

# Pros & Cons in Ka‘ū CDP Tools to Protect Ag Lands

How to keep land affordable for agriculture was one of the main discussions at the Ka‘ū Community Development Plan Steering Committee meeting on the subject in August. County planner Ron Whitmore noted that farmland around the island has been subdivided and that its market value is based on houses allowed. As more houses are allowed on farmland, the land becomes more costly to purchase. He said there are many examples of houses on land zoned Agriculture on the Big Island with little farming going on. The example of Moa‘ula coffee lands,

where much of the famous Ka‘ū Coffee is grown by farmers who created a new economy after the sugar company shut down in 1996, was given as a place where subdivision is planned. The land and its sister farms at Pear Tree have a Project Unit Development Plan approval from the county. It allows subdivision of the land in small coffee plantation-size units and also construction of houses on the lots. The idea, according to Chris Manfredi, who worked on the Project Unit Development approvals and spoke at



Will Ka‘ū Coffee lands be affordable for those now farming them? Photo by Geneveve Fyvie

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### Ka‘ū Coastal Development Setback Steered by CDP Group

Ka‘ū Coast development setbacks continue to be undecided in the Ka‘ū Community Development Plan. After much input from residents and discussion among CDP Steering Committee members at a meeting about the Ka‘ū Coast in August, Steering Committee members attempted to approve a motion for a development setback to be either a quarter-mile inland from the shoreline or a distance determined by science-based assessments for individual proposals. However, without more Steering Committee members in attendance to vote, the measure failed to receive the number of votes required by CDP policy which states, “the affirmative vote of a majority of voting members shall be necessary to take any action.”

Members at the meeting voted on the motion presented by Steering Committee member and rancher Michelle Galimba to place the setback at a minimum of one-fourth mile or the distance determined by a science-based assessment. Galimba proposed an exception at Punalu‘u, where the distance would be determined with community input, she said. Galimba said the policy is still open for more discussion and that her motion was to help the process “move forward.”

Most residents at the meeting testified in favor of some form of development setback along the Ka‘ū Coast, a measure proposed nearly a decade ago by the South-Kona Ka‘ū Coastal Task Force.

Retired oceanographer Phil Sharkey



The Ka‘ū Coast is a remote refuge for wildlife, such as the endangered hawksbill turtle beach at Kamehame, makai of Pāhala. Ka‘ū Community Development Plan writers are considering setback distances for development. Photo by Steve Raner

### Call for Cultural Knowledge of Ninole and Hīlea

Cultural Surveys Hawai‘i Inc. seeks information from Ka‘ū residents for its cultural impact assessment regarding the Ninole Stream Bridge and Hīlea Stream Bridge replacement project. The purpose of the CIA is to gather information about the project area and its surroundings through research and interviews with individuals who are knowledgeable about this area. The research and interviews help when assessing potential impacts to cultural resources, cultural practices and beliefs identified as a result of the planned project. Aspects on which information is requested include general history and present and past land use of the project area,

knowledge of cultural sites, knowledge of past and ongoing traditional gathering practices in the project area, cultural associations of the project area, referrals of kupuna or elders and kama‘aina who might be willing to share their cultural knowledge of the project area and the surrounding ahupua‘a lands, and any other cultural concerns the community might have related to Hawaiian cultural practices within or in the vicinity of the project area.

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Ka‘ū residents can provide information for a cultural impact assessment regarding Ninole and Hīlea Bridge areas. Photo by Julia Neal

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# KA'U BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE

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## Aikane Plantation Rolls Out Mamaki Tea at Made in Hawai'i

Aikane Plantation Coffee Co. recently added Aikane Plantation Tea Co. to its line of offerings, introducing a Ka'ū-grown Hawaiian mamaki tea developed by Lynn Hamilton, of Pāhala, and the late Roy Helbush, of Ninole-Wailau Homestead between Pāhala and Nā'ālehu. Aikane's mamaki line

was featured at the Made in Hawai'i show in Honolulu during Admission Day week-end in August where a record crowd of 45,000 filled Blaisdell Auditorium. Merle Becker, of Aikane, said that Roy Helbush's son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren helped her and Phil Becker work the show

and that Aikane coffees and mamaki tea sold out. She said Aikane handed out almost

6,000 samples of Ka'ū coffee to those interested in Hawai'i products.

## Nā'ālehu Flyin' Mobile Cafe Celebrates Five Years in Ka'ū

by Geneveve Fyvie

In celebration of five successful years of business in Ka'ū, Flyin' Hawaiian Coffee owner Judy Knapp will offer weekly specials throughout September and a Celebration Party on Sept. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with live music, door prizes and giveaways.

The mobile cafe serves hot and cold beverages along with sweet treats every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the lawn between Nā'ālehu Methodist Church and CU Hawai'i Federal Credit Union on the mauka side of Hwy 11.

Since first opening, Flyin' Hawaiian Coffee's menu has expanded to include a few non-caffeinated drinks, including "freshly squeezed Ka'ū Limeade, fruit smoothies and our newest creation: Ginger-Lemongrass Limeade Crush. Perfect for this hot summer!" Knapp said. According to Knapp, popular caffeinated options include Ka'ū coffee, lattes, mochas and Killer Chillers. Knapp said she doesn't have any plans of moving to a storefront anytime soon, but it is her dream. That, "or getting a second espresso wagon - or winning the lottery!"

Knapp said she is "still loving (working in Ka'ū). Such a wonderful mix of people

and cultures, and coffee brings them all together!" She estimates that 60 percent of her customer base resides in the Ka'ū district. Knapp rejoices in the "happy looks on visitors' faces when they pull up after a long day at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and still have the drive back to Kona." She said she still has repeat customers from years ago who "have returned to the island and make it a point to stop for coffee!"

Knapp contributes much of her business's success with visitors to press coverage, which "has made Ka'ū much more recognizable throughout the world. Many tourists ask specifically for Ka'ū, rather than Kona, coffee." She said she "proudly serves Ka'ū coffee from Miranda's Farm."

As business has increased, Knapp found herself needing an extra pair of helping hands. She now has Liz Stabo, "my whatever-it-takes co-worker," Knapp said. "We've worked together over two years, and she pushes me forward when I'm dragging."

When asked for advice for other entrepreneurs in the community, Knapp said to "plan as well as you're able, jump in feet first, and hold onto your dream. Prepare to ride out the first year, and then watch it grow."



Judy Knapp and Liz Stabo offer a variety of treats from Flyin' Hawaiian Coffee's mobile kitchen. Photo from Judy Knapp



The late Roy Helbush's family helped Merle Becker, of Aikane Plantation Coffee Co., at Made in Hawai'i. Stephanie, Roy's daughter-in-law, and granddaughters Alyson and Katie assisted in the introduction of a mamaki tea line co-founded by Roy and Lynn Hamilton. Missing from photo is Roy's son Tyler Helbush and Phil Becker, who also promoted Ka'ū products. Photo from Merle Becker



Aikane is marketing a line of Ka'ū-Grown Hawaiian Mamaki Tea. Photo by Julia Neal

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the CDP meeting, was to allow houses on each farm but keep the land in coffee around the houses. He suggested that CC&R's – Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions attached to the deeds – could keep the land in farming.

Whether Ka'ū Coffee farmers could afford to buy the farms became the question. Steering Committee member and state Board of Agriculture member Michelle Galimba said she thought coffee farmers are at the stage in the development of their coffee businesses where they want to buy their farms.

John Cross, of Olson Trust, also a Steering Committee member, said that coffee farmers who in the last few years started growing on Olson Trust land at the edge of Wood Valley may also want to buy their farms in five to seven years, which could be done with a Project Unit Development plan. He asked that the Ka'ū Community Development Plan have minimal restrictions on allowing houses in such a development. One control that could keep more land in farming rather than housing is a restriction on how many houses would be allowed based on water availability. The Steering Committee agreed to work on the issue, including that the water restriction be changed to allow for more houses.

Ron Ebert, a volunteer fire captain and Steering Committee member, said he was concerned about subdivision of land that would waive good roads and other amenities and stated safety as a concern.

Patti Barry, a realtor and member of the

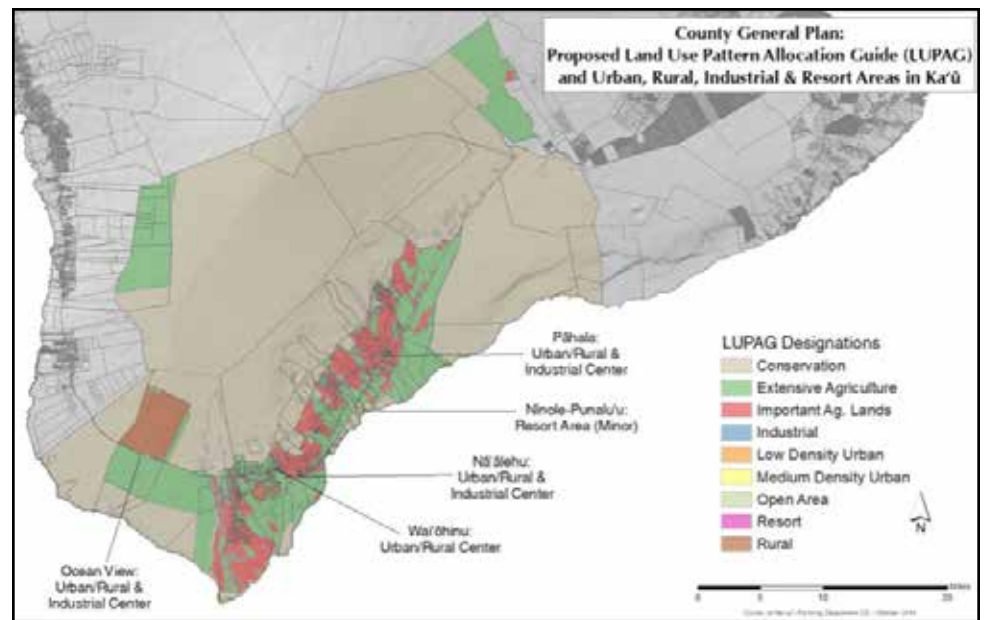
Steering Committee, said she supports the idea of CC&Rs being used to keep land in farming and also suggested that there may be a way to sell the land to farmers already on the coffee lands. She gave an example, however, of CC&Rs at Ocean View that require each landowner to keep 4,000 gallons of water on each property for drinking water and firefighting, a measure that is not enforced.

