

# Local Incumbents Return to All Posts After November Election

Incumbents representing Volcano and Ka'ū through Miloli'i return to all their county, state and federal posts, following the General Election in November.

Russell Ruderman, representing east Ka'ū, returns to his East Hawai'i Senate seat, winning 76.5 percent of the vote. The Democrat defeated Libertarian Fredrick Fogel in the General Election after defeating County Council member Greggor Ilagan in the primary. Sen. Josh Green, state Senator for west Ka'ū, a Democrat, was not on the ballot. He serves two more years until he can

stand for reelection.

Rep. Richard Creagan goes back to his state House of Representatives seat for west Ka'ū, the Democrat defeating Libertarian Michael Last with 68.2 percent of the vote. Creagan is new Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture.

Rep. Richard Onishi, also a Democrat, goes back to his state House of Representatives seat for east Ka'ū winning 68 percent of the vote, beating Green Party candidate Kealoha Pisciotta. Onishi is new Chair of the House Committee on Tourism.

County Council member Maile David, representing all of Ka'ū, won the primary election over Bernie Sanders supporter Raina Whiting by a large enough margin to avoid a General Election runoff.

Kai'ali'i Kahele, son of Gil Kahele who was a Ka'ū senator until redistricting, won his late father's state Senate seat in Hilo and promised to continue to help Ka'ū and particularly Miloli'i where he does community work and has a second family home.

County Prosecutor Mitch Roth won his post again in the primary. He has worked

with Ka'ū farmers and extensively on community Neighborhood Watch and drug and crime prevention programs.

Mayor Harry Kim also won in the primary, taking back leadership of the county after serving two terms and resting for two terms. He replaces Mayor Billy Kenoi who has reached term limits.

Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustee for Hawai'i Island will be Robert Lindsey, returning to his post with 44.4 percent of the vote, defeating Mililani Trask with 32.5 per-

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### Ka'ū Coast: Another Three Thousand Acres Preserved

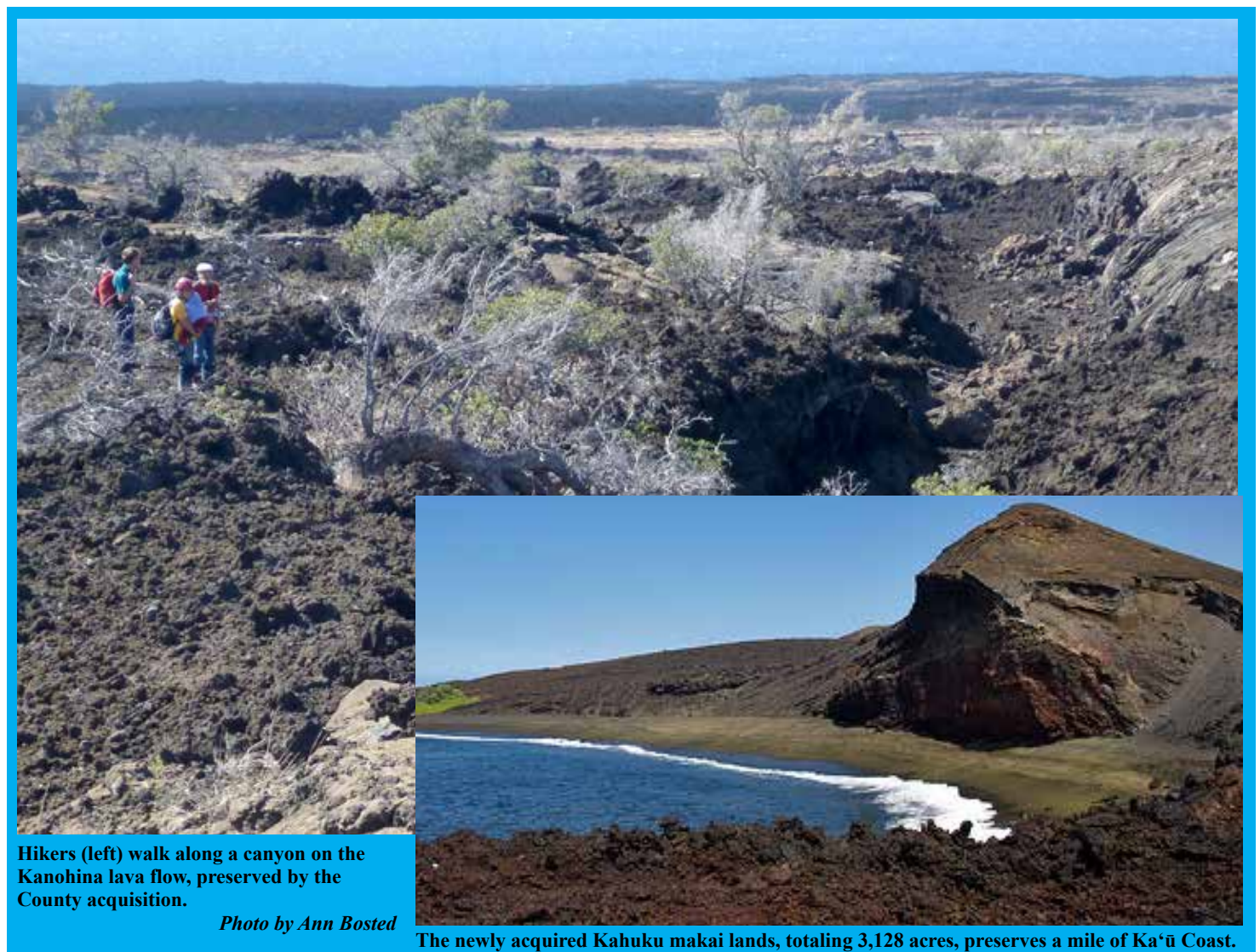
Planning for Kahuku Makai lands conservation and public access begins.

An onsite meeting will be held in December with representatives of new owner County of Hawai'i and other partners to research and discuss managing the future of the 3,128 acres with more than a mile of Ka'ū Coast. The land is located along the Road to the Sea, makai of Ocean View. It includes the massive Kanohina Flow from a Mauna Loa eruption and is crossed by the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail.

After the closing of escrow on Nov. 4, the Kahuku makai lands became the County's largest acquisition to date using its Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Fund - the "Two Percent" income from property taxes, which are dedicated for conserving special properties. With cooperative funding from federal, state, county and private donors, more than 4,000 acres along the Ka'ū Coast have been purchased for preservation since 2006. More than 1,000 acres is located between Punalu'u and Honu'apo, the most easily accessed coastal land in all of Ka'ū.

Trust for Public Land helped with negotiations for most of the properties and its associate nominated the Kahuku makai lands to the county Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Commission. With a total cost of \$2.6 million, the County approved \$764,745. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service contributed \$1,214,000 through a Recovery Land Acquisition Grant. The state Legacy Land

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Hikers (left) walk along a canyon on the Kanohina lava flow, preserved by the County acquisition.

*Photo by Ann Bosted*

The newly acquired Kahuku makai lands, totaling 3,128 acres, preserves a mile of Ka'ū Coast.

### Honu'apo, Surfrider, Sierra Club Groups Oppose Bottling Plant

Ka'ū 'Ohana O Honu'apo has issued a statement, joining the Sierra Club and Surfrider Foundation, opposing the Hawaiian Springs water bottling plant that is planned for Pāhala. The Honu'apo group, which helps steward the Honu'apo fishponds, bay and surrounding lands, posted on its facebook, the following:

"Join us in saying #NotoHawaiianSprings proposed water bottling facility in Pāhala. Our Hawai'i State Constitution and public trust doctrine protects Hawai'i's water for Hawai'i's people. Water is Life. It is time to enforce the state law and oppose this theft of our water resources (for export

and commercial gain!)."

Ka 'Ohana O Honu'apo states that it is, "Standing in protest with Sierra Club of Hawai'i and Surfrider Foundation, Big Island Hawai'i Chapter - Kona Kai EA!"

The bottling plant recently gained a plan approval from the Hawai'i County Planning Director, and needs various state and other county approvals. The developers propose to build a retail center for tour buses, vans and cars along Maile Street in Pāhala. More than three acres would be covered by a bottling plant and related buildings. The water would come from an old sugar plantation shaft that reaches 1500

feet under Maile Street to a source 750 feet below the surface under adjacent property. The company would need to apply to the state for permission to use the water.

The water was used for mill operations and, reportedly, as an emergency back up source for potable water for houses in the town and firefighting during plantation days. It has not been used for over 20 years, since the sugar mill shut down in 1996. The source is water that flows, sometimes fast, sometimes slowly, underground through the town, sending fresh water toward the coastal plane below Pāhala, which includes the

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## Water Bottling Plant, cont. from pg. 1

Kamehame Hawksbill Turtle preserve, managed by The Nature Conservancy.

Ka'ū's County Council member Maile David said she hopes for a public meeting on the water bottling plant and has responded to public and Sierra Club concerns.

David wrote to the Big Island chapter of the Sierra Club, stating that she informed Hawai'i County planning director Duane Kanuha of "serious concerns regarding impacts to this very significant cultural and public trust resource," before his October green light for the proposal, with conditions.

David noted that the planning director is requiring reviews and approvals by state agencies, including Department of Health, Water Quality and Department of Land and Natural Resources before allowing the project to move forward. She wrote that an opportunity for public input may be available at the state level. "I share the club's concerns and I plan to schedule a community meeting in Pāhala," David wrote, stating that "public input would be critical."

David was responding to the Hawai'i Island chapter of the Sierra Club writing to county planner Larry Nakayama, asking how "will you address our concerns about the proposed Pāhala Town Square & Hawaiian Springs Facility?"

Cory Harden of the Sierra Club wrote that the "operation would extract a public

trust resource and ship it out-of-state, contribute to the worldwide privatization of water, use fossil fuel, and generate harmful waste. It is unclear how it would benefit the local community."

