

Michelle Galimba, Chrissey Joy in Race for County Council

Chrissey Joy

Chrissey Joy was the first candidate to announce entry into the 2022 County Council race for District 6. A resident of Ocean View, Joy made her announcement via Facebook on January 17. A graduate from Konawaena High School, Joy has lived on Hawai'i Island for 20 years. She works as assistant manager of Famous Footwear in Kona and is the mother of three children.

Over the many years that she has lived on the island, Joy said, she has witnessed the vast influx of people moving to Hawai'i and displacing local families from their homes. "I can't imagine, with the way the virus is

Joy, pg. 11



Chrissey Joy

Michelle Galimba

Michelle Galimba announced on Feb. 11 that she is running for County Council District 6, which covers all of Ka'ū, into Volcano and into South Kona.

"Having been born in Kealahou and spent my childhood in Kapua in South Kona and Nā'ālehu and Wai'ōhinu in Ka'ū, as well as having lived in Volcano for a number of years, I have a great love for our beautiful, vast district, and I hope to have the honor of serving this place and its people on the County Council. By working together we can make extraordinary things happen in this extraordinary place that is our 'āina, our home."

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Michelle Galimba

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Miloli'i: Subsistence Fishery Moves Forward

Rules for fishing and ocean stewardship at Miloli'i garnered support during a public hearing in late February before the state Board of Land & Natural Resources. The rules are for the nearshore waters of the Miloli'i Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area. The Department of Land & Natural Resources' Division of Aquatic Resources asked for approval for the public hearing and it was given by the land board.

The rules are proposed by Division of Aquatic Resources in cooperation with the Miloli'i community group Kalanihale with broader public input. A DLNR statement notes that Kalanihale "has done considerable outreach work to gather support for these rules from members of the Miloli'i community and other stakeholders in the South Kona area."

See the proposed Management Plan at https://www.kalanihale.com/_files/ugd/d88e72_3064b82fde054c17bfcd2df0c49af04f.pdf.

Establishing rules for the area is more than 16 years in the making. The Hawai'i Legislature passed a measure to establish the Miloli'i Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area in 2005. The language set the goal of ensuring "long-term sustainable populations of fish and other marine species." It also aimed to "encourage the scientific study and understanding of subsistence fishing management."

The proposed rules include bag limits for sea life like opihi, uhu, ula, kole and pāku'iku'i. They would also set seasons and off seasons for kole, 'ōpelu, 'ū 'ū, and uhu. The proposed rules also include bans (some of them already in place) on taking fish for aquariums and taking the blue terminal males of larger uhu species; female 'a'ama with eggs; and 'opihī kō'ele.

Among the proposed rules are restrictions on certain fishing gear and creating sub-areas within the Subsistence Fishing Area with further limitations on what can be taken.

Big Island Video News recorded the *Miloli'i, pg. 7*



Honu'apo public lands north of the estuary reopened in late February after being closed since Oct. 7 due to risk of folks falling into ongoing underground fires, with one volunteer firefighter severely injured last year. *Photo by Bob Martin*

Hawai'i County Reopens Honu'apo Public Lands

Honu'apo Public Lands reopened north of the estuary on Feb. 24. The county Department of Parks & Recreation made the announcement. The area has been closed since October 7, 2021, to protect the public's safety and welfare related to the bagasse fires that are ongoing throughout the area.

"We understand the importance of this place for our Ka'ū community and have worked diligently to make the area

safe to reopen to the public," said Mayor Mitch Roth. "As we welcome back the community to a favorite fishing and lounging spot, we would like to extend a huge thanks to our Public Work's Highways crew and our firefighters for their work over the past few months. Reopening wouldn't be possible without them."

Hawai'i Fire Department reports that the area has significantly cooled, and the Department of Public Works has complet-

ed a fencing project that will maintain a safe perimeter around the affected areas.

Last year volunteer firefighter Lizzie Stabo fell into one of the imu, the underground holes with fires burning in them. She is still recovering.

During windy times of year underground embers from earlier fires reignite and cause range fires.

For more information, call Assistant Fire Chief Darwin Okinaka at 932-2906.

Mask Rules Stick, Gathering Restrictions Lifted

All County of Hawai'i Covid restrictions were lifted by Mayor Mitch Roth at the end of February, but mask wearing in public indoor places remains the rule of the state.

Hawai'i Tourism Authority Funds Virtual Ka'ū Coffee Fest

Hawai'i Tourism Authority has provided a \$20,000 grant to Big Island Resource Conservation & Development Council for the Ka'ū Coffee Festival for 2022. One of the longtime organizers, Chris Manfredi, who is directing the festival, announced that it will be virtual, for the second time since the pandemic began. Regarding other coffee events on this

Thirteenth Supplementary Emergency Proclamation, declaring an end to all County emergency rules related to COVID-19. His statement says, "As a result, effective immediately, there will no longer be a limit on gathering sizes (indoor and outdoor), which

island, Hawai'i Tourism Authority is funding Kona Coffee Festival this year, which is going live in November. Another live coffee event to return this year is Hawai'i Coffee Association's annual Conference and Cupping Contest in May. Manfredi is Executive Director of HCA.

Regarding the funding for Ka'ū Coffee Festival, 10 to 12 percent of grant

ultimately removes the County's coveted mechanism for 'special gatherings' review and approval."

However, Hawai'i County residents must still adhere to the Governor's Emer-

Covid Rules, pg. 6

funding goes to the Resource Conservation & Development Council for overseeing use of the money. The rest of the funding is to carry out the plans for the virtual event, including the making of a music video with hula and creating a presentation on the history of Ka'ū Coffee.

A Ka'ū Coffee Festival press release

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Kanazawa Named Rural Development Director for Hawai'i

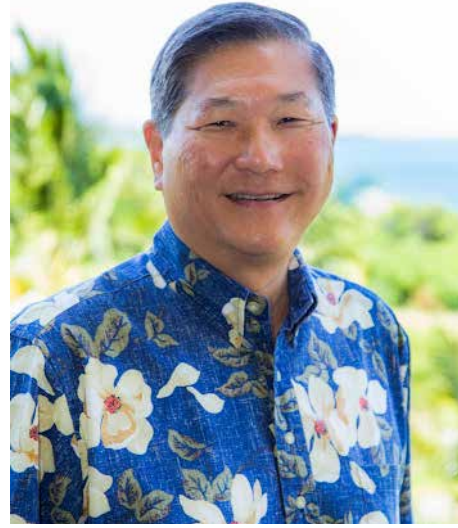
Chris Kanazawa is the new Rural Development Director for Hawai'i & Western Pacific. The announcement was made by President Joe Biden. The last director was Brenda Iokepa Moses, of Pāhala, appointed by Donald Trump. Since the Biden administration began, there has been an acting director. Rural Development headquarters for all of Hawai'i and Western Pacific are in Hilo at the historic federal building.

Ten other directors for Rural Development around the nation were named. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said, "I am thrilled to welcome these talented and experienced public servants to USDA at a critical time in the Biden-Harris administration. I look forward to working alongside these individuals to build a better America."

Kanazawa is returning to the role 12 years after being appointed by President

Barack Obama in 2010. "It's an honor to serve under President Biden's Administration and USDA Rural Development. I look forward to rejoining the mission of improving the quality of life and increasing the economic opportunities for our rural communities in Hawai'i and the Western Pacific," he said.

Rural Development State Directors serve as the chief executive officer of Rural Development in the states and territories and are tasked with carrying out the mission of Rural Development to the benefit of everyone in rural America. In conjunction with the guidance and support of the National Office, State Directors are responsible for promoting the mission and strategic goals of Rural Development and provide key leadership to develop and support a productive, diverse, and inclusive state workforce.



Chris Kanazawa, new and returning Director of Rural Development for Hawai'i and the Western Pacific.

The announcement comes with a statement saying, "USDA touches the lives

of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, promoting competition and fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate-smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America." To learn more, visit www.usda.gov. See the local Rural Development programs and news at www.rd.usda.gov/hi and follow on Twitter at https://twitter.com/RD_Hawaii.

Building Permit Placards can now be Downloaded, Printed

No more having to go to Hilo or Kona to pick up building permit placards to display on construction sites. That's the word from county Department of Public Works, Building Division, which is providing the service of downloading and printing the



placards remotely.

DPW Building Division issued permit placards are available to print from the convenience of the applicant's home or place of business. Applicants may access their permit placard upon issuance by logging into their EPIC account and viewing the "Attachments" tab of their permit.

Per Section 5-5-2 of Hawai'i County Code, work requiring a permit shall not be commenced until the permit holder or their agent shall have posted the permit in a conspicuous place on the job site. The permit shall be readily visible for the authority having jurisdiction to identify and

make all required inspections.

The permit shall remain posted in a conspicuous place on the job site until the work has passed a final inspection by the authority having jurisdiction. Failure to comply with this provision shall subject the violator to a \$100 fine.

Applicants remain able to have their permit

placard printed at the Building Division offices and are highly encouraged to schedule a time to pick up their permit placard via the EPIC Request Assistance form available online. Any questions can be addressed to DPW Information and Education Specialist, Sherise Kana'e-Kāne at sherise.kanae-kane@hawaiicounty.gov or 808-961-8499.