Planner Whitmore illustrated that CC&Rs can be changed over time by owners of the subdivided farm and house lots.

Regarding keeping the price of ag land down, Whitmore said that when waivers are made to allow substandard roads and avoid cost of basic infrastructure, and the land use becomes residential, residents commonly ask government for the improvements, and costs can wind up being covered by the taxpayers.

Whitmore said that various tools for making ag land accessible for farming have their advantages and disadvantages. Concerning Project Unit Developments, according to the Planning Department handout circulated at the meeting, potential advantages include an opportunity to own smaller lots for high-value crops and farm dwellings and more affordable lots due to lack of infrastructure. Potential disadvantages include speculative residential sprawl away from town infrastructure and services, loss of agricultural land to "gentlemen estates," higher property values, higher taxes and future public costs in excess of tax revenue.

Another approach to making ag land affordable to farmers is changing state Land Use District designations from Agricultural



**Map from draft Ka'ū CDP identifies the district's extensive and important ag lands.**

to Rural. This would allow half-acre lots, which are typically too small for viable ag lots. The draft Ka'ū CDP Land Use Policy Map designates agricultural lands in Ka'ū as areas to be preserved for agriculture and open space. According to Policy 39, development and construction in "Important Agricultural Land" and "Extensive Agriculture" areas shall be limited to agriculture, related economic infrastructure and cottage industries, renewable energy, open area recreational uses, and community facilities unless otherwise permitted by law."

Another alternative is a change of zone and standard subdivision. A potential advantage is that farmers could own smaller lots for high-value crops and farm dwellings. Such actions could result in sprawl away from town infrastructure and services and decreased affordability due to expense of infrastructure and services, according to planning documents. This option opens up the possibility of losing ag land to "gentlemen estates," increasing property values and taxes. The draft CDP calls for no rezone that increases allowable residential density, improvement of "farm dwelling" enforcement and updating tax incentives for ag land.

Under farm subdivision, farmland is preserved and sprawl prevented, but farmers are not allowed to live on the property.

Policy 44 of the draft CDP encourages farm subdivision.

Creating agricultural parks is another option. Potential advantages are that farm land is preserved and sprawl is prevented, smaller lots could be leased for high-value crops, lots would be more affordable due to lack of infrastructure and property values and taxes would remain unchanged. However, farmers would not be able to live on the property. The draft CDP supports ag park development.

Agricultural land trusts also preserve farmland and prevent sprawl while potentially creating land and dwelling equity in smaller lots and limiting impact on property values and taxes. A potential disadvantage listed in planning documents is the potential for village development away from town infrastructure and services. Policy 128 of the draft CDP states, "In those cases where agricultural land is of high value for particular markets in which Ka'ū has a unique niche (e.g., coffee, macadamia nuts, grass-fed beef), the County should endeavor to protect that land for agricultural use and secure long-term tenure on that land for local farmers."

See [kaucdp.info](http://kaucdp.info) for more information. The Planning Department also welcomed public comments on the draft CDP.






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**Moa'ula And Pear Tree coffee lands and pastures are being sold and were given as an example in studying tools to keep ag land affordable so for farmers.**



# KA PEPA PĀHALA

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## Ka'ū Alumni Unite for Back to the Future Celebration

Ka'ū High and Pāhala Alumni descended on Ka'ū during the Admissions Day long weekend last month. They held class parties at restaurants and homes with the grand finale venue at Pāhala Community Center on Sunday themed *Back to the Future*.

Alumni fed the community and pre-



**Brenda Akamu Garlock** traveled from Missouri to the Ka'ū reunion.

sented music from Just in Case, Uncle Ernie and Makaanau.

The Pāhala kupuna hula group shared dance.

Alumni came from afar. Clement Hirae flew in from Boston. Brenda



**Ka'ū High and Pāhala alumni invited the entire community to dine.**

*Photos by Julia Neal*

Akamu flew in from Missouri. The eldest of the alumni on hand was likely Jeanette Howard, 92, of Punalu'u.

Alumni planned for their next gathering at the California Hotel & Casino on June 24, 2016. The Class of 1959, with committee members Chair Noel Kawachi, Priscilla Obado, Elaine and James Murakami, Donald Iida, Carol Andrade

and Vince Damazo, has been organizing the Vegas trip for 17 years with all Ka'ū alumni invited. They are turning over this logistics role – “We spoiled the people,” said Obado – to the class of 1966. Those interested in the next Vegas reunion can contact the new chair Gary Ota at 808-622-0100 or [gso1040@aol.com](mailto:gso1040@aol.com).

Chair of the annual Pāhala Admissions

weekend reunion is James Yamaki, an avid collector of Ka'ū High and Pāhala School stories and memorabilia, who can be reached at 969-6828. Finance Chair for the reunion is Richard Fujioka. Fujioka took time out during the reunion festivities to visit for the first time since 1958 his family's former place of business, Ka'ū Meat Market in Pāhala, now called Ka'ū Market House, to see the original store counter and other memorabilia.



**Clement Hirae** flew in from Boston and visited his alumni friend Cullen Buyuan.



**Jeanette Howard**, at 92, was likely the eldest of the alumnae on hand.



**Richard Fujioka** takes donations and is finance chair for the reunion.



**Phoebe Gomes, Pauline Enriques** and their hula sisters entertained.



**James Yamaki** is a chief reunion organizer and history collector.



**Ka'ū Multicultural Society**, led by Liz Kuluwaimaka and Darlyne Vierra, sponsors next month's Ka'ū Plantation Days.

*Photo by Julia Neal*

## Plantation Days Organizes for October

Ka'ū Plantation Days is organizing for Saturday, Oct. 17 to celebrate the multicultural evolution of the community and the history of sugar, ranching and dairy, and diversification into macadamia, coffee and food farms.

Interested persons and volunteers are invited to planning meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 24; Thursday, Sept. 10; Thursday, Sept. 24; and Tuesday, Oct. 13 at Pāhala Community Center and Wednesday, Oct. 7 at the old sugar manager's house.

Sponsored by Ka'ū Multicultural Society, led by Darlyne Vierra and Liz Kuluwaimaka, Ka'ū Plantation Days will be held on the grounds of the old sugar plantation

manager's manor, Pāhala Plantation House.

It begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17 with an opening pā'ū parade, with representatives of ranches and farms on horseback, foot, car, truck and float. Flower lei-bedecked riders and horses represent each island. Clyde Silva emcees the parade. At the old manager's house, families with roots in Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese, Filipino, Samoan, European and other traditions present their memorabilia, dress, dance and foods. It will be the first year with Samoan dance, Vierra said.

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**The Enduring Wiliwili**, daily through 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

**A Walk into the Past**, Tue, Sept 1, 15 & 29, 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 2 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center and Whitney Vault in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Ka'ū resident Dick Hershberger brings Hawaiian Volcano Observatory founder Thomas Jaggar to life every other Tuesday. 985-6011

**Game Night**, Wed, Sept 2, 6:30 – 9 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. Potluck 5:30 p.m.; bring a favorite dish for six. Fun, games & great conversation open to the public. Sheri, 929-9258

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

**Career Collage**, Wed, Sept 4, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 5 – 12. 929-9113

**Paint Your Own Silk Scarf**, Sat, Sept 5, Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Patti Pease Johnson 967-8222

**Ham Radio Operators Potluck Picnic**, Sun, Sept 6, 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

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

**Grandparents' Day Frame Sign**, Wed, Sept 9, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register Sept. 2 – 8. 928-3102

**Ka'ū Scenic Byway Committee Meeting**, Thu, Sept 10, 5 p.m., Nā'ālehu Methodist Church. Public invited. richmorrow@alohabroadband.net

**Ka'ū Plantation Days Organizing Meetings**, Thu, Sept 10 & 24, 6:30 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Everyone interested in helping the Oct. 17 event be successful is invited. Darlyne Vierra, 640-8740

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## Calling All Artists to Beauty of Ka'ū & Cover Contest

Beauty of Ka'ū Art Show is open for entries in numerous categories. The annual Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce Beauty of Ka'ū Art Show in November generates the cover for *The Directory*, the business and community guide to Ka'ū. *The Directory*, through Chamber membership and Directory participation, raises scholarship money for higher education for Ka'ū students. The scholarship fund continues to support students, year after year, as they make their way through college and professional training.

