Lt. Gov. Josh Green, MD Urges Vax to Avoid New Shutdowns

Get vaccinated, “if you feel in our heart that is something ou can do,” urged Lt. Gov. Josh Green, MD in late August as he talked about the possibility of more restrictions to avoid new shutdowns. He noted that 66 people were on ventilators, “a moment to breathe a little pause,” “a moment to breathe a little bit.

“There should be absolutely no gatherings outside of our family circles, our family bubbles,” he said. “We cannot afford extra spread, which will mean extra cases and then hospitalizations and then extra fatalities. So this is the time that we don’t want to have an experience like the July 4 weekends of the past where we had this large number of cases and we essentially pour gasoline on the fire.”

He noted that 418 COVID patients were in the hospitals across the state on Aug. 30. That’s far higher than during the COVID peak last year which reached 318 hospitalizations. He noted there were about 2200 fully staffed hospital beds in the state and reasoned that 500 in the hospital with COVID would prompt planning for the rationing of care to patients. “If we get anywhere near 500, you are going to have to take very strong action, life preserving action,” he said.

He added that at this moment, because the numbers have stayed steady but that is the standard I have, that I see.” He noted that 66 people were on ventilators and take a lot of extra staffing. He said that any lock down would be more targeted than before, a kind of Safer at Home program. He described it as people going to school and work but then going home, going out to exercise, “that kind of thing.”

But he said he wasn’t talking about shutting down schools or shutting down all business. He said: “It is very difficult to close down society when only 16 percent of our society who is eligible has chosen not to get vaccinated, and then some of them have actually gotten immunity through catching COVID.”

He praised the Marketing Moment: Monk Seal Swims into Honu’apo

A monk seal came to Honu’apo in late Spring. Ka O’hana O Honu’apo board member Jodie Rosam was enjoying a small birthday gathering when a few folks at the party pointed out a seal on the pilikiohe flat at the far north end of Honu’apo Bay. Rosam photographed and observed the seal named 58HE as it swam out to sea after a long afternoon nap. She reached out to fellow board member Megan Larson, who alerted NOAA and Ke Kai Ola representatives about the observation.

Peggy Souza said, “I was fortunate to be there that day. It was glorious to see this seal napping on the rocks.”

Monk seals are intermittently seen along the Ka’ū Coast, occasionally spotted at Honu’apo. In the recent past, Hawai’i Wildlife Fund and Ala Kahakai Trail Association volunteers reported them at Kāwā, Kūhilapi, Wai‘ōhinu, Kiolaka’a, and Kamāla.

One of the most notable sightings at Honu’apo was during the making of The Kaʻū Calendar’s film Saving Ka’ū’s Coast 16 years ago. Just as the County Council Monk Seal, pg. 12
Hawai‘i Coffee Association Names Kanuha Top Legislator

Hawai‘i Coffee Association has bestowed its first ever Legislator of the Year Award on Sen. Dru Mamo Kanuha “amid coffee trees laden with ripening fruit,” says an HCA statement released in late August.

Senator Kanuha listened to and understood our challenges, and championed this subsidy extension and expansion to include CLR impacts relating to COVID, the state legislature has faced unprecedented COVID-induced budgetary constraints. Nonetheless, Senator Kanuha listened to and understood our challenges, and championed this subsidy extension and expansion to include CLR management. This will make life a good deal easier for Hawai‘i’s coffee farmers and help ensure their viability. We thank him for his leadership.”

Endemic to Central Africa, CBB was discovered in Hawai‘i first in Kona in 2010 and it can be difficult to control. Female beetles lay eggs inside the coveted coffee bean to feed its brood. Farmers fight CBB with an integrated pest management program that includes farm sanitation and a biological control material bought commercially.

CLR was first discovered in Sri Lanka in 1869 and can cause plant defoliation resulting in reduced photosynthetic capacity and tree dieback. First detected on Maui and Hawai‘i Island last October, the devastating pathogen can be controlled with an EPA-approved fungicide as part of an integrated pest management plan.

The HCA statement says, “The Hawai‘i Coffee Association’s mission is to represent all sectors of the Hawaii coffee industry, including growers, millers, wholesalers, roasters and retailers. The HCA’s primary objective is to increase awareness and consumption of Hawaiian coffee, a major component of HCA’s work is the continuing education of members and consumers. Its annual conference has continued to grow, gaining international attention.” Learn more about the HCA at www.hawaiicoffeeassoc.org.

Presenting state Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha (center left) with the Hawai‘i Coffee Association’s first ever Legislator of the Year Award are from left: Brittany Horn, HCA secretary; Tom Greenwell, HCA vice-president; Chris Manfredi, HCA president; Alla Kostenko, HCA event coordinator and Madeleine Longoria Garcia, HCA Coffee Collective Committee chair.

Full County Council Approves Kiolaka‘a Purchase for Preservation

The County Council approved negotiations for purchasing Kiolaka‘a in early August.

Kiolaka‘a includes portions of the coast of Ka‘alu‘alu Bay. Photo from The Nature Conservancy

The vote directs the county to begin negotiations to purchase the property, which is one of the few properties between Punahu‘u and South Point that, with acquisition, would complete the conservation of a good portion of the Ka‘u Coast.

Kiolaka‘a also includes a section of the shoreline at Ka‘alu‘alu Bay.

County funding for its share of the purchase cost comes from property taxes, the program commonly called the 2% fund.

During the awards ceremony, Ka‘u Coffee broker and HCA President Chris Manfredi said, “While our coffee industry has been challenged by CBB, CLR and Manfredi said, “While our coffee industry...
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COVID testing.

During the Town Hall, the mayor told numerous stories of health care workers putting themselves in danger caring for COVID patients, of people with other diseases who can’t get health care quickly enough for best results, and of hospitals with patients in halls with ambulances waiting with more patients outside.

