techniques that participants can use to grow plants on their land. Potted native plants will be available for purchase.

For more information about the booklet, the workshops and Ho'omalū Ka'ū, call 929-8526 or email hoomalukau@gmail.com.

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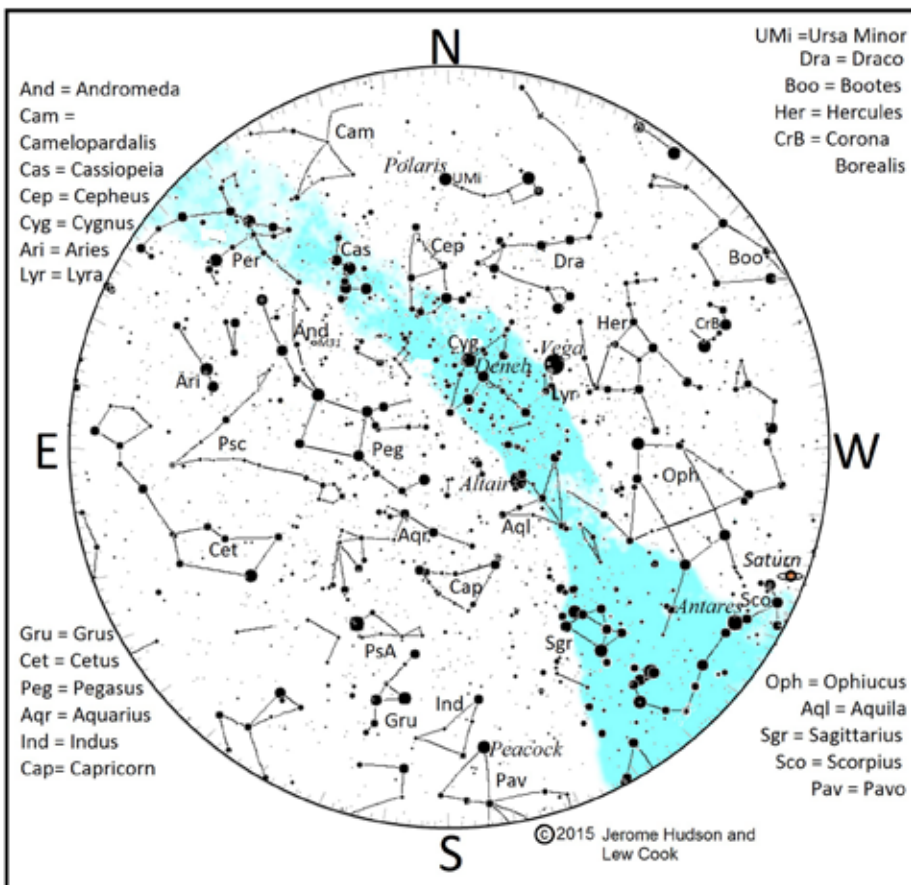
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Stars over Ka'ū - October 2015

by Lew Cook

“Lew, why didn’t you tell us of the lunar super-eclipse late last month?” It is because by the time the moon rose, the eclipse was almost over. At the end of the umbral phase, the moon was only two degrees high. The penumbral phase continued, getting less and less all the time, until it was over. By then, the altitude of the moon was just 15 degrees. The media picked up the story of the eclipse because in New York, where most of the national media is based, the umbral eclipse (the dark part of the Earth’s shadow) began at the convenient time of 9:07 p.m. EDT, was total by 10:11 p.m. and at maximum before 11 p.m.

Living in Hawai’i, we saw very little of it, so I skipped mentioning it. But just what is a super-eclipse? It happens that the moon’s orbit is a bit egg-shaped (like the Earth’s, only more so). When the moon is closest to the Earth, it raises tides higher than when the moon is further away. The sun also affects tides. When the moon appears largest in the sky, at full moon, it is opposite the sun, and the tides will add. If the moon is as close as it can get, the tides are slightly higher than at other times of full moon when they are quite high.

Venus is a morning star and can easily be seen before sunrise, after it rises just after 3 a.m. on Oct. 15. Mars is in Leo, too, but is far from the Earth in the constellation Leo. Jupiter also is in Leo and won’t make its face seen before 3:30 a.m. On the morning of Oct.15, Jupiter and Mars form a cute little triangle with Chi Leo, a fourth-

magnitude star, and continues on the mornings of the Oct. 18 and 19. But you must get up early to see them, between 4 a.m. and morning twilight.

All three of these planets get together near each other near the end of the month (but not as close together as Mars and Jupiter on Oct. 18) Then they will be about six degrees apart, while on Oct. 18 Mars and Jupiter are about half a degree apart. Saturn is up in the west as it gets dark but sets around 8 p.m.

