

# Police & Park Seek Answers, Discourage Deadly Highway Racing



Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park rangers and Hawai'i Police Department officials are looking for more information on a deadly accident between Pāhala and Volcano that may have been related to late night car racing.

Photo by Bobby Tucker

The deadly crash on Hwy 11, allegedly related to full-moon midnight car racing between Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Pāhala, is the subject of a community outreach to find out more about the accident and to discourage racing on the highways. The latest theory is that the crash on June 12 was precipitated by an earlier accident the same night at milepost 31, involving car racing. Allegedly, two youth in the first race-

car called for help from their friends. Their friends crashed into the lava between mileposts 35 and 36 on Hwy 11 before reaching the scene of the first accident.

Coincidentally, drivers of an ambulance, which happened to be transporting a patient from Ka'ū Hospital to Hilo, discovered the fatal accident near milepost 35 around 1:30 a.m. and called for more

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# THE KA'Ū CALENDAR

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## PUC Moves Toward Public Hearings on Refinery in Ka'ū

Where should public hearings be held concerning Hawaiian Electric Company's proposal to raise rates across its customer base to help pay for the \$350 million proposed refinery and biofuel crops farm near Pāhala? This is one of the questions before the state Public Utilities Commission, which is reviewing the plans of Hawaiian Electric and 'Āina Koa Pono-Ka'ū to produce biofuel here.

Jeffrey T. Ono, executive director of the state Division of Consumer Advocacy, said hearings should be held on the Big Island, Maui, Lana'i, Moloka'i and O'ahu – all places where electric rates are likely to rise to help pay for the Ka'ū project. Ono submitted testimony on June 17 to the PUC, saying, "The HECO Companies' proposed Biofuel Surcharge Provision intends to establish a new rate, fare or charge that will likely increase the overall amounts paid by the consumers or patrons in the HECO Companies' service territories."

Ono wrote that his "recommendation is predicated on the belief that allowing public hearings would offer the customers likely to be impacted an opportunity to better educate themselves on the issues as well as to voice their testimonies on those issues."

HECO's brief to the PUC argues that Hawai'i law does not require a public hearing but states that it would support public hearings on O'ahu and the Big Island should the PUC decide to have them.

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### *A Summer of Learning*

Many summer programs engaged youth from Volcano to Miloli'i, including the Lawa'i 'Ohana Camp (See Page 16), Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park training and employment (See Page 6). Here, a student learns to throw net at Miloli'i. Photo by Kai'ali'i Kahele

## Judge Florendo Rules in Favor of Kāwā Lands Becoming a Park

The county has the right to steward Kāwā and to purchase an additional 550 acres there, according to a ruling by Judge Joseph P. Florendo, Jr. in June. He concluded that the owners selling the land to the county for wildlife and beach preservation showed clear title. The ruling helped the county toward meeting a June 30 deadline to avoid losing \$2.5 million in federal and state funding for its second purchase there. Another \$1.4 million is coming from the county's two-percent land fund.

Florendo ruled that former owner Thomas Okuna legally sold one section at Kāwā to realtor Marcia Johnson who sold it to the county for a park. He also ruled that

Okuna legally sold two other sections to the Edmund C. Olson Trust, which purchased them for the purpose of providing them to the county for coastal preservation. The area has estuaries and many Hawaiian historic sites.

Abel Simeona Lui traveled around Ka'ū and told the press and community members that he is appealing the decision. Lui and his followers, who oppose the park, said they are working on federal court cases and also claimed that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is helping them to avoid eviction.

In his order, Florendo wrote, "Even when construing the defendant's pleadings liberally, and in light most favorable

towards them, defendants fail to set forth a sufficient basis to find that title to the property is in question. First of all, the 1840 Constitution of the Kingdom of Hawai'i no longer governs the Hawai'i State Legislature, and the various constitutions of the Kingdom do not bind the government of the state of Hawai'i. Secondly, any defect in the process of conveyance pursuant to the laws of the Hawaiian Kingdom were subject to review and objection in Okuna v. Apiki et al. Finally, defendants have failed to present any other material facts in dispute to plaintiff's assertion that plaintiff is the owner of the property." ♦

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**HECO's Suggested Notice**

A sample public hearing notice prepared by Hawaiian Electric suggests hearings in Kona and Hilo and on O'ahu. The proposed hearing notice includes the following narrative written by Hawaiian Electric concerning the proposed rate hikes:

"According to the Companies' Application, the Biodiesel Supply Contract with 'Aina Koa Pono-Ka'u will provide sustainable, locally grown and processed biodiesel for electric generation in Hawai'i. With planned operation in the Ka'u region of Hawai'i Island, the project will initially supply approximately 16 million gallons of biodiesel for HELCO's Keahole Power Plant. The AKP Biodiesel Contract is an important step in reaching Hawai'i's goal of 70 percent of energy for electricity and transportation from clean sources by 2030, which includes the renewable portfolio standard of 40 percent of electric sales from renewable sources by 2030, as required by State law.

"The project complements the Companies' plans for adding significant amounts of renewable energy from other sources, including solar, wind, garbage-to-energy, biomass, geothermal, ocean and others. Biofuel is a critical component of a 'green' energy future because it can be used to generate electrical energy from conventional firm power generating units, which provide essential grid services including load following, frequency response, voltage control and on-line operating and spinning reserves. To put it simply, biofuels are a renewable resource that are able to generate electrical energy on demand when customers use the energy. These capabilities of firm power generating units that are planned to use these biofuels are also necessary to operationally support and help the Companies take more intermittent, as-available, renewable generation such as wind or photovoltaic generation.

"The Companies' proposed Biofuel Surcharge Provision is a mechanism to spread among the Companies' customers the difference between the price of the locally grown and produced biodiesel and the petroleum diesel it replaces. In its application, PUC-IR-104 Docket No. 2011-0005, the Companies maintain that the AKP project will contribute to achieving State energy policy goals such as stimulating the local agriculture industry; decreasing dependence on imported fossil fuels, primarily oil; reducing the percentage of the gross state product exported annually for energy, contributing to energy independence and security; lowering greenhouse gas emissions, and other local economic benefits.

"As the islands in the Companies' service territories are united in the use of fossil fuels from the same sources, it is reasonable that Renewable Portfolio Standards be reported on a consolidated basis. Therefore the Companies maintain that the achievement of these goals will benefit all customers, and not just those customers consuming the biodiesel. For that reason it is reasonable to spread the cost differential among customers. Conversely, the Companies maintain it would

# Ag Board Member Ha Takes on Biofuel Plan for Ka'u

State Board of Agriculture member Richard Ha is taking on the Hawaiian Electric - 'Aina Koa Pono proposal to build a refinery up Wood Valley Road and biofuel farm between Pāhala and Nā'ālehu. In his independent Hamakua Springs Country Farms blog called Ha Ha Ha!, he objects to Hawaiian Electric's attempt to block the county's participation in the discussion before the Public Utilities Commission regarding the biofuel issue. Ha claims that HECO wanted to keep the details of their plan to raise customer rates to pay for the 'Aina Koa Pono project secret. When the county wanted to participate, the



**Richard Ha**

be unfair for customers on Hawai'i Island, where AKP will operate, to bear the full burden of this important step toward reducing Hawai'i's imported oil consumption, a goal which will benefit everyone in the State.

"For the AKP Biodiesel Contract, the application of the surcharge would apply to HELCO and Hawaiian Electric customers, and would add about 1/3 of a cent per kilowatt hour, or about \$1.75 to \$2.10 per month, to a typical residential customer bill (typical residential use varies between 500 and 600 kilowatthours a month for Hawai'i island and O'ahu customers).

"All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearings to state their views orally, in writing, or both. Written statements may be submitted prior to or at the public hearings. Statements may be submitted to the Public Utilities Commission, 465 South King Street, Room 103, Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96813 via postal mail or personal delivery."

**Law Changed to Support Project**

Approving the proposal to raise rates to support 'Aina Koa Pono became more likely after Gov. Neil Abercrombie signed Act 69 in June, allowing the PUC to approve rate hikes throughout Hawai'i Electric's customer base to help pay for alternative energy projects, even when they create electricity only for one island. HECO also proposes to allow some of the rate hikes for new alternative energies to be automatic, as additional costs are incurred to pay for them.

Earlier this year, the PUC turned down the rate hike that would have supported 'Aina Koa Pono, ruling that PUC regulations prohibited the electric company from charging O'ahu and Maui county customers for fuel produced for Big Island power only. (Kaua'i is not involved, as energy there is provided by a local cooperative instead of HECO.)

HECO and 'Aina Koa Pono went to the legislature to change the law and succeeded, allowing the PUC to approve spreading costs across HECO's entire customer base. With the new law in place, the PUC is reconsidering the 'Aina Koa Pono rate hike proposal. Both the electric company and 'Aina Koa Pono contend that charging customers electric rates higher than the cost of using fossil fuel would be short-term, as they expect oil prices to rise above the cost of biofuel.

The PUC has also asked the electric company to show more proof that their process would work on a commercial scale. The

PUC said the county was too late. "What about the County's responsibility to look after the best interests of the people?" asks Ha. He also points to HECO's contention that the county has not stated the specific type of expertise, knowledge or experience it holds, nor how it relates to the issues. "How about common sense?" asks Ha. Ha claims HECO is allowing 'Aina Koa Pono to pass on its costs to the ratepayer, over and above the oil cost it replaces. Ha also contends that other experts in energy view the biofuel plant won't work and gives the example of Sun Fuels, which operated successfully in Europe

refinery would be built on approximately seven acres between Pāhala and Wood Valley that are currently in pasture. Large microwave reactors would vaporize trees, grasses and other feedstock to produce liquid fuel to be tanker-trucked to the power plant in Kona. 'Aina Koa Pono representatives have talked about farming napier grass crosses and other crops to process for energy at the refinery,

but calculated that growing crops and cutting trees to make liquid fuels to run electric plants would be uneconomical in Hawai'i.

'Aina Koa Pono disagrees, contending it has new technology and that its refinery will bring 300 construction jobs and a hundred permanent jobs to Pāhala. The PUC has asked 'Aina Koa Pono to provide more proof of its viability and of its cutting edge microwave processing technology.

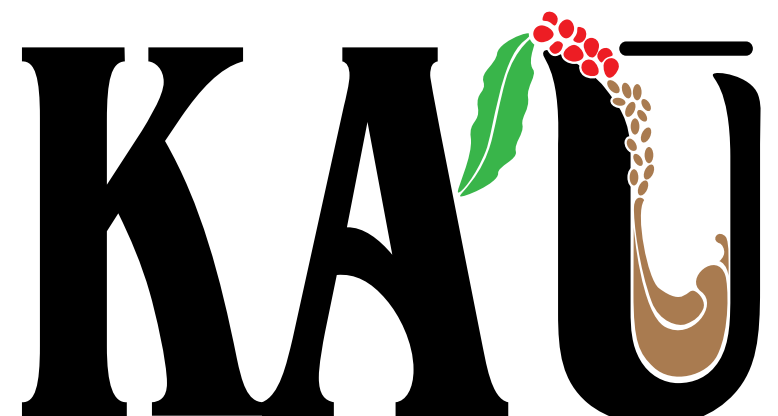
Ha said he is working with an investment group to buy Hawaiian Electric and steer its strategy toward using geothermal for the majority of energy needs on the Big Island. See <http://hahaha.hamakuasprings.com> ♦

plus clearing Christmas berry and eucalyptus trees already growing in Ka'u and using them for feedstock. Some 1,300 acres, now largely in pasture leased to local ranchers, could be made into an energy farm to grow feedstock for the refinery, 'Aina Koa Pono proposes.

In terms of the proposed microwave technology, HECO referred the PUC to a test

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## Ka'ū Coffee Brings in Money for Grounds for Health

Grounds for Health, which raises money for medical care in underserved coffee regions, has announced that its online auction that featured many Ka'ū Coffees generated a record sum of \$145,000 for the nonprofit. Justin Mool, of Grounds for Health, said more than 200 coffee companies from around the world participated, "despite high green coffee prices and a tight market."

Coffee producers, importers, roasters, and retailers came together, and 52 coffee importers and producers donated over 25,000 pounds of green coffee, which was then bid



**Bull Kailiawa coffee helped fund Grounds for Health with purchase by Brad Wood of Roast, Inc.**

Photo by Julia Neal

upon by roasters and retailers during the online auction held by the Stoneworks auction house in Vermont.

Ka'ū Coffee green beans went for high prices, with Kailiawa Coffee selling at \$45 a pound and Rusty's Hawaiian selling for \$30.20 a pound. Other Ka'ū Coffees selling for good green bean prices were JN Coffee; Paradise Meadows; Rising Sun; R&G Farms;

Pumehana Fernandez; Kehau Coffee; Ka'ū Coffee Growers Cooperative and Ka'ū Forest.

Some notable donations internationally, said Mool, included a gourmet El Salvador package from Aida Batlle that fetched \$24.60/lb (earning \$7,380.00 total), an Ethiopia Bench Maji Gesha from Royal Coffee, Inc. that was purchased for \$12.04/lb (earning \$6,370.60), and Specialty Coffee Association of America Coffees of the Year Winners Hawai'i Kailiawa Coffee from Ka'ū Coffee Mill

and Colombia Valle del Cauca that closed at \$45/lb and \$53/lb respectively.

Grounds for Health Chair of the Board and Swiss Water Decaffeinated Coffee Company CEO Frank Dennis expressed appreciation that during "a very volatile coffee

## Rusty's in Top Two at World Barista

Rusty's Hawaiian 100 Percent Ka'ū Coffee was a key ingredient at the World Barista Championships in Bogota, Colombia in early June. Pete Licata, who won first in the U.S. Barista championship, took second in the world competition among 53 countries, using the Obra family's Rusty's Hawaiian 100 Percent Ka'ū Coffee. Lorie Obra said the win "brought Ka'ū Coffee to another level. It cemented our reputation as one of the best in the world."

The first place finish went to Alejandro Mendez, of El Salvador. Other finalists were from Spain, Japan, Australia and the United Kingdom.

Before selecting Rusty's coffee for the competitions, Licata came to Ka'ū, visited the farm and helped pick and process coffee beans. He made tea from the cherry, as well as coffee drinks to win top barista in the U.S.A. at the Specialty Coffee Association of America annual convention in Hous-

ton, which made him eligible to take Ka'ū Coffee and his Fruit to Cup presentation to Colombia.

## Herkes' Foreclosure Bill Becomes Law

Rep. Bob Herkes is concerned that his new law to encourage mortgage holders to mediate with homeowners who are behind on their payments may be misused. Herkes successfully championed the passage of the toughest mortgage foreclosure law in the country, which prohibits non-judicial foreclosures without mediation.

Herkes said he would ask the Judiciary to hold mortgage holders to the standards of the non-judicial foreclosure law, which could

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The risk to homeowners is that a court action could make the delinquent home-

owner responsible for losses taken by lenders who auction off the houses at low prices.

