

Two-Lane Bypasses Open for Troubled Bridges Over Water



Speed limits reduce to 25 mph in temporary bridge zones at Hilea and Nīnole near Punalu'u. Photo by Julia Neal

Temporary by-pass bridges opened in March along Hwy 11 between Punalu'u Black Sand Beach and Kāwā. The two-lane crossings will serve traffic for about eight months until new wider, longer, stronger bridges replace old ones over Nīnole and Hilea streams. The state Department of Transportation is funding the construction. Contractor for the new bridges is Hawaiian Dredging, which will also remove the vintage timber bridges, each more than 40 years of age.

The bridge builders warn that speed limits step down as traffic approaches the temporary bridges, dropping to 25 mph through the crossings. They caution drivers to watch for new signs posted with speed limits. Electric signs are staged for night travel. They advise drivers to slow down.

For more detail on the old and new bridges, see kaunewsbriefs.blogspot.com, Oct. 13, 2018.



Nīnole Bridge, near Punalu'u, will be replaced. Photo from DOT

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Electric Vehicle Station Comes to Nā'ālehu

An electric vehicle charger is available during Punalu'u Bake Shop's business hours in Nā'ālehu. Connie Koi, Punalu'u Bake Shop general manager, said, "We are pleased to have been selected as the new EV site in the district of Ka'ū. Located in such a remote area, we can understand the need of having a charger easily accessible for nearby residents. Hopefully, this availability will encourage more people in Ka'ū to switch over to save and to preserve our environment."

Ka'ū's other EV charger is located in the parking lot at the Ka'ū District Gym in Pāhala, installed by the County of Hawai'i.

Hawai'i Electric Light installed the new utility-owned and operated electric vehicle DC Fast Charger at Punalu'u Bake Shop. The unit is Hawai'i Electric Light's fifth fast charger. Other utility-owned units are located at the company's offices in Hilo and Kona, KTA Super Stores in Waimea Center, and The Shops at Mauna Lani.

Sharon Suzuki, president of Hawai'i Electric Light and Maui Electric, said: "One of our goals is to provide customers

with more services and options. The DC Fast Charger is part of our effort to build the infrastructure to support electric vehicle adoption and lead the clean energy transportation revolution.

"Fast chargers encourage clean transportation and help us integrate more renewable energy so we can reach our statewide goal of 100 percent renewable energy by 2045," Suzuki said. "We're proud to partner with Punalu'u Bake Shop to bring the first fast charger to serve the south Hawai'i community. "Hawai'i Electric Light operates the equipment at no cost to the host for installation, maintenance, or electricity. Hosts must be willing to provide the requested space and minimal assistance for operation.

A DC Fast Charger is a Level 3 charger that can recharge a near-depleted EV battery to 80 percent capacity in about 30 minutes, and even less time for shorter recharges. The charger has a CHAdeMO connection (used mostly by Nissan Leaf, Mitsubishi i-MiEV, and Kia Soul EV) and

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Home of the new Electric Vehicle fast charger is Punalu'u Bakeshop in Nā'ālehu, with General Manager Connie Koi; Hawai'i Electric Light and Maui Electric President Sharon Suzuki; Gary and Paula Miller, of Big Island Electric Vehicle Association; state Sen. Russell Ruderman; Emily Ebert and Thomas Kraft, of Big Island Electric Vehicle Association; Karen Chaves, of Isemoto Contracting Co.; and Hawai'i County Council Chairman Aaron Chung. Photo from Hawai'i Electric Light

Planning Commissioner Replogle Takes Down Water Bottling Plant

Ka'ū's Planning Commissioner John Replogle joined the opposition against a proposed well and water bottling facility next to Wailoa State Recreation Area in

Hilo. On March 7, Replogle moved that the Windward Planning Commission kill the request for a Special Management Area permit for the Pi'ilani Partners water bot-

tlng plant. Commissioners voted five to one to deny the SMA. The developers may appeal the decision.

Replogle said, "Giving private business access to our water, so they can enrich themselves, is not reasonable or beneficial use to our natural resource or to our people. I see nothing in the application that is in the public trust or interest." Replogle contended that drilling into the aquifer would introduce risks to the water supply. He also noted that worldwide there is "a scrambling by corporate business and wealthy individuals to grab up and control all remaining natural resources at the expensive of people who live in the region." He pointed to opposition in the community.

Twenty-six people testified. All of those not representing the developers spoke against the water bottling plant. Most objected to the use of plastic bottles,

and opposed extracting a water resource, held in trust by the state and county, in order to sell it as a commodity.

Tanya Yamanaka Aynessazian asked the commission to "stop this project in its tracks immediately." She said Pi'ilani is "about raping and pillaging of one of the last virgin natural resources we have left." She called the proposal "outrageous." She said allowing such an enterprise is counter to the trend of banning various plastics in the state to save fresh and ocean water resources.

She said Pi'ilani would send out 1.2 million plastic bottles a day, "438 million plastic bottles per year originating right here in Hilo. That's what you are allowing when we want to ban this practice."

Kalani Souza, a representative of Hawai'i to the National Center for Atmospheric Research, said "Water Bottling, pg. 12"



John Replogle, Ka'ū's Planning Commissioner, moved that the Special Management Area permit for the water bottling plant be denied. He noted public opposition to the project, holding up many pages of testimony. Photo from Big Island Video News

Volcano Speaks, Short Term Vacation Rental Regs to Kick In

Experience Volcano members took their concerns about new vacation rental restrictions to a public meeting in March. A public hearing will be held Tuesday, April 2 at 6 p.m. at the County Council Chambers in Hilo to finalize the new regulations. They are expected to go into effect almost immediately after the hearing.

During the March hearing, Volcano Village residents wore Experience Volcano shirts and testified they are worried that new rules could hurt the visitor industry, which is important to the Volcano economy. Short

Term Vacation Rentals – rented for less than one month – make up much of the accommodations inventory in Volcano, which in turn supports Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, restaurants, stores, golf course, winery, galleries, and other enterprises that provide employment in the area.

The proposed rules would require each operator to pay \$500 for a license for each vacation rental, and another \$200 per year for a Nonconforming Use Certificate to operate in a residential or agricultural area, Vacation Rentals, pg. 2



Muriel Hughes speaks out for affordable accommodations for families wanting to experience the "living laboratory" of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Photo from Big Island Video News

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Road Usage Charge May Replace Tax at the Pump

Raising money for roads and bridges by charging vehicle operators for miles driven, rather than charging a gas tax, is under consideration by the state Department of Transportation. The DOT has launched a Road Usage Charge demonstration project website at hiruc.org.

The website states, "Hawai'i's gas tax will not be a reliable source of road funding as people drive more fuel efficient cars and buy less gas. A road usage charge (RUC) is one promising approach for paying for roads, based on the number the miles you drive. HiRUC includes many opportunities for public involvement.

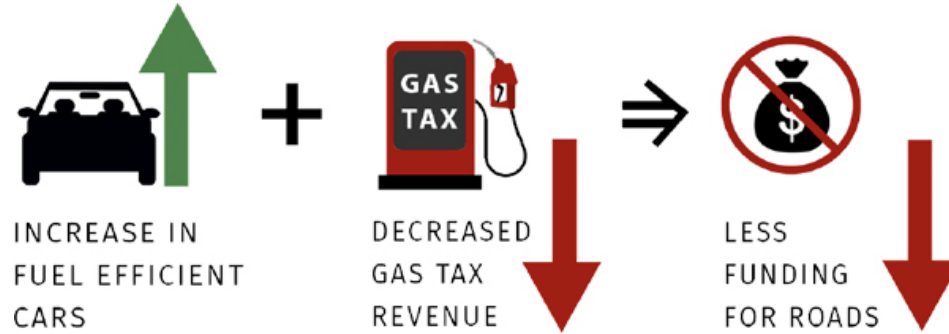
"Why do we need a new way to pay for our roads? Currently, a tax on the gas you buy funds our road safety, upkeep and improvement. Soon, that won't be enough. Automakers are making more efficient

cars and trucks, resulting in less gas usage. Hawai'i is a leader in purchases of these more efficient cars and trucks... As Hawai'i moves towards clean energy with the goal of 100 percent renewables by 2045, the

transition to more efficient vehicles will accelerate to align with our state and county environmental sustainability goals."

The site states "Hawai'i wants the community's input on what a road usage charge to pay for our roads could look like."

Attend a community meeting, share thoughts, volunteer to be a test driver, or drop a line to DOT. Residents can also provide input and ask questions via an online community meeting on Thursday, April 18, link to be announced in a future Ka'ū News Briefs. See hiruc.org.



Commercial Trash Disposal Planned for Ka'ū, New Trash Days

Ka'ū, Kona, and Hilo will be the three commercial trash disposal locations in the future for Hawai'i County. Solid Waste Division chief Greg Goodale, who spoke at a community meeting in Pāhala on March 19, said the Ka'ū location will be Wai'ōhinu. Ka'ū is without a commercial site, and commercial and institutional trash are technically expected to be deposited either in Hilo or near Waikoloa, a long drive from Ka'ū. The expanded Wai'ōhinu facility could also make it possible for the development of private commercial trash hauling services in Ka'ū, with the closer

drop off spot.

Goodale said the county is also interested in working with a private business in Ka'ū to locate an above ground tank to receive used oil.

Concerning the days set for residential disposal of trash in Pāhala, residents Liz Polido and Dexter Lee said they sup-

port keeping a four-day a week schedule, but spreading out some days. The transfer station could be open Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and, Saturdays instead of Sundays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, some residents suggested. However, one day would be moved from the daily Wai'ōhinu schedule to keep the budget in

line, said Goodale.

Goodale came to Pāhala in February and March to talk about reducing the number of days from four to three. He said he would take the suggestion to reduce Wai'ōhinu to six days to the county administration and to the Nā'ālehu community.

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with annual proof that the rental is not a nuisance to neighbors. No new vacation rentals will be allowed on residential or agriculture land islandwide; only those operating as vacation rentals before April 1 would be allowed to apply to become grandfathered in.

Existing vacation rentals on ag lots would be able to apply if the lots were of record before June 4, 1976. After grandfathering in of those Short Term Vacation Rentals that meet requirements, no additional vacation rental licenses would be issued on residential or agriculture lands. The deadline to apply is expected to be Sept. 28, when the county is expected to start enforcing the regulations. New vacation rentals would be allowed only in areas zoned resort and on some

commercial properties. The only resort zoning in the Ka'ū through Volcano area is at Punalu'u, with its condominiums – many of them timeshares – a far different experience than the cottages, traditional homes, and cabins across Ka'ū and Volcano. There are several Village Commercial zoned properties in Ka'ū where new vacation rentals would be allowed.

Hawai'i County Planning department maintains a webpage, hiplanningdept.com/short-term-vacation-rentals, dedicated to all the details related to the rulemaking. *Big Island Video News* covered the hearing.

Chris Becker said he and his partner sank everything they had into their vacation rental in Volcano. He described the county's proposed requirements to approve vacation rentals "onerous and designed to weed out vacation rentals." He pointed to a requirement to produce a plot plan for each vacation rental. He said that it is something most

owners would be unable to produce on their own and that hiring surveyors would be very costly, as many businesses are still trying to recover from last year's volcano disaster. He suggested that the plot plan used to approve the homes when they were built should be sufficient for county review.

Ira Ono, owner of Volcano Garden Arts and President of Experience Volcano, which promotes the area as a gateway community to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, shared several concerns.

The overreach of the planning department by creating complicated and expensive rules "that are not in the current [County Council] 108 bill that will financially impact our entire community," he said. Ono said the planning department's plan "to publish the names, locations, house numbers, and tax key maps of vacation rentals in the newspaper is more than just a needless invasion

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a CCS connection (used by the BMW i3). Rates range from \$0.51 to \$0.53 per kilowatt-hour, depending on time of use, and payment can be made with a major credit card or a Greenlots subscription.