Some of the constellations may be new to some of you; for example, Camelopardalis, a faint tracing of stars in the northeast. This is a giraffe, possibly watching out for Leo, the lion. Leo won’t rise for hours and is probably distracted by the antics of Mars, Venus and Jupiter around its feet. There’s also a ram (Aries), a bull (Taurus), a whale (Cetus), two fish on a stringer (Pisces), one fish swimming freely (Pisces Australis) and an old goat (Capricorn). The flying critters are busy flapping or soaring across the sky. There’s Cygnus the swan that has been gliding, or soaring, across the sky since summer, along with the eagle, Aquila. There’s also the crane, Grus, taking off upwards. Meanwhile, the toucan sits blithely by watching from his perch while the phoenix rises from its ashes. Meanwhile, the flying horse, named Pegasus, flies overhead.

There are people, too. Remember Queen Cassiopeia and King Cepheus? Their daughter Andromeda was to be sacrificed to the sea monster Cetus, but Perseus had oth-

er plans. In Greek mythology, there was a monster, Medusa. Just looking at Medusa’s head would turn any mortal being to stone. Averting his gaze, Perseus used his golden sword to slice off Medusa’s head. Keeping his gaze from the severed head, which retained its power, he showed it to Cetus, turning the monster to stone. Then, he rescued Andromeda, who married him.

There are other people shown in the sky, too. There is the Sculptor who may be looking for his lost triangle; it is north of Aries, the Charioteer Auriga, the departing hero Hercules and old dependable Aquarius, the water carrier. Is the river Eridanus the source of his water, or is what he spills its source?

Taurus is rising in the east, and the Pleiades are easily visible. Take a look with your telescopes or binoculars. Don’t the Pleiades look spectacular? Do remember to take a look at the Great Nebula in Andromeda, M31.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Oct. 02	6:13 a.m.	6:10 p.m.
Oct. 09	6:15 a.m.	6:04 p.m.
Oct. 16	6:17 a.m.	5:58 p.m.
Oct. 23	6:19 a.m.	5:53 p.m.
Oct. 30	6:22 a.m.	5:49 p.m.

Moon Phases table with the respective rising and setting times.

Moon Phases	Moonrise	Moonset
Last Quarter		
Oct. 04	12:19 a.m.*	12:45 p.m.
New Moon		
Oct. 12	6:04 a.m.	6:08 p.m.
First Quarter		
Oct. 20	12:47 p.m.	12:27 a.m.*
Full Moon		
Oct. 27	6:14 p.m.	5:47 a.m.
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Blue Zones Project Kicks Off Oct. 16-17

Blue Zones Project in Hawai'i kicks off Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16-17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hilo Civic Auditorium. Blue Zones Project is a community-wide well-being improvement initiative to help make healthy choices easier in Hawai'i.

Hawai'i Medical Service Association has brought Blue Zones Project to Hawai'i to transform the state into an even better place to live, work and play. To reach that goal, the project helps residents make small changes so they can all enjoy longer, hap-

pier and healthier lives. Small changes can lead to big benefits for the community: lower health care costs, higher productivity and, ultimately, a better quality of life.

Friends, family and neighbors are invited to the free community-wide celebration event to launch Blue Zones Project. Discover how to get involved in transforming Ka'ū into a place where healthy choices are the easiest to make. "Learn how implementing Blue Zones principles can lead to a longer, better life," said statewide engagement lead



Blue Zones Project promotes small changes, like walking, to enjoy longer, happier and healthier lives.

Photo from Blue Zones Project

Mari-Ela David Chock.

The event features local performances by Hālau Na Pua O Uluhaimalama, Merah Productions and Japanese Taiko Drumming. Move naturally with a Bike Rodeo and Hilo Kine Hoops. A healthy and delicious cooking demonstration is offered by Glow Hawai'i. Enjoy Wine @ Five with Volcano Winery, or downshift with a relaxing massage.

While there, participants learn more

about how Blue Zones Project partners with businesses, schools, restaurants, grocery stores and community leaders to transform well-being in communities. They can sign up for a Walking Moai, a Purpose Workshop or volunteer opportunities and commit to improving their own well-being by taking the Blue Zones Personal Pledge. See more at facebook.com/BlueZonesProjectEastHawaii.



Registration is now open for KRHCAI's fifth annual Floating Lantern Ceremony at Punalu'u in November. Photo from KRHCAI

Lanterns Available Now for Next Month's Event

Pre-registration is open through Oct. 15 for Ka'ū Rural Health Community Association's fifth annual Floating Lantern Celebration. Floating lanterns for inscribing messages and decorating are limited to 100 registrations. Tax-deductible donations go toward a college scholarship fund for students enrolled in health career programs.

The event at Punalu'u's Medicine Pond

takes place on Saturday, Nov. 28 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be taiko drummers, a qigong demonstration, hula hālau, local musicians and a powerpoint presentation dedicated to loved ones, friends, family and caregivers.