Jason Dela Cruz, of the state Department of Health, urged people to go onto the DOH website to study statistics and facts.

Jennifer Aguiar, administrator of Ka‘ū Hospital, talked about partnering with government, non-profits and the National Guard to extend more free testing and vaccines in Ka‘ū.

Dr. Jennifer Shresthra, of Ka‘ū Rural Health Clinic, talked about the vast geography of Ka‘ū having one of the largest percentages of Hawaiian and Pacific Is-

landers in the state and said they are hit hard by COVID. She said Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders have experienced an increase in COVID cases that went from 62 the first week of June to 458 cases in the last week of July — outpacing all other ethnic groups.

She pointed to statistics showing 32 percent of COVID cases are Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders even though they make up only 21 percent of the population.

Nā‘ālehu Elementary School Principal Darlene Javar said the school has many layers of safety mitigation strategies. “The overarching concept that I emphasize is that we have to operate through sense of aloha and ‘ohana. Throughout the year, the guidance changes. If we operate out of love we will make the right decisions.” She said she tries to do “more than the guidance.”

Strategies at Nā‘ālehu Elementary include staggered buses coming in and a range of protocol, from safety stations to temperature checks, with health nurse, counselor and student services coordinator greeting each bus. Javar said children are visually and temperature checked before going into the cafeteria for breakfast. In the cafeteria there are UV lights, students are distanced six feet, with cleanup after every child, and dine in an outdoor overflow area if buses arrive too close together.

Ka‘ū High & Elementary Principal Sharon Beck said the protocol is similar to Nā‘ālehu, “but the biggest thing for me is that the students are so happy to be in school. And we need to take this time to help educate them...about the priority of taking care of each other... We are family, we are ‘ohana...”

“So instead of being police on campus, ‘Oh, your mask is down’...we are doing it to take care of each other. ... We don’t call it social distancing at our campus, we call it physical distancing, because we want our students to still be social to have those relationships, but we need them to do it at a distance.”

Beck noted that the dining area on the Pāhala campus has been expanded to include the old gym to give more room in the cafeteria.

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Gathering Sixes Reduced
ALL SOCIAL GATHERINGS HAVE BEEN REPEATED TO PROTECT VISITORS AND EMPLOYEES

The proposed new county sewage treatment plant for Pāhala is away from the Norfolk pine-lined Maile Street entrance and would retain and provide irriga-

The new mechanical sewage treatment plant would be also more cost efficient, according to the county. Another presentation to the EPA from county Environmental Management says that the new plan is “tailed for a Secondary Wastewater Treatment process Design/Build solicita-

The County’s Deputy Director of Department of Environmental Management, Brenda Iokepa Moses, is a Pāhala resident. She said, “Beside the non-compliance notice, we received no further action thus far. I look forward to meeting with my community as soon as we get on the same page with the EPA.

We inherited some very tough dead-


Deputy Environmental Management Director Brenda Iokepa Moses.
The Solar System
Mars and Venus are in the dark sky (last month we said that Mars was in the morning sky – it wasn’t then yet). Mars is getting too close to the sun for it to be easily seen. On the ninth, the crescent moon will pass within three degrees of Jupiter. After sunset, check it out! You need to have a clear view of the west. Jupiter’s retrograde motion has it back in Capricorn, still rising about 7 pm and sets around sunrise. Saturn is still in Capricorn and rises around 6 pm. At chart time both are high in the southern sky.

MOON

Date | Moon Rise | Moon Set
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Sep. 6 | 5:53 am | 6:48 pm
First Quarter | 12:54 pm | 1:05 am Sep. 16

Full Moon

Date | Moon Rise | Moon Set
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Sep. 20 | 6:36 pm | 6:50 am Sep. 21

Last Quarter

Date | Moon Rise | Moon Set
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Sep. 28 | 11:05 pm *12:49 am Sep. 27

CONSTELLATIONS AND DEEP SKY OBJECTS

The Hubble Space Telescope has returned to operation! Here is the most recent of the images presented by the HST Team. Quote from ESA: “This image from the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope features AFGL 5180, a beautiful stellar nursery that can be seen much more clearly.”

*Sep. 27
by Lew & Donna Cook

Stars over Ka‘ū - September

by Lew & Donna Cook

The Hubble Space Telescope has taken this image of a stellar nursery.

Image credit: ESA/Hubble & NASA, J.C. Tan (Chalmers University & University of Virginia), R. Fediviani (Chalmers University); Acknowledgment: Judy Schmidt. The Hubble Space Telescope is located in the constellation of Gemini (the Twins).

“At the center of the image, a massive star is forming and blasting cavities through the clouds with a pair of powerful jets, extending to the top right and bottom left of the image. Light from this star is mostly escaping and reaching us by illuminating these cavities, like a lighthouse piercing through the storm clouds.

“Stars are born in dusty environments and although this dust makes for spectacular images, it can prevent astronomers from seeing stars embedded within it. Hubble’s Wide Field Camera 3 (WFC3) instrument is designed to capture detailed images in both visible and infrared light, meaning that the young stars hidden in vast star-forming regions like AFGL 5180 can be seen much more clearly.”

Here are some of the constellations of note: Pavo (PAV), the Peacock is joined by the Phoenix (PHE) rising from its own ashes following the Crane (GRU) Aquila (AQL), the Eagle all fly north but the Swan, Cygnus (CVG) the Swan flying southwest. Scorpion begins to set. Does this mean that Orion is about to rise?

What’s Happening to Stray Dogs, Cats, other Creatures?

The Hawai‘i Police Department issued a statement in August from administrative Bureau Assistant Chief Samuel V. Jelsma. He writes: “Hawai‘i County assumed responsibility of animal control services on July 1, 2021, at the beginning of the current fiscal year, after the contract with Hawai‘i Rainbow Rangers ended on June 30.

“Within the County, the responsibilities of Animal Control currently fall under the Police Department. HPD has contracted an Animal Control Director, Animal Control Officers, and shelter staff who are strategically based on both the westside and eastside of the island. Under HPD supervision, Animal Control Services staff currently manage one shelter facility in east Hawai‘i and one in west Hawai‘i with kennel staff caring and feeding the animals.

“Neither facility is open to the public at this time. As has been the existing policy, Animal Control services holds animals under their care for a minimum period of 48 hours, and then transfers animals to the one of several animal welfare non-profit organizations around the island where the animals can be fostered and adopted.”

Calls received regarding Animal Control services are categorized as Priority One, Two, or Three. Since July 1, Animal Control staff members have responded to Priority One calls 24 hours a day island wide. During that time, they have responded to an average of 20 calls a day all over the island, reports HPD.

Priority One calls include those for injured animals, any animal that is a public safety risk, animal cruelty, and situations in which an animal’s owner has been arrested or died with no family to pick up the animal. Police ask that the public call police dispatch at (808) 935-3311 for Priority One, or emergency, calls.

Priority Two calls pertain to lost or found pets and non-emergency issues. Call Animal Control staff at (808) 327-3558.

While a temporary moratorium of animal intake remains in place, there are several steps a member of the public can take when finding a stray animal or losing a pet:

• People who find healthy stray animals are encouraged to have the animal scanned for a microchip by a County of Hawai‘i Animal Control Officer, at a veterinarian’s office, or by a local animal rescue group. HPD has provided guidance to veterinarians and the public about protocols regarding lost and found healthy animals. If a found animal is microchipped, veterinarians can call the Department of Finance at (808) 961-8413.

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

The constellations are presented with their 3-letter abbreviations, with their common names shown in parentheses. The images to this month have been taken advantage of the true dark skies Ka‘ū is blessed with when there is no bright moon and the skies are clear of vog. 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.
OKK’s Kaʻū Coffee Trail Runs Set to Go Sept. 18

Kaʻū Coffee Trail Runs are on schedule for Sept. 18, starting and finishing at Kaʻū Coffee Mill on Wood Valley Road above Pāhala.

This year, the seventh annual event is presented by Hawaiʻi Island Racers, ‘O Kaʻū Kākou and Kaʻū Coffee Mill. The website at www.kaucoffeetrailruns.com presents the races on “a challenging course that meanders over Pāhala’s unpaved trails. It is the perfect race venue, through coffee fields and macadamia nut groves.”

The Kaʻū Coffee Mill’s 1,900 acres features courses from a 50K to a Half Marathon (21 K), 10K and 5K distances. “Join us for the southern most race in the U.S.”

COVID rules will require additionally staggered starts. “To alleviate a mass crowd at the start, there will be a short gap in between the start times of the four distances,” says the race info. “The race is done on entirely private property...Lots of wide open spaces for everyone.”

The 50K starts at 6:30 a.m., Half Marathon at 6:45 a.m., 10K at 7 a.m. and 5K at 7:15 a.m.

Kaʻū Coffee Mill is located at 96-2696 Wood Valley Road.

To register, the costs until Sept. 5 are $80 for the 50K, $75 for Half Marathon, $55 for 10K and $45 for 5K. Prices for each race go up $10 on Sept. 5.

A virtual run at any distance allows folks to race anywhere, anytime. It costs $25. All racers will receive a medal and t-shirt.

The organizers stated, “Under normal circumstances, there would be multiple awards in each division presented podium style. For obvious reasons, we are unable to do that in 2021. This year, the awards will be scaled back and presented to the following: Top 5 Male and Top 5 Female in each of the four distances; 5K, 10K, 1/2 Marathon and 50K.”

For post-race food, organizers will provide hydration and light snacks after crossing the finish line. There will also be local vendors from the Kaʻū community selling foods such as chili and rice bowls, Portuguese bean soup, nachos, beverages and more.

Money raised from Kaʻū Coffee Trail Runs goes to support ‘O Kaʻū Kākou’s nonprofit work including local scholarships, land for a proposed senior housing project, purchase of life-saving equipment for Kaʻū Hospital, restoration and maintenance of three historical cemeteries, and sponsorship of free Veterans Day and the Fourth of July Parade & Fun Day.

Follow Kaʻū Coffee Trail Runs on Facebook and on Instagram for Kaʻū Coffee Trail Runs and Hawaiʻi Island Racers.

Benner, Marks Are New Stars of ‘Ōhia Lehua Runs

John Benner, a 23-year-old Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park plant researcher and recent arrival to Hawai‘i Island, ran away with the ‘Ōhia Lehua Run half-marathon on Aug. 14. Benner beat 37-year-old Volcano resident and 2019 champion Billy Barnett by more than six minutes and 32-year-old Kailua-Kona resident Patrick Stover by more than 11 minutes. Benner finished the run through Volcano Village and the countryside in an hour and ten minutes, with Barnett coming in at 1:16.21 and Stover by more than 11 minutes. Benner finished in 1:41.53.

Forty-four-year-old Marta Caproni took second in 1:39.22 and 25-year old Skye Omback took third in 1:41.53.

In the women’s half-marathon, 53-year-old Amanda Marks took first in 1:38.39. Forty-four-year-old Marta Caproni took second in 1:39.22 and 25-year old Skye Omback took third in 1:41.53.

The 5K first male finisher was 37-year-old David Woodward in 17 minutes and 27 seconds, followed by 18-year old John Marrack in 19:33 and 13-year-old Rogelio Dorcat in 19:48.


‘Ōhia Lehua race director Keeley McGhee said, “The run went off very smoothly. We did age-group wave starts with 25 or less people. Everyone was required to wear a mask at the start, for the first 200m of the run, and immediately after they finished. Runners were very respectful and followed all social distancing rules and Hawai‘i Island Racers COVID protocols. We feel that the event was safe and successful.”