Harden's letter, copied to Albert Kam, the bottling plant project manager for Pāhala, asserted that, "It appears the facility has the burden to justify its water use and show the water source will not be compromised."

Sierra Club pointed to its legal arm, Earthjustice, referencing a 2014 Hawai'i Supreme Court decision in a Kaua'i Springs versus Kaua'i Planning Commission case. The decision, which upheld rejection of a bottling plant permit on Kaua'i, "strongly reinforced principles that water is a public trust, and that private companies profiting off these resources bear the burden of justifying their diversions and showing the resources will not be unduly compromised...." Sierra Club quoted the Hawai'i Supreme Court: "No person or entity has automatic vested

rights to water."

Regarding the Hawai'i County Plan-

ning Department's obligation to protect Hawai'i's natural resources, Sierra Club further quoted the state Supreme Court decision: "Private commercial users of water bear the burden of affirmatively justifying their uses...lack of information from the applicant is exactly the reason an agency is empowered to deny a proposed use of a public trust resource."


Sierra Club wrote to the Hawai'i County planner: "This burden includes showing the use is reasonable and beneficial and consistent with trust purposes, has no practicable alternative water source, and implements mitigation of the cumulative impact of diversions."

Government agencies have "duties under the public trust independent of the permit requirements," including a duty to hold private commercial users to their burden under the public trust, the Sierra Club wrote.

In addition to asserting that the Hawaiian Springs water bottling facility would contribute to the "worldwide privatization of water," Sierra Club stated: "The rich can

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## WATER IS LIFE



**NO WATER BOTTLING IN PAHALA!**

**PUBLIC TRUST** A bottling plant proposed for Pāhala would extract water from a well to bottle and ship out-of-state. However, water is a legally protected public trust resource.

*"Our public water resources are a living legacy, not a commodity to be mined and sold." — Keone Kealoha, Director of Mālama Kaua'i*

**NEW JOBS?** The Hawaiian Springs plant owner hasn't said if any significant number of local jobs will be created.

**PRIVATIZATION OF WATER**  
There is a disturbing worldwide trend towards private, corporate control of water supplies, leaving the public out of decision-making processes.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**



- 50 million barrels of oil a year—enough to run three million cars for a year—are used to extract, process, transport, and refrigerate U.S. bottled water.
- It takes three bottles of water to produce one finished bottle of water. Most of the waste water from production is contaminated and cannot be reused.
- Scientists estimate that it takes about 2,000 times more energy to produce, fill, and deliver a bottle of water than tap water (2009 study).
- About 80% of water bottles (38 billion annually) end up in landfills, not recycle bins!
- PET (polyethylene terephthalate) from bottles doesn't biodegrade, but breaks down into tiny fragments. These can adsorb pollutants, which can further contaminate water and the food chain.

**HEALTH** The USDA allows bottled water "to contain certain levels of fecal matter, whereas the Environmental Protection Agency does not allow any human waste in city tap water. Bottled water violations are not always reported to the public, and in most cases the products may be recalled up to 15 months after the problematic water was produced, distributed, and sold." — Worldwatch Institute

**TAKE ACTION NOW** Urge officials to **OPPOSE** the Pāhala bottling plant, and help us share the word with friends, family and community members about what is at stake!


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## Studio 4 Salon Increases Beauty Services in Ocean View

Access to beauty services continues to increase in Ocean View with the addition of nail tech, Jenna Kosinski-Santos to Studio 4 Salon. Kosinski-Santos, a young entrepreneur, is the daughter of Tom and Joanne Kosinski, 26-year owners of Kahuku Country Market. She still helps out in the family business and jets next door to Studio 4 to run her new business, All That Glitters - Nails by Jenna, in her spare time.

Passionate about fashion, sparkles and her clients, she sees the opportunities for self-expression with nail art as "limitless." Kosinski-Santos offers a variety of services including gel pol-



Jenna Kosinski-Santos branches out as a young entrepreneur bringing nail services to Ocean View.

ish, acrylic nails, paraffin wax, nail stamping and keeps up with the latest in nail industry techniques. She said, "The nail industry is so vast. There is always something new to be learned." Acutely detailed-oriented, Kosinski-Santos said client satisfaction and relationships are at the top of her list. "I am genuinely interested in my customers; I love listening to their stories."

Since seventh-grade, Kosinski-Santos has been obsessed with nail work, spending all her time in the former Ocean View Salon learning all she could. This spring, she seized the opportunity to apprentice under Elise Russell, Studio 4 Sa-

lon owner and fully licensed cosmetologist and spent 700 hours working with her in the studio on her journey to become a licensed nail technician. Russell shared, "Jenna is absolutely wonderful to work with. She is very creative and very dedicated to her craft." Russell is also a long-time hair stylist, who offers cuts, styling, color, perms among other services. In addition, Russell

offers unique clothing and jewelry at affordable boutique prices and professional hair care products for sale.

Studio 4 Salon is open 9 -5 p.m., Tues. through Sat. All That Glitters - Nails by Jenna is open Wednesday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 929-9000 to make an appointment, or visit them in Ocean View Town Center.

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# KA PEPA PĀHALA

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## Wood Valley's Resident Tibetan Buddhist Monk Bids Aloha

Wood Valley's resident Tibetan Buddhist monk has departed. Lobzang Toldan, best known as "Tiapala," recently moved home to Nechung Monastery in India after living for more than 30 years in Ka'ū.

Tiapala moved to the Nechung Temple in Wood Valley in 1984. The temple opened in 1973 and is closely associated with the Dalai Lama who visited in 1980 and 1994.

Tiapala is known to be very friendly. He led public Buddhist services at the temple, and participated in interfaith services and blessings throughout the Ka'ū community. He rang the gong for prayers and greeted guests. He helped with a coffee farm on the temple grounds and enjoyed picking coffee while listening to Dalai Lama teachings. Most local residents knew him.

Nechung Temple is today a retreat and active Tibetan Buddhist temple located on 25 acres. The temple has hosted over 50 programs led by Tibetan Buddhist lamas.

The temple is located in Wood Valley on the former site of a Nichiren Shu sect Buddhist temple dedicated by Japanese residents of the area in 1902. A flood destroyed the temple in the early 1920s. After rebuilding, the temple reopened but was closed during World War II when its Japanese language teacher and priest were sent to holding camps for internment. In the 1950s the temple again reopened, but shut its doors in 1963, as most of the Japanese sugar workers had moved from camps in the area to houses in Pāhala.

In the early 1970s Tibetan Buddhist students invited Nechung Rinpoche, the head lama from Nechung Monastery in India, to come to Hawai'i. The students found the Wood Valley temple site and thought it



Tiapala welcomed people for prayers and lessons.

Photo by Julia Neal

would be a perfect place for a temple and retreat center for Rinpoche. Rinpoche came to Hawai'i and stayed at the Wood Valley temple for eight years.

Tiapala served as Rinpoche's assistant in Tibet and India. After Rinpoche passed away in 1983, the temple in Wood Valley invited Tiapala to be the resident monk. With his departure, a new resident monk is expected to arrive in the future, coming from Nichung Monastery in India.

Today, "Just outside Pāhala, this century-old, colorful Tibetan Buddhist temple is wonderfully juxtaposed against a lush 25-acre retreat center where peacocks roam free," is how the *Lonely Planet* guidebook for Hawai'i Island describes the center.

Visitors are welcome to join in chanting and meditation sessions (held daily at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.), or to just visit the temple and its gift shop. Rooms in a meditative guesthouse are available for stays of a few nights for individuals and groups. See [www.nechung.org](http://www.nechung.org)

## Ka 'Ohana O Honu'apo Seeks New Board Members

Ka 'Ohana O Honu'apo is seeking applications for one to two new board members. The organization is a community-based, non-profit with the mission statement: "To restore, care for and protect the natural and cultural resources within the Honu'apo area. Utilizing the values of mālama 'āina (care for the land), kūpono (honesty and integrity), and kuleana (duty and responsibility),

we will work in community partnerships to preserve this area for future generations."

Ka 'Ohana team members have been working with the county, state, and community partners since its foundation in 2005 to help manage and improve the 230 acres now known as Honu'apo.

"Our organization is a grassroots, Friends of the Park group run entirely by lo-

cal volunteers living in Kona and Ka'ū (but open to all island residents who share a love for Honu'apo Bay and shoreline). We firmly believe that our organization is a great example of how a concerned group of committed community residents and NGOs can work together with government agencies to help better manage their properties in

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cent of the vote. The winner of the OHA at-large trustee race is Keli'i Akina with 37 percent of the vote over Haunani Apiliona with 36 percent of the vote.

In the U.S. Congress, representing Ka'ū, Volcano and all of rural Hawai'i, Sen. Brian Schatz returns to Washington, winning more than 70 percent of the vote and Rep. Tulsi Gabbard returns to Washington with more than 75 percent of the vote, but was being considered in late November for a presidential cabinet nomination.

The new U.S. President, according to the Electoral College vote, which prevails, will be Republican Donald Trump. He lost Hawai'i, earning about half the number of votes here as the Democrat, Hillary Clinton. Clinton won the popular vote.

In his acceptance speech, Trump, the New York developer and hotelier, said, "Now it's time for America to bind together as one united people." He also said the nation owes Clinton "a major debt of gratitude for her service to our country." Trump promised to rebuild the country's infrastructure, create more jobs and allow fewer jobs to be shipped offshore. He has also promised a better health care system than Obamacare.

In speeches outgoing President Barack Obama and Clinton both urged a peaceful

transition to the Trump presidency. They and Trump urged everyone to work together as citizens of the United States to better the country.

Hawai'i County's General Plan Amendment, which directs the County to take the public's health into consideration when planning for the island was approved, 65.4 percent approval.

An amendment to the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i was approved, setting a higher value in civil cases in order to qualify them for jury trials. It passed with 46.3 percent of the vote. Another amendment that directs the state to use excess funds to pay debt and other costs also passed with 50.4 percent of the vote.