Beauty of Ka'ū Art Show is co-sponsored by CU Hawai'i Federal Credit Union, and the show will be held at its Nā'ālehu branch on Hwy 11 from Monday, Nov. 2 through Thursday, Nov. 5. Hours for public viewing and voting are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All mediums are accepted. Entries include paintings, sculpture, woodworking, quilting, pottery, jewelry, weaving, lei and graphics. Adult, youth and keiki categories will be judged. Artists may bring their entries to CU Hawai'i on Friday, Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is \$5 per adult entry, \$2.50 per youth entry (grades 7-12)

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

**Forest Restoration Project**, Fri, Sept 11, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Volunteers remove invasive faya plants. Register at [forest@fhvnp.org](mailto:forest@fhvnp.org) or 961-5012 by Monday, Sept 7.

**Kanaka National Elections**, Sat, Sept 12, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Ocean View Swap Meet & Huapala entrance of the Edmund C. Olson Trust Office Bldg in Pāhala. Lawful Hawaiian Government of the Hawaiian Kingdom holds elections. [meridianwoman@yahoo.com](mailto:meridianwoman@yahoo.com)

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

**Ka'ū 'Ohana Band Performance**, Sat, Sept 12, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Ocean View Swap Meet.

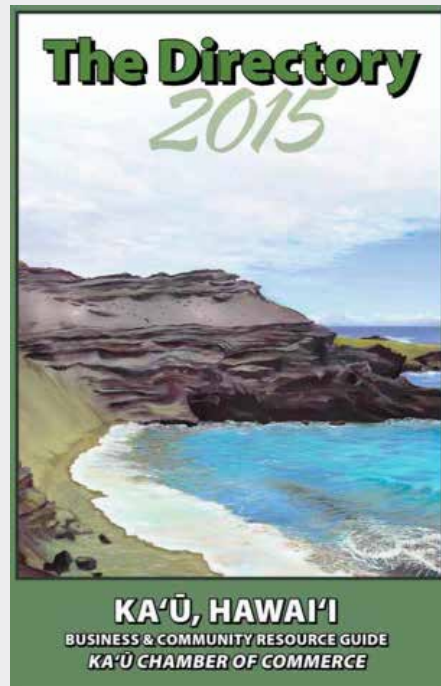
**Creative Non-Fiction Writing**, Sat, Sept 12, 12 – 4 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Nancee Pace Cline's workshop helps participants tell their stories as histories of their hearts and hearths. 967-8222

**Medicine for the Mind**, Sun, Sept 13, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Buddhist healing meditation for beginners through advanced. Free. Patty, 985-7470

**Sunday Walk in the Park**, Sept 13. This month's walk explores Pu'u Huluhulu. Free for Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park; non-members can join in order to attend. Registration required at [admin@fhvnp.org](mailto:admin@fhvnp.org) or 985-7373.

**Harvest Festival**, Sun, Sept 13, 4 – 7 p.m., Volcano Winery. The third annual event benefits Volcano School of Arts & Sciences. Live music, heavy pupus, souvenir wine glass & vineyard tours. \$40 adults over 21, \$20 ages 2 – 21. 967-7772 or [volcanowinery.com](http://volcanowinery.com)

**Senior ID Cards**, Mon, Sept 14, Pāhala Senior Center, 9 – 10 a.m.; Nā'ālehu Community Center,



and \$1 per keiki entry (grades 1-6). All proceeds help to defray cost of the show with any remainder going to the scholarship fund.

For more information, call Ka'ū Chamber President Donna Masaniai at 238-0505.

11 a.m. – 12 p.m. 928-3100

**Watercolor Art**, Mon/Wed, Sept 14/16, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register Sept 8 – 11. 928-3102

**Hawaiian Music Concert by Kūpaoa**, Wed, Sept 16, 6:30 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Kellen and Līhau Paik describe Kūpaoa as a lasting, permeating fragrance, and it is the couple's hope that their music will linger with listeners, infusing their hearts and minds. Free; park entrance fees apply. 985-6011

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

**OVCA Board Meeting**, Thu, Sept 17, 6:30 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

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

**Thursday Nights at the Center**, Sept 17, 7 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. A panel discussion of the film *Waste Land* follows the screening. Guest hosts are Ira Ono and Recycle Hawai'i's Paul Buklarewicz. 967-8222

**Karaoke**, Fri, Sept 18, 2 – 3 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 – 12. 929-9113

**Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run**, Sat, Sept 19, 7 a.m., Ka'ū Coffee Mill on Wood Valley Road above Pāhala. Half Marathon, 10K, 5K and other family activities make for a fun day for everyone. [race360.com/21357](http://race360.com/21357) or [okaukakou.org](http://okaukakou.org)

**FHVNP Annual Membership Meeting & Luncheon**, Sat, Sept 19, 10:45 a.m. – 1 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Guided hikes & presentation by Youth Rangers. RSVP by Sept 11 at 985-7373 or [admin@fhvnp.org](mailto:admin@fhvnp.org).

**Nā Mea Hula & Hula Performance**, Sat, Sept 19, Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Loke Kamanu and 'ohana present All Things Hula 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Kumu Nani Lim Yap and Hula Hālau Na Lei o Kaholoku

perform 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. 967-8222

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

**Kahuku 'Ohana Day: Hū Kukui**, Sat, Sept 19, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Children of all ages and their families are invited to learn how to make their own hū kukui, or Hawaiian top, with native kukui nuts. Park rangers demonstrate, then keiki compete to see whose top spins best. Register at 985-6019 by Thu, Sept 3. Free; park entrance fees apply. 985-6011

**Experimental Watercolors**, Sat, Sept 19, 12 – 3:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Patti Pease Johnson offers her popular workshop. 967-8222

**Ka'ū Coast Cleanup: Get the Drift & Bag It**, Sun, Sept 20. Volunteers meet Hawai'i Wildlife Fund staff at Wai'ōhinu Park at 7:45 a.m. to carpool to Kamilo for this International Coastal Cleanup event. [kahakai.cleanup@gmail.com](mailto:kahakai.cleanup@gmail.com)

**Jazz in the Forest**, Sun, Sept 20, 4:30 & 7:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Featured artists are Divine Divas of Jazz and Volcano Art Center Jazz Ensemble. Tickets: \$15 VAC members, \$20 non-members for matinee; \$20/\$25 evening. [volcanoartcenter.org](http://volcanoartcenter.org) or 967-8222

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

**Ka'ū CDP Steering Committee Meeting**, Tue, *Calendar, pg. 6*

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Sept 22, 5:30 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center. The committee makes final recommendations for CDP revisions and adoption. The public is invited. [kaucdp.info](http://kaucdp.info)

**‘Ohe Kāpala**, Wed, Sept 23, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Park rangers share the traditional art of bamboo stamping. Free; park entrance fees apply. 985-6011

**Hanging Mobile**, Wed, Sept 23, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register Sept 16 – 22. 938-3102

**Stained Glass**, Sept 24, 26 & 27, Volcano Art Center's Nīaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Claudia McCall, 967-8222

**Legal Aid**, Thu, Sept 24, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

**Fingerprint Tree**, Fri, Sept 25, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 5 – 12. 929-9113

**Ocean View Community Development Corp. meeting**, Fri, Sept 25, 5 p.m., Hawaiian Ranchos offices.

**National Public Lands Day**, Sat, Sept 26, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Entry is free on this largest single-day volunteer effort for public lands in the United States. Check the events page at [nps.gov/havo](http://nps.gov/havo) as the date gets closer to see what volunteer opportunities are available. Free; park entrance fees apply. 985-6011

**KMC Open House**, Sat, Sept 26, Kīlauea Military Camp in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. KMC invites park visitors to experience how KMC supports America's troops by using its facilities and services. KMC is open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8371

**Papier Mache Craft**, Mon/Wed, Sept 28 – 30, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register Sept 21 – 25. 928-3102

**After Dark in the Park – Rapid ‘Ōhi'a Death: A House on Fire**, Tue, Sept 29, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Scientists offer an update on this new threat to Hawai'i's native forests. Free; park entrance fees apply. 985-6011

### 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., 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](http://hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation)

**Free Play Sports & Games**, Mon – Fri, 1 – 4 p.m., Kahuku Park. All ages. 929-9113

**Walking Group**, Mon/Wed, 2 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 16 and up. 929-9113

**Jump Rope Challenge**, Mon, 3 – 4 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 – 12. 929-9113

**Pilates Plus**, Mon/Wed, 4 – 5 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. Open to all ages. Exercise by DVD; bring your own equipment: exercise ball, hand weights, band & mat. Free w/donation of non-perishable food. Judy Knapp, 929-8149

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

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

**Aikido**, Mon/Wed, 6 p.m., Old Pāhala Clubhouse. Alan Moores, 928-0919 or [artbyalan2011@gmail.com](mailto:artbyalan2011@gmail.com)

**Instructional Basketball**, Tue/Thu, 3 – 4 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 6 – 12 register through Sept 4. 929-9113

**Kempo Karate**, Tue/Thu, Ocean View Community Center, children 5 – 6 p.m.; adults 6:30 – 8 p.m., beginning Feb. 19. 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



Hula brings people together through an exchange between Ka'ū, Lāna'i, O'ahu and Japan during Ho'okupu Hula No Ka'ū Cultural Festival to be held in Pāhala Oct. 1 - 3.