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Ten Research Satellite Dishes Proposed for Wood Valley

Ten satellite dishes each 20 feet wide, are planned for placement in Wood Valley on .5 acres at the corner of Center and North Roads. The site is on a 21.8-acre agriculture zoned parcel owned by Pam and Ray Mizuno. Ray's family has owned and farmed the land for generations; it is listed for sale.

The applicant is leasing five acres to include a buffer zone around the .5 acre satellite dish site. The ten dishes would be attached to 6-ft. aluminum posts. The plan is to use satellite dishes to record Fast Radio Bursts, which are sudden blasts of radio-frequency radiation from deep space that last a few microseconds. The dishes themselves put out no radiation nor radio signals, says the permit application. According to the planning document, Wood Valley was chosen because, along with all of Ka'ū, it is the most "radio quiet" site on the island.

The proposal to the County Planning Commission for a Special Permit comes from applicant Academia

Sinica Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics, based in Taiwan. It researches solar systems, star formation, extragalactic astronomy, interstellar and circumstellar medium, and high energy astrophysics. AS-

Ka'ū Coffee Fest, from pg. 1

on Feb. 28 says the event will be virtual to "protect Ka'ū's farming kupuna." The dates are set for April 1-30 when Ka'ū Coffee Festival will "present its second virtual slate of events. Grab a cup of your favorite Ka'ū coffee, relax and enjoy a wealth of activities presented conveniently for leisure viewing."

It invites the public to "Learn about the rich history of Ka'ū coffee and what makes it so special, meet the hard-working Ka'ū coffee growers through informative farmer profiles and enjoy music and hula by Ka'ū practitioners—some are also coffee growers! Also perking is the interactive Ka'ū Coffee College webinar featuring educational forums aimed at the pressing needs of this heritage coffee-producing community." Festival goers may also access additional content posted for the 2020 Festival, including a how-to Ka'ū coffee brewing demonstration complete with details on how roasting and grinding impacts flavor. Experience a day in the life of a Ka'ū coffee farmer with an amazingly authentic tour of local farms. Also on tap are additional farmer profiles, music and hula, and last year's Ka'ū Coffee College."

Manfredi said, "We're very proud of the virtual content we've created featuring our most popular events. During our 2020 virtual festival, we engaged with audiences worldwide that we never thought possible. We hope the connections we've made in the virtual realm will continue in 2022 and will encourage new and repeat visitors to Ka'ū. We invite the many fans of our award-winning crop to join us. All of our virtual events are free and sponsors are welcome."

A statement from Hawai'i Tourism Authority says funding this year is supporting community-based projects, festivals and events. "Recipients include nonprofit organizations that are support-



The Wood Valley site of a research site to detect Fast Radio Bursts from deep space.

tronomers discovered the Fast Radio Burst phenomena in 2007 and have since detected thousands of FRBs from deep space.

On Wednesday, Feb. 23, Land Planning Hawaii LLC sent notice of the special permit request to landowners within 500 feet of the site, as required by County Zoning Code, and Planning Commission Rules.

The applicant is a research institute of Academia Sinica, the national academy of the Republic of China. ASIAA is based on the National Taiwan University campus, with a field office in Hilo. ASIAA operates

ing quality experiences created by the communities to be shared with residents and visitors. The Community Enrichment Program supports an array of festivals, events and programs in the areas of agriculture, culture, culinary, nature, education, health and wellness, sports, and voluntourism."

Kalani Ka'anā'anā, HTA's Chief Brand Officer, said, "Our Community Enrichment Program enables the Hawai'i Tourism Authority to serve as the connecting point between tourism and meaningful economic diversification by reinvesting in these community-based experiences spanning various industries. We are proud to support the efforts of our residents in their communities, as these festivals and events are an integral part of Hawai'i's lifestyle and multi-cultural brand."

John Monahan, HVCB's President and CEO, said, "The Community Enrichment Program supports events and programming organized and implemented by members of our own Hawai'i communities. From a hospitality standpoint, these events not only provide our visitors with authentic and meaningful experiences, but also create opportunities for the community to participate in actively shaping Hawai'i's visitor industry. It is a privilege to support these local events that bring people together in celebration of our islands' diverse culture."

For more on the HTA program, visit: <https://bit.ly/35hcMFW>. View Full Release and List of 2022 Community Enrichment Awardees.

Photo by Katie Graham

two observational facilities on Hawai'i Island - the Submillimeter Array on the summit of Mauna Kea and the Y.T. Lee Array on Mauna Loa.

The notice states that, if approved, in addition to the satellite dishes, ASIAA plans to temporarily locate two storage containers, one catchment tank, and one port-o-potty on the site. The satellites would face the north-eastern sky and are designed for reception only, with no transmission of radio signals.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing, with date to be announced. If needed, a contested case hearing will be conducted on the matter. To provide input, written testimony can be submitted prior to the public hearing or verbally at the public hearing. Written testimony can be sent to Land Planning Hawaii LLC at 194 Wiwoole

Street, Hilo, HI 96720.

Anyone requesting a contested case hearing must file a Petition for Standing in Contested Case Hearing with a \$200 fee no later than seven calendar days prior to the Commission's first hearing. The contested case form and filing fee must be submitted via County of Hawaii Electronic Processing and Information Center at <https://hawaiicountyhi-energypub.tylerhost.net/Apps/SelfService#/home>.

Applications for a contested case hearing are available at the County Planning Department, 101 Pauahi Street, Hilo and its



An example of the kind of satellite dishes planned for Wood Valley by Academia Sinica Institute of Astronomy & Astrophysics. Photo from ASIAA

Kona office in the Kona Civic Center at 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway, Kailua-Kona, HI.

To learn more about this case, call Land Planning Hawaii LLC at (808) 333-3393 or the County Planning Department at (808) 961-8288.

Public Meeting March 16 on Pāhala Wastewater Options

A public meeting on options for wastewater treatment in Pāhala will be held on Wednesday, March 16 at 6 p.m. at Pāhala Community Center. The county's Department of Environmental Management will host the session and issued a statement today saying:

"Hawai'i County entered into an administrative order on consent with the United States Environmental Protection Agency to close the existing Pāhala Large Capacity Cesspools and provide secondary wastewater treatment to Pāhala residents. In January 2021, the (Mayor Mitch) Roth administration determined that the (proposed) Lagoon Wastewater Treatment system was excessively expensive, inefficient, disruptive, and ultimately unfeasible. Hawai'i County has requested approval from EPA to take a new path, and is gathering community input on its proposal. Representatives from DEM and other departments will be present to answer questions about ongoing efforts to update the connections to the houses



Land is being subdivided for a wastewater treatment plant in Pāhala. The county will present plans at a public meeting March 16 to consider several options. Photo by Julia Neal

currently connected to the large capacity cesspools."

In the meantime, the county remains in the process of acquiring land through condemnation in Pāhala for a sewage treatment plant, as required by the EPA, while alternatives are researched and brought before the public and EPA. The Kamehameha School land is 14.9 acres at the corner of Maile Street and Hwy 11 and is being subdivided from a larger piece.



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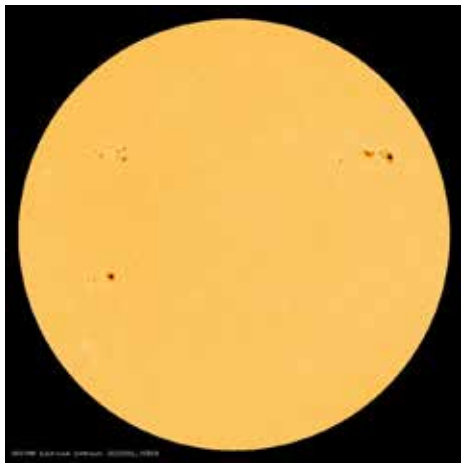


Stars Over Ka'ū - March 2022

By Lew & Donna Cook

The Solar System

At the time our chart is drawn for (10 pm on the 15th), no planets are visible. If you are up before sunrise, you can see Venus, dusky red Mars, and Mercury. Jupiter and Saturn are close to the sun.



This is how the sun looked on 2/2/22, a day with an abundance of spots for this time in the solar cycle. The sun rotates (from left to right) once every 25 to 35 days, quicker at the poles than the equator. Note that the leading spots seen here are larger than those following.
Credit: NASA/ESA, SDO/HMI

NASA/ESA satellites took this photo of the sun on 2/2/2022. It shows that the sun is getting active again. The sun rotates once every 25 to 35 days and the spots come and go, so its surface may not have the same appearance now. NEVER LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE SUN WITH OR WITHOUT A TELESCOPE - BLINDNESS CAN RESULT! Use the internet or a solar filter attached firmly to your telescope!

We have a photo of the moon just past first quarter. Astronomers generally don't appreciate the full moon because there is nothing visible that can show detail. One colleague refers to the full moon as "Ol' Whiteface". All it does is wash out faint stars and nebulae. At other times - like in the image from Jim Magill - it really shows how high the mountains are, how deep (or shallow) the craters are. It also shows how smooth the maria (seas) are and just how rough the highlands are. Maria are smooth - like seas, which is what the first telescopists thought they were. Better telescopes were used to find small craters in them.