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## New Officers at Chamber

The Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce met in June and named interim officers president Dallas Decker, vice president Chris Manfredi, secretary Marge Elwell and continuing treasurer Karen Ingraham. The re-organization follows Dr. Rell Woodward stepping down due to illness. The Chamber is getting ready to launch its membership drive and publication of the 2012 Ka'ū Directory. ♦

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plant in Denmark and said another one is being built in South Carolina. Officials from HECO and 'Āina Koa Pono have been asked by a number of residents of Ka'ū to point them to any existing commercial operation using the microwave technology to produce alternative energy for any community either in the U.S. or elsewhere.

**Lobbying Efforts**

'Āina Koa Pono, LLC was seventh in expenditures for lobbying public officials in Hawai'i during the first four months of this year, according to *Civil Beat*, a Hawai'i news organization created by E-Bay founder Pierre Omidyar. 'Āina Koa Pono and its lobbyists shepherded legislation through the state House of Representatives and Senate this spring to change Public Utilities law and garner tax breaks for its proposed \$350 million refinery between Pāhala and Wood Valley and a fuel farm between Pāhala and Nā'ālehu.

According to online postings by the State Ethics Commission, 'Āina Koa Pono spent \$58,049 on lobbying from January through April. The other top ten lobbying organizations in Hawai'i included the American Beverage Association, Kamehameha Schools and the teachers' union. 'Āina Koa Pono outspent the Hawai'i Chamber of Commerce. Ethics Commission filings by 'Āina Koa Pono President Mel Chiogioji reported that almost all of the money spent on lobbying went to the law firm Alston, Hunt, Floyd & Ing. The registered lobbyists for 'Āina Koa Pono are William Kaneko and Zachery Mc-



**Proposed refinery, the reservoir above Wood Valley Road, and the production of biofuel as depicted by the 'Āina Koa Pono-Ka'ū artist. The industrial site would take up about seven acres just off Wood Valley Road between Pāhala and Wood Valley.**

Nish, who both work for the law firm.

According to a filing made by the company, the purpose of the lobbying was to support or oppose legislative and/or administrative action in the area of ecology, energy and environmental protection. Representatives of 'Āina Koa Pono said the legislation and tax incentives will help to raise money in financial markets to support its venture. The company promises 300 construction jobs and 100 permanent jobs in Ka'ū. 'Āina Koa Pono also promises to make fuel for transportation to

help relieve Hawai'i from purchasing fossil fuel.


**Life of the Land & Alternatives**

Life of the Land, an O'ahu-based environmental group, and the Hawai'i Renewable Energy Alliance both asked the PUC to intervene in discussions about the contract proposal between the electric company and 'Āina Koa Pono,

but were turned down. Life of the Land has intervened in earlier rate cases and takes credit for stopping a HECO plan to import large quantities of biofuel in the form of palm oil from Asia, where rainforests are cut down to plant palm trees for biofuel. The Energy Alliance, which represents the company owning the windmills at South Point, said its members are concerned that HECO would be deterred from buying more wind and other alternative energies already available on the Big Island, should the 'Āina Koa Pono contract be approved. Life of the Land executive director Henry Curtis suggested that the PUC allow interveners to review all the alternative energies available to make sure that one does not preclude the other.

**Hawai'i County's Concern**

The County of Hawai'i also attempted to intervene in the 'Āina Koa Pono discussion at the PUC, stating the county is Hawai'i Electric Light Company's largest customer and wants to discuss the energy alternatives available to the island. The PUC responded, saying the county was too late to enter in the discussion.



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Lani Cran moves cattle into the forest, also used by hunters.

Photo by Julia Neal

## Hunters, Ranchers Work Together

Hunters and ranchers are now getting along well, according to Kapāpala Ranch manager Lani Cran. She said a new call-in line for hunters, which helps coordinate their trek through Kapapala Ranch to mauka hunting grounds, is working out. The hunters go through a eucalyptus grove where ranchers sometimes keep their cattle. The hunters call in for the day they want to hunt and are provided the combination for the lock on the gate on the road that leads to the hunting grounds. The locks are changed often, and hunters must provide their contact information. ♦

## Pāhala Seniors Invited to Join the Club

Carol Javar, President of the Pāhala Senior Citizen Club, is inviting citizens 55 years and older to "come join us at the senior center" in Pāhala. This month's meeting is scheduled for July 12 at 9 a.m. Membership dues, \$6 per person, are being collected for the months of July through December. Javar asks members to remit payment to treasurer

Irene Takahara or assistant treasurer Sally Yamaguchi. Javar wants seniors to know about the opportunities available for them. One of the programs, PSCC, encourages Ka'ū seniors to sign-up for is the Senior Produce Program. For more information about what PSCC has to offer contact the Pāhala Senior Center at 928-3101. ♦

## Ka'ū High Students Go to Work at the Park

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park has hired 12 of the 22 Ka'ū High School juniors and seniors trained this spring for summer employment. Kupono McDaniel, Supervisor Ranger, says that 17 of the 22 students completed the training program and the top 12 individuals were selected. The hired students are approved for 24 hours a week of paid employment for a duration of eight weeks.

McDaniel said he hopes the other five trainees will be hired on by other organizations or become volunteer rangers at the park.

Classroom training was held this spring after school on Fridays from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. by rangers and biologists such as Adrian Boone, Dean Gallagher, and John Stallman. After completing their training, John

Replogle, of The Nature Conservancy, took the trainees on a camping excursion.

Hawai'i Community Foundation donated \$25,000 to the park's effort, and Joan Rubin again wrote the grant. Some of the young rangers were repeats from last year's program. Jorge Zamudio, of Ocean View, a participant in last year's Summer Youth Employment Program at the park and now full-time employee as an intern through KUPU, is one of the mentors the students rely on. Permanent rangers will also mentor the new hires while the park's five new university student hires cover the front desk; three student temporary employees, of which two are from UH Hilo and one is from HCC; and two interns through KUPU from UH Hilo. For more information about the program call McDaniel at 985-6015. ♦



Eunice Longakit took top female vocalist.

Photo by Julia Neal

## One Journey takes First in Brown Bags Music Videos

The Ka'ū High School musical group called One Journey won Best Music Video in the statewide music video Brown Bags to Stardom competition. The music video awards were presented in Honolulu on May 18th. One Journey also won best musical arrangement and best song.

Lead singer Eunice Longakit won best music vocalist. One Journey took runner-up trophy in the best musical group category. The music video came in third place in the online popularity voting, more than 600 votes ahead of the fourth-place winner. Producer Johnny Kai said the win was incredible given the small school size of Pāhala up against the populations at the O'ahu schools that competed.

One Journey is scheduled to perform live at Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park on Tuesday, July 19 at 7 p.m. The concert is free, and the group's CDs will be available for purchase and autographs. A \$2 donation to this After Dark in the Park program supports park programs, and park entrance fees apply.

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## Hungry Seniors Invited to Fresh Food at Nutrition Centers

Seniors 60 years of age and older earning \$23,051 or less per single individual or \$31,006 or less per couple are invited to apply for free Grade-A locally-grown produce. All produce is bought with grant money funding the Senior Produce Program, which was started nine years ago by The Food Basket, an island wide non-profit supplemental food network serving the hungry in Hawai'i.

Qualifying seniors can sign up and pick up produce at the following locations on Wednesdays from June 20 to Sept. 30: Cooper Center in Volcano from 10 a.m. to



Fresh local veggies go to seniors each Wednesday this summer. Photo by Julia Neal  
11 a.m.; Pāhala Community Center from 11

a.m. to 12 p.m.; Nā'ālehu Nutrition Center, in the Community Center, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; and Ocean View Kahuku Park from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Interested seniors should be prepared to provide proof of identification and income verification when applying. Applications can also be found on The Food Basket's website: [www.foodbaskethi.org](http://www.foodbaskethi.org).

The Food Basket collects and distributes nutritious, high-quality food to those in need, regardless of religious beliefs, gender or ethnicity. Non-profit organizations, such as churches and food banks, are welcome

to buy produce from the Food Basket at 18 cents a pound. To donate, volunteer, sign-up for services or gather more information, call The Food Basket at 933-6030. ♦

## Nā'ālehu Breakfast, Parade & Rodeo Set for Saturday, July 2



Fourth of July Rodeo follows Independence Day Parade, Saturday, July 2.

Photo by Julia Neal

Nā'ālehu celebrates Independence Day on Saturday, July 2. A free pancake breakfast at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will be available for parade participants and viewers at 9 a.m. The annual parade begins to assemble at Nā'ālehu Hongwanji at 10 a.m., with the parade starting promptly at 11 a.m. The route follows Hwy 11 from the Hongwanji to Nā'ālehu Elementary School. Participants include the Hawai'i County Band, KAHU 91.7FM Radio, the Boys & Girls Clubs, Summer Fun, several church groups and businesses. Miss

Ka'ū Coffee Brandy Shibuya and her court will ride on floats. Sen. Gil Kahele, Rep. Bob Herkes and County Council member Britany Smart all plan to participate.

After the parade, Ka'ū Roping and Riding Association's annual Fourth of July Rodeo takes place at the Nā'ālehu Rodeo Grounds, with roping, mugging, barrels and other paniolo events for men, women and children. The rodeo grounds are next to Nā'ālehu Community Center, where there will be a Paniolo and History Exhibit beginning at noon. The rodeo continues on Sunday, July 3.

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### Making the Right Choice for a Stable Future

By Linda Fortin, REALTOR®, GRI, CRS, RECS, e-Pro, CIPS, CDPE, Principal Broker, Pacific Horizons Properties, Inc.

Millions of Americans have lost their homes to foreclosure during the housing market crash. There is also a growing trend of distressed homeowners who have sold their homes through lender-approved short sales for less than the balance owed. Lenders often prefer a short sale to a foreclosure because it saves them money. How does the distressed homeowner fare in a short sale?

#### Effects on Your Credit

The reality is that, compared to the rating of borrowers who have foreclosure on their reports, those that have chosen short sales consistently experience a lesser impact on their credit scores.

#### Effects on Current and Future Employment

Now more than ever, employers are checking a potential employee's credit report before hiring. Some even pull credit reports on existing employees on a recurring basis. Having a foreclosure on your credit report may affect your ability to gain employment and may even affect your ability to keep your current job. If you are in the military or in another position that requires you to have security clearance, a foreclosure may also have an adverse affect on your employment. If this describes your situation, a short sale or other foreclosure alternative should be considered.

#### Effects on Ability to Buy a Home in the Future

One of the biggest benefits of a short sale over a foreclosure is your ability to obtain a mortgage more quickly in the future. For every institution that backs a mortgage loan, the waiting period after a negative credit event is significantly shorter after a short sale. Most distressed homeowners are experiencing temporary financial reversals, and the flexibility to reenter homeownership when again ready is seen as a huge advantage of a short sale.

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# KA PEPA O KAHUKU

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## Danger: Fountain Grass Increases Fire Risk in Ocean View

by Geneveve Fyvie

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Ecologist David M. Benitez is spreading the word about community efforts to remove fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*), a Hawai'i State declared noxious weed, in Ocean View.

Fountain grass is a highly aggressive fire-promoting species, growing into large dry bunches that burn rapidly and with high intensity. The species is particularly invasive because it can colonize young lava flows. Benitez says that, "in August



### Green Market at OV Center

The Green Market at Ocean View Community Center happens every Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Above, James Hanka harvests his bok choy in the Keaiwa Farm lots above Wood Valley Road for the market. Call 939-7033 for more information. ♦

Photo by Julia Neal

2005, fountain grass was responsible for the spread of a 25,000 acre wildfire that forced the evacuation of Waikoloa. The State and Federal Government are targeting the species in costly control programs to reduce fire hazards and protect native biodiversity."

Benitez said that "the best way to control fountain grass is to manually uproot or chemically treat individuals. However in this project chemicals will only be used when absolutely necessary in minimal doses applied directly to each individual plant. We collect the seed heads in bags and destroy them to prevent the spread of individuals into new areas."

The fight to rid Ocean View of this highly aggressive grass has been a long but necessary battle. Benitez declared that at the moment "small fountain grass populations are found throughout Ocean View, and in adjacent lava flows."

In an effort to reduce fire risk and to prevent further spread of fountain grass, the Ocean View Community Association, Hawaiian Ocean View Estates-Road Maintenance Corporation and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park staff invite people to volunteer to remove fountain grass along roadsides in Hawaiian Ocean View Estates. The

next removal trip is scheduled for Saturday, August 27. Volunteers are asked to meet at 9 a.m. at Ocean View Community Center with a personal packed lunch, water for the day, a hat and sunscreen.

"If populations are left unchecked, the grass will continue to spread and result in increased fuel loads and fire hazard in sub-

divisions. Fortunately, in most areas populations are still small and control efforts to remove or contain the spread of the infestations are still feasible," stated Benitez.

Those interested in volunteering or who are in need of assistance removing fountain grass from residential lots in HOVE may call Benitez at 985-6085. ♦



Leilehua Yuen demonstrates hula, accompanied by Manu Josiah. Photo by Kenji Kuroshima

## National Park's Cultural Festival at Kahuku on July 9

Every summer Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park hosts the free annual Cultural Festival to perpetuate Hawaiian culture and promote appreciation of traditional values. On Saturday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hawaiian music will fill the air as hula dancers interpret the mele. Cultural practitioners will lead demonstrations and provide hands-on learning opportunities for a wide variety of Hawaiian crafts, games, and foods. This year the festival will be at the park's Kahuku Unit between mile markers 70 and 71 on Hwy 11. Park admission is free for the entire day at both the main and Kahuku entrances.

The event is co-sponsored by Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Hawai'i Natural History Association, Kilauea Military Camp and Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. For more information, call 985-6011 or visit [www.nps.gov/havo](http://www.nps.gov/havo).

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**Gods and Goddesses: Honoring the Life, Art and Voyage of Herb Kane**, daily through July 31, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. This exhibit features the late artist's giclee images of god and goddesses of the islands. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-7565

**Pancake Breakfast**, Sat, July 2, 9 a.m., Nā'ālehu Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Everyone, including Fourth of July Parade participants and viewers, is invited to this free breakfast.

**Nā'ālehu Fourth of July Parade**, Sat, July 2, 11 a.m. Sponsored by 'O Ka'ū Kākou. Debra, 929-9872

**Paniolo and History Exhibit**, Sat, July 2, noon, Nā'ālehu Community Center.

**Ka'ū Roping and Riding Association's Fourth of July Rodeo**, Sat/Sun, July 2/3, Nā'ālehu

**Live Jazz Summer Series**, Sat, July 2, 7:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. Pauline Wilson performs on stage with the Volcano Art Center Jazz Quartet \$15. 967-8222, volcanoartcenter.org

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

**Volcano Village Fourth of July Parade and Celebration**, Mon, July 4. Parade begins at 9 a.m. at post office and ends at Cooper Center, where the celebration continues. 967-7800

**Fourth of July Buffet**, Mon, July 4, 5 - 8 p.m., Kilauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Pork loin, meatloaf, BBQ chicken and more. Adults \$15, children \$7.50. KMC is open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8371

**Bay Clinic Mobile Dental Van**, Tue, July 5 - Fri, July 8, Bay Clinic in Nā'ālehu. Call for hours. 965-3073

**After Dark in the Park - Anchialine Pools: Uncovering the Hidden Secrets**, Tue, July 5, 7 p.m., Kilauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Dr. Scott R. Santos uncovers the secrets of Hawai'i's most famous endemic shrimp, 'ōpae 'ula, that live in the anchialine habitats of Hawai'i, and the park unveils the newest Kilauea Visitor Center attraction - a living Anchialine Pool Exhibit featuring the native Hawaiian shrimp. \$2 supports park programs; park entrance fees apply. 985-6011

**Kua o ka Lā Virtual Academy Q&A Meeting**, Tue, July 6, 5:30 p.m. (Nā'ālehu Community Center); Mon, July 11, 5 p.m. (Ocean View Community Center); Thurs, July 14, 5:30 p.m. (Pahala Community Center); and Tue, July 20, 5 p.m. at Volcano's Cooper Center. Kua o ka Lā: A New Century Public Charter School is offering a Virtual Academy to Ka'ū students, grades 3-12. Hybrid program offers place-based, Hawaiian-culture-focused electives coupled with an online academic program. Pua Wilhelm, 342-0611.

