

Insurance Company Abandons Lava Zones 1 & 2

Insurance required for most mortgages is going to be harder to obtain for homeowners in Ocean View and on the west side of South Point Road all the way to Ho'okena. Universal Property & Casualty Insurance Co., one of the only insurers of Lava Zone 1 and 2, which are the zones most at risk for lava flow, plans to pull out of Hawai'i altogether on Aug. 31 of 2024. Universal notified customers that it will not re-up policies in Hawai'i that would have renewed on or after Sept. 1, 2023.

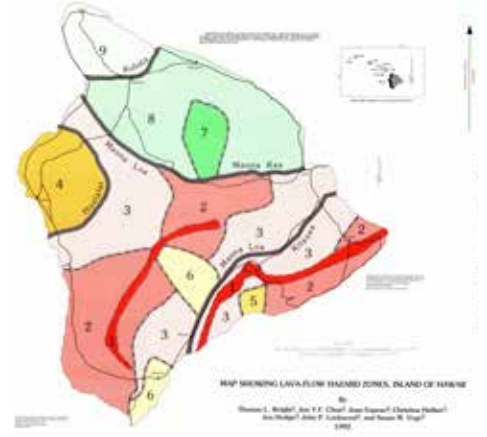
The announcement came in late July from the state's Insurance Division. The absence of Universal in the insurance market will leave most people with mortgages on Lava Zone 1 and 2 properties dependent on policies from the more expensive Hawai'i Property Insurance Association, a quasi-public group of insurance agencies.

Lava Zone 1, the most risky area rejected for coverage by most insurers, includes houses and lots in the east end of Ocean View, on portions of Sea View Dr.,

Island Blvd., Outrigger Dr., Lei Parkway, Ohia Dr., Mahimahi Dr., Kailua Blvd., Palm Parkway, Oceanview Parkway, Hukilau Dr. and a tiny portion of Coconut Drive.

Mauka-makai roads in Ocean View with homes and lots in Lava Zone 1 are Iwalani Parkway, Marlin Blvd, Lurline Lane, Liliana Lane, King Kalakaua Lane, Pikake Lane and Lono Lane.

Lava Zone 2, the second most risky
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Punalu'u needs protection and visitor education, says Hawai'i Tourism Authority, which sent out a Request For Proposals for a stewardship plan, aiming to contract with a community organization.

Photo by Julia Neal

Tourism Authority Targets Punalu'u for Stewardship

Punalu'u Black Sand Beach needs protection from overuse and Hawai'i Tourism Authority plans stewardship. HTA announced in July that it has selected Punalu'u and two other sites on this island for a Request for Proposals to provide protection, visitor education and the hiring of stewards to work there. HTA promises to help pay for it. Deadline for community stewardship organizations to apply is Aug. 18.

HTA Director of Planning Caroline Anderson said, "This initiative is a part of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority's ongoing commitment to the community as we support residents' desired approaches to managing visitor impacts and preserving natural and cultural resources in their neighborhoods. The program is intended to engage stewards from each area who will help to educate others about their home and how to care for the places they are visiting."

HTA announced that it wants to partner with "āina-based non-profit organizations to develop and manage the community stew-

ardship program" at Punalu'u, Pohoiki and Kealakekua Bay. HTA noted that Punalu'u is one of the sites where protection of natural and cultural spaces is identified in the Hawai'i Island Destination Management Action Plan and that visitor education is needed. The Action Plan notes "increased overcrowding, congestion, degradation of

resources, and safety hazards."

An Action Stewardship Program was already launched in Keaukaha in a "collaborative destination management effort," according to HTA.

An HTA statement says it will choose contractors for Punalu'u, Pohoiki and Kealakekua who "will be responsible for work-

ing with the local community to recruit and hire stewards from the designated area or district."

HTA lists the following objectives:

Increase understanding of appropriate behavior and respect for Hawaiian culture, natural resources, and the surrounding com-

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Hawksbills Lay Three Nests at Black Sand Beach



Guy Enriques and signs made by middle school students.

Photo by Jennifer Johansen

The watch was on at Punalu'u Black Sand Beach on Aug. 1 for the hatching of hawksbill sea turtle eggs. Hawai'i Hawksbill Sea Turtle Recovery Project representatives, county lifeguards and Mālama Pono Punalu'u volunteers led by Guy Enriques are guarding three nests of the endangered hawksbills. The last time that hawksbills nested at Punalu'u was five years ago. The nests are once again near the lifeguard stand.

Hawksbill turtles live out at sea and come in to shore to make nests and lay eggs that they cover with sand. The hatchlings

climb out of the sand and scurry out to the ocean where many are eaten by fish and a few make it to adulthood. On land in the sand, the eggs, unless guarded, are often eaten by the mongoose, stray cats and other animals.

Ka'ū High & Pāhala Elementary middle school students, assisted by teacher Jennifer Johansen, built signs for the protection of Punalu'u Black Sand Beach and its natural resources. They were installed in July and one of them says, "Let the Honu Rest."

Caution: Nēnē Family Killed at Pāhala

Four nēnē died in July on Hwy 11 near the entrance to Pāhala and Ka'ū Hospital. The nēnē family had become a joy to the hospital staff who observed them on the large, grassy campus of the facility as the pair nested and the goslings hatched and grew up.

The nēnē family apparently left the hospital campus over a month ago but recently returned and employees coming to work one morning saw them deceased on the highway, confirmed by the hospital security guard. A representative of the state Department of Land & Natural Resources

Division of Forestry & Wildlife recovered the bodies.

Nēnē is the Hawaiian goose and state bird, a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act.

Reports of nēnē deaths and risks to nēnē across the state go to DLNR, which released a message earlier this year saying nēnē deaths have "become too familiar in recent years and the DLNR Division of Forestry & Wildlife wants to bring awareness to Hawai'i residents that these human-caused deaths are preventable."

Nēnē Family Killed, pg. 15



Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park ranger encourages motorists to look out for nēnē. NPS Photo

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Hawai'i Tourism Authority Board: Hannemann, McCully & Ka'ū

Mufi Hannemann, former Ka'ū resident who decades ago established Punalu'u Bake Shop on the grounds of Punalu'u resort for C. Brewer, has been named to the Hawai'i Tourism Authority board. Gov. Josh Green, who lived at Punalu'u years later as a young physician, announced the appointment in July. When Hannemann worked on Punalu'u's development, he lived at what is now

Mufi Hanneman
Photo by Julia Neal

Punalu'u Bake Shop in Nā'ālehu. His appointment to the HTA board requires state Senate confirmation.

Hannemann, President and CEO of Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, also serves on the U.S. Travel & Tourism Advisory Board, advising the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. He is a former Mayor of Honolulu and has run for governor, coming through Ka'ū with a fundraising dinner and community meetings.

HTA recently named Punalu'u as one of three places on the island that needs more protection and tourist education, given its popularity with visitors. HTA has sent out a Request for Proposals and plans to fund a stewardship plan. See story on Page 1.

Another member of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority board with Ka'ū connections is James McCully, of McCully Works, who owns coffee lands above Pāhala and

worked with the previous owners to encourage and negotiate with the coffee farmers to acquire the farm land they rented fee simple. See his other work at www.mccullyworks.com.

Other members of the HTA board appointed by Green are



its Chairman, Blaine Miyasato, who awaits Senate confirmation and manages government affairs for Hawaiian Airlines; Mahina Paishon Duarte, co-founder of Waiwai Collective; and James Kunane Tokioka,

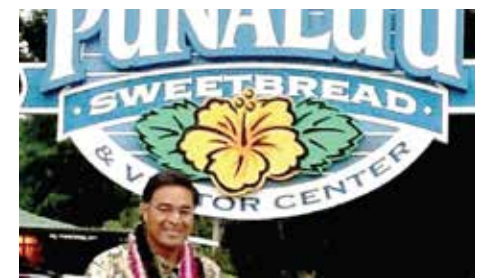
head of the state Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism. Other members are: Sig Zane, CEO of Sig Zane Designs; David Z. Arakawa, Executive Director, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawai'i; Stephanie Iona, a Civil Engagement Consultant; Kimberly Agas, General Manager of Aulani, A Disney Resort & Spa; Dylan Ching, VP of Operations for TS Restaurants; Mike White, GM for Ka'anapali Beach Hotel & The Plantation Inn; and Sherry Menor-McNamara, President & CEO of Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i.

Hannemann on Punalu'u Sweet Bread, Praises Small Biz in Rural Hawai'i

Mufi Hannemann, the recent appointment by Gov. Josh Green to the Hawai'i Tourism Authority Board, wrote in 2017 about his enthusiasm for starting small business in rural places like Ka'ū:

"One of the best projects that I worked on during my stint on the Big Island was the establishment of the Punalu'u Sweet Bread Bake Shop and Visitor Center at the plantation managers house that I resided in while living in Nā'ālehu. (Talk about working your way out of a house and I don't even bake.)