At an average distance of 238,000 miles, the moon is often the first thing we notice in the night sky. Noted here are some of the Apollo moon landing locations.
Credit: Jim Magill

MOON AND SUN

EVENT

Date.....	Moonrise	Moonset
New Moon		
Mar. 2	6:57 am	6:58 pm
First Quarter		
Mar. 10	11:18 am	1:03 am
		Mar. 11

Full Moon		
Mar. 18	6:23 pm	7:04 am
		Mar. 19

Last Quarter		
Mar. 25	1:24 am	12:39 am

SUN

Date.....	Sunrise	Sunset
Mar. 7	6:37 am	6:30 pm
Mar. 14	6:31 am	6:32 pm
Mar. 21	6:25 am	6:33 pm
Mar. 28	6:19 am	6:35 pm



Here is one of the most fascinating objects you can see in the night sky. This nebula, excited by the very massive star Eta Carinae plus its neighbors, glows red. It has a history of eruptions - in 1837, it began an eruption and brightened to become brighter than Rigel, in the left foot of Orion. Then it faded below naked eye visibility until 1892, when it rebrightened to 6th magnitude and then faded. It was magnitude 4.5 in 2014. Its location is shown on the chart. Credit: L. M. Cook

CONSTELLATIONS AND DEEP SKY OBJECTS

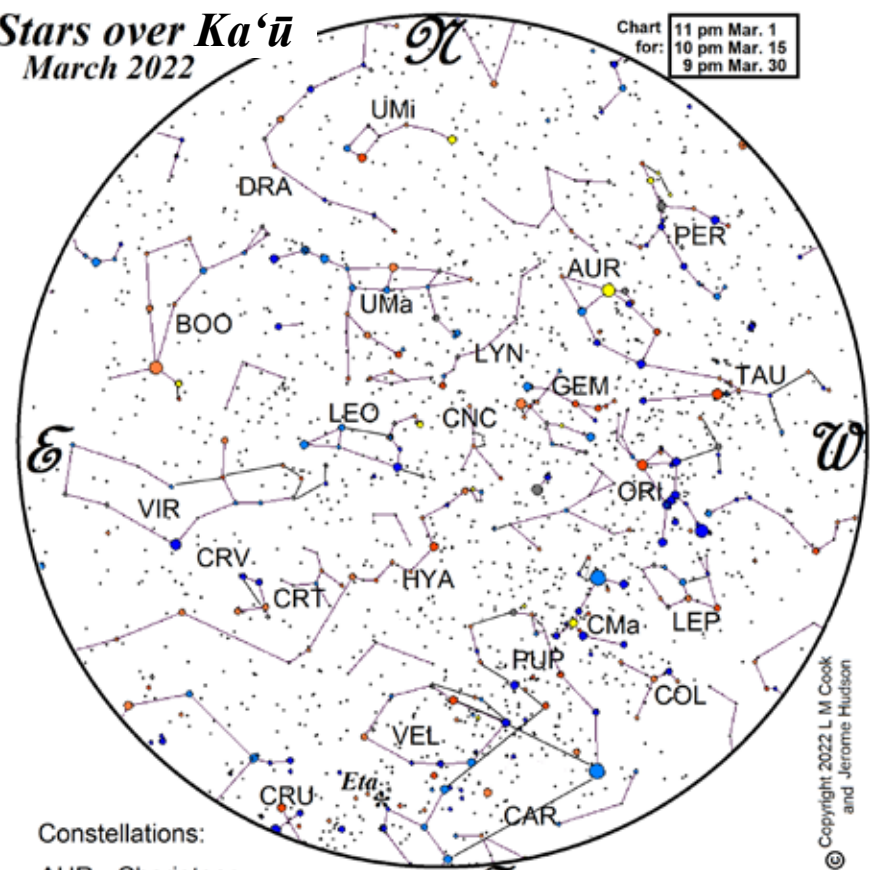
We turn our attention to the South this month. What the star chart shows this month is Canis Major (Big Dog). The bright bluish star Sirius is the brightest star in the sky. The second brightest star in the sky, Canopus is south of Sirius.

This month we feature the Eta Carina Nebula, which we imaged remotely from Australia using T30, a 20-inch telescope belonging to iTelescope.net. The nebula is some 7,500 light-years from us. The red color is mostly due to excited hydrogen and singly ionized sulfur. The star, Eta Carinae, resembles a blue supergiant and is a whopper of a star. Originally, it had a mass of somewhere between 150 to 250 times the mass of the sun, but it is suspected of having lost some 30 solar masses of the sun in its eruptions. It will explode violently as a supernova in the near (astronomical) future.

LOCALLY

Don't forget to visit the Planetarium in Hilo, which is open on weekends (Fri. - Sun.). Call 'Imiloa Astronomy Center (808.932.8901) at 600 'Imiloa Place, Hilo, HI 96720 or visit online at www.imiloahawaii.org for prices and programming times.

Stars over Ka'ū March 2022



Constellations:

AUR - Charioteer		ORI - Orion
BOO - Herdsman		PUP - Poop deck
CAR - Keel * = Eta Car		TAU - Bull
CMa - Big Dog	DRA - Dragon	UMa - Big bear
CNC - Crab	GEM - Twins	UMi - Bear cub
COL - Dove	HYA - Hydra	VEL - Sail
CRT - Cup	LEO - Lion	VIR - Virgin
CRU - S. Cross	LEP - Hare	
CRV - Crow	LYN - Lynx	

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

The constellations are presented with their 3-letter abbreviations, with their common names shown at the bottom of our chart. Stars as faint as magnitude 5.7 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!

The star charts are produced from a sky Atlas program written by Jerry Hudson, who has given us permission to publish it. Thank you, Jerry!

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As a current member of the Windward Planning Commission, a former member of the County Charter Commission, as well as a former member of the Ka'ū Community Development Plan Steering Committee, Galimba said, "I have many years of experience in listening to and working with community members to craft policies and make decisions that express our values and our vision for the future."

As a rancher and business-person, Galimba said, "I have built a successful business around providing grass-fed, locally grown beef to local markets. As an advocate for local agriculture and farmers, I have worked with the Ka'ū coffee farmers to build a market for their world-class coffee, including coordinating the first Ka'ū Coffee Festival."

During the COVID-19 pandemic

Galimba worked with Vibrant Hawai'i, 'O Ka'ū Kakou and the Nā'ālehu Hongwanji to use CARES Act funding from the County of Hawai'i to help local restaurants and farmers stay in business, to provide free meals to the most vulnerable residents, and to provide access to internet and laptop computers at the Nā'ālehu Resilience Hub.

Along with the Trust for Public Land and the Ala Kahakai Trail Association, "I have also worked to preserve thousands of acres of our coastline and agricultural lands by helping to secure public funding for land acquisitions and for putting in place agricultural and cultural resource conservation easements that protect these lands from development in perpetuity."

She said, "In my experience working together is what gives us the power to make good things happen."

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Miloli'i Canoe Club Launches 2022 Paddling Season

Miloli'i Canoe Club relaunched in February, when more than 30 new and returning paddlers gathered near shore of the remote fishing village to sign up for the 2022 paddling season. The last competitive paddling events were held in 2019, before the pandemic shut down races statewide.

President of Miloli'i Canoe Club, Elroy Reyes, was born and raised in Miloli'i and was one of the founding members of the club when it reorganized in 2015, with help from Pa'a Pono Miloli'i. Reyes said the 2015 relaunch came after 81 years of no involvement in statewide canoe racing.

However, many Miloli'i villagers kept up their physical strength over the decades through paddling their own personal 'opelu canoes, often on a daily basis, to fish for 'opelu to feed their families and community. Hoe wa'a (canoe paddling) remains a longtime tradition for the families of the fishing village of Miloli'i.

The Miloli'i Canoe Club has carried this strength forward by doing well in the statewide paddling seasons before the pandemic. Many of the paddlers who signed up for the new season on Saturday have lineage to generations of kupuna of the village who paddled canoe.



Miloli'i Canoe Club is back in action with practices for the 2022 paddling season. Its quiver of canoes includes the historic koa canoe, the *Malolo*, shown here. Photo from Miloli'i Canoe Club

One of the sacred members of the Miloli'i Canoe Club is the *Malolo*, a 40-foot koa wood wa'a (canoe). Reyes said the *Malolo* may be the oldest canoe in the state of Hawai'i. His great grandfather, Kekumu Kawauhau, built it in 1928. In 1954, the *Malolo* won the Moloka'i Channel Race in record-breaking time.

The *Malolo* has a sister wa'a, *Nai'a*, who is housed by the paddlers of Hui Wa'a O Waiakea in Hilo. "They are twins, carved from the same koa log. *Malolo* is the brother and *Nai'a* is the sister," said Reyes. The *Malolo* was restored in 2015 by Bill Rosehill.

Reyes said, "My job is to be the steward of the canoe," which continues to be a central part of the Miloli'i Canoe Club.

To register and learn more about the

club, email miloliicc@gmail.com. Adults and keiki ages 8 and up are welcome for membership. Current County pandemic guidelines will be followed for outdoor gatherings and practice.

Those who would like to support the Miloli'i Canoe Club, can consider a monetary donation. More details on donating can be found at paaponomilolii.org/projects/milolii-canoe-club.

Tim Gould Named New Ka'ū Trojans Athletic Director

A new school athletic director for the Ka'ū High & Pāhala Elementary Trojans has arrived. Tim Gould has a background in rural schools, serving as Athletic Director, coaching soccer and basketball, teaching and counseling. He also coached college soccer.

Gould said that during his first week he was welcomed by Principal Sharon Beck and her staff.