See Mikey Brown photos of the races at https://www.mikeybrown.photo/Sports/2021/2021-Ohia-Lehua-Half-Marathon-5k-Run/s-cdsQkbG/A
Free weekly COVID screening at Volcano School of Arts & Sciences began Monday, Aug. 30. Contactless weekly tests are for students and staff through state Department of Health’s Operation ET (Expanded Testing) for schools using the self-swab method. The school’s Facebook reports: “Because it is a self-swab method, the entire process can be contactless.”

Volcano School is asking for five volunteers for each testing event. The scheduling so far is for Sept. 3, 10, 17, and 24. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., though times may vary depending on number of volunteers and tests requested. Volunteers are also eligible to receive this free screening test.

To volunteer, email Principal Kalima Kinney at director@volcanoschool.net or call 808-985-9800. See more on the school, including job opportunities, at https://www.volcanoschool.net. Free screening for staff and students is also likely coming to Nāʻālehu and Pāhala public schools.

Nāʻālehu Principal Darlene Javar and Pāhala Principal Sharon Beck mentioned the possibility of free testing support during Mayor Mith Roth’s virtual town hall meeting in late August.

Funding support comes, in part, from federal Department of Defense and federal Department of Health & Human Services. A press release from Department of Defense says, “Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, DoD has executed over $26 billion on behalf of HHS to meet the needs of the Nation. In accordance with the Secretary of Defense’s priorities, the Department will continue to act boldly to support interagency efforts to defeat COVID-19. This MOU reinforces DoD support to HHS in furthering that mission, and strengthens the partnership between agencies.”

“Most recently under this partnership, DoD awarded three agree-
New Kaʻū Global Learning Lab Farm Produces on Campus

The new farm at Kaʻū High & Pāhala Elementary school campus is producing. During the last week of August, the first harvest, with 30 lbs. lettuce and 30 lbs. eggplant, went to teachers and staff.

‘Aina Akamu, director of the program, said, “My new ag teacher, Ms. Katie Graham, has done a great job taking over the farm, and I’m so proud of her efforts.

“The eggplants were planted back in June and wow, they are fat and huge. The hydro lettuce were growing for four weeks in the hydro boxes. Our plan was to give them away at our Farm Fest on Aug. 20, but it was cancelled due to COVID, and so we distributed it to our teachers and staff. They are Manoa lettuce, and the seeds were donated from the Kaʻū Seed Library. We also grew Black Beauty and Purple Long eggplant.

Akamu said more lettuce and eggplants are ready harvest. “Our lūʻau leaf should be ready to harvest soon also.” Graham said the school’s WIN/Advisory class washed and bagged the lettuce and eggplant, with the first round of distribution to teachers and staff.

See more on the new Kaʻū Global Learning Lab at the school at https://khpes.org/kau-global-learning-lab.

Digital Equity: Internet Discounts Offered

Monthly discounts for internet are offered through Hawaiʻi’s Broadband & Digital Equity Office. Qualified families and individuals can apply for monthly discounts of up to $50 towards broadband service, or up to $75 for households on state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands parcels.

Also available are one-time discounts for up to $100 to buy a laptop, desktop computer or tablet from participating Hawaiʻi internet-service providers. Applicants must pay a minimum of $10 toward the purchase.

Hawaiʻi households are eligible for the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program if one household member: Qualifies for SNAP the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid, federal public housing assistance, Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit and/or Lifeline programs; receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school breakfast or lunch program; and/or filed for unemployment or PUA, or experienced loss of hours in the last year.

To apply, see broadband.hawaii.gov/ebb. The nationwide program is funded by the Federal Communications Commission.
OUTDOOR MARKETS

VOCA NO AMI LERS MARCHET, COOPE- 
CER Center, Volcano Village on Sundays. 6 
a.m. to 10 a.m., with much local pro- 
duce, baked goods, food to go, island 
beef and Ka‘u Coffee. EBT is used for 
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance 
Program, formerly Food Stamps. Call 
808-967-7800.

‘O KA‘U KĀKOU MARKET, in 
Nā‘ālehu, open Wednesday, and Satur- 
day, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Masks, temperature 
checks and hand sanitizing required, so- 
cial distancing enforced. No vaccination 
proof required. Contact Sue Barnett, 
OKK Market Manager, at 808-345- 
9374 (voice or text) or kaufarm@saol. 
com for more and to apply to vend. See 
facebook.com/OKKauKakouMarket.

OCEAN VIEW COMMUNITY MARKET, 
open Saturdays and Wednesdays, 6:30 a.m. 
to 2 p.m., on the corner of Kona Drive and 
Highway 11, where Thai Grindz is located. Managed by 
Mark-Council. Masks mandatory. 100-person 
limit, social distancing required. Gate 
unlocked for vendors at 5:30 a.m., $15 
dollars, no reservations needed. Parking 
in upper lot only. Vendors must provide 
their own sanitizer. Food vendor permits re- 
quired. Carpooling encouraged.

OCEAN VIEW SWAP MEET open at 
Ocean View Mall shopping center, 
Māilama Market. Hours for patrons 
are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sun- 
day. Vendor set-up time is 5 a.m. Masks 
required.

ALOHA FRIDAY MARKETPLACE is 
hosted by Nā‘ālehu Main Street on 
Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the 
grounds of Kauaha‘a Congregational 
Church in Wai‘ōhinu. The farmers mar- 
ket, swap meet, food court and place of 
arts and crafts also feature health prac- 
titioners, entertainers and more. Email 
AlohaFridayMarket@gmail.com.