"We took a local recipe that was the basis of the ono-licious Punalu'u sweet bread and parlayed it into a successful



Mufi Hanneman with the first Punalu'u Bake Shop sign when he started up the bakery. small business enterprise synonymous with the district of Ka'ū. Today the business has expanded and flourished under the ownership of Duane Kurisu and is frequented by locals and visitors alike. Sweet bread and the other baked products are marketed throughout the state and they have become a popular omiyage item."

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Hālau Hula 'O Leionalani Shares Hula, Takes in Japanese Culture

Hālau Hula 'O Leionalani and Kumu Debbie Ryder traveled to Japan in July. They visited Japanese temples and stood before a sitting Buddha. They performed at Mele Pā'ina on July 9 at Kawasaki City's Sangyo Shinobu Kaikan Hall. The event, about 30 miles from Tokyo, was sponsored by Kanto Gakuin University College of Intercultural Studies, Ala Moana Produce, and Kawasaki Hawaiian Project. The Pāhala hālau was joined by sister hālau from Japan, Okinawa, Mexico and Virginia, all under the tutelage of Kumu Ryder.

In addition to performing, Hālau Hula 'O Leionalani visited the biggest fish market in the world called Tsukiji, located in Tokyo, as well as ancient Japanese castles. They immersed themselves in cultural exchange with Japanese students including a calligraphy class at a Japanese preschool and kindergarten. They also took up origami.

Some of the hālau and their family members stayed extra days to see more of Japan. Hālau members chosen for the trip



Hālau Hula 'O Leionalani in Japan: Top row dancers are Jamie Kailiawa, Jezarie Dacalio, Alexi Navarro, Kumu Debbie Ryder, Khloe Moses, Leiahi Ka'awa, Arabella Ortega, Zaelee Navarro, Christy Gross and Chelsea Kobzi. Bottom row are Japanese hula sister, Mona Wroblewski, Sensei Miko, Zendaiah Kobzi, Florida Ortega, Mia Manatan and Melani Manatan. Photo by Laurie Roush-Ortega



All aboard for a cultural exchange in Japan were members of Hālau Hula 'O Leionalani, based in Pāhala. Photo by Laurie Roush-Ortega

ranged from keiki to kupuna. They are: Jamie Kailiawa, Jezarie Dacalio, Alexi Navarro, Khloe Moses, Leiahi Ka'awa, Arabella Ortega, Zaelee Navarro, Christy Gross, Chelsea Kobzi, Mona Wroblewski, Zendaiah Kobzi, Florida Ortega, Mia Manatan and Melani Manatan. In addition to Kumu Ryder, Demetrius Oliveira and Gene Beck traveled to Japan to accompany the dancers

with music and song.

Sister hālau from Japan, Mexico, Okinawa and Virginia plan to come here this Fall.

Hula as a practice remains very popular in Japan, with more hālau than in Hawai'i. It is a tradition for kumu hula from Hawai'i to

travel to Japan to teach. After Japan lifted its covid travel restrictions, kumu from Hawai'i have been going back, said Ryder.

The fundraising for the hālau's journey lasted for more than eight months. Last November, a Hālau Hula 'O Leionalani fundraiser lu'au was held at Pāhala Hongwanji in the style of the early 60s and 50s in which people were served their Hawaiian meal at the table, rather than standing in line for food. Members of the hālau were the servers. Said Ryder, "I want our hālau members to take this tradition home with them to practice in the future. Serve those whom you invite for food."

Hālau Hula 'O Leionalani

danced in recent Merrie Monarch festivities in Hilo, performed for residents and staff at Ka'ū Hospital and Otsuka Veterans Home in Hilo and regularly performs at Keola Pu'u Honua Cultural Gardens on the grounds of Punalu'u Bakeshop in Nā'ālehu.

Hālau Hula 'O Leionalani holds its free classes at Pāhala Hongwanji with regular keiki and adult sessions. Call Kumu Ryder at 808-649-9334.



Jack Moses, a medic and firefighter for County of Hawai'i, accompanies his daughter Khloe and Hālau Hula 'O Leionalani to Japan in July.



Dancers from Pāhala share their skills with students in Japan. Photo by Laurie Roush-Ortega



Hālau members from Pāhala practiced calligraphy with Japanese preschool and kindergarten students. Photo by Laurie Roush-Ortega



Hālau Hula 'O Leionalani members who were in Japan for cultural exchange and performances are Arabella Ortega, Alexi Navarro, Khloe Moses, Leiahi Ka'awa, Jezarie Dacalio, Zaylee Dacalio, Kristie Darmeg, Mia Manatan, Zendaiah Kobzi and Florida Ortega. Photo by Jack Moses



Hālau Hula 'O Leionalani offered public presentations in Japan in July. Photo by Laurie Roush-Ortega



Japanese preschool and kindergarten students welcome hālau members from Ka'ū to origami class. Photo by Laurie Roush Ortega



Keiki Calf Riding. Photo by Joy Marie Ridgely



Wahine Mugging with Lorilee Lorenzo and Denecia Derisin.

Photo by Sophia Montoya

Ka'ū Roping & Riding Lassos Big Rodeo Crowd

Ka'ū Roping & Roding Rodeo in Nā'ālehu July 8 and 9 drew a gallery of spectators around the arena and many local ranching families to participate in events from keiki to kupuna. Rodeo Queen ShaniaLee Silva and Rodeo Princess Shaelia Freitas reigned over the activities. Here are the winners:

In the keiki class, Dummy Roping Buckle Winner in the age four and under category is Ella Mae Jose.

Dummy Roping Buckle Winner in the five to eight age group is Whip Sevens.

Goat Undecorating Buckle Winner, four and under, is Ella Mae Jose.

Goat Undecorating Buckle Winner, five to eight, is Chiono Ramos.

The Calf Riding Buckle Winner is Hunter Derago.

Po'owai U Buckle Winner is Bronson Branco.

Youth Barrels winner is Hilai Karratti.

Youth Breakaway Buckle Winner is Hilai Karratti

Century Team Roping Buckle Winners are Alan Hanoa and Warren Hanoa.



Keiki around the barrel.

Photo by Joy Marie Ridgely

Open Dally Roping Buckle Winners are Ethan Awa and Colton Kehano.

Kane Wahine Dally Roping Winners are Macey Loando and Bronson Branco.

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Leaning into the barrels.

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The Ka'ū Roping & Riding Rodeo held events for adults and keiki, kane and wahine.

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Ka'ū Trojans Hit the Road to Kick Off Football Season

Ka'ū Trojans Football has announced schedule and staff for this season. Assisting with coaching is former USC and Los Angeles Raiders quarterback Todd Marinovich, who started up 'Ohana Flag Football for Ka'ū youth this summer. Other coaches

for Ka'ū High School football are Garrett Greedy, Ted Blanco and Mark Peters. The trainer is Moses Whitcomb.

Trojans go on the road for the first two games Thursday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. to play Pāhoa at Kea'au, and Saturday, Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. to play Kohala. The first home game is Saturday, Sept. 2 at 1 p.m. against Hawai'i Preparatory Academy, followed by a road game against Kamehameha Schools on Thursday, Sept. 7 at 5 p.m. Trojans play home games against Honoka'a on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 1 p.m., followed by Kohala on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 1 p.m. and Pāhoa on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 1 p.m.

On the road again in October, the Trojans travel to

Hawai'i Preparatory Academy on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. and return home to

take on Kamehameha on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 1 p.m.

2023 Kau Trojans Football Schedule				
8/17	Thursday	@ P P	Pahoa (in Keaau)	6:00 PM
8/26	Saturday	@ K	Kohala	2:00 PM
9/2	Saturday	H	Hawaii Prep	1:00 PM
9/7	Thursday	@ KS	KS-Hawaii	5:00 PM
9/16	Saturday	H	Honokaa	1:00 PM
9/23	Saturday	K	Kohala	1:00 PM
9/30	Saturday	P P	Pahoa	1:00 PM
10/7	Saturday	@ H	Hawaii Prep	2:00 PM
10/14	Saturday	@ KS	KS-Hawaii	1:00 PM
10/20	Friday	@ H	Honokaa	6:00 PM

Let's Go Trojans!



Todd Marinovich, former USC and LA Raiders quarterback, is assisting with coaching the Ka'ū High Trojans. He launched 'Ohana Flag Football during the summer. Photo by Mark Peters

Young Wahine & Kane Together in Flag Football

Young wahine signed up to play with kane in 'Ohana Flag Football this summer. The Ka'ū Calendar intern Joy Marie Ridgely, age 13, sent in the following piece regarding the view of participating families with young ladies in Flag Football:

"For 51 years Title IX has enabled female athlete participation nationwide. Despite being monumental for the women's

rights movement, Title IX is surrounded by an abundance of controversy. However, Pāhala tells a different story. Instead of tiptoeing around each other's differences, Pāhala doesn't seem to even notice them.