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Conservation Program provided \$621,245.

In a 2012 letter to the state Board of Land and Natural Resources, which controls Legacy Land funding, Megan Lamson, of Hawai'i Wildlife Fund and Ka 'Ohana O Honu'apo, wrote: "The parcel exists in the middle of an 80-mile stretch of coastline that has been limited to no development. This claim is unheard of elsewhere in the state. Protecting this parcel is a step toward preserving the invaluable natural and cultural resources and history that are represented in this region."

In its testimony, the Sierra Club stated that a low price (\$831 per acre) made it "by far the most cost effective purchase



Road to the Sea borders the Kahuku makai lands, and heads to the mile of shoreline.

the Legacy Land Conservation could make, and would secure a prized recreational and natural resource for the residents of the Big Island, where recreational resources are generally access-restricted by private land owners.

"The site contains many high-quality natural and cultural resources, including anchialine ponds, nesting sites for the endangered Hawksbill turtle, prominent geologic features, one of the state's largest petroglyph fields, a highly complex cave system with endemic organisms and unique archaeological features. Over 3,127 acres of land, including miles of coastline, are relatively unchanged since pre-western contact in the late 1700s," said Sierra Club testimony.

Numerous individuals supported the measure, including Native Hawaiian sites preservation advocate Jamie Kawauchi and then County Council member Brittany Smart. The BLNR approved the Legacy Land funding without opposition.

The overall effort required six long years of planning, negotiating, reports, inspections, presentations and agreements. Mayor Billy Kenoi and his administration threw in their support. At the County, Alexandra Kelepolo, Property Management Technician for the County's Department of Finance in Hilo, coordinated the work.

Kelepolo recently explained that the public will have easier access to the coast since the County "has an easement along the Road to the Sea." She said the County has "a budget for maintenance, but we won't be able to improve the road to where regular cars can drive on it. It will still be a four-wheel-drive road, but hopefully better maintained." The County's acquisition will preserve many undisturbed coastal views for many Ocean View residents.

Regarding the Hawksbills, Kelepolo said, "I am thrilled that we can preserve the two small beaches on the property as nesting grounds for the critically endangered

Hawksbill turtle." She praised the Hawai'i Island Hawksbill Turtle Recovery Project volunteers and their coordinator Lauren Kurpita. She said they hike miles along this coastline, checking for turtles and nests.

"Every year groups of volunteers from the Hawksbill project camp at Pohue Bay and guard the nests from predators (like feral cats and mongooses), and each day they hike to these beaches to check on nests there."

Kelepolo was personally involved in a rescue when a turtle was saved by the volunteers: "In September, a large female turtle was stuck in one of the anchialine cracks. She was wedged in about 12-feet down. Lauren contacted me and several others to

help rescue the turtle. We think that perhaps a vehicle spooked her and she fell in while trying to evade it. Although she weighed about 200 pounds, we were able to rescue her. We put a net under her and a group of about five volunteers and myself, pulling hard, were able to get her out. If we had not seen her, she would have died. Now that we own this land, we can protect it more actively."

The new County property does not include Pohue Bay, which is about two miles to the east. It is, however, traversed by the treasured, Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail along the shore, in use for nearly 2,000 years. This trail is about 175 miles long and runs from 'Upolu Point on the north end of the island, along the western coast through Kohala, Kona and Ka'ū, then east and north along Ka'ū's coast to Puna and ends at the Waha'ula Heiau site near Kalapana.

The Kahuku makai land also contains a rock quarry and many geological features. The Kanohina flow, which is estimated to be about 750 to 1500 years old, covers most of the property, but on the eastern side, makai of Ranchos, the lava is estimated to be 2,400 to 3,000 years old. A very prominent lava trench lies makai of the Kula Kai subdivision. The trench, which obviously funneled vast amounts of lava towards the ocean, is about 2.5 miles long and about 30 to 50 feet deep. It has an abundance of undisturbed lava features, such as lava falls, and lava balls.

Aside from the two lava flows, the property has cinder cones, a green sand beach and lava tubes, all of which will need to be investigated and documented as a resource worthy of closer study. The County will work with those who have done field work in the area while it was privately owned, and develop a management plan to balance recreational needs with preservation responsibilities, said Kelepolo.

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The Ka'ū High Trojans Eight-Man Football team and staff proudly wear their 2016 BIIF title medals.

Photo by Pam Taylor

## Trojans win BIIF Eight-Man Football Championship

The Ka'ū High Trojans won the Big Island Interscholastic Federation Championship Eight-Man Football title for 2016.

The Trojans took the title on Oct. 29 at home in Pāhala under coaches Kainoa Ke and Greg Rush.

To topple last year's BIIF eight-man champion Kohala Cowboys on Ka'ū High's home field, the Trojans came back from two-points down to win 36 to 26.

During the game, underclassmen ex-

celled against the Cowboys. With quarterback Jacob Flores benched the first half, penalized for missing classes, junior Brandon Ecalas took up the slack. Ecalas ran the ball for 110 yards in 19 plays from scrimmage, scoring two touchdowns.

Back on the field in the second half, Flores ran for two touchdowns and threw for another. In their big win, Ka'ū posted 330 total yards rushing, in clutch play made three two-point conversions following touch-



Senior Night honors for graduating Trojan players.

Photo by Pam Taylor

downs, and blocked two attempted extra points by the Cowboy kicker.

It was Senior Night for the team's six graduating Trojans who celebrated with a ceremony of appreciation on the field, receiving lei, balloons and applause. The players displayed large photographs and posters, remembering their historic participation in the inaugural modern-day, eight-man high school football game on Hawai'i Island. The match against Seabury Hall from Maui played on Sept. 6, 2013 kept high school football alive at Ka'ū High and marked the beginning of a new era in Trojan sports.



A Trojan rusher battles against the Eight-Man Kohala Cowboys defense. Photo by Pam Taylor

## Ka'ū Track Star Wins Film Title

Jacob Edwards, a Ka'ū High School and University of Wyoming graduate, won top honor at the Laramie Film Festival in November for his production, *A Potion*. He scripted, scored and directed the short film. The film was shown and awards given at the Gryphon Theatre at the Laramie Civic Center. *A Potion* features the talents of Brendan Ruwart, Tabitha Briscoe, and Mike Morgan. The film festival description says: "When our aimless and sullen protagonist (Brendan) follows the advice and direction of his friend, he encounters a femme fatale (Tabitha Briscoe) with her own agenda."

Edwards is a program trainer at the ARC of Laramie, teaching direct service workers who provide assistance to persons with head trauma and developmental disabilities.

The filmmaker is son of Ocean View resident Lisa Edwards and brother to Larissa Edwards, a 2008 graduate of Ka'ū High. Both won track scholarships to University of Wyoming and reside in Laramie. Larissa has worked as a school teacher and has a family.

Lisa Edwards said her son and daughter like living in Laramie because, like Hilo, the town is centered around university life. See the film at <https://youtu.be/kvLaGacYa7U>



Ka'ū High graduate Jacob Edwards after winning a top film award at Laramie Film Festival. Photo by Aubrie Shindler

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## Trojan Winter Sports Schedule



### Girls Basketball

w/Coaches Cy Lopez, Jen Makuakane & Bridgette Pasion

- Thu – Sat, Dec 1 – 3, HPA tournament
- Tue, Dec 13, Kea'au @ Ka'ū
- Thu, Dec 15, Hilo tournament
- Fri/Sat, Dec 16/17, Hilo tournament
- Thu, Dec 22, Kealakehe @ Ka'ū
- Fri, Dec 30, Ka'ū at Honoka'a
- Wed, Jan 4, Ka'ū @ Kona
- Sat, Jan 7, Ka'ū @ Kohala
- Tue, Jan 10, Pāhoa @ Ka'ū
- Thu, Jan 12, Hilo @ Ka'ū
- Fri, Jan 13, Ka'ū at Waiākea
- Mon, Jan 16, HPA @ Ka'ū
- Wed, Jan 18, Kamehameha @ Ka'ū

## Nā'ālehu Winter Fest, Sat, Dec. 17

Fun and friends are the spotlight of the Nā'ālehu Elementary Student Council Winter Festival on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Kindergartener Liam Roddy crawls through an obstacle course as one of the activities hosted during a recent fun field day organized for Nā'ālehu Elementary by the Student Council.

Raffle tickets will be sold for 50 cents for a chance to win special prizes.

Anyone wishing to donate prize items or make a monetary donation should contact Nā'ālehu Elementary vice-principal Christina Juan or student council adviser Amberly Keohulua at 313-4000.

Billed as a "friend-raiser," the mini-carnival will be held at Nā'ālehu Elementary School grounds and will raise needed funds for student council activities and student incentives.

Games like the ring toss will be just 50 cents a play with every player receiving a prize. There will be a bake sale, plus hot dogs, chili, chili dogs and drinks will be \$1 each. Other fun activities will include a splash booth, bounce house and jail. Keiki can also get their faces painted or a fake tattoo.



Santa and helpers will ride the sleigh to give Merry Christmas candies and holiday greetings during the annual Pāhala Christmas parade on Sunday, Dec 11 at 1 p.m.

Photo by Julia Neal

## Pāhala Christmas Parade on Sun, Dec. 11

The 38th Annual Pāhala Christmas Parade winds through the hillside village on Sunday, Dec. 11 beginning at 1 p.m. The parade, which welcomes everyone from youth sporting teams and groups, clubs and politicians to coffee farmers and classic vehicles and floats, is organized by Eddie Andrade and family and friends. It begins at the old Pāhala Armory and stops in at Ka'ū Hospital to see long-term care patients and staff. It passes Pāhala Shopping Center. Many people watch from their homes. The parade ends at the Catholic Church on Pikake Street, where the community and paraders enjoy refreshments. For more information, call Andrade at 928-0808.



