

Kahele Would Represent Ka‘ū in Congress, Gabbard Runs for President



Rep. Tulsi Gabbard

Ka‘ū’s Representative in Congress, Tulsi Gabbard, announced in January her intention to run for President of the United States. State Sen. Kai Kahele followed, announcing from historic Mo‘oheau Bandstand in Hilo on Martin Luther King Jr. Day that he is running for Gabbard’s seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. The district serves not only Ka‘ū but all of the Neighbor Islands and rural O‘ahu.

Gabbard has represented Ka‘ū, taking up issues in agriculture and legislation for veterans, since 2013. She was born in 1981 in American Samoa. A Democrat, she served her first political position in Hawai‘i’s House of Representatives, at age 21, making her the youngest

woman to be elected to a U.S. state legislature. She left the Hawai‘i Legislature to serve from 2002 - 2004 in a medical unit of the Hawai‘i National Guard in Iraq and later in Kuwait.

She took a post in 2006 as a legislative aid for U.S. Sen. Dan Akaka. She ran for and joined the Honolulu City Council for 2011-2012. Gabbard is the first Hindu and first Samoan-American member of Congress.

Gabbard served as vice president of the Democratic National Convention, until she resigned to campaign for Bernie Sanders’ bid for the presidency in 2016.

She visited the Middle East during her congressio-



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National Park Reopens One Step at a Time

Normal operations at Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park resumed Monday, Jan. 28, with Kahuku Unit opening Wednesday, Jan. 30. Staff completed re-opening sections of the Park that were closed during the government shutdown. Pres. Donald Trump and Congress approved three weeks of funding on Friday, Jan. 25.

Chain of Craters Road, most back-country campsites, Mauna Ulu, and other park features are now open. Mauna Loa Road remains closed to motorists due to elevated fire risk, but is open to pedestrians and bicyclists. The summit of Mauna Loa is open, as is Red Hill Cabin. The collection of entrance fees has also resumed. Kahuku Unit, with no entry fees, is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

Visitors are reminded to drive cautiously, heed all posted signs, and look out for endangered Hawaiian geese, nēnē, on park roadways. Do not feed nēnē.

A statement from the Park says, "Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park employees and volunteers are happy to be back at work, welcoming visitors from around the world and protecting the natural and cultural resources in the park, a World Heritage Site and International Biosphere Reserve.

"The park remained partially open for visitors during the government shutdown,



The main gate to Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park remained open without fees for at least 35 days. Staffing of Kīlauea Visitor Center and other park destinations that were open during the partial federal government shutdown were staffed with help from donations provided to Friends of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park and manpower through Hawai‘i Pacific Parks Association.

Photo by Peter Anderson

thanks in part to support from our non-profit partners, the Hawai‘i Pacific Parks Association and the Friends of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park."

Friends helped raise money to keep parts of the park open. An anonymous

donation came in for \$76,320. County of Hawai‘i gave \$38,160. The combined total of \$114,480 funded many days of service, said Friends President and CEO Elizabeth Fien. The funding helped to pay park rangers and Friends guides to serve the public. Another donation made to Friends, of \$50,000, came from Hawaiian Airlines Team Kokua Giving. Hawaiian Air's Hawai‘i Island Sales Manager Craig Shirota nominated Friends for the funding.

Friends also announced that its new Chairman of the Board is Bernard Balsis, known in Ka‘ū for his years as manager of Ka‘ū Federal Credit Union. The board recently named Fien as its President and CEO. She began working with Friends seven years ago as Education and Outreach Coordinator, moving to Director of Development, Executive Director, and President and CEO. She was recently reelected to serve on the steering committee of the National Park Foundation's Friends Alliance.

Fien, a resident of Discovery Harbour, said she plans to help develop the Friends organization into a self-sustaining major partner with Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, much like the Friends organization at Yosemite. See more about Friends of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park at fhvnp.org and on Facebook.

During the 35-day shutdown, Hawai‘i Volcanoes kept its main gate open without charging entrance fees. Park personnel necessary for safety and security were on duty, with help from the non-profit groups.

Many special events, planned by USGS around Volcano Awareness month, were cancelled. Kīlauea Visitor Center Theatre remained closed. However, Kīlauea Visitor Center exhibits and Hawai‘i Pacific Parks Association store remained open, as did Volcano Art Center Gallery, Kīlauea Military Camp, and Volcano House.

Hawai‘i Volcanoes was not the only

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Backcountry spaces of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, like Halapē on the coast, remained closed during the 35-day partial federal government shutdown, which is temporarily resolved through Feb. 15.

Photo from HVNP

Talk Story on New Site for Nā‘ālehu Treatment Plant Feb. 26

The Nā‘ālehu community is invited to talk story about the proposed new site for the Nā‘ālehu Wastewater Treatment Plant. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 26, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Nā‘ālehu Community Center.

Discussion of the new site follows a selection process that abandoned a proposed site at the Mahahiki Grounds on the Hilo side of Nā‘ālehu and a site adjacent to Nā‘ālehu School. Both received negative recommendations from the community.