"An example of this could be seen in the local football camp run by the former NFL player Todd Marinovich. In addition to adding depth to Pāhala's high school

football team, this program welcomed children of all genders.

"Young wahine Imogen Ortega and Matea Ridgely, ages five and six, participated. The camp was held at Pāhala and Nā'ālehu Ballparks."



Kaikala Grace makes a move with the ball in Flag Football. Photo by Mark Peters



Imogen Ortega and Matea Ridgely joined 'Ohana Flag Football. Photo by Joy Marie Ridgely

Winners: Volcano's 'Ōhi'a Lehua Runs

The fourth annual Volcano's 'Ōhi'a Lehua Runs on Saturday, July 29 drew 300 who lined up to compete in either a half-marathon or 5K distance through Volcano Village with temperatures in the 60s and not a cloud in the sky. It was the opening act for the Experience Volcano Festival.

cake. Thank you to everyone that made the day possible, especially The Volcano School of Arts & Sciences who has been our host venue for the past four years."

Billy Barnett won the Half-Marathon in 1 hour, 21 minutes and 28 seconds. Patrick Stover took second in 1:23:15. David Collier took third in 1:23:31.

In the Women's Division, Summer Corke took first in 1:42:32. Bethany Anne Pratt took second in 1:44:54. Jamie Meaden took third in 1:45:50.

In the 5K, Lyman Perry took first in 19 minutes and 35 seconds. Cody Smith took second in 20:05. Calvin Howell took third in 20:40.

In the Women's 5K, Tessa Miller took first in 23:25. Annabella Anthony took second in 23:46. Shannon Postler took third in 24:02.

See all the results at <https://results.chronotrack.com/event/results/event/event-72105?lc=en>.



The start at Volcano's 'Ōhi'a Lehua Runs that featured a Half-Marathon and a 5K through Volcano Village and into the countryside. Photo Courtesy of Hawai'i Sports Photography Mikey Brown

Race Director Keely McGhee said, "We can't say enough wonderful things about all of the runners who came out again this year. There was such a phenomenal vibe, people just being so happy to experience all that Volcano running is, and being a part of the Experience Volcano Festival is just the icing on the

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KA'Ū SCHOOL & YOUTH

Hokulele Basketball Club Hits the Road with Ka'ū Youth

Hokulele Basketball Club kicks off a series of tournaments in August. The non-profit Hokulele sports organization is for players ages six through high school.

Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays at Herkes Ka'ū District Gym.

gust 11-13 at Kona Old Airport Gym & Outdoor Courts; and

Ikehu Collective Endless Summer Tournament August 25 - 27 in Hilo at Pan-aewa Park Gym.

Future tourneys in Ka'ū will be an-

nounced at a later date as Hokulele's travel calendar evolves.

The club and its tournaments are solely sponsored by families of the players and sponsors. To join the club, register for a

tournament, volunteer, and sponsor, contact Hokulele Basketball Club Vice President Jan Kaeza Penera by email at kaeza.hokulele@gmail.com.



Hokulele Basketball Club kicks off August tournament participation in Kona and Hilo will soon bring teams from around the island to the Herkes Ka'ū District Gym, where it practices Tuesdays and Thursdays. Photo by Jan Kaeza Penera

Hokulele is run by Club & Organization President and Head Coach Ravel Kaupu Jr., Vice President Jan Kaeza Penera and Coaches Chrysa Dacalio and Jaron Garcia. The August schedule is:

Stingrays Annual Three on Three Tournament, Aug. 5 - 6 at Konawaena High School Gym;

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Kahuku Hosts Nearly 1,000 for Hawai'i Volcanoes 39th Cultural Fest

Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park hosted nearly a thousand people on Saturday, July 22. Locals, keiki, kūpuna and visitors listened to Hawaiian music, enjoyed hula, tried Hawaiian crafts and practices and learned about native plants and animals during the 39th Annual Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Cultural Festival.

The free family event was co-sponsored by Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Pacific Parks Association. There were many interactive cultural and environmental displays from the Hawaiian board game konane to Makahiki field games and displays on preserving native trees.

Good weather brought sunshine, a welcome cloud cover at times and a light breeze that kept everyone cool during the Saturday festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. In attendance were



Hawaiian board game Kōnane. Photo by Joy Marie Ridgely

985 people. Many made lauhala bracelets, or twisted a lei from ti leaves, played Hawaiian games and enjoyed ono kine grindz on the festival grounds with their loved ones.

"Kahuku is a place of tranquil natural beauty and rich history that most visitors and even locals don't know about," said Park Superintendent Rhonda Loh. "It was heartwarming to see old friends and new faces. Mahalo to everyone who spent their day with us, and especially to our park staff, volunteers and partners who worked hard to make the cultural festival happen."

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park sends a "heartfelt mahalo to all the performers, including Debbie Ryder's Hālau o Leionalani, Keaīwa, Kenneth Makuakāne, the Kīpapa Sisters, Russell Mauga and Da Kahuku Mauka Boyz, and LoriLei's Hula Studio for their outstanding performances.

"In addition, a warm mahalo goes to the Ka'ū Multicultural Society, Momi Subiono,



View of the Kahuku festival grounds from Pu'u o Lokuana at the 39th annual Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Cultural Festival. NPS photo



Makahiki Games were part of the fun at cultural demonstrations at Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Photo by Brenda Iokepa Moses



Keiki get a peek at student archaeology at Kahuku. Photo by Nālaini Parlin



Young dancers from LoriLei's Hula Studio dance hula at the 2023 Kahuku Cultural Festival. Photo by Jessica Ferracane/NPS



Putting her best foot forward to make a traditional ti leaf lei at the 39th Annual Cultural Festival this year at Kahuku. NPS Photo



Keiki Aniyah (left) and Shyla Grohs (right) make birds at the Birds Not Mosquitoes exhibit. Photo by Jessica Ferracane/NPS



Paniolo dancers from Hālau Hula 'O Leionalani. Photo by Brenda Iokepa Moses



Hālau Hula 'O Leionalani dancers made their ti leaf skirts to perform at the Kahuku Festival. Photo by Brenda Iokepa Moses

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WONDROUS WORKS IN WOOD by Aaron Hammer is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Volcano Art Center Gallery through Aug. 20. The exhibit features lathe-turned works of art. See story on page 14.

FEE-FREE DAY AT HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK on Friday, Aug. 4 to celebrate the Great America Outdoors Act Anniversary. It was established to protect critical resources, expand recreational opportunities and focus on long-term sustainable operations in national parks. At Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, GAOA funds will be used to rehabilitate both the aging water system and about 40 miles of perimeter fencing that protects native biodiversity. Entrance fees are waived in all U.S. national parks to commemorate the Act anniversary.

OPEN MIKE AT TIKI MAMA'S PAU HANA FRIDAYS, Aug. 4 and 18, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., 92-9122 Hawaii Belt Rd, Ocean View.

REALMS & DIVISIONS OF KAHUKU is the program on Saturday, Aug. 5 at 9:30 a.m. at Kahuku Visitor Contact Station in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Discover the classification system, the realms and the vertical and horizontal land divisions that have been used in Hawaii for centuries. This is a moderately easy 1-mile, 1.5-hour hike on Kamakapa'a Trail.

'OHIA LEHUA IS AN EASY WALK WITH INTERPRETATION on Sunday, Aug. 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Kahuku Visitor Contact Station in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Learn about the vital role of 'ohi'a lehua in native Hawaiian forests, the many forms of the 'ohi'a tree, and the threat of a new fungal disease, Rapid 'Ohi'a Death. Identify the many differences of the most prominent native tree in Kahuku during the one-mile (or less), one-hour walk.

AFTER DARK IN THE PARK: How the Mountains Grew: A New Geologic History of North America is the topic at Kilauea Visitor Center auditorium at 7 p.m. in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park on Tuesday, Aug. 8. John Dvorak is the author.

KAPA KUIKI HAWAIIAN QUILTING DEMONSTRATION on Wednesday, Aug. 9 from 10 a.m. to noon with Cyndy Martinez at the 'Ohi'a Wing across Crater Rim Drive from Kilauea Visitor Center in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park

HULA ON THE PLATFORM at Volcano on Saturday, Aug. 11 with a presentation by ith a presentation by Kumu hula Moses Kahō'okele Crabbe with hālau Halauloalokalani. The performance begins at 10:30 a.m. in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. National Park entrance fees apply.