Lorilee Lorenzo, at left, with 2014 Pana'ewa Stampede Queen Jensten Andrade and Pana'ewa Stampede Secretary Nancy Cabral.

## Pāhala Rodeo Queen Honors Veterans

Lorilee Lorenzo, of Pāhala, rode in the Veterans Day Parade last month in Hilo. Lorenzo is 2016 Pana'ewa Stampede Rodeo Queen and joined Hawai'i Horse Owners Association riders to honor veterans in the 9th Annual Hawai'i Island Veterans Day Parade. With the only horses in the parade, riders were welcomed by many children along the parade route, said Lorenzo.

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# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Ka'ū High Trojan Girls Basketball Team invited the public to be the first to see a high school sports competition in the new Ka'ū District Gym on Nov. 18 and 19. The team asked the public to donate canned food to their food drive in exchange for free entrance to the Annual Food Drive Basketball Tournament. *Photo by Jen Makuakane*

## Trojan Girls Host First High School Competition in New Community Gym

The first official competition at the new Ka'ū High Gym kicked off the Trojan Girls basketball season with an invitational tournament on Friday, Nov. 18 and Saturday, Nov. 19. It was also a food drive and drew high schools from Kea'au, Pāhoa and Kealakehe.

The Trojan Girls Annual Food Drive Basketball Tournament required from each spectator at least one can of food to watch the action. Proceeds were distributed to needy families through Ka'ū Rural Health Community Association.

Coach Cy Lopez said he and the team were excited to inaugurate the gym with girls basketball and for the tournament to be for such a good cause. It also showed off the new \$18 million, 43,300-square-foot Ka'ū District Gym and Shelter, which opened in October. The gym is expected to host many community activities and classes as well as the annual Miss Ka'ū Coffee pageant in spring, volleyball tournaments and a camp this summer, organized by Kamehameha School Volleyball Coach Guy Enriques.

Lopez said that Trojan girls are "looking forward to a great season because most of these players have been on our Hokulele Club basketball team. They've been working hard off-season throughout the year. They are also very excited to be the first high school team to play in our brand new gym."



Trojans go for the basket. *Photo by Jen Makuakane*

Big Island Interscholastic Federation Girls Basketball play begins in December. The coaching staff for the Trojans is comprised of Lopez, Jen Makuakane and Bridgette Pasion. Trojan team members are listed by grade. Seniors are: Alysha Gustafson-Savella, Zaylee Pascubillo, Charisma Felipe and Tristan Davis. Juniors are: Analei Emmsley, Junially Manantan and Dacy Andrade-Davis. Sophomores

are Reisha Kekoa-Jara, Mei Lin Galban-Kinin, Kianie Medeiros-Dancel, and Malia Corpuz. The Freshman is Marilou Manantan.

The new certified kitchen at the gym was employed for the Food Drive Tournament and will be available for



Trojan girls, with coach Cy Lopez, host the first high school sports competition in the new Ka'ū Gym, with a food drive. *Photo by Jen Makuakane*

fundraising during high school sports.

Ka'ū won two games on the Saturday of the invitational tournament, with a 43 to 41 victory over Pāhoa and a 38 to 24 win over Kealakehe. The Trojans recorded two losses on Friday, with Kea'au squeaking past Ka'ū with two points and final score of 11 - 8. Kea'au jayvee scored three more points than Ka'ū jayvee, with final score of 11- 8.

Competition continues when Trojan girls travel to Hawai'i Preparatory Academy in Waimea for a tournament Thursday, through Saturday, Dec. 1 - 3.

The BIIF season kicks off at home for the Trojans on Tuesday, Dec. 13 with Kea'au at Ka'ū, another tournament on Thursday, Dec. 15 in Hilo, followed by Kealakehe at Ka'ū on Thursday, Dec. 22 and Ka'ū at Honoka'a on Friday, Dec. 30.

Wednesday, Jan. 4, with Ka'ū at Kona; Saturday, Jan. 7, Ka'ū at Kohala; Tuesday, Jan. 10, Pāhoa at Ka'ū; Thursday, Jan. 12, Hilo at Ka'ū; Friday, Jan. 13, Ka'ū at Waiākea; Monday, Jan. 16, HPA at Ka'ū; and Wednesday, Jan. 18, Kamehameha at Ka'ū.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Christmas in the Country**, daily through Jan 2, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The gallery creates a merry scene of an old-fashioned Christmas. Artwork, island-inspired gifts, crafts, ornaments and decorations made by Hawai'i Island artists. The annual Invitational Wreath Exhibit presents one-of-a-kind wreaths in a variety of imaginative media, techniques and styles, from the whimsical to the traditional.

**Holiday Lights**, nightly through Jan 1, Kīlauea Military Camp in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Vote for your favorite decorated cottage or activity. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply.

**Ocean View Neighborhood Watch meeting**, Thu, Dec 1, 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-2442 & 928-2015

**Pom-Pom Wreath**, Fri, Dec 2, 1 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 6 – 12 register through Dec 1. 929-9113

**Mauna Loa Southwest Rift Zone**, Sat, Dec 3, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants hike to an overlook on Upper Palm Trail, where rangers point out prominent geologic features and discuss natural processes that created them and cultural traditions associated with them. Pack a lunch. Free. [nps.gov/havo](http://nps.gov/havo)

**Evening in December**, Sat, Dec 3, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp Theater in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. KDEN presents its 22nd gift of festive holiday music for the community. Free; park entrance fees apply.

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

**Pu'u o Lokuana**, Sun, Dec 4, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants learn about formation and various uses of this grassy cinder cone and enjoy a breathtaking view of lower Ka'ū on this free, moderately difficult 0.4-mile hike to the top. [nps.gov/havo](http://nps.gov/havo)

**Beginning Hawaiian Language Classes**, Sun, Dec 4 & 18, 2 p.m., Ka'ū Youth Center near Nā'ālehu Community Center. Classes taught by kupuna Jeannette Howard are followed by informal kanikapila stressing songs of Ka'ū. Free; open to all. Beverly Byouk, 936-7262

**Painting with Peggy**, Mon, Dec 5 & 19, 12 – 3 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. \$20/\$15 VAC members per session. 967-8222

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

**Hawai'i County Council Meetings**, Mon, Dec 5, 3 p.m. & Wed, Dec 21, 9 a.m. Ka'ū residents can participate via videoconferencing at Nā'ālehu State Office Building. See [hawaiicounty.gov](http://hawaiicounty.gov) for agendas and live-streamed and archived meetings.

**Ka'ū Coffee Growers Meeting**, Tue, Dec 6, 6 – 8 p.m., Pāhala Community Center.

**After Dark in the Park: Virunga National Park**, Tue, Dec 6, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Travel writer and Virunga advocate Kimberly Krusel offers a virtual visit to what has been called the most biologically significant park in Africa. Free; park entrance fees apply.

**Kapa Making**, Wed, Dec 7, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Joni Mae Makuakāne-Jarrell makes traditional cloth used by native Hawaiians for clothing. Free, park entrance fees apply.

**Mini Wreath**, Wed, Dec 7, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register through Dec 6. 928-3102

**Open Mic Night**, Wed, Dec 7, 6 – 10 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Lava Lounge in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8365 after 4 p.m.

**Christmas Coloring Contest Deadline**, Thu, Dec 8, 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. For grades

K – 8. 928-3102

**VSAS Theater Night: Fairy Tales Galore**, Thu, Dec 8, 6 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp Theater in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Volcano School of Arts & Sciences middle school students present three fairy tale inspired creations. Free; park entrance fees apply.

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

**Pancake Breakfast**, Sat, Dec 10, 8 – 11 a.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

**Stewardship at the Summit**, Sat, Dec 10; Wed, Dec 14; Fri, Dec 23 & 30; 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center in Hawai'i Volcanoes

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

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

**OVCA Board Meeting**, Thu, Dec 15, 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

**Adult Wreath Making**, Fri, Dec 16, 1 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 18 & above register Dec 12 – 15. 929-9113

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

platform near Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Kumu hula Sammye Ku'ualoha Young and Hālau Na Lei Hiwahiwa o Ku'ualoha are featured. Free; park entrance fees apply.

**Mongolian BBQ**, Sat, Dec 17, 5 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8356

**People & Lands of Kahuku**, Sun, Dec 18, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Kahuku Unit. This free, guided, 2.5-mile, moderately difficult hike over rugged terrain focuses on the area's human history. [nps.gov/havo](http://nps.gov/havo)

**Find Your Park on the Big Screen: Acadia National Park**, Tue, Dec 20, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Acadia and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Parks have much in common. Both turned 100 this year, and both are on islands defined by their indigenous host cultures, geology and biodiversity. Learn about Maine's iconic national park in the new film, *A Second Century of Stewardship: Science Behind the Scenery in Acadia National Park*. Free; park entrance fees apply.

**Kenneth Makuakāne in Concert**, Wed, Dec 21, 6:30 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Makuakāne's accolades include 15 Nā Hōkū Hanohano awards and six Big Island Music Awards. His compositions have been recorded by the Brothers Cazimero, Nā Leo Pilimehana and more. Free park entrance fees apply.

**Hī'iaka & Pele**, Sat, Dec 24, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants discover the Hawaiian goddesses and the natural phenomena they represent on this free, moderate, one-mile walk. [nps.gov/havo](http://nps.gov/havo)

**Candlelight Service**, Sat, Dec 24, 6 p.m., Ocean View Baptist Church. Christmas carols and a message from Pastor Tim Bruno.