## Public Invited to Oct. 1-3 Cultural Fest

Ho'okupu Hula No Ka'ū Cultural Festival returns to Pāhala Oct. 1 through Oct. 3. Public events include Hawaiian music, hula and honoring families with a kukui ceremony and ho'okupu, as well as classes in hula and other Hawaiian cultural practices such as lei making and lauhala weaving.

Hālau come to Pāhala from Lāna'i, O'ahu and several areas of Japan, including Tokyo and Okinawa. Kumu Hula Debbie Ryder, a student of the late George Na'ope, and her husband Kawehi started the festival on Lāna'i and brought it with them to Pāhala when they moved here.

On Thursday, Oct. 1, Mark Yamanaka will perform at a fundraiser dinner for the nonprofit Uhane Pohaku Na Moku O Hawai'i, which works with challenged youth though agriculture and traditional Hawaiian skill building. The concert, with Yamanaka, a multiple Nā Hōkū Hanohano award winner famous for his songwriting and falsetto, will be held on the grounds of Pāhala Plantation House. Call 315-7032 for reservations.

An opening pule for the Cultural Festival will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2, on Plantation House grounds, followed by a kukui ceremony at a special ahu where local residents are invited to honor ancestors. Hālau, families and individuals are invited to participate in presenting ho'okupu.

Two nights of sharing hula and music will be presented manuahi, free, to the public on Friday, Oct. 2 and Saturday, Oct. 3

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

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

**Hula Hoop Challenge**, Wed, 2:30 – 3 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 – 12. 929-9113

**Gentle Senior Yoga**, Wed, 3 – 4 p.m., Nā'ālehu Hongwanji. Senior price \$10 for 10 sessions. Stephanie Peppers, 937-7940

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

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

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

after 4 p.m. ceremonies. Skylark, Demetrius and Keaiwa and Ryder family musicians will entertain along with other headliners to be announced. Those performing include Kamehameha School Hula Ensemble; Hālau Hula O Leionalani members from Pāhala; Kumu Hula Sammi Fo and her Hālau Kahoku Kauhihionalani, of Ocean View; and Ka 'Imia Na'auao Kahiko from Ka'ū School of the Arts, with Kumu Hula



Hula legend, the late George Na'ope and Kumu Debbie Ryder.

Marsha Bolosan.

From afar come Hālau Hula O Ke Anuenue and Hālau Hula Ho'omaikai'i.

Musical groups Times 5, Southside Serenaders and Makanau will perform.

Saturday workshops, most of them free, begin at 8 a.m. They include hula, lauhala and coconut weaving, lei making and 'ukulele. Sign up at 315-7032. Local crafters and community service and educational organizations are welcome to sign up for space for the two days of events. Call 315-7032.

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

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

### DAILY & WEEKLY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

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

**Nīaulani Nature Walks**, Mon, 9:30 a.m., Volcano Art Center's Nīaulani Campus in Volcano Village. This one-hour nature walk travels through a portion of old-growth Hawaiian rain forest on an

easy, 1/7-mile loop trail. Free (calabash donations welcome). 967-8222 or [volcanoartcenter.org](http://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](mailto:alohachigong@gmail.com)

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

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

**Movie Matinee**, Tue, 2:30 p.m., Nā'ālehu Public Library. Free, family-friendly movies for all ages 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 Hall. 238-0505

**VA Center for Veterans**, Thu, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. David, 329-0574

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

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

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

**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](mailto:info@kauarts.org)

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

**Kīlauea Buffet & Hula Show**, Fri, 5 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Buffet every Friday at Crater Rim Café; hula shows Sept 11, 18 & 24 in Lava Lounge. 967-8356. KMC is open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8371

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

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

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

*The Ka'ū Calendar*



# KA'U SPORTS REPORT

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September 2015

## Barnett Wins Volcano Rain Forest Runs Half-Marathon

Local runner Billy Barnett won the Half Marathon in an international field of competitors during the sixth annual Volcano Rain Forest Runs on Aug. 22. Of the more than 600 participants in Volcano Rain Forest Runs Half Marathon, 10K and 5K, about 120 were from out of state and 100 from other Hawaiian Islands. Keiki also had their own special 100- and 200-yard dashes sponsored by Kīlauea Lodge. Miss Ka'ū Coffee Maria Miranda called the start.

This was Barnett's fifth win. The Volcano resident's time was 1:18:49. Kathleen O'Neil, of Honolulu, took first in the women's division for the second time, clocking in at 1:23:28. Other finishers from Volcano were Noe McMahon, 1:37:36; Marta Kaproni, 1:38:01; Mia Van Kralingen,



Volcano Rain Forest Runners race toward the camera.

Photo by Jesse Tunison

1:43:50; Bruce Simmerman, 1:45:47; Shawn Mishler, 1:50:43; Alex Wood, 1:50:44; and Bill Greineisen, 2:59:02. Eldridge Naboa, of Volcano, finished with a time of 3:20:58.

Shona McCulloch, of Nepean, CA won the 10K with a time of 35:38. Kailua's Eri MacDonald won the men's division at 35:42. Other 10K finishers from the local area and their times are Ella Johnson, Volcano 49:21; Meggie Olson, Nā'ālehu 51:51; Maxwell Mitchell, Volcano 51:57; Amy Kuhar, Volcano 58:30; Anne Farahi, Volcano 1:12:45; Casey Baker-Fien, Volcano 1:12:53; Maiki Cofer, Ocean View 1:14:56; and Marilyn Brown, Volcano 1:23:27.

Winners of the 5K were Coday Ranfranz, of Kailua-Kona, at 18:43 and Phoebe Wyatt, of Hilo, at 23:08. Other 5K finishers from the local area were Haven Fisher, Volcano 21:54 (first in age category); Toby Johnson, Volcano 25:03; Megan Denny, Pāhala 25:31 (first in age category); Robert Peck, Volcano 26:24; John Broward, Hawai'i National Park 28:05; Justin Denny, III, Pāhala 29:24; Paul Udac, Nā'ālehu 30:47; Frank

Bonaccorso, Volcano 31:43; John Poetzel, Ocean View 32:50; Jane Patton, Volcano 33:35; Angela Green, Ocean View 35:09; Justin Denny, Pāhala 36:44; Molly Denny, Pāhala 37:53; Marta Lepas, Volcano 38:20; Bryan Everett, Volcano 39:25; Robin Stratton, Ocean View 39:38; Jade Thomas, Volcano 40:25; Macy Orr, Hawai'i National Park 41:48; Liam Fien, Volcano 41:49; Paula Tailon, Nā'ālehu 43:08; Maesaka Kieran, Volcano 43:23; Nancy Chaney, Volcano 49:26; Jeanette Goss, Hawai'i National Park 49:55; Bill Hamilton, Hawai'i National Park 49:57; Kanani Rivera, Volcano 51:25; Liam Orr, Hawai'i National Park, 54:47; Travis Wood, Volcano, 54:59; Tim Orr, Hawai'i National Park 55:22; P. Montague-Mullins, Volcano 56:11; Ku'ulei Kekuewa, Volcano 57:35; Elizabeth Fien, Volcano 58:06; Lisa Canale, Volcano 58:27; Irma Ockerman, Volcano 58:39; Christine Woods, Ocean View 1:01:40; Philip Gordon, Hawai'i National Park 1:11:24; and Nadia Vogel, Hawai'i National Park 1:11:39.

"A big mahalo goes out to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped in making this event be such a successful community day," said race Director Sharron Faff. "A very special mahalo goes to Hawai'i Youth Challenge Academy for bringing 71 youth to be both volunteers and Color Guard presenting flags for the opening ceremonies and to have 23 run in formation while doing cadence in the 5K. A very special sight to see. Special thanks also goes to Miss Ka'ū Coffee, Maria Miranda, for starting the races and putting the medals on the 69 Half Marathon Triple Crown participants – runners who completed the Hilo, Kona and Volcano Half Marathons in 2015."

Rain Forest Runs, pg. 8

## Football Draws 40 Players; Schedule Set

Ka'ū High School Trojans' eight-man football team has 40 players this year. The schedule for 2015 has been announced by Athletic Director Kalei Namohala. The first game is Saturday, Sept 12 at Pāhoa. First home game is Saturday, Sept. 19, hosting Kohala.

Head Coach is Duwayne Kainoa Ke, and Assistant Coaches are Darryl Shibuya, Tammy Ke, Kawelo DeRamos, Jr., Kawelo DeRamos III, Mychael Moe, Charles Clausner, Kainalu Ke and Makana Gravela. Stat Managers are Gennifer Shibuya and Sheri Freitas. Athletic Trainer is Moses Whitcomb, and Assistant Athletic Directors are Sam Ah Yee and Hi'ilani Lapera.



Kathleen O'Neil and Billy Barnett won their divisions in the Half Marathon.

## Runners, Families Invited to Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run Sept. 19

The three events of the Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run on Saturday, Sept. 19 are drawing local families and competitors from around the state and around the world, from as far away as Germany.