PEOPLE & LAND OF KAHUKU HIKE on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 9:30 a.m. from Visitor Station at Kahuku Unit of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. This two-mile, three-hour guided hike loops through varied landscapes to explore the human history of Kahuku. Emerging native forests, pastures, lava fields, and other sites hold clues about ways people lived and worked on the vast Kahuku lands – from the earliest Hawaiians, through generations of ranching families, to the current staff and volunteers of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Learn about the powerful natural forces at work here and how people have adapted to, shaped, and restored this land. Attendees should be prepared for sun, rain, hot & cold conditions. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water.

REFLECTING & LOOKING AHEAD at Uēkahuna on Saturday, Aug. 12 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Jaggar Museum and the buildings once used by Hawaiian Volcano Observatory scientists at Kilauea summit will soon be deconstructed. Join Park Ranger Mequette Gallegos and learn about the sacred landscape, Uēkahuna, on an easy guided walk and share #YourParkStory and memories of these special places. Envision a return of open space and an improved viewing area with expansive views of Kaluapele (Kilauea caldera). No reservations required, haiku and story sharing encouraged! Free, but park entrance fees apply. Park at the former Jaggar Museum and meet in front of the restrooms.

BIRTH OF KAHUKU EXPLORES GEOLOGIC HISTORY on Sunday, Aug 13 at 9:30 a.m. It's a moderate 1.5-mile, 1.2-hour hike, traversing the vast 1868 lava flow from Kahuku Visitor Contact Station in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. See different volcanic formations, including the Southwest Rift Zone of Mauna Loa. Learn about the Kānāwai o Pele, the natural laws of land building that govern Pele's realm.

KILONA YOUNG PERFORMS Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. Kilauea Visitor Center auditorium. Young is a multi-genre musician and songwriter from 'Ōla'a on Hawaii Island. His music tells stories of love, hope, struggle and truth by employing a diversity of rhythms and melodies found in traditional Hawaiian music, reggae, blues, hip hop and soul. Kilona has collaborated with artists like Pō & the 4fathers, the Kuahiwis and

Moemoeā to name a few. Part of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park's ongoing Nā Leo Manu Hawaiian cultural programs, and co-sponsored by Hawaii Pacific Parks Association. Free, but park entrance fees apply.

HONEY BEES IN KA'Ū: LESSONS IN BALANCE AND RESILIENCE is the Coffee Talk on Saturday, Aug. 19 at the Kahuku Unit Visitor Center of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Join Alison Yahna, an organic gardener/permaculturalist and a devoted beekeeper. She will discuss the life history and biology of the honeybee, it's presence and impact in Ka'ū, the nature of the 'honeybee crisis', and important ways we can support native and other pollinators.

PALM TRAIL HIKE on Sunday, Aug. 20 at 9:30 a.m. is a 2.6 mile loop along an old ranch road that leads to amazing volcanic features from the 1868 eruption. At the Kahuku Unit of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, discover relics of the ranching era and learn about huluhia (catastrophic change) and kūlia (restoration). Enjoy panoramic views of Kahuku and the Ka'ū coast. This is a 3-hour program.

AFTER DARK IN THE PARK: HAWAIIAN VOLCANO OBSERVATORY on Uēkahuna: A Legacy of Science, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 22 at Kilauea Visitor Center auditorium. Perched high on the rim of Uēkahuna since the late 1940s, the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory has been the hub of research and monitoring of Hawaiian volcanoes. The Reginald T. Okamura Building, constructed in 1985 and the heart of the observatory, was damaged beyond repair during the earthquakes of 2018. Join Don Swanson, who has a 55-year association with the observatory, as he takes listeners through the science conducted at this facility and the legacy being carried into the future.

THE KA'Ū FIELD SYSTEM: FARMING THE ROCK is a hike on Saturday, Aug. 26 at 9:30 a.m. Kahuku Visitor Contact Station in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Walk along an old ranch road to the remnants of the field system. Learn how pre-western-contact Hawaiians intensively farmed this area and fed the large population of Kahuku. This is an easy 1/2 mile, 1 hour hike to kipuka kā'opapa and back.

PU'U O LOKUANA CINDER CONE is a hike on Sunday, Aug. 27 at 9:30 a.m. at Kahuku Visitor Contact Station in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. On the 0.4 mile loop, learn how a cinder cone is formed and uses of this hill over time. Enjoy a breathtaking view of lower Ka'ū from its peak. Why is (and was) it considered a kumu waiwai (a source of wealth) by the many different inhabitants of Kahuku?

AFTER DARK IN THE PARK: NANI O KAHUKU, a one-woman living history play of memories of Kahuku Ranch life in the 1880s will be at Kilauea Visitor Center Auditorium on Tuesday Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

DAILY, WEEKLY, MONTHLY

EXPLORE THE SUMMIT DAILY at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park for an easy one-hour, ranger-led walk from Kilauea Visitor Center through the rainforest out to Kūpina'i Pali on the crater's edge. Walks are 11 a.m and 2 p.m. Meet at Kilauea Visitor Center lānai. Visit Kilauea Visitor Center for other ranger-led programs.

PICKLEBALL at Kahuku Park in Ocean View on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. To learn more and register, contact Jaquie Woodmansee at (808) 929-7092.

YOGA at Kahuku Park in Ocean View on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 - 10 a.m. To learn more and register, contact Trisha Meyer at +1 (208) 353-3594.

NET RECOVERY PATROL on Mondays with Hawaii Wildlife Fund. The team and core volunteers conduct marine debris recovery efforts targeting large debris items, including derelict fishing net and line bundles, that are especially hazardous to marine wildlife. Contact kahakai.cleanups@gmail.com for more info. Check <https://www.wildhawaii.org/with> its HWF calendar for more opportunities to get involved with its bi-weekly net recovery patrols.

KUPUNA YOGA: Gather for 77-minute group class 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Nā'ālehu Hongwongji Mission's garden. Engage your mana'o, kino & akua for stress relief, increased breath/blood flow & regenerative energy. Limited mats. Money

Lā'au Letters: Native Plants of Ka'ū

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



'Ōhelo Kai (*Lycium sandwicense*)

Art by Joan Yoshioka

'Ōhelo Kai (*Lycium sandwicense*)

Description: Summer is in full swing, so come on a huaka'i to the coast and meet my friend, 'ōhelo kai. This short (or prostrate) shrub is indigenous to Hawaii, and also grows on Rapa Nui, Rapa, Mangareva, and Tonga. 'Ōhelo kai is among the few native species in the Solanaceae (or Nightshade) family, and is a cousin to our native 'aiea and pōpolo. It has cute, bright green succulent leaves, woody light gray stems, and adorable white, pink, or even blue tubular four-petaled flowers, which tend to bloom frequently in the spring and summer. In the later parts of the year, the flowers give way to bright red ripe fruits which contain many small, flat seeds which remain viable (in the refrigerator) for about five years. 'Ōhelo kai is sometimes misidentified as the non-native pickleweed, but can be distinguished from it by its solitary flower and red fruit. I should also note that 'ōhelo kai shares a name with a mauka plant friend, 'ōhelo (*Vaccinium reticulatum*), which produces delicious red, yellow, or orange berries (a nēnē favorite), but these two species are part of entirely different families ('ōhelo is in the Ericaceae family, a close relative to blueberries).

Uses: Unlike many Solanaceae, the tiny tomato-like fruits of 'ōhelo kai are not poisonous, and can be eaten. They pack a salty punch, and make a nice addition to some fresh poke (and you might as well add in some 'ākulikuli leaves, too!). The fruits were also strung together with kauna'oa to make a gorgeously colorful coastal lei.

Habitat: 'Ōhelo kai can be found on all of the main Hawaiian islands on dry, coastal sites (at less than 150 feet elevation receiving little annual rainfall). They can be found on cinder, sand, coral, and rocky substrates and although they are drought-tolerant (and actually prefer drought conditions rather than very wet ones), they are a main component around anchialine pools (though you will not find them submerged like you would 'ākulikuli). You can find 'ōhelo kai sparsely scattered along the coast of most (if not all) of the ahupua'a across Ka'ū moku, from Manukā to Keaouhou.

Growing and Purchasing: The best way to grow 'ōhelo kai is to collect a few ripe fruits and separate the pulp from the seeds, allow the seeds to air dry, and then mimic their natural growing conditions (they do great in beach sand or coral rubble, or in a perlite and black cinder mix). Rather than planting the seeds in the media, sow them on the surface and give them a gentle watering. Keep the pots out of full sun and water them lightly every day while they are germinating (which should take about a week or so). Once they begin to sprout, be sure to cut back on your watering regime because the seedlings are susceptible to root-rotting fungi. Within a few months, your homegrown 'ōhelo kai will be ready to plant in a sunny space, and you likely will only need to water it weekly. Remember, plants love having friends around, so consider planting your 'ōhelo kai with its coastal buddies like hinahina, naio papa, 'ilima, maiapilo, pā'ū o Hi'iaka, and naupaka for a full coastal experience in your own garden.