Former Ka'ū Athletic Director Kalei Namohala came out from her new post as AD at Waiakea High in Hilo, where she is an alumni. Gould thanked her for sharing her knowledge from being AD for 12 years here.

With being the Athletic Director of the entire school, Gould said that once he is settled in his new job, perhaps in the future he may want to help develop youth camps and intramural activities that could include the younger students.

Big Island Interscholastic Federation lists sports for the spring season for high schools as the following: water polo, tennis, judo, boys volleyball, golf, track and field, softball, baseball. Ka'ū is expected to compete in judo, boys volleyball, track and field, softball and baseball.

Gould said he has experience with schools that combine their athletes for competition. Ka'ū High and Volcano School of the Arts & Sciences joined forces this year to form the Trojan teams.

In terms of working and living in a rural community, Gould said that arriving in Ka'ū felt familiar to him, having lived in towns with farmers, ranchers and hunters with trucks and tractors and other off-road vehicles. He said the farm communities were multicultural and that he feels at home here.

He said that coming to Ka'ū is an "op-



New Trojan Athletic Director Tim Gould comes from rural high schools and colleges.

portunity to leave the comfort zone and be an Athletic Director in a place with year-round access to nature." Gould hails from Illinois flatlands and said he welcomes the ocean to mountain environment, with the different ecosystems around the island. Gould said he looks forward to getting to know the cultures of the people here. He said he looks forward to helping to further

develop partnerships between the schools, county Department of Recreation and non-profits serving youth in the community.

He said he has experience with the effect of Covid on reducing participation in sports and academics and will work to bring back both of them.

Gould, 39 years of age, comes to Ka'ū from Eisenhower High School in Decatur, Illinois, where he served as Athletic Director and Student Council Advisor. He was an English teacher and Boys Soccer Coach and Girls Assistant Soccer Coach at Marquette Catholic High School; a Head Soccer Coach at Mississippi University for Women; Head Soccer Coach and assistant Mens Soccer Coach, as well as Academic Advisor for Blackburn College. At Carlinville High School in Illinois, he was Head Boys and Girls Soccer Coach, Girls Basketball Coach and a Social Studies teacher.

Gould earned a Masters Degree in Education in Positive Coaching from University of Missouri. His undergraduate degree is in English, with Secondary Education Certification from Blackburn College in Illinois. He received further training at the Way of Champions Conference, Atixa Title IX Training, the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association National Conference and earned the title of Registered Athletic Administrator.



Senior Night on Feb. 10 for graduating Trojan basketball players who received lei. Left to right are: 40 Jocyiah Mukini, 24 Cyrus Eder, 33 Jonah Beck, 12 Keenan Toriano, 20 Micah Espejo and 31 Kealiikoa Reyes-Nalu. Photo by Josh Ortega

Senior Night Was a Win Night for Trojan Basketball

Senior Night was a winning night for boys varsity basketball and the JV team. On Feb. 10, the Trojans nailed the Kea'au Cougars. In the JV game, Trojans scored the most points in all four quarters with 15 - 8, 18-4, 13-6 and 12-10. The final score was 58-28.

Scoring for the Trojans were: Tyson Junior Kuahua-Faafia - 24, Jaestin Kara-

suda - 12, Roger Miguel - 6, Patrick Riehle - 5, Ocean Nihipali-Sesson - 5, Keaka McDonnel - 3, Collen Hanshaw - 2 and Jestin Penera - 1.

In Varsity play, Trojans held on to beat the Cougars 45-41. Kea'au took the first quarter 10-7. Ka'ū scored more than Kea'au in the second and third with 12-2 and 13-2. Kea'au rallied in the fourth with

17-13 but Ka'ū came out on top. Scoring for Ka'ū were: Kaimana Manini-Kaupu - 19, Jensen Villa - 8, Cyrus Eder - 4, Jocyiah Mukini - 3, Kealiikoa Reyes-Nalu - 3, Emman Badua - 3, Micah Espejo - 3 and Keenan Toriano - 2.

On senior night, all of the graduating basketball players received lei.



JV Trojans beat Kea'au on Senior Night, Feb 10. Players in the back row are 43 Triton Blanco, 20 Patrick Riehle, 33 Tyson Junior Kuahua-Faafia, 24 Collin Hanshaw, and 21 Ocean Nihipali-Sesson. In the front row are: Head Coach Troy Gacayan, 3 Jaestin Karasuda, 4 Keaka McDonnel, 5 Jestin Penera, 10 Roger Miguel, 13 Kalem Libunao-Martinez ad 22 Vladimir Fedoruk. Photo by Harry McIntosh

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Ka'ū 7-12 Students Invited to SPARX Hawai'i Music Contest

A music talent search is launched for students in Ka'ū-Kea'au-Pāhoa Area Schools. It is sponsored by HISessions, a YouTube music channel, and Pacific Literacy Consortium. Applications opened March 1.



It's called the SPARX Hawai'i Music Contest and its aim is to encourage students to explore areas that spark their interests. "Following that spark could lead to following their passion and creating their own

path in life," says a statement from the organizers.

"This is a fun vocal and instrumental talent search connecting promising singers and musicians in the Ka'ū-Kea'au-Pāhoa area with an audience. The goal is to uplift the community through the increased discovery of its talented musical artists."

The SPARX Hawai'i Music Contest is accessible to qualifying student musicians from seventh to 12th grades at Ka'ū High, including the intermediate



students, Kea'au Middle, Kea'au High, and Pāhoa High & Intermediate, who record a video of themselves performing a song, and submit by April 1.

The contest is an educational outreach

component of the 'Aha Lamakū 'Oia'i'o federal grant administered by the Pacific Literacy Consortium, College of Education, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. ALO targets supplemental educational support to secondary students in four schools in Hawai'i Island's KKP complex area.

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Covid Rules, from pg. 1

gency Proclamation Related to COVID-19 (Omicron Variant), which includes indoor mask-wearing, Safe Travels requirements, and testing/vaccination requirements for County and State employees.

The Governor's emergency order will remain in effect until March 25 unless otherwise acted upon. It is unclear if the Governor will extend his emergency rules beyond then.

We are excited to announce a new day for Hawai'i County as we shift our efforts from response to recovery," said the Mayor. "Since taking office in late 2020, our administration has worked

tirelessly to manage the ongoing pandemic through fair and data-driven policies. It's what has allowed us to keep our community safe while also allowing our small businesses and large employers to keep their lights on and their employees working.

"The decisions we made were challenging and, at times, not always favorable, but we made them with aloha, with data to back them, and with the best interest of all in mind. We believe in our community and their ability to do the right thing for everybody. Moving forward, response is in their hands, and we are confident they will make the right choices for all of us."

The termination of the Mayor's Thirteenth Supplementary Emergency Proclamation marks the first

time since Feb. 28, 2020, that Hawai'i County is without emergency orders related to COVID-19 – two years to the day.

"COVID is by no means gone, but we now believe that we are getting to a point where we can learn to live with the virus," said Roth. "Our medical professionals and frontline first responders have shown that we are capable of moving forward cautiously. We have the resources, we have the want, and we have the capacity. If we have to pivot, we will. But for now, we remain optimistic and ready to tackle the challenges ahead – together."

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Volcano Receives 1.2 M Visitors, Park Suggests Exploring Kahuku

With more than 1.2 million people visiting Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, the park is encouraging residents and visitors to check out the Kahuku Unit as well as other less visited National Parks and monuments on the island.



Hikers on the 1868 Mauna Loa lava flow in Kahuku. With more than 1.2 million visitors coming to the Kīlauea entrance of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park last year, the park encourages visitation to less busy locations.

NPS Photo by Janice Wei

The park released a statement in February saying, "In 2021, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park welcomed 1,262,747 people to the park. The park is among the top 100 most-visited national parks in the U.S. last year." It came in 63rd in the national rankings based on visitation.

Visitation at Hawai'i Volcanoes National in 2021 increased 114% from 2020 when 589,775 people came during the first

year of the pandemic.

The statement pointed out that "While most visitors to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park limit their visit to the often-crowded summit of Kīlauea hoping to witness an eruption, the volatile history of Mauna Loa volcano is revealed in the park's uncrowded Kahuku Unit, located in Ka'u."

The Kahuku entrance is an hour drive south of the park's main entrance, with eight hiking trails, a deep pit crater enrobed in native plants, and a 150-year ranching history. Rolling green pu'u (hills) intersect with lava from the 1868 eruption of Mauna Loa, "one of the most profound natural disasters in Hawaiian history. It is a captivating landscape, and one that most visitors miss on their way to Kīlauea," says the park statement.

The park suggests additional less visited sites: "Another 'must-go' park, located about 100 miles from the main entrance of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, is Pu'ukoholā Heiau National Historic Site in Kawaihae. The massive heiau (temple) built by Kamehameha the First, his warriors and other kāne (men) is a monument to the beginning stages of the Hawaiian Kingdom. This is where Kamehameha sealed the fate of his Ka'u cousin, Keōua Kū'ahu'ula, ending a bloody civil war. It is



Kahuku VSC and ranch house from Pu'u o Lokuana.

NPS Photo by B.Hayes

also where blacktip reef sharks cruise over a submerged heiau. A scenic stretch of the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail starts just south of the heiau."