CHURCHES

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

THE MARSHALLESE NEW BEGINN- 
INGS CHURCH has Sunday services 
starting at 5 p.m., as well as Bible studies 
on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, 
of Ocean View Evangelical Commu- 
unity Church. The church is located at 
92-8977 Leilani Circle in Ocean View. 
For further information, contact Pastor 
Aokin Jello at 479-316-9892.
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OCEAN VIEW EVANGELICAL COMMUNITY CHURCH holds services on Sundays at 10 a.m. In-person services follow CDC Guidelines and Hawai‘i’s mandates by using hand sanitizer, wearing face masks and practicing social distancing. Music and Sermons are posted to FaceBook.com/OVECC. Also see FaceBook.com/OVECC for more. The church campus for Ocean View Evangelical Community Church is at 92-8977 Leilani Circle. Call 808-939-9089 or call 928-8039 or 937-2155.

SUNDAY DRIVE-IN WORSHIP is available at Wai‘ohinu’s Ku‘ahu‘ao Congregational Church. Parking on the lawn begins at 10 a.m., with Worship Service starting at 10:10 a.m. Face coverings required when usher comes to vehicle to pass out worship bulletin and other materials, and at the same time, collect any offering or gifts the individual(s) would like to give, or when leaving vehicles for the restroom. Church provides paper fans to stay cool. Bring water. Catch the live-streamed service at 10:10 a.m. and Praise Jam, which runs from 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Service is emailed Sunday afternoon to anyone on the email list. Sign up by emailing at dshowsuen.kauhaaochurch@gmail.com or call 928-8039 or 937-2155.

ST. JUDE’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH in OCEAN VIEW celebrates worship outdoors and online, Services begins at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. For those unable to meet in person, here is the zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85798655114?pwd=QW5YSmQxNWFAYWVzdzQ0vSYBnNXJ0Zz09. Meeting ID: 857 9865 5114; Passcode: Aloha

The Sunday service is also broadcast on Facebook through the St. Jude’s web page at http://www.stjudeshawaii.org. The hot showers and food events have been canceled until further notice.

HEALTH & FITNESS

TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN HEALING SERVICES from Hui Mālama Ola Nā ‘Ōiwi including La‘au Lapa‘au. Learn Ho‘oponopono, traditional gardening for healing plants, and Lomilomi. Sign up at HMONO.org/services. Call 969-9220.

KA‘U HOSPITAL AND BAY CLINIC offer Covid shots by appointment and testing referral from the ER, a physician or a Ka‘u Clinic health provider.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR WALK-IN APPOINTMENTS and scheduled appointments are available at Ka‘u Hospital and other Hilo Medical Center affiliates. Schedule via VAMS. cdc.gov at select locations. Recipients between 12-17 years old must receive the Pfizer vaccine. Recipients 18 years and older may receive Pfizer, Moderna, or the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. In addition, upon discharge from the Emergency Department or hospital, Hilo Medical Center will offer patients the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Ka‘u Hospital Rural Health Clinic is offering the Moderna vaccine. Schedule an appointment by calling 808.932.4205. Appointments available Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-noon and 1p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

COVID vaccines are also available in Ka‘u through Long’s Drugs in Pāhala and Bay Clinic in Nā‘ālehu, as well as mass vaccination events. Walk-ins are welcomed.

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Free meals with organic vegetables are available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Nāʻālehu Resilience Hub from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The vegetables are grown in a partnership between ʻO Kaʻū Kākou and Eva Liu, owner of Ulu Kaʻū Farms, which are donating 100 lbs. a week. OKK is providing volunteer help at the farm.

Cooking of the meals is accomplished by volunteers, including OKK President Wayne Kawachi, Christine Alley, OKK VP Nadine Ebert and the Resilience Hub’s Marsha Masters.

Ebert said that others are welcome to donate food and labor, as well as cash to buy food to help round out the meals. Checks can be made to ‘O Kaʻū Kākou, P.O. Box 365, Pāhala, HI 96777, with a notation that the donation is for the Resilience Hub. Donations can also be made through the OKK website at www.okaukakou.org.

Liu said she is focused at Ulu Kaʻū Farms on and organic garden and food sustainability for Kaʻū residents, in partnership with farmer David Retsky. The Nāʻālehu Resilience Hub is located at Nāʻālehu Hongwanji on the makai side of Hwy 11.

OKK, Ulu Kaʻū Farms Donate Vegetables for Free Meals

Eva Liu and David Retsky show off fresh produce from Ulu Kaʻū Farms, which is working with ‘O Kaʻū Kākou to donate 100 lbs a week of organic food for free meals at Nāʻālehu Resilience Hub.

Photo from Ulu Kaʻū Farms

‘O Kaʻū Kākou Nāʻālehu Outdoor Market Updates COVID Rules

‘O Kaʻū Kākou’s outdoor market has updated its COVID protocol. Masking, hand sanitizing and distancing are required at its Nāʻālehu location. Temperature checks have been added. OKK’s open market is Saturday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring local farm produce, artists, and crafters, hot food, Kaʻū Coffee, live music and more. “Future requirements may change as needed,” says the OKK statement. Proof of COVID vaccination is not required, according to OKK.

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Miloliʻi’s Kalañihale recently received two 3D printers and training for youth in the remote fishing village. Vibrant Hawaiʻi’s sponsored project and the community powered the 3D Printers at the Miloliʻi Hub with a generator since there is no wired electricity in the building. According to a statement from Vibrant Hawaiʻi, this caught the interest of other education groups who realized that the lack of electricity was not a hindering factor to provide tech education in rural areas, as previously thought.

Students in Miloliʻi’s created fishing lures and taught their families to use 3D printing. One student designed a replacement part for a small appliance at home.

Kendra Kilkuskie, the 3D Printing Coach, said, “We proved that anything is possible here in Miloliʻi and there’s other teachers who are thinking about providing resources and programs because we did it in a hālau with two 3D printers and a generator.