**Christmas Day Buffet**, Sun, Dec 25, 4 – 7 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Prime rib, roast turkey, lamb stew and more. \$27.95 adults; \$14.50 children 6-11. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8356

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

**Ka'ū Food Pantry**, Tue, Dec 27, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View.

**Ocean View Community Development Corp. meeting**, Fri, Dec 30, 5 p.m., Hawaiian Ranchos office.

**New Year's Day Brunch**, Sun, Jan 1, 7 – 11 a.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Roast pork, chicken picata, omelet station, pancakes, breakfast potatoes, patties, bacon, fresh fruit and beverage. Adults \$16.95; children 6-11 \$9.50. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8356

## EXERCISE & MEDITATION

**Pāhala Pool Schedule: Adult Water Exercise Mon/Wed/Fri 9 – 10 a.m.; Adult Lap Swim Mon – Fri 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Sat/Sun 10:30 – 12 p.m.; Public Recreational Swim Mon – Fri 1 –**



### *A Christmas Card from Volcano*

A Christmas feast for the nēnē females, which have been frantically feeding, even at night, near the lava lake at Halemau'au. Nēnē pairs are nesting. Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park reminds drivers to slow down, and watch out for nēnē when traveling to and from favorite lava-viewing sites. *NPS Photo/Janice Wei*

National Park. Volunteers clear ginger from park trails. Free; park entrance fees apply. [nps.gov/havo](http://nps.gov/havo)

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

**Inspiration Hike**, Sat, Dec 10, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Artists learn how nature can inspire them to connect with their own creativity on this free, moderately easy, 1.5-mile hike. Register by Dec 6. [nps.gov/havo](http://nps.gov/havo)

**Zentangle Demo**, Sat, Dec 10, 10 – 11 a.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants create at least one piece of art. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-8222

**Pāhala Christmas Parade**, Sun, Dec 11, 1 p.m. Floats, walking groups, tractors and classic cars, choirs, public officials, schools and more wind their way through Pāhala from the armory to the hospital and to Holy Rosary Church for refreshments. Everyone welcome. 928-0808

**Medicine for the Mind**, Sun, Dec 11, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Buddhist healing meditation for beginners through advanced. Free. Patty, 985-7470

**Kīlauea Military Camp, Once a Detainment Camp**, Tue, Dec 13, 7 p.m. Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Park archaeologist Dr. Jadelyn Moniz-Nakamura discusses detention of Japanese-Americans following the Dec 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. Free, park entrance fees apply.

**Adult Christmas Ornament**, Wed, Dec 14, 1 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 18 & above register Dec 5 – 9. 929-9113

**Mini Gingerbread House**, Wed, Dec 14, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register Dec 5 – 13. 928-3102

**Birth of Kahuku**, Sat, Dec 17, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants explore the area's rich geologic history. Free. [nps.gov/havo](http://nps.gov/havo)

**Student Council Winter Fest**, Sat, Dec 17, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Nā'ālehu. The "friendraiser" supports activities and incentives. Games, food, raffle and more. Call 313-4000 to donate.

**Zentangle: Star Light Star Bright**, Sat, Dec 17, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Participants create a Zendala greeting card and gift box. \$35/\$30 VAC members. 967-8222

**Kahuku 'Ohana Day**, Sat, Dec 17, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Keiki 17 and younger and their families journey into the past on the new Pu'u Kahuku Trail. Register by Dec 2 at 985-6019.

**Centennial Hike: Kīlauea Military Camp**, Sat, Dec 17, 10:30 a.m. Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park staff lead a revealing walk through KMC, used as a Japanese detainment camp during World War II. Free, park entrance fees apply.

**Hula Kahiko**, Sat, Dec 17, 10:30 a.m., hula

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**Qigong Classes**, Mon, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., Nā'ālehu Hongwanji (\$5), & Thu, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Mark Twain Estates (\$7). Beginners always welcome. Shary Crocker, 929-7647

**Gentle Senior Yoga**, Mon/Wed, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Nā'ālehu Hongwanji. Senior price \$10 for 10 sessions. Stephanie Pepper, 937-7940

**Pilates Plus**, Mon/Wed, 4 – 5 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. Open to all ages. Exercise by DVD; bring your own equipment, ball and mat. Free w/donation of non-perishable food. Judy Knapp, 939-8149

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

**Youth/Adult Basketball**, Mon/Wed, 6 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center. 939-2510

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

**Aikido**, Mon/Wed, 6 p.m., Pāhala Hongwanji. Alan Moores, 928-0919 or artbyalan2011@gmail.com

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

**Qigong Classes**, Tue, 9 – 10:30 a.m. Ocean View Community Center. \$5. John Adams, 929-7177

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

**Karate**, Tue/Fri, beginners 5:30 p.m., advanced 6:30 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Keiki condition, 5 p.m. Cliff Field, 333-1567

**Youth/Adult Volleyball**, Tue/Thu, 6 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center. 939-2510

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

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

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

**Bruce Lee Combatives**, Thu, 5 – 6 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. Henry Ivy's family-based classes teach self-confidence and personal development. 854-5284

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

## DAILY & WEEKLY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**Punalu'u Bake Shop Music Lineup: Richard Zazzi** Mon, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Gary Cole, aka Foggy, Wed/Sat, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Uncle Sonny Wed/Sat, 1 – 5 p.m.; Tui Masaniai Fri, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

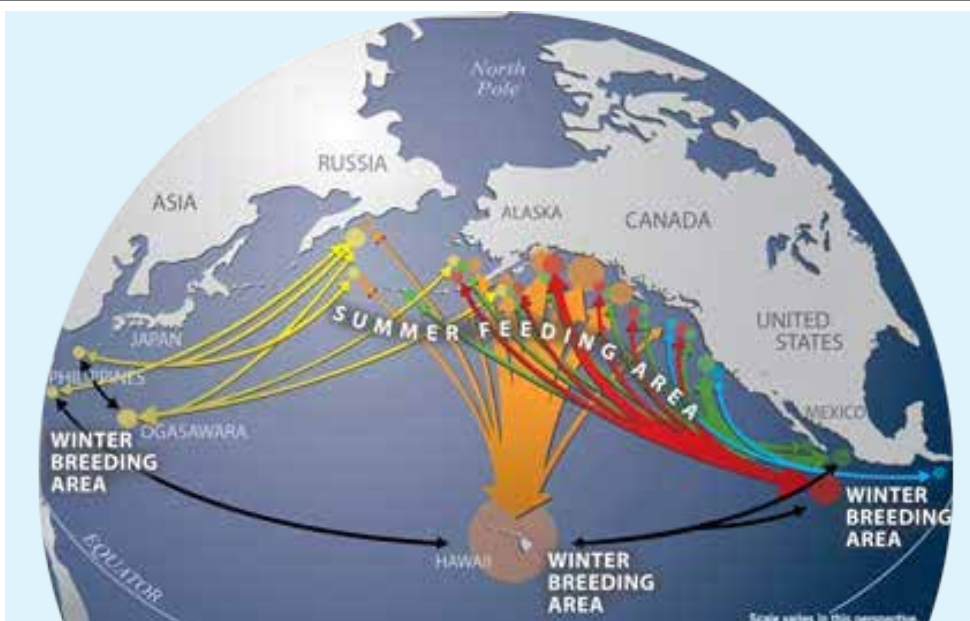
**Tūtū & Me Traveling Preschool**, free classes Mon/Wed, Nā'ālehu Community Center; Tue/Thu, Pāhala Community Center; 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. 929-8571

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

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

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

**Ocean View Nutrition Site and Senior Club**, hosts activities at St. Jude's Church on Mon/Wed/Fri from 8:30 a.m. and provides lunches 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for seniors 60+. Donations



## Humpback whales are headed here and to Japan and Mexico to winter. *Image from NOAA* **Humpback Whales Arrive to Give Birth, Raise Winter Calves**

Humpback whale season is here. Northern Pacific humpback whales are in nearshore waters, seen as early as late October. The humpbacks winter in southern waters from western Mexico to Hawai'i and islands in southern Japan. They give birth and raise their calves until they leave in Spring, when they swim to northern waters to feed all Summer. According to a Hawaiian Island Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary statement: "Scientists estimate that approximately 12,000 humpback whales migrate from their high-latitude feeding grounds off Alaska to breed, calve and nurse their young each year in Hawai'i's warm waters. The majority will be here between January and March – the peak of the whale season."

The Sanctuary reports that the humpbacks "have increased in numbers since the days they were hunted. While Hawai'i's iconic humpback whales are no longer protected by the Endangered Species Act, threats and concerns still exist and protections are still afforded by different state and federal agencies, including Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary."

Staff at the Sanctuary warn that, "Collisions between whales and vessels occur annually and these events present serious risks to boaters as well as the whales. Whale calves are vulnerable to vessel strikes because they are difficult to see as they rest just under the surface. Young whales also must surface more frequently."

Ocean users are required to keep a safe distance and refrain from approaching humpback whales within 100 yards by any means – in a vessel, on a surfboard or swimming. While these annual visitors attract wildlife enthusiasts, they also pose safety hazards to ocean users "when

these 45-ton marine mammals surface, breach or slap their massive tails or flippers."

Entanglement is another major threat to humpback whales, cautions the Marine Sanctuary, which receives dozens of reports of whales entangled in gear each whale season. "While large whales are not in immediate risk of drowning, entanglement may result in starvation, physical trauma, infections, and may contribute to ship strikes since the animals are less mobile."

Hawaiian Islands Large Whale Entanglement Response Network formed in 2002 to support response efforts and to learn more about sources and impacts of entanglements to humpback whales and other marine animals. The network partners with state and federal agencies, including the state Department of Land and Natural Resources, NOAA Fisheries Pacific Islands Regional Office, the U.S. Coast Guard, private non-governmental organizations, fishermen, researchers, and other individuals.

While public help is appreciated, "People who haven't been authorized should not try to help an entangled or otherwise injured whales," warns sanctuary staff. Instead, maintain the required safe distance and call the NOAA Marine Mammal Hotline at (888) 256-9840, or the U.S. Coast Guard on VHF channel 16 immediately. "Ocean users can play an important role, by reporting and providing information and images of the animal and threat. Prompt reporting is the best way to help a distressed humpback whale."

If reporting a suspected approach violation, call NOAA Fisheries Enforcement Hotline at (800) 853-1964. Additional guidelines and safety tips can be found at: hawaiiwhale.noaa.gov.