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



Joan Yoshioka and she constantly draws on it for inspiration.

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



Jodie Rosam

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WAI'OHINU YOGA at the Wai'ohinu Park every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., weather permitting. Laurie Boyle offers the practice of yoga of all levels. Donations appreciated. No reservations needed. For more information, contact Boyle at ezmerelda5@gmail.com.

FREE HELP WITH FAMILY HISTORY in Ka'u is available 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Wednesday. All are welcome to the Family History Center. The aim is to "Come Discover Your Past," says the statement from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which hosts the weekly sessions at 95-5682 Hawai'i Belt Road in Nā'ālehu. The drop-in assistance includes free Ancestry.com, Familysearch.org, and other online resources.

EXPLORE KAHUKU UNIT OF HAWAI'I VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK Thursdays through Sundays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for eight self-guided hiking trails. Join monthly Coffee Talk second Saturday of the month, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Take a guided trek with rangers on Saturdays and Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Enjoy a ranger presentation on fourth Sunday of the month. Kahuku entrance is on mauka side of Hwy 11 near mile marker 70.5. See www.nps.gov/havo/planyourvisit/kahuku.htm.

A WALK INTO THE PAST WITH DR. THOMAS A. JAGGAR, founder of Hawaiian Volcano Observatory. The one-man presentation and tour takes visitors back to 1912. It is every Friday until September at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Space is limited; pick up free ticket at Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai the day of the program. Supported by the Kīlauea Drama Entertainment Network (KDEN).

ST. JUDE'S COMPUTER LAB open Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Work-Station Laptops will be provided. Printing and shredding is available. Training sessions on Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint and assistance with setting up email accounts, Facebook, Zoom, and more are provided. Assigned times are available for individual help. Game playing is limited and no streaming is allowed. Privileges can be suspended by Administrator or Lab Coordinator.

KAHUKU RANGER GUIDED HIKES, Saturdays and Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Join a Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park ranger to learn about the history, geology, and ecology of Kahuku while hiking through varied landscapes. Meet at the Visitor Contact Station.

OUTDOOR MARKETS

VOLCANO FARMERS MARKET, Cooper Center, Volcano Village on Sundays, 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., with local produce, baked goods, food to go, island beef and Ka'u Coffee. EBT is used for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly Food Stamps. Call 808-967-7800.

'O KA'Ū KĀKOU MARKET, in Nā'ālehu, Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Nadine Ebert at 808-938-5124 or June Domondon 808-938-4875. See facebook.com/OKauKakouMarket.

THE BOOK SHACK is open every Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Kauaha'ao Congregational Church grounds at 95-1642 Pinao St. in Wai'ohinu.

VOLCANO EVENING MARKET, Cooper Center, Volcano Village, Thursdays, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., with live music, artisan crafts, ono grinds, and fresh produce. See facebook.com/Volcano-Evening-Market-105888795330870.

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OCEAN VIEW SWAP MEET at Ocean View makai shopping center, near Mālama Market. Hours for patrons are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Vendor set-up time is 5 a.m. Masks required.

FOOD

FREE MEALS IN NĀ'ĀLEHU are served Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Nā'ālehu Hongwanji. Volunteers prepare the food provided by 'O Ka'ū Kākou with fresh produce from its gardens on the farm of Eva Liu. Other community members also make donations and approximately 150 meals are served each day. A donation of \$1 is suggested per meal.

KA'Ū FOOD PANTRY FOOD DISTRIBUTION, Tuesday, Aug. 29, 9:30 a.m. - Pau. St. Jude's Episcopal Church above Kahuku Park in Ocean View. Sponsored by Hawai'i Island Food Basket.

'O KA'Ū KĀKOU PANTRY FOOD DISTRIBUTION, Tuesday, Aug. 29, 10 a.m. - Pau. Ka'ū District Gym in Pāhala. Sponsored by Hawai'i Island Food Basket.

COOPER CENTER COMMUNITY PANTRY FOOD DISTRIBUTION, Wednesday, Aug. 30, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Located at 19-4030 Wright Road in Volcano. Sponsored by Hawai'i Island Food Basket.

SACRED HEART: LOAVES & FISHES FOOD DISTRIBUTION, Thursday, Aug. 31, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at 95-5558 Hwy 11 in Nā'ālehu. Sponsored by Hawai'i Island Food Basket.

ST JUDE'S HOT MEALS are free to those in need on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until food runs out, no later than noon. Volunteers from the community are welcome to help and can contact Karen at pooch53@gmail.com. Location is 96-8606 Paradise Circle Drive in Ocean View.



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Nā Wai Chamber Choir at Kauaha'ao Church Aug. 6

Nā Wai Chamber Choir, under the direction of Dr. Jace Kaholokula Saplan, will perform the works of Lorenzo Lyons and Mele of Ka Moku O Keawe. Admission is free at Kauaha'ao Church in Wai'ohinu on Sunday Aug. 6 at noon. The address is 95-1642 Pinao St.

The Nā Wai choral director is also Director of Choral Activities and Associate Professor of Music at Arizona State University. He is former Choral Director and taught at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Saplan's research has focused on performance practice of Queen Lili'uokalani's choral compositions; multicultural perspectives in the choral rehearsal; intersections of choral pedagogy, gender, and sexuality in communities of color; and Native Hawaiian agency in music.

Nā Wai Chamber Choir is a professional vocal ensemble dedicated to the



Dr. Jace Kaholokula Saplan comes to Kauaha'ao Church Aug. 6 with Nā Wai Chamber Choir for a free concert.

preservation and propagation of Hawaiian choral music. Under Saplan's direction, Nā Wai has commissioned and mentored emerging Native Hawaiian composers and conductors, toured throughout rural Hawaiian communities, and led workshops on the performance of Hawaiian choral music at schools and universities throughout the country.

Saplan was an Obama Asia-Pacific leader through the Obama Foundation for the 2022-23 school year. Saplan is a 2008 alumnus of

Kamehameha School, received a Bachelor of Arts in Hawaiian Music from University of Hawai'i, Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Concordia University-Portland, a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from University of Oregon and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting with cognates in Music Education and Ethnomusicology from University of Miami Frost School of Music.

Ka'ū Alumni & Friends Reunite Aug. 20

Ka'ū High School Alumni & Friends will host the annual Potluck Reunion on Sunday, Aug. 20 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pāhala Community Center. Alumni and friends of the school are invited to bring a favorite dish to share.

Live music will be provided by Calvin Ponce. Kumu Hula Debbie Ryder and her Hālau Hula 'O Leionalani will perform from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

James Yamaki, the chief organizer, noted that "This will be the 20th potluck reunion that was started by our class of 1958 at Punalu'u Pavilion in 2002."

He also noted that this year Principal Sharon Beck will be honored for receiving a special State leadership award for principals this past school year. "She is the longest serving principal at Ka'ū High & Pāhala Elementary School with 18 years of



James Yamaki, Chief organizer of annual Ka'ū High Potluck Reunion, invites all alumni and friends of the school to the luncheon on Sunday, Aug. 20.

Photo by Julia Neal

service and still continuing. She is putting our school on the map."

Yamaki said he is looking for someone to spearhead the reunion after he steps down. He called the Ka'ū Potluck Reunion "a labor of love."

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Coffee Talk* at Kahuku

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Alison holds a Master's Degree in teaching and has been a passionate educator for over 30 years with a special focus on bees and environmental issues. She established Artemis Smiles Honeybee Sanctuary in 2001, shortly after moving to Ka'ū. Her focus has been the study and conservation of local 'wild living' honeybee genetics.

The Honeybee Sanctuary is a living laboratory where the bees' process of natural selection, learning, and adaptation to the Varroa mite (introduced to Hawai'i Island in 2008) and other challenges could be observed.

*Coffee Talk at Kahuku is an opportunity to get to know your Park and your neighbors, and join an informal conversation on a wide variety of topics on the third Saturday of every month. Ka'ū coffee will be available for purchase. Entrance located just south of the 70.5 mile marker on the mauka side of Hwy. 11.

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Rodeo in Nā'ālehu provided events for paniolo of all ages as well as food and other booths. Photo by Eva Liu



Out of the chute at Nā'ālehu Rodeo Grounds during July competition sponsored by Ka'ū Roping & Riding. Photo by Joy Marie Ridgely



Ka'ū Roping & Riding Rodeo fan. Photo by Dee Peters



Roping events were major at the Independence Day Rodeo Saturday, July 8 and 9 at Nā'ālehu Rodeo Grounds. Photo by Eva Liu

Ka'ū Rodeo, from pg. 4

Kane Wahine Ribbon Mugging Buckle Winners are Macey Loando and Bronson Branco.