**Ocean View Neighborhood Watch meeting**, Thu, July 7, 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

**Friends of Naohulelua Garden Gathering**, Thu, July 7 and 28, 8 - 10 a.m. (weather permitting). Educational classes, garden exchange, horticultural exercises and free breakfast at Hana Hou. Dennis, 929-7236

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

**Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Cultural Festival**, Sat, July 9, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Kahuku Unit. Hawaiian music, traditional arts and crafts. 985-6011 or nps.gov/havo

**Sunday Walk in the Park**, July 10, 1 - 3 p.m. Rob and Susan McGovern lead this three-mile hike to Pu'u Huluhulu from Mauna Ulu parking lot. Free to Friends members (non-members welcome to join in order to attend). 985-7373 or programs@fhvnp.org

**Son 'n' Surf Beach Bash**, Mon - Fri, July 11 - 15, 2 - 4 p.m., Nā'ālehu Assembly of God. Vacation Bible School for ages 5 - 12. 929-7278

**Pāhala Senior Citizens Club meeting**, Tue, July 12, 9 a.m., Pāhala Senior Center. 928-3101

**The Art & Traditions of Hula at Kilauea**, Tue, July 12 and 19, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Kumu Maile Yamanaka presents Basic Hula, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; Fireside Stories on the Herb Kane exhibit, 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; Craft Lesson 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.; Basic 'Ukulele, 1:45 - 2:30 p.m. Open to all ages, no experience necessary. Sign up on first come, first served basis. Free; donations welcome; park entrance fees apply. 967-8222 or classes@volcanoartcenter.org

**Sumi-e Japanese Brushstroke Painting**, Tue, July 12 and 26, 1 - 3 p.m., Pāhala Hongwanji.

**HOVE Road Maintenance board or directors meeting**, Wed, July 13, 4 p.m., St. Jude's Church. 929-9910

**District 6 Matters: Redistricting**, Wednesdays, July 13, Co-

*The Ka'ū Calendar*



## Independence Days of Music & Parades

**Independence Day parades kick off at 11 a.m. along Hwy 11 in Nā'ālehu on Saturday, July 2 followed by the rodeo. In Volcano, the parade starts at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 4 on Old Volcano Highway and winds up at Cooper Center for food, music and craft sales. Both parades feature the Hawai'i County Band.**

per Center; July 20, Yano Hall; July 27, Nā'ālehu Community Center. All meetings begin at 7 p.m. Council member Brittany Smart and Michael Udovic, the attorney from the office of Corporation Counsel assigned to the Redistricting Commission, discuss the upcoming redistricting for Hawai'i County. 961-8536

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

**Nature Drawing in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park**, Fri, July 15, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery. Ken Charon covers basic drawing techniques and tips before walking to a scenic location suitable for sketching. Bring sketch pad/drawing paper and pencil (portable chair is optional) or borrow supplies for a donation. Open to ages 8 and up. First come, first served basis. Free; donations welcome; park entrance fees apply. 967-8222

**Kick Ice sign waving**, Fri, July 15, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. in front of Nā'ālehu School gym.

**Ocean View Community Association Pancake Breakfast**, Sat, July 16, 7:30 - 10:30 a.m., Ocean View Community Center.

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

**Volunteer Forest Restoration Project**, Sat, July 16, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Kahuku Unit. Volunteers remove invasive weeds in a fenced enclosure where a wide variety of native seedlings have been planted. Pre-registration required. 985-7373 or forest@fhvnp.org

**Society of Creative Anachronism**, Sat, July 16, 2 - 3 p.m. Medieval recreation group talks, plans events, does handicrafts and more. Call for location. Michael, 895-8013

**People and Land of Kahuku**, Sun, July 17, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, between miles 70 and 71 on Hwy 11. These guided 2.5-mile moderately difficult hikes over rugged terrain focus on the area's human history. 985-6011

**Plant and Seed Exchange and Garden Tours**, Sun, July 17, noon - 3 p.m. at Naohulelua Historical Church on Kamaoa Road. Container Plants and Herbs Talk, 1:30 p.m. Parking along road. 929-7236

**After Dark in the Park - One Journey: Live in Concert**, Tue, July 19, 7 p.m., Kilauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The local winners of the

statewide Brown Bags to Stardom competition perform. Lead vocals by Dillin Ballo and Eunice Longakit; music by Kasey Camba, David Ramones, Kiana Pascubillo, Rigiel Goralli, James (Kimo) Tyson and Moses Espaniola III. One Journey's CDs will be available for purchase and autographs. \$2 supports park programs; park entrance fees apply. 985-6011

**Art in the Park Demonstration**, Wed, July 20, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Karen Hagen shares the art of ceramics. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-7565 or volcanoartcenter.org

**Pāhala Quilting Group**, Thu, July 21, 1 - 4 p.m. All levels welcome. Ka'ū Resource and Distance Learning Center, 96-3126 Puahala St. Marypat, 989-4594

**Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka'ū**, Thu, July 21, 929-9731 or 936-7262

**Poetry Slam: Summertime and the Living is Easy**, Fri, July 22, 7 - 9 p.m. Kimberly Dark exceeds this high-energy, audience-judged poetry competition that is open to up to 15 poets (on a lottery basis that evening at 7). Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus Volcano Village. \$8. 967-8222 or volcanoartcenter.org

**Tapping Your Creative Right Brain**, writing workshop with Tom Peek, Sat, July 23, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Open to all levels and genres; no previous writing experience is necessary. \$85 (Financial aid available by application at least 10 days prior). Pre-registration required. 967-8222, classes@volcanoartcenter.org, volcanoartcenter.org

**Live Jazz Summer Series**, Sat, July 23, 7:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. Moon Brown performs on stage with the Volcano Art Center Jazz Quartet. \$15. 967-8222 or volcanoartcenter.org

**Kipuka'akahi Hike**, Sun, July 24, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, between miles 70 and 71 on Hwy 11. Participants explore an isolated refuge of rare plants in a remnant old-growth forest. Pre-registration required. 985-6011

**Ocean View Food Basket**, Tue, July 26, noon - 2:30 p.m. at Ocean View Community Center. 939-7000

**Ocean View Community Development Corp. meeting**, Thu, July 28, 5:30 p.m. at Ocean View Community Center.

**AARP Driver Safety Training**, Fri, July 29. This four-hour class is open to everyone. No driving, no tests, no exams. \$12 current members, \$14 non-members. Mike Last, 929-8422.

**Fun Night at Ocean View Salon**, Fri, July 29. Christie, 929-7411

**Silk Painting**, Sat, July 30 - Sun, July 31, 12 - 4 p.m., Volcano

Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. Patti Pease Johnson teaches the use of China silk and a wax tjanting tool to draw on fabric. All materials supplied. \$65 or \$59.50 per course for members plus \$10 for materials; financial aid available. 967-8222 or community@volcanoartcenter.org

**Keiki Theater with Lee Michael Walczuk**, Sat, July 30, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. This hand-on workshop is an opportunity for youth ages 6 and up to explore new ways of creative engagement. \$15; member discounts and financial aid available. 967-8222, community@volcanoartcenter.org or volcanoartcenter.org

**The Art & Traditions of Hula at Kilauea**, Sat, July 30: Hula Kahiko Informance, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., hula platform in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Kumu Leilehua Yuen and Manu Josiah teach preparation, format and offering of traditional hula and chant. Lei Making, 12 - 1 p.m.; Basic 'Ukulele, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Open to all ages, no experience necessary. Free (donations support programs); park entrance fees apply. 967-8222 or classes@volcanoartcenter.org

**Kilauea Wings Buffet & Red Hot Lava Wings Challenge**, Sat, July 30, Kilauea Military Camp in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Buffet purchase of \$6.95 includes Red Hot Lava Wings Challenge at 7 p.m. KMC is open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8371

## EXERCISE AND MEDITATION

**Pāhala Pool Schedule:** Water Aerobics 9 - 9:45 Mon/Wed/Fri; Public Recreational Swim Mon/Wed/Fri 10 - 11 a.m., Mon - Fri 1 - 5:30 p.m., Sat/Sun 9:30 - 11 a.m., Sat 1 - 5:30 p.m., Sun 2 - 5:30 p.m.; Adult Lap Swim Mon - Fri 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sat 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sun 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 928-8177 or www.hawaii-county.com/parks/aquatics

**Yoga**, Mon 7:30 a.m./Tue 5:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. Emily Catey focuses on stretching and releasing physical and mental tension. Open to beginning and intermediate students. \$10. 967-8222

**Interval Fitness**, Mon, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., Ocean View Community Center. Weights, balls and Pilates. A.C.E. certified instructor Erin Cole, 640-8473

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

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

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food. Becky, 345-4334

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

**Tennis**, Mon – Thu, 3 – 4:30 p.m. for grades 3 – 11. Richard, 939-2510

**Basketball & Volleyball**, Mon – Thu, 5 – 8:30 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center. Richard, 939-2510

**ZUMBA**, Tue, 10 – 11 a.m., Sat, 9 – 10 a.m., 19-4074 Old Volcano Road in Volcano Village. Weekly dance classes with Jami Vezina. \$5. 238-2019 or zumbawithjami@gmail.com

**Karate Classes**, Tue/Thu, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Instructor Peter Lubke offers free classes for all ages. 939-7033

**Free Play Outdoor Games**, Tue/Thu, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Kahuku Park. Nona, 929-9113

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

**Yoga**, Wed, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Pāhala Community Center. Steve, 345-1061

**Yoga for Everyone**, Wed, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Cooper Center, Volcano. Yes, you can do yoga, no matter your age or flexibility. \$10 per class or \$42 for 6-week session. Debra Serrao, 985-7545

**Beginning and Intermediate Yoga**, Thu, 4:30 – 6 p.m. Will have morning session either Mon or Tue, 8 – 10 a.m. Call for info. Noa's Island Massage in first cottage next to Nā'ālehu Park. Please come 10 min. early. \$10 a class or \$80 for 10 classes. Noa Caiserman, 756-3183

**Zumba**, Thu, 5 – 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Certified Zumba instructor Erin Cole, 640-8473

**Gentle Yoga**, Fri, 8 – 9 a.m., Cooper Center, Volcano. For those who wish to deepen their yoga practice or begin. \$7 a class or \$30 for six-week session. Debra Serrao, 985-7545

### WEEKLY & DAILY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**Volcano Winery Tours**, daily, 10 a.m. These tours of the vineyard and tea field are free and open to all ages. Longer tours available for \$25 or \$45 per person. 35 Pi'i Mauna Dr., Volcano. 967-7772 or volcanowinery.com

**Playgroup**, daily, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Wai'ōhū Park. For any age. Hettie Rush, 929-8572

**Volcano Farmers Market**, Sun, 7 – 10 a.m., Cooper Center. Fruits and veggies, swap meet and more.

**Free Lunches**, Sun, after 12 noon, Nā'ālehu Hongwanji. Sponsored by Thy Word Ministries-Ka'ū and the Food Bank Hot Meal Program.

**Sizzlin' Sundays**, Kīlauea Military Camp in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. \$1 Bowling, 4 – 8 p.m. Chef's Specials at Crater Rim Café, 5 – 8 p.m.: Surf 'n' Turf Special Short Ribs and Panko Breaded Mahi Mahi, \$13.50; Teri Chicken Meal Deal, \$8.95. Specials include dessert and beverage. Thirst Quenchers at Lava Lounge: Fire Down Below, Just Peachy, or Sundae Tea \$5 each. KMC is open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8371

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

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

**Tūtū and Me Traveling Preschool**, free classes Mon/Wed, Nā'ālehu Community Center; Tue/Thu, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m., Pāhala Community Center. Limited to 50 participants in each area. 929-8571

**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 doctor appointments, grocery shopping and to pick up prescriptions. Program closed on Tue. Dick Hershberger, 989-4140

**Ka'ū Farmers Market**, Wed/Sat, 8 a.m. – noon, front of Ace

## Fifteenth Anniversary of Ka'ū Sugar Shutdown Triggers Reunion

This year marks the fifteenth anniversary of the Ka'ū Sugar Co. shutdown. It is drawing current and former residents to participate in the Ka'ū Plantation Days celebration on Saturday, Aug. 20 on the grounds of the old sugar manager's house at Pāhala Plantation Cottages. The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with ethnic foods, music, dance, films, displays of history, and talk story sessions. An old sugar cane truck will be fired up, and visits to the new Ka'ū Coffee Mill will be offered. Plantation Days will be followed by a Ka'ū school reunion on Sunday, Aug. 21 at Pāhala Community Center.

A small hui of organizers, including Ella Jerusalem Louis, Gail Kalani, Dorothy Kalua and Lynn Hamilton, has been meeting for months, gathering photos of the life of the community during plantation days, stories from the past, and ideas for the event.

Ka'ū Plantation Days, rather than a solemn memorial to the end of sugar, is a celebration of agriculture, with the evolution of the Ka'ū economy into macadamia, coffee and a full variety of almost every kind of vegetable grown, tropical fruits and a free range cattle industry. This agricultural way of life emerges from plantation days with farming and ranching traditions still in place, melding with native Hawaiian practices of growing breadfruit, taro and sweet potatoes, as well as gourds for the ipu that carry the rhythm of hula.

Some plantation day practices have evolved into new activities. Muleskinning has evolved from pack animals carrying seed into the sugar fields to mules being used to train youth in animal husbandry and visiting the Ka'ū forest. Flumes used for carrying cane down the mountains to the mill in Pahala have new life as water for diversified agriculture and hydropower potential.

Ranches once operated by the sugar company are now run by local paniolo, with



Plantation family moms with their children in a healthy baby clinic. Ka'ū Plantation Days hopes to identify these people.

Kapāpala being one of the largest family ranches in the state and the Galimba family being held up as an example of independent family ranching of free range beef that is treasured for its taste and nutrition. Lands once used for sugar are now the home to small family farms, with more than 35 Ka'ū Coffee Growers cooperative members harvesting coffee that is garnering international recognition and sustaining a new small business entrepreneur spirit in Ka'ū.

Ka'ū Plantation Days will bring these elements together with the many people who grew up here in the Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese, Filipino, European and mainland families and who came here to work in sugar and created a lifestyle.

Anyone interested in sharing stories, films and photos and participating can call Ella Jerusalem Louis at 928-0401 or email lynnbybay@aol.com. The Ka'ū Plantation Days Committee is also interested in identifying any of the people in the photos accompanying this story.



Maker of traditional Japanese footwear during plantation days. Ka'ū Plantation Days hopes to identify the shoemaker.



Mules used during sugar days to plant the cane. Ka'ū Plantation Days hope to identify the muleskinner.

Hardware in Nā'ālehu. Produce, Hawaiian, arts and crafts, fresh baked goods. Table is \$5. Limit 12 vendors. 929-7236

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

**Fresh Locally Grown Produce for Seniors**, Wed, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. at Kahuku Park in Ocean View.

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

**Quilting Group**, Thu, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. 929-9576

**Friends Feeding Friends**, Thu, 4 – 6 p.m. at Cooper Center on Wright Road in Volcano Village. www.volcanocommunity.org

**Knit Night**, Thu, 6 – 9 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Java Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Fans of fiber arts help each other, share and learn together. 985-7027, 967-8352

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

**Joy School Preschool Playgroup**, Fri, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Dis-

covery Harbour Community Center. 929-8732

**Free 'Ukulele, Slack Key and Steel Guitar classes**, Fri, 1 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Boys and Girls Club. Keoki Kahumoku. 935-0463

**OVCA Green Market**, Fri, 2 – 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Fresh produce, fruits, herbs, flowers, plants, honey and more. ovcahawaii@gmail.com or 939-7033

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

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

**Ocean View Teen Club**, Fri, 6 – 9 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Ages 13 – 18. 217-5593

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

**Treasure Hunt Resale Outlet**, Sat, Ocean View Farmers Market. Debra Bridgers, 936-9358 or www.makemydayhawaii.com

**Substance Abuse Evaluations**, Sat, Ka'ū Family Center in Nā'ālehu. An Intervention/Awareness class is also being offered to first-time DUI offenders. No charge for assessment

if recommended to the Intervention/Awareness class. Cory, 756-5768

**Alcoholics Anonymous meetings**: One Day at a Time Group, Sat, 6:30 p.m., Cooper Center; Pāhala Group, Wed, 7:30 a.m., Holy Rosary Church; Southern Star Group, Tue, 7:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Church in Nā'ālehu; Friday Night BBQ Meeting, Fri, 5 p.m., Wai'ōhū (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

**Square Dancing**, Sat, 7 – 8:30 p.m. at Ocean View Community Center. Open to all; under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Joe, 808-646-0479

**The 'Ukulele Class**, Sundays, 12:30 – 2 p.m., Old Pāhala Clubhouse. Beginning and Intermediate youth and adults. Taught by Moses Espaniola III. Sponsored by Nā'ālehu Theater. 808-896-1911 or chelle@cyrilpahinui.com

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## Fun Fest Fundraising Nears \$50K for New Health Center

The first ever Ka'ū Family Fun Fest, presented by 'O Ka'ū Kākou on King Kamehameha Day, has raised almost \$50K for the construction of a new Ka'ū Family Health Center by the Bay Clinic, Inc. At press time, OKK Treasurer and Fun Fest Coordinator Raylene Moses said donations were still pouring in and a few outstanding event expenses remained, but she expected to have an exact fundraising total by July 9. The new health center, which will replace the old family health center in Nā'ālehu is expected to break ground in the Fall.

### Fest Sports Fun & Games

Over 90 athletes convened at Nā'ālehu Park to compete in a trio of races that traversed the old cane roads above the town. Lyman Perry was the first to cross the finish line back at the park, finishing the 5K course in just over 19 minutes. Eleven-year-old Kiyena Beatty sprinted in around 26 minutes to scoop up the 5K

obstacles, balance on long wooden beams, crawl through a make-shift tunnel, and shoot a target all while carrying a weighted pack. Contestants then traded in the pack for a heavier 100lb pack and ran the entire course again.

An athlete calling herself Anna Banana was the lone female participant, completing the course with modified pack weight after running and winning the 5K for her age group earlier that day.

Archery enthusiasts lined up to test their aim against strategically placed deer targets. Roy Okamoto won the grand prize first place with Peter Grace taking second. Roy Beudet won first in the adult traditional competition, while Sandy Alatan and Jolene Iyo won first and second place respectively among women.

On the park grounds players engaged in games of Portuguese Horseshoes and Jan Ken Po. Kupuna Jeanette Howard beat



Raylene Moses, left, and Myra Sumida, right, present Half-Marathon Overall winner Michael Sullivan with medals. Photo courtesy of Bay Clinic, Inc. See more of their photos at Kaufamilyfunfest on Facebook.

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Jordan Cabreros wins the Hunter's Obstacle Course.

first place for females. Fifty-five minutes in, Sasha Gusarchuk snatched the overall fastest 10K runner, with Daniel Johnson just a second behind to win fastest male. Michael Sullivan won the half-marathon in 92 minutes with Merceda Rivera coming in at little over two hours to win fastest woman.

Another fun fest highlight gathered marksmen and hunters at the Nā'ālehu rodeo grounds to display their skills in archery and obstacle course competitions. In four minutes and 25 seconds, Ka'ū hunter Jordan Cabreros won the Hunter's Obstacle Course, which challenged contestants to climb over fences and



Glenn Kokubun cheers Anna Banana on to obstacle course finish line.



A runner on the old cane road. Photo by Julia Neal



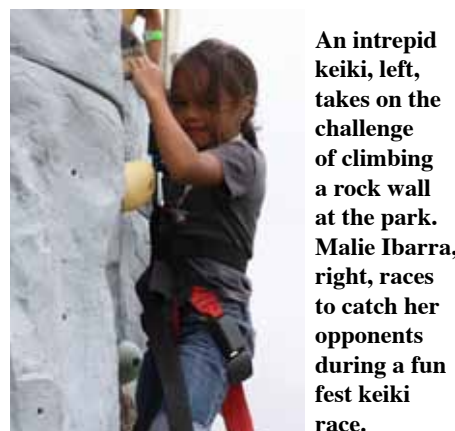
Kiyena Beatty wins first female in 5K race.



Kaimana Kaupu-Manini reaches for the ball during a HI-PAL tournament held at the fest.



Jon "Yoko" Enriques made all of the Portuguese Horseshoes sets for the contest.



An intrepid keiki, left, takes on the challenge of climbing a rock wall at the park. Malie Ibarra, right, races to catch her opponents during a fun fest keiki race.



Archers line up to compete.

Photos by Nālani Parlin

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## 33rd Annual Rodeo Rides into Nā'ālehu July 2 & 3

The Ka'ū Roping & Riding Association's 33rd Annual Fourth of July Rodeo will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 2 and 3 at the Nā'ālehu rodeo arena. Slack roping starts at 8 a.m. with the show starting at 12 noon on Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday. Paniolo from around the island will compete in events including Open Dally, Kane/Wahine Dally, Team 90's, Double Mugging, Jr./Sr. Ribbon Mugging, Wahine Mugging, Po'o Wai U and Tie Down Roping. Keiki events are Dummy Roping, Goat Undecorating, Jr. Bulls and Mutton Busting.

The arena is located behind the Nā'ālehu Park.



Cowgirls wrestle a calf during the Ka'ū Roping & Riding Association's Fourth of July Rodeo last year.

Photo by Julia Neal



## Pāhala Tilapia grows to 6.5 lbs

A.J. Galiza fished this 6.5 lb. tilapia from the pond in Albert Ledergerber's yard in Pahala. Ledergerber said it was "a monster" and enjoyed by all who feasted on the fish. Ledergerber grows water plants and fish in large tubs in his yard surrounding a restored Pāhala sugar house. Galiza, a neighbor, showed up with a fishing pole after Ledergerber noticed a big mouth opening up to gobble food at the surface of the water.



Zumba instructor Erin Cole dances with the fun fest crowd. Cole teaches weekly Zumba classes.



Keiki exercise their muscles striving for the top of the rock wall. Photos by Nāiani Parlin



## Varsity Baseball Players Practice on Summer Softball League

Members of the Ka'ū High Varsity baseball team are competing on a variety of teams in summer leagues such as Ka'ū High Softball Coach Donald Garo's annual community softball tournament. Coach Cory Koi noted that the Varsity team graduated seven talented athletes this year, five of which he coached since T-ball days. "It has been really enjoyable to see them grow up and get better every year," said Koi. Several of the players competed on both the Varsity baseball and either volleyball or track teams simultaneously. Season highlights included two homeruns hit by Callen Koi, with Kihei Serrao, Tyrell Mason and Jimmy Dacalio each earning one. Coach Koi noted pitcher Dillin Ballo upped his game with more strikeouts. "Everybody stepped up this year. Overall hitting improved and we had one of the strongest defenses," said Koi. Ka'ū High Varsity baseball team members include (front l-r): Alika Kaopua, Tyrell Mason, Dylan Kai, Coach Robert Rosario, Ernest Breithaupt-Louis; (back): Ikaika Kaopua, Callen Koi, Coach Ravel Kaupu, Kihei Serrao, Coach Cory Koi, Dillin Ballo, Mark Cuisson, Moses Espaniola, Tyler Atwood and Coach Byron.

Photo courtesy of the Koi family



Rani Whitmore dunks her father Ron Whitmore, a County Planner and Ka'ū CDP Project Manager. The booth also contributed funds toward the health center. Photo by Fred Ramsdell



Ka'ū AYSO board members Terry Chopot, left, and Kapua Serrao, right, demo free hand massages with Kathy Carr at their Doterra Essential Oils booth at the fest. Chopot said the oils have many health benefits and are available at the weekly Nā'ālehu Farmer's Market.

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several competitors from keiki to adult to reign as Jan Ken Po grand master, while teammates John Masters and Elijah Duncan emerged victorious as Portuguese Horseshoes first place winners.

Horseshoes' second place went to the team of Brian Burgos and Russell Salmo, and Grant Fukunaga and Chris Chun-Hoon placed third.

Event coordinator Raylene Moses noted that the fest was well-attended considering there were many other holiday events happening around the island. "Everyone worked so hard throughout the day" to make it a success, said Moses. Also on the planning committee were Monica Adams, Tanya Aynessazian, June Domondon, Glenn Kokubun, Nadine Ebert, Guy Enriques, Mike Gleason, Dixie Kaetsu, Wayne Kawachi, Carol Massey and John Replogle.

**Race Age Category Winners**  
Female and Male Race winners by age categories are as follows:

**5K Winners Ages 19 and under** - Jackson Halford 20:09 and Kiyena Beatty 26:33; **Ages 20-29** - Brian Gorges 32:12 and Jaylynn Travis 35:10; **Ages 30-39** - Ralph Gaston 35:40 and Julia Rowe 29:01; **Ages 40-49** - Lyman Perry 19:28 and Doede Donough 42:48; **Ages 50-59** - John Hycas 25:23 and Anna Banana 35:52; **Ages 60-69** - Patrick Donovan 29:42 and Sarito Ross 42:48

**10K Winners Ages 19 and under** - Faith Russell 1:06:51; **Ages 20-29** - Sasha Gusarchuk 55:12; **Ages 30-39** -

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# Kua O Ka Lā Charter School Offers Virtual Academy to Ka'ū Students

Kua O Ka Lā, a New Century Public Charter School located in Pāhoā, will give an alternative schooling option for Ka'ū students in grades three to 12: a virtual academy. Site Administrator and instructor Puanani Wilhelm described the academy as "a hybrid program (offering) place-based, Hawaiian-culture-focused electives coupled with an online academic program.

Question and answer sessions, as well as school staff meet & greets will be held throughout Ka'ū and Volcano in July. Meetings are as follows: Tuesday, July 6, 5:30 p.m. at Nā'ālehu Community Center; Monday, July 11, 5 p.m. at Ocean View Community Center; Thursday, July 14, 5:30 p.m. at Pāhala Community Center; and Tuesday, July 20 at 5 p.m. at Volcano's Cooper Center.

Wilhelm said that children will "complete core academics at home or come to a community work site for academic mentoring, social interaction and Hawaiian culture enrichment." The school plans to provide a laptop computer for each student to complete course work and transportation to community resource areas.

A major difference between the virtual academy and home school programs

comes in the opportunity to have "face-to-face instructional help" and the chance to interact with teachers and other students, said Wilhelm. She added that academy participants will be actual students of Kua o ka Lā.

For more information, contact Wilhelm at 342-0611 or koklpuanani@hawaii.rr.com or email instructor Pua Mendonca at kuapua@gmail.com.

## Five Ka'ū Students Win OKK Grad & Post-Grad College Scholarships

'O Ka'ū Kākou awarded over \$3K to five Ka'ū students either college-bound or already attending college.

Brooke Ku'uleinanikealaokapuakeni Hashimoto, of South Point, was the only high school student to receive an OKK scholarship worth \$500. Hashimoto is the daughter of Connie and Kevin and graduated this year from Kamehameha Schools Kea'au campus. She will attend Kapi'olani Community College this coming school year. After completing two years there, she intends to move to Washington and pursue a degree in journalism. She hopes to return to Hawai'i to work for a local newspaper or magazine.

What will be the most challenging obstacle Hashimoto will face next year? "Waking up on my own!" she exclaimed. Hashimoto's parents helped her rise each school day to catch the early bus to Kea'au which left Ka'ū at 4:30 a.m.



Fred Ramsdell, 'O Ka'ū Kākou Scholarship Chair, and wife Mary attended the Kamehameha Schools Awards Ceremony to present Brooke Hashimoto, center, a \$500 scholarship.

Ka'ū High alumnus Sarah Nicolaisen won a \$1K post-grad scholarship. Nicolaisen is attending the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She is working toward becoming a primary care physician. Nicolaisen wrote in her scholarship essay that she wants to "help the medically underserved communities of our islands.

Kara Nelson, of Nā'ālehu also received a \$1K post-grad scholarship. She is attending the University of Hawai'i Center at West Hawai'i and studying journalism.

Bliss Amaral, also a former Ka'ū High grad, won a \$500 scholarship. She is attending U.H. Mānoa and majoring in business.

Catherine Kildall, of Ocean View, also won a \$500 post-grad scholarship. She is a student at Hawai'i Community College and is studying to become a registered nurse. In her essay she wrote that she wants to work in the community with people with mental illness.

OKK Scholarship Committee Chair Fred Ramsdell said that each application and essay was scored according to a set criteria by a committee. Originally, OKK advertised \$500 scholarships, but extra scholarship funds allowed the committee to increase the two highest scoring applicants an extra \$500 each.

"We have good students in Ka'ū, so we should be helping them to go to college," said Ramsdell.

## Ka'ū & Pāhala School Takes Mandatory Shirt Orders July 5

Beginning Monday, Aug. 1, the first day of school, every Ka'ū High & Pāhala Elementary student, grades K-12, is required to wear a dress standard shirt to school each day. School staff will be taking shirt orders on Tuesday, July 5 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at Nā'ālehu Market and from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. outside Ocean View Post Office. The staff hopes to accommodate families in those areas who have yet to order the mandatory shirts. The order deadline is Wednesday, July 6.

Shirt pick-up will be Monday, July 25

from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at Nā'ālehu Market and from 1 to 4 p.m. at Malama Market.