Kahuku and Pu'ukoholā Heiau do not charge entrance fees. The \$55 Hawai'i Tri-Park Pass provides access to three fee-charging parks in Hawai'i: Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Pu'uuhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park and Haleakalā National Park on Maui. The tri-park pass is available at the participating parks' entrance stations and is valid for one

year from the purchase date.

National Park Service 2021 visitation statistics for all parks are available on the NPS Visitor Use Statistics website. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 421 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov, and on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.



The state Board of Land & Natural Resources accepted public comment in February on proposed Miloli'i Community-Based Subsistence fishery rules. Photo courtesy of Big Island Video News

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meeting and reported on testimony, including that of Cyrus Pohaku Kaupu, 12 years old, who wrote in support of the rules: "I go holoholo with my papa, my mom and Uncle Will and learn the ways of 'ōpelu

fishing from them. From scraping pumpkin and kalo, to going to the ko'a and identifying the landmarks and to knocking on the side of the boat to let the kupuna know we are here before we enter with the mea'ai. The best part is when we pull up our catch and the first thing that either my papa or mom says is,

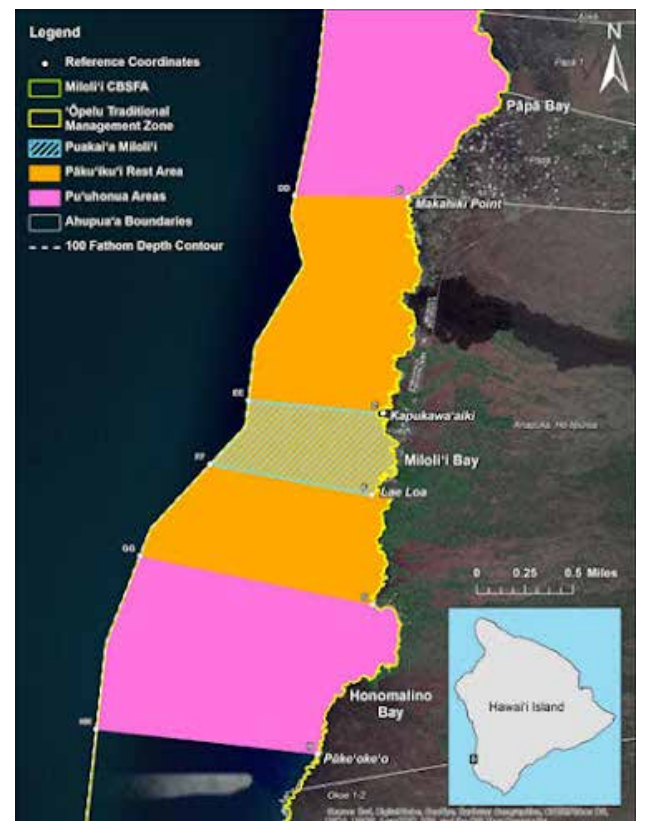
here, handing me two of the biggest 'opelu to honi and give back to Kanaloa with a mahalo!"

"Being that the Miloli'i CBSFA was placed four years before my birth and as a next generation lawai'a and water man, I hope to continue catching and eating these 'ono i'a well into my adulthood. A time where I can continue to eat the stories of our kupuna lawai'a."

Most of the testimony favored the rules. Some aquarium fishers and a few others opposed them.

See all the testimony at <https://bit.ly/3vwFUnE>. The Miloli'i portion begins at about an hour and 54 min-

utes into the meeting. The video is courtesy of Big Island Video News. See BigIslandVideoNews.com.



The Miloli'i Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area proposes seasons for some species and various zones for stewardship.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS OF MARCH

GIRLS DAY ORIGAMI at Ka'ū District Gym & Pāhala Community Center. Wednesday, Mar. 2, 2:30 – 4 p.m. Open to ages K through 6. Register for free from Feb. 24 – Mar. 1. For more information and to register, contact Recreation Director, Nona Makuakane at (808) 928-3102.

THE BUSINESS OF ART WITH IRA ONO at Volcano Art Center, Saturday, Mar. 5, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Learn basic business principles from internationally-known Volcano artist Ira Ono. Class topics covered include: pricing your artwork for profit, creating presentations that focus on gallery buyers, gift shops, and department stores, and visual merchandising. Cost for the full day workshop is \$55/\$50 for VAC members. To learn more and register, visit volcanoartcenter.org/events/.

BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF HAWAII, the Right Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick, will lead the service at St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View on Sunday, Mar. 6. The service will be on zoom and live at 96-8606 Paradise Circle Drive. Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85987340947?pwd=VmJOUWkvM3ICT0N2cVN2RUFiM1kzQT09> Meeting ID: 859 8734 0947; Passcode: Aloha.

COFFEE FILTER BUTTERFLY at Ka'ū District Gym & Pāhala Community Center. Wednesday, Mar. 9, 2:30 – 4 p.m. Open to ages K through 6. Register for free from Mar. 3 – 8. For more information and to register, contact Recreation Director, Nona Makuakane at (808) 928-3102.

VOLLEYBALL CLINIC at Nā'ālehu Community Center, Wednesday, Mar. 9, 4 p.m. Open to ages 10 to 15 years old. Register for free from Mar. 1 – 4. Bring close-toed shoes and a water bottle. For more information and to register, contact Recreation Director, Richard Karasuda at (808) 939-2510.

INTEGRATED AQUACULTURE & AQUAPONICS WEBINAR, Wednesday, Mar. 9, 6:30 – 8 p.m. An online Zoom event sponsored by Hawai'i Farmers Union United, featuring Chantal Chung of Ma'ona Community Garden & UH Hilo Sea Grant College Program and Maria Haws, Professor of Aquaculture at UH Hilo and Director for the UH Center for Excellence for Sustainable Aquaculture. This event is open to the public, with priority given to Farmers Union members. To register and learn more about the event, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/speaker-series-30-integrated-aquaculture-aquaponics-tickets-274390658847?aff=odeimcmalchimp&mc_cid=820ce93da5&mc_eid=563999cc96.

PUBLIC INPUT FOR DISASTER RECOVERY PROJECT at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park due by Friday, Mar. 11. To submit comments, visit <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/HAVODisasterRecovery> or call (808) 460-6212 and leave a message.

ART OF INTERVIEW WORKSHOP presented by Kuhikahi Mentorship Program and Vibrant Hawai'i, Friday, Mar. 11, 10 – 11:30 a.m. This workshop is the first of two in a series and will cover interview etiquette, deconstructing interview questions, and presenting your authentic self in a way that shines. To RSVP, visit vibrant-hawaii.org/get-involved.

COFFEE TALK AT KAHUKU on Historical Hunting of Native Birds in Kahuku, Saturday, Mar. 12, 9:30 – 11 a.m. at Kahuku Unit Visitor Center. Coffee Talk at Kahuku is an opportunity to get to know your park and neighbors. Held on the second Saturday of every month. Attendance is limited to 25 and reservations are required. To make a reservation, call (808) 464-3550 and leave a message. Coffee will be available for purchase by credit card only.

PAPER MAKING WITH PLANTS at Volcano Art Center, Saturday, Mar. 12, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Learn the basics of papermaking using a variety of papers and local plant fibers, plant dyes, and earth pigments. Workshop will be led by artist Mary Milezcik. Workshop fee is \$65/\$60 for VAC members, plus \$50 prep

time and supplies. To learn more and register online, visit volcanoartcenter.org/events/.

ZENTANGLE PARADOX FOR THE EQUINOX at Volcano Art Center, Saturday, Mar. 12, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Learn how to make Zentangle art with Valdeane Odachi in the week prior to the Spring Equinox. Class is open to all levels, no Zentangle or art experience necessary. Workshop fee is \$35/\$30 for VAC members, plus a \$15 supply fee. To learn more and register online, visit volcanoartcenter.org/events/.

SOUNDS AT THE SUMMIT FEATURING MURIEL ANDERSON at Volcano Art Center, Saturday, Mar. 12. First performance at 4:30 p.m. and second performance at 7 p.m. Guitarist/Harp-guitarist Muriel Anderson will perform with a backdrop of visuals from award-winning photo-artist, Bryan Allen. Tickets are \$20 for VAC members/\$25 for non-members/\$10 virtual. Tickets are available for sale online at volcanoartcenter.org/events/.

CHARADES at Kahuku Park in Ocean View, Monday, Mar. 14 from 2:30 – 4 p.m. Open to ages 6 through 12 years old. Register for free from Mar. 4 – 11. For more information, contact Recreation Technician, Teresa Anderson at (808) 929-9113.

HOKU NIGHTS AT HIPU'U, Friday, Mar. 18, 6:30 p.m. Hosted by Ohana Miloli'i and Hipu'u o Miloli'i Kumu every full moon. Topic is Native Trails. Zoom ID: 227 574 9157.

MALAMA MAKAI AT MILOLI'I at Park Halau, presented by Kokua Entreprises and Kalanihale. Saturday, Mar. 19, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., with village vendors, crafters, and stewards each month. For more information, call (808) 937-1310 or visit Kalanihale.com.

SPRING FLOWER COLLAGE at Kahuku Park in Ocean View, Tuesday, Mar. 22 from 2:30 – 4 p.m. Open to ages 6 through 12 years old. Register for free from Mar. 8 – 16. For more information, contact Recreation Technician, Teresa Anderson at (808) 929-9113.