“For the keiki, the 3D printers also enlightened them to endless possibilities. They gained skills involved in using the printers, but more importantly they gained the confidence to be engineers who know this place and their place in the ‘āina.”

Janice Ikeda, Executive Director of Vibrant Hawaiʻi, said, “This project truly models community empowerment. By building capacity and confidence in rural areas of our island through training and mentorship, community folks can take the lead in developing solutions that will work for them.”

In addition to Miloliʻi, one printer went to The Volcano School of Arts & Sciences and one each to Kaʻū High & Pāhala Elementary Schools. More went to other schools around the island. A team comprised of Kean Wong, Caroline Lardy, Ava Williams and associates brought 3D printing technology and skills to every district of the island. “They initiated the conversation about permanently placing printers in the hands of the community, and we wholeheartedly support this,” said Ikeda.

Wong said, “Many communities haven’t had the chance to interact with advanced technology so providing this program was incredible. We are confident that in ten to 20 years some of these keiki will head down a STEM path. We’ve challenged them to think about broader opportunities than the ones they initially knew existed.”

Wong is a founder of Big Island Face Shield, formed in spring of 2020 by 3D printing hobbyists and enthusiasts. Wong is its Program Director and explained that “during the global PPE shortage in early 2020 we 3D-printed thousands of face shields and face mask clips and distributed them to healthcare facilities, businesses, schools and individuals all across the island. Seeing the need for engaging educational programming for keiki across the island, we pivoted and were excited to partner with Vibrant Hawaiʻi in the Hubs 1.0 and 2.0 programs, as well as with many summer camp programs in 2021, to offer creative educational experiences across the island. It has been fantastic to experience excited and engaged keiki, and for organizations and communities to see 3D printers as ways to engage people with design and creativity using this exciting technology. We look forward to seeing how these wonderful schools and nonprofit organizations utilize the 3D printers to encourage innovation and local resilience.”

Through the Vibrant Hawaiʻi program, Big Island Face Shields provided 235 3D printing workshops and enrichment activities focused on growing critical thinking skills, entrepreneurship knowledge, design thinking and STEM skills. Ten 3D printing coaches reached 3,333 keiki and their families around Hawaiʻi Island.

Ikeda said, Vibrant Hawaiʻi’s island wide 3D printer donation to schools and public places will continue to support access to tools and technology that advance innovation and localized solutions to build resilience. Vibrant Hawaiʻi is donating 28 Prusa 3D printers to schools and nonprofit organizations across Hawaiʻi’s Island. As a result of its Resilience Hub initiative which mobilized in September of 2020 through a County of Hawaiʻi’s CARES grant, and continued through July 2021 through donations made by Kohala Coast residents.

For more information on Vibrant Hawaiʻi’s, visit www.vibranthawaii.org. To contribute funding to support Vibrant Hawaiʻi’s, contact janice@vibranthawaii.org.
Removing live goats from parklands and giving them away was successful last month, according to the management of Pu‘uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historic Park. The method could be used in Ka‘ū and elsewhere.

On Aug. 11, National Park Service, along with state Department of Land & Natural Resources Division of Forestry & Wildlife removed 658 goat from Pu‘uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park. According to a statement from the Park, the project was complex and took months to design, plan and implement. The goal was to remove live goats that were negatively impacting cultural and natural resources in the parklands.

From July 8 to 21, Department of Forestry & Wildlife received 185 application from the public for a lottery to give the goats away and issued 14 permits for 20-50 goats per permit. The goats were free to recipients, provided they brought approved trailers to load and haul them away.

On Aug. 9, a team of wildlife specialists and fence builders from Hawaii’s Volcanoes National Park worked with resource management staff from Pu‘uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park, Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail and Pu‘ukohola National Historic Site to install a temporary wing fence to help contain and corral the goats into a long chute where they could divide the goats for distribution. The temporary chute was assembled along a service road just past the picnic area at Pu‘uhonua.

At the end of the day on Aug.10, staff from both parks began a soft drive to move the goats to the south side of the park where the wing fence kept them contained over night. At the crack of dawn, staff from the

Wild goats hanging out and becoming a bother to people and natural resources at Pu‘uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historic Park led to giving them away to the public in August. NPS photo Monk Seal, from pg. 1 was considering helping to purchase the land for preservation, a monk seal swam into Hōna‘apo estuary where the late filmmaker and director Danny Miller, who was hired by The Ka‘ū Calendar to work on the film, documented its arrival. He showed the footage to the County Council just before the unanimous vote to fund Hōna‘apo’s preservation.

Kā ‘Ohana co-founder and former board member Wendy Scott-Vance remembers talk of the seal’s appearance as “a seal of approval” and “sealing the deal” for Hōna‘apo’s preservation.

Others also remember the monk seal swimming in to Hōna‘apo ’16 years ago. Gaylen Deacoito, at Hōna‘apo with friends Brittni Fuerte and Shawnette Derasin, was apparently approached by the seal in the water. “Wow, 16 years ago, and I remember swimming with it. Such a great experience,” said Derasin. Shanell Dedman said, “Sixteen years goes by so fast.”

Miller and the film’s producer and co-writer Julia Neal took the film to the Hawai‘i Legislative and provided it to Hawai‘i’s Congressional Delegation to promote awareness of the Ka‘ū Coast preservation movement. The film, which also features Punalu‘u and Kīlawi, was selected for the Ocean Film Festival in Santa Barbara where Miller, Neal and Ka‘ū Calendar Associate Editor Nālani Parlin traveled to receive awards for Saving Ka‘ū’s Coast.