The keiki- and kupuna-friendly 5K takes participants through macadamia orchards and coffee fields around Ka'ū Coffee Mill, which is located along Wood Valley Road above Pāhala. The 10K follows the 5K course onto a moderately challenging grade to higher elevations into the forest. The half-marathon climbs through the 'ōhi'a forest to an elevation of 3,100 feet. The race features a staggered-gun start, with the Half Marathon beginning at 7 a.m.

To register, go to okaukakou.org or to race360.com/21357. Race-day registration begins at 5:30 a.m. and ends at 6:30 a.m.

This is second annual Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run, sponsored by 'O Ka'ū Kākou. OKK spokesperson Nadine Ebert said that "all proceeds will remain in Ka'ū to support all the projects for keiki and kupuna, schools, community groups and organizations that look to us for assistance."

OKK recently finished with its School Tools project to furnish items needed by new preschool and kindergarten school students to start their educations at Nā'ālehu and Pāhala Elementary Schools. OKK also recently spruced up the roadside along Hwy 11 between mile markers 52 and 60. U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono recently recognized OKK with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, and County Council member Maile David gave OKK special recognition at the July 24 council meeting.

Ebert said, "We also want to invite all family and friends to come and enjoy the

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Runners head for the trail at the first annual Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run last October at Ka'ū Coffee Mill.

entertainment and then get a head start on Christmas gifts by stopping by the silent

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# Ka'ū Community Events &

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## Trojan Volleyball Starts with Strong Squad

Ka'ū High girls volleyball teams were triumphant at their first home matches on Aug 21. After losing the first game, Junior Varsity fought back to beat Ehunui in a three-set thriller 17-25, 25-20 and 15-5. Varsity took Laupāhoehoe in two sets 25-18 and 25-21.

The Trojan girls opened their regular season in Honoka'a on Aug 18. Junior Varsity lost 2-1 in a hard-fought, three-set match. Honoka'a Varsity took two straight sets to win on their home court, 25-20 and 25-8.

They began the season at Wai'ākea Girls Preseason Volleyball Tourney.



Ka'ū High girls volleyball season is in full swing. *Photo from KHPES*



## Pāhala Sensei Trains with Aikido Master

Local Sensei Alan Moores is attending a four-day Aikido seminar in Hilo over the Labor Day Weekend to receive instruction from eighth-degree black belt master Morito Sukanuma. Moores said he intends to bring back what he learns and share it with Pāhala Aikido Club.

"There are only a handful of these masters in the world at this level, and this event will be an incredible learning opportunity," he said.

Pāhala Aikido Club holds classes, open to the public, on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at Pāhala Hongwanji. For more information, call 928-0919 or email [artbyalan2011@gmail.com](mailto:artbyalan2011@gmail.com). *Photo from Moores*



Hawai'i Youth Challenge Academy students, here with Miss Ka'ū Coffee Maria Miranda, volunteered and participated in the 5K.

*Photo from Maria Miranda*

## Rainforest Runs, cont. from pg. 7

Sponsors of the annual event include Volcano Art Center, Cooper Center, County of Hawai'i, Nutrex/BioAstin, Volcano Rotary Club and local businesses.

Next year's event will be on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016, celebrating the National Park Service Centennial. Keep up to date with all the news about the 2016 event on Facebook/[volcanorainforestruns.com](http://volcanorainforestruns.com) and at [www.volcanorainforestruns.com](http://www.volcanorainforestruns.com).



The next generation of Volcano Rain Forest Runners prepares for 100- and 200-yard dashes. *Photo from Sharron Faff*

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# K Sports Calendar

## Trojans Fall Sports Schedule

### Eight-man Football

w/Coach DuWayne Ke

- Sat, Sept 12, Ka'ū @ Pāhoa, 2 p.m.
- Sat, Sept 19, Kohala @ Nā'ālehu Park, 2 p.m.
- 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

- Tue, Sept 1, St. Joseph @ Ka'ū, 6 p.m.
- Fri, Sept 4, Parker @ Ka'ū, 6 p.m.
- Fri, Sept 11, Ka'ū @ Christian Liberty, 6 p.m.
- Tue, Sept 15, Ka'ū @ HAAS, 6 p.m.
- Fri, Sept 18, Honoka'a @ Ka'ū, 6 p.m.
- Wed, Sept 23, Ka'ū @ Laupāhoehoe, 6 p.m.
- Sat, Sept 26, Ka'ū @ Makua Lani, 10 a.m.
- 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.

### Girls Volleyball, cont.

- 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

- Sat, Sep. 5 @ Kamehameha, 10 a.m.
- Sat, Sept 19 @ Kea'au, 3 p.m.
- Sat, Sept 26 @ Kamehameha, 10 a.m.
- 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, Sept 12, Ka'ū vs Kealakehe & Hilo
- Sat, Sept 19, Ka'ū vs Kamehameha & Kona
- Sat, Sept 26, Ka'ū vs Kea'au & Kealakehe
- 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.



**Pāhala Dojo Sensei Cliff Field congratulates Jake Villa on becoming a Junior Shodan.**

*Photo from Pāhala Dojo*

## Karate Kid Follows in Father's Footsteps

Jake Villa successfully completed his test for black-belt rank of Junior Shodan (first degree) with the Pāhala Dojo of International Karate League. He received his diploma that is registered with IKL on July 28. Jake began studying karate when Pāhala Dojo opened in 2009 and is the first student to earn his Junior Shodan from the Dojo. Villa's parents also are studying karate, and his father, Francisco Villa, recently received his rank of Shodan.

IKL is headquartered on O'ahu and registered as a karate school in Japan. IKL is a modified traditional Shorin Ryu style. The founder, Walter Nishioka, studied various martial arts in Hawai'i and Japan and taught self-defense for flight crews of the Strategic Air Command during the Korean conflict.

Pāhala Dojo's classes, held every Tuesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Pāhala Community Center, are open to the public. For more information, call Sensei Cliff Field at 333-1567.

## Ka'ū Girls Invited to Math & Science Day

Ka'ū's fifth-grade girls are invited to attend the annual Girls Exploring Math and Science program at Crown Marriot King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel. Registration forms were sent to public and private schools on Aug. 24, and the deadline for forms to be postmarked is Sept. 25. This event is sponsored by the American Association of University Women, Kona Branch, whose mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. This annual day of discovery features hand-on workshops and exhibits led by local women volunteers who work in math- and science-oriented careers and who show the girls how they use math, science and technology in their daily work. The program is designed to stimulate interest and bolster confidence of girls in these fields, as well as provide positive female role models. It may also stimulate girls' interest in a new career goals. As many as 30 girls from Ka'ū have attended in previous years.

Each participant receives a GEMS T-shirt and a healthy breakfast and views various exhibits prior to attending three different workshops, having lunch at the ho-

tel and participating in a lunchtime Zumba activity. The GEMS Steering Committee is presently finalizing workshops and exhibits. Some of the workshops are Marine Science and Problem Solving along our Shores, Coral Reef Conservation, Talk with GPS Satellites, Art and Science of Food, Animal Doctors, Dig into the Past, Creative Computers, How Rainbows Solve Mysteries, Robotics, Slime Time, Have Fun with Light and How to Make your Money Grow. Exhibits include Space Rocks, Working for the Ocean and Stand Tall and Discover Your Beauty.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is \$20 per girl. Scholarships are available, and no girl will be turned away for financial reasons. Sponsorship of girls by individuals or businesses will be accepted. Girls should register early to get their first choice of workshops.

For more information, to sponsor a girl, or to request a registration packet, contact Cindy Armer, GEMS chairperson at cbarmer@hotmail.com or 808-896-7180.



**Former Ocean View resident and math and science enthusiast Madalyn McWhite-Lamson urges Ka'ū fifth-grade girls to register for GEMS.**

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## Coast Setback, cont. from pg. 1

said he thought a setback would improve access to the coast and that he presently cannot access areas at Pōhue Bay to research hawksbill turtles.

Lehua Lopez Mau, former executive director of Ka 'Ohana O Honu'apo, said almost everyone she has spoken with approves setbacks and that plans by the hui for pavilions and a small structure at Honu'apo would be acceptable under the CDP.

John Replogle, who was a supporter of coastal development setbacks as a member of the Coastal Task Force, one of the founders of Ka 'Ohana O Honu'apo and a leader in the campaign that led to acquisition of some 400 coastal acres for a park there, said during the CDP meeting that he was speaking

for the "fish, reefs and people yet to come" to Ka'ū. He said he spoke to many people who favor setbacks, which would "keep Ka'ū their place" where they can walk on the coastline, unlike other shorelines in the state. He said he recognized that some residents are against setbacks, but, "in the end, it will be good, and they will be happy."

Chris Manfredi, who worked with land investors who formerly owned property along the Ka'ū Coast including Waikapuna, said he does not support houses on the Ka'ū Coast but questions the CDP's definition of development. "The devil is in the details," he said. Manfredi said setbacks could affect parks, trails and other public uses. He also opposed development setbacks proposed in the South-Kona Ka'ū Coastal Conservation

Task Force meetings.