**Humpback whales are back to give birth and raise calves.**  
*Photo by Flip Nicklin/Minden Pictures/NOAA*

requested.

**Zhineng Qigong**, Mon, 2 – 4 p.m., Cooper Center in Volcano Village. \$10 suggested donation. alohachigong@gmail.com

**A Walk into the Past**, Tue (except Oct 4), 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 2 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center and Whitney Vault in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Ka'ū resident Dick Hershberger brings Hawaiian Volcano Observatory founder Thomas Jaggar to life.

**Ka'ū Driver License Office**, Tue/Wed by appointment. 854-7214

**Family Movie Matinee**, Tue, 3 p.m., Nā'ālehu Public Library. Free movies plus free popcorn. 939-2442

**Family History/Genealogy Workshops**, Tue, 4 – 6 p.m., Nā'ālehu Mormon Church. Theresa Ducret presents free, online workshops. Appointments at 238-6221.

**Basic Computer & Internet Classes**, Tue, 5:30 & 6 p.m., Pāhala Public & School Library. Debbie, 928-2015

**Kanikapila Jam Sessions**, Tue, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. 967-8222

**Ka'ū Farmers Market**, Wed, 8 a.m. – noon, Shaka's Restaurant in Nā'ālehu. Produce, Hawaiiana, arts and crafts, fresh baked goods.

**Nā'ālehu Market**, Wed/Sat, 6:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Ace Hardware. Produce and locally made products.

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

**Ka Lena Na Keiki O Ka'ū**, Wed, 4 – 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Nonprofit Family Support Hawai'i sponsors this free talent group, with Chassie Cantiberos teaching song and dance. 430-7886

**Game Night**, Wed, 6:30 – 9 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. Fun games & great conversation. Open to the public. Pofluck first Wednesday of each month begins at 5:30 p.m.; bring a favorite dish for six. Sheri, 929-9258

**Paneurthy**, Thu, 9 a.m., Kahuku Park. Free walking circle dance that improves health, balance & spiritual development. Lisa Shock, 990-7729

**Ka Lae Quilters**, Thu, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. 238-0505

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

**Crafts & Coloring**, Thu, 3 – 6 p.m., Nā'ālehu Library. For all ages. 939-2442

**Free Dinner**, Thu, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Bring a can; have a meal. Everyone welcome; volunteers needed. Donations accepted c/o OVCC. 939-7033

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

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

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

**Art Fridays**, 1 – 2 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 – 12. 929-9113

**Ka'ū 'Ohana Band Rehearsals**, Fri, 4 p.m., St. Jude's Church in Ocean View. Instruments provided; no experience necessary. Ka'ū School of the Arts, 854-1540 or info@kauarts.org

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

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

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

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## Sen. Hirono to Ka'ū Learning Academy: Every Kid in A Park

Ka'ū Learning Academy students, standing on the summit of an erupting Kīlauea, received their free Every Kid in a Park pass in November from Sen. Mazie K. Hirono. Park Superintendent Cindy Orlando and park rangers and Hirono greeted Ka'ū Learning Academy students at Kīlauea Overlook.

The students traveled 41 miles from their charter school campus in Discovery

Harbour to hike with the Senator along Crater Rim Trail to the observation deck at Jaggar Museum. Each student learned about the volcano and earned an Every Kid in a Park pass.

The Every in Kid in a Park program is part of President Barack Obama's program to protect iconic outdoor spaces and ensure that every American has the opportunity to visit them. In its second year, it gives fourth graders and those accompanying them, a free pass for a year to visit 2,000 public lands and waters nationwide – including



Ka'ū Learning Academy students learn about Kīlauea volcano from Sen. Mazie Hirono and park rangers. *NPS Photo by Janice Wei*

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

“Senator Hirono is a dedicated advocate of education for Hawai'i youth, and fully embraces Every Kid in a Park,” said Orlando. “The Ka'ū students who hiked with her today not only met one of Hawai'i's senators, but were able to spend quality time



Fourth graders from Ka'ū Learning Academy display their free Every Kid in a Park passes at Jaggar Museum. *NPS Photo by Janice Wei*

outdoors with someone who truly advocates for our keiki and national parks.”

The students took photos with Hirono, and witnessed surges of lava spattering from a vent within Halema'uma'u Crater, one mile away. “My favorite thing was seeing the volcano,” said nine-year-old T'rael Pesnell, who took photos of his classmate posing with the eruption behind him.

Hirono also presented the national park with Senate Resolution 541, proclaiming Aug. 1, 2016 as Hawai'i Volcanoes and Haleakalā National Parks Day, to honor the parks' centennial anniversaries.

“As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, the Every Kid in a Park program promotes a lifelong appreciation for our environment and natural resources,” said Hirono.

Educators for all grades can learn more about the park's educational opportunities and curriculum on the park website: <https://www.nps.gov/havo/learn/education/index.htm>, and by calling the Education Center at 985-6019.

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**Ka'ū Coast Preserved, cont. from pg. 4**

The County plans to work with stakeholders in the community to come up with

state and county are going to be stewards of the land and resources then they have a responsibility to take whatever measures

available to everyone, including senior citizens with passenger vehicles. I've seen the effects of limiting access in coastal areas to four-wheel drive vehicles and the segment of the population using those vehicles can be pretty messy and destructive, too. Public money has been used to acquire the property and the public, all of the public, have

the right to enjoy the benefits of that expenditure. It won't happen, but it should."

Keoni Fox replied: "If the road is improved, how do we mitigate the impacts of increased use on cultural and natural resources? Dumping of trash and abandoned vehicles is already an issue."



The land with white boundary line is the Kahuku makai property just purchased by the County of Hawai'i below Ocean View with a mile of Ka'ū Coast. Map from County of Hawai'i

a management plan not only for the care of the land, its shoreline with Hawksbill turtle nesting sites, its anchialine ponds, geologic features, cave network and archaeological and cultural sites. The management team and community will come up with a plan to locate and steward public access for fishing, hiking and other recreational uses. Access will include the unpaved, high-clearance, four-wheel drive Road to the Sea, which extends to the ocean, bordering the property.

necessary to do that. If 'protection' is the top priority, then block all access without special permits or make reasonable access

Comments coming into *The Ka'ū Calendar* Facebook page have supported the purchase: Jamie Sing Kawauchi wrote: "Mahalo nui loa to Deborah Ward, Tanya Masaniai Ibarra, many other Ka'ū communities members, islandwide supporters from beyond our boundaries, Hawai'i County Property Management team, Kamana Ventura and Alexandra Kelepolo and the Mayor, for all their kokua in making this happen!!!"

Some wrote with concerns about public access. Jeff Purser commented: "My point is the use of the term 'public access' is misleading. If it is going to be restricted access, then say so. If the

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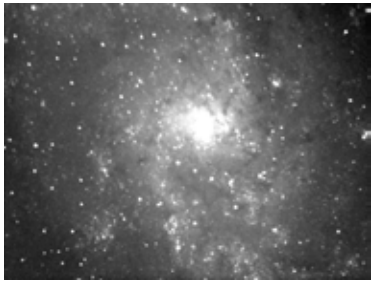
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# Stars over Ka'ū - December 2016

by Lew Cook

Earth passes through the winter solstice on December 21, the longest night of the year. Mars is the only planet visible at chart time, and as mentioned last month, won't set in the southwest before sunset until the end of next July. Venus shines brilliantly in the early evening. Jupiter rises late in the night about 3 hours before the sun on the morning of the 16th.



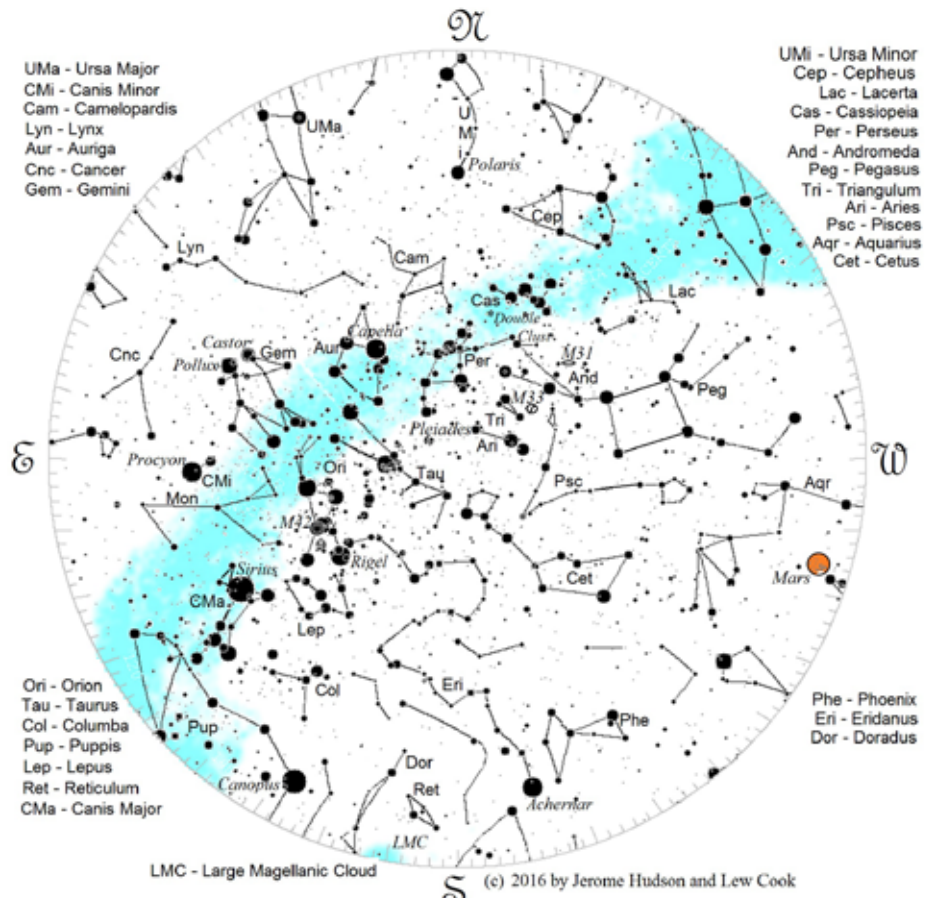
Here's Lew's shot of the Triangulum Galaxy – also known by the designation that Chas. Messier gave it – M33. This is the center half of the galaxy. You can clearly see the spiral arms formed by stars and gas clouds.