To become a DC Fast Charger host site, call 808-969-0358 or contact the company by mail at Hawai'i Electric Light (GoEV), Engineering Department, P.O. Box 1027, Hilo, HI 96721. Detailed information on electric vehicles also is available at hawaiielectriclight.com/goev.

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Pāhala Neighborhood Watch Invites Community Involvement

The first Pāhala Neighborhood Watch in years drew residents interested in keeping the community safe. Attended by



Police Reserve Officer Bill Doar and Ka'ū Coffee industry representative Lorie Ah San. Photo by Julia Neal

reserve Hawai'i Police Department officer Bill Doar and newly appointed Ka'ū Community Police Officer Shawn Ibarra, the meeting at Pāhala Plantation House in March launched an effort to invite community members to become involved.

The group decided to create a Facebook page to keep in touch with one another and for community members to post concerns and information. Meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month, with the next one April 8 at 5 p.m.

at the activity room of Ka'ū District Gym.

Involvement can be at many different levels, from neighbors looking out for each others homes, to a group of volunteers taking Neighborhood Watch drives around the community, said the police officers. Long time Neighborhood Watch advocate Carla Andrade provided inspiration for Neighborhood Watch to start anew. Dexter Lee, who owns apartments, houses, and commercial property in Pāhala, shared stories of resolving problems in his own business. Nadine Ebert represented the Punalu'u mauka neighborhood, where people tend to watch over each others properties, she said. Lori Ah San gave some details on the history of thefts in the coffee industry.

Doar explained the broken windows theory of abandoned places becoming abused and used to set up camp for trouble. He said that in elementary school, on the bus, he and friends saw an abandoned building with broken screens. They started to throw rocks, hang out there, and create problems. When places are taken care of, there is more respect, and people don't want to trash them and create problems, he said.

Both police officers described Pāhala as a village where people tend to watch out

for each other and take care of problems internally. However, the police are hoping to become more involved in the community and welcome calls with any information about any possible problems. Helpful information includes reporting when a troubled person moves back into town.

Several people noted that recently retired police officer Cory Koi is the new security chief at the Ka'ū High & Intermediate and Pāhala Elementary campus, pointing out his knowledge, residency, and involvement in the community as good attributes for the position.

While there are still some drugs in the community – the police officers said they are aware – several attendees said there are fewer problems than in the past, espe-

cially in the days when most of the community lost jobs when the sugar plantation shut down in 1996. Agricultural theft on people's coffee farms and ranches remains a problem. Those present talked about infamous thefts in the town's history, like a thief stealing a prized fish from a fisherman's home freezer.

It was mentioned that thefts sometimes happened when people from entire small neighborhoods in the area were gone to an event. Making a plan for someone watching when people are away was recommended.

To report an emergency, call 911. To report general information from Neighborhood Watch activities, call the non-emergency number at 935-3311.



Makana Kamahale, Kumu Debbie Ryder, and Sklyark at Ka'ū Coffee Festival.

Photo by Jessie Tunison

Who Pays for Sewer Hook-Ups?

Plans for the new Pāhala wastewater treatment system drew a crowd March 21 as the county presented ideas to help those local residents who will be required to pay to hook up. Bill Kucharski, Director of the county Department of Environmental Management, reviewed the history. Ka'ū Sugar built sewer pipes that ran downhill to several Large Capacity Cesspools. The federal government banned Large Capacity Cesspools nationwide in 2000, and Environmental Protection Agency required closing all existing large-capacity cesspools by April 5, 2005.

The owner of Ka'ū Sugar, C. Brewer, shut down and sold off the houses and land in the town without building a sewage treatment plant to replace the Large Capacity Cesspools. With the townspeople having no funding to build a sewage system, Brewer offered the county a small part of the funding and the county took on the responsibility in 2010. The county received commitments for state and federal loans to build the new sewage treatment plant, the loans to be paid through sewer fees collected countywide. Kucharski explained that all Pāhala residents will pay the same bi-monthly sewer fees as every other resident on a sewer line in Hawai'i County.

The trouble, said several Ka'ū residents, is the cost of hooking up to the new system. All of those on the old system will be hooked up at no charge. Those with cesspools and septic systems along the route of the new sewage pipes will be required to hook up at their

own expense and to close their cesspools and septic tanks. These include the church and shopping center on Pīkake Street as well as the public schools, along with more than five dozen houses.

Jade Moses, one of those with a cesspool who will be required to abandon it for the new sewer line, said she can't afford the cost of closing her cesspool and installing pipe and a pump to hook up. She said her family members worked and died for the sugar plantation. She said C. Brewer should not have left her family with a cost that could amount to tens of thousands of dollars.

Several attendees asked: Why should some former Ka'ū workers be forced to pay and others receive the hook up for free?

Kucharski noted that it is county code islandwide for any property with county water to hook up when a sewer is installed along *Sewer, pg. 9*

Saying Aloha to Skylark

Skylark Rosetti, a longtime voice of the Ka'ū Coffee Festival, a radio personality throughout Hawai'i, and an expert on Hawaiian music, died March 20. A 1971 graduate of Kamehameha School, Leilani "Skylark" Rossetti, 65, experienced renal failure at Kaiser Permanente Moanalua Medical Center on O'ahu, where she was undergoing treatment.

Skylark was a leader in developing the Hawaiian radio station KCCN, with Krash Kealoha and Kimo Kahoano. She co-founded the Na Hoku Hanohano

Awards, which celebrate musical accomplishments in Hawai'i. She earned a lifetime achievement award from the Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts. Skylark was also inducted into the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame.

Skylark was a mentor to co-Ka'ū Coffee Festival emcee Makana Kamahale during his emergence as an emcee and radio personality on Hawai'i Island. She was also a close colleague with Kumu Hula Debbie Ryder and her Hālau Hula O Leionalani, based in Pāhala.

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by Lew & Donna Cook

Planets

Just before sunrise on April 2, there is a really interesting grouping of solar system objects: the very thin crescent moon, bright Venus, and Mercury. Neptune is also quite close to Mercury, but is too low in the sky

to bother with, even with a telescope. Venus rises first, about 4:35 a.m., and the moon and Mercury rise around 5 a.m. At 5:45 a.m., both the moon and Mercury will have risen to a quite low altitude of 10 degrees, with Venus at 16 degrees. Mercury is first magnitude, while Venus is a dazzling -3.4 magnitude. This gives another good chance to spot Mercury. If it's cloudy, the planets will be in relatively the same distances for several days, but the moon will not be there.

At the time the chart is set, no planets are visible. However, low in the southwestern sky after sunset, one can see the (seemingly) ever present Mars. Jupiter will rise in just under an hour while Saturn won't be up until about 12:45 a.m. Venus rises about 4:30 a.m. throughout the month.

A Very Long Flight: 4.2 Billion Miles

The New Horizons spacecraft flew by Pluto in 2015, taking absolutely fantastic photos. The New Horizons science team discovered an object in Hubble Space Telescope images that lay beyond Pluto, which the spacecraft could visit after the Pluto

which the Hubble telescope could not measure. So they sent 25 modest size portable telescopes to locations where Dr. Larry Wasserman, using the Hubble generated orbital path, calculated the shadow



Dr. Marc Buie of the Southwest Research Institute, NASA lead for the Ultima Thule occultations, with one of the telescopes used for the effort. Photo from Southwest Research Institute Occultation Group

the starlight would cast. After 2 misses, because the orbit of Ultima Thule was somewhat uncertain, the path was refined. Astronomers tried a third time, hoping the third time's the charm.

Astronomers had to travel to Patagonia, where the shadow of the starlight caused by Ultima Thule was

expected. They arranged the telescopes nearly perpendicular to the predicted path of the shadow and found the result shown below.

The disappearance of the star lasted about one second.

From this data, Figure 1, NASA calculated the shape and size of the object, Figure 2.

As the New Horizons spacecraft came to its target, it took this picture, Figure 3, looking very much as expected.

Thanks to Lowell Observatory in Arizona and to Dr. Wasserman for permission to use these photos and this interesting story.

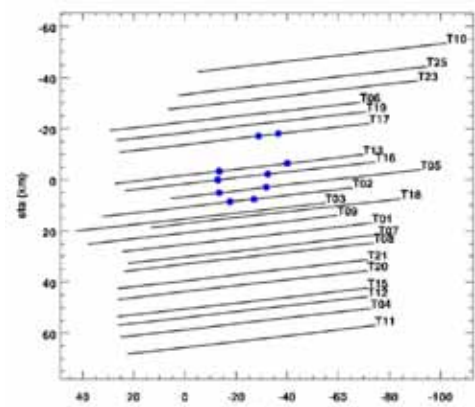


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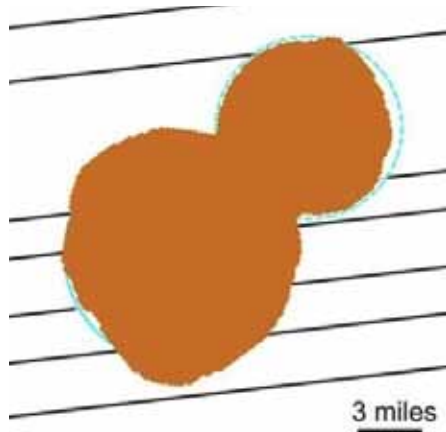


Figure 2

Constellations and Deep Sky Objects

Orion is waving goodbye – with his club. Say goodbye to him with this shot of the nebulosity in the neighborhood of the easternmost star in his belt; it's the bright one in this picture.

Constellations new this month include the front part of Serpens (Snake) half of Ophiuchus and all of Hercules. Getting higher in the sky is Bootes, the herdsman, with its brightest star, Arcturus, which the Polynesian navigators used to indicate they had sailed as far north as they needed and could now turn toward Hawai'i. Arcturus is called Hōkūle'a (Star of Gladness) by the genius navigators who navigated by the stars and ocean swells. They also observed the downwind cloud patterns.

Other sights for this month include the Virgo cluster of

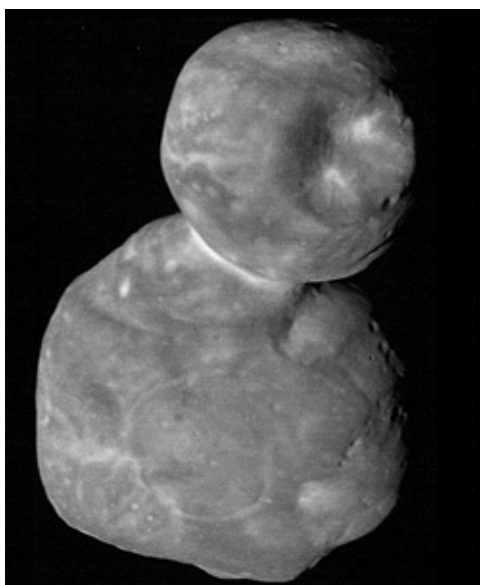
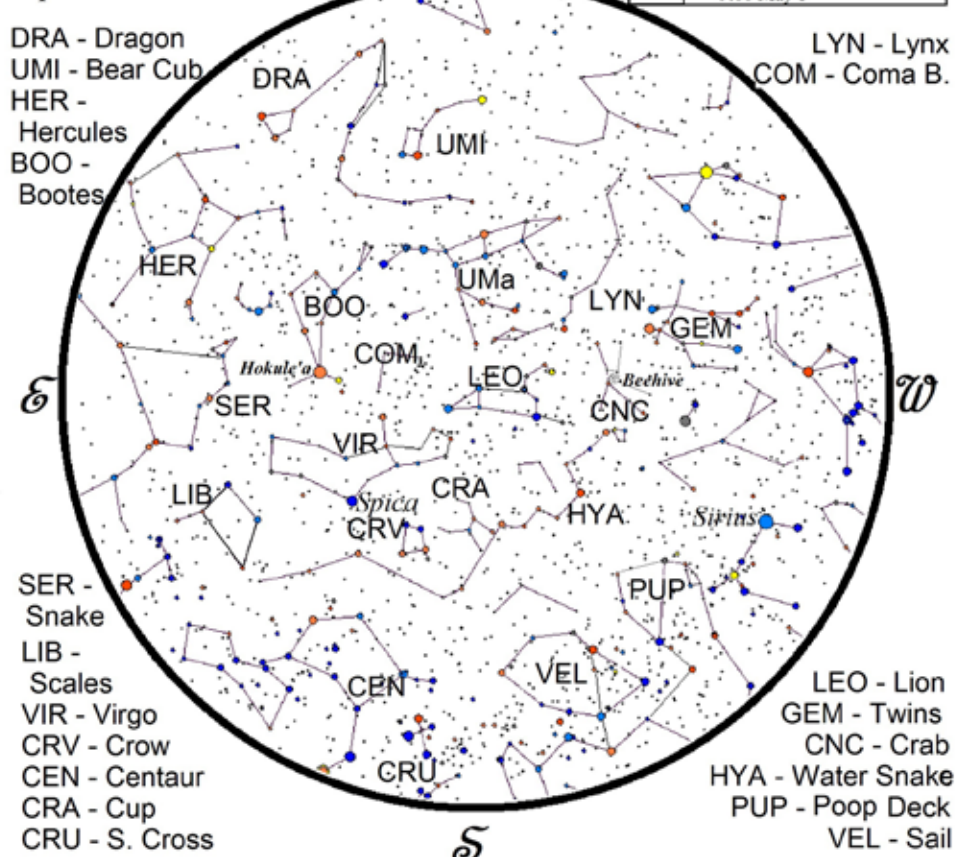