Double Mugging Buckle Winners are Micah Ching and Kama Kalanikoa.

Wahine Mugging Buckle Winners are Makayla Awa and Katie Andrade.

Kane Wahine Breakaway Winners are Damien Flores and Rasha Karratti.

Ka'ū Roping & Riding events are coordinated by Tammy Kaapana, who accepts sponsorships for arena banners and buckles given to winners, as well as outright donations for the non-profit organization's programs and its attempt to buy property to increase parking for events.

Sponsors of the winning buckles were: Pono's Used Cars, Inc., Honua Ola Bioenergy, 3T Cleaning, Ali'i Bed Rock, CU Hawai'i Federal Credit Union, Ka'ū Andrade Contracting, MJ Ranch, Four K Ranch, Day Lum Realty, I'o Processing Company, Inc., Pāhala Pops, Camino Properties, Punalu'u Bake Shop, Ocean View Auto Parts, Smokey Mountain Ranch, 'O Ka'ū Kākou and Gwen Sorensen, Prodincio Fuerte. Also contributing was Eva Liu.

The rodeo grounds are located makai of Hwy 11 and Nā'ālehu Community Center and ballpark. Contact Kaapana at 808-854-7917.



Kama Kalaukoa and Micah Ching, congratulated by Rodeo Queen for winning the Double Mugging competition. Photos by Joy Marie Ridgely



Damien Flores and Rasha Grace won Kane Wahine Breakaway with compliments from Rodeo Queen ShaniaLee Silva. Photo by Marlene Freitas



Elle-Marie Jose won the four and under Dummy Roping and Goat un-decorating contests at the Ka'ū Roping & Riding events over the weekend, accompanied by Rodeo Princess Shaelia Freitas. Photo by Marlene Freitas



Rodeo Princess Shaelia Freitas joined by rodeo contestant Ramses Santiago. Photo by Marlene Freitas



Ethan Awa accepts the buckles for himself and Colton Kahano. They won Open Dally Roping. Photos by Joy Marie Ridgely



Hunter Diego won Calf Riding at the Ka'ū Roping & Riding Rodeo. Photos by Joy Marie Ridgely



Booth sponsored by Black Sand Beach, LLC, with volunteer keiki Enzo, Chloe, Dylan and Connor, as well as Zach Hou. Photo by Eva Liu

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Paniolo carrying the U.S. and Hawaiian flags at Ka'ū Roping & Riding events were Lorilee Lorenzo and Ikaika Grace, accompanied here by Rodeo Princess Shaelia Freitas. Photo by Marlene Freitas

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Miloli'i to Receive Help with Coral & Fishery Restoration

The Miloli'i community effort to preserve and restore its coral reef and sustainable native fishery is set to receive support from a new effort from Arizona State University and partners. It's called Āko'ako'a and ASU describes it as "a new collaborative effort to seed renewed connection between human, coral communities in Hawai'i."

ASU recently released an online story about the effort, quoting Ka'imi Kaupiko, President of Kalanihale in Miloli'i, who re-



Students help to survey the health of the Miloli'i reef. Photo from Hawai'i Marine Education & Research Center

cently completed a Lawai'a Camp summer session with students focusing on coral. He said, "We support the work of ASU and the Hawai'i Marine Education & Research Center to malama (care for) the corals of west Hawai'i. The reefs from Ūpolu to Ka Lae are one of the most diverse systems in all of Hawai'i, but with the effects of climate change, we need to be proactive in caring for them." ASU describes Kalanihale as "a grassroots organization designed to improve the educational, environmental and cultural well-being of community members of Miloli'i and South Kona."

ASU reports that a key part of the collaboration with communities like Miloli'i is a new state-of-the-art coral research

and propagation facility located at the joint Ridge to Reef Restoration Center in Kailua-Kona. The center is under construction now in partnership with a land restoration organization called Terraformation. The coral facility will be the largest in the world when completed and will become the hub for testing corals for subsequent reef restoration. "These resources are an exciting development for the multiple partners and communities working closely together to scale up active coral restoration in Hawai'i," said Carrie Selberg Robinson, director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Office of Habitat Conservation.

'Āko'ako'a shares a dual meaning: 'to assemble' and 'coral.' "For decades, our original program focused on diagnosing land and reef problems using high-tech satellite, airborne and field technologies," said Greg Asner, director of ASU's Center for Global Discovery and Conservation Science and a longtime resident of Hawai'i. "The new program further expands this diagnostic work, but it focuses far more effort on interventions that support Hawai'i's communities, both coral and human, as one force." Asner said lessons learned in 'Āko'ako'a will be shared with communities across the state and world-



Dr. Greg Asner with Hawaiian students. Photo from Arizona State University

wide. "Our successes and failures will lead to new perspectives and know-how, which will be broadcast to a network of partners and participants through our Allen Coral Atlas program and ASU School of Ocean Futures. As a stage for the integration of cultural practice, management and science, 'Āko'ako'a will seed a deeper connection between human and coral communities in an era of climate change."

Brian Neilson, head of Hawai'i state's Division of Aquatic Resources, said, 'Āko'ako'a is a visionary program that can set a powerful path forward for the future. Restoring and enhancing our coral reefs takes a fusion of stewardship, management and high-tech science. 'Āko'ako'a will be a major example of this blended process for west Hawai'i. We are pleased

to partner with ASU's education and research programs in developing and implementing restoration approaches that will benefit communities along the West Hawai'i coastline."

In its own publication, ASU stated that the aim of the new collaboration is to "preserve and restore vitality to Hawai'i's coral reefs and the health of its coastlines. The community-based effort looks to fuse state-of-the-art science programs with the leadership and cultural knowledge of Hawai'i's community partners to enable coastal and reef sustainability for generations to come."

'Āko'ako'a will operate with a donation of \$15 million from the Dorrance family and Dorrance Family Foundation, plus funds from U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz's office, state Department of Land & Natural Resources' Division of Aquatic Resources, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration and ASU. "It is our kuleana to protect and care for what we love, our coral reefs and the species they harbor, and all of Hawai'i," said Jacquie and Bennett Dorrance.

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Sustainability, Climate Equity & Resilience Office Launched

The Office of Sustainability, Climate Equity & Resilience was signed into law in late July by Mayor Mitch Roth. He called it a step forward for the County of Hawai'i to reaffirm its commitment to "safeguarding the environment, combating climate change, and building a sustainable and resilient future for generations to come."

Bill 48, championed by Hawai'i County Council Chair Heather Kimball and Councilwoman Rebecca Villegas, "represents a collaborative effort between County leadership, community advocates, and concerned citizens who recognize the urgent need to address the pressing challenges posed by a changing environment." says the statement from the Mayor's office. "The creation of the Office of Sustainability, Climate, Equity & Resilience will play a pivotal role

in shaping and implementing the County's response to these challenges, as well as following through on its Integrated Climate Action Plan for Island of Hawai'i," which was completed and published on June 30. See it at: <http://cohplanning.konveio.com/>.

The Mayor stated, "In order to make sure that our keiki have a home where they can thrive for generations, we need to make sure that the anchors that keep them grounded here are preserved in perpetuity. Those anchors are things like our environment, culture, and natural resources — all of which will be the focus of our new OSC-ER. We know that too many of our kids are leaving, and we are committed to making it so that they only do so by choice and not by necessity."

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Hawai'i County Council Chair Heather Kimball and Councilwoman Rebecca Villegas join Mayor Mitch Roth to establish by law the new Office of Sustainability, Climate, Equity & Resilience.

Photo from the Mayor's Office

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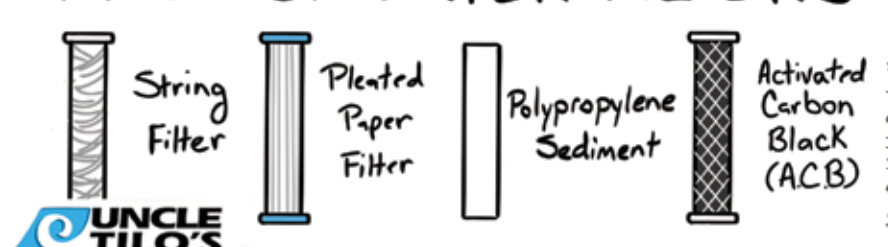
Rainwater collected for household use requires filtration. Uncle Tilo recommends at least 2 filters for every system, the first to remove the bulk of the sediment, and the second being a 5 micron Activated Carbon Block (ACB) unit. This level of filtration is necessary for any subsequent water disinfection unit. If there is just 1 filter housing, only use the carbon block.