T-shirts are \$6 in adult and youth sizes. Long-sleeved shirts are \$10 for youth sizes and \$12 for adult sizes.

In a letter to students and parents, Principal Sharon Beck said the standard dress shirt practice will build a sense of community and belonging for our students, improve student safety, and support families in budgeting for school clothes.

For more information, call the school at 928-2088.

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Daniel Johnson 55:13 and Dawn Aiona 1:19:55; **Ages 40-49** - William Aiona 1:19:55 and Raylene Moses 1:29:10; **Ages 50-59** - Sanghoon Kim 1:47:53 and Wendy Davis 1:31:38; **Ages 60 and up** - John Roddy 1:18:46 and Charleen Roddy 1:45:23

**1/2 Marathon Winners Ages 19 and under** - N/A; **20-29** Billy Tollett 2:09:57 and Merceda Rivera 2:05:40; **Ages 30-39** Michael Sullivan 1:32:03 and Leah Quintero 2:10:35; **Ages 40-49** Raul Ramirez 1:59:59 and Dene Sturm 2:09:24; **Ages 50-59** Steven Pavao 1:41:02 and Joyce Bishop 2:00:22; **Ages 60-69** John Kunitake 2:22:03.

## Archery Results

**Overall Winners - Adult Male:** 1<sup>st</sup> Craig Reynolds, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jesse Balucan, 3<sup>rd</sup> tie Peter Grace and Rhys Grace; **Adult Traditional:** 1<sup>st</sup> Rick Beudet, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grant Kow, 3<sup>rd</sup> Clyde Beudet **Adult Women:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jolene Iyo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Alatan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kathy Lorenzo; **High School:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kent Grace, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tyler Lorenzo, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cameron Gomes.

**Hunter's Obstacle Course Results Men:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jordan Cabreros 4:25.75, 2<sup>nd</sup> Glenn Bisdell 6:11.19, 3<sup>rd</sup> Makoa Moses 6:18.18, 4<sup>th</sup> Ronald Ebert 8:06.72; **High School:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Kaleb Lamon 6:08.94, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Dacalio 8:13.97, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mark Agpawa, Jr. 13:58.75; **Women:** Anna Banana 8:58.47.

## Students Can Still Sign Up for Nā'ālehu Pre-School

Openings are still available for pre-school at Nā'ālehu Elementary. Children who turn age 4 by Dec. 31 qualify for

enrollment. "Pre-school is a great way to start your children off," said teacher Tara Treaster. Call the school at 939-2413 for registration and requirements.

## Kuhaulua-Stacy Wins Grand Ali'i Aloha Princess

Kailee Kuhaulua-Stacy, daughter of Sheldon L. Salmo and Cheyenne Kaluahine and granddaughter of Laura (Nani) Stacy, Howard and Corinna Salmo, is the new Little Miss Grand Ali'i Aloha Princess for 2011. She won prettiest hair, Best Stage Presence, Most Charming, Best Aloha Wear and the title of Grand Ali'i Aloha princess in the age group seven to nine.

The Pacific Island Princess pageant was created by Miss American Starlet, Inc., the nation's leading pageant system.

See more information about the pageants at [www.pacificislandprincess.org](http://www.pacificislandprincess.org)



Grand Ali'i Aloha Princess Kailee Kuhaulua-Stacy. Kuhaulua-Stacy will be a fifth-grader at Pāhala Elementary this coming school year.

# HELCO Issues Geothermal RFI

Hawaiian Electric Light Co. is proposing more geothermal energy for the Big Island. HELCO has issued a Request For Information to determine the best way to pursue geothermal development. The utility is seeking input from potential geothermal developers and interested landowners on next steps that take into account renewable energy goals and clean energy policy in “the state’s unique community, cultural, historical, and environmental context. See full RFI at <http://GeothermalRFI.heco.com>.

Questions or comments may be submitted via email, and answers will be posted on the site. Responses to the RFI are requested by Aug. 31.

“Geothermal power is already a proven source of firm renewable power that can play an even larger role in Hawai‘i’s clean energy future,” said Jay Ignacio, president of HELCO. “This is a first step, and with growing interest and discussions around the state we must consider the best approach because developing geothermal is unique.”

Geothermal development differs from other renewable energy projects such as wind, solar, biofuel and biomass, waste-to-energy or hydro-electric, according to the HELCO. “Community and cultural consultation are a critical part of the process. Typically, a geothermal project must begin with resource identification, resource evaluation, and drilling one or more test wells. These high-cost procedures must precede a formal project proposal. A resource verified through an exploratory well must be found before further steps, including production well drilling and plant construction can begin. The RFI focuses on the early phase of geothermal development,” a statement from HELCO says.

More than 30 percent of electricity on Hawai‘i Island is generated from renewable resources, including hydro, wind, distributed photovoltaic, concentrating solar and geothermal.

Puna Geothermal Venture, a subsidiary of Ormat Technologies, operates a 30-megawatt capacity geothermal plant and is planning to expand to 38 megawatts. A proposed purchase power agreement between HELCO and Puna Geothermal is now before the Hawai‘i Public Utilities Commission.

## Deadly Racing, cont. from pg. 1

help. When the Medic 19 ambulance from Kīlauea Military Camp was approaching the crash site, it came first upon the earlier accident and found two unharmed men. Medic 19 proceeded to the second accident and found the passenger, 20-year-old Bryson Areola of Kea‘au, dead at the scene. The driver, 19-year-old Julien Quiocho of Hilo, was airlifted to Queen’s Medical Center on O‘ahu with reportedly serious brain and spinal injuries.

Police and National Park officials are encouraging all the community to help dis-



Firemen, wildlife managers and representatives of community organizations met with citizens to strategize for the upcoming wildfire season.

Photo by Geneveve Fyvie

## Hawai‘i Wildfire Managers Teach Strategies for Protection

by Geneveve Fyvie

Sixty-five percent of Hawai‘i Island dryland forests have been lost primarily to wildfire, said experts during the Hawai‘i Wildfire Management Organization meeting in late June. They came to Nā‘ālehu with the national fire preparedness program Ready, Set, Go! and described the impacts of fire and how to prevent them.

Fires are perpetuated by invasive grasses, like fountain grass, and kill most native trees, like ‘ohia. Air and water quality and the integrity of agricultural or grazing land are also affected by fire. When a fire burns through grazing land, the vegetation converts to non-palatable plants, such as a tree tobacco, the specialists said.

Hawai‘i Wildfire Management Organization is a collaborative founded in 2002 by ranchers, land managers, scientists, representatives of state and federal agencies, and environmentalists. Elizabeth Pickett Fee, its executive director & Pacific Fire Consor-

tium coordinator, said “fire doesn’t move a flood, destroying everything in its path; it can only move forward if there are fuels to feed the fire. You can safeguard your homes from fire.”

The *Ready, Set, Go!* strategy was put forward:

**READY** – Prepare your home. Keep roof and gutters free of debris; install mesh screen spark arresters on vents and chimneys; remove flammable materials and plants from under the house and lanai; create space between vegetation, house and fences; keep a buffer zone around the house free of weeds, dried grass and vegetative litter; use non-combustible building materials like stone or concrete; landscape with native and drought-resistant plants; store flammables such as wood and gasoline away from house.

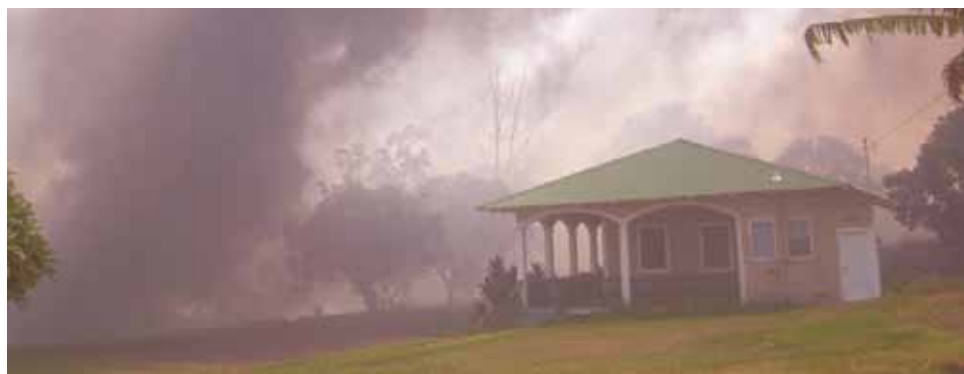
Jesse Acosta, of the state Department of Forestry and Wildlife, said that changing or screening vents could help keep houses

from imploding, as it prevents embers or sparks from entering the driest part of a house, under the roof. He also emphasized yard maintenance, “anywhere that leaves gather is the same place that embers will gather, because they are both wind driven.”

**SET** – Be aware of your surroundings by being responsible with cigarette butts and catalytic converters and learning more about wildfire mitigation issues and efforts in the area. According to Acosta, one of the ongoing fire issues in Ka‘ū is “where to dispose of green waste. Throwing it in green areas along the road can increase the chance of roadside ignition.”

**GO** – Exit gracefully. If properly prepared for fire, homeowners can leave when they want to leave without panicking. Acosta said the purpose of the program is to help people get fire safe before the danger arises so they can “leave early and be a part of the fire solution and not the fire problem.”

The Hawai‘i Wildfire Management Organization wrote the Community Wildfire Protection Program, which is now completed and officially in place with funding. Board president Miles Nakahara said the “agency will be coming back after July 1 with funding to help each community get fire safe by managing fuels.” Nakahara suggested the golf course be prepared and used as an evacuation zone for Discovery Harbour and the surrounding communities. *Ready, Set, Go!* packets are available at any local fire station. For more information, call 885-0900 or visit [hawaiiwildfire.org](http://hawaiiwildfire.org). ♦



A wildfire raged from Hwy 11 to Pāhala town in 1997, threatening the Old Pāhala clubhouse.

Photo by Julia Neal

courage racing. Apparently, when no races are scheduled at the track in Hilo, some of the racers drive to the straight-aways on county and state roads in Kapoho and Ka‘ū, usually on a full-moon weekend.

In lieu of specific evidence surrounding the crash, rangers believe the victims may have been speeding and lost control of the vehicle, causing them to crash. They were thrown from their vehicle into the lava field. The victims may also have been under the influence of alcohol. However, HVNP and HPD officials are still investigating.

Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park Chief Ranger Talmadge Magno said that the accident has been difficult to understand since the surviving victim was “in too much pain” to give a statement before being flown to O‘ahu. Rangers attempted to contact Quiocho at Queen’s, but doctors said he was unable to be interviewed. Several witnesses have come forward to provide information on the crash, but the full story of what happened that night is still unclear, said Magno. Anyone who may have witnessed the accident or may have any information about the

incident is encouraged to call 985-6001.

Several days after the accident, someone painted across the pavement of Hwy 11 near the accident site: “R.i.P. (Rest in Peace) Bryson.”

Hawai‘i Police Chief Harry Kubojiri, during earlier meetings with community members in Ka‘ū, has asked the community to help stop the car racing, as it is deadly not only to participants but could involve innocent people driving home from work and visitors driving back to accommodations after seeing the volcano late at night. ♦

# KA PEPA O MILOLI'I

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## Lawai'a Camp Teaches Traditions of Fishing, Sustainability

The Miloli'i community hosted its first Lawai'a 'Ohana Camp in June. More than 85 participants of all ages immersed themselves into Hawaiian values of aloha 'āina and mālama. They learned the importance of sustainability and how biological systems remain diverse and productive over time. The camp supported hands-on learning to encourage families and communities to teach each other about sustainable fishing practices and marine ecology.

Participants learned about Hawai'i's fishing families - their needs and desires. They learned about marine policies and regulations and the reasoning behind them - to help increase voluntary compliance. The camp became a preamble to data gathering for the Hawai'i Fish Trust Program, and laid groundwork for 2012-2014 community-based near shore fisheries projects.



Stepping Stones along the coast near Miloli'i where Sen. Gil Kahele leads keiki on a hike.

hands-on feeling of the weight of the net in their hands and the transferring of energy from legs to hips to arms when throwing the nets. They aimed to create a perfect circle around the prey. Craig Carvalho and Willy Kaupiko demonstrated the making of palu (ōpelu food) for 'ōpelu fishing the next day.

Day Two started with an early morning, heading out to the 'auwa for a canoe lashing lesson in Hawaiian and English by Uncle Piki Hayward and Harold Llanes. Once both canoes were lashed, Uncle Willy and Uncle Craig gathered their crews, prepared the canoes with the palu, and set 'ōpelu nets on the side of the canoe. Two canoes and two escort boats headed out to the first 'ōpelu ko'a in front of Miloli'i bay and the fishermen began to palu the water with pumpkin, kalo and an oatmeal mix. Uncle Willy carefully leaned over the wa'a and peered through

a glass bottom box that acted as a goggle, allowing him to look for 'ōpelu and 'ōpelu

*Lawai'a Camp, pg. 17*



Miloli'i fisherman Uncle Willy Kaupiko teaches keiki the traditional Hawaiian art of 'ōpelu fishing.

*Photos by Kaiali'i Kahele*

al practices but to also adopt modern technology such as cameras and camcorders to document daily activities to produce programs showing all they learned and enjoyed.

Presenters from the state Department of Aquatic Resources and DOCARE explained Hawai'i Fishing Regulations and passed out resource materials to be shared with families. Alan

Brown, Imaika Yeaman, Nainoa Carvalho, and Brian Kahele each taught their unique throw-net style on the 'ili 'ili beach. They learned the parts of the 'upena (net), han-

dling and throwing, how to look for fish, and the importance of being patient. Every 'opio, including makua, experienced the



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Looking through the glass bottom box to catch 'ōpelu at the Miloli'i camp.

## New Minister, Bishop for Nā'ālehu & Pāhala Hongwanjis

The Rev. Earl Ikeda is leaving to become the minister for Mo'ili'ili Hongwanji on O'ahu after serving the Nā'ālehu, Pāhala and Puna Hongwanjis for many years. Ikeda also taught sumi-e classes and was known for his Okinawan singing and playing of traditional musical instruments, particularly during the Obon Season.

In early June, Ikeda led Obon ceremonies in Ka'ū, including services at the old Japanese graveyard and small temple up Wood Valley Road, followed by services at Pāhala Hongwanji and graveyard, a luncheon for the Honpa Hongwanji community and visits to other graveyards in the district. The Bon Dance season includes the ceremonies and dance at Puna Hongwanji along

Hwy 11 in Kea'au on July 1 and 2.

The new minister for Puna, Pāhala and Nā'ālehu will be the Rev. David Fujimoto, who is expected to arrive in mid-August. He has served as the Associate Minister for the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin. A graduate of the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, CA in 2010, Fujimoto completed a thesis titled A Consideration of Religious Conversion: In Shinran's Thought and the Modern Conversion.

The Honpa Hongwanji of Hawai'i has a new Bishop, the Rev. Eric Matsumoto, who recently visited the Big island. During his acceptance speech earlier this year, he said, "Who would have thought that a rural country boy who grew up in the cof-

fee fields of Kona would one day assume this position at the head of the largest Buddhist denomination in our island home? Not I." Matusmoto traveled to Japan in 1984 as a Special Foreign Student in the History Department of Ryukoku University. He met ministerial candidates from Buddhist Churches



The Rev. David Fujimoto (l) will be the new minister for the Honpa Hongwanji congregations in Pāhala, Nā'ālehu and Puna.

visit changed his life, and he studied to become a Buddhist priest.