Figure 3

Stars Over Ka'ū April 2019

Chart Times:	11:00 April 1	8:00 May 15
	10:00 April 15	7:00 May 30
	9:00 May 1	



How to use this map: Hold this map over your head so that the northern horizon points toward the north on the Earth. For best results, use a red flashlight to illuminate the map. If you are looking east, hold it in front of you so that east is on the bottom. For south views, south at the bottom, and for west, west at the bottom. Use this map at the times shown on in its upper left corner. Keep this page handy and show it to your keiki next month. They probably have bedtimes before the time of the chart shown here. Check the colors of the stars with the color version at KauCalendar.com.

The constellations are presented with their 3-letter abbreviations, with their common names shown in the margins. This is done to take advantage of the truly dark skies Ka'ū is blessed with when there is no bright moon and the skies are clear of fog. The star charts are produced from a sky Atlas program written by Jerry Hudson, who has given us permission to publish it. Thank you, Jerry.

galaxies, if using a telescope of 6" or larger. There's also the Beehive cluster in the body of Cancer (Crab), which is a delightful view in binoculars.

Fridays Sunrise and Sunset times:

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
April 5, 2019	6:12 am	6:37 pm
April 12	6:07 am	6:39 pm
April 19	6:02 am	6:40 pm
April 26	5:57 am	6:43 pm

The times of sunrise and sunset are changing fairly quickly in April as the sun continues to move to the north.

Moon Phases

Date	Moonrise	Moonset
New Moon		
April 4	6:06 am	6:25 pm
First Quarter		
April 12	12:13 pm	1:45 am*
Full Moon		
April 19	7:21 pm	7:13 am*
Last Quarter		
April 26	12:48 am	12:10 pm

*next morning



The Flame Nebula and the Horsehead Nebula Two stars in this shot are easily seen by the naked eye: The bright Alnitak at magnitude 1.8 and 4th magnitude sigma Orionis on the right edge.

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Local Attractions

The 'Imiloa Planetarium in Hilo Restaurant schedule:
Closed Mondays
Breakfast & Lunch, 7 AM - 4 PM daily
Dinner, 5 PM - 8:30 PM daily
Check for the schedule at imiloahawaii.org. Members are admitted free to the daily shows.

There is a night show once a month, when smaller telescopes on Mauna Kea are linked to the Planetarium where they

show live shots of individual objects. Call the Planetarium at (808) 932-8901 for schedule and ticket availability, prices and membership costs. Mention to the nice folks at the ticket sales desk where you got the inspiration to come, and that you are entitled to the 10% kama'aina discount for membership.



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Ka'ū Trojan Softball Girls Beat Daggers & Cougars

Ka'ū High Girls Softball team, coached by Donovan Emmsley, kicked off the season beating the Daggers. The girls started with a win, when Ka'ū traveled to Pāhoa. The Trojans earned 14 runs over the Daggers 4. The ladies next traveled to Honoka'a, where they scored 3 and were overwhelmed by 17 points scored by the Dragons. Visiting from Konawaena on March 5, the Wildcats scored 18 runs to Ka'ū's 1.

Ka'ū hosted the Kohala Cowboys on March 9 with Trojan pitchers CeAndra Silva-Kamu and Shailani Vierra. Lead Kohala pitcher Mikayla Kekoa, whose family is from Ka'ū, nailed many strike-outs. At bat, she brought in a grand slam and a three-run



Ka'ū Trojan girls hosted Kohala, taking on a star Kohala pitcher, whose family comes from Ka'ū. Mikayla Kekoa struck out Ka'ū players and achieved two grand slams when up to bat. Photo by Julia Neal

homer. Final score was Kohala 13, Ka'ū 2. For the Trojans, Kianie Madeiros-Dancel

achieved a run batted in and Marilou Manatan hit a single and came home on three errors.

Ka'ū hosted Kamehameha School on March 11. The Trojans were scoreless. The Warriors scored 21.

The Trojans' second win of the season saw Ka'ū take down Pāhoa on March 13, during an away game. The Trojans scored 27 to the Daggers' 14.

On March 16, hosting Kea'au, the Trojans ladies snatched victory by one run, scoring 12 over Kea'au's 11.

The ladies traveled to Waikaea March 20, where they scored 6, Hilo 9. Ka'ū hosted Honoka'a March 23, with the Dragons taking the game 16 to 2.

In April, the Trojans will play the final game at home on April 4, when they will face Hilo.

Trojan Boys Play Spring Baseball All Over Island

Trojans launched the high school baseball season in late February with all the games played away, until repairs are made to the Ka'ū High School baseball field.

The team is under coach Greg Rush, who said that at least "one student is being



Mukini, #40, batting a single against Honoka'a on March 18. Photo from Ka'ū Athletics

looked at by college scouts."

The Trojans launched their season with a game that took them far north. Honoka'a skunked the Trojans, 15-0. The next game took Trojans to Hawai'i Prepa-

ratory Academy, where they played hard, HPA 12, Ka'ū 5.

In their first game in March, against Konawaena, Ka'ū scored 3 runs to the Wildcats' 18. A trip to Kamehameha Schools saw the Trojans score 1 run to Kamehameha's 16.

The Trojans got a pick-me-up when they won their first game on March 9 at Kohala. Ka'ū scored 5 on the Cowboys, which came up with 3.

The Trojans played Kea'au, on March 16, scoring 3 runs. Kea'au scored 12. At Honoka'a March 18, Ka'ū scored 5, Honoka'a 9. Waiakea Warriors hosted the Trojans March 21, taking the game 19 to zero.

Ka'ū Trojans have three more scheduled games of the season.



OKK: Win for One, Won for All

At this year's Ka'ū Trojan Boys Volleyball kickoff game, 'O Ka'ū Kākou's Serve for Cash awarded Ka'ū Athletics \$250 for each Serve in Da Basket. Celebrating are Ka'ū Athletics Director Kalei Namohana, Pāhoa Assistant Coach Pono Picar, and Ka'ū Assistant Coach Jade Cabrerros. Photo from Ka'ū Athletics

Awards for Miloli'i-Ka'ū Girls Vball

Miloli'i-Ka'ū Girls Volleyball spent March 11 through 23 playing volleyball almost every day, early mornings to late nights at multiple gyms. Divisions 10u to 14u played the Moku o Keawe Girls Jr. Regionals at the Civic in Hilo from March 11 to 16. Then they played in the 62nd Hailis Volleyball Tournament from March 18 to 23 in Hilo at University of Hawai'i, the Armory, and the Civic.

The Miloli'i-Ka'ū 10u team took first in Regionals and second at Hailis. Team members are Lily Dacalio, Aliza Sullivan, Kilinahe Navarro, Waiale'a Kainoa, Londyn Dacalio, Fa'a Mareko Ke, Halia Akamu, coached by Le'a Hashimoto and Kaimi



Miloli'i-Ka'ū Volleyball club. Photo from Gen Shibuya

Kaupiko.

The Miloli'i-Ka'ū 12u team came in second place for Regionals and first in Hailis. Team members are Chloe Velez, Jazmyn Navarro, Halia Tayamen, Kaela Masters, Mckenzie Decoito, Cali Kamei, and Har-

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Many Home Games to Watch in Trojan Boys Volleyball

Almost half the 11 Trojan Boys Volleyball games this season are planned at home in the Ka'ū District Gym. The Trojans will host Ehunui, Waiakea, and Honoka'a in April. See the schedule, below.

Coached by Joshua Ortega, the Trojans fought hard at their first game, traveling to Konawaena Feb. 27. The sets were close, but the Wildcats won all three, 25-21, 25-18, and 25-18.

On March 1, when Ka'ū hosted Pāhoa, sets were even closer as the Daggers overcame the Trojans, 26-24, 25-21 and 25-18.

Makua Lani Lions were the next opponents for Ka'ū. In a home game, the Trojans increased their score every set, but Makua Lani won 25-12, 25-14, and 25-16.

Hosting larger school Waiakea on March 15, Ka'ū took a hard loss, 25-4, 25-10 and 25-8.

Ka'ū challenged Kealakehe March 19, playing hard in an away game to score 17 in the first set, 7 in the second, and battling for the third set to reach 26 points. The Warveriders took all three sets.

Ka'ū Trojans Spring Sports Schedule

Baseball:

- Tue., April 2, 3 p.m., @HPA
- Thu., April 4, 3 p.m., @Waiakea
- Sat., April 13, 1 p.m., @Kamehameha
- Fri., April 19, BIIF Semi-Finals
- Sat., April 20, BIIF Semi-Finals
- Fri., April 26, BIIF Finals
- Sat., April 27, BIIF Finals
- Wed.-Sat., May 8-11, HHSAA

Softball:

- Wed., April 3, host Waiakea
- Sat., April 6, 11 a.m., @Kealakehe
- Fri., April 12, BIIF Semi-Finals
- Sat., April 13, BIIF Semi-Finals
- Fri., April 19, BIIF Finals
- Sat., April 20, BIIF Finals
- Wed.-Sat., May 1-4, HHSAA

Boys Volleyball:

- Tue., April 2, 6 p.m., host Ehunui
- Fri., April 5, 6 p.m., @Christian Liberty
- Tue., April 9, 6 p.m., host Waiakea
- Fri., April 12, 6 p.m., @Kea'au
- Mon., April 15, 6 p.m., host Honoka'a
- Wed., April 17, 6 p.m., @Kamehameha
- Mon. April 22, BIIF First Round
- Wed., April 24, BIIF Semi-Finals
- Thu., April 25, BIIF Finals
- Thu.-Sat., May 2-4, HHSAA

Track:

- Sat., April 6, 9 a.m., @Waiakea
- Sat., April 13, 9 a.m., @HPA
- Sat., April 20, 9 a.m., @Kamehameha
- Fri., April 26, 2 p.m., BIIF Semi-Finals
- Sat., April 27, 3 p.m., BIIF Finals
- Fri.-Sat., May 3-4, HHSAA

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Ten Members Inducted Into Ka'ū High National Honor Society

Ka'ū High National Honor Society welcomed ten new members to its roster during an evening induction service in March. National Honor Society membership recognizes four traits of scholarship: a minimum 3.2 GPA; service in selfless actions that help others; leadership; and character. Ka'ū High School principal Sharon Beck said all four are important, and that character spearheads the others.

Inductees are: Crystal Jane Velasco, Destenie Alani Horan, Gabrielle Anne Santos, Alyana Malpal, Emalia Tiner, Angelica Felipe, Terree Oyama, Melinda Eder, David Moskalenko, and Mandy Crabbe-Jones. Other mem-

bers are: junior Maliah Ababa, and graduating seniors Jennifer Abalos, Aaron Delos Santos, Bennen Nishimura, Therese Pascua, Justine Rosario, and Kianne Mederos Dancel. Advisor is David Brooks. Family and friends of National Honor Society members attended.

Brooks congratulated the new inductees, and wished "best of luck to the graduating seniors who will be heading off to university or service in the US military."



Ka'ū High National Honor Society welcomed ten new members.

Photo from David Brooks/Harry McIntosh

Free Eye Exams, Glasses Coming to Pāhala, Nā'ālehu & Volcano Schools

Project Vision Hawai'i and Vision to Learn will partner to offer free eye exams and glasses on Tuesday, April 9 at Nā'ālehu Elementary and on Thursday, April 11 at Volcano School of the Arts & Sciences.

Two hundred thirty-five students at Pāhala Elementary, Intermediate, and Ka'ū High School received free eye screenings on March 11 and 12. Sixty-seven received referral letters sent home recommending eye care. Vision to Learn plans to return to the campus when a minimum of 25 consent-to-examine forms are returned by parents or guardians.

With parental consent, students will receive a free comprehensive eye exam and, if given a prescription, will receive free eyeglasses, with choice of frames.

Vision to Learn will send the eyeglasses to the school with an optician who will fit the glasses for each student. Vision to Learn guarantees the glasses for a year and will replace broken glasses for free.

Project Vision Hawai'i is a nonprofit organization that aims to achieve better access to healthcare for Hawai'i's people, with a focus on vision health. One of its three mobile units traveled to Ka'ū March 4 and 5 to offer free vision screenings at the Kauha'ao Church in Wai'ōhinu and River of Life Church in Pāhala. Families involved with Tūtū & Me program for early education took advantage of the



Free eye exams and reading glasses drew residents of Pāhala in March to the campus of River of Life Church in Pāhala. Among them were Tūtū & Me families. Free screenings were also offered at the Pāhala school campus and will be offered at Nā'ālehu Elementary, Tuesday, April 9, and Volcano School for the Arts & Sciences on Thursday, April 11.

Photo by Julia Neal

screenings, as did adult members of the community. The team photographed the eyes of individuals, with retinal images passed onto an eye doctor who will evaluate each person and create a report to be sent in early April.

Screenings include near and far vision assessments. Keiki are screened for color deficiencies, adults for eye diseases. Keiki receive free sunglasses, adults free reading glasses. The mission is co-sponsored by Tūtū & Me, pidf.org/programs/tutu_and_me, and Project Vision Hawai'i, projectvisionhawaii.org, 808-430-0388.

Project Vision Hawai'i and Vision to Learn plan to return to area schools every other year.

in creativity, our personal labor, and our self esteem." Many vacation rentals were lost to lava flow in Puna, according to those who testified. The Pāhoā economy is also hurting, with fewer visitors staying there and only the very wealthy able to reestablish themselves by buying homes that were not destroyed, said one testifier. Another said lava victims will not be able to meet licensing deadline as they have to rebuild homes. She asked for a five year extension for lava victims.

Kīlauea Lodge founders Lorna Larson Jeyte and Albert Jeyte talked about the importance of vacation rentals. She referred to a research paper commissioned by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority last year on the economic impact of vacation rentals. She quoted, "It becomes clear just how important the vacation rental industry is for residents and local businesses, particularly outside of traditional resort districts. Money spent in the vacation rental industry is money going straight into the pockets of local residents and small business owners who rely on the extra revenue brought in by visitors year after year.

"Public policy should reflect the demand for a wide variety of accommodations in the dynamic and evolving tourism economy. Imposing harsh restrictions or completely eliminating vacation rentals, particularly outside of traditional resort areas, would cause serious economic harm. Looking to limit any one type of accommodations presents a wide variety of consequences: Lost income for residences, less activity for small businesses, de-

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sion of privacy, it's a road map for a crime wave and invaluable handbook for thieves."

Ono said vacation rentals are especially attractive targets for thieves: Attractive to visitors because they are quiet and rural, vacation rentals are attractive to thieves for the same reason, he said. According to Ono, vacation rentals often have one of a kind furniture and artwork that are valuable to thieves. Ono added that vacation rental owners "invest not just dollars in them, we invest

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Nine Vie for Miss Ka'ū Coffee Titles & Scholarships



Bernadette Ladia
Miss Ka'ū Coffee
contestant. Photos
from Trini Marques

The Miss Ka'ū Coffee Court is announced for the pageant on Saturday, April 27 at Ka'ū District Gym, beginning at 6 p.m.

Meet the candidates on Friday, April

26 at the

kick-off open house for the Ka'ū Coffee Festival at Pāhala Plantation House, 6 p.m. Entertainment



Kaitlyn Alaon
Miss Ka'ū Coffee
contestant

will include Bolo and hula dancer Sami Fo.

Contenders for Miss Ka'ū Coffee are:



Helena Nihipali Sesson
Miss Ka'ū Coffee
contestant

Helena Nihipali Sesson of Pāhala, age 17, daughter of Guy



Evalyn Bedsaul
Peaberry contestant

Sesson and Sherriane Nihipali-Sesson. A senior at Ka'ū High, she wants to become a police officer.

Bernadette Ladia of Pāhala, age 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Aurelio. A junior at Ka'ū High, she wants to join the military.

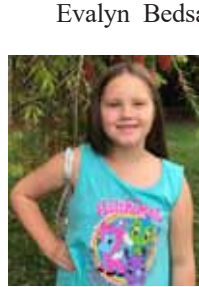
Kaitlyn Alaon of Pāhala, age 15, daughter of Antonia Alaon. A sophomore at Ka'ū High, she wants to become a neonatal nurse.

Vying for Miss Ka'ū Coffee Peaberry are:

Lilianna Marques of Pāhala, age 6, daughter of Shawn Marques and Ku'tulei Marques. In first grade at Pāhala Elementary, she wants to become a graphics artist.



Helen Miranda
Peaberry contestant



Lilianna Marques
Peaberry contestant

Evalyn Bedsaul of Ocean View, age 9, daughter of Robin Maggard and Edward Bedsaul. Attending Nā'ālehu Elementary, she wants to become a pediatrician.

Helen Miranda of Kioloka'a, age 10, daughter of Roberto and Maria Miranda. Attending Pāhala Elementary, she wants to become a lawyer.

Kendall Haddock of Kioloka'a, age 9, daughter of James and Erin Haddock. Attending Nā'ālehu Elementary, she wants to become a science teacher.

Miss Ka'ū Coffee Flower contestants are:

Kysha Kaupu Manini of Pāhala, age 4, daughter of Sasha Kaupu and Kai Manini. Not yet in school, she wants to become a



Kendall Haddock
Peaberry contestant



Adilyn Aetonu
Flower contestant

cosmetologist. Adilyn Aetonu of Pāhala, age 5, daughter of Fresno and Ashley Eder. Pre-K at Pāhala Elementary, she wants to become a fashion designer.

There are no Jr. Miss Ka'ū Coffee contenders this year; Cristina Kawewehi holds crown.

Tickets, sold by contestants and their families, are \$10 each for anyone from 12 to 55; \$5 for children 5-11 and senior citizens 55-older.

Pageant Director Trini Marques promises an evening of beauty, talent, poise, confidence, prizes, food, and entertainment. Sponsored by Ka'ū Coffee Growers Cooperative and Ka'ū Coffee Fest.



Kysha Kaupu Manini
Flower contestant

Coffee Court to Reign over Festival Week

The Miss Ka'ū Coffee Court will reign over activities of the Ka'ū Coffee Festival through Sunday, May 5. The events are open to the public. They are:

Pā'ina and Open House kicks off the fest on Friday, April 26 at Pāhala Plantation House, 5:30 p.m. Meet the Miss Ka'ū Coffee Court on the evening before the pageant. Enjoy live entertainment and refreshments. Call Pāhala Plantation Cottages, 928-9811.

Miss Ka'ū Coffee Pageant is Saturday, April 27, 6 p.m. at Ka'ū District Gym. To volunteer or donate, call Pageant Director Trini Marques at 928-0606. See contestants, above.

Ka'ū Coffee Recipe Contest is Sunday, April 28, 11 a.m. at Ka'ū Coffee Mill. Categories are pūpū, entrée, and dessert. No entry fee. Free tastings. Contest entry info at KauCoffeeMill.com or KauCoffeeFest.com. Call 928-0550.

Ka'ū Mountain Hike and Lunch is Wednesday, May 1, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., starting

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at Ka'ū Coffee Mill. Ride through the coffee plantation, up the mountains, and into the rainforest to walk along waterways from sugar days of old. Reservations required; \$45 per person. Call 928-0550.

Ka'ū Valley Farms Tour and Lunch happens Thursday, May 2, 9 a.m. to noon. Above Nā'ālehu, visit a plant nursery, food farm, coffee and tea plantings, native forest, and hidden valley. \$40 per person. Reservations required. Call 987-4229 or 731-5409.

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Ka'ū Coffee and Cattle Day on Friday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. is at Aikane Plantation Coffee Farm. Includes farm tours, BBQ buffet, and hayride. Visit this historic Ka'ū Coffee farm and ranch. \$25, reservations required. Call 927-2252.

Ka'ū Stargazing on Friday, May 3, 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., takes guests to the top of sacred Makaanau during a new-moon. Learn about the ancient Hawaiian temple and see the Hawaiian night sky and stars. Reservations required; \$45 per person, in-

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may not be able to visit our beautiful shores. "Alternative accommodation homeowners and operators value their communities and the ability to provide an authentic experience for visitors. Accordingly, local leaders will need to consider the cost to the local economy as they continue to devise a policy framework for alternative accommodations. A balanced and fair approach should allow communities, residents, and businesses to continue reaping the benefits of these options. If they fail to do so, the cost to the economy and local families could threaten the survival of Hawai'i's vibrant tourism industry."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Exhibit: On Sacred Ground by Dino Morrow, continues daily through May 5, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery. Highlights Hula Arts at Kīlauea Program through documentary photography. Free; park entrance fees apply. volcanoartcenter.org, 967-8222

Scholarship Application Deadlines for American Association of University Women-Kona, Three \$2,000 awards for college-bound high school students: Monday, April 1. Application packets at kona-hi.aauw.net. sharonmind@aol.com

Ka'ū Homeschool Co-op Group, Monday, April 1, 15 and 29, 1 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Parent-led homeschool activity and social group, building community in Ka'ū. Confirm location in case of field trip. Laura Roberts, 406-249-3351

Ocean View Volunteer Fire Department Mtg., Monday, April 1, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033, ovcahi.org

Vacation Rental Regulation Hearing, Tuesday, April 2, 6 p.m., Hilo County Council Chambers. Testimony accepted.

Advocats, Tuesday, April 2, 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Free spay/neuter for cats. 895-9283, advocatshawaii.org

Finger Puppetry, Tuesday, April 2, 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m., multi-purpose room, Ka'ū District Gym. Open to keiki grades K-6. Free. Register through April 1. 928-3102, hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

Ka'ū Coffee Growers Mtg., Tuesday, April 2, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Pāhala Community Center.