There are several types of sediment filters available, and some definitely work better than others. Uncle Tilo recommends using a 20-micron polyspun filter for the best results. These filters will accumulate the most sediment before eventually plugging, at which time a new filter is needed. If your system is in good order, the typical replacement happens at 3 months for smaller sized units, and 6 months for the "big blue" units. A drop in water pressure can also let you know it's time to change the filter.

Another filter type available is pleated paper which is often associated with pool systems. These can be re-used if you're willing to clean them, but they do not hold as much sediment before plugging. Another common type are string filters; however, these are best suited for suction lines before the water pump. String filters only remove large debris and will seldom plug or restrict water flow. If using a string filter along with a carbon block, the carbon block will be the one plugging up all the time. If using a polyspun filter, the same carbon block should last 6 months with no problems.

There are other specialty filters out there, mainly Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) units to reduce tastes and odor (these are not carbon blocks), re-mineralization units used to raise pH, and combinations of different media that come with a variety of claims. Be sure to read the labels.

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County Meeting on Pāhala & Nā'ālehu Sewage Options Aug. 24

The county Department of Environmental Management will hold a meeting at 6 p.m., Aug. 24 at Nā'ālehu Community Center. Purpose is to review options for sewage disposal in Pāhala and Nā'ālehu for homes served by large capacity cesspools formerly operated by the old sugar plantations in neighborhoods built by them. Op-

tions include individual septic systems and sewage treatment plants.

According to the county notice, "These options and their impacts, costs, and benefits, will be described more in depth at the meeting, but in brief, they are: 1) Package wastewater treatment plant with new collection system 2) Package wastewater treatment plant with the existing collection system 3) Maintenance contract model with IWS 4) Operating permit model with Individual Wastewater System."

The county will discuss four feasible options, the benefits, and

the impacts, as outlined in a Pāhala Preliminary Engineering Report, and solicit community feedback.

According to the county, the Environmental Protection Agency has not approved any particular option and requires Department of Environmental Management to continue robust community engagement before any decision is made.

The county notice says that the Nā'ālehu Preliminary Engineering Report is still in development and a status report will be given as well at this meeting. Presentation slides, a video recording, and a transcript of this meeting will be posted to hawaiicounty.gov/departments/environmental-management/pahala-naalehu.

"However, the community is encouraged to attend this meeting in person and take the opportunity to meet and ask questions of County representatives directly. If you are unable to attend, comments are accepted at cohdem@hawaiicounty.gov or by leaving a message at (808) 961-8099."

Sewage Options, pg. 15



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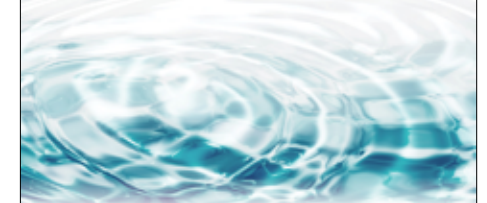
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Wondrous Works in Wood Shows Hammer's Lathe Creations

The *Wondrous Works in Wood* show, featuring Aaron Hammer's lathe-turned creations are on display through Aug. 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The exhibition is free and park entrance fees apply.

Hammer states that while working on the lathe "one must work from the center both physically and spiritually...starting with a raw log and transforming it into a finely finished and cherished object is the joy of my creation."

Wondrous Works in Wood showcases Hammer's newly-finished turned wood art made from trees grown in Hawai'i. The works include natural-edged bark lipped bowls, traditional calabash shaped bowls, and large-scale platters. The scale of the pieces range from 8 inches to 36 inches in diameter.

Hammer chooses to use previously-fallen Hawai'i grown trees in an effort to protect Hawai'i's cherished forest resources. He states, "In the pieces I create, I attempt to honor these sacred trees by creating heirloom-quality work that is loved by families for generations. The fallen trees

or urban-salvaged trees that I work with are often full of flaws, imperfections and defects. I endeavor to embrace these challenges and turn these flaws into unique features."

Originally from Kansas City, Hammer traveled extensively after high school to destinations including Israel, India, and Nepal and then made the island of O'ahu his home in 1993. Mentored by master wood turners Jerry Kermode and Ron Kent, Hammer began operating his own wood turning studio in 2000.

Hammer now produces a full line of HammerCraft, lathe-turned art and gift items from his studio in Pāpa'ikou, which he established in 2014. In addition to running his business, Hammer has served on the Board of Directors of The Pacific Handcrafters Guild holding the titles of Vice President and President. He is active now on the Board of Directors for the Hawai'i Forest Industry Association and in the local Hawai'i art and wood shows, winning awards at the HFIA wood shows of 2011 and 2022. He said he also loves teaching and has offered wood turning classes in Laupāhoehoe. As an instructor



Aaron Hammer shows off his lathe and continues his *Wondrous Works in Wood* exhibition at Volcano Art Center Gallery through Aug. 20. Photo from VAC

he has been invited to teach wood turning workshops at Pratt Art Center in Seattle and was recently invited to teach a third workshop at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Visit www.volcanoartcenter.org for more information, or call VAC Gallery at

(808) 967-7565. Volcano Art Center is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization created in 1974 whose mission is to promote, develop and perpetuate the artistic, cultural and environmental heritage of Hawai'i through arts and education.

Experience Volcano Draws Record Crowd, Sets 2024 Dates

Experience Volcano Festival topped all past attendance, with 3,000 visitors and locals July 29 and 30, according to organizer Jesse Tunison. He said the next festival is set for the weekend of July 27 and

28, 2024.

Tunison said the Experience Volcano Hawai'i organization is happy with the 2023 response from the local community and visitors and noted that the event was graced with great weather, great appreciation from guests and great sales for vendors.

He said that talent was well received, including Ke Olu Makani O Mauna Loa, which "performed several times and always had an ovation from the audience. Some of the other practitioners shared more intimate crafts such as Hawaiian massage techniques, poi pounding, kapa beating, lei making and more." Locally made food products included tropical fruit jams from Wai'ōhinu's Pukana Lā Farms.

Tunison said he and Experience Volcano volunteers were able to produce the Festival with more than 60 events at seven locations "with a budget of \$5,000."



Kilauea Lodge drew many people to its own gift shop and the many offerings on its lawn, from entertainment to local foods and art. Photo by Jesse Tunison



Rourke Reagan of Pukana Lā Farms in Wai'ōhinu, with his jams at Experience Volcano Fest. Photo by Jesse Tunison



Makana Kamahale and Rocky D'Amore at Volcano Winery. Photo by Jesse Tunison



AUGUST EVENTS

Exhibit: *Wondrous Works in Woods* by Aaron Hammer continues through August 20 at VAC gallery in HVNP

Exhibit: *Conversation: Spirit & Nature* continues through August 19 at VAC Niulani Campus in Volcano Village

Exhibit: *Hawaii Nei Invitational* August 26 - October 1, at VAC gallery in HVNP

Exhibit: *Changing Oceans: Changing Minds* by George Nuku August 25 - September 10, at VAC Niulani Campus in Volcano Village

- 8/5 - *Creative Recycled Sea Creature Workshop* with Julia Williams
- 8/8 - *Keiki Drawing Class* with Ken Charon
- 8/12 - *An Exploration in Bookmaking Workshop*
- 8/19 - *Cooking with Canoe Plants 1* with Heather Penfield
- 8/12 - *Hula Arts: at 10:30 am in HVNP near VAC gallery - Hula Kahiko: featuring Kumu hula Moses Kaho'okele Crabbe with Halauolaokalani*

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Lava Zone Insurance, from pg. 1

area rejected by coverage by most insurers is the rest of Ocean View, Ranchos and other communities on west side of Ka Lae all the way up the coast past Miloli'i to north of Ho'okena. Lava Zone 2 extends all the way to the top of Mauna Loa.

Around the Kīlauea Volcano, Lava Zone 1 reaches east into heavily populated Puna and west to the ocean southeast of Pāhala in an area with no homes. Pāhala is Lava Zone 3.

See an interactive map of all the Lava Zones overlaying a google map of homes and lots at <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=18d7CWmxQFvxOt-6VzPVunoM0aeLiFfU&ll=19.42512008343819%2C-155.74584528700527&z=11>

For a list of insurance companies writing insurance through Hawai'i Property Insurance Association, see <https://www.hpiainfo.com/>

HPIA was established as an unincorporated association of insurance companies by the 1991 Hawai'i Legislature to provide property insurance for those unable to buy homeowners coverage in the private market for properties in Lava Zones 1 and 2. It offers maximum coverage of \$350,000. The association is governed by a board with representatives of insurance companies and people named by the state Insur-

ance Commissioner.

The state's Hawai'i Insurance Division encourages homeowners to talk to their agents to identify insurance coverage options. Homeowners unable to obtain Homeowners or Dwelling Fire coverage from a private insurance company may qualify for coverage from the Hawai'i Property Insurance Association.