The new site is 25 acres within 2,209

acres being acquired, with miles of Ka‘ū Coast and the remains of the ancient Hawaiian village of Waikapuna.

The Nā‘ālehu sewage treatment plant site would belong to the county, after being subdivided away from the larger parcel. The land purchased for preservation would be owned by the Ala Kahakai Trail Association, an independent community group associated with the Ala Kahakai National Trail, the ancient Hawaiian trail that skirts the west side, from inside Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park to the north end of the

island. It passes through the Waikapuna property along the Ka‘ū Coast.

The purchase was made possible with fundraising and negotiation help from Trust for Public Land. Money came from property taxes collected by the county, the state Legacy Land Conservation Program and federal sources. Purchase of the sewage treatment plant portion of the property is funded by the county Department of Environmental Management, with its county, state, and federal sources.

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ILWU Pensioners Take Platform to Hawai'i Legislature

An appeal to the legislature from retired unionized sugar workers went to Ka'ū's state Senators and Representatives in January. On opening day of the 2019 Hawai'i Legislature, Clyde Siva, President of Pāhala International Longshore and Warehouse Union Pensioners Club, took the ILWU platform to the Capitol offices of state Senators Russell Ruderman and Dru Kanuha, and Representatives Richard Onishi and Richard Creagan, who serve Ka'ū.

ILWU Legislative Priorities support an increase in the minimum wage, with annual adjustments in accordance with increases in the Consumer Price Index. The ILWU supports the continuation and improvement of the Prepaid Health Care Act of 1974, which made Hawai'i the first



state to require health insurance for all employees working 20 hours or more per week. This led to Hawai'i becoming the state with the highest rate of health-insured residents.

The union supports programs for the growing population of seniors and the disabled. An ILWU statement distributed to legislators says, "Such programs include Kupuna Care, caregiver support (including the CARE Act),

Rep. Richard Onishi meets with Pāhala ILWU Pensioners Club President Clyde Siva during opening day of the Hawai'i Legislature. Photo from Pāhala Pensioners Club

protection of the vulnerable elderly, resources for caregivers and care recipients, financing for long-term care (including funding through a proposal to increase the General Excise Tax), and home and community-based care. Support for programs to educate the general public about long-term care needs and costs."

The ILWU also asks the legislature ensure the state receives its fair share of taxes from vacation rentals and ride share services.

Additionally, the ILWU calls for the development of more harbors in Hawai'i. "Priority should be given to the development and maintenance of facilities to sustain the growth of operations for manifested cargo without compromising safe working conditions for workers."

Pāhala Children's Business Fair Open to Community

The first Acton Children's Business Fair in Pāhala happens Saturday, Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fair aims to inspire children to "discover their inner entrepreneur," states childrensbusinessfair.org. "This one-day market gives children the opportunity to showcase their very own businesses."

Planned for youth ages 7 to 18 from all over the island, the event is hosted at

River of Life Assembly of God, 96-2345 Pa'auau St., Pāhala.

The flyer for the event says, "Whether an entrepreneur is famous like Elon Musk or Oprah Winfrey, or they are one of the thousands of unsung business owners across the country, these are the people who make sacrifices to innovate, create jobs, and serve their communities. We want to encourage our youth to reach whatever goals they may have in owning their own businesses. This event gives them the experience at doing so."

Up to 15 businesses established by young entrepreneurs will show their products or ideas at the fair, with up to three children allowed per business. While parents can't sell or promote a child's product or service, parents of younger children may sit in the booth so long as the child is responsible for set up, customer interactions, and sales.

The application asks kids to think through elements of their business: What

product or service do you plan to sell? What price will you charge for each product/service? How much will each product/service cost you? How will you pay for your startup costs? If someone is helping you with your startup costs, how will you pay that person back? How will you advertise/market your business before the fair? At the end of the fair, how will you determine if your business was a success?

The Pāhala event is sponsored by Acton Academy, the Acton School of Business, Wiki Wiki Mart, KRW Enterprises,

Illegal Vacation Rentals: \$30,000 Fine

New vacation rental regulation would allow the county to fine illegal operators up to \$30,000. Proposed rules go to public hearings on Thursday, Feb. 28, 5:30 p.m., County Council in Kona and Friday, March 1, at 5:30 p.m. at Aupuni Conference Room in Hilo. The proposed rules are online at hiplanningdept.com/resources-and-references.

After public input, rules and applications will be finalized for a final public hearing on Tuesday, April 2. Meeting all requirements and applying for vacation rental certificates will be due on Sept. 28.

Proposed rules define short-term vacation rentals have no more than five bedrooms, rented for 30 days or less with no owner or operator living on property.

Owners of non-operator occupied vacation rentals outside Resort Districts would

and individual donors and volunteers. "We all believe that principled entrepreneurs are heroes and role models for the next generation," states the website. For more details, contact Regina Walker at 400-4722 or email pahalacbf@gmail.com.

Acton Children's Business Fair began in Austin Texas in 2007, with seven entrepreneurs and around 25 attendees, under the guidance of Jeff and Laura Sandefer and a few other families. The fair in Austin has since grown to over 115 entrepreneurs and over 1,500 attendees.

apply for nonconforming certificates, reapply annually, and pay annual fees of \$250. Non-operator occupied vacation rental owners, in or outside of the state designated Resort District, will be required to register with the county and pay one-time \$500 fees.