He said the mission statement of the church is "to share the living Teachings of

Jodo Shinshu Buddhism so that all beings may enjoy lives of harmony, peace and gratitude." ♦

## Son & Surf Beach Bash at Nā'ālehu Assembly

Son stands for the Son of God at the Son & Surf Beach Bash, to be held at Nā'ālehu Assembly of God this summer, July 11 through July 15.

Director of the Vacation Bible School is Minda Brown, who said students from ages 5 to 12, grades K through 6 are invited. Students will be directed in Bible study through art, crafts, teaching and worship. Activities will include water play. The Vacation Bible School will be held on weekdays between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Call 929-7278 for more information.

The regular schedule of Nā'ālehu Assembly of God, Monday through Friday, includes prayer from 5 a.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday Worship Service on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., a Children's Worship service on Sundays at 10:30 a.m., Youth Meetings, Mondays at 4:40 p.m.; Family Prayer on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., Bible Study on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., Men's Breakfast on Second Saturdays at 8 a.m. and Women's

Ministry the last Friday of each month at 6:30 pm.

The Assembly of God, under the leadership of Pastor Kevin Brown, is also helping with donations of Bibles for Joplin, Mo., which was recently destroyed by tornadoes. See [www.naalehuag.org](http://www.naalehuag.org) for more events, audio files on messages from the pastor, and Daily Devotions. Call 929-7278.



A New Welcome for Chinese Heritage

Pāhala Chinese Cemetery between Pāhala Hongwanji and Hwy 11 has a new sign after having been rediscovered by the community. The sign was constructed and installed by Walter Wong Yuen and Fred Ramsdell, members of 'O Ka'ū Kākou. The cemetery is next to the Japanese and Filipino cemeteries.

Photo By Fred Ramsdell

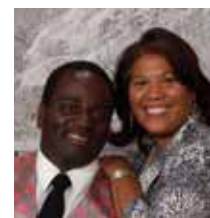
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kala swimming below. Uncle Craig set out his 'ōpelu net, showing proper technique of lowering it to gather 'ōpelu. Uncle Alan and Nainoa kept feeding the I'a with palu to keep the i'a around the wa'a. Those on the canoe and escort boats watched in awe as the lawai'a practiced a traditional fishing method of Miloli'i.

That same afternoon, participants gathered at the wharf for a wana gathering demonstration and diving lesson. Uncle Alan and the Huihui-Nekoba 'ohana organized equipment for gathering and cleaning wana while Shafton Ka'upu-Cabuag and Mahina Kaupiko led a shoreline dive to identify marine species. Every participant had the opportunity to dive for wana with a metal wana hooker. After the dive, every-

one gathered back by the 'auwa and to clean the wana with a metal shaker. Uncle Alan shared the importance of using proper tools for gathering and cleaning wana so that no one would be poked or hurt by the long sharp spines that can cause serious injury to hands and feet. Once hard work was completed, everyone took pleasure in tasting the rich succulent meat found within the wana's hard spiny shell.

Day Three dawned with a Kehaulani (name of the ua or rain of Kapalilua) gracing the students with a morning shower that cooled the trail to Kapu'a, one of the ahupua'a south of Miloli'i. Uncle Gilbert Kahele led the group along the old trail that crossed through ahupua'a of Miloli'i, Omoka'a, Kalihi, 'Ili 'ili Cove, Honoma-  
*Lawai'a Camp, pg. 18*



Pastor Kevin and Minda Brown

### Son N Surf Beach Bash

Vacation Bible School

*Where:* Naalehu Assembly of God  
*When:* July 11 - July 15 2011  
*Time:* 2:00pm - 4:00pm  
*Ages:* 5 - 12 years old  
*Grades:* K - 6th Grade

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (808) 929-7278

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# Stars Over Ka'ū July 2011

by Lew Cook

Saturn is farther past the meridian (the imaginary line from pole to pole passing overhead) by 9 p.m. It will be present only until setting at 11:30 p.m. on the 15th.

All of the other planets are below the horizon, with Neptune being the most distant from the sun of the recognized planets. The sky map is now set for 9 p.m. mid-month. This reflects the sunset times being later in the evening, as it should. Summer began on the June 21 - the longest day of the year, with the sun transiting north of directly overhead. It will transit directly overhead between July 27 and July 24, depending on where in Ka'ū you are.

We missed reporting a new moon on the 30th of June. It occurred an hour and 6 minutes before the end of the month, and my planetarium program on my computer missed it. The Bishop Planetarium website did publish it. I just missed it. Mea culpa.

There are a number of interesting star patterns in the sky in summer. Starting in the south, there is Scorpius (Maui's fish hook) and Sagittarius (the teapot). Moving to the west, we see the last remnants of Leo, the lion, as it sets. It will soon be followed by Virgo.

Lew Cook operates a modest size computerized telescope that looks deep into space from Pāhala. He emails measurements of his images and research to astronomers. For more information, go to his website: [www.lewcook.com/pahala.htm](http://www.lewcook.com/pahala.htm) Some info has been obtained from wikipedia.com.

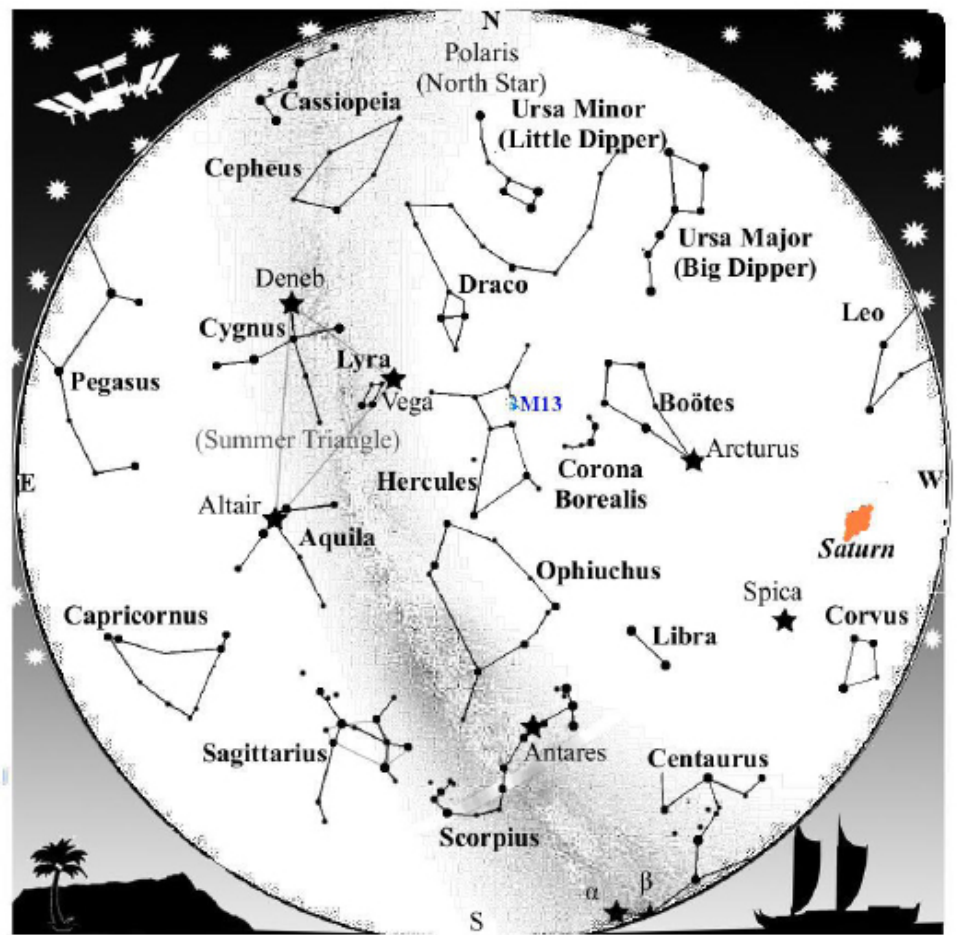
In the north, both dippers are being emptied. The Big Dipper has its handle up, and the Little Dipper has the handle pointed down. Moving to the east, we get a satisfying look at the summer triangle. These three bright stars, in separate constellations, are shown on the chart. They are Deneb in Cygnus, down south is Altair in Aquila, and the brightest of all is Vega in Lyra. Vega is the second brightest star in the night sky.

There is a treat directly overhead. You'll need a dark, moonless, clear and vogless night to see it. Use your binoculars to get more than an impression of a hazy spot. It is M13, a globular cluster, and has a couple hundred thousand stars in it.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
July 1	5:48	7:04
July 8	5:50	7:04
July 15	5:53	7:03
July 22	5:55	7:02
July 29	5:58	6:59

#### Moon Phases

First Quarter	.....	July 7
Full Moon	.....	July 14
Last Quarter	.....	July 22
New Moon	.....	July 30



How To Use This Map: Hold this map over your head so that the northern horizon points toward the northern horizon on the Earth. For best results, use a red flashlight to illuminate the map. Use this map at about 10:00 p.m. early in the month, 9:00 p.m. mid-month, and 8:00 p.m. late in the month. \*Map provided by Bishop Museum Planetarium. Pre-recorded information: (808) 848-4136; Web site: [www.bishopmuseum.org/planetarium](http://www.bishopmuseum.org/planetarium). Podcast: [feeds.feddburner.com/bishopmuseum](http://feeds.feddburner.com/bishopmuseum); Email: [Hokupaa@bishopmuseum.org](mailto:Hokupaa@bishopmuseum.org)

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lino, Okoe and Kapu'a. Uncle Sam Grace Jr. greeted the hikers at Omoka'a to describe features that make Omoka'a a unique place. In Kalihi, Uncle Gilbert pointed out a few gravesites of ancestors to a few of the camp participants, and a konane (Hawaiian Checkers) board, which was engraved on the side of the pahoehoe flats near the shoreline. A rest stop was made in Honomalino while Uncle Gilbert talked about landscape changes from the March 11 tsunami that sent surges of ocean water up onto the beach and pushed the black sand inwards about 100 feet to uproot most of the coconut trees growing along the beach.

Continuing on to Okoe, the group made an important stop in the lava field and gazed

at an intact ma uka - ma kai trail that was footed with large smooth 'ili 'ili rocks. It extended as far up as the eyes could see before disappearing into the brush. This is one of a few such trails still in good condition and was used more than 100 years ago. The 'opio respectfully hiked on the stepping-stones and said they felt the mana from each pōhaku. It was a sentimental moment for everyone, especially those who have genealogical connections to the area. After walking through Okoe and witnessing all the damage made by the March 11 tsunami, participants cooled off in the waters at Kapu'a beach. Lunch was delivered by boat. Uncle Gilbert took a small group to the Holua Slide, Pu'u Hinahina, while Uncle Alan taught the appropriate way to pick 'opihi and Uncle Craig taught net throwing out

on the rocks. After spending most of the day in Kapu'a, participants were shuttled north to Miloli'i by boat. Once everyone returned safely, they washed up and headed down to the Miloli'i pavilion for the lū'au. Aunty Diana Aki, Miloli'i's songbird, opened the lū'au with sweet Hawaiian music. The community gathered with outside organizations that made this camp possible. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food,



Uncle Craig Carvalho shows keiki preparation of traditional "chum" for 'ōpelu fishing with taro, avocado and pumpkin.

Photo by Kaiali'i Kahele



Diana Aki plays for the children's camp at Miloli'i.

Photo by Julia Neal

sweet music, and awesome company. Following the music of Aunty Diana, youth participants showed their music videos, digital stories, pictures and videos, which were met with applause, shouts from proud parents, and a standing ovation. The evening's festivities ended with local music by Kahinu Lee and his group.

Day Four of the Miloli'i Lawai'a 'Ohana Camp featured a fishing tournament. Uncle John Kahiapo, from DAR, assisted the group and judged each catch. He gave a lesson on the proper way to relieve the hook from the fish's mouth and shared the legal catch size for each fish. Medals and prizes went out to every participant that entered the tournament.

Ka'imi Kaupiko, Leivallyn Ka'upu and

Kaiali'i Kahele, carried out the closing ceremony for the camp. The four days were made possible by Pa'a Pono Miloli'i; Conservation International; the Miloli'i 'ohana; camp participants, Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center Kona Unit; DAR; DOCARE; DLNR; Hawai'i Community Stewardship Network; activity presenters, kūpuna of Miloli'i, the camp kitchen crew, lū'au crew, and camp volunteers.

For more, see [www.miloliilawaiacamp.com](http://www.miloliilawaiacamp.com).

Check out our web site for updates.

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

The Ka'ū Calendar

# KEEPING HEALTHY IN KA'Ū

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## Family Fun Fest Reaches Goal, Raises \$ for Medical Building

The first Ka'ū Family Fun Fest, sponsored by 'O Ka'ū Kākou, was a big success for raising money for a new medical building for the Bay Clinic's Ka'ū Family Health Center in Nā'ālehu. While the final figures are not tallied, up to \$50,000 has been committed to Bay Clinic from the event and through a fundraising challenge by the Edmund C. Olson Trust.

The Bay Clinic is raising money to construct a \$4 million, 5,000 square foot facility at its Nā'ālehu campus on Hwy 11. The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services has already provided millions of dollars to the project.

Bay Clinic is a nonprofit Federally Qualified Community Health Center that provides low cost health care services to 18,000 Big Island residents who are uninsured and underinsured.

The current Ka'ū Family Health Center is an old plantation manager's home converted with three exam rooms, waiting room, reception and other offices. The new building to be constructed closer to Hwy 11 is designed as a comprehensive medical, dental, and behavioral health center.



Faye Sesson and Melissa Corrao of Bay Clinic.

As a health resource center, the old plantation home will be preserved as a meeting space with classrooms and will be open for other like-minded community organization to provide their services.

The new building will have six medical exam rooms, two dental operatories, and behavioral health room, along with a medical and dental lab, offices and waiting room.

Monica Adams said she is looking for-

ward to the new Bay Clinic becoming "a hub for health care services and resources for Nā'ālehu, Ocean View and into Pāhala and Volcano to support existing organizations such as Ka'ū Hospital."

Founded on this island as a women's health clinic in 1983, Bay Clinic has been providing primary care since 1991. Family practice, family planning, internal medicine, pediatrics, well and sick child care, treatment of illnesses and injuries, STD screening and treatment, immunizations, breast and cervical cancer screenings and dental care are among the services offered. See more on the Family Fun Fest in Sports. ♦

## Vog Study Calls for Participants to Study Cardiorespiratory Conditions

by Geneveve Fyvie

During the June Pancake Breakfast in Ocean View, Dr. Bernadette Mae Longo



Dr. Bernadette Longo and Shaylan Crysdale demonstrate the taking of blood pressure, which is part of her vog study.

Photo by Geneveve Fyvie

took the blood pressure and pulse of many diners who opted to participate in her study, The CARE-Vog Study: Cardiorespiratory Assessment of Residents Exposed to Vog.

Before participating, diners were asked to read a three-page summary of the study to understand the purpose, procedures, benefits, risks, discomforts and precautions associated with the study. They were also asked to answer questions about their health, such as "Do you cough each day?" or whether they take medications or have any pre-existing illnesses.

Longo, Assistant Professor of Nursing at the University of Nevada, Reno, has a doctorate in public health, is a Hawai'i registered nurse, and a researcher on vol-

cano health studies. This study is a repeat of the health survey she conducted in 2004 in Ocean View and Nā'ālehu. Her program of research Kīlauea Volcano Health Study II, funded by Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, also includes an ongoing seven-year-long cohort study, and other smaller studies.

Longo's husband, a volcanologist, offered graphs showing evidence of particulates and sulfur dioxide in the air for Pāhala, Ocean View and Kona. Through the study, she hopes to gain an understanding of any effects of air pollution from Kīlauea Volcano on the health and well-being of residents who live nearby. She hopes to do this by looking at how many adults currently have

breathing and heart-related illnesses and comparing the statistics with those of communities farther from the volcano.

Participants must be over 20 years of age, and have lived in Pāhala, Ocean View, Honoka'a, Mountain View or on the Kona Coast for at least seven years. The results from each area will be compared to one another. All participants' identities are protected and all information gathered is confidential. Participating in the study is free and all those examined receive a record of their pulse and blood pressure taken which, if taken to a doctor, could detect early signs of long-term illness. Anyone interested in more information can contact Longo at 775-682-7149 or 775-815-9162. ♦

## Court Reigns Over May Day at Ka'ū Hospital

More than 40 people filled the Ka'ū Hospital day room for the third annual May Day Celebration. King Cesar Duldulao and Queen Brenda Mendoza presided over the event.

Members of the court were Norma Kai-po, representing Hawai'i Island; Kinue Kamei, representing Kaua'i; Joanna Jerusalem, representing Moloka'i; Leocadia Gascon, representing O'ahu; Gloria Castaneda, representing Lāna'i; Dora Andrade, representing Maui; and Hattie Macomber, representing Kaho'olawe.

Ali'i bearers were Candido Duldulao, Isidro Dameg and Albert Tehero. Ladies in waiting were Sophie Zembik, Kay Laver and Elsie Moses. Crown bearers were Blayke Blanco and Wehi Reed.

Activities coordinator Jessica Camba-Penera introduced a full line-up of entertainers. Rebecca Escobar, who was crowned Miss Ka'ū Peaberry in April, danced hip-hop. Young Miss Ka'ū Coffee Dayse Andrade danced to the song *Nobody*, and Miss Ka'ū Coffee Brandy Shibuya danced hula to *Poliahu*. Mark Galacio followed up with a dance to the song *My Girl*. Hospital employees Esmenia Hernandez and Emily Bolaoen offered a Filipino folk dance.



Ka'ū Hospital Health Unit Clerk Tithing Chun performs Drop Baby Drop with resident Albert Tehero to celebrate May Day.

Next on the program were the kupuna of Hula Hālau O Mahealani, dancing to *Papalina Lahilahi* and *Nani O Manoa*. Hospital resident Al Tehero, on the bongos, followed in a duet performance of *Drop Baby Drop* with Ti Chun. Chun then accompanied Maggie Martinez in a rendition of *God Bless My Daddy*.

Kailee Kuhaulua-Stacy offered a poi ball performance and also played 'ukulele. She participated in the Miss Ka'ū Peaberry Pageant last year and competed in the Pacific International Pageant.

For the final performance, Jennifer Oliveira danced to *Ka Uluwehi O Ke Kai*.

The band Keaiwa was on hand to perform while attendees enjoyed pupus.

Camba-Penera thanked everyone involved for their efforts in putting on the successful event. ♦

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## Seniors Take Over Co-Payments

Seniors depending on state co-payments at the pharmacy will have to look elsewhere. The state Department of Human Services will discontinue its Pharmacy Assistance Program for 43,000 low-income Medicare recipients on July 1, since the Legislature repealed the program. This will not affect eligibility for Medicare Part D. It will make the seniors responsible for their own co-payments.



### Ka'ū Family Health Center

The Mobile Dental Van will provide dental services at the Ka'ū Family Health Center on Hwy 11 in Nā'ālehu. The dental van is in Ka'ū the first week of the month. For apt. call 965-3073

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# Pauline Wilson Presents a *Night of Sultry Jazz*

The Summer of Jazz continues at Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus on July 2, when Pauline Wilson joins Junior Choy and the Volcano Art Center Jazz Ensemble for an evening of hot, sultry jazz.

Wilson is an American jazz/pop singer best known as lead vocalist with the jazz/fusion group Seawind in the '70s and early '80s. Born and raised in Hilo, she won a Grammy Award in 1979 for her duet *Friends* with George Benson, part of the album *In Harmony/A Sesame Street Record* and voiced the Fairy on the track *My Fairy In The Crystal Reeds (And Other Frogs)* from Michel Colombier's album *Old Fool Back On Earth*. During most of Seawind's main period of activity, Pauline was married

to Bob Wilson, the drummer/main songwriter of the group. As a duo, they released a contemporary Christian album, *Somebody Loves You*, in 1981. She has also released several solo albums. Herb Caen, famed San Francisco columnist, once wrote, "She could sing the 'Q' section of the *Terre Haute* phonebook, and tears would well up in my eyes."

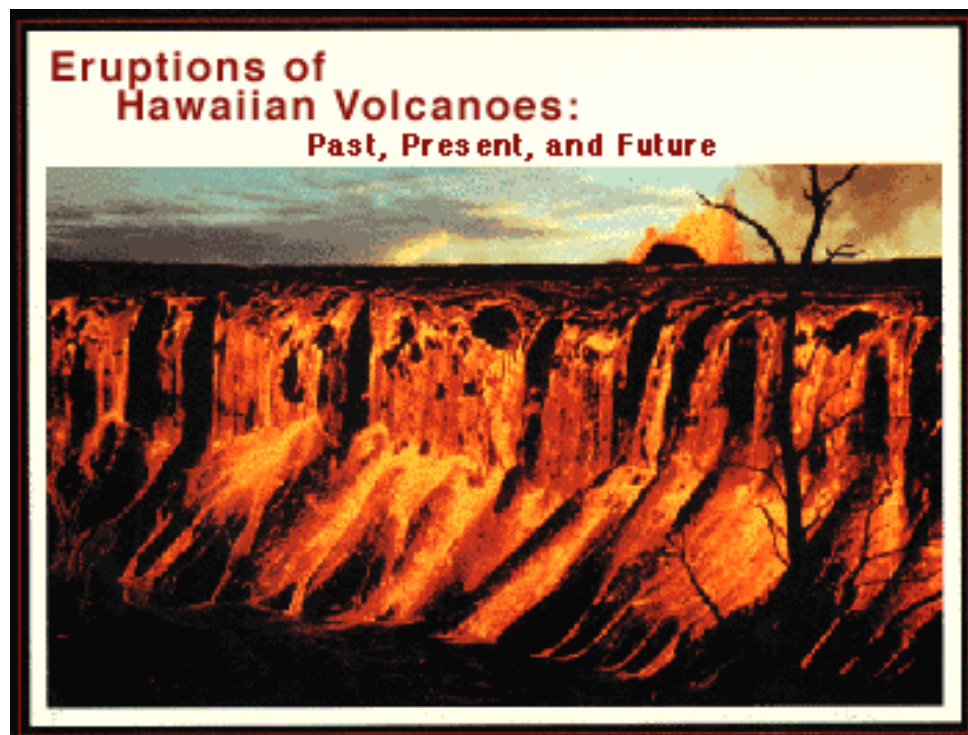
Wilson's professional debut was with Larry Williams, Kim Hutchcroft, Bud Nuñez, Ken Wild, Jerry Hey and Bob Wilson as the popular Hawai'i group called Ox. In 1976 they moved to Los Angeles to advance their career and changed the group's name to Seawind. They performed throughout the world, and Wilson recorded four albums

with them. She spent the next nineteen years performing, doing commercials, touring and recording soundtracks and background vocals as a session artist for the likes of Bruce Hornsby, Bill Medley, Brenda Russell, Michael Colombier, Celine Dion, the Crusaders and many more. Wilson also has toured with Seawind, Boz Scaggs, George Benson, Michael Paulo and the Pauline Wilson Band through the U.S., the Philippines and Asia.

For tickets (\$15 advance and \$20 day of performance) to this and any VAC Summer Series concerts, call 967-8222 or visit Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus, VAC Art Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park; Books, Nooks & Crannies in Hilo or volcanoartcenter.org. ♦



Pauline Wilson sings jazz at Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village on Saturday, July 2.



## Update: *Eruptions of Hawaiian Volcanoes – Past, Present & Future*

Hawaiian Volcano Observatory is celebrating its upcoming one-hundredth birthday with the updated publication of *Eruptions of Hawaiian Volcanoes – Past, Present and Future*, by Robert Tilling, Christina Heliker and Donald Swanson. It is available as a free pdf online at [pubs.usgs.gov/gip/117](http://pubs.usgs.gov/gip/117). It is also available for sale for \$5 at the observatory.

The earlier edition, published in 1987, is popular with Hawai'i residents, teachers, and students, as well as thousands of visitors to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The new edition focuses on eruptions of Kīlauea and Mauna Loa, two of the world's most active volcanoes. It highlights activity of Kīlauea's east rift zone eruption, which began in January 1983 and shows no signs of stopping.

The new edition describes Kīlauea's summit activity within Halema'uma'u Crater, which started in mid-March 2008 and continues. It explains how HVO and other scientists monitor volcanic activity, using space-age techniques. ♦

## Friends Need Volunteers for Restoration at Kahuku

The Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park are looking for volunteers to help with this month's forest restoration project at the Kahuku Unit Saturday, July 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will remove invasive weeds in a fenced enclosure where a wide variety of native seedlings have been planted over the past five years. "We will learn about the park's native forest restoration program at Kahuku and be able to see the start of natural recovery of the forest, said general manager Julie Mitchell. Volunteers should be at least 12 years old and be able to hike at least one mile over rough, uneven terrain covered by thick pasture grasses in an area with a moderate slope. Since the work location is a half-hour drive in from the parking area, all volunteers will need to stay until the project is completed at 3 p.m.

Pre-registration is required. Call 985-7373 or email [forest@fhvnp.org](mailto:forest@fhvnp.org). For more information, visit [fhvnp.org](http://fhvnp.org). ♦

## Kīlauea Drama Presents *Patience*

Kīlauea Drama & Entertainment Network presents its fourth production of a Gilbert and Sullivan comic operetta at Kīlauea Military Camp Theater in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park this month. *Patience*, or *Bunthorne's Bride* will be presented on July 8 through 24 on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

*Patience* pokes fun at the Aesthetic movement that was prevalent all over England in the late 19th century. All of the neighborhood maidens are dramatically in love with the aesthetic poet Bunthorne except for *Patience*, an unpretentious milkmaid. When Bunthorne attempts to woo *Patience*, she rejects him and asks Lady Angela to explain what love is. On discovering that true love must be completely unselfish – and therefore a duty – *Patience* rejects the advances of the poet Grosvenor, her handsome childhood love. Finding Bunthorne in the act of raffling himself off to his lady followers, she dutifully submits herself to unselfishly sacrificing herself by loving him. A delighted Bunthorne accepts, and the disappointed ladies momentarily return their affections to their former boyfriends, the 35th Dragoon Guards who have just returned after a year's absence.

All seems resolved until the broken-hearted Grosvenor appears, and the maidens, finding him even more aesthetic than Bunthorne, decide to fall passionately in love with him instead – to the horror of all, including Grosvenor. Bunthorne is furiously jealous of the adulation Grosvenor receives and, with the help of the faithful Lady Jane, decides to outwit his opponent. Meanwhile, in an attempt to rekindle the former affection of the ladies, three of the Dragoon guards adopt "aesthetic" costume and succeed in winning the hearts of at least two of the maidens. Grosvenor, upon being threatened by the jealous Bunthorne, drops his fanciful behavior, and, quite happily, becomes an ordinary young man. *Patience* finds that, since Grosvenor is no longer perfect, she may now love him without guilt, and the maidens, no longer rapturous, also return to being ordinary and finally return to their old loves, the guards. Bunthorne is left with the

one person he truly adores - himself.

"Thirty cast members are coming from all over East Hawai'i to present this musical fun," said director Suzi Bond. Music director is Pedro Ka'awaloa, Jr. Cristina Hussey plays *Patience*. The poets are Mark DeMoss as Bunthorne and Byron Karr as Archibald Grosvenor. The Maidens are led by Lady Angela, Lady Saphir and Lady Ella, portrayed by Dove Harline, Cara Leonard and Erin Gallagher, with Laura Williams as Lady Jane, the senior maiden. Stephen Bond, Roch Jones and Chris Tomich lead the Dragoons as the Colonel, Major and Duke, respectively. The maidens in the cast are Stephenie Becher, Julia Cellini, Jessie Coney, Katie Kluzak, Elizabeth Mulliken, Emily Tsuji, Briana Tucker-Archie, Emma Tunison, and Elizabeth Young. The Dragoons are Clara Cellini, Dan Covington, Kathy Mulliken, Dawn Pelletier, Xanthe Smith, Jenifer Tsuji and Logan Tsuji. Kameron Becher, Sawyer Becher and Kawika O'Connor play Young Lads.

Tickets are \$15 general, \$12 seniors/students, \$10 children and are available at Kīlauea General Store, Kea'au Natural Foods, Paradise Plants and the Most Irresistible Shop in downtown Hilo. Tickets are also available at the door. For reservations or more information, call 982-7344. ♦

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## Volcano Gears up for Fourth of July Parade & Celebration

The community of Volcano and the Volcano Community Association will again be presenting their annual Fourth of July Parade at 9 a.m. on Monday July 4. "The parade is a great time for family and friends to come to a beautiful community and celebrate the independence of our great nation, said VCA board member David Wallerstein. "There is no better place to enjoy fun, food, friends, family and the birth our great nation on the Fourth of July than in Volcano, and I guarantee a day of nothing but smiles, great food and red, white, and blue."

The parade begins at the Volcano Post Office and proceeds one half mile along Old Volcano Road to Cooper Center on Wright Road. Parking will be available at Volcano Art Center and at Cooper Center. Roads are closed at 7 a.m. in Volcano Village along the parade route. There will also be street parking available that is within walking distance of the parade route. The parade will feature the

Hawai'i County Band, Volcano Art Center, Volcano School of Arts and Sciences, Volcano Rotary, floats, antique cars, fire engines, bicycles, horses, animals in costumes, music, dance, art, and anyone else that would like to participate. Music, games, food booths, craft fair, and prizes follow at Cooper Center.

A silent auction fundraiser for the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park starts at Cooper Center at 9 a.m., with final bids at 11:30 a.m. The diverse array of goods and services up for bid include golf; adventures; accommodations; massage, acupuncture and yoga sessions; retail and meal gift certificates; art; photography; prints; jewelry; craft and more. Auction sales help support volunteer and educational projects in the national park. A portion of the proceeds also benefits VCA and Cooper Center.

For more information, visit [volcano-communityassociation.org](http://volcano-communityassociation.org) or [coppercenter.org](http://coppercenter.org) or call 967-7800. ♦



Volcano School of Arts & Sciences marches each year on Fourth of July. Photo by Julia Neal

## Volcano Friends Seeks Diverse Board

The nominating and elections committee of the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park seeks candidates to fill current and future vacancies on their Board of Directors. "Nominees of diverse backgrounds who can be visionary leaders are ideal," said interim president Patrick W. Naughton. "To increase diversity, we are especially encouraging individuals from a broad range of ethnicities and cultural backgrounds to be nominated. Prior board experience is not required, but solid candidates should be committed to FHVNP's mission, to collaboration, and to nonprofit excellence."

The two-year term of office for board members begins at Friend's annual meeting, which will be held on Sept. 10 in the park.

The Friend's mission is to support the National Park Service in the protection, preservation, and interpretation of the natural and cultural resources at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park for the enjoyment of cur-

rent and future generations. Founded in 1997, it strives to connect people with the park through education, volunteerism, and philanthropy.

Recommendations (all confidential) and self-nominations, including contact information and a short bio or resume, if possible, can be sent to [president@fhvnp.org](mailto:president@fhvnp.org). Call 985-7373 or visit [www.fhvnp.org](http://www.fhvnp.org) to learn more about the organization. ♦



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Kumu Maile Yamanaka teaches hula and shares stories at Volcano Art Center this month.

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## Volcano Art Center Offers Mini Lessons in Hula

Volcano Art Center's program *The Art and Traditions of Hula at Kilauea* in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park offers mini-lessons on hula and its related traditions, plus monthly hula kahiko presentations on the hula platform in the national park.

On Tuesdays, July 12 and 19, kumu Maile Yamanaka, a graduate of Hālau Hula o Maiki and educator for over 30 years, leads a series of 45-minute lessons from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at VAC Gallery. In the morning, Yamanaka teaches hula and shares storytelling for the exhibit *Gods & Goddesses: Honoring the Life, Art & Voyage of Herb Kane*, on display until July 31. In the afternoon, there is lei making and 'ukulele playing with Hawaiian songs. These hands-on lessons are open to all ages and levels, with no experience necessary.

On Saturday, July 30 at 10:30 a.m., kumu Leilehua Yuen and Manu Josiah pres-

ent a hula kahiko informance at the hula platform. These two cultural practitioners have created an informative, narrated demonstration that shares the various aspects and protocol of preparing and presenting a formal offering of ancient or traditional style hula. Audience members are encouraged to bring sitting mats and sun/rain gear for this 45-minute outdoor presentation. From noon to 2:30 p.m., Yuen and Josiah offer 45-minute lessons on lei making and 'ukulele playing at VAC Gallery.

All events are free; park entrance fees apply. Call VAC at 967-8222 at least five days prior to any program to request an auxiliary aid or reasonable modification. These programs are supported in part by the County of Hawai'i Department of Research and Development and the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. For more information call 967-8222 or visit [volcanoartcenter.org](http://volcanoartcenter.org). ♦

*Herkes Bill, cont. from pg. 4*

further dissuade use of the court system.

Herkes is getting recognition nationally as one of the leaders in state legislation to address the mortgage crisis, according to state House of Representatives member Marcus Oshiro. "Other states are looking to Hawai'i right now to model the laws we just passed," Oshiro said during a forum of legislators at University of Hawai'i last month.

Herkes pushed for the new law after hearing about foreclosures with no fair warning to homeowners. The new legislation requires mortgage holders to interact directly with homeowners in an attempt to work out payments. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs will administer the program, which will begin no later than Oct. 1 and continue through Sept. 30, 2014. ♦

## July


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Axis deer have been spotted in Ka'ū. They compete with other wildlife and livestock and eat crops. On Maui (shown here), they have eaten pineapple fields and vineyards.

Photo courtesy of DLNR

## Kona Mulch Banned to Protect Ka'ū Coffee

To help stop the spread of the coffee berry borer farther into Ka'ū Coffee territory, the county Department of Environmental Management has discontinued hauling



No more mulch will be transferred from Kona to Ka'ū to help keep coffee borers out of the famed Ka'ū Coffee farms.

Photo by Julia Neal

mulch from Kealahou to Wai'ōhinu transfer station. Island coffee growers recently brought to the county's attention the possibility that hauling mulch from one coffee-growing district to another could contribute to the unwanted spread of the coffee berry

borer infestation since the pests may be in the mulch.

"We appreciate everyone's understanding and kokua in the effort to prevent the spread of the coffee borer pest on our island," said Kevin Dayton, of the Office of the Mayor.

A proposal to make compost from the county's entire supply of green waste is currently being solicited among private vendors. Under this proposal, compost would be manufactured commercially, and the current practice of offering free mulch island-wide would end soon.

Until then, free mulch is available at the Kealahou and Hilo transfer stations. However, users should not transport the mulch to or near coffee-growing areas, Dayton said. ♦

*Rusty's, cont. from pg. 4 ship.com.*

After the competition, Licata described traveling to the mountains behind Pāhala to 1,800 feet to pick red catura and yellow catura on the Obra farm. "I dried them for three weeks and let them cure in the fruit for three months." He gave credit "to the farmers who work with me.... All this work has given me so much respect for the farmers," said Licata.

He also thanked Miguel Meza, whom he said "mentored me and taught me almost everything I know about production coffee." Meza has also been a consultant for the Ka'ū Coffee Growers cooperative.

The Rusty's coffee in the World Championships was about four and a half months aged from its picking date. Licata said that over time it became sweeter and better.

Commentators explained that Ka'ū coffee is grown at an extremely low altitude compared to other winning coffees, with Rusty's growing at about 1,800 feet – and many other good coffees in areas closer to the equator growing at over 6,000 feet. Coffee in the extremes of higher and lower latitudes can afford to be grown at lower altitudes and still have some of the characteristics of very high-grown coffee. Hawai'i is one of the farthest north-grown coffees, they said. ♦

## Axis Deer is to be Hunted, Eliminated

The axis deer invasion challenge was discussed at a small gathering of Hawaiian Homes Commissioners and Native Hawaiians in June at Nā'ālehu Community Center. According to community organizer Anna Cariaga, who attended the event, Hawaiians asked the commissioners to help organize local hunters to get rid of the invasive deer, which were previously found only on Lāna'i, Moloka'i and Maui, but have been seen now in Ka'ū. She said the local hunters would make use of the meat for their fami-

lies. She said organized eradication through local hunting groups would be much better for the community than helicopter hunts that sometimes leave the game to decompose in the wild.

Cariaga said she strongly disagrees with anyone who might think it is OK to import axis deer to build herds for hunting. "This is illegal, and anyone doing this can be arrested and fined," she said. The commissioners on hand were Lei Mana DaMate

*Axis Deer, pg. 23*



Volunteers show the fruits of their labors at a Kamilo Beach Cleanup in June.

Photo courtesy of Hawai'i Wildlife Fund

## Volunteers Clear 5,404 lbs Debris at Manukā & Kamilo

Hawai'i Wildlife Fund has released statistics from cleaning up the shore at Manukā Natural Area Reserve in May and Kamilo Point in June. "Many hands indeed make light work!" said organizer Megan Lamson. The volunteers collected and removed over 5,404 pounds of marine debris. At Manukā, 35 participants combed a half-mile of coastline and picked up 700 pounds of non-net marine debris. Of the 15,225 pieces, 75 percent was comprised of plastics, 17 percent metal, seven percent cloth, three percent glass, two percent rubber and one percent wood. Finds included a night heron carcass, dead eel, loads of Department of Land and Natural Resources metal tags, a wetsuit, swimsuit and sarong. Most of the plastic collected was super brittle, Lamson said. Also found were piles of degrading aluminum cans, used batteries and busted glass left by campers.

At Kamilo, 45 participants combed another half-mile of coastline, picking up 3,705 pounds of non-net marine debris and 1,000 pounds of derelict fishing nets. About 95 percent of the debris was plastic, and there was much microplastic – like confetti – sorted from the beach sand. Among the finds were a five-gallon bucket lid with barnacles, old Japanese liquor bottles, a three-legged rhino toy, various army men toys,

and several fishing vessel tags. Dr. Drew Kapp brought students from the university and college in Hilo, and Lindsay Englund brought students from Waiakea High School to one of the cleanups.

During the past few years, Hawai'i Wildlife Fund has found a number of boat tags, including two that said 503, which indicates Portland, Oregon; the number 360 from Seattle, Washington; 650 from the San Francisco Bay area; and 707 from Northern California. The next Ka'ū beach cleanup will be on Saturday, Sept. 17. ♦

## Hirono Saves Watershed Protection Bill

Congresswoman Mazie Hirono won bipartisan support in June to save federal funding for agricultural water development and flood protection. While not slated for Ka'ū, the amendment to the federal ag bill saves the 60-year-old Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program from being totally eliminated. "This program supports our state and local governments' ability to improve agricultural water delivery systems for farmers in Hawai'i," she said. "Diversified agriculture is important to Hawai'i. I've met with farmers across the state and support this program because of them." ♦

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*Axis Deer, cont. from pg. 22*  
and Ian Lee Loy.

Axis deer are seen as a major threat to the native environment and to farmers in Ka'ū, according to the state Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Forestry and Wildlife. Working with a coalition of resource managers on Hawai'i Island, the staff has confirmed recent sightings of what it calls "an introduced, damaging large mammal." Axis deer have also been seen in areas from Kohala to Kona and Mauna Kea. "We consider this a serious problem with far-reaching economic and environmental impacts to the agriculture industry and native ecosystems on the island," said DLNR chief William Aila, Jr. He said the search is being expanded and a removal plan developed by DLNR, the state Department of Agriculture, the Big Island Invasive Species Committee, federal natural resource management agencies, ranchers, farmers, private landowners and concerned citizens. "Strong, swift action is needed to protect this island from newly introduced damaging ungulates that threaten the environmental character of the Big Island," he said.

Jan Schipper, BIISC program manager, said that "ranchers and farmers have already expressed their concerns to me that deer and other species that are suspected to have been illicitly introduced on the Big Island would destroy their crops and possibly introduce new diseases to our island, as has happened on other islands."

Besides agriculture and public safety concerns, conservation agencies are particularly concerned about the impact to forest and native ecosystems and threatened and endangered species. There are no fences on Hawai'i Island that are tall enough to keep deer out. If deer become established, conservation and deer exclosure fences on the island will have to be raised to eight feet. Retrofitting the more than 300 miles of fences could cost tens of millions of dollars. Farmers, ranchers and public safety officials would also need to install fences to protect crops and to reduce deer-vehicle collisions.

"DLNR's mission is to preserve and protect our natural resources, paramount of which are our watersheds and native ecosystems. We will need to take quick and effective action to prevent costly and destructive impacts on the Big Island that will last for generations, perhaps forever," said Aila.

DLNR asks the Big Island residents to report any sightings of deer or any other unusual new or introduced mammal anywhere to call the BIISC Hotline at 808-961-3299 or email Jan Schipper at [gjs@hawaii.edu](mailto:gjs@hawaii.edu). Provide name, contact information, an estimate of how many deer, and the location of deer. ♦

## County Furlough Fridays Pau

No one will have to worry about going to county offices and finding them closed on a Friday. Furlough Fridays are pau.

The new fiscal year arrived July 1 with county workers' regular pay and schedules restored. The Furlough Fridays were enacted to save about \$7 million a year through cutting workers' wages and reducing utility bills. The County Council wanted to continue Furlough Fridays, with Chairman Dominic Yagong saying it was the best option for cutting the budget again next year. ♦

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## Skylark Takes a Na Hoku Hanohano Award

Skylark Lindsey, the emcee of the recent Ka'ū Coffee Festival, won a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Na Hoku Hanohano ceremonies in Honolulu in June. At the Association of Hawaiian Recording Artists event, Dennis Kamakahi and Cyril Pahinui played *Ipo Lei Manu* and *Koke'e* in her honor. Leslie Wilcox, of PBS, who produced a *Long Story Short* television show on Skylark, described Skylark's warm voice and warm personality as well as her knowledge and understanding of Hawai'i people, music, history and values. Skylark lives here on the Big Island. ♦

## Scenic Byway OK'd

The state Department of Transportation has approved the nomination of the Ka'ū Scenic Byway program, which could lead to designation as a Hawai'i Scenic Byway. The byway would be along Hwy 11 with side trips identified by signage, possible turnouts, restrooms and educational signage.

The preliminary name for the byway is the Slopes of Mauna Loa and the program is sponsored locally by the Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce and spearheaded by Marge and Dennis Elwell. They said that funding could possibly be made available in the future for a visitor center for the district along the scenic byway. ♦

## Ormoc is Sister City

The County Council approved the establishment of a sister-city relationship with Ormoc City in the Philippines. Mayor Billy Kenoi and the mayor of Ormoc City are expected to sign the agreement in September. Council member Brittany Smart, who proposed the program, said she is interested in the island's use of geothermal and hydro-electric energy. "There is a lot to learn from our Filipino friends," she said. ♦

## Historic Garden Wins Scenic Highway Award

Scenic Highways Hawai'i recently presented the Na'ohulelua historic garden with the Betty Crocker Landscape Award, the first time the Big Island has been honored in this contest. The garden will host a workshop on container plants and herbs in the garden on Sunday, July 17 at 1:30 p.m. The garden will be open from noon to 3 p.m. It will also include a plant and seed exchange as well as tours of the garden, which can be reached by turning makai from Hwy 11 onto Kama'oa Road and traveling 1.6 miles. It is on the right side of the road and also is home to the ruins of the 1864 Sacred Hearts church. 929-7236. ♦

## Hele-On Bus Fares Rise to \$1 Per Ride

Hele-On bus fares are \$1 beginning July 1 except for anyone 55 or older, students, children under five, and the disabled. A 25 percent discount is available to everyone else through a \$7.50 purchase of a book of 10 tickets or a \$30 monthly pass for unlimited rides.

The County Council voted to increase the fare to raise some money to pay for it and to avoid even steeper fares that would have resumed at the beginning of this month. Council member Brittany Smart originally voted against the \$1 fare hike without realiz-

ing that fares would have soared otherwise. She moved to change her vote, which put the issue back on the table. Council member Pete Hoffmann said he was clear on what the original vote meant and voted against the rate hike. He introduced a measure to continue free bus

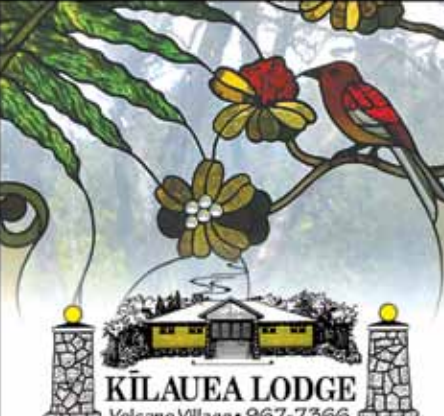
service, but withdrew it after the \$1 fares were approved. Council members Brenda Ford and Dennis Ikeda also voted against raising the bus fares. The buses have been free for more than six years. Ikeda said that it could cost the county more than it takes in, since there are so many discounts and so many people will still ride for free. ♦



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