Hawai'i Insurance Division publishes a range of insurance guides and premium comparison sheets for public review online at cca.hawaii.gov/ins/resources. Consumers can use them to review and compare sample premiums from insurance companies licensed in Hawai'i.

"We remind consumers to be careful of potential scams. Many scammers prey on a consumer's fear. Before doing business with an insurance agent or company, consumers should verify that they are an authorized and licensed insurance broker," said Insurance Commissioner Gordon I. Ito.

Insurance licensee lookup and more information from the Hawai'i Insurance Division is available at <https://cca.hawaii.gov/ins/>. Hawai'i Insurance Division is available to assist the public with questions by phone and email at (808) 586-2790 and insurance@dcca.hawaii.gov.

Punalu'u Stewardship, from pg. 1

munities through positive visitor-steward interactions.

Train stewards to share place-based mo'olelo (history), mo'omeheu (culture) and ho'oulu (hope for the future).

Emphasize safety and redirect visitors from dangerous land and ocean conditions to parks and beaches that are open for

visitation.

Minimize trespassing on private and government lands.

Encourage visitors to pick up their 'ōpala (rubbish) and leave the area better than when they arrived.

Gather data for the state Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism Resident Sentiment Survey.

Nēnē Family Killed, from pg. 1

Nēnē are federally protected and also protected under Hawai'i laws. Fifty years ago the species was on the brink of extinction, with fewer than 30 geese in the wild statewide.

Successful conservation and recovery efforts, including habitat restoration and protections from the Endangered Species Act, led to their reintroduction and a rebounded population of more than 3,000 nēnē statewide. "Unfortunately, great strides forward are being met with backward

plore new areas. They are strong flyers but cannot launch straight up to avoid cars. So drivers should slow down and watch the bird's movements when they appear near a road or highway.

"Feeding nēnē and other protected species is illegal under Hawai'i state law. Making food or water available to wildlife attracts birds and other animals to food courts, busy roadways and parking lots, enticing them into dangerous, potentially fatal situations."

DOFAW reminds residents that the human-caused mortality of nēnē is a lingering concern affecting bird populations across the state, and advises: "If you accidentally injure wildlife, please report it. Prompt information helps protect these animals. If you see resource damage or violations, call DOCARE at (808) 643-DLNR (3567) or report it via the DLNRTip app.



Fifty years ago the species was on the brink of extinction, with fewer than 30 geese in the wild statewide. Photo from Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

steps that are preventable."

The DLNR statement advised, "The ability to see nēnē and other endangered species in your community or on your commute is a privilege, but involves some responsibility. Being mindful to avoid influencing animal behavior and potentially causing negative animal-human interactions protects our natural resources. During nesting season in the winter, the geese look for easy food resources and ex-

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park rangers issued their own cautionary message to protect nēnē inside the park. "Slow down for nēnē! These beloved and rare Hawaiian geese are on the move, so let's be extra cautious....Keep your eyes peeled as many nēnē are spotted on roads and in parking lots. Together, let's ensure the survival of these beautiful geese by giving them a brake!"

The rangers also noted, "no feeding allowed, as it could lead to risky associations with people and cars. Let's show some respect to our nēnē friends and cherish their presence in the park!"

Sewage Options, from pg. 13

The notice also says, "Whichever option is chosen pursuant to the revised Administrative Order on Consent between the County of Hawai'i and EPA, you should be aware that 174 properties in Pāhala and 194 properties in Nā'ālehu will experience

significant impacts in the next three to four years of the LCC closure process. These numbers include 65 properties in Pāhala and 30 properties in Nā'ālehu that are not connected to an LCC but are near the sewage collection system."

By federal order, all these properties

Public Meeting on Pa'au'au Drainage Corridor in Pāhala

Pa'au'au Drainage Corridor is the subject of a County Department of Public Works community meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 9 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Pāhala Community Center. This meeting will discuss the Pa'au'au flood channels, encroachment issues, and future assistance that may be provided by U.S. Army Corp.



Pa'au'au Stream, transformed by Army Corps of Engineers to prevent flooding. Photo from Army Corps of Engineers

The original Pa'au'au Stream Flood Control project in Pāhala was completed in October 1984 at a cost of \$1,820,279 paid for by the federal government.

Army Corps of Engineers describes its work here: "The project consists of a levee about 260 feet long; five concrete rubble masonry (CRM) walls totaling 1,800 feet in length; 2,700 feet of boulder concrete

slope lining; and floodplain easement and management along the left bank. There are approximately 273 homes located within the project area. To date, the project has prevented more than \$1.52 million in projected damages, within the project area. The local sponsor is the County of Hawai'i, Department of Public Works."

Gather data to track visitation.

See and download the Hawai'i Island Destination Management Action Plan at <https://holomua.hawaiiourismauthority.org/media/sz1dbbf/hta-hawaii-island-action-plan-2021.pdf>

See and download the application and Request for Proposals at visit hvcb.org.

Proposals are due by 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 18 to IHVB Destination Manager Rachel Kaiama at rkaiaama@hvcb.org. For more info, call (808) 294-1737 or email rkaiaama@hvcb.org.

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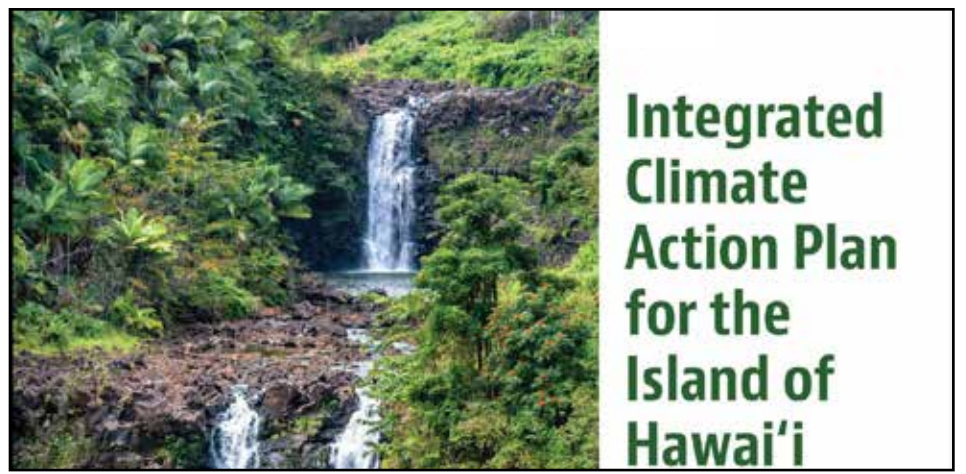
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He said the Office of Sustainability, Climate, Equity & Resilience will act as a central hub for coordinating efforts across various city departments and community organizations. It will work towards implementing innovative policies and programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote renewable energy, enhance energy efficiency, protect biodiversity, and fortify our infrastructure against climate change's impacts.

County Council Chair Kimball said, "The design and mission of OSCER is a new approach that has been specifically developed in response to a two-year process to

identify gaps between plan and implementation in the areas of sustainability, climate change, equity, and resilience. The Office will provide technical, policy, and resource support both internally and with our community partners, resulting in effective and coordinated progress. I think Bill 48 and the collaborative approach used to develop it represents best practice in public policy development."

OSCER is designed to collaborate with local businesses and residents to raise awareness about sustainable practices, foster eco-friendly initiatives, and advocate for responsible environmental policies. "Through active community engagement



See the County's Integrated Climate Action Plan for Hawai'i Island, at <http://cohplanning.konveio.com> and partnerships, this Office will strive to create a unified front in the battle against climate change and ensure a greener, healthier future for Hawai'i Island," said Kimball.

Councilmember Rebecca Villegas said, "Big mahalo to everyone who contributed to getting Bill 48 over the finish line. I'm deeply honored to have played a part in creating this progressive new Office of Sustainability, Climate, Equity, and Resilience. While we still have a lot of work ahead of us, I believe we are now better equipped to navigate and mitigate the challenges directly related to climate change."

The Mayor said he extends his deepest gratitude to the members of the County Council, community leaders, and everyone who played a crucial role in the develop-

ment and passage of Bill 48. He emphasized that this momentous achievement would not have been possible without the collective dedication and commitment of all those involved. Chair Kimball added, "It was wonderful to see it come to fruition when Mayor Roth signed it."

Calling this "a new chapter in Hawai'i County's history," the Mayor called upon all residents, businesses, and organizations to "unite to support the vital mission of the Office of Sustainability, Climate, Environment, and Resilience. Only through collective action can we hope to confront the challenges ahead and build a sustainable, resilient, and thriving future for our island home."

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Pāhala School & Branch Manager Sara Kamibayashi reports that Pāhala is open Mondays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Fridays noon to 4p.m.

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