## Constellations

The winter constellations are showing themselves better this month. Perseus is crossing the meridian at chart time. The meridian is the imaginary line going from the north pole through directly overhead to the south pole in the ocean. Perseus,

slayer of the monster Medusa is high in the north, Taurus the bull is high in the east, Orion the hunter climbs higher in the East with his hunting dogs, Canis Major (Big Dog) and Canis Minor (Little Dog) Auriga the Charioteer is further north in the sky. King Cepheus, a faint constellation in an otherwise rich part of the Milky Way, is hardly noticeable. Queen Cassiopeia sits on her throne on the meridian. There is a myth about Orion because he was killed by a sting of the scorpion, he avoids any further encounter with

Scorpio by positioning himself directly opposite it in the sky.



The star chart is produced from a sky Atlas program written by Jerry Hudson, who has given us permission to publish it. Thanks, Jerry!  
**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 about 11:00 p.m. early in the month, about 10:00 p.m. mid-month, and 9:00 p.m. late in the month. Keep this page handy and show it to your keiki next month. They probably have bed times before the time of the chart shown here. The constellations are presented with their 3-letter abbreviations, with (often) their common names shown in the margins. Constellations near the meridian have their names shown. Stars as faint as magnitude 6 are shown. 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!

## Deep Sky Objects

The dark of the moon (new moon) or before moonrise or after moonset are good times to take a look at deep space objects. Take a look at the Triangulum Galaxy, located in the small constellation of Triangulum. It is shown as M33 on the chart. Notice how close it is to the Great Andromeda Galaxy, and is believed to be a satellite galaxy of the Andromeda Galaxy. It is much, much smaller in appearance than the Andromeda galaxy. A really good and large pair of binoculars (or a 3-inch telescope) will show it nicely if you have a clear, dark sky.

Some of you may be surprised to learn that galaxies have satellites. An excellent example is just grazing our southern horizon - the Large Magellanic Cloud - LMC on our chart. It is the largest of the satellite galaxies. Another is the Small Magellanic Cloud. There are about 50 satellite galaxies of the Milky Way. Only two of these - the Magellanic Clouds are in any way noticeable.

## Saturdays Sunrise and Sunset times:

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Dec. 3, 2016	6:41 am	5:43 pm
Dec. 10	6:45 am	5:45 pm
Dec. 17	6:49 am	5:48 pm
Dec. 24	6:53 am	5:51 pm
Dec. 31	6:55 am	5:55 pm

I realized that the times for moon rising and setting probably weren't useful, so I have listed approximate times. I hope you aren't inconvenienced. If you prefer the old style, let us know.

## Moon Phases

Date.....	Moon Rise	Moon Set
<b>First Quarter</b>		
Dec. 6 .....	Mid-day	Midnight
<b>Full Moon</b>		
Dec. 13 .....	Sunset	Sunrise
<b>Last Quarter</b>		
Dec. 20 .....	Midnight	Mid-day
<b>New Moon</b>		
Dec. 28 .....	Sunrise	Sunset

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**Ka 'Ohana O Honu'apo, cont. from pg. 3** perpetuity."

A statement regarding new board member qualifications says:

"We are seeking individuals who care deeply about natural and cultural resources in Ka'ū and are aligned with our mission. Board membership requires time (approx. 10 hours/month) and quarterly in-person meetings and events. We are hoping for new members to bring new energy, passion, and perhaps certain skills that can help our orga-

nization grow and continue to share our mission. These include grant writing, communications, finances, web design, community networking and social media promotion."

Interested individuals can contact Ka 'Ohana at [kaohanaohonuapo@gmail.com](mailto:kaohanaohonuapo@gmail.com) for more info; they should include a short bio and a sentence or two about why they would like to join the board.

Find out more about Ka 'Ohana at: [www.honuapopark.org](http://www.honuapopark.org); and Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/KaOhanaOHonuapo](http://www.facebook.com/KaOhanaOHonuapo).

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## Loved Ones Remembered, Cardiac Assistance Donated to Ka'ū

A Thanksgiving week-end tradition, the sixth annual Floating Lantern Ceremony was scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 26 at Punalu'u Beach Park Medicine Pond. The annual gathering is sponsored by Ka'ū Rural Health Community Association, Ka'ū Resource & Distance Learning Center and founder Jessie Marques. Donations help a college scholarship fund for health careers.

Tax-deductible purchase of floating lanterns, t-shirts and photos also raised money.

The event featured community potluck, Taiko drummers, Gi Gon demonstration,

hula dancers and local music, followed by a special photo powerpoint presentation of loved ones, friends, families, caregivers



**Floating Lanterns have honored ancestors and friends for six years at Punalu'u.**



**Jessie Marques and Theresa Richardson receive a donation of an automated external defibrillator devices.**

*Photos from Ka'ū Rural Health Community Association*

and previous celebrations. The theme was "Honoring the Past, Present and Future Generations."

To donate to the scholarship fund for health careers, call 928-0101. See more at Ka'ū Rural Health Community Association's website <https://krhcai.com> and its facebook page.

### AED Donated

Ka'ū Rural Health Community Association staff, Executive Director Jessie Marques and Office Manager Theresa Richardson recently attended the Special AED Presentation hosted by Big Island Toyota in Hilo. As part

of the Be A Lifesaver Campaign partnership with Big Island Toyota Hilo and Kona, 20 free automated external defibrillator devices

were awarded to KRHCAI and other community non-profit organizations on the Big Island.

Lisa Rantz, Executive Director of Hilo Medical Center Foundation, planned to deliver the AED to KRHCAI upon completion

of training on the use of the AED, and training on chest compression-only CPR. For more information contact Marques, Program Coordinator Ka'ū Resource & Distance Learning Center at 928-0101, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Ka'ū Hospital Upgrades: Double-Check Bills

Ka'ū Hospital reports that its newly upgraded electronic medical record system has produced some errors. "During a recent upgrade of our system some bills for services received at our hospital may have gone out with incorrect information," reports Ka'ū Hospital Administrator Marilyn Harris. She asks that anyone receiving any bills in question, please contact the hospital. "Please let us know if you have received one of these. Our staff members are working hard to fix the problem and we apologize for the inconvenience," she said.

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# KA PEPA VOLCANO

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## Safe Harbor Proposed for 32,800 Acres Near Volcano

Keauhou and Kīlauea land given by Princess Ruth Ke'elikolani to Kamehameha Schools in 1883 is proposed for a Safe Harbor endangered species protection program. The plan was presented at a state Department of Land and Natural Resources public hearing in Volcano in November. Kamehameha Schools representatives and DLNR officials gave the details.

The 32,800 acres near Volcano border Kapāpala Forest Reserve, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Pu'u Maka'ala Natural Area Reserve, Mauna Loa Forest Reserve and Kipuka Ainahou Nēnē Sanctuary. The land would become the largest Safe Harbor for endangered species in the United States, if approved by DLNR and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, which would help Kamehameha Schools with the conservation management.

In its proposal, Kamehameha Schools touts its conservation management and stewardship practices that "have contributed to preserving some of the last remaining intact native forests in Hawai'i." Much of the Safe Harbor management style is already underway at Keauhou Forest and portions of Kīlauea Forest owned by KS. "The Kīlauea forest portion has never been logged and has

retained intact high quality habitat through fencing and ungulate removal efforts implemented by KS and partners."

The area is already under protection and restoration through a KS Natural Resources Management Plan. KS points out that it also "continues to provide educational opportunities through interactions with healthy native ecosystems now and for future generations."

Even with the care already provided, KS reports: "Only a small portion of the original Hawaiian avifauna known before human settlement have survived, and at least 13 historically known species that could have occurred in the Keauhou-Kīlauea region are now either extinct or have been extirpated from the area. The result is that only nine forest birds – 'Io, Hawai'i 'Elepaio, 'Ōma'ō, Hawai'i 'Amakihi, 'Akiapōlā'au, Hawai'i Creeper, Hawai'i 'Ākepa, 'I'iwi, and 'Apapane – persist in the Keauhou-Kīlauea region. The 'Ōpe'ape'a, or Hawaiian Hoary Bat, which is the only native terrestrial mammal present in the Hawaiian Islands, is also found at Keauhou from 4,000 to 6,000 feet in elevation.

Vegetation zones with endangered species include Montane Wet at 3,000 to 6,000 feet, with more than 75 inches of rain a



Wildlife that would be supported by the Safe Harbor program on 32,800 acres on Mauna Loa near Volcano. Photos from Kamehameha Schools

year, featuring 'ōhi'a and hapu'u forest and tall koa and 'ōhi'a forest; Montaine Mesic, between 3,000 and 6,000 feet with 50 to 75 inches of rain a year, featuring tall koa

and 'ōhi'a forest, with separate 'ōhi'a forest with understory native trees and other plants. It also includes a Subalpine zone, from 6,000

*Safe Harbor, pg. 15*

## Volcano Foundation Launches Food & Farm Tour, Scholarship

A Volcano Food and Farm fund-raising tour will be launched on Saturday, Jan. 14, sponsored by the non-profit Volcano Community Foundation. The tour visits three working farms:

A family-run farm with greenhouses raises leafy greens, herbs and berries for market.

A husband-and-wife flower farm raises orchids shipped all over the world and will provide a tour with a lesson on separating and repotting grown plants.