Footage of the monk seal, with narrative by Hawai‘i Wildlife Fund founder Bill Gillman, can be seen at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVaoJvAdP1I. Hawai‘i Wildlife Fund’s website describes monk seals as “mostly nocturnal feeders with a very diverse diet including eels, octopuses, lobsters, and fish. They come up onto land to rest, and to give birth and nurse their young. They are very sensitive to human disturbance at their haul-out sites. Mother monk seals nurse their pups on the beach for approximately six to seven weeks and must not be disturbed. Although their total numbers are decreasing every year in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, those monk seals born in the Main Hawaiian Islands are surviving better and need our continued vigilant protection.”

According to The Marine Mammal Center’s Ke Kai Ola staff, there are approximately ten monk seals that frequent Hawai‘i Island, including the one seen recently, known as RH16, who was identified from mooring scars on her back. On the islands in the northern Hawaiian Archipelago, there is a skewed sex ratio and far more male seals than females. This sometimes creates a situation when multiple males will “mob” a single female, and it generally leads to injuries (or even death).

“Fortunately, this seal was likely born in Ni‘ihau, recovered from her 2016 attack, but she still wears the scars from this event. Hawai‘i Island may be a safer haven for Hawaiian monk seal females since they outnumber the males and have more room to roam,” says the Ke Kai Ola staff statement.

Kā ‘Ohana O Hōna‘apo hosted its first ever Wetland Workday and took the first steps (or stones) to restore the kuapā (rockwall) of the loko i‘a (fishpond) in late March after delaying efforts to begin work in 2020 due to the pandemic. Ka ‘Ohana Board members said they look forward to hosting small groups of community volunteers and local youth groups over the coming months, and plan to advertise these events on their FB page (www.facebook.com/kaohana-o-honoapou) and through The Ka‘ū Calendar.

The last event took place on July 31. The next one is Saturday, Sept. 25.
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COVID, sadly. So, I think that's the reason things are so different.”

Regarding the big picture of COVID in Hawai‘i, he said, “I also think that it's been basically safe,” but that, “My heart breaks with anyone who is sick.” He noted that only two children were hospitalized Aug. 30 for COVID in this state and emphasized that he isn't looking for school to shut down, even though his son was quarantined at home after an outbreak in his public school class.

Green noted that the positivity rate has been dropping, statewide. It is 7.96% statewide Aug. 30. It was 8.44% two days earlier. That’s lower than the national average of 10.61%.

“We're better than most places but sure, it is a little scary when you have our hospitals filling up.”

Green said, “Everybody take a deep breath, calm down, we're ok.”

Green thanked those who are vaccinated and also those who are not vaccinated and wear masks and don’t go into gatherings, but said there is a flip side. Referring to big outdoor parties on O‘ahu in August, he said, there are the people that got into a party of 350 to 400 people and “wanted to just get rip drunk and make out and those guys are going to spread COVID like crazy and then they will spread it to some of their teachers and some of the grocery store clerks they see, and the nurses they bump into and everybody. And that is just not OK. So this where society has to be responsible really each of us.”

Green contended that there are two ways to stop COVID cases. Most people get vaccinated or catch COVID and get natural immunity. He said that every 100,000 vaccinations, stop 5,000 hospital admissions and 500 deaths.

In Hawai‘i, “We have over 200,000 adults and adolescents who can be vaccinated,” said Green. Vaccinating them would save 10,000 hospitalizations and 1,000 deaths.

While he said he prefers people to get vaccinated, he said he advocates for employers paying for tests rather than mandating vaccines and would rather “bring people along” through education about vaccines.

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Experience Volcano Festival organizers report the Aug. 14 event as a success, in particular with its own COVID protocols of masks indoors, and distancing to go with its presentation of Hawaiian culture and Volcano art and cuisine.

Organizer Jesse Tunison said about 20 volunteers helped put on the event from Rotarians to the founders of Kīlauea Lodge. He said he looks forward to the next Experience Volcano Celebration, hoping for a time of low or no COVID, where people can enjoy being together in larger groups. He said during the all-day event this year, only one person refused to wear a mask indoors and was escorted away from the event.

He said he thanked the community and the volunteers for carrying out a successful Experience Volcano Festival during these times. See Page 5 for the results of the half marathon, 5K and 10K ‘Ohia Lehua Runs, including a 5K, 10k and half marathon. See the results on Page 5.

Earthquake Swarms Indicate Magma Moving Under the Summit of Kīlauea

Swarms of hundreds of earthquakes, coming and going in pulses at Kīlauea summit, indicate magma is moving underground. The recent seismicity and deformation indicate intrusion of magma, according to USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory. HVO reported in late August that seismicity extended southward from Halema‘uma‘u crater to an area south of Kīlauea caldera.

HVO’s weekly column Volcano Watch explained that “intrusion” occurs when magma is injected into rocks underground. “New intrusions can be the first indication of a potential eruption.” Because seismicity indicated the intrusion was within 1–2 km (0.6–1.2 miles) of the surface, HVO increased Kīlauea’s Volcano Alert Level and Aviation Color Code from Advisory/Yellow to Watch/Orange. As the swarms quieted down, HVO lowered the Alert back to Advisory/Yellow. Volcano Watch explained that “In seeking to understand current events, volcanologists often look to the past. We look for ‘analogue’ events that are similar to what is happening and that will give us a sense for what the future might hold.” A very close analog was an intrusion in an area south of the modern Halema‘uma‘u crater, within 1–2 km of the surface, that magma is being intruded and stored underground. Intrusions of this type are quite similar. The pattern of seismicity and deformation suggest that the location and orientation of the intrusions are also quite similar. The area is well known for being the beginning of the path that magma follows to the lower regions of the Southwest Rift Zone of Kīlauea. Earthquakes have been used to track the progress of magmatic intrusions through this pathway and HVO scientists call this “the seismic Southwest Rift Zone.” Regional uplift patterns observed by satellite confirm that the center of the intrusive activity in both cases is well to the south of the caldera boundary faults. A third similar event was also recorded in 2006, prior to the formation of the lava lake within Halema‘uma‘u. Magmatic intrusions followed this pathway in the 1960s, 1970s, and early 1980s, but only one of these events led to an eruption. In December 1974, an intrusion began following this path southward, but erupted as a series of short fissure segments with a total length of 5 km (3 miles) as it turned southwest.