Former County Council member Guy Enriques, who lives at Punalu'u mauka and has supported development plans near the shore, questioned the appropriateness of setbacks during the August CDP meeting. He said that especially at Punalu'u, near-shore development has, in the past, provided employment for local residents. "We have



**Ka'ū residents discuss options regarding shoreline setbacks with Ka'ū CDP Steering Committee members. Photo by Nalani Parlin** some opportunities here to do some really good things," he said. Enriques favored site-specific setbacks that would be individual to

different locations rather than a "blanket" setback for the entire Ka'ū Coast. Enriques also served on the Coastal Task Force and opposed setbacks.

The majority of the members of the Coastal Task Force, chaired by Pele Hanoa, sent a report to the state Legislature supporting a setback of 1.5 miles. The Coastal Task Force was an initiative of the late Rep. Bob Herkes. For more detail on the Ka'ū Coast, see the Task Force report at <http://www.state.hi.us/dlnr/reports/SP07-South-Kona-Kau-Task-Force-Rpt.pdf> and also the Ka'ū Community Development Plan draft concerning the coast at [kaucdo.info](http://kaucdo.info).

Ka'ū residents are welcome to contact the Planning Department with their comments for the Ka'ū CDP at 961-8137.

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## Ocean View Residents Take Hard Look at Policy 20

A controversial policy in the draft Ka'ū Community Development Plan was on the agenda at Ka'ū CDP Steering Committee's meeting in Ocean View in August. Policy 20 calls for exploring the feasibility of establishing a redevelopment area, plan and agency to comprehensively address community challenges in nonconforming subdivisions such as Mark Twain, Green Sand and Ocean View. If community-based redevelopment strategies are feasible, the policy calls for county-provided technical assistance to communities and organizations pursuing those strategies.

Some Ocean View residents have considered Policy 20 to be an imposition by the

county to change the nature of their area, where many residents enjoy a private lifestyle in upper reaches of the subdivision. In his testimony at the meeting, Rell Woodward said there is no community support for redevelopment. "Ocean View will not depend on the county for infrastructure; we expect little county interference. We do things ourselves," he said. Ralph Roland said Ocean View is so unique that you "can't plan this place using formulas. We don't need the county trying to upgrade us to Kona."

Ka'ū CDP Project Manager Ron Whitmore said the actual purpose of the policy is to preserve Ocean View's ag land and rural

character. He said the county has never had plans to make people move from their remote homes into more concentrated, urban areas.

Objectives of the policy are to encourage future settlement patterns that are safe, sustainable and connected. CDP documents say, "They should protect people and community

facilities from natural hazards, and they should honor the best of Ka'ū's historic precedents: concentrating new commercial and

residential development in compact, walkable, mixed-use town/village centers, allowing rural development in the rural lands and limiting development on shorelines."

Potential advantages stated in relation to the objectives are that the policy provides

*Policy 20, pg. 12*

## Solar Farms Comply with Ag, Face Opposition

A patchwork solar energy panels project

proposed at Hawaiian Ocean View Ranchos was the subject of much public testimony and discussion during a Ka'ū Community Development Plan Steering Committee meeting in August. Except for one person, Shelby Smith, who said the project would provide jobs, all who testified at Ocean View Commu-



Ka'ū CDP Steering Committee members Ron Ebert and Patti Barry discuss policies with Ka'ū residents at last month's meeting in Ocean View. Photo by Ron Johnson

nity Center opposed the project that would install arrays of solar panels on 26 mostly three-acre parcels in the ag-zoned residential subdivision. The company plans to sell electricity created by the solar arrays to Hawaiian Electric Light Co. State law permits such use

on ag land as part of the state's push for more renewable energy sources.

Residents expressed many concerns, including public safety issues. One resident said solar panels are fire hazards that contain lead, cadmium and chromium. Marta Randall said loose debris could gather around the arrays and add to the fire hazard. She also questioned whether there would be a reliable means of shutting off power at the arrays in case of emergency. She said the project has the "potential of

adding to large-scale fires" in the fire-prone area. Another resident suggested that the county put the project on hold and take mitigating steps regarding safety.

*Solar Farms, pg. 15*

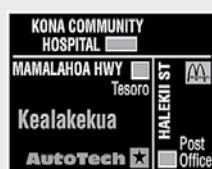
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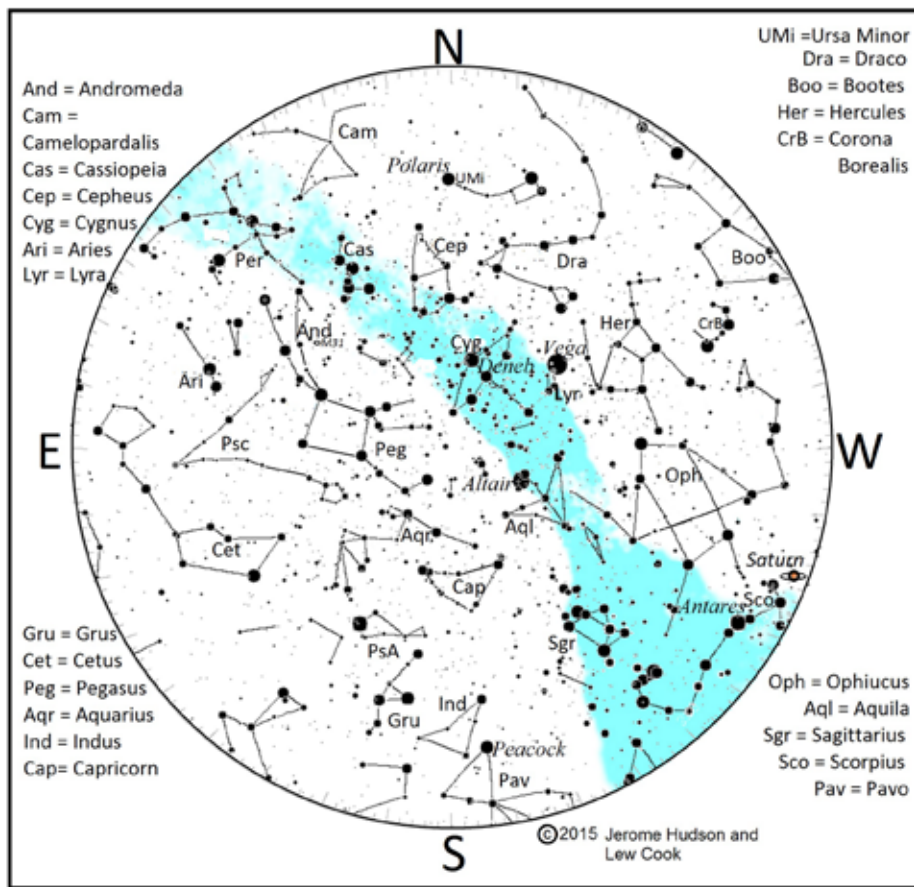
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## Stars over Ka'ū - September 2015

by Lew Cook

Venus is now a morning star, close to the sun as the month starts, but by month's end is more easily seen just before sunrise. Mars is there, too, but is far from the Earth as it passed behind the sun at its most distant point in the yearly trek of the Earth around the sun. Because Mars has an orbital period of 687 days and travels around the sun in the same direction as us, we don't find ourselves in a similar situation until (on the average) 780 days. All the planets are traveling in the same direction as the Earth. Most rotate in the same direction also. Venus and Uranus rotate in the reverse direction – termed retrograde. In the case of Uranus though, it sort of rolls around the solar system on its side, much as a beer or wine barrel. Uranus' axis is described as being inclined at 98 degrees.

Appearing in the southern sky this month are several constellations that are poorly known by those of us in the northern hemisphere. The reason is that Pavo, the peacock, is one that can't be seen by anyone north of 34 degrees latitude. The brightest star in the constellation is named Peacock! Also, they're in the vicinity is Indus, which is considered an American Indian. It is little known and has few bright stars. It was created by 1598 based on star charts drawn by Dutch navigators who sailed the southern oceans in the 16th

century.

The constellation Grus can be visualized as a long-necked bird flying up out of the southern horizon. This bird is a crane, which can be seen nesting on top of the chimneys in Europe. These cranes winter in Africa and migrate northward in the northern hemisphere's spring. We have no cranes in Hawai'i. On the mainland, there are red-headed sandhill cranes and a few whooping cranes remaining.

Andromeda is rising in the east and is reasonably high in our skies, so take a look with your telescopes or binoculars. See if you can find M31, the Great Andromeda Galaxy. This fuzzy patch can even be seen with your naked eyes. It is the most distant object you can see without optical aid. The Andromeda Galaxy is a member of the local group of galaxies. This group consists of more than 50 galaxies, but only four spiral galaxies like the Milky Way. We don't see our home galaxy as a spiral because we are right inside one of the arms. It is like trying to see the forest in the midst of it – "You can't see the forest for the trees" – if you will forgive me for using such a tired old expression. The other spiral galaxies in the local group are the Andromeda Galaxy, the spiral in Triangulum (just north of Andromeda) and NGC 3190 in Leo. The remainder of the local group consists of

satellite galaxies of these larger galaxies, like the Large Magellanic clouds and several dwarf galaxies near us. The Andromeda galaxy has a really impressive satellite, M110 – an elliptical galaxy that is really bright. If you have one, see if you can spot it through your telescope.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Sept. 04	6:07 a.m.	6:34 p.m.
Sept. 14	6:09 a.m.	6:28 p.m.
Sept. 21	6:10 a.m.	6:22 p.m.
Sept. 28	6:11 a.m.	6:15 p.m.