For more information, call 928-0101 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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the rapid inflation of the volcano in 2004-2005. That period of inflation, similar to deformation currently observed, did not result in an eruption. When the inflation slowed to background levels in early 2010, the status of Mauna Loa was returned to normal/green.

The most recent eruption of Mauna Loa, which began on March 25, 1984 and lasted just over three weeks, was preceded by up to three years of increased earthquake activity. But, in contrast to pre-1984 activity, the energy released by recent earthquakes remains comparatively low.

HVO continues to closely monitor Mauna Loa and will notify Hawai'i County Civil Defense, the National Park Service and other emergency managers, as well as the public, if significant changes are detected.

In response to the status change, HVO is now posting weekly Mauna Loa updates at hvo.wr.usgs.gov. It is possible to receive these updates via email by signing up for HVO notices through the free USGS Volcano Notification Service on the website.

"The alert level change at Mauna Loa reminds us that it is an active volcano that will erupt again someday, so we should be pre-

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Robert Weiss Shows & Teaches *From the Ground, Up*

Volcano Art Center Gallery presents recent artwork by Robert Weiss in an exhibit titled *From the Ground, Up* Oct.10 through Nov. 15. The solo show features a new collection of plein air oil paintings of landscapes within Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Inspired by the beauty of the island, Weiss paints "en plein air," a French expression that means "in the open air" and is used to describe the art of painting outdoors. Since 2006, Weiss has been an ardent practitioner of plein air painting, the art of painting directly from nature. Working alone and with the Plein Air Artists of

Hawai'i Island, he has focused on capturing the light, energy and beauty of the varied and stunning landscapes of the Big Island of Hawai'i.

Weiss studied illustration, graphic design and printmaking at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY and worked in New York City as an advertising art director and studio artist. In 1985, he started practicing the art of scrimshaw and began showing works at the Mystic Maritime Gallery in Mystic, CT. Shortly thereafter, Weiss left the commercial art world behind to work at scrimshaw full time. At about the same time, he began

a study of Classical Realism at the Reilly League of Artists in White Plains, NY, attending daily painting and drawing sessions.

Weiss is internationally known as one of the foremost scrimshaw artists in the world. He has received numerous awards for his work, including the Rudolph J. Schaefer Maritime Heritage Award, given by the Mystic International Marine Art Exhibition, a record three times.

In 2006, he and his wife Gail moved to the Big Island. Much of his work is devoted to landscape painting, and lately he has been drawn to paint the old houses and industrial infrastructure from the bygone plantation era on the Hāmākua Coast. "There is a certain beauty and sadness in these crumbling structures, and I'd like to preserve a bit of it in my paintings before they are gone," he said. Weiss and his wife are also avid bird watchers, and he recently began a series of works depicting the remaining indigenous birds of Hawai'i.

"Many of the sites Bob has chosen for his plein air paintings are here at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park," gallery manager Emily C. Weiss said. "The locations are near and dear to many that visit this special place, and Bob's unique ability to capture these special places in paint is truly breathtaking."

Weiss will lead a teaching demonstration at the gallery on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with a special focus on how to start a painting. Participants are asked to meet at the gallery porch, and if weather permits, the group will choose

a scenic location within the park. Participants are welcome to paint along. If interested, request a materials list when registering. Although the event is free, call 967-7565 to register.

From the Ground, Up will be on display daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the gallery in Hawai'i Vol-



Sunset by Robert Weiss

canoes National Park. It is free to the public; park entrance fees apply.

The artist presents a reception on opening day from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, see volcanoart-center.org, call 967-8222 or email gallery@volcanoartcenter.org.



Visitors admire the newly restored Herb Kane mural, *A Pantheon of Volcano Spirits*, in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Jagger Museum. NPS Photo by Stephen Geiger

FHVNP Completes Herb Kane Mural Restoration at Jagger

A colorful wall mural of Hawaiian deities painted by Herb Kawainui Kane has been restored at Jagger Museum in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

Thanks to an \$8,000 grant by Tourism Cares, a \$1,600 donation and 32 hours of service by the nonprofit Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, the artwork titled *A Pantheon of Volcano Spirits* is once again bright and colorful. The mural depicts volcano goddess Pelehonuamea, her brother and shark god Kamohoali'i, rival demigod

Kamapua'a and other Hawaiian deities affiliated with volcanoes.

The mural captivates millions of park visitors who visit Jagger Museum.