The similarities of the 2015 and 2021 events in 2018 radically changed the surface landscape of Kīlauea’s summit. However, it was unclear how much of the sub-surface magma storage and plumbing might have been changed. The fact that magma is being intruded and stored close to the caldera shows that some of the magmatic connections remain unchanged by the 2018 collapse. The similarities of the 2015 and 2021 intrusions suggest that at least some of the summit connections are still in place. This is yet another line of evidence that while our view of Kīlauea’s surface is entirely new, the volcano is not as much changed underground. The magma storage system beneath Kīlauea’s summit has clearly been refilling and inflating as it recovers from the 2018 eruption. Events like the recent summit eruption and this intrusion are the expected signs that the system is refilling and inflating as it recovers from the 2018 eruption.
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and places of worship to help ensure that patrons are properly distanced with clear COVID-19 protocols and procedures in place.

“I would like to encourage all of you to do what is best for you, your ‘ohana, and everyone here on the island. If you feel sick, stay home. Limit your gatherings as much as possible. Take care of your own immune system. Wear your mask, wash your hands and distance. The sooner we beat this virus the sooner we can get back to doing the things that we love to do.”

The County’s Director of Parks & Recreation Maurice Messina said closing all the parks and beaches on the island was considered, but the mayor asked for a way to allow people to still get their exercises, be on the beaches, be out in the sun, be in the fresh air. They decided to keep parks and beaches open, but limit groups to ten, with pods separated by 20 feet.

Tents and canopies for gatherings are prohibited. He said all permits for big events at parks and athletic fields have been rescinded. The County has cancelled all pavilion rentals. In sports at county parks, participants must also stay in pods of ten. For swimming at county pools, only lap swims will be allowed but the county is coming up with rules for swim teams. At the county’s Pana’ewa equestrian facilities, all rodeos and other big events are postponed, but people can still have horses and take care of them. At Pana’ewa Rainforest Zoo, visitors must wear masks at the playground and petting zoo are closed.

Regarding the mayor’s request to the governor to reinstate pre and post testing for people arriving to the island worked in the past as people were identified and quarantined. As of the end of August, the governor has not publicly ruled on the Hawai’i TV broadcasts and online at https://cablecast.naleo.tv/CablecastPublicSite/show/8522?channel=1

Mayor Mitch Roth’s entire Town Hall for Pāhala and Nā’ālehu held in late August. See it on Na Leo TV broadcasts and online at https://cablecast.naleo.tv/CablecastPublicSite/show/8522?channel=1

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Jarvi also noted that Informational Briefs from the 6th International Workshop on Rat Workshop on Rat Lungworm Parasites, held in Hilo, has been published with assistance of editors at Cambridge University Press “who have graciously allowed us to create this publication. They have expressed their strong support for this effort, which allows members of the general public to access a modified version of the papers published in Parasitology Vol. 148 (2) (2021) in a condensed, reader-friendly format. We were also asked by CUP to provide a short video briefly describing the rat lungworm and associated disease, and the significance of these publications to the people of Hawai’i. The video is currently viewable at the Cambridge. org website (https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/parasitology) or on YouTube (https://youtu.be/wSe6d7NDt6Y).”

The Informational Brief publication can be accessed online at http://dspace.lib. hawaii.edu/handle/10790/6170.

“It is the opportunity to share this critical scientific information with a broader audience,” said the Rat Lungworm expert.

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can try to find its owner by searching microchip on www.found.org.

• People who find a healthy stray animal or who lose a pet are encouraged to post it as lost / found on https://lost.petclove.org/. Pets Love Lost is a new, searchable national database that uses patented facial recognition technology to make finding lost pets quicker and easier. This site will be easily accessible to participating animal organizations nationwide, as well as any pet parent or person who finds a lost pet. Up-loaded photos of a missing dog or cat can be immediately scanned to determine whether the lost pet is at a participating shelter or with a neighbor in the community. There are a handful of organizations across the island using this technology, including County of Hawai’i Animal Control Services, Hawai’i Animal Kuleana Alliance, and Hawai’i Island Humane Society.

Priority Three calls pertain to deceased animals on the roadway. Those coming across a deceased animal on a county road can call Department of Public Works Highways Division at (808) 961-8349. If the deceased animal is on a state Highway or road, please call the State Department of Transportation Highways Division at (808) 933-8866.
“Delta Variant has undoubtedly swept through our community and has begun to inundate our hospitals,” said Mayor Mitch Roth as he announced stricter COVID rules, fines and law enforcement on Aug. 26.

At that time, he said 16 of the island’s 24 ICU beds were occupied by COVID patients with nine on ventilators. “There are also 57 additional hospital beds on our island occupied due to COVID,” said the mayor.

“We have reached a tipping point where further inundation could lead our hospitals to an inability to adequately care for non-COVID trauma patients. People like me who had heart attacks, strokes, crash victims and others to go without a bed if we continue to allow COVID to spread at the current rate throughout our community.”

He talked of many steps to slow the spread and announced new restrictions that took effect immediately. Each gathering is limited to ten people indoors and ten people outdoors. “We will also be ramping up our enforcement efforts to ensure the safety of our community.”

Police have a new authority - to issue $250 citations for breaking any of the COVID rules. Fines of $500 will be levied for breaking quarantine.

He said issuing citations is like giving a traffic ticket and does not require the lengthy time it takes to make an arrest.

The mayor announced stricter guidelines on businesses, bars, restaurants, COVID Enforcement, pg. 15

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