A farm with over 300 five-year-old tea plants demonstrates how the processing determines whether the tea is green, white, oolong or black, followed by a tea tasting.

Funds raised support a scholarship awarded each year to an outstanding high school senior from Volcano.

Marilyn Nicholson of the Volcano Community Foundation describes the Volcano area working farm environment: "Volcano's cool, wet climate and deep volcanic soils have long made it a popular place for small scale and niche agricultural products. Fruit trees, many vegetable crops, flowers, goats and cattle are still a way of life for many in this small




Farmer Jeff McCall at his vegetable stall in Volcano.



Picking tea at Hawai'i Tart Co.'s tea farm in Volcano.

upland community. Newer crops like grapes and tea are finding their place as well as developing a strong and expanding market."

The tour begins with a 9:15 a.m. check-in at Kīlauea Lodge, with car-pools to the farms. Comfortable walking shoes (it could be a bit muddy) and a rain jacket are recommended. The cost is \$45 per person which includes lunch. Registration is required through [volcanocommunity@gmail.com](mailto:volcanocommunity@gmail.com) or 967-7366.



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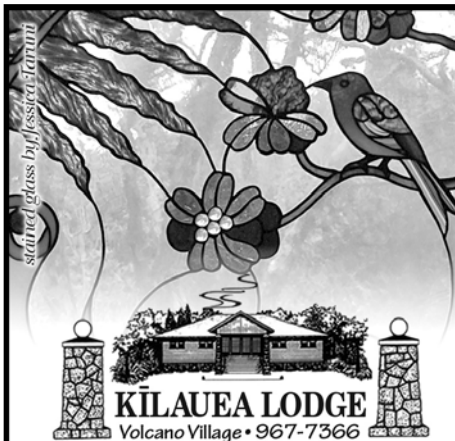
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Volunteers needed for our January Forest Restoration project. We will be planting native seedling trees on the Mauna Loa strip section of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. We will also learn about the park's native forest restoration program. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Patty Kupchak at [forest@fhvnp.org](mailto:forest@fhvnp.org) or call (808) 352-1402 by Monday evening, January 18. For more details you can visit [www.fhvnp.org](http://www.fhvnp.org).

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## Water Bottling Plant, cont. from pg. 2

afford to live where there is clean municipal water, but the poor must buy bottled water or travel to spigots—a scenario found not only in third world countries, but also in Hawai'i Island communities with catchment water.”

Sierra Club also brought up plastics: “Single-use plastic water bottles have significant environmental impacts.” Sierra Club pointed to *National Geographic* statistics for the U.S.: “In 2015, we bought the equivalent of 1.7 billion half-liter bottles of water every week...A typical family of four is going through one of those shrink-wrapped 24-packs of bottled water each week.” Sierra Club referenced *The Huffington Post* reporting for the U.S.: “It takes three bottlefuls of water to produce one finished bottle of water. Most of the waste water from production is

contaminated and cannot be reused.” Bottling water also takes energy. “Fifty million barrels of oil a year—enough to run three million cars for a year—are used to pump, process, transport and refrigerate our bottled water.”

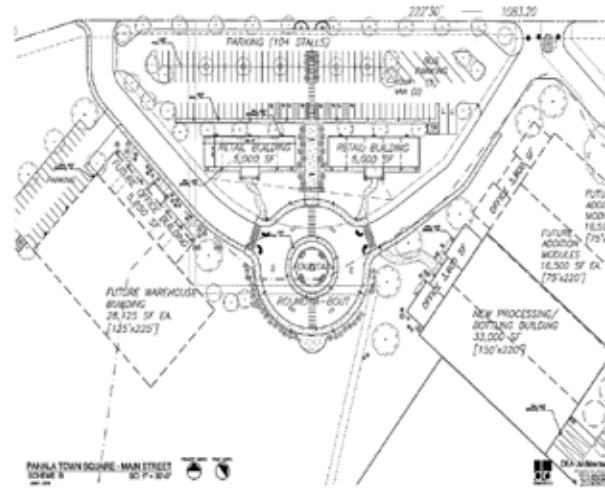
Sierra Club pointed out that “80 percent of water bottles—38 billion a year—end up in landfills, not recycle bins, costing taxpayers money. Often caps can't be recycled. The PET (polyethylene terephthalate) from bottles doesn't biodegrade, but breaks down into tiny fragments. These absorb pollutants, which can contaminate water and the food chain,” stated the Sierra Club.

The environmental organization also pointed to potential health risks, quoting Worldwatch Institute, which reported: “The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which regulates bottled water at the federal level,

permits the product to contain certain levels of fecal matter, whereas the Environmental Protection Agency does not

**Safe Harbor, cont. from pg. 14** feet to 9,000 feet with pioneer vegetation on younger lava flows, dry native shrub with scattered 'ōhi'a, forested kipuka and dry 'ōhi'a forest.

Care of the land will in-



**Plans along Maile Street include parking, retail buildings, a warehouse (unlabeled at bottom right) and bottling facility. Image from Hawai'i County Planning Department.**

allow any human waste in city tap water. Bottled water violations are not always reported to the public, and in most cases the products may be recalled up to 15 months after the problematic water was produced, distributed, and sold.”

“Plastic can leach into the water, and bacteria can grow in the porous plastic if the bottle is reused,” stated the letter to the Planning Department. The letter also pointed out that, “Concerns over bottled water have led to bans by six cities, 22 national parks, and over a dozen colleges and universities.”

Sierra Club stated that local benefits from the proposed water bottling facility are unclear. “Hawaiian Springs owner Albert Kam said, ‘We're here to provide jobs...’ but declined to estimate how many.” Sierra Club reported that in 2014, Hawaiian Springs was shipping water out of Hawai'i to over 4,000 stores in Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Canada, and Asia. It also has a water bottling facility in Kea'au.

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clude forest restoration, involving out-planting of common native and rare species and improvement of exiting forested areas to increase biodiversity and native forest cover. Predator control will reduce impacts of feral cats, mongooses and rats on the endangered Hawaiian crow, if necessary. Feral dogs will be removed to protect nēnē and other species covered by the agreement.

Koa silviculture will create new forest in formerly logged areas and degraded pastures, increase soil-water retention capacity and provide nesting and foraging habitat for Hawaiian forest birds, the Hawaiian Hawk and

the Hawaiian Hoary Bat.

To keep out pigs, goats and sheep, KS will maintain fence lines in Keauhou and Kilauea. The KS fence lines were designed for zero tolerance of feral ungulates. A weed control program will suppress faya, ginger, strawberry guava, Himalayan raspberry and other invasives. A program to prevent rapid 'ōhi'a death from destroying trees will continue.

See more of the plan: [dlnr.hawaii.gov/wildlife/files/2013/10/ks-sha.pdf](http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wildlife/files/2013/10/ks-sha.pdf). Comments can be sent to [katherine.cullison@hawaii.gov](mailto:katherine.cullison@hawaii.gov) by Dec. 22.

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# Sunny Beaches Wins Cover for *The Directory*, Chamber Scholarships

Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce winner for *The Directory* 2017 cover was announced Nov. 19 at the *Beauty of Ka'ū* art show held at Nā'ālehu Hongwanji. The People's Choice award, chosen by popular vote, will become the cover art for the annual community business and resource guide. The image is a quilt by Reta Hill, of Discovery Harbour, called *Sunny Beaches*.

Deadline to submit information and ad-

vertising for *The Directory* is Dec. 15. *The Directory* advertising and donations allow the Chamber to provide numerous scholarships to Ka'ū residents seeking higher education. The Chamber follows students through colleges, universities and trade schools during their educational career, providing scholarships year after year.

To support *The Directory* and the scholarship fund, email [geneveve.fyvie@gmail.com](mailto:geneveve.fyvie@gmail.com).

com for an application. To apply for a scholarship, email [lee@leemcintosh.org](mailto:lee@leemcintosh.org).

Best of Show went to Thomas King, of Honu'apo, for his ambitious *Kamalu's Marimba*, an increasingly popular musical instrument. His creation was carefully crafted from Eucalyptus wood for the frame and Kiawe for the tone bars. He also took first place with his marimba in the Woodworking category.

The marimba is a percussion instrument consisting of a set of wooden bars struck with mallets to produce musical tones. Resonators suspended underneath the bars amplify their sound. The skill is not only in crafting the tonebars and resonators, but the tune they produce.

Hill, in addition to winning the People's Choice award for her large attention-catching creation called *Sunny Beaches*, also won the quilting category. Although she has been quilting for eight to nine years, this was the first time she had entered a competition. "I love palm trees, so had fun creating the ones for this quilt. I added some beach chairs and surfboards to make it more beach-like," explained Hill. "I used only two kinds



*Sunny Beaches*, a quilt by Reta Hill, will grace the cover of *The Directory* 2017.



Best in Show is from Honu'apo woodworker Thomas King for his *Kamalu's Marimba*.

Photos by Ron Johnson

of fabric – both with batik-looking patterns – that I was able to buy in a fabric store".

Nancy Stafford, who assisted with the art show provided the following results to *The Ka'ū Calendar*:

Painting: First place: Lynn VanLeeuwen, Second place Masako Sakata, Third place Alice Hosticka; Quilting – First place Reta Hill, Second place Kaaren Hughes, Third place Alice Hosticka; Sculpture – First place Olivia Ling, Second place Don Elwing; Photography – First place Ann Bosted, Second place Betty Clark, Third place Kiko Johnston-Kitazawa; Woodworking – First place Thomas King, Second place Susan Jennings, Third place: Don Elwing; Graphics – First place Susan Jennings, Second place Jennifer Kampf, Third place Peter and Ann Bosted;

Crafts – First place C.S. Tucker; Lei – First place Eric DePeralta; Jewelry – First place Nancy Stafford; Weaving – First place Alan Stafford; Keiki – First place Charlotte Crysdale and Youth – First place: Dion Beavins.

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