Hula Voices with Kumu Kini Ka'awa, Wednesday, April 3, 1st Wednesday monthly, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery. Desiree Moana Cruz moderates the talk story session. Free. 967-7565, volcanoartcenter.org

Open Mic Night, Wednesday, April 3, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m., Lava Lounge, Kīlauea Military Camp. Call 967-8365 after 4 p.m. to sign up and for more details. Park entrance fees may apply. Open to KMC patrons and sponsored guests, 21+. 967-8371, kilaueamilitarycamp.com

Women's Support Group, Thursday, April 4, 1st Thursday monthly, 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., PAR-ENTS Inc., Nā'ālehu. Women welcome to drop in. Free. Lindsey Miller, 333-3460, lindsey@hawaiiiparents.org

Ocean View Neighborhood Watch Mtg., Thursday, April 4, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033, ovcahi.org

Stewardship at the Summit, Friday, April 5 and 26, Saturday, April 13 and 20, 8:45 a.m. – noon, Kīlauea Visitor Center. Volunteers remove invasive plants. Gloves and tools provided. Free; park entrance fees apply. RSVP to Paul and Jane Field, field@hawaii.edu. nps.gov/havo

Skateboard Movie Night, Friday, April 5, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Free; open to public. 939-7033, ovcahi.org

yART Sale, Saturday, April 6, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Volcano Art Center. Gigantic rummage sale with proceeds to benefit VAC programs and workshops. Accepting donations of garden, kitchen, art, collectables, tools, appliances, and furniture. All items clean and in working condition. 967-8222, volcanoartcenter.org

Keiki Science Class, Saturday, April 6, 1st Saturday monthly, 11 a.m. – noon, Ace Hardware Stores islandwide; Nā'ālehu, 929-9030 and Ocean View, 929-7315. Free. acehardware.com

Sunday Clay - High Fire! with Erik Wold, eight week workshop starts Sunday, April 7. Morning session, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; afternoon session, 2:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m., Volcano Art Center. Handmade functional pottery art – max. eight wheel throwers and three hand-builder spots per session. All skill levels. \$180/VAC member, \$200/non-member, plus \$15 supply fee per person. Register: volcanoartcenter.org, 967-8222

Ham Radio Potluck Picnic, Sunday, April 7, 1st Sunday monthly, noon – 2 p.m., Manukā State Park. Anyone interested in learning about ham radio is welcome to attend. View sites. google.com/site/southpointarc or sites.google.com/view/southhawaiiare/home. Rick Ward, 938-3058

Hawai'i Wildlife Fund Coastal Net Patrol,

Monday, April 8. Free; donations appreciated. RSVP to kahakai.cleanups@gmail.com, 769-7629

Free STD Testing, Monday, April 8, 2nd Monday monthly, 9 a.m. – noon, Ocean View Community Center. Sponsored by Hawai'i Department of Health. Call for appt. on different day or time. Teenagers 14+ do not need parent/guardian consent. Confidential. Free condoms and lube. 895-4927

Kickball, Monday, April 8 through 29, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Kahuku Park, H.O.V.E. Register keiki ages 6-12 April 1-5. Free. 929-9113, hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

Pāhala Neighborhood Watch Mtg., Monday, April 8, 2nd Monday monthly, 5 p.m., activity room at Ka'ū District Gym.

Free Vision Screenings, Tuesday, April 9, Nā'ālehu Elementary. Students receive free comprehensive eye exam and sunglasses. If given a prescription, keiki will receive free eyeglasses with choice of frames, with parental consent. Mission co-sponsored by Tūtū & Me and Project Vision Hawai'i. pdf.org/programs/tutu_and_me, projectvisionhawaii.org, 808-430-0388

Hawai'i County Council Mtgs., Tuesday, April 9 (Committees), Wednesday, April 10, (Council), Hilo. Ka'ū residents can participate via videoconferencing at Nā'ālehu State Office Building. Agendas at hawaiicounty.gov.

C.E.R.T. Discovery Harbour/Nā'ālehu, Tuesday, April 9, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. Community Emergency Response Team info and training scenarios. Public welcome. Dina Shisler, dinashisler24@yahoo.com, 410-935-8087

Scholarship Application Deadline for American Association of University Women-Kona, Wednesday, April 10. Two \$1,000 awards for two-year vocational program attendees. Application packets at kona-hi.aauw.net. sharonmind@aol.com

Volcano Bay Clinic Mobile Health Unit Visit. Dental, Wednesday, April 10, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Medical, Thursday, April 25, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Cooper Center, Volcano Village. Must be Bay Clinic, Inc. patient. 333-3600 for appt. thecoopercenter.org

Ki'i, Wednesday, April 10, 10 a.m. – noon, Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai. Acclaimed artist James Kanani Kaulukui Jr. shares his expertise and the essential role of ki'i, statue, in Hawaiian society. Free; park entrance fees apply. nps.gov/havo

Free Vision Screenings, Thursday, April 11, Volcano School of Arts & Sciences. Students receive free comprehensive eye exam and sunglasses. If given a prescription, keiki will receive free eyeglasses with choice of frames, with parental consent. Mission co-sponsored by Tūtū & Me and Project Vision Hawai'i. pdf.org/programs/tutu_and_me, projectvisionhawaii.org, 808-430-0388

Story Time with Auntie Linda from Tūtū and Me, Thursday, April 11, 10:30 a.m. – noon, Nā'ālehu Public Library. Free; includes craft activity. 929-8571

Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka'ū, Thursday, April 11, 6:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, Nā'ālehu. Pres. Berkley Yoshida, 747-0197

'O Ka'ū Kākou Mtg., Thursday, April 11, 6:30 p.m., Aspen Center. okaukakou.org

Tales of Forgiveness and Tales of the Three Monks, performed by Storyteller Jeff Gere, Thursday, April 11, 6:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center. \$10/VAC member, \$15/non-member. 967-8222, volcanoartcenter.org

Hawai'i Disability Legal Services, Friday, April 12, 9 a.m. – noon, Ocean View Community Center. Free disability legal services provided by Hawai'i Legal Aid. ovcahi.org, 939-7033

Community Dance, Friday, April 12, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m., Cooper Center, Volcano Village. Minors allowed with supervision only. Alcohol-free event. Variety of music. Snacks provided; additional pūpū welcome. Free. 967-7800, thecoopercenter.org

Hawai'i Wildlife Fund Annual Manuka/NARS Cleanup, Saturday, April 13. Free; donations appreciated. RSVP: kahakai.cleanups@gmail.com, 769-7629

Parenting Class & Saturday School, Saturday, April 13, 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Ocean View Community Center, downstairs. Sponsored by

Nā'ālehu Elementary School. 939-7033, ovcahi.org

Pancake Breakfast and Raffle, Saturday, April 13, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m., Ocean View Community Center. To volunteer, call 939-7033. ovcahi.org

Soft Pastel Still Life with Patti Pease Johnson, Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m. – noon, Volcano Art Center. \$45/VAC member, \$50/non-member, plus \$10 supply fee. Beginner and intermediate artists welcome. Register: volcanoartcenter.org, 967-8222

Nā Mamo O Kāwā 'Ohana Work Day, Saturday, April 13, meet 9:30 a.m., Northern Gate, Kāwā. RSVP: James Akau, jakau@nmok.org, 561-9111. nmok.org, facebook.com/NMOK.Hawaii

Ka'ū Unity Celebration, Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., multi-purpose room, Ka'ū District Gym. All ages. Free. Register same day. 928-3102, hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

Zentangle: Celtic-Inspired Knotwork with Ellen O'Dunn, Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center. Bring drawing supplies; loaner supplies available. Bring snack to share. \$30/VAC member, \$35/non-member, plus \$10 supply fee. Register: volcanoartcenter.org, 967-8222

Hula Kahiko - Kumu Kini Ka'awa with Kua O Ka Lā Public Charter School, Saturday, April 13, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., hula platform near Volcano Art Center Gallery. Hula performance. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-8222, [volcanohula@gmail.com](mailto://volcanohula@gmail.com), volcanoartcenter.org

Nā Mea Hula with Loke Kamanu & 'Ohana, Saturday, April 13, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery porch. Hands-on cultural demonstration. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-8222, [volcanohula@gmail.com](mailto://volcanohula@gmail.com), volcanoartcenter.org

Jazz in the Forest: Jazz Goes to the Movies, Saturday, April 13, 5:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center. Watch Jean Pierre Thoma and the Jazztones play along with a collection of tunes alongside a silver screen. \$20/VAC member, \$25/non-member. Register: volcanoartcenter.org, 967-8222

Lava Lounge Entertainment, Saturday, April 13, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp. Soul Town performs. \$5 cover per person. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. kilaueamilitarycamp.com

Palm Sunday Services, April 14, 9:30 a.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church, Ocean View. 939-7000

Medicine for the Mind: Teachings in the Tibetan Buddhist Tradition, Sunday, April 14, 2nd Sunday monthly, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center. Free; calabash donations welcome. Dress warmly. Patty Johnson, 345-1527

Discovery Harbour Neighborhood Watch Mtg., Monday, April 15, 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. 929-9576, discoveryharbour.net

Mobile Spay & Neuter Waggin', Monday, April 16, 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church, Ocean View. Low income pet parents and those with limited transportation qualify for mobile spay/neuter service. Free. Surgery by appointment only. Hawai'i Island Humane Society, hihs.org, 796-0107

Walk for Fitness, Tuesday, April 16-June 25, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m., Kahuku Park, H.O.V.E. 18+. Registration ongoing. Free. 929-9113, hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

Arts and Crafts Activity: Spring Collage, Tuesday, April 16, 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Kahuku Park, H.O.V.E. Register keiki ages 6-12 April 8-12. Free. 929-9113, hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

Hula Hoop Challenge, Tuesday, April 16, 2:45 p.m., Kahuku Park, H.O.V.E. Register keiki ages 6-12 April 8-12. Free. 929-9113, hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

Discovery Harbour Volunteer Fire Dept. Mtg., Tuesday, April 16, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. 929-9576, discoveryharbour.net

Walk & Fit, Tuesday and Thursday, April 16-May 23, 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Ka'ū District Gym, Pāhala. 18+. Register April 3-15. Shoes required. 928-3102, hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation



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After Dark in the Park: *The Amazing, Almost Unbelievable, Story of the Coconut Palm*, Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium. John Stallman of the Friends Institute of Hawai'i Volcanoes, guides attendees on the epic journey of the modern palm, what has been called, "the most useful tree on Earth." Free; park entrance fees apply. 985-6011, nps.gov/havo

Early Head Start, Wednesday, April 17, 10 a.m. – noon, Ocean View Community Center. Social get together for keiki and parents; open to public. 939-7033, ovcahi.org

Easter Craft Day, Wednesday, April 17, 11 a.m. – pau, Nā'ālehu Public Library. Free; all ages. 939-2442

Ocean View Community Association Board of Directors Mtg., Wednesday, April 17, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033, ovcahi.org

Family Reading Night, Thursday, April 18, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033, ovcahi.org

Slide Show Presentation: On Sacred Ground, Thursday, April 18, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Volcano Art Center. Dino Morrow, documentary and portrait photographer, shares an intimate collection of hula images. Free; \$5 donations accepted. 967-8222, volcanoartcenter.org

Keiki Jiggle Bums, Friday, April 19, 3rd Friday monthly, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Ocean View Community Center. Discover the joy of early learning through song and musical instruments. For keiki 0-4 years. Nicola, 238-8544

Fee-Free Day at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Saturday, April 20. Park entrance fees waived in celebration of National Park week. nps.gov/HAVO

Hawai'i Wildlife Fund Earth Day Community Cleanup, Saturday, April 20. Free; donations appreciated. BYO-4WD welcome. RSVP: kahakai.cleanup@gmail.com, 769-7629

Ka'ū Coffee Festival: Ka'ū Coffee Recipe Contest Application Deadline, Saturday, April 20. sales@kaucoffeemill.com, kaucoffeemill.com. kaucoffeefestival.com

Annual Wellness Fair and Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ka'ū District Gym. Easter Egg Hunt begins at 10 a.m. Educators encouraged to participate. Volunteers welcome. Free.

Junior Ranger Day at Kahuku, Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Kahuku Unit Visitor Contact Station, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Program debut. Keiki who complete the junior ranger handbook (illustrated by Hawai'i artists) earn a wooden junior ranger badge, junior ranger certificate, and will be sworn in by a National Park Service ranger. Free. 985-6011, nps.gov/havo

Ocean View C.E.R.T. Mtg., Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Community Emergency Response Team monthly meeting and training. 939-7033, ovcahi.org

Ham Radio Mtg., Saturday, April 20, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. ovcahi.org

Easter Brunch, Sunday, April 21, 7 a.m. – noon, Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café. Menu includes Honey Glazed Ham, Beef Pot Roast with Gravy, Omelet Station, Waffle Bar with Sauce and Toppings, and more. No reservations required. \$17.95/adult, \$10.95/ages 6-11. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8356, kilaueamilitarycamp.com

Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 21, 9 a.m. in the 'Ōhi'a Room, Kīlauea Military Camp. Open to keiki 10 years and under; bring Easter basket. Register: 967-8352 before 8:45 a.m. Open to

authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply.