The mission of Tourism Cares is to preserve and enhance the travel experience for future generations. FHVNP's mission is to support the park in the protection, preservation and interpretation of the natural and cultural resources for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

Stained Glass by Jessica Tamarii

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Gallery Exhibit
Pacific Island Print Makers "Enduring Wiliwili" through 10/4
"From the Ground, Up" Robert Weiss Exhibit opens 10/10

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Hula Kahiko October 24
Kumu Hula Aloha Victor and Halau Kala'akekauikaweki
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White Line Printing	October 3
"Hawaiian Room"	October 15
Hapa Haole Hula	October 16
Orchid Cultivation	October 17
Zentangle®: Color	October 17
Weiss Painting Demonstration	October 24

Call 967-8222 or visit: www.VolcanoArtCenter.org

ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY IN KA'Ū

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OV Ranchos Solar Project Officials No-Shows at Meeting

No-show last month by representatives of the solar project planned for Hawaiian Ocean View Ranchos was the situation at a meeting in Ocean View last month. The gathering turned into an educational session and rally on how to stop the industrial solar installations from being placed within the neighborhood. State Rep. Richard Creagan told the group that he was proud of what they have done, how they “stepped up to the



Ranchos residents are concerned that native trees will be bulldozed for industrial solar farms. Photo from phrc.us

plate.” The complex situation includes approvals already gained by solar project developers from the state Public Utilities Commission and approvals yet to be considered by the county and PUC, including one to allow high voltage lines into the neighborhood.

Creagan said he, other legislators and Gov. David Ige are planning to look at revising laws that allow unintended consequences like industrial solar being installed in a residential setting. Laws allowing solar projects on land zoned ag didn't take into consideration that residential areas with ag zoning could be used to cobble together separate lots into an industrial project over numerous parcels, he explained.

Creagan said the price of the electricity to be sold to Hawai'i Electric Light Co. is too high, doesn't benefit ratepayers and violates the spirit of the law to make electricity less expensive. The location at Ranchos is far away from the electrical load requirements of more populated areas. There is already more electricity than can be used coming from the windmills at South Point, he noted. He said the project “could be seen as defrauding ratepayers and the people of Hawai'i. We are very hopeful that PUC will see that this is not in the public interest.”

Reasons for no-show given by the representatives of those planning the project, according to attendees at the meeting, were missed flight and heavy rains on road from Kona.

The organizers against HOVE industrial solar have set up a website, Preserve Hawai'i's Rural Communities, to deal with this and broader issues affecting ag neighborhoods. See phrc.us.



Totus Executive Director Eva Lee processes her harvest. Photo from Volcano Art Center

TOTUS Open to Ka'ū Tea Producers

Ka'ū tea producers are invited to enter TOTUS, the first national tea competition specifically for USA-grown tea. The Tea of the United States Awards are open to all tea farms, researchers and beginning growers whose tea-crop origin is cultivated in U.S. soil. Producing states can gain global recognition by participating in this national competitive program juried by an international industry panel. TOTUS promotes origin pride and identifies tea production making significant contributions in domestic agriculture and innovative trade.

The TOTUS Awards will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 4 on Hawai'i Island and hosted by Hawai'i Tea Society in partnership with Volcano Art Center, The Kohala Center, Big Island Resource Conservation and Development Council and Hawai'i Farmers Union United.

“We hope that the TOTUS Awards 2015 will encourage those who have pioneered U.S. tea farming to gain national recognition for their uniquely crafted teas and further educate consumers supporting domestic tea agriculture,” said TOTUS Executive Director Eva Lee.

“Those of us in Hawai'i who are propagating, growing, farming and processing tea will continue to expand production contributing to our local economies raising support from county, state and federal agencies.”

Categories are White, Green, Oolong and Black Tea. Commercially producing winners receive cash awards, and other winners receive certificates.

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Nā'ālehu, Ocean View Sessions to Teach Power for the Public at State Legislature

We the Powerful workshops are coming to Ka'ū on Friday, Oct. 23 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Ocean View Community Center and from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Pāhala Community Center. Keanu Young, assistant coordinator of Hawai'i State Legislature's Public Access Room, explains how to influence state laws. PAR is the Legislature's non-partisan Legislative Reference Bureau. Providing testimony and keeping up with the bills before the legislature can be done online, with Hawai'i having one of the best interactive systems in the country, particularly for remote communities like those in Ka'ū.

Topics include tips and techniques on effective lobbying, testimony and communicating with legislators. Young explains the legislative process, deadlines and power dynamics. He also describes easy to use tools available on the Legislature's website, capitol.hawaii.gov.

For more information and to register (helpful but not required), call 974-4000,

Hawaii's Public Access Room (PAR)



ext. 7-0478 or email par@capitol.hawaii.gov.

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and preparedness, HVO has posted on its website Frequently Asked Questions about Mauna Loa. Current monitoring data for Mauna Loa is also posted on the website.

For more information about Mauna Loa, other active Hawaiian volcanoes and recent earthquakes in Hawai'i, see HVO's website or email askHVO@usgs.gov.

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- What baby boomers need to know about social security
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