Vacation rentals will be allowed on property zoned as resort, general commercial, village commercial, residential, and commercial, within the general plan resort and resort node, and condominiums within the multi-family residential district.

Rentals on agricultural land can be grandfathered in, if the lot was created before June 4, 1976. Rentals on residential property can be grandfathered in. Owners of both types of property will have to show that vacation rental and other property taxes have been paid before April 1 and that properties are compliant with building codes.

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KA PEPA PĀHALA

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Eleventh Ka'ū Coffee Festival Set for April 26 – May 5

The eleventh annual Ka'ū Coffee Festival is set for ten days, with pageantry, music, dance, coffee tasting, coffee recipe contest, hiking, coffee farm and ranch visits, a full day Ho'olaule'a, and a Ka'ū Coffee College. Space is limited for all events. Call for reservations.

It begins with a free **Pāina & Open House** on Friday, April 26 at Pāhala Plantation House, 6 p.m. Meet the Miss Ka'ū Coffee Court on the evening before their pageant. Enjoy live entertainment and refreshments. Call Pāhala Plantation Cottages, 928-9811.

Miss Ka'ū Coffee Pageant will be held Saturday, April 27 at the Ka'ū District Gym. For applications, to volunteer, or to give monetary support, call Pageant Director Trini Marques at 928-0606.

Ka'ū Coffee Recipe Contest invites everyone to join in on Sunday, April 28 at Ka'ū Coffee Mill. Categories are pūpū, entrée, and dessert, all recipes to be made with Ka'ū Coffee. Youth and adult categories, no entry fee. Free tastings. Meet Miss Ka'ū Coffee. Find contest entry info at KauCoffeeMill.com or KauCoffeeFest.com. Call 808-928-0550.

Ka'ū Mountain Hike & Lunch will be held Wednesday, May 1 starting at Ka'ū Coffee Mill. Ride through the coffee plan-

tation, up the mountains, and into the rainforest to walk along waterways from sugar days of old. Reservations required; \$45 per person. Call 928-0550.

Ka'ū Valley Farms Tour & Lunch will be on Thursday, May 2, 9 a.m. to noon. Above Nā'ālehu, visit a plant nursery, food farm, coffee and tea plantings, native forest, and hidden valley. \$40 per person. Reservations required. Call 987-4229 or 731-5409.

Ka'ū Coffee & Cattle Day will be held on Friday, May 3 at Aikane Plantation Coffee Farm on Kalaiki Road, the old sugar cane haul road, between Pāhala and Nā'ālehu. Explore Aikane Plantation. The day includes farm tours, BBQ buffet, and hayride. Visit this historic Ka'ū Coffee farm and ranch. Reservations required; \$25 per person. Call 808-927-2252.

Ka'ū Stargazing on Friday, May 3 will take guests to the top of the sacred, flattop mountain of Makaanau with a dark, new-moon sky for excellent viewing. Learn about the ancient Hawaiian temple and see the Hawaiian night sky and stars. Meet at Olson Trust building at corner of Maile and Pikake in Pāhala. Reservations required; \$45 per person, includes refreshments. Call 938-0550.

Ka'ū Coffee Festival Ho'olaule'a will be Saturday, May 4 on the grounds and



Enjoy a hayride, BBQ, and more at Aikane Plantation's Coffee & Cattle Day, Friday, May 3.

Photo from Aikane Plantation

within Pāhala Community Center. It's a full day of music and dance, coffee tasting, demonstrations, food, snacks, and educational booths and games. Free, no reservations required. Ho'olaule'a entertainment lineup to be announced. See story on this page to sign up for booths, displays. Space for booths and presentations are limited, reservations required.

Ka'ū Coffee College will be held at Pāhala Community Center from 9 a.m. to

noon on Sunday, May 5, with education and demonstrations for coffee farmers and Ka'ū Coffee enthusiasts. Previous years hosted examples of coffee processing equipment from as far away as Japan and Brazil, such as roasters, pulping mills, and bean separators.

See updates in future stories about the events at KauNewsBriefs.blogspot.com. Also see KauCoffeeFestival.com.

Growers, Businesses, Groups Can Showcase at Ho'olaule'a

Ka'ū Coffee Festival invites non-profits, clubs, cooperatives, and businesses to sign up for booths to serve the public at the 11th annual Ka'ū Coffee Fest Ho'olaule'a on Saturday, May 4 at Pāhala Community Center. The all-day event comes with music, hula, coffee tasting, and meeting the famous Ka'ū Coffee farmers.

Booth fees are \$100 for food vendors; \$60 for non-food items and crafts, including coffee and coffee samples; and \$35 for pre-approved information displays. Campaign and other political displays are not invited. Fifty percent discounts are provided to bona fide non-profit organizations and cooperatives selling food, crafts, and coffee.

In addition to Ka'ū Coffee Festival fees, each vendor is responsible for a Department of Health permit, if serving food. Call Gail Nagata 933-0918. