

# Green Focuses on Homelessness, Living Wage, Environment & Safety

West Ka'ū's state Sen. Josh Green in January released an outline of his bills and goals for 2017 and the current session of the Hawai'i Legislature. Green, a physician who started his medical career in Hawai'i at Ka'ū Hospital, represents Honu'apo to Kona in the Hawai'i Senate. Here are the issues he is tackling at the 2017 Hawai'i Legislature.

**Homelessness as a Healthcare Condition:** Green's Senate Bill 2 classifies chronic homelessness as a medical condition and would allow a doctor to write a homeless patient a prescription for housing. "Chronic homelessness exacerbates pre-existing illnesses, and a recent Hawai'i-based study found that health care costs for

chronically homeless people dropped 43 percent when they had decent housing for an uninterrupted six-month period. Housing is healthcare, and if we begin to conceptualize homelessness as a health condition, we can treat it effectively and compassionately," said Green

**A Living Wage:** Senate Bill 14 incrementally raises the minimum wage in Hawai'i to \$15 an hour by 2023. Hawai'i has the highest cost of living in the nation, "and 200,000 of our residents are only two to three missed paychecks away from economic crisis, leaving them vulnerable to joining the ranks of those who cannot afford housing, food or medicine for their families. A living



Green Focus, pg. 4 Sen. Josh Green lobbies for healthy environment.

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## Hawai'i's Multiethnic Leaders Respond to New President

Into the first month of the first term of U.S. President Donald Trump, Hawai'i's governor, congressional delegation and other elected and appointed officials pledged to protect the aloha, peacefulness and tolerance of Hawai'i's multicultural society which has long set a good example for sister United States of America.



Gov. David Ige

Gov. David Ige and state Attorney General Doug Chin objected to the Trump administration's attitude in profiling and detainment of refugees and others entering the United States.



AG Doug Chin

The Hawai'i Attorney General signed on with 17

Attorney Generals from other states in late January to say, "As the chief legal officers for over 131 million Americans and foreign residents of our states, we condemn President Trump's unconstitutional, un-American and unlawful Executive Order and will work together to ensure the federal government obeys the Constitution, respects our history as a nation of immigrants, and does not unlawfully target anyone because of their national origin or faith.



Sen. Mazie Hirono

"Religious liberty has been, and always

*Multiethnic, pg. 16*



Lava stream pours out of a lava tube on the sea cliff at Kamokuna ocean entry in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, which is drawing record numbers of visitors to see Madame Pele. Photo from USGS

## Sen. Mazie Hirono to Stand Strong with National Parks



Interaction of molten lava flowing into cool seawater causes pulsating littoral explosions with spatter thrown high into the air. This and an unstable cliff with the earth cracking are creating hazardous conditions. Photo from USGS

Standing up for the National Park Service is one of Sen. Mazie Hirono's missions. In the U.S. Senate, she represents communities that include Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail and other parks in Ka'ū and beyond.

Hirono said that she will stand behind the National Park Service and scientific agencies in government to protect their employees' free speech about their research and their scientific findings. She said that she is concerned the administration of new President Donald Trump could thwart scientific research and hold back on dealing with climate change.

Said Hirono, "Since day one of his Presidency, Donald Trump has attacked the National Park Service for telling the

*Hirono Stand, pg. 10*

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# KA'U BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE

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## Truth in Labeling Bill for Local Coffee Passes Ag Committee

Truth in labeling requirements for Hawaiian coffees passed the state House of Representatives Agriculture Committee in January. The bill, if it passes the state Legislature, would require declaration in the labeling of the amount of locally grown coffee, like Ka'ū or Kona, and the amount of imported coffee in the coffee bag or coffee drink.

HB256 would require coffee blend labels to disclose regional origins and percent by weight of the blended coffees and would prohibit using geographic origins of coffee in labeling or advertising for roasted or instant coffee that contains less than 51 percent of coffee by weight from the geographic area described on the label.

During a public hearing on the issue and opposing the bill, Roger Kaiwi, of Royal Kona Coffee, represented the Kona



Alexander Calumpit with his award-winning 100 percent Ka'ū Coffee.

Coffee Council, which he said is 200 farmers-strong. He said the industry is thriving with farm-gate values as high or higher than ever. He said that new rules would hurt the industry. "We cannot police what we have already," he said. He said that the coffee industry could end up like eggs and dairy, "and we are going to put enough rules on ourselves to put us out of business."

Kaiwi said that blended coffee is needed to make Hawaiian coffees affordable to sell to a large segment of the market, including visitors. "If we are looking for omiyages and makanas, most people want to take a piece of Hawai'i coffee back with them at affordable prices." Regarding the Kona brand, he said that if farmers are prohibited from using the Kona name on their coffees that are less than 51 percent Kona, "we'll lose McDonalds (using 10 percent Kona blend), all the hotels and all the restaurants (using 10 percent Kona blend). These people would

no longer be able to sell their product."

Ka'ū's state Rep. Richard Creagan, who chairs the House Agriculture Committee, said that Hawai'i County Council supports the truth-in-labeling bill and that it is also supported by the Hawai'i Democratic Party. The Kona Coffee Farmers Organization, with more than 400 members, offered a petition supporting the bill and states on its website: "Our petition asks that the Hawai'i County Council's request for truth-coffee-labeling be enacted into State Law. The appreciators of genuine Kona coffee are our most enthusiastic supporters. Voices from

*Truth in Labeling, pg. 3*

## Farm Bureau Meeting Feb. 15

Ka'ū Farm Bureau has set its first meeting of 2017 for Wednesday, Feb. 15 at the auxiliary room at the new gymnasium in Pāhala at 6 p.m. Election of new officers is planned for the meeting, said Ka'ū Farm Bureau President Brenda Iokepa-Moses. She is attending the National Association of Conservation Districts meeting in Denver until Feb. 1, representing the state of Hawai'i.

## Bill Would Keep Big Solar Farms Out of Ag-Zone Neighborhoods

A bill that would keep utility-scale solar farms out of residential communities zoned Agriculture passed its first reading in the state House of Representatives in January.

The bill would modify law that allows solar installations on all Agriculture-zoned land (except land with the best soil) without a county permit. The bill is supported by Ka'ū's Rep. Richard Creagan, who has opposed the industrialization of residential communities that are zoned Agriculture in spite of the fact that the subdivisions were created for homes.

Also supporting the bill are Reps. Beth Fukumoto, Cedric Gates, Linda Ichiyama, Sam Kong, Matthew PoPresti, and Gregg Takama.

The town of Ocean View, the most populous in the Ka'ū District, is composed of seven subdivisions, all zoned Agriculture. An estimated 7,000 people live in Ocean View. There are also an estimated 14 non-conforming old subdivisions in the



Rep. Richard Creagan is lobbying for a bill to prevent industrialization of neighborhoods, like those in Ocean View where solar farms are planned.

Puna District, which are home to thousands of people. They are termed "non-conforming" because they do not conform to modern subdivision standards and rely on catchment systems for water, and often have substandard roads.

Most of the subdivisions were created in the 1960s and 1970s when the county and state did not require developers to cover

*Solar Farms, pg. 6*

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# KA PEPA PĀHALA

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## Miss Ka'ū Coffee Seeks Princesses, a Queen for May 13 Pageant

The 2017 Ka'ū Coffee Pageant is set for Saturday, May 13 at Ka'ū Coffee Mill at 6 p.m. Pageant Director Trini Marques has announced four divisions and Ka'ū girls and young women are invited to participate.

Miss Ka'ū Coffee Flower is for keiki girls three to five years of age and will be judged on Interview, Character Outfit, and Evening Gown.

Miss Ka'ū Peaberry is for young ladies, six to ten years of age and will be judged on Interview, Character Outfit, Evening Gown and Talent.

Junior Miss Ka'ū Coffee is for teen girls 11 to 15 years of age and will be judged on Interview, Hobby Outfit, Talent and Evening Gown.

Miss Ka'ū Coffee is for young women 16 to 25 years of age and will be judged on Interview, Hobby Outfit, Evening Gown, Talent and Swimsuit.

Applications are available at Punalu'u Bake Shop, Long's Drugs in Pāhala, Ka'ū Coffee Mill, Will & Grace Store, and DJ's Pizza.

Deadline to enter is April 15.



Miss Ka'ū Coffee Court for 2016.

Photo by Pam Taylor

## Annual Ka'ū Coffee Festival Set for the Weeks of May 13-28

The annual Ka'ū Coffee Festival has been set to run through three weekends and a week in May.

The festival begins with the Miss Ka'ū Coffee Pageant on Saturday, May 13 at Ka'ū Coffee Mill. The kickoff Pa'ina and Open House for the festival is set for Friday, May 19 at Pāhala Plantation House. On Saturday, May 20 is the annual Ka'ū Coffee Recipe Contest at Ka'ū Coffee Mill – recipes invited, followed by Stargazing on Monday, May 22 at Makanao.

On Wednesday and Thursday, May 24

and 25 are two opportunities to go on the Ka'ū Mountain Water System Hike on Edmund C. Olson Trust Lands.

On Saturday, May 2 is the main event, the Ka'ū Coffee Festival Ho'olaule'a at Ka'ū Community Center and its surrounding grounds, with coffee tasting, Ka'ū Coffee sales, food and educational booths and entertainment all day. On Sunday, May 28 is the Ka'ū Coffee College.

Check the website at [kaucoffeefest.com](http://kaucoffeefest.com) for more information and schedule updates.

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the mainland and from around the world will help remind our state Legislators that deceiving visitors is not a good way to gen-

erate goodwill and tourism for Hawai'i."

Carol Weaver, of Pau Hana Estate, LLC in Captain Cook, sent written testimony saying local coffee farmers "have suffered economic losses, and the reputations of Hawai'i coffee have been damaged because state law permits the use of Hawai'i coffee names on packages containing 90 percent foreign-grown coffee... Hawai'i need to protect the economic interests of its farmers and the reputation and integrity of their crops."

## Māmaki Tea from Wood Valley Makes State of the State Address

Māmaki tea, grown in Wood Valley, made the State of the State address by Gov. David Ige in January. The māmaki cultivated above Pāhala is the major component of Shaka Tea, a start-up by Bella Hughes and her husband Harrison Rice, which the governor gave as an example of a local success story.

Ige said that "Bella and Harrison have taken māmaki leaves, grown in Pāhala on Hawai'i Island, and used them to grow an exciting new local company. The benefits of the māmaki plant, native to and found only in Hawai'i, are well known among native Hawaiians. Recent studies by



Mamaki tea from Wood Valley. Photo from Shaka Tea

dress. After the speech, Harrison Rice told *The Ka'ū Calendar*, "We are humbled" by the governor's recognition.

According to [www.shakatea.com](http://www.shakatea.com) the māmaki tea grown in Wood Valley is available in various flavors. "We start our crisp, refreshing Hawaiian iced teas with handpicked Māmaki leaves cultivated in the mineral-rich, volcanic soil on the foothills of Mauna Loa. Our brews are then naturally sweetened with organic juices and flavored with fruit purees for a touch of tropical flavor... which means they're all made without any added sugar."

According to the Shaka Tea company, "Peer-reviewed university studies show māmaki contains antioxidants including catechins, chlorogenic acid and rutin, as well as macro and micro minerals, including: potassium, calcium, magnesium, copper, iron and zinc."

The labeling of Shaka Tea celebrates communities around the state with blends called Hilo, Honoka'a and Koloa. On this island it is sold at Abundant Life Natural Foods, Choice Mart, Island Naturals in Kona and Hilo, all five KTA Super Stores and all Matsuyama Markets. See more at [www.shakatea.com](http://www.shakatea.com).

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# Campaign Report: Those Who Spend the Most Don't Always Win

Money used by candidates in the 2016 elections in Hawai'i is detailed in the state's latest campaign spending report, showing that those who spend the most do not always win. Last year, 20 percent of all winning candidates statewide were outspent by their closest spending opponents.

Harry Kim stands out. He was elected Mayor of Hawai'i County after spending the least among the major candidates and also drawing the most votes.

The report released by the state Campaign Spending Commission shows that Kim spent \$13,805 and received 20,636 votes, which represents 67 cents per vote. By contrast, runner-up Wally Lau spent \$200,068 and received 9,965 votes, meaning he spent \$20.08 per vote. It was the greatest spending disparity in all contests last year.

The report also shows that third-placed candidate Pete Hoffmann spent \$29,377 and



Mayor Harry Kim

garnered 4,235 votes or \$6.94 per vote, while fourth-placed candidate Marlene Hapai spent \$41,464 and received 2,508 votes, or \$16.53 per vote. The remaining nine candidates all spent less than \$5,000 and received less than 1,000 votes.

As a group, the 13 candidates for mayor received \$282,731 and spent \$293,459.

In the race for Prosecuting Attorney, incumbent Mitch Roth won after spending \$42,284 and garnering 24,341 votes, or \$1.75 per vote. His challenger Michael Kagami spent \$30,678 and received 11,057 votes, or \$2.77 per vote.

The 20 candidates who ran for nine county council seats received a total of \$353,310 and spent \$281,137. Among the big spenders were Susan Lee Loy (\$58,660) and Moana Hokoana-Kelii (40,031), both in District III. Loy won District III with votes that cost her \$13.33 each, while Hokoana-Kelii's votes cost her \$13.30

each. Herbert Richards spent \$33,111 to win the District VIII race, with 2,198 votes. Those were the most expensive in the County Council race, costing him \$15.06 per vote. None of the remaining 17 candidates spent more than \$25,000 each. Competing for the District VI seat in order to represent Ka'ū was incumbent Maile David, who spent \$4,404 to get 2,356 votes, which won her the seat for \$1.87 per vote. Her challenger, Raina Whiting, spent \$5,267 for 1,299 votes at a cost of \$4.06 each.

Among the 118 candidates for the state House of Representatives, the candidate who spent the most per vote was Democrat Diedre Tegarden, in District 11. She spent \$103,273 and received 1,219 votes, costing a whopping \$84.72. She lost the race to the incumbent, Mark Ing, who spent \$45,042 for 5,835 votes, or \$7.72 per vote. Overall, the biggest spender was Sylvia Luke, the incumbent in District 25, who spent \$118,361 to win with 3,582 votes, or \$33.04 per vote.

Ka'ū state Rep. Richard Creagan spent \$7,520 and won with 6,176 votes at a cost of \$1.22 per vote. His opponent of record, Michael Last from the Libertarian Party, spent

no money and garnered 1,766 votes in District V. Creagan is one of only six House candidates to receive over 6,000 votes, which puts him in the top five percentile among the 118 candidates for seats in the House. The state Senate race fielded 37 candidates competing for the 14 contested seats. Sen. Josh Green, who represents western Ka'ū, was not up for re-election. Sen. Russell Ruderman, the incumbent for eastern Ka'ū, spent \$73,901 to get 11,664 votes, or \$6.34 per vote, and won the seat. His first opponent Greggor Ilagan spent \$48,474 to win 3,580 votes at a cost of \$13.54 each. Ruderman's second opponent, Libertarian Frederick Fogel, spent \$25 and won 2,488 votes, or one penny per vote.



Maile David

Photo by Ann Bosted

## Green Focus, cont. from pg. 1

wage is the right thing to do," said Green.

**Starting Salary for Teachers:** SB 176 establishes a minimum starting salary of \$55,000 for Hawai'i's teachers. This measure also restricts class size to 18 students per teacher. "Given the teacher shortage in Hawai'i, it is imperative that we recruit high quality, capable teachers to educate our keiki and compensate them fairly for the important work that they do," said Green.

**Decriminalization of Marijuana:** SB 16 decriminalizes the possession of one ounce or less of marijuana and creates a civil penalty of no more than \$250 for possession of marijuana on school property or open possession in a school zone. "The

decriminalization of marijuana will keep numerous non-violent people in possession of marijuana out of jail and prevent their records from being marred with a criminal drug offense," said Green.

**Environmental Protection:** SB 19 requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a mandatory disclosure program for pesticide use.

SB 29 establishes pesticide buffer zones for sensitive areas like schools and playgrounds. "The number of large-scale, outdoor, commercial agricultural operations in Hawai'i has been increasing, and with that there has been an increase in restricted use pesticides into our environment. The public has a right to know the chemical make-up of

these pesticides to better evaluate the effects on the environment and if the risks merit the usage. Additionally, we have an obligation to the most vulnerable among us to keep these potentially harmful chemicals away from sensitive populations," said Green.

**Public Safety:** SB 18 lowers the legal blood alcohol limit for driving under the influence from .08 percent to .05 percent. Green points out that nations and states with BAC laws of 0.05 percent have up to 50 percent fewer alcohol related serious injuries and deaths. "This could save the lives of more than 50 Hawai'i residents every year and help us avoid 4,000 serious injuries. As

an ER physician, this is a personal priority for me to pass," said Green.

SB 178 mandates wearing a helmet for riders of motorcycles, mopeds and scooters. "A helmet can mean the difference between life and death in a motor vehicle accident. Just like seat belts are mandatory because they save lives in cars, helmets save lives on motorcycles and mopeds," said Green.

For more information on any of the measures listed by Green, go to [JoshGreen.org/PriorityBills2017](http://JoshGreen.org/PriorityBills2017). He can also be followed on Twitter and Facebook for frequent updates on issues he is working on this session.

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## All Keiki Win at Ninth Annual OKK Fishing Tournament

The Ninth Annual Keiki Fishing Tournament in January at Punalu'u was graced with good weather and relatively calm seas compared to the forecast of high waves and rain.

Hundreds of children entered and won prizes and a free lunch for all the fishing contestants and their families. The tournament, held at Punalu'u Beach, along the black sand and rocky shoreline, is in its ninth year, sponsored by the community service group 'O Ka'ū Kākou and led by Guy Enriques and Wayne Kawachi.

Keiki used barbless hooks and the event was catch and release. It also included a food drive, some lessons in good fishing practices and conservation.



Rylan Egusa, Hanalei Baji and Dana Jo Akana won the most fish caught in their individual age groups at the Keiki Fishing Tournament at Punalu'u.

Photos by Lee McIntosh



Largest Kupipi in the three age groups were caught by Aliyah Gacayan, Desirae Barrios and Stysen Navar at the Keiki Fishing Tournament at Punalu'u.



Largest Aholehole in three age groups were caught by Malika Straface, Wade Baji and Kaleb Cohen.



Poles for 'O Ka'ū Kākou's Keiki Fishing Tournament at Punalu'u Beach Park.

Photo by Peter Anderson



Largest hinalea in three age groups were caught by Chazhahtee-Ann Cabrera, Hanalei Keaiaahia and Pablo Roura-Giddings at the Keiki Fishing Tournament at Punalu'u.



Largest Po'opa'a winners at the Keiki Fishing Tournament today at Punalu'u were caught by Kai Ornelas, Loea Kaupu and Makaayla Fukanaga Aiwohi.



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#### Girls Varsity Softball

- with Coach Donald Garo
- Wed, Feb 22, Pāhoa @ Ka'ū
  - Tue, Feb 28, Ka'ū @ Pāhoa
  - Thu, Mar 2, Kamehameha @ Ka'ū
  - Tue, Mar 7, Waiākea @ Ka'ū
  - Sat, Mar 11, Konawaena @ Ka'ū
  - Mon, March 13, Honoka'a @ Ka'ū
  - Wed, March 15, Ka'ū @ Kea'au
  - Sat, March 18, Ka'ū @ Honoka'a
  - Thu, March 23, Ka'ū @ Hilo
  - Sat, Mar 25, Ka'ū @ Kohala
  - Wed, Mar 29, Hawai'i Prep @ Ka'ū
  - Sat., Apr 1, Ka'ū @ Hawai'i Prep
  - Wed, Apr 5, Ka'ū at Kamehameha
  - Sat, Apr 8, Kohala @ Ka'ū

#### Boys Volleyball

- with Coach Joshua Ortega
- Sat, Feb 25, Pāhoa Tournament at 9 a.m.
  - Wed, Mar 1, Honoka'a @ Ka'ū
  - Sat, Mar 4, Hawai'i Prep @ Ka'ū
  - Wed, Mar 8, Parker @ Ka'ū
  - Wed, Mar 15, Ehunui @ Ka'ū
  - Thu, Mar 23, Ka'ū @ Parker
  - Wed, Apr 5, Ka'ū @ Ehunui
  - Fri, Apr 7, Ka'ū @ Christian Liberty
  - Tue, Apr 11, Ka'ū @ Kea'au
  - Thu, Apr 13 Christian Liberty @ Ka'ū
  - Sat, Apr 15, Kohala @ Ka'ū
  - Fri, Apr 21, Ka'ū @ Pāhoa

#### Track & Field

- with Assistant Coach Linda Le
- (Recruiting ongoing for Head Coach)
- Sat, Mar 11 @ Kona
  - Sat, Mar 18 @ Kamehameha
  - Sat, Mar 25 @ Waiākea
  - Sat, Apr 15 @ Kea'au
  - Sat, Apr 22 @ Kea'au



#### Judo

- Sat, Mar 18 @ Waiākea
- Sat, Mar 25 @ Kealakehe
- Sat, Apr 1 @ Kea'au
- Sat, Apr 8 @ Hilo

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Nā'ālehu School gets ready for islandwide track and field meets.

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## Nā'ālehu School Readies for Track & Field

A team from Nā'ālehu is getting ready for the Hawai'i County Parks & Recreation Age Group Track and Field meet on Feb. 11 at Konawaena High School.

Head Coach is Linda Le, in her second year as teacher and coach at Nā'ālehu. Also helping is Bob Martin, in his fifth year as coach/assistant at Nā'ālehu. He was also head boys soccer coach for seven years at Ka'ū High School and assisted with track and field there for six years.

Another event will be the Exponent Track & Field Meets, also at both Konawaena and Waiākea simultaneously. Entry deadline for the Exponent Meet is Friday, Feb. 10. See <http://www.hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation/>.

For more information, call Darrell Yamamoto, Recreation Division, 961-8735, 938-2012, or email [Darrell.Yamamoto@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:Darrell.Yamamoto@hawaiicounty.gov).

## Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce Calls for Essays for Scholarships

Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce announces its scholarship essay contest with a deadline of May 1. Students looking for funding for their higher education write about their plan to go to school and share their education by contributing to Ka'ū. The Ken Wicks Memorial Scholarship follows students through their college and trade school educations, providing support each year they remain enrolled.

The Chamber also has two new chairs, a new secretary and treasurer. At the annual meeting in January, Allan Humble and Alan Stafford were elected co-chairs, Kathy Leach was made secretary and Lee McIntosh will be treasurer. Babette and Rich Morrow are now board members. Lee McIntosh was the Scholarship Chair, and he will be looking for someone to take over those duties.

According to the Chamber's website, the organization began as the Ocean View Business Association in 1992. At the time, the main issues were bringing telephone and power

to Ocean View, the roads and water. It became the Ocean View Chamber of Commerce in 1996, and then in 2007 it became the Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce. It publishes *The Directory* each year, which promotes progress and business development in all of Ka'ū and serves as a community phone book and resource guide for businesses, non-profits and government agencies and raises money for scholarships for higher education.

The Chamber also organizes the annual art show each fall. The winning image from the show graces the cover of the next Directory.

The Ka'ū Scenic Byways is a Ka'ū Chamber committee. It installed signage along Highway 11 in Ka'ū and an educational kiosk in Nā'ālehu. It was also responsible for the interpretive displays at the Ocean View Scenic Overlook.

See [www.kauchamber.org](http://www.kauchamber.org)

### *Solar Farms, cont. from pg. 2*

the cost of bringing roads, water and other services to the far-flung homes in sparsely-populated vast areas classified and zoned Agriculture.

When, in 2008, state legislators and officials embraced the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative to free the state from imported oil and coal for energy, they looked for ways to make it easier for photovoltaic developers to build solar installations. It was decided that removing the

requirement for a permit to use agricultural land would be a good idea. After debate as to whether land should be used for food or energy, the law was modified to allow solar farms on ag land. The impact on neighborhoods located on ag-zoned land was not considered, nor mentioned in documents on file at the legislature for SB 2502 or SB 631 in 2011.

"This was an unintended consequence of a very well-meaning law," explained Creagan. "When legislators talk about ag land, they think of wide open spaces and swathes of unused land. They could not see the downside of removing the permit requirement, as none of them thought of the non-conforming subdivisions we have on the Big Island."

"It was not until SPI Solar, an international  
*Solar Farms, pg. 7*

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# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Teach for America, state Department of Education and Uhane Pohaku Na Moku O Hawai'i held a workshop for teachers.

Photo by Julia Neal

## Teach for America Learns Culture of Ka'ū

Teach for America, which provides instructors in public schools in Ka'ū and other districts in Hawai'i, brought more than 30 teachers working on the Big Island to Pāhala in January to learn about Hawaiian culture and the Ka'ū agricultural community.



The state Department of Education and Teach for America partnered with Uhane Pohaku Na Moku O Hawai'i, the Pāhala-based non-profit for youth. Uhane leaders Kawehi and Debbie Ryder led Teach for America staff to help on a mamaki farm in Wood Valley.

The organization also prepared an imu for the group and gathered at Pāhala Plantation House. The teachers participated in a program called Ha: Breath, inspired by an area school superintendent, Suzanne Mulcahy, who said, "When I walk into a Hawai'i public school, I want to close my eyes and know that I am in a school in Hawai'i... and not somewhere else."

The program included an overview of Hawaiian island life for the new teachers: "What makes Hawai'i, Hawai'i

– a place unlike anywhere else – are unique values and qualities of the indigenous language and culture. 'O Hawai'i ke kahua o ka ho'ona'auao; Hawai'i is the foundation of our learning."

Teachers learned about expected outcomes from their students: "Na Hopena A'o, are rooted in Hawai'i, and we become a reflections of this special

place."

The program teaches six outcomes for students to help them in education and personal growth: Strengthened Sense of Belonging; Strengthened Sense of Responsibility; Strengthened Sense of Excellence; Strengthened Sense of Aloha; Strengthened Sense of Total Well-being and Strengthened Sense of Hawai'i."

"Underlying the outcomes is the belief that students need both social and emotional learning skills and academic mindsets to succeed in college, careers and communities locally and globally. When taken together, these outcomes become the core breath that can be drawn on for strength and stability throughout school and beyond."

action on the application pending a review or an investigation or resolution of the complaint filed by (Ranchos residents) the Bosteds."

The Consumer Advocate at the time, Jeff Ono, is quoted by the *Honolulu Star Advertiser* as saying in a filing that he was concerned with the competitive bidding of the FIT projects in Ocean View. Ono wrote, "It is apparent that the solar project owners effectively 'gamed' the FIT process in order to avoid going through the more rigorous competitive bidding framework."

### Solar Farms, cont. from pg. 6

based in Shanghai, bought up housing lots in Ocean View and were given 26 building and electrical permits to build two-acre solar installations among homes, because the state law allowed them on Ag land, that the unintended consequences became apparent," said Creagan.

Randy Iwase, Chairman of the PUC, was quoted by the *Honolulu Star Advertiser* as saying that the FIT program is obsolete because the cost is too high. "Nobody is going to move on the FIT project. We have suspended any

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Open Mic Night**, Wed, Feb 1, 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. Schedule one-hour sessions at 967-8365 after 4 p.m.

**Mokuhangā: Japanese Woodblock Printing**, Thu, Feb 2 – Thu, March 9, 1 – 3:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Glenn Yamanoha instructs. \$80/\$72 VAC members plus \$30 supply fee. 967-8222

**Ocean View Neighborhood Watch meeting**, Thu, Feb 2, 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-2442 & 928-2015

**Stewardship at the Summit**, Feb 3, 11, 18, 20; 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Volunteers clear ginger from park trails. Free; park entrance fees apply. [nps.gov/havo](http://nps.gov/havo)

**Ham Radio Operators Potluck Picnic**, Sun, Feb 5, Manuka 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, Feb 5, 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.

**Beginning Hawaiian Language Classes**, Sun, Feb 5 & 19, 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.

**Super Bowl Sunday**, Feb 5, Kīlauea Military Camp's Lava Lounge in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Doors open 11 a.m.; kick-off 1:30 p.m. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply.

**Volunteer Fire Department Meeting**, Mon, Feb 6, 4 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

**Adult Mold Ceramics**, Mon – Wed, Feb 6 – Mar 15, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Register through Feb 3. 928-3102

**Hawai'i County Council Meetings**, Tue/Wed, Feb 7/8 & 21/22, 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, Feb 7, 6–8 p.m., Pāhala Community Center.

Free; park entrance fees apply.

**Valentine's Day Paper Plate Yarn Weaving**, Wed, Feb 8, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community

explores realms and divisions of the traditional Hawaiian classification system at Kahuku. Free. [nps.gov/havo](http://nps.gov/havo)



A breaching humpback.

Photo by Doug Perrine/NOAA



Tee shirts, sweatshirts and tank tops are for sale to support the whale sanctuary.

Photo from NOAA

## Count Humpbacks in Ka'ū on Feb. 25

More than 527 people gathered on the shores of Hawai'i to count whales in late January. It was the first in a series of annual Sanctuary Ocean Counts with volunteers and the staff of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. Kawena Point, makai of Volcano and Punalu'u and Ka Lae were sites around Ka'ū where people were poised to count humpback whales and to record their behaviors. While no humpbacks were seen at Kawena Point at the bottom of Chain of Craters Road, nor at Punalu'u, as many as five were spotted at Ka Lae during each 15 minute period between 8 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. The next whale count will be Feb. 25, the last Saturday in February, followed by the last Saturday in March.

To register as a volunteer for the 2017 Sanctuary Ocean Counts e-mail [ocean-count@noaa.gov](mailto:ocean-count@noaa.gov) or call 808-725-5923.

Fundraising tee shirts, tank tops and sweatshirts are available for sale to raise money for the sanctuary.

During the January Count, statewide, a total of 70 whale sightings were seen during the 10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. time period - the most of any time period throughout the day. Whale viewing conditions were nearly perfect statewide in the morning. Many observers saw green sea turtles, spinner dolphins and sea birds. A couple of observers saw flying fish and a Hawaiian Monk Seal.

Preliminary data detailing whale sightings by site location are available at: <http://www.sanctuaryoceancount.org/resources/>. Additional information is available on the sanctuary's website at <http://hawaii-humpbackwhale.noaa.gov>.

The sanctuary, which is administered by a partnership of NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and the State of

Hawai'i through the Department of Land and Natural Resources, protects humpback whales and their habitat in Hawaiian waters where they migrate each winter to mate, calve and nurse their young.

NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and to conserve and manage coastal and marine resources. Opportunities to join the mission are available on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and other social media channels.

Read more about the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary at <http://hawaii-humpbackwhale.noaa.gov>; NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>, and the state Department of Land and Natural Resources at <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/>

### Zentangle

**Demonstration**, Sat, Feb 11, 10 – 11 a.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Lydia Meneses demonstrates. Free; park entrance fees apply.

**Hula Kahiko**, Sat, Feb 11, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., hula platform near Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Kumu hula Manaiakalani Kalua and Akaunu perform. Nā Mea Hula with Kumu Ab Valencia and Hālau Hula Kalehuaki'eki'eika'iu, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., gallery porch.

**'Ōhi'a Lehua**, Sun, Feb 12, 9:30 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants learn about the vital role of 'ōhi'a lehua in native Hawaiian forests, the many forms of the 'ōhi'a tree and its flower on this free, easy, one-mile walk. [nps.gov/havo](http://nps.gov/havo)

**Medicine for the Mind**, Sun, Feb 12, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Buddhist healing meditation for beginners through advanced. Free. Patty, 985-7470

**Senior IDs**, Mon, Feb 13, 9 – 11 a.m., St. Jude's Church in Ocean View. For residents 60 and older. 928-3100

**Valentine's Day Cards**, Mon, Feb 13, 6 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center. Ages 5 – 10 register Feb 6 – 10. 939-2510

**Valentine's Day Cards**, Tue, Feb 14, 2 – 3 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 6 – 12 register Feb 6 – 10. 929-9113

**Valentine's Day Buffet**, Tue, Feb 14, 5 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Prime rib, lemon-buttered fish, vegetable stir-fry

with tofu and more. \$27.95 adult; \$14.50 child (6-11 yrs old). Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8356

**The Hylaues Project and the Newly Endangered Bees of Hawai'i**, Tue, Feb 14, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Natural historian Lisa Schonberg discusses seven species of the yellow-faced bees of Hawai'i that became the first bees to ever be listed as endangered. Free; park entrance fees apply.

**Lito Arkangel in Concert**, Wed, Feb 15, 6:30 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The entertainer and songwriter shares his original compositions and other Hawaiian favorites.

**Ethnobiology of Hawaiian Feather Artifacts**, Tue, Feb 7, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Sheila Conant, Professor Emerita of the Department of Biology at the University of Hawai'i-Mānoa, discusses the animals and plants from which feather artifacts were made and how different types were constructed. She also considers the possible impact of feather collection on native birds. Free; park entrance fees apply.

**Twist a Hau Bracelet**, Wed, Feb 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Transform hau, used for traditional Hawaiian rope material, into a lovely bracelet, and learn how this strong and fibrous native plant has many versatile uses.

Center. Grades K – 8 register through Feb 7. 928-3102

**Red Cross Volunteer meeting**, Thu, Feb 9, 7 p.m., HOVE Road Maintenance Corp. office. For volunteers and those interested in becoming volunteers. Hannah Uribes, 929-9953

**Tropical Flower Arranging**, Fri, Feb 10, 1 – 3 p.m. Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Kaipo Ah Chong instructs. \$45 plus \$20 supply fee. 967-8222

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

**Atlas Recycling at South Point U-Cart**, Sat, Feb 11, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Realms & Divisions of Kahuku**, Sat, Feb 11, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Pu'u Kahuku Trail



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Free; park entrance fees apply.  
**Family Reading Night**, Thu, Feb 16, 5 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033  
**Hānau Ka Ua**, Thu, Feb 16, 7 – 9 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Collette Akana focuses on her book about Hawaiian rain names. 967-8222  
**Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka'ū**, Thu, Feb 16, 5:30 p.m. 929-9731 or 936-7262  
**OVCA Board Meeting**, Thu, Feb 16, 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033  
**Recycling at Nā'ālehu School**, Sat, Feb 18, 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  
**Life of the Lands**, Sat, Feb 18 – Mar 26, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Acrylic paintings by David K. Hayes and Daniel VanZyle feature Hawaiian flora and fauna. Opening reception Sat, Feb 18, 5 p.m.  
**Pele & Hi'iaka**, Sat, Feb 18, 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  
**Kahuku 'Ohana Day**, Sat, Feb 18, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Keiki 17 and younger and their families are invited to explore Upper Palm Trail and learn to weave a lei. Free. Register by Feb 2 at 985-6020.  
**Zentangle Inspired Art: Five Ferns**, on Sat, Feb 18, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Dina Kageler helps tangles get inspired by nature. 967-8222  
**Mongolian BBQ**, Sat, Feb 18, 5 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. \$.85/ounce with complimentary rice and beverage. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8356  
**Rebecca Folsom Concert**, Sat, Feb 18, 7 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. \$25/\$20 VAC members. 967-8222  
**People & Land of Kahuku**, Sun, Feb 19, 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  
**The Art of Vocal Freedom**, Sun, Feb 19, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Rebecca Folsom instructs. \$50 plus \$10 supply fee. 967-8222  
**Weave a Ti Leaf Lei**, Wed, Feb 22, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Park rangers and staff from Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association instruct and provide materials. Free; park entrance fees apply.  
**Ocean View Community Development Corp. meeting**, Fri, Feb 24, 5 p.m., Hawaiian Ranchos office.  
**Sanctuary Ocean Count**, Sat, Feb 25, 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., various coastal locations. Participants count humpback whales and record their behaviors. Registration required. hawaii-humpback-whale.noaa.gov or 725-5923  
**Ka'ū Hospital Community Meeting**, Sat, Feb 25, 1:30 p.m., Ka'ū Hospital. Residents invited to share perspectives and concerns. 932-3103  
**Love the Arts: Singin' in the Rainforest**, Sat, Feb 25, 5 – 9 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. The annual fundraiser features one-of-a-kind umbrellas painted by Hawai'i Island artists. Fine wine, a luxurious gourmet buffet, spirited Hawaiian music and live and silent auctions. 967-8222  
**Palm Trail Hike**, Sun, Feb 26, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Kahuku Unit. This free, moderately difficult 2.6-mile loop trail provides one of the best

panoramic views Kahuku has to offer. nps.gov  
**HOVE Road Maintenance board of directors meeting**, Tue, Feb 28, 10 a.m., St. Jude's Church. 929-9910  
**Ka'ū Food Pantry**, Tue, Feb 28, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View.  
**Line Dancing**, Tue, Feb 28, 2 – 3 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 6 – 12 register Feb 22 – 27. 929-9113  
**EXERCISE & MEDITATION**  
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**Qigong Classes**, Mon, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., Nā'ālehu

## February is Hawaiian Language Month

Hawaiian Language Month reminds everyone to honor Hawaiian language teachers as Jeanette Howard, a native speaker who lives in Punalu'u and instructs Hawaiian language to individuals and classes. Howard is in her 90s and grew up speaking Hawaiian at the beach, where her family members were fishermen, with their boats in the canoe hale. Howard has also been involved with the hālau of Kumu Hula Lori Lei Shirakawa, who has taught Hawaiian culture and danced to many Ka'ū residents.

Ka'ū's Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard issued a statement: "People in Hawai'i, along with so many around the world, are able to take part in the unique history and culture of Hawai'i because of the work to preserve the Hawaiian language over many centuries. Today, the Hawaiian language is an important part of our day-to-day life in Hawai'i, woven in throughout our conversations, ever-present in local businesses and

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

**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

**Zumba**, Tue, 6 – 7 p.m. Pāhala Community Center. Erin Cole teaches adults. 928-3102

**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  
**Power Yoga with Alisha**, Fri, 12 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. \$10 suggested donation. 967-8222  
**Recreation Room**, Sat – Thu, 3:30 – 5 p.m.,



Jeanette Howard and Kumu Lorilei Shirakawa. Photo by Julia Neal

communities, and taught in schools across the state. As we commemorate Hawaiian Language Month, we must continue to foster and empower our keiki and communities to share and grow the use of Hawai'i's native language throughout our islands. E ola ka olelo Hawai'i, let the Hawaiian language live."

Pāhala Community Center/Ka'ū District Gym. Billiards, table tennis, foosball. 928-3102

**Adult Volleyball**, Sat – Thu, 5:30 – 7:45 p.m., Pāhala Community Center/Ka'ū District Gym. 928-3102

**Weight Room**, Sat – Thu, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Pāhala Community Center/Ka'ū District Gym.

**Adult Badminton**, Sun, 3 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center/Ka'ū District Gym. 928-3102

### 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 60 and older. Julie, 928-3101

**Nā'ālehu Senior Nutrition Center (Hawai'i County Nutrition Program)**, Lunch served

Mon – Fri, 10:45 a.m. for residents 60 and older, 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 and older. Donations 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, 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 Dr. 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. Potluck first Wednesday of each month begins at 5:30 p.m.; bring a favorite dish for six. Sheri, 929-9258

**Pancurthy**, 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.

**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

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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)

# NŪPEPA NĀ'ĀLEHU

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## Yeaton Makes Nā'ālehu a Monthly Slack Key Gig

Chris Yeaton's Friday slack-key guitar performance at Hana Hou Restaurant in January was like a homecoming. The well-known Ka'ū musician, who last played at the Nā'ālehu restaurant about six years ago, will once again be a fixture, playing there on the last Friday of each month.

"I can't think of any other restaurant I'd rather play," said Yeaton, who entertained a packed restaurant.

Yeaton, a former Ocean View resident and business owner, now lives in Kona but still visits his Ka'ū cabin on weekends with

his growing family. He founded a catchment tank and swimming pool service in the district in approximately 2004. When the business grew too big for one person, Yeaton brought in his brother, Corey Yeaton, who eventually went on to purchase Pacific Blue Catchment. Chris now works exclusively with his Kona swimming pool business,

Yeaton's passion for slack key guitar

music began when he heard Keola Beamer play, and he was determined to learn to play in that style. Beamer is a Hawaiian slack key guitar master, best known as the composer of *Honolulu City Lights* and an innovative musician who fused Hawaiian roots and contemporary music. Yeaton bought all Beamer's instructional books and videos and taught himself the basics. Then in 2002

he was able to attend a music camp with the Beamer family, where he honed his skills.



Chris Yeaton

## New Farm School Starts at Earth Matters Farm

The first new Ka'ū Farm School Class was held in January at Earth Matters Farm near Kama'oa and South Point Roads. One of the organizers Raina Whiting said the first session was on propagation and seed collection. She explained that "community organizers, teachers and farmers have teamed together in Ka'ū to create the Ka'ū Farm School. The school is starting small with a series of day classes open to the Ka'ū community. The sessions will be workshop style with a focus on hands-on experiences on the farm that pertain to growing food in Ka'ū. All ages and backgrounds are welcome." The next class is on Sunday, Feb. 26 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, see [facebook.com/KauFarmSchool](http://facebook.com/KauFarmSchool), call 721-6977, or email [kaufarmschool@gmail.com](mailto:kaufarmschool@gmail.com).



New Ka'ū Farm School hosts next class on Feb. 26.

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# KAHUKU TO MILOLI'I

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## Pohue Bay: 16,456 Acres on County Open Space Wish List

Pōhue Bay, makai of Ocean View, is on the latest wish list of properties to be conserved by Hawai'i County. The list was drawn up by the Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Commission and is presented in a report to Mayor Harry Kim.

The Pōhue Bay property's northern boundary goes from mile marker 71.5 on Route 11 to mile marker 76, while its western boundary is Ranchos and then private land. The southern boundary is the coast and the western boundary is also private land. An ancient Hawaiian foot trail leads from Ranchos to Pōhue Bay. By law, this route is open to the public. The owners control a gated four-wheel-drive road onto and through the property. The property is 16,456 acres and the largest property on PONC's wish list.

According to PONC's report, the property's anticipated use would include monitoring, management and protection of the Hawksbill Turtle nesting habitat, the protection of natural, cultural and historic resources, maintaining the existing managed access,



Sea Cliffs on the Pohue Bay property. Photo by Peter Bosted

open space protection and subsistence fishing and shoreline gathering. The six points of significance of the property are listed in the report as:

- \*Identified in General Plan (2005) as an important site for protections;
- \*Designated as high priority from initial PONC list in 2005;
- \*Endangered turtle nesting beaches;
- \*Significant cultural and historic sites;
- \*Anchialine ponds;
- \*Buffer of pristine coastal resources from urban/resort development.

The report also stated that the property has good potential for attracting funding from non-profit conservation organizations and government funding and there is "high community support." The report also states that the landowner is willing to sell.

Islandwide, the Pōhue property is fifth

on the list. The number one property is the eight-acre Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Gardens, owned by Bishop Museum. A year ago, the museum closed the gardens and has offered it for sale. The deed, however, specifies that the property must be sold to a non-profit organization. The Friends of Amy

Greenwell Garden have non-profit status and hope to steward the property if PONC is able to buy it with money from the Two Percent Fund, so named because two percent of all revenue from the county's annual property tax is set aside each year to acquire properties.

Pohue Bay, pg. 16

## OVCA Sets Feb Events

Ocean View Community Association has released its events for February.

On Tuesday, Feb. 7 is a forum on Sex Trafficking Community Awareness.

On Wednesday, Feb. 8, Mayor Harry Kim talks story from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, Ocean View Community Association hosts its Pancake Breakfast.

On Thursday, Feb. 16 is the Ocean View Community Association Board meeting at 6 p.m.

Free dinners are served every Thursday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Call Ocean View Community Center with any questions or for any additional information.

New President of OVCA, Ron Gall said, "Hope to see you, thanks for supporting the community."

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### SERVING THE KA'U AREA OVER 25 YEARS

# Stars over Ka'ū - February 2017

by Lew Cook

Venus shines brilliantly in the early evening. Jupiter rises just after chart time, and Mars still lurks low in the western sky, setting just before chart time. Venus sets before Mars.



This is the entrance to the 'Imiloa planetarium.

## Local Attraction

The 'Imiloa Planetarium in Hilo is a wonderful educational experience for all. In the planetarium, they have daily shows except Mondays, when they are closed. The web address is: <http://www.imiloahawaii.org/>.

There is a really good restaurant associated with the Planetarium. Its schedule is: breakfast & lunch Tuesday – Sunday: 7 a.m. – 4 p.m., dinner Thursday – Sunday: 5 – 8:30 p.m.

Feb. 2017 shows 12 p.m. *Skies Above Hawai'i: Live Sky Program*, 1 p.m. *Maunakea: Between Earth and Sky*, 2 p.m. *Asteroid: Mission Extreme*, 3 p.m. *Origins of Life*, Saturday 10 a.m. *Legends of the Night Sky: Perseus & Andromeda*.

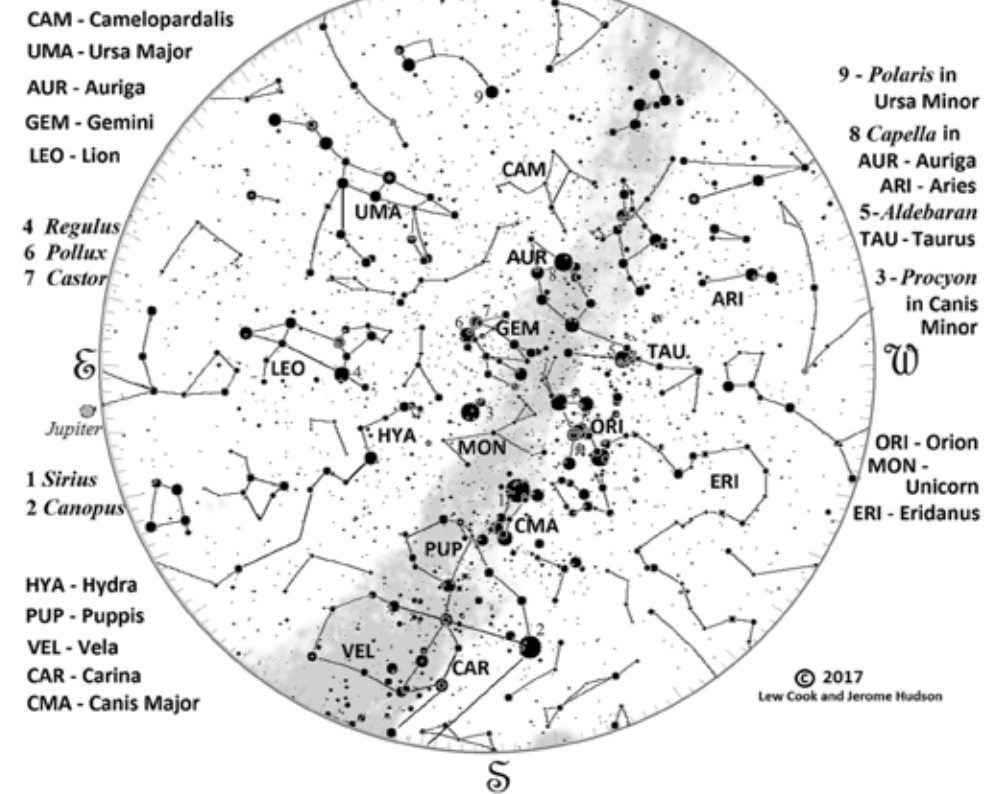
Once a month, they have a nightly show when there are telescopes on Mauna Kea that are linked to the Planetarium where they show live shots of individual objects.

Call the planetarium at 932-8901 for information on ticket availability, prices and membership costs (which admit members free to the daily shows), or just drop in for a meal.

## Constellations

The winter constellations are showing

## Stars Over Ka'u Feb. 2017



The star chart is produced from a sky Atlas program written by Jerry Hudson, who has given us permission to publish it. Thanks, Jerry!  
The constellations are presented with their three-letter abbreviations, with (usually) the Latin names shown in the margins. Stars as faint as magnitude-six 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 vog.

themselves better this month. Gemini has displaced Orion as the constellation crossing the meridian at chart time. Canis Major (Big Dog) and Canis Minor (Little Dog) are also along the meridian. Due south of Sirius (the brightest star in the sky) is Canopus, the second brightest star in the sky.

### Deep Sky Objects

Castor, the western star in the twins Gemini, is not one star, but six! Two stars can be seen close together through a medium-sized telescope. A third, dimmer star is also visible some distance away. All three are double stars, too close together to be seen in any telescope. However, by using an instrument called a spectrograph, which splits all of the stars colors, we can see that the absorption caused by elements in the stars atmospheres are split. Why? The effect

thusly. Castor is the western "twinz' in the heads of Gemini.

In 2022, two stars in the constellation Cygnus (a summer constellation) are expected to merge in what is termed a "Red Nova" explosion. How do we know this? We believe it is true because the two stars orbiting each other are so close that friction from their common envelope is causing the stars in the binary star in Cygnus - KIC 9832227 - to get closer. We know other stars have merged, but none were able to be predicted. The time is uncertain by a year. More on this star in the summer.

### Fridays Sunrise and Sunset times:

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Feb. 3	6:55 a.m.	6:16 p.m.
Feb. 10	6:53 a.m.	6:20 p.m.
Feb. 17	6:49 a.m.	6:23 p.m.
Feb. 24	6:44 a.m.	6:26 p.m.

### Moon Phases

Date.....	Moon Rise	Moon Set
<b>First Quarter</b>		
Feb. 3 .....	11:54 a.m.	12:42 a.m.*
<b>Full Moon</b>		
Feb. 10 .....	6:26 p.m.	6:37 a.m.*
<b>Last Quarter</b>		
Feb. 18 .....	12:27 a.m.	12:05 p.m.
<b>New Moon</b>		
Feb. 26 .....	6:52 a.m.	6:54 p.m.

\* The next morning



This is the route that my wife and I take to get to 'Imiloa. Sometimes we just drop in for lunch when we have other shopping to do in Hilo. Sometimes we just see a show – or do both!

is due to the Doppler shift. This is caused by the frequencies being changed due to the speed of the stars. Have you ever heard a car horn as it comes toward you and the driver keeps the horn blowing? The change in pitch is due to the Doppler effect. This same effect is seen in spectrograms. If two stars circle each other, one will be speeding toward us when its partner is going away from us. All 3 stars in Castor are behaving

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# KEEPING HEALTHY IN KA'Ū

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## Food Basket Rolls Out *New Year, New Wheels* Campaign

Hawai'i Island's Food Bank, which serves Nā'ālehu and other parts of Ka'ū, is seeking the community's support during its *New Year, New Wheels* campaign, an effort to raise needed funds to replace worn out and unrepairable vehicles.

As Hawai'i Island's only food bank, The Food Basket has been providing continuous emergency hunger relief for 27 years, and the agency's vehicles are an essential aspect of operations.

Each month, over 12,000 unduplicated individuals are served by The Food Basket

through a network of partners and in-agency programs islandwide.

"Our vehicles are the workhorses of The Food Basket," said Executive Director En Young. "We don't produce food. We collect it and get it out to where it needs to be. Our population is only one-fifth that of O'ahu, but we are responsible for six times the area. We need reliable vehicles to serve places like Nā'ālehu, because we can't just stop at a service station if something goes wrong."

In 2016, The Food Basket traveled

over 130,000 "food miles," picking up and delivering over 1.4 million pounds of food.

According to The Food Basket staff, the five vehicles currently being used include only one model made within the past decade and are not mechanically reliable enough to cover The Food Basket's 4,028-square mile service area and often requires staff to use their own vehicles for deliveries.

Maintenance costs and rental expenses are rising sharply to compensate for out of service vehicles. Of The Food Basket's five vehicles serving the entire island, only one is equipped with working refrigeration, providing additional challenges in maintaining the quality and safety of fresh food during transport.

"We have to have vehicles that work," said Bernard Torres, Lead Warehouse Associate and Driver in Hilo. "None of the vehicles in Hilo currently have refrigeration capacity, which is a necessity."

Funds raised through the campaign will be used to acquire a new box truck and cargo van for The Food Basket, both of which would have refrigeration.

The Food Basket is aiming to reach its \$150,000 goal by July 31 in order to have these vehicles in use by the end of the year.



**Food Basket trucks drive many miles to reach Nā'ālehu and other remote locations. The nonprofit needs transportation upgrades.**

To donate, see [GoFundMe.com/TheFoodBasket](http://GoFundMe.com/TheFoodBasket) or [HawaiiFoodBasket.org](http://HawaiiFoodBasket.org).

The mission of The Food Basket, Inc. is to feed the hungry in Hawai'i County while attending to the root causes of this critical social problem. The Food Basket will accomplish its mission by preventing the waste of all edible food in Hawai'i County, feeding the hungry with this food, educating the community about local hunger and what can be done to solve this social problem, and collaborating with organizations of partnering missions to eradicate poverty, the root of hunger and other social ills.

## Ka'ū Hospital Community Meeting Feb. 25 for Input

A Ka'ū Hospital Community meeting will be held by the East Hawai'i Regional Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corp. on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Ka'ū Hospital in Pāhala. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

A statement from the hospital says, "An overview of the operations and financial condition of all facilities as well as a view toward the future will be presented. Ample time will be available for community mem-

bers to share their perspectives and concerns regarding access to health care services."

Kurt Corbin, Chair of the East Hawai'i Regional Board of HHSC said, "Personal conversations and dialogue with our community stakeholders are absolutely essential in helping guide the decisions that the Regional Board must make."

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# KA PEPA VOLCANO

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## Holiday Visitors Surge into Park, Lava Delta Collapses

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park visitation surged during the holiday travel season, with parking lots at popular destinations like Nāhuku (Thurston Lava Tube), Jaggar Museum and Kīlauea Visitor Center at capacity. And, with Kīlauea erupting from two locations, the park remains a powerful draw for visitors who want to see volcanic activity. As a result, the park is very crowded, especially during peak hours between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

"We've had some visitors wait up to an hour to park, and we have park rangers working in traffic control," said Chief Ranger John Broward. "We remind everyone to please be patient and treat rangers and other drivers with respect and aloha."

Park rangers offer tips so all visitors have a positive and memorable time in the park.

Plan to arrive early and explore Nāhuku (Thurston Lava Tube) before 9 a.m. Not only is parking available, but the lava tube is often empty of people. Birdwatching at Nāhuku is best in the early morning.

Plan to hike Kīlauea Iki Trail by 7 a.m., and be out by 10 a.m. The four-mile trek is one of the most scenic and popular trails in the park.

Drive and explore Chain of Craters Road.



A new lava cascade formed after the delta collapse.

NPS Photo by Jessica Ferracane

This historic and scenic road originates at the summit of Kīlauea and stretches 19 miles to Hōlei Sea Arch. Many overlooks, pullouts and lesser-known hikes (Mauna Ulu, Pu'uloa Petroglyphs) abound – and it's an ideal way to avoid crowds and see more of what the park offers. The Coastal Ranger Station at the end

of Chain of Craters Road is the starting point for a 10-mile roundtrip hike to see lava enter the ocean at Kamokuna.

The best time to observe the glow from Halema'uma'u is before sunrise or after 9 p.m., when most visitors have left. The park is open 24 hours a day. Visitors can see what

Kīlauea is doing before they arrive by checking USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory's webcams.

Jaggar Museum is the closest visitors can get to the summit eruption's glowing lava lake, and it's the park's most popular spot after 5 p.m. (More than 8,000 people were counted one evening at Jaggar Museum in January.) If unable avoid peak hours, consider observing the glow from a less-crowded location, like Keanakāko'i, 'Akanikōlea (Steam Vents), or Kīlauea Overlook. From Kīlauea Overlook, it's a short walk to Jaggar Museum along Crater Rim Trail. Bring a flashlight and a jacket.

Mauna Loa Road is well worth exploring during peak hours, especially in good weather. Kīpukapuauulu offers an easy, forested hike, and the views and birdwatching are excellent along the way to the Mauna Loa Overlook at 6,662 feet.

Visit Kahuku. Kahuku is free, never crowded and open to the public every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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## Youth Ranger Program Continues as FHVNP Celebrates 20 Years

Friends Of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Youth Ranger Program starts Feb. 1. The annual training over the years has involved many Ka'ū High School students, leading to employment at the park and other career advancement as well as educational opportunities. For the 2017 training, "We are excited to work with 75 youth from around the island. This program provides great opportunity for Hawai'i Island's underserved youth population," said Friends Executive Director Elizabeth Fien. She also noted that all donations directed to the program go directly to youth stipend payment.

In 2017, Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park celebrates its 20th anniversary. The executive director reviewed the progress in a New Year's letter to members. Fien wrote that the organization was found-



Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park celebrates 20 years of service in 2017, including the Youth Ranger Program, which has involved many Ka'ū High School students.

Photo from FHVNP

ed in 1997 as Na Hoaloha O 'Āinahou – the Friends of 'Āinahou – the historic ranch within Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. "In 1995 with the help of our founding members, the 'Āinahou Ranch House and its ground were listed on the National Register of Historic Places. From this effort, the

Youth Ranger, pg. 16



Love the Arts While Singin' in the Rainforest.

Image from VAC

## Love the Arts Feb. 25

Volcano Art Center holds its 13th Annual Love the Arts fundraiser at Niaulani Campus on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. This year's theme is *Singin' in the Rainforest*.

Hale Ho'omana will be decked out

for "Singin' in the Rainforest" with one-of-a-kind umbrellas painted by Big Island artists. Guests will be treated to an evening of fine wine, brews, a luxurious gourmet buffet and spirited Hawaiian music. The live and silent auctions include unique offerings such as original artwork, hotel stays, tours and jewelry.

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The Ka'ū Calendar



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2/16 ~ Thursday Night: "Hānau Ka Ua"  
2/18 ~ Zentangle Inspired Art  
2/18 ~ Rebecca Folsom in Concert  
2/19 ~ "Art of Vocal Freedom" Workshop  
2/25 ~ LTA: "Singin' in the Rainforest"

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## The Endangered Forest Birds of Hawai'i focuses on 'Alala

Halting the extinction of critically endangered forest birds is core to the state Department of Land & Natural Resources' latest DLNR & You television special, which illustrates the efforts of dozens of organizations and hundreds of people across the state. Aired in January, *The Endangered Forest Birds of Hawai'i* is available online at <https://vimeo.com/199157463>. The broadcast is funded in part by Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Of particular interest to Ka'ū viewers is a segment dedicated to The 'alalā Project, which for several decades has worked tirelessly toward reintroduction of captive-raised 'alalā back into the Pu'u Maka'ala Natural Area Reserve. The film shows the tremendous amount of work being done by a



'Alalā Project is one of the segments of DLNR's film on endangered forest birds.

Photo from *The Endangered Forest Birds of Hawai'i*

broad collaboration of federal, state and non-profit partners to be sure the birds continue to exist and thrive in their natural habitats. Last month, five 'alalā were released into the wild, but when three perished, the remaining two were recaptured and are now safely in captivity. It is presumed that the three were victims of the 'Io, an endangered Hawaiian hawk.

DLNR chief Suzanne Case said, "We hope this show brings the serious plights of these native birds into our homes. When you see a tiny 'akikiki (Kaua'i honeycreeper) in the forest or hear the call of the native crow, the 'alalā, it reinforces why so many people are undertaking some pretty extraordinary steps to reverse the downward trend of nu-

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#### Lava Delta Collapses

A large section of the 26-acre lava delta formed by the 61g lava flow collapsed into the ocean around 2:45 p.m. on New Year's Eve, launching showers of volcanic rock into the air and creating a flurry of large waves that eroded away a portion of the older sea cliff and viewing area.

As a result, the Kamokuna ocean entry within Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park was closed as park rangers and USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory scientists surveyed the area. Rangers on duty New Year's Day reported that the former viewing area is gone, and that loud cracks continued to be heard throughout the unstable area.

Although park rangers temporarily closed the Kamokuna lava viewing, five visitors ducked beneath the white rope closure line and made a beeline for the coastal cliffs around 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Eruption Crew Ranger Travis Delimont and a co-worker had to chase after them before they turned around. Within 15 minutes, the sec-

tion of cliff where the visitors were standing crashed into the ocean.

"It was a really close brush with death for them," Delimont said. "Luckily, they finally listened to us and turned around in time."

"Fortunately, there were no aircraft or boats reported in the area at the time of the collapse, nor were any visitors on the delta itself, which is closed for public safety," Park Superintendent Cindy Orlando said. "Had anyone been close by on land, water or air, lives would have surely been lost."

Lava deltas are extremely hazardous volcanic features that are formed when lava enters the ocean and builds new land on loose and unstable substrate. In addition to the threat of collapse, lava

entering the ocean produces a highly a corrosive plume of hydrochloric acid and volcanic particles that irritate the lungs, skin and eyes. Visitors are strongly urged to stay out of closed areas and heed all posted warning signs.

The lava viewing area reopened on Jan. 3.



Park ranger addresses a large group of holiday visitors at Jaggar Museum observation deck. Photo from NPS

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**Multiethnic, cont. from pg. 1**

will be a bedrock principle of our country and no president can change that truth.”

Gov. David Ige’s statement said he and his administration “expect legal travelers to this country to be welcomed in Hawai’i without being detained unlawfully by the federal government.

“Refugees entering the United States are screened by the National Counterterrorism Center, FBI, Defense and State departments, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Refugees fleeing from war and persecution seek, simply a better life. Hawai’i has a proud history as a place immigrants of diverse backgrounds can achieve their dreams through hard work. Many of our people also know all too well the consequences of giving in to fear of newcomers. The remains of the (World War II Japanese) internment camp at Honouliuli (on O’ahu) are a sad testament to that fear. We must remain true to our values and be vigilant where we see the worst part of history about to be repeated,” said Hawai’i’s governor.

The AG and Governor were responding to Trump’s Executive Order, which he signed on Holocaust Remembrance Day. Trump banned travel into the U.S. for people from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Libya, Sudan, Somalia and Yemen.

Ka’ū’s U.S. Senator, Mazie Hirono tweeted her opposition to the treatment of people from these countries, particularly refugees.

“Tonight’s stay was a victory but we’ll keep fighting #Resist #MuslimBan,” tweeted Hirono. She too was referring to federal judges putting a stay on Trump’s attempt to turn away legal foreign visitors coming to the U.S. from the list of Muslim-majority countries.

The American Civil Liberties Union sent attorneys to courts after foreign visitors were

**Youth Ranger, cont. from pg. 14**

Friends of ‘Āinahou was formed.”

Volunteers cleared about ten acres of the ranch, which was developed in the 1940s by businessman and horticulturalist Herbert C. Shipman, a descendant of one of Hawai’i’s oldest missionary families.

“As our mission and focus expanded beyond ‘Āinahou,” wrote Fien, “we changed names to become the Friends of Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park in 2002.”

**‘Alalā, cont. from pg. 15**

merous forest bird populations. The birds have long been part of Hawai’i’s natural landscape, and culturally they’ve been revered for centuries by Native Hawaiians.”

Photographed over the course of nearly two years, The Endangered Forest Birds of Hawai’i transports viewers deep into the Alaka’i Plateau on Kaua’i, where the Kaua’i Forest Bird Recovery Project is working with numerous partners to try and save three endangered species of tiny birds on the brink of extinction - the ‘akikiki, ‘akeke’e, and puaiohi.

“The most recent estimate for the number of ‘akikiki is 450 birds, give or take 50. The worst thing that could happen is for any of these forest birds to join the list of

detained at airports around the country following the Trump Executive Order. U.S. Acting Attorney General Sally Yates directed the U.S. Department of Justice to refrain from defending the travel ban in court, saying she thought it could be unlawful.

Trump fired the Acting Attorney General almost immediately and maintained that extreme vetting measures will be developed before deciding who can come into the U.S. from the banned countries. He also said that priority should be given to “persecuted Christians.”

Numerous reports were released stating that no terrorists had come from any of the banned Muslim countries. Instead they have come from such places as Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Pakistan for which there is no ban.

Hirono, herself and immigrant who came from Japan as a child with her mother, tweeted about her own history: “Came to the U.S. in steerage. Now a U.S. Senator fighting for more families to have the opportunities I did.”

Hirono, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, released the following statement: “It’s despicable that President Trump chose Holocaust Remembrance Day to issue yet another executive order that exploits fear of refugees and immigrants. This is wrong. I will continue to fight the President’s extreme, knee jerk actions that divide our country.”

Protests in airports and other places around the U.S. and abroad broke out in opposition to Trump’s immigration policies. A popular image showed the Statue of Liberty in tears.

Hirono and other Senators stood on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court. Hirono demanded that Trump rescind his order banning travel to the U.S. by citizens of the selected countries. She said, “Donald Trump can deny it all he wants, but we understand him loud and clear. This is a Muslim ban, and it’s

Founding members included Alana McKinney, Julie Williams, Diane Gentry, Russell Kokubun and Roberta Baker.

The organization invites donations and new members and is planning an annual meeting in March, as well as a 20-year celebration later in 2017. Upcoming events include a Sunday Walk in the Park, Exploring Mauna Ulu, on Sunday, Feb. 12. See more at [fhvnp.org](http://fhvnp.org).

23 endemic bird species that have gone extinct since 1778,” KFBRP project leader Dr. Lisa “Cali” Crampton said. “All of our partners and everyone working to reverse these trends are excited to show this movie. There are some pretty astonishing projects underway to save these amazing forest dwellers and their native homes.”

The show chronicles projects and people working in some really tough environments, toward the common goal of preventing further population reductions and ultimately extinction. In one segment, a staffer from San Diego Zoo Global climbs a freely suspended ladder, 40-feet in the air, to collect marble-sized eggs from a treetop nest in an ‘ōhi’a tree.

deeply wrong. If we don’t speak out against Trump’s Muslim ban now, we will be complicit in what comes next. President Trump must rescind this despicable, immoral executive order immediately.”

Hirono shared the story of Fred Korematsu, the civil rights hero who resisted the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II all the way to the Supreme Court.

Hirono also sent a letter to the President, calling on him to rescind the order. Twenty-

nine Senate Democrats and members of the House of Representatives co-signed the letter.

Regarding Trump firing the Acting U.S. Attorney General, Hirono tweeted: “@SallyQYates put the law & upholding the Constitution before politics today. @realDonaldTrump did the opposite. #ThankyouSally.” She also tweeted: “Fred Korematsu’s work is more relevant than ever. We won’t stand to see this dark period repeated.



Ocean View resident, Bob South, hiking the ancient Ala Kahakai Trail on Pōhue Bay property up for acquisition by Hawai’i County. Photo by Peter Bosted

**Pōhue Bay, cont. from pg. 11**

The second, third and fourth ranked properties on the PONC list are in North Kohala district.

Chairman of Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Commission, Barbara Bell, described how PONC solicits suggestions for its wish list and then evaluates and prioritizes the properties. She reported that in 2016, “The fine people of Hawai’i County submitted many wonderful properties and the commissioners prioritized them, with their unique perspectives.

By looking at how these properties will enhance life for residents and visitors alike, the commissioners carefully reviewed all community submittals of parcels for County purchase. We are extremely gratified at how many people have participated in our meetings, the submittal process, the grant application process, and in the program as a whole.”

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