SPRING FLOWER CRAFT at Ka'ū District Gym & Pāhala Community Center. Wednesday, Mar. 23, 2:30 – 4 p.m. Open to ages K through 6. Register for free from Mar. 16 – 22. For more information and to register, contact Recreation Director, Nona Makuakane at (808) 928-3102.

STORYBOOK – STEM PROJECT at Ka'ū District Gym & Pāhala Community Center. Wednesday, Mar. 30, 2:30 – 4 p.m. Open to ages K through 6. Register for free from Mar. 3 – 8. For more information and to register, contact Recreation Director, Nona Makuakane at (808) 928-3102.

CULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (CIA) QUESTIONNAIRES related to Maunakea will be accepted through Thursday, Mar. 31. Experts on cultural resources, practices, and beliefs connected to Maunakea are sought by the University of Hawai'i. Responses to the questionnaire will help inform "the preparation of a Cultural Impact Assessment for an Environmental Impact Statement that will address proposed future UH land authorization for Maunakea." Go to <https://www.pesihawaii.mkcia> to learn more about the CIA and participate in the cultural practices questionnaire.

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KA'Ū FOOD PANTRY FOOD DISTRIBUTION, Tuesday, Mar. 22, 9:30 a.m. - Pau. Located at St. Jude's Episcopalian Church above Kahuku Park in Ocean View. Sponsored by Hawai'i Island Food Basket.

KA'Ū KĀKOU PANTRY FOOD DISTRIBUTION, Tuesday, Mar. 22, 10 a.m. - Pau. Located at Ka'ū District Gym in Pāhala. Sponsored by Hawai'i Island Food Basket.

SACRED HEART: LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD DISTRIBUTION, Thursday, Mar. 24, 9 - 11 a.m. Located at 95-5558 Mamalahoa Hwy in Nā'ālehu. Sponsored by Hawai'i Island Food Basket.

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Lā'au Letters: Native Plants of Ka'ū

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



Hala pepe (*Dracaena konaensis*)

Description: There are six endemic species in the Agavaceae family, each either island- or region-specific. Only one species, *Dracaena konaensis*, is endemic to Hawai'i Island, and it is listed as endangered. Easily mistaken for the "Money Tree" (a cousin to hala pepe) to the untrained eye, hala pepe have an interesting appearance, with simple and slender leaves clustered near the top of a branch. The abundant and showy yellow flowers appear dangling on a long inflorescence, giving way to reddish berries once pollinated. Hala pepe are dioecious, meaning their flowers contain both male and female parts. In ideal conditions, hala pepe can reach 10 meters tall (~33 feet) and have multiple trunks. However, due to fire and grazing pressures by both feral and pastured ungulates, many remaining wild plants show signs of damage, and natural recruitment is little to non-existent (rodents love to eat the ripe fruits).

Uses: Medicinally, hala pepe bark and leaves are combined with several other lā'au (including 'uhaloa root bark, pōpolo, and a section of kō kea) to treat fever and chills, and combined with others to treat asthma and breathing troubles. Hala pepe trunks were traditionally used to make ki'i, and branches were used to decorate altars, including those for Laka. Hala pepe is a significant hula lā'au, representing Kapo (a Goddess of Hula), and its flowers are strung in lei.

Habitat: Ka'ū is one of the of only three moku on Hawai'i Island in which *D. konaensis* remain, in addition to the Hōlei Pali in Puna, and Pu'u Wa'a Wa'a and Ka'ūpūlehu in North Kona. Hala pepe prefer dry forests on old 'a'ā flows in full sun and open canopies, at elevations between 300-860 meters (~985-2,800 feet). This habitat preference suggests parts of Ocean View and Ranchos are ideal conditions for hala pepe (where it was undoubtedly more abundant historically). Although one of Ka'ū's beloved hala pepe (located just makai of the highway in Kahuku) died several years ago, there are still several remaining - keep your eyes peeled!

Growing and Purchasing: Because Hawai'i Island's hala pepe is endangered, collection of hala pepe seeds and materials requires special permits through the State, and it is best to seek adoption opportunities from registered nurseries like Future Forests. Although hala pepe are not common in the home landscape, they should be! Requiring virtually no maintenance other than a location with full sun and well-draining soil, preferably on 'a'ā, these plants are extremely drought and wind tolerant, and do not require much (if any) fertilization treatments. Consider making hala pepe a landscape accent on your property if you have the proper elevation, rainfall, and drainage conditions for it to thrive.

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

Joan Yoshioka



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



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MARCH

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Mar. 24, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Located at Ka'ū District Gym in Pāhala. Sponsored by Hawai'i Island Food Basket.

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K9 Rory Helps in Ocean View

K9 Rory, who assisted with a recent drug and weapons bust in Ocean View, is also a fundraising dog for Hawai’i Island K9 Association, which raises money to provide equipment, k9s, kennels, training, and medical care to Hawai’i Island K9. Its most recent event was a donation of a Live Find Tracking K9 to the Hawai’i Police Department and to help retire K9 Falcon from HPD. K9 working with Hawai’i Police and Fire Departments help to investigate crimes, search and rescue. K9 Rory works alongside Police Officer Stephen Kishimoto.



Hawai’i Police Department’s K9 Rory is on a fundraiser t-shirt.

To help Hawai’i Island K9 Association raise money for its mission, t-shirts with an image of K9 Rory are available on its website at <https://hik9s.org/>. Board Chair Tammy Passmore said the organization “raises funds to ensure our hard-working and loyal K9 have safe-comfortable kennels, equipment, training, and medical care.”

Hawai’i Island K9 Association is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization. Donations are tax deductible, as permitted Under IRS Regulations. See more at <https://hik9s.org/>

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

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KEEP ON WALKING III at Ka’ū District Gym & Pāhala Community Center. Mondays to Thursdays from 5 - 6:30 p.m. now until Mar. 31. Registration is ongoing. Open to adults. For more information and to register, contact Recreation Director, Nona Makuakane at (808) 928-3102.

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PICKLEBALL AT KAHUKU PARK in Ocean View, Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. For more information, please contact Jaquie Woodmansee at (808) 929-7022.

NET RECOVERY PATROL on Mondays with Hawai’i Wildlife Fund. The team and core volunteers conduct marine debris recovery efforts targeting large debris items, including derelict fishing net and line bundles, that are especially hazardous to marine wildlife. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, these events are limited to current HWF volunteers. Please contact kahakai.cleanups@gmail.com for more info. Check <https://www.wildhawaii.org/> with its HWF calendar for more opportunities to get involved with its bi-weekly net recovery patrols.

SEED COLLECTION WORKDAYS. On various weekdays, join Hawai’i Wildlife Fun team and core volunteers to collect coastal strand and dry forest plant seeds for saving (with the Hawai’i Island Seed Bank) and future restoration efforts. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, these events are limited to small groups of current HWF volunteers. Please contact jodie.HWF@gmail.com for more info and www.wildhawaii.org/ for more opportunities.

ST. JUDE’S SHOWER MINISTRY has reopened to the public on Saturdays from 9 a.m. noon, with hot water, soap, shampoo, conditioner, and clean towels. Masks and social distancing are required before and after showering. The long standing public shower service, put on pause by Covid, is supported by the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai’i’s Commission on Mission Beyond Church and St. Jude’s own outreach fund. Location is 8606 Paradise Circle Drive in Ocean View. Members of the congregation built the facility.

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

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13, 20, and 27 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Volcano Art Center’s Niaulani Campus. The class fee is \$45/\$40 for VAC members plus a \$25 materials fee. Please bring your own glasses or goggles. To register online, visit volcanoartcenter.org/events/.

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Galimba, from pg. 4

Galimba promised to “work hard to bring resources to our district by engaging with the Hawai'i County administration to ensure that our District's needs are recognized and acted upon. I will work with the Department of Parks & Recreation to ensure that our public parks have the funding, equipment and manpower they need, and with the Department of Environmental Management to repair and improve our transfer stations. I will work with the Department of Research & Development to create opportunities for new jobs and businesses in our district.”

Galimba said, “We have a responsibility to preserve the cultural and natural resource of our district and island. At the same time, it is critical to create opportunities for prosperity and well-being for all. If elected to the County Council, these responsibilities and values will guide my work in serving District 6.”

Galimba, 53, is daughter of Alfred and Sami Galimba. Alfred Galimba is a cattle rancher and dairyman, formerly managing some of the largest dairy farms in the state. He worked at Nā'ālehu Dairy as well as Hawaiian Ranch when those were subsidiaries of C. Brewer & Co. Sami Galimba is a cattle rancher, business-woman, and a school teacher starting at Pāhala Elementary in the 1960's.

The candidate is the grand-daughter of the late Eustaquio and Carlina Galimba, long-time residents of Wai'ōhinu and the late James and Catherine Nellis of Walton, NY. She has three brothers: Raschad, Garrett and Guy Galimba. Along with the late Timothy Alencastre of Volcano, she is the



County Council candidate Michelle Galimba says she wants to help Ka'ū grow more businesses, particularly in agriculture.

parent of Ua Alencastre-Galimba, who graduated from Kamehameha Schools summa cum laude in 2019 and currently is a junior at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA.

Galimba chairs the USDA's Farm Service Agency County Committee, which helps farmers and ranchers to recover from disasters, and represents Hawai'i on the USDA's Western Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. She has formerly served an eight-year term on the State of Hawai'i's Board of Agriculture. She also is a member of AgHui, a network of agricultural stakeholders dedicated to raising up local agricultural pro-

ducers and food systems. She is a graduate of the Hawai'i Agricultural Leadership Program and had the honor of being the keynote speaker for the Hawai'i Agricultural Conference in October 2019.

Galimba serves on the board of HEMIC (Hawai'i Employers Mutual Insurance Company), the Agricultural Leadership Program of Hawai'i, the Big Island Resource Conservation and Development Council, and has previously served on the board of Farm Credit Services of Hawai'i, Hawai'i County 4-H Livestock Association, Vibrant Hawai'i, Ka Ohana O Honu'apo, Ka'ū Farm Bureau, and the County of Hawai'i Commission on the Status of Women. She is also a contributor to the anthology *Food and Power in Hawai'i: Visions of Food Democracy*.

She is a graduate of Punahou School, has a B.A. in Asian Studies from the University of Oregon, and a M.A. and Ph.D in Comparative Literature from the University of California Berkeley. She has taught Mandarin Chinese and World Literature at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

Along with her brother Guy Galimba, she owns and manages Kuahiwi Ranch and Kuahiwi Ranch Store, which sells livestock feed, local beef, eggs and honey in

Nā'ālehu.

Galimba said that as a small business owner, she provides agricultural and retail employment opportunities in the district. Having helped to grow the family ranch and business from one cow in 1993 to its present herd of over 3,000 head, she said she “knows that government can both help or hinder local businesses, and would like to help our district and county grow more businesses especially in agriculture.”

See Galimba's campaign website at www.votegalimba.com.

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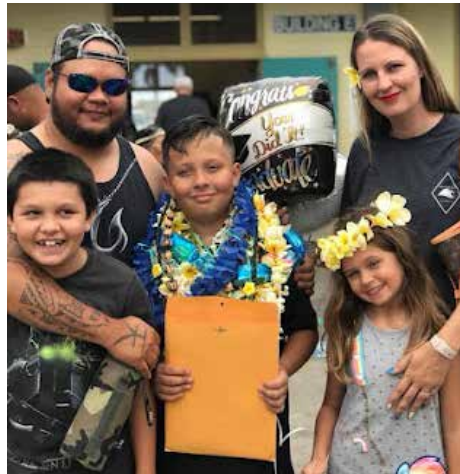
Joy, from pg. 1

happening, being able to buy my home in this," said Joy.

Joy said those who move to and visit Hawai'i often take advantage of the aloha spirit of local communities and that she is interested in increasing dialogue about this issue. "Instead of sitting here and feeling sad about it, I want to try to speak up and do something," said Joy.

In regards to development, Joy suggested empowering the community towards self-sufficiency, rather than just surviving off of tourism. Although Joy and her husband rely on tourism for employment, Joy explained that "we need to think of ways of surviving ourselves."

Joy said she also believes strongly in reforming the local education system so that it is more place-based. As a mother herself, Joy said she advocates for the community to be more involved in the education of



County Council candidate Chrissey Joy with her family.

its children. "We are on a beautiful island, and the fact that we see trash on the island, that's not okay. We need to go back to the classrooms and teach the kids respect for the island, our home, so that this island can go back to the way that the Big Island was when I first got here 20 years ago."

Joy said she believes that one of the biggest needs in Ka'ū is "to come together

as a community." Her closing message is this: "Let's go back to old Hawai'i. Let's go back to the way it was when it was good." For more, see <https://www.facebook.com/ChrisseyJoyYeamanCarbonie/>.

Anger Steps Back from Council Run

Jordan Anger has stepped back from running for County Council. He announced he would run in early February and called it off in mid February. He said that he stepped aside in response to Michelle Galimba's announcement that she will run for County Council District 6.

Anger wrote, "I always said originally that if some Auntie or Uncle who was better qualified and more experienced were to step up, I would bow out to them. That has occurred. Michelle Galimba is exactly what our district needs."

Anger expressed gratitude for the aloha and support he received when running. In his statement, Anger wrote, "My wife and I care deeply for our community and the 'Āina so we will still be hosting our Keeping the 'Āina Clean event regularly."

During his short time in the race, Anger said he is concerned about "abandoned ve-

Official candidate filing began on March 1 and ends on June 7. Voters will begin receiving Primary Election mail ballot packets on July 26. For more details, visit <https://www.elections.hawaiicounty.gov/>.

hicles that have come to line our roadways, the ever-rising crime rates, and the fact that there are so few local jobs in District 6."

Anger recently gave testimony before a state Senate Committee supporting Sen. Dru Kanuha's bill SB3211 urging appropriation of funds to the County of Hawai'i for the plans, design, and construction of a police substation in HOVE. "Our community in HOVE deserves the best response time our good officers can provide," said Anger.

Anger graduated from Konawaena High School in the class of '99 and has lived in Ocean View for eight years with his wife Ayla, son Gavin, and mother-in-law. See his story at <http://kaunewsbriefs.blogspot.com/2022/02/kau-news-briefs-tuesday-feb-8-2022.html>.



Jordan J. Anger, of Ocean View, pulled back from running for County Council.

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Waikapuna Management Moves Forward, More Public Input

Waikapuna Resource Management Plan materials are online for folks who want to help determine the future stewardship for the 2,317 acres in the ahupua'a of Kahilipalinui and Kalihipali'iki. The planning resources include meeting notes, a slideshow and recording of an online gathering that was held Jan. 26 to explain the process of developing a Resource Management Plan and to receive public input, which is still being accepted.

The lands include a section of the Ka'ū Coast toward South Point from Honu'apo, makai of Nā'ālehu. The land was recently preserved with county, state and private donations through a purchase

that puts it under the ownership of Ala Kahakai Trail Association with a conservation easement owned by Hawai'i County that protects it from development. The process of acquiring the land was facilitated by The Trust for Public Land.

Gabrielle Sham, representing Townscape, a small community and environmental planning firm, was hired to help develop the Management Plan, noting some of the history of Waikapuna. She said that "Waikapuna has been subject to the threat of development, especially after the closure of the plantation. There were proposed plans for a spaceport in this area in the late 1980s. Several years later, there were proposed plans for a commuter airport facility. The most recent proposed development consisted of a subdivision development with 22 lots."

She also noted that "There were previous discussions with the State, County, and National Park Service to see if they would be interested in taking ownership of these lands, but at that time, these entities did not feel they had the capacity to oversee and manage these lands. In 2016, Ala Kahakai Trail Association was approached and asked if they would accept this kuleana of ownership."

Elements to be addressed by the management plan include: the wahi pana and cultural landscape; marine and coastal resources; native and endangered bird species habitat; native and endangered plant species; ranching; and managed community access.

The Townscape representative said areas of concern shared by stakeholders include: Community access; fire risk; damage to cultural and historic sites; marine debris and trash; invasive plant and animal species; climate change and safety.



Waikapuna covers two ahupua'a and is subject of a community driven creation of a Resource Management Plan. Map from Townscape



How open and closed should the access be to Waikapuna? This is one of the many subjects being studied in the process of creating its Resource Management Plan. Photo from ATA

The online presentation documents many comments, questions and concerns from the community, including: "There is a lot of talk and worry about if this place is for subsistence gathering...why is there a locked gate? But I think that the gate is good because it protects it. South Point is an example of a place that has been desecrated. Controlled access would keep the integrity and beauty of the place."

Another of the many suggestions is to involve "Kupuna of these places who can educate people of the sacredness of these gathering area." Another comment: "I have been going to Waikapuna over the last 50 years. Born and raised in Nā'ālehu. It's a small place, as far as the beach is con-

cerned, so I favor limited access because it's easy to overrun this place. Overnight camping: no more than three vehicles at a time. There's no more room."

Another commenter recommended preference for local people to access during the week. "My understanding is only weekends are allowed for camping. People who live in Nā'ālehu, Wai'ōhinu and Pāhala deserve some special preference. Especially those who are subsistence gatherers. Not sure how to do that."

Another said, "A lot of these people at these meetings are not talkers. I'm most worried about the young men who are listening and hearing that they cannot go hunt or fish. When you take away hunting and fishing from our young people; that's how they save money and feed their families and share with other families."

Watch a YouTube recording of the meeting at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_xhcq-tS3N0

Find links for commenting and read many more of the comments from the participants at [www.records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/1/edoc/114396/Waikapuna%20-%20Community%20Meeting%20Notes%20-%20Townscape%20Draft%20\(2022-01-26\).pdf](http://www.records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/1/edoc/114396/Waikapuna%20-%20Community%20Meeting%20Notes%20-%20Townscape%20Draft%20(2022-01-26).pdf).

See a slideshow with maps and other planning tools at [http://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/1/edoc/114397/Waikapuna%20RMP_Community%20Mtg%201_Townscape%20Slideshow%20\(2022-01-26\).pdf](http://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/1/edoc/114397/Waikapuna%20RMP_Community%20Mtg%201_Townscape%20Slideshow%20(2022-01-26).pdf)

T-Mobile Installs Emergency Generator at Waikapuna

County of Hawai'i has issued a permit for T-Mobile to install an emergency generator at the telecommunications compound on protected Waikapuna lands. The permit involves no expansion of the existing



facility and no work required on the tower. Installed for public safety, emergency generators allow for wireless networks to continue operating in the event of a prolonged power outage. The owner of the communications tower, which was established before acquisition of Waikapuna for conservation, is Crown Castle. The permit says the value of the work is \$40,000.