Easter Sunday Services, April 21, 9:30 a.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church, Ocean View. 939-7000

Hawai'i County Council Mtgs., Tuesday, April



Bula Akamu. Photo from bulamusic.com

Bula, Braddah Ben Come Home to Ka'ū Coffee Fest

Bula Akamu and Ben Mejia, of Braddah Ben & Kaniu, are two of the musical talents coming home for this year's Ka'ū Coffee Festival Ho'olaule'a on Saturday, May 4 on the grounds of Pāhala Community Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Akamu grew up in Pāhala under the mentorship of his father and well known musician Gene Akamu until the family moved to Kona, where their musical talents are in great demand and Bula leads a hālau.

Also coming home is Braddah Ben Mejia, who lives on O'ahu now and will bring his Hawaiian group Kaniu. The lineup for all day free music, hosted by emcee Makana Kamahele, is:

Ka'ū Sound & Light, Hands of Time, Foggy, The Lucky Lizard Band, Hannah's Makana 'Ohana Hālau, Leka & Demetrius, Bolo, Braddah Ben & Kaniu, Bula Akamu, and Backyahd Braddahs.

Ka'ū Coffee Fest features up close conversations and tastings with Ka'ū Coffee farmers and baristas, coffee farm tours, numerous opportunities to purchase local foods and crafts, cultural, agricultural and educational demonstrations, and games and fun for the keiki. Sunday, May 5 Ka'ū Coffee College will happen at Pāhala Community Center.

See stories on Miss Ka'ū Coffee and the week of events leading up to the Ho'olaule'a on page 7 and a complete list on page 16.

23 (Committees), Wednesday, April 24 (Council), Kona. Ka'ū residents can participate via videoconferencing at Nā'ālehu State Office Building. Agendas at hawaiicounty.gov.

HOVE Road Maintenance Board Mtg., Tuesday, April 23, 10 a.m., HOVE Road Maintenance office. hoveroad.com, 929-9910, gm@hoveroad.com

Merrie Monarch Festival Events at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Tuesday, April 23 and Wednesday, April 24, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai. Day 1: Weave coconut leaves, make lei. Rupert Tripp Jr. performs. Day 2: Learn/play the Hawaiian board game kōnane, learn about the tools, alter and plants that symbolize hula. Ti "Kawehi" Chun and Pōki'i Seto perform. Free; park entrance fees apply. nps.gov/havo

Arts and Crafts Activity: Paint a Rainbow, Tuesday, April 23, 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Kahuku Park, H.O.V.E. Register keiki ages 6-12 April 15-18. Free. 929-9113, hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

Read to Me, Tuesday, April 23, 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m., multi-purpose room, Ka'ū District Gym. Open to keiki grades K-6. Free. Register April 15-22. 928-3102, hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

After Dark in the Park: Kīlauea Volcano's 2018 lower East Rift Zone eruption, Tuesday, April 23, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium. USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory geologist Carolyn Parcheta recounts the progression and shares her experiences monitoring this dramatic eruption. Free; park entrance fees apply. 985-6011, nps.gov/havo

Kōkua Kupuna Project, Wednesday, April 24, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church, Ocean View. Seniors 60 years and older encouraged to attend, ask questions, and inquire about services offered through Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i. Referral required: 961-8626 for free legal services. Under 60, call 1-800-499-4302. More info: tahisha.despontes@legalaidhawaii.org, 329-3910 ext. 925. legalaidhawaii.org

Ka'ū Community Children's Council, Thursday, April 25, 3 p.m. – 4 p.m., Classroom 35, Building F, Nā'ālehu Elementary School. Provides local forum for community members. Chad Domingo, text 808-381-2584, domingoc1975@yahoo.com, ccco.k12.hi.us

Volcano Friends Feeding Friends, Thursday, April 25, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Cooper Center, Volcano Village. Free community dinner for all. Packaged goods to take home for those in need. Donations and volunteers encouraged. 967-7800, thecoopercenter.org

Ka'ū Coffee Festival: Vendor Application Deadline for Ho'olaule'a, Friday, April 26. To become a vendor, contact Brenda Iokepa-Moses at biokepamoses@gmail.com or 731-5409

Coffee Talk at Kahuku - The Price of Paradise: The Story of Sandalwood in Hawai'i, Friday, April 26, 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m., Kahuku Unit Visitor Contact Station. Talk story with John Stallman, biologist and former Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park ranger. Free. nps.gov/havo

Ka'ū Coffee Festival: Pā'ina & Open House, Friday, April 26, 5:30 p.m. – 9:30

p.m., Pāhala Plantation House. Free; donations accepted for Miss Ka'ū Coffee Scholarship Fund. Julia Neal, 928-9811, mahalo@aloha.net. kaucoffeefestival.com

Healing Through Words with Dr. Heather Rivera, Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Volcano Art Center. Creative writing workshop. \$30/VAC member, \$35/non-member. Register: volcanoartcenter.org, 967-8222

Sauerkraut and Kombucha with Jasmine Silvesterstein, Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center. \$55/VAC member, \$60/non-member, plus \$10 supply fee. Register: volcanoartcenter.org, 967-8222

Ka'ū Coffee Festival: Miss Ka'ū Coffee Pageant, Saturday, April 27, 6 p.m., doors open 5:30 p.m., Ka'ū District Gym. Tickets: \$10 do-

nation. Ka'ū Coffee Pageant Director Trinidad Marques, 928-0606, TrinidadMarques@yahoo.com, or Facebook Trinidad Marques. kaucoffeefestival.com

Ka'ū Coffee Festival: Ka'ū Coffee Recipe Contest, Sunday, April 28, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Ka'ū Coffee Mill. Free coffee and recipe tastings. sales@kaucoffeemill.com, kaucoffeemill.com, kaucoffeefestival.com

Ka'ū Food Pantry, Tuesday, April 30, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View. Volunteers welcome. Dave Bre-skin, 319-8333

Ka'ū Coffee Festival events continue May 1 through May 5, see kaucoffeefestival.com for details.

May Day is Lei Day, May 1, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery. Hands on lei making demonstrations, live music and hula. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-8222, volcanoartcenter.org

Arts and Crafts Activity: Boy's Day Craft, Tuesday, May 1, 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Kahuku Park, H.O.V.E. Register keiki ages 6-12 April 23-30. Free. 929-9113, hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

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the public right of way. Several people said their cesspools work just fine. When asked if the county code could be changed, he said it is a legislative matter for the County Council. He can't make a new law himself. When asked whether the county could pay for those who would bear the expense, he said he could ask.

Kucharski presented grant and loan ideas from the federal and state government, involving the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Rural Development funding. For low income people, some low interest loans would require no payment for 20 years. Some outright grants could also be available, he said. He also pointed to a bill in the legislature asking to set up a statewide fund for such expenses. Info on grants and loans for sewer hook-ups and pumps is available at Pāhala Senior Center.

While the meeting concerned those homeowners in the position of having to pay for sewer hookup, questions about the overall plan for the sewage treatment plant were also raised.

Sophia Hanoa talked about the location, saying she prefers a site below Hwy 11, instead of on the corner of Maile and Hwy 11, along the Norfolk Pine Tree Lane. "Welcome to Pāhala. Welcome to our sewer plant," she said, contending the sewer plant could ruin the famed entrance to the village.

One attendee said the county should look to composting toilets instead of building a sewer system that could cost \$40 million or more. He contended that in Sweden, a good percentage of new housing construction includes composting toilets. Kucharski said that composting toilets could be in the future of sewage treatment planning, but that that the Large Capacity Cesspools in Pāhala must be shut down soon, or the county will pay stiff fines from the federal government.

Nā Mamo O Kāwā Come join us every second Saturday for our monthly community work days!

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Third New Site for Nā'ālehu Wastewater Draws Opinions

The proposed Nā'ālehu Wastewater treatment plant drew a wide range of opinions in late February, when the engineer and community outreach person met with residents and held a public meeting.

shoreline. It would be located within more than 2,000 acres in Kahilipalinui and Kahilipali'iki being purchased for conservation through the county Two Percent Land Fund and state Legacy Land Fund.



Iwao Yonemitsu points to Nā'ālehu Hongwanji, which installed its own septic system. Photo by Julia Neal

Both county and state recently gave permission to remove the 30 acres from the conservation zone, in order to use it for the treatment facility, which would protect the Waikapuna shoreline from untreated sewage coming from the town. It would become the property of the county. The rest of the land would be owned and stewarded by the Ala Kahakai Trail Association.

They explained that the proposed site has moved a third time, from the Makahiki Grounds where archaeological remains were discovered, and from land near the Nā'ālehu School, where teachers and surrounding residents objected to the location. The new site is in the mauka end of Kahilipalinui ahupua'a, 2.5 miles from the

In terms of economic development, a new sewer line running along Hwy 11 would allow businesses like Punalu'u Bake Shop, Hana Hou Restaurant, Nā'ālehu Shopping Center, and Shaka's Restaurant, along with Nā'ālehu School and Bay Clinic, to grow without digging up gardens and parking areas for additional septic system capacity. During the meeting, some people said



Some 90 people attended February's meeting on the proposed Nā'ālehu wastewater system. Photo by Julia Neal

they worried that the cost of the treatment plant, estimated at some \$40 million, could be too much of a financial burden on residents of the town and give developers the opportunity to bring in too much growth at the expense of local people. They asked that a septic system be used to satisfy EPA requirements to abandon three large capacity gang cesspools that serve the old sugar camp of 163 houses. Representatives of the county explained the cost of the new sewer system is borne by the entire county, not the Nā'ālehu community alone. Loans pay for it and the

county pays off the loans over time, keeping the sewage fees the same islandwide. While the sewage treatment plant would have the capacity to grow, growth of the town would be determined in the future with input from the townspeople, said county representatives. The obligation of the county is to retire the town's large capacity gang cesspools, which are illegal under federal law but serve 163 houses in the old sugar camp in Nā'ālehu. County representatives said that newer wastewater technology with disposal of treated efflu-

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EXPLORE! Fair Lets Off STEAM in Nā'ālehu

Nā'ālehu EXPLORE! Fair in March hosted over 200 people and 70 families. Attendees engaged in science experiments, feats of engineering, make-and-take art, and learning about the Ka'ū environment. Twenty-five door prizes were awarded to fair participants, sponsored by L&L Ocean View, Nā'ālehu ACE Hardware, and KTA, and free food and popcorn were on offer.

The event focused on the intersection of STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math - with school and community partner displays and activities.

Interactive, educational displays included stereoscopic photography and



Nā'ālehu Elementary got STEAMy with the EXPLORE! Fair. Photo from Sheilah Okimoto

computer coding, with the school tech gurus; chemistry and physics with wacky experiments hosted by Nā'ālehu ACE Hardware; an engineering competition to build tall cups towers to represent buildings that could withstand natural disasters, with the first-grade teachers; and making art pieces with eyedroppers and spin art at the pre-school table.

Marine debris artist Don Elwing's mobile art gallery displayed some of



Ka'ū marine debris artist Don Elwing with keiki at Nā'ālehu Elementary's STEAM-focused EXPLORE! Fair. Photo from Elwing's Facebook

his latest work made from detritus found on Ka'ū shores. Attendees created group artwork with plastic bottle caps.

Nā Mamo O Kāwā encouraged dry-land forest restoration, teaching about native species 'ūlei. Visiting Kāwā with Nā Mamo is incorporated into second graders' curriculum at Nā'ālehu.

The third grade table offered attendees a chance to "become a native species" by crafting take-home animal masks. Electricity and mathematics were explored with fourth-graders; student-created model homes with working circuits were on display. The fifth grade table offered a take-home moon shadow box craft.