**Moon Phases table with the respective rising and setting times.**

Moon Phases	Moon Rise	Moon Set
Last Quarter		
Sept. 04	11:48 p.m.	12:10 p.m.
New Moon		
Sept. 12	5:44 a.m.	6:16 p.m.
First Quarter		
Sept. 20	12:18 p.m.	11:49 p.m.
Full Moon		
Sept. 27	6:14 p.m.	5:47 a.m.

**Policy 20, cont. from pg. 11**

new opportunities to preserve ag land and rural character and to increase safety and improve hazard mitigation.

Whitmore pointed to Puna as an example of an area without such a policy, where unmanaged growth created a situation in which residents must travel to Hilo for many goods and services.

Whitmore also said the policy does not prohibit commercial uses in upper areas of Ocean View. He said businesses such as convenience stores could apply for special use permits and be considered case-by-case, with residents able to be involved in the process.

Options considered at the meeting were to leave the policy unchanged, exclude Ocean View from the policy or delete it. Whitmore said that if Ocean View is excluded, future opportunities to preserve ag land and the area's rural character may not be available.

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# KEEPING HEALTHY IN KA'Ū

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## Will Adventist Health, Castle Medical Come to Ka'ū?

Ka'ū Hospital and other facilities in Hawai'i Health Systems Corp.'s East Hawai'i Region are in preliminary talks regarding possible acquisition by Adventist Health. The California-based company that operates Castle Medical Center on O'ahu initiated the conversation last month. Adventist also operates 19 other hospitals, 230 clinics and several home health agencies on the west coast and in Hawai'i.

Facing a \$7 million budget deficit,



HHSC East Hawai'i facilities, include Ka'ū Hospital, are in preliminary acquisition talks.

Photo by Julia Neal

HHSC's East Hawai'i Region laid off 87 employees this year. "Fortunately for Ka'ū Hospital, we did not lose any permanent positions, but the financial stresses on our facilities are considerable," Ka'ū Hospital Administrator Marilyn Harris said, "and we are very worried about the future because the road ahead is going to be even more financially challenging, and the health care needs in our community continue to grow. Ka'ū Hospital is great evidence of that, as our hos-

pital and clinic have been busier than ever.

"Our Board has to look at all the potential options, and that includes evaluating any prospective strategic alliance that would ensure our ability to sustain our services. ... The fact that you are seeing these reports in the news is evidence of the fact that the leadership of the East Hawai'i Region of HHSC wants our staff and community to be confident that our Board is being open and transparent about all considerations."

## Roadside Herbicide Ban Dropped by County Council Committee

A bill prohibiting use of toxic herbicides by Hawai'i County failed to move out of County Council's Environmental Management Committee last month. Ka'ū's council member Maile David was in favor of Bill 71, saying "I support the idea that we restrict chemical spraying at our county facilities. I think that should be our goal." However, when support came from only three of nine council members to postpone the bill and give Kohala Council member Margaret Wille more time to work on it, she withdrew the measure.

The bill called for the ban to include, but not be limited to, all glyphosate, 2, 4-Dichloro-phenoxyacetic, atrazine, dioxin, picloram, bipyridinium, diphenyl ether and tyrosine breakdown products at all public parks and along roads, bikeways, sidewalks,

trails and waterways owned or maintained by the county.

All herbicide products that bear a signal label of "dangerous," "warning," "toxic to fish," or "toxic to fish and wildlife" or that indicate a risk of groundwater contamination were included in the ban. Herbicide products with only a signal label of "caution" were excluded from the ban.



Ka'ū's state Sen. Russell Ruderman spoke in support of limiting county use of herbicides. Image from Hawai'i County

Ka'ū residents who spoke in support of the bill included Olivia Ling, Paul Komara, Steven Chun, Samantha Shurline and James Long. Ling said, "It's your job to stop poisoning Hawai'i" and

asked, "Is it appropriate to use taxpayers' money to buy poison?" Shurline said that the bill, which would be effective in July 2016, "needs to start now, not a year from now." Long-time gardener James Long said he has

never used any glyphosate-based products and that he has shown neighbors how to grow plants without them.

Ka'ū's state Sen. Russell Ruderman joined Ka'ū residents who testified in favor of the ban.

"There's never been studies proving the long-term safety of these chemicals," Ruderman said. "Glyphosate in particular has been famous for decades as being safe and having no effect in humans based mostly on a marketing campaign. But it has huge effects on our gut flora, and as some of you may know, our gut flora are essential to our protein synthesis and our overall health. I'm pro-science; I'm a biologist by training.

"I've been very influenced by the work of senior MIT researcher Dr. Stephanie Seneff. If any of you are really interested in the science of chemicals, her work is online, and she has identified the correlation between the exponential rise in the use of glyphosate in particular over the last 15 years in our country, with the exponential rise in autism, food intolerance, liver and kidney disease, birth defects and cancer.

"Since there's no long-term studies, the fact is, we are the experiment. Let's take a look at how the experiment's going. We can compare the experiment in the United States to what's happened in the European Union, where there's been no such exponential rise in the use of glyphosate, and there has been no exponential rise in autism and these other diseases. That's the control group. We're the experimental group; they're the control group. The effects are very clear.

"If you guys haven't been aware of the exponential rise in these diseases, it's right there for you to see. The correlation is greater than 99 percent, meaning the scientific

chance of this being a coincidence is much less than one percent. That's called proof. That is science. It's inconvenient sometimes. The World Health Organization agrees, by the way.

"I don't oppose any chemical use whatsoever. I think that the targeted, cautious use when there is great benefit is appropriate, but that's very different from the indiscriminate, widespread, ongoing use of chemicals as if they were safe.

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"There's a worldwide trend to protect people in reduced exposure of chemicals, *Herbicide Ban, pg. 16*

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## Broward & Williams Continue NPS Careers at HVNP

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park has a new Chief Ranger and Fire Management Officer.

John Broward is the New Chief Ranger. He will direct visitor and resource protection for the 333,086-acre park. Broward became a law enforcement ranger at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park in 2001. Since then, he has worked his way up the ranks as the park's emergency operations and search-and-rescue coordinator and eruption crew supervisor. He also worked as supervisory law enforcement ranger and has served intermittently as Acting Chief Ranger.

Broward has served the National Park Service since 1983 and has an extensive background in search-and-rescue, helicopter management, incident command and emergency medical response, in addition to visitor and resource protection. He first volunteered as an archaeological techni-

cian for Biscayne National Park in Florida before graduating from Florida State University with a degree in archaeology. He moved on to Everglades National Park, where he worked as a fee collector, a wildland firefighter and a law enforcement ranger. He spent several years as a back-country area ranger at Crater Lake National Park in Oregon before coming to Hawai'i.

"I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for the National Park Service volunteer program," Broward said. "Volunteering is how I got my foot in the door, and that door opened up into a lifelong career," he said.

Broward emphasized that planning ahead and preparation are the most essential elements to a great visit to a national park.

Ross Williams is the park's new Fire Management Officer. He oversees fire management operations for the Pacific Island Park network, which includes 12 national

dry forest preserve that is home to several endemic and indigenous plant species including iconic trees such as the wiliwili and the uhiuhi. The initiative's goal is to bring the dryland forest back to life through natural resource conservation, restoration and community education and participation. The artists went into the field where they studied and sketched the few remaining wild wiliwili trees firsthand.

"This exhibition is a great example of community partnerships – three separate organizations all with one shared goal, to build awareness and conservation efforts



**HVNP Fire Management Officer Ross Williams**

parks in Hawai'i, Guam, Saipan and American Samoa.

Williams previously served as deputy fire staff for Gifford Pinchot and Mt. Hood National Forests in Oregon and has 34 years of experience working in integrated aviation, fire and fuels programs throughout the Pacific Northwest, Northern Rockies and Great Basin areas. He helped develop the Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Adams and Mt. Hood volcano coordination plan and has collabor-

ated with numerous federal, state, local and private organizations.

Williams hit the ground running since arriving in Hawai'i this summer and has already mobilized crew and resources to assist with the Kawaihae wildfire, which burned more than 4,650 acres in early August. He also directed fire crew and resources from Hawai'i and American Samoa to assist with mainland fires and recently led a weeklong training for fire recruits in American Samoa.

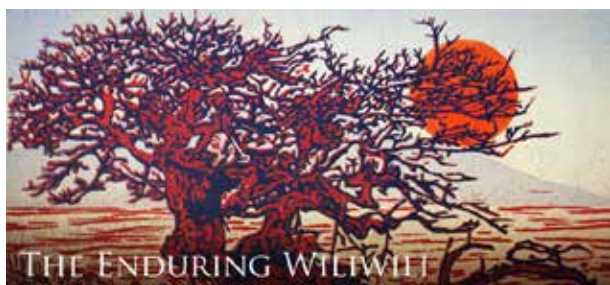
of the wiliwili trees," gallery manager Emily Weiss said. "I find it very exciting to see five different perspectives of one subject matter. One artist focuses on the beautiful blossoms, with colors ranging from orange, yellow, red or white, while another depicts the birds that help pollinate the species. Each image, however, represents the stately silhouette which is undeniably the wiliwili, weaving a visual thread through the entire collection."