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CU Hawai'i Federal Credit Union recently provided a \$5,000 check to Ka'ū Hospital Foundation through a promotion that gave a donation from each personal loan made to members. Right to left are Ka'ū Hospital Administrator Jennifer Aguiar, Ka'ū Hospital Foundation President Wayne Kawachi, Foundation board member Patrick Getchus, CU Hawai'i's Ka'ū manager Mark Peters, Foundation secretary/treasurer Jean Kailiawa and CU Hawai'i President and CEO James Takamine.

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Public Comments Due on Plans for Hawai'i Volcanoes Infrastructure

Comments from the public on plans for Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Visitor Center, Kīlauea Lookout, the park entrance and other locations are due March 11. To view site plans and simulations of the proposed changes to the park, visit: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/19519a65ac3d42bd825518909eebbdce>. To submit comments, visit <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/HAVODisasterRecovery> or call (808) 460-6212 and leave a message.

The Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Disaster Recovery Project with the proposed plans was topic of discussion during two virtual community meetings Thursday, Feb. 24. They were facilitated by Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Superintendent Rhonda Loh.

Principal Landscape Architect Chad Weiser, of Otak, the architect and planning firm out of Portland, presented plans for recovery of damage related to the 2018 Kīlauea eruption. Weiser guided attendees through an ArcGIS Story Map of the project, which proposes to repair, replace, and remove/relocate critical park infrastructure and facilities damaged by the 2018 eruption at Uēkahuna (the Kīlauea Lookout). Also in the plans is replacement of Hawaiian Volcano Observatory research facilities with a new USGS field station and new visitor center to replace the functions of the Jaggar Museum. Plans also call for Crater Rim Drive changes at the park entrance to im-



Proposed new roundabout for entrance to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. See more below.

NPS image

prove visitor safety.

The facilities affected by the 2018 eruption include the Reginald T. Okamura building and the adjacent Geochemistry Annex building and historic Jaggar Museum. These facilities would be removed due to their present damage and lack of long-term resiliency. The project includes plans for repairing and improving the overlook, revegetating the former building areas with native plants, and incorporating historical reference to the Jaggar Museum. The National Park plan also proposes to construct

a new research facility for the USGS next to the Kīlauea Military Camp.

The new visitor center building would be located next to the existing Kīlauea Visitor Center Headquarters and would provide a large covered outdoor area for orientation, ranger programs, exhibits, and special events. The existing building would continue to serve as the park headquarters and would be utilized for indoor park programs. Visitor parking and public restrooms would be expanded.

The last project element is to improve

the existing park entrance and re-align Crater Rim Drive. Weiser explained how visitation over the past decade has led to ongoing

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Proposed new visitor center for Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Image from National Park Service



MARCH EVENTS

Exhibit: Collection of Calabash, February 26 through April 3, 2022 at VAC gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

3/5 Business of Art with Ira Ono

3/12 Zentangle: Paradox for the Equinox with Val Odachi

3/12 - Paper Making with Plants with Mary Milecick

3/13, 20, 27 Make your Own Mosaics with Michael Reeder

3/15 Keiki Drawing Class with Ken Charon

3/16 Free Sculpture Garden Tour at Niaulani Campus

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HTA Grants: Mele & Lei Month, Niaulani Trail Forest Festival

Hawai'i Tourism Authority has provided two grants for Volcano Art Center, one for Mele & Lei Month and the other for Niaulani Trail and its Forest Festival.

Mele & Lei Month received a \$9,850 appropriation through HTA's Community Enrichment Program, which is matched with local funding. The live, in-person Mele & Lei series of events will start on May 1, which is May Day and Lei Day. It will continue for a month of music, hula and lei making with local practitioners, musicians and hālau.

Emily Catey Weiss, Volcano Art Center's Director of Development and Galleries, said the HTA funding "supports our people and the environment, our most important resources." She said the events are designed to be live, with the ability to hold them in smaller groups or to film them for

online presentation should COVID restrictions apply. She said participants surveyed in earlier May Day events, asked whether the lei making, music and hula could extend beyond one day. She said VAC decided to make May a month-long celebration of lei.

HTA is also funding Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Forest & Trail Enhancement & Forest Fair, with a grant of \$13,500 through its Community Enrichment Program. The funding will go to interpretive and other signage, a new digital trail guide, as well as the production of the Forest Fair festival, which will be held live on Saturday, Oct. 8.



Volcano Art Center will expand its May Day celebration to the entire month of May, with lei making classes, hula, music and other cultural demonstrations, with funding from Hawai'i Tourism Authority, plus matching funds.

Photo from Volcano Art Center



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Debbie Ward, farmer at Laiku Farm and Special Ti Nursery, at Volcano Evening Market. *Photo from Volcano Evening Market*

Volcano Evening Market Opens Thursdays

A new Volcano Market is on Thursday evenings at Cooper Center in Volcano Village on Thursdays, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., with live music, artisan crafts, ono grinds, and fresh produce. The first market was held on Thursday, Feb.

8. Featured vendors include Volcano Cookshop, Carol's Creations, and Laiku Farm and Special Ti Nursery. To learn more, visit facebook.com/Volcano-Evening-Market105888795330870.

The Ka'ū Calendar

Volcano Air Tour Management Comments Due April 1

An Air Tour Management Plan is on the table with Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and the FAA asking for public input. The agencies encourage anyone with an interest in or concern about air tours over Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park to review and comment on the potential alternatives, which will be evaluated in an upcoming environmental assessment for the park's ATMP.

The potential alternatives include no change from current condition, restricting minimum altitudes, reducing the number of flights, limiting flight routes over sensitive areas and prohibiting flights on specific days of the week. An average of 11,376 annual flights occurred over Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park from 2017 to 2019.

People can comment through the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/HawaiiVolcanoesATMP> until April 1. The NPS and FAA in a joint statement said they will consider the comments as they develop the draft ATMP and will seek public comment on that draft document.

"The draft plan is based on public



Tour companies advertise flights over areas of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park like this one from Hawai'i Tours. The FAA and HVNP are asking for public input on an Air Tour Management Plan.

feedback received in 2011 and data collected since then. We encourage everyone to review the range of alternatives and provide feedback to this important project," said Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Superintendent Rhonda Loh. "Our analysis will consider how best to balance protecting wildlife, natural soundscapes, wilderness character and visitor enjoyment with managing air tours over the park. In addition, we recognize the cultural significance of Mauna Loa and Kīlauea volcanoes to the Native Hawaiian community, and the need for a peaceful soundscape for cultural practices. As part of this process we are actively engaged in consultations with

Native Hawaiian organizations, individuals and other consulting parties," said Loh.

Incorporating input from Native Hawaiian organizations and individuals is an important part of this planning process. The agencies are consulting with those who attach historic and cultural significance to resources within the park. The public has expressed concerns about air tours over the park that include noise, privacy and ecological and cultural impacts.

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is among 24 national parks developing air tour management plans in cooperation with the FAA. Haleakalā National Park on Maui is also seeking public feedback on its range of alternatives: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/HaleakalaATMP>.

Visit the NPS site at https://www.nps.gov/subjects/sound/airtours.htm?utm_medium=email. FAA site is https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ara/programs/air_tour_management_plan for more detailed information about air tour management plans. Links to meeting notifications, recordings and slide decks (where applicable) will be posted to the NPS site.

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traffic congestion issues "that pose collision hazards for motorists and pedestrians" by the park entrance. To address this problem, the National Park proposes to relocate the intersection on Crater Rim Drive and convert it to a roundabout and add an entrance lane for administrative function.

In response to the proposed idea of expanding the parking area, meeting attendee Nancy Locke commented that many national parks in the continental U.S. are instituting a "no-personal-car policy, making visitors use park-supplied buses." Danielle Foster of NPS responded stating that they are considering this option for the future of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, however it is not part of the current proposed project.

Other meeting attendees commented on the thoroughness and conciseness of the project plans. To learn more, visit <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/19519a65ac3d42bd825518909eebbdce>.

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For more information visit SPARXHI.com. The plan for the website is to use it to tell stories of others who have found their own path. "It will provide resources, inspiration and support. They seek to make a difference in student's lives."



Seventh to 12 grade students in Ka'u are invited to a talent contest sponsored by HISessions and Pacific Literacy Consortium.

Volcano Village History Project Underway

Volcano Village is more than 100 years old, but "no one has ever told its whole story - until now," says a statement from The Volcano Community Foundation. The non-profit organization has launched a history project to document the people, places and events that have made the village a special place to live and work. "We're looking for photos, memorabilia and stories from peo-

ple who are interested in contributing to the project."

Volcano Community Foundation says its members are especially interested in hearing from long-time residents who have seen changes over the years, but we also want to hear from current and former business owners, entrepreneurs, artists, folks involved in



agriculture, ranching, education and more.

"Ultimately, we plan to share some of these stories on our website that is under construction and social media and, eventually, publish them in book form. If you have old photos, family stories or even just an opinion about the village that you want to share, please contact us by email or phone."

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This year, Senate District 3 will expand to include Pāhala and Volcano Village.* Over the coming months, I look forward to meeting you, learning how I can best advocate for your needs, and earning your trust and your vote. Mahalo for the opportunity to serve you!



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