Department of Land and Natural Resources field experts, Ka'ū resident Nohea Ka'awa and officer John Kahiapo, taught about caring for the island's natural resources.



Keiki and adults competed to make towers made from cups to represent buildings that could withstand natural disasters. Photo from Sheilah Okimoto

A University of Hawai'i educator used a life-size replica of an 'Alalā to help keiki and adults learn about this special endangered and endemic Hawaiian crow.

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Construction Begins Toward Ocean View Transfer Station

Ocean View had a blast as the start of work on the first stage of the long-awaited transfer station began Monday, March 4. Dynamite exploded as a prelude to big earth-moving operations that will result in the widening of Hwy 11 to allow a "pocket lane" so that motorists turning onto the site will be able to get out of the traffic and wait to turn. Near the intersection of Iolani Blvd. and Hwy 11, the most expensive part of the project will be the widening.

Greg Goodale, the head of the County's Solid Waste Division, told *The Ka'ū Calendar* that James W. Glover, Ltd. won the contract to widen the highway and install an extra lane, termed an "acceleration/



Views from where Iolani Blvd intersects the highway, showing earth-moving machines clearing an area of 'ōhi'a trees. The county owns a 21-acre lot; one acre is being developed for a temporary transfer station. A front-end loader drops a bucket-load of rock into a crusher that will reduce the size of the rocks to be used as a base for the new temporary transfer station in Ocean View.

Photo by Annie Bosted

concrete pad for parking the garbage dumpsters and trucks, similar to the pad at the present temporary transfer station. Phase Two calls for the permanent transfer station built to a new design. Goodale said the original design drawn up in 2008 will not be used as allocated funds will no longer cover it. In 2011, \$3 million was appropriated by the county for the construction of a permanent transfer station in Ocean View. The county plans to build a facility similar to the ones at Volcano and Glenwood, which include the collection of mixed waste, and green waste disposal.

Said Goodale, "The contract with Glover is just over \$2 million. We are looking at having just over \$1 million for Phase Two."

A permanent transfer station was first promised to Ocean View in 2007 after an 11-member task force selected a 21-acre lot for the site. The site, makai of the highway and opposite the Iolani Blvd. junction, was presented to the community at a public meeting on April 6, 2007, and was adopted. Plans were drawn up and an Environmental Impact Statement was completed in April 2008.

At that time it was estimated the facility would be operational in 2009. How-

ever, in 2010, the county took over a lot on Paradise Circle that was allocated by planners for recreational use, as the site for a temporary transfer station.

In 2015, Goodale wrote to Ka'ū County Council member Maile David to say that plans to build a permanent transfer station on the 21-acre site were to be scrapped and the site of the temporary transfer

and a keiki playground are established. Leithead-Todd promised residents that within a year, the temporary transfer station would be moved from its present location to the 21-acre lot, where it would take up one acre. It would be open on Saturdays until the permanent transfer station could be built on nine of the acres. The permanent facility would be open for three days a week. The remainder of the 21-acre lot would be used as a buffer around the fa-



How many trucks does it take to collect garbage in Ocean View? The scene at the temporary transfer station, in operation since 2010, shows a green van on right waiting for trash to be moved from the dumpster mounted on the truck to the left to the larger bin on the left by a claw mounted on the middle truck.

Photo by Annie Bosted

station would become Ocean View's permanent transfer station. Residents were dismayed when David broke this news in response to a question at a community meeting.

Residents called another meeting in October, 2016, to hash out this issue with David, Goodale, and Bobby Jean Leithead-Todd, who, at that time, was the Environmental Management Director in Mayor Billy Kenoi's administration. Goodale floated the idea of building a permanent transfer station on the Paradise Circle site. It was volubly rejected due to extra wear and tear on the private roads, and because the site borders the county's Kahuku Park where playing fields, a pavilion,

cility. Residents at the meeting were also told that the Wai'ōhinu transfer station had been damaged by a fire and that it would need urgent repairs. To date, the repairs

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A plethora of spray-painted dotted lines, solid lines, and notes by surveyors indicates how Highway 19 will be widened and new lanes added to facilitate traffic turning onto the site of the new temporary transfer station in Ocean View.

Photo by Annie Bosted

deceleration lane," to enable motorists to get out of traffic while waiting to turn into the transfer station.

Glover will pave the exit from the highway, but the driving surface on the site will be gravel. A temporary transfer station, covering about an acre and designed to be used once a week, will also be built as part of Phase One of the project, according to Goodale. The temporary transfer station will include a large

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Water Bottling, cont. from pg. 1

spheric Research, Rising Voices Indigenous Knowledge, and Modern Science group, opposed the bottling plant from a world resources perspective. He said partners in his international group include representatives of the United Kingdom and the U.S. government's National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service, and FEMA.

Souza said scientists in his group believe "we are entering the sixth great ex-

I repeat, necessity. Water is not a commodity. You do not have an option. Whether you'll drink or resist drinking, time and tide, eventually you will need to drink."

Souza said that the "untapped, untouched, hereto unviolated aquifer of Mauna Kea is "clearly one of the great treasures of the world." He called the aquifer "a living legacy we leave our children, our grandchildren, and the unborn future." He lamented that "This, our generation, has shown the propensity for greed, for indulgence, for self-consumption."

Regarding the water bottling plant issue, Souza contended, "The act of sacrificing the potential survival of our future generations for a pittance of GE tax, in an attempt to create county based revenues, while sentencing our children to an uncertain future, by wresting from them the last great resource to feed our resorts, is the height of both political and civil irresponsibility by our elected officials and our appointed officials."

Souza called approval of the project "reprehensible" and said it "would energize a movement to establish new leadership."

Glen Gambla said he opposed a private entity "taking the water, benefiting. There is an outflow of water but I wouldn't see an inflow of money from a financial perspective that would directly benefit the

county."

Dwight Vicente said he represents the Hawaiian Kingdom. He said the water bottling plant site is on crown and government lands. He contended that water and other "resources belong to the Hawaiian Kingdom."

Cory Harden, of the Sierra Club Moku Loa group, asked whether owners of the Pi'ilani project are citizens of the state and pointed out that the water is held in trust for citizens of Hawai'i.

Harden noted that Earth Justice, during a Kaua'i Springs bottling plant case before the Hawai'i Supreme Court, said, "government agencies have duties under the public trust independent of permit requirements."

She said Native Hawaiian leaders oppose Pi'ilani. Harden pointed to a Public Access Shoreline Hawai'i decision by the Hawai'i Supreme Court, ruling that the Planning Commission "is obligated to preserve and protect Native Hawaiian rights to the extent feasible when doing SMA permits." The Hawai'i Supreme Court said, "No person or entity has automatic vested

rights to water. Private, commercial use is not protected by the public trust. The agency must apply a presumption in favor of public use, access, enjoyment, and resource protection."

Harden also said Earth Justice questioned Pi'ilani's public benefits proposal that offers student financing to offset the taking of the water resource and other impacts.

June Juncinto testified that the aquifer is a limited resource needed for future generations. She said "plastic pollution is at a crisis level worldwide... It's killing wildlife; it's killing us. Why contribute to the problem? Let's support more ecologically sound practices."

Hanalei Fergestrom, representing Na Kupuna Moku O Keawe organizations in all six districts of the island, said Na Kupuna opposes the project. He said the aquifer should be preserved for future generations and for a backup in the event of the Mauna Loa aquifer being compromised.

See the entire hearing and decision making at bigislandvideonews.com.



Tanya Yamanaka Aynessazian said the water bottling plant was "about raping and pillaging of one of the last virgin natural resources we have left." Photo from Big Island Video News

inction moment on the planet. That's for the last 2.5 billion years - it's only the sixth time it's happening - just to make sure that those of us who cut out of science to go surfing know what I'm talking about." He said that "less than two percent of water available in the world is fresh. Potable water, drinkable water, could be considered the most valuable necessity on the planet.

Subsidized Vehicle Disposal through April 30

To encourage disposal of unwanted vehicles, Hawai'i County offers to pay, for those who qualify, the \$650 disposal fee charged by the scrap metal company for vehicle disposal through April 30. Vehicles can be driven or hauled to commercial recycler Big Island Scrap Metal in Kona or Hilo.



Abandoned vehicles can draw fines but Hawai'i County offers a program to help owners with their disposal. Photo by Annie Bosted

A maximum of one vehicle per registered owner may be disposed at no charge. The County will only pay the disposal fee directly to the designated County vehicle disposal contractor. The registered owner is responsible for arranging the vehicle to be towed to the designated County vehicle disposal contractor's facility and the towing fee to the designated County vehicle disposal contractor's facility.

Registered vehicle owners are encouraged to submit their applications early, as there are limited disposal appointments available. This program may be extended if allocated funds are still available. Visit hawaiiizerowaste.org/recycle/automotive/ for the application, guidelines, and instructions. Contact the Derelict and Abandoned Vehicle Program at (808) 961-8552 or VDAP@hawaiiicounty.gov.

Submit Testimony on Electric Rate Hikes

Public testimony will be accepted on proposed electric rate hikes. Hawai'i Electric Light is seeking a 3.38 percent increase in revenues, or \$13.4 million over revenues at current effective rates. Any increase would likely not take effect until late 2019.

The Public Utilities Commission will hear testimony about general rate increas-

es, and revised rate schedules and rules, regarding rate increase requests from Hawai'i Electric Light Co., on Thursday, April 11, 5 p.m. at West Hawai'i Civic Center County Council Chambers, 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Hwy, Kona; Friday, April 12, 5 p.m. at Aupuni Center, 101 Pauahi Street, Suite 1, Hilo.



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OKK Donates Life Saving Machine to Ka'ū Hospital

Ka'ū Hospital offers a Zoll Auto-pulse, which “gives our patients a fighting chance in Ka'ū,” states the newsletter from affiliate Hilo Medical Center. The newsletter thanks the local community organization 'O Ka'ū Kākou for raising funds to purchase \$16,000 in lifesaving equipment that provides high-quality automated Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation to victims of sudden cardiac arrest.

“I had first seen the AutoPulse at Moloka'i General, a small hospital like ours where there is only one doctor and



A Zoll Autopulse “gives our patients a fighting chance.” Photo from Hilo Medical Center

one nurse on duty at night,” said Marie Aulani Hammond, Nurse Educator at Ka'ū Hospital.

“Having the AutoPulse frees up our providers. It also does not get tired after two minutes. It keeps on going.”

Sherrie Bazin, Director of Nursing at Ka'ū Hospital, said, “This equipment allows us to stack the cards in our patients' favor and gives them a better chance to live.” She advocated to support the purchase of the AutoPulse with the funds from 'O Ka'ū Kākou's fundraiser.

Bay Clinic CEO to Depart, Bells Interim CEO

On March 13, Harold Wallace announced he will step down as Chief Executive Officer of Bay Clinic, effective April 30. Wallace presided over an active phase of growth and development at Bay Clinic, and built a strong team that will continue to drive the business forward, says a statement from Bay Clinic.

Alan Okinaka, Board Chair, said, “The Board thanks Harold for his leadership, service, and commitment to Bay Clinic for almost seven years and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.”

Wallace joined Bay Clinic in June, 2012. At the time, Bay Clinic owned one of its clinic facilities, had a total of 18,314 patients, 154 staff, and \$13 million in an-

nual operating revenue. Today, the company owns three buildings and a dual-use state-of-the-art Mobile Health Unit, has a total of 21,196 patients, 176 staff, annual operating revenue of \$18 million, and will open its first 340B in-house pharmacy on April 3. Wallace led Bay Clinic to become one of the largest Federally Qualified Health Centers in the state, with a strong foundation for future growth, says the statement.