In the Hawaiian language, wiliwili means "repeatedly twisted" and refers to seedpods that twist open to reveal the seeds.

*The Enduring Wiliwili* is on display from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily beginning through Oct. 4. Park entrance fees apply.



**HVNP Chief Ranger John Broward**



**Volcano Art Center's current exhibit runs through Oct. 4.**  
Photo from VAC

## Volcano Art Center Features *The Enduring Wiliwili*

Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park displays the artwork of Andrea Pro, Margaret Barnaby, Lisa Louise Adams, Kathy Molina and John McCaskill, who together make up the Pacific Island Printmakers, in an exhibit titled *The Enduring Wiliwili*. The free exhibition features the wiliwili, one of Hawai'i's threatened species also known as *Erythrina sandwicensis*, a flowering tree that is endemic to the Hawaiian Islands.

For the exhibition, the printmakers partnered with Waikoloa Dry Forest Initiative, a nonprofit dedicated to reforesting a lowland

restoration and community education and participation. The artists went into the field where they studied and sketched the few remaining wild wiliwili trees firsthand.

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## More Monk Seals May Make It on Main Hawaiian Islands

The federal government has incorporated input from Hawai'i into new rules aimed at further protection for the critically endangered Hawaiian monk seal. The rules focus protection on areas most important for foraging, pupping and resting, including some portions of the Ka'ū Coast. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Services recently finalized the rule that identifies coastal areas in the Main Hawaiian Islands as critical habitat. This was in response to a petition by a local advocacy group, KAHEA, the Hawaiian Environmental Alliance and two other environmental organizations. Hawaiian monk seals face extinction and are one of most endangered marine mammals in the world with about 200 monk seals in the main Hawaiian Islands.

Even in the northern uninhabited Hawaiian Islands, monk seals aren't safe, with numerous seal pups killed by sharks. This makes the main Hawaiian Islands, with increased protection, attractive for growing the monk seal population.

"Hawai'i has a responsibility to protect our natural and cultural heritage, Department of Land & Natural Resources Chair Suzanne Case said. "A part of that is making sure that our very special, unique, native Hawaiian



This monk seal was born in Ka'ū in 2013.

monk seals have safe places to thrive. It is a shared responsibility among the people, the state and the federal government. Monk seals are protected under state and federal law even without critical habitat, and this habitat rule will not impact most activities, like swimming, surfing, boating, fishing and gathering.

"We look forward to enhanced state and federal co-management of monk seals throughout Hawai'i. Critical habitat helps manage federal activities to avoid habitat destruction. Most fishermen and other ocean users will never even notice this rule has been implemented. Critical habitat designation is an important tool in the larger effort to recover this valued native species, found nowhere else in the world."

While the final critical habitat rule identifies areas on most of the Main Hawaiian Islands, NOAA reduced the area from its ini-

tial proposal. Marine water protections have also been tailored to include the key foraging depths on the sea floor, rather than all surface waters. Activities most likely to require some modifications include dredging, coastal construction, water pollution permits and military activities.

Critical habitat designation does not make lands federal, restrict public access or forbid activities or developments. It identifies areas where federal government projects must give extra consideration and minimize destruction and degradation of the coast.

"Protecting coastal and marine habitat for the Hawaiian monk seal is also good for Hawai'i's people, culture and economy," said Marjorie Ziegler, executive director of Conservation Council for Hawai'i. "The critical habitat rule does not restrict public access – people can still swim, surf, snorkel, fish and gather."

In conjunction with the federal rule, NOAA Fisheries also issued its draft Main Hawaiian Islands Monk Seal Management Plan last month. The plan calls for sufficient

shoreline and marine habitat in the main Hawaiian Islands to support natural behaviors of at least 500 monk seals, more than double the current population.

The plan lays out management strategies for each challenge. They include identifying sick or injured seals and reducing risk of disease, education and outreach programs, improved communication with fishermen, more effective community management and volunteer participation.

The intended time frame for implementing the plan is five years. Many of the activities are large-scale, so while some level of implementation may be possible under current circumstances, full implementation will likely require additional resources and partnerships.

NOAA developed the draft plan through a participatory process, reflecting ideas and input from experts, partners, stakeholders and communities, including outcomes from workshops and other meetings held to discuss monk seal management issues. The agency

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Phil Sharkey asked the committee to warn the state about unintended consequences created by the law. He said the law allows energy projects without oversight and that hazards to endangered species are not being addressed.

Residents expect property values to lower if the project goes through. Linda Raquinio said she "will have to endure an eyesore from her retirement home." She asked, "Who will buy it?"

Craig Bishop said, "I'm sure an industrial use of such a magnitude was never envisioned."

Another resident pointed out the lack of community input on the project. The plan "was formulated without community consent," she said. "This committee has the power to add another layer" of oversight, she said, urging the Steering Committee to "be good stewards and do what's right for the

*Solar Farms, pg. 16*

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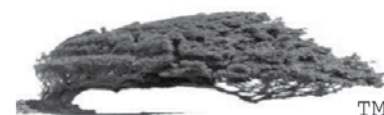
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VSAS STEAM students benefit from Volcano Winery's Harvest Festival this month. Photo by Julia Neal

# Harvest Festival Benefits VSAS

Volcano Winery hosts its third annual Harvest Festival Sunday, Sept. 13 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Participants enjoy an evening of fun for a good cause. All proceeds benefit Volcano School of Arts & Sciences' STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) programs. Admission includes two glasses of Volcano Winery wine, a souvenir wine glass, vineyard tours, dancing and food offerings from local vendors.

Live music by Mahilani House Band & Friends will get toes tapping with up-tempo Hawaiian and world-roots tunes. Heavy pupus will be provided by a variety of Big Island restaurants including The Rim Restaurant at Volcano House, Café Ono, Ka'ū Coffee Mill, Kīlauea Lodge, Lava Rock Café, Café 'Ōhi'a, Papa'a Palaoa Bakery, Rusty's 100 Percent Hawaiian Ka'ū Coffee, Thai Thai Restaurant and Tuk-Tuk Thai.

Tickets are limited and always sell out. Advanced purchase is required, and prices are \$40 for adults 21 and older and \$20 for younger persons. Purchase in Volcano Winery's Tasting Room, by phone at 967-7772, online at volcanowinery.com and at Volcano Farmers Market.

# 'Ohana Band, All Ages, Many Instruments

Ka'ū 'Ohana Band plays at Ocean View Swap Meet, Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The band is comprised of musicians 14 years of age to over 80 with instruments ranging from flute, clarinet, oboe and trumpet, to rain stick, drums, a siren and a thunder machine.

The 'Ohana Band is conducted by Lisa Archuletta, of Ocean View, who conducts the West Hawai'i County Band. Those interested in joining can come to Ocean View Community Center on Fridays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Holiday season concerts are planned. Call 808-936-3849.



Ka'ū 'Ohana Band members come from throughout the district. Photo from Lisa Archuletta

**Herbicide Ban, cont. from pg. 13**

particularly glyphosate. Please show leadership and courage, and make the simple choice to side with protecting people instead of protecting chemical companies."

Archived videos of the meetings are available at hawaiicounty.gov.



Monk seal populations are going down, but they and may find safety on inhabited Hawaiian Islands. Photo from Monk Seal Project.

**Monk Seals, cont. from pg. 15**

chose to continue the participatory process by voluntarily including a public review before finalizing the plan.

While this plan will be a living document and may be updated to reflect changing ecological and social conditions, the target for finalizing this version is Sept. 30.

The plan is available for public review and comment through Wednesday, Sept. 9. It is available at <http://www.fpir.noaa.gov/>

Library/PRD/Hawaiian%20monk%20seal/Draft\_HMS\_Management\_Plan\_FNL.pdf. Submit comments to monkseal@noaa.gov.

A resolution adopted unanimously by the Legislature this year directs DLNR to strengthen rules governing protection of indigenous marine wildlife, particularly spinner dolphins, marine mammals and sea turtles and to increase collaboration with federal partners on rules related to spinner dolphins, marine mammals and sea turtles.

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community."

One resident questioned whether the project would be successful. "The energy may not be needed," she said. "HELCO can only use what is needed. Because it is not needed, it would not be used." She said HELCO often turns away power produced by windmills at South Point. She also questioned what would happen if the arrays are not needed. "Will the company remove the panels?" she asked and compared it to the situation where unused windmills remained at South Point.

Increased ground, air and light pollution were more concerns brought up.

Many residents expressed gratitude for a newly created policy in the CDP that addresses such unintended consequences. Policy 135 calls for use permits for renewable energy and other potential incompatible uses on ag land. Ka'ū CDP Project Manager Ron Whitmore suggested changing zoning as an option. Changing from Ag to Rural at state and county levels would prohibit incompatible uses and eliminate danger of further subdivision of lots, Whitmore said. He also suggested adding other potentially incompatible uses to Policy 135, such as mills and major processing facilities.

However, Whitmore said it is too late for Policy 135 to affect the Ranchos solar project because of the time required to make changes such as zoning. If adopted, the policy would put more oversight mechanisms in place for future proposed projects. He said residents could pursue a range of other options outside of county jurisdiction regarding the solar project, but did not go into detail.

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