The Board of Directors appointed Youlsau Bells to serve as Interim CEO. Bells, currently Bay Clinic's Chief Operating Officer, has played a key role in the evolution of the company over the past eight years. Alan Okinaka, Board Chair commented, “The Board has full confidence in Youlsau

and the Bay Clinic team to continue to build on the successes of the company. Youlsau joined Bay Clinic in 2011, leading our corporate development team prior to becoming the COO last year. She will provide leadership continuity to our staff, partners and key stakeholders as we continue to execute our strategic initiatives.”

As interim CEO, Bells will oversee the company's operations until a new CEO is appointed. As COO, Bells is responsible for day-to-day operations and execution of the company's strategic plans. Prior to this role, Bells was responsible for leading Bay Clinic's philanthropic and marketing campaigns. Bells will retain her responsibilities as COO during the interim period.

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have been involved in the discussions before the County Council, prior passing the new ordinance regulating vacation rentals. He said he hears that the state wants to eliminate short term vacation rentals. He claimed the director of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority had a career in the hotel industry and opposes vacation rentals.

Muriel Hughes said she and her husband are school administrators and teachers with a five-bedroom vacation rental in Vol-

cano. She said they and others provide affordable accommodations, meeting a need for the thousands of visitors who come to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, a living laboratory. It's “a personal service where we provide hospitality and not in the box... We go to the house, greet our visitors, show them around. It's a one-to one relationship that many of the hosts are providing,” said Hughes.

She said her five-bedroom home rents for \$350 a night. Most hotels, for one cou-

ple, charge \$200, she said. “So where can a teacher who wants to give her children the experience to be out in a living laboratory go for that kind of money?”

Lucrecia Wooster, who with her husband owns several small vacation rentals that provide their primary income, said the rules could create an “overwhelming cost to small business owners. Our livelihoods are at stake and our small towns like Volcano are at stake.”

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Nine Years Running, Volcano Rain Forest Runs Pau?

Volcano Rain Forest Runs are pau, unless a group would like to continue the event into its tenth year. Founder and race director Sharon Faff said she is retiring from the effort that brought runners from around the world to the Volcano Village community for nine years. Late last year, Faff sold her Kona Marathon event, which drew thousands and helped to subsidize Volcano Rain Forest Runs. The new owner is Brent Imonen, of Kamuela.

While departing from managing running events, Faff said she will continue her work as a cultural guide, soon setting off for a 28-day cruise to Tahiti.



Volcano Rain Forest Runs are finished, reports founder Sharon Faff, unless another group would like to take over the event that ran for nine years in the Volcano community. Photo from Volcano Rain Forest Runs

Faff said she appreciates enormous support for Volcano Rain Forest Runs in the community where she plans to remain, recently building a new house.

Volcano Rain Forest Runs featured a Half-Marathon, 10K, 5K, and two levels of Keiki Fun Run, held in August since 2010. On its website, Faff wrote, "It has been a great nine year 'run' as a Community Event in Volcano Village. Thank you to all the participants, volunteers, sponsors, and spectators, and especially the Cooper Center for providing the perfect location for making this such a wonderful event over the years."

Are 30-Acre Volcano Farm Lots OK for Vacation Rentals?

Defenders of Volcano Farm Lots, as valuable and prime agricultural lands, spoke at a public hearing in March regarding new rules for short term vacation rentals.

Chris Corley testified regarding the 36 agricultural parcels that are each 30 acres on Mahiai and Amaumau Roads. She said that her family has been active in agriculture for 54 years. She said Volcano Farm Lots, dedicated as prime agricultural lands a long time ago, are being taken out of agriculture.

Corley said that more than ten percent of the parcels are now in vacation rentals. She proposed that if the county is going to approve taking these farm lots out of production in favor of vacation rentals, "I ask you to consider that the Ag 20 (zoning) be revoked and resort zoning be placed with

requirements for infrastructure."

Mary Finley spoke as a 43-year resident of Volcano Farm Lots. She said, quite firmly, Volcano Farm Lots "were created for farming. It is on a one-lane road that is ten feet of pavement. It's a dead end, and there's 32 lots. There are several people trying to do vacation rentals on our road. It creates hazards, since we have only one

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Charlene Morikami, who lives in a condo, contended that "a lot of people that have vacation rentals are not paying taxes." She blamed them for lack of infrastructure and school funding. She said she lives in her condo and people park in her parking space. She said the condo complex is not set up for vacation rentals. There are people trying to check in at midnight with no front desk, no security, she said, stating hotels are higher cost because they provide security and safety. Morikami said that in neighborhoods,

way in, and it's ten feet wide. Visitors don't know how to drive on a one-lane road; they barrel down the middle, force you into the mud – or, worse yet, into a water-filled ditch. There are also culverts. Six feet off the pavement, there's a 15-foot ditch that's marked by a couple of plastic reflectors.

"I'm here to say – at least for certain areas – short term vacation rentals are

people look after each other's homes but in areas with many vacation rentals, there are few people in the housing during low season, leading to only a few permanent residents overseeing the community. She also said that vacation rentals, like all other businesses, should comply with safety standards through permitting. Michael Frabel, of Experience Volcano,

pointed to proposed rules that would make owners permanently ineligible to renew their use certificate to operate if they were to miss a filing deadline for their annual certificate renewal. To "lose your business and means of income for filing late seems a very harsh punishment. Perhaps an additional late fee might be more appropriate. I know of no other regulation where the punishment is so severe. This would be a bit like being late on your vehicle license tag and being told that you could never drive again," said Frabel.

He also said he is concerned about rules that could make it difficult for him to hand down his business to relatives when he dies.

Several speakers expressed concern over proposed rules to make an application to become a certified short term vacation

rental, at a costs of \$500, nonrefundable even if approval is denied.

Chuck Barker testified that the overwhelming majority of the public opposes the new rules. He said that about a half dozen years ago, many people began to travel differently. They found Hawai'i Island's east side accommodations different than the hotels, time share condominiums, resort

rental, at a costs of \$500, nonrefundable even if approval is denied.

shopping and dining, and golf courses on the west side of the island. East side accommodations – short term vacation rentals – attract people who are looking for an off-grid experience, a "very unfancy way to travel."

Barker called the guests at alternative destinations "a separate and additional group to those staying in resorts. They spend money on restaurants, shops, park fees, rental cars, buying travel guides, and

things they take home. It creates employment and tax revenues." He contended that the new ordinance and rules will "decimate these opportunities." He asked, "What is the underlying purpose of this ordinance and how does it serve us?" He called the rules a "huge administrative burden" and said "it's costly." He suggested suspending the new rules and going back to the County Council for a "possible revocation."

Barker also talked about unpermitted short term vacation units and said they can



Ira Ono, President of Experience Volcano Hawai'i, contended the Planning Department is overreaching with complicated and expensive rules. Photo from Big Island Video News

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Long-needed improvements to the auditorium include a new sound system, a bulb-less projector, a new screen with a 16 by 9 foot surface ratio, new lighting, and a new computer controller interface for multimedia presentations.

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be an attraction to those wanting the off-grid experience.

Joy Dillon, of Hawai'i Island Realtors, said there are many concerns. In response to rules that say the character of the neighborhoods would be considered, she said, "character of neighborhoods cannot be legislated." Regarding rules that would prohibit such gatherings as weddings, she contended that weddings on private property can not be legislated. Time constraints, non-refundable fees, requirements for floor plans, and possible surveys are all burdens of concern in the new rules, she said. Requirements appear to go beyond the intent of the legislation to regulate vacation rentals, she said.

Several testified that they are concerned that the vacation rentals create em-

ployment that could be lost, if vacation rentals shut down.

Dr. Lisa King said she studies world heritage sites, and tourism and communities around world heritage sites, like Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. She testified that short term vacation rentals, home stays, and couch surfing are the trend into the future. She asked for additional public hearings after the planning department revises the proposed rules.

Jesse Tunison, of Experience Volcano, said he experienced the cutback in use of vacation rentals and its effect on Volcano businesses during the natural disaster last year. He asked for an economic impact study of the rules before enacting them.

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have not been made.

In February, 2018, a storm further damaged the dumping area, causing more problems for the county and slowing down the garbage collection process in Ocean View. The weakened platform at Wai'ōhinu meant that dumpsters loaded with trash collected in Ocean View could not be driven onto the platform, so trash could not be tipped into the larger bins for hauling to the dump. Instead, the county sent a vehicle with a large claw on a crane to the temporary transfer station in Ocean View. They also sent a large garbage truck and a larger bin. The solution was to use the claw to move garbage from the smaller bin to the larger bin. The extra staff and equipment needed increased the County's weekly cost of collecting garbage in Ocean View.

Recently, employees at Ocean View's temporary transfer station noted that simultaneous dumping and transferring of bagged trash is "dangerous" and instituted

a "one at a time" rule. Residents can dump for a short time, but then must wait in lines while that garbage is slowly transferred from the small bin to a larger bin. Then, the expensive equipment and claw operator sit idle while the residents dump their bagged garbage in the smaller bin before the 10-minute cycle is repeated.

At times 20 cars and trucks are held up while the equipment is in operation. The bins are often full before closing time, so residents wanting to drop off their trash after 2:30 p.m. are turned away. The accumulated down time and shorter hours have meant less efficient collecting of bagged garbage in a town with a growing waste disposal need.

Goodale told *The Ka'ū Calendar* that the current time-consuming method of garbage collection would continue at the new temporary transfer station until the facility in Wai'ōhinu is repaired. He expects work on that to begin in late April or early May.

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ent in forested groves, rather than tanks requiring pumping and shipping waste to the landfill, is the preferred technology and follows the Ka'ū Community Development Plan that forecasts some growth in the town. The EPA has promised fines of more than \$30,000 per day per large capacity cesspool, should the county be unable to shut them down and provide a legal alternative in the near future.

Several residents said they worried that the plan calls for a sewage outfall into the ocean. Would Waikapuna be affected? Engineer Michelle Sorensen explained that the 30-acre facility would be far from the ocean. Effluent treated without chemicals by oxygen and microbes would be absorbed by the soil in groves of trees. The treatment facility would help protect the ocean, groundwater, and health from sewage that is now going into the ground untreated, noted the engineer. She showed on maps that the treatment plant would be miles from the coast and that no ocean outfall is in the planning.

Questions at the meeting also included paying to hook up, a requirement to abandon existing septic systems for the county sewer pipe, and the reason to build a sewage treatment plant rather than septic tank. Iwao Yonemitsu of Nā'ālehu Hongwanji said the church paid for its own septic system. Should the sewer line go by and the church be ordered to hook up, could the Hongwanji receive reimbursement for its septic system? County representatives said county code requires all buildings to hook up to county sewer lines that go by their properties. In Nā'ālehu the new sewer line is planned to travel along Hwy 11 from the school

and old mill camp to just shy of the Hongwanji. The school, gym, community center, post office, library, churches, Bay Clinic, 76 gas station, Punalu'u Bakeshop, Hana Hou, Ace Hardware, CU Hawai'i Federal Credit Union, Shaka's, the shopping center, and other buildings along the Hwy 11 strip would be required to hook up at their own expense. Their septic systems would be retired, building owners relieved of pumping their tanks and other maintenance, as well as having to put in additional capacity should the use of their facilities grow.

County representatives told Yonemitsu there is no rebate for having put in a septic system prior to the sewer line going in. Some homeowners wondered if there could be assistance in the cost of hooking up to the sewer system, saying they heard prices as high as \$20,000. Bill Kucharski, Director of the Hawai'i County Department of Environmental Management, said he and his staff are looking into grants and loans to help with the expense for those who are unable to afford hooking up. See Pāhala wastewater story on page 3. All of those served by the old sewer line put in by the old sugar company would be hooked up at no charge. Those on cesspools and septic along the way would pay for their hookups. An Environmental Assessment is expected in late May or June for review by the public before the county continues to purchase the treatment site and start the construction. Several advocates of the septic tank solution said they are suing the county and other agencies to stop the wastewater plant.

Girls Volleyball, cont. from pg. 7

and to Anaheim for the Summer Soiree.

Said Gen Shibuya, the girls "did amazing and had so much fun... We'd like to thank Coach Landa and Coach Daryl for all

that they do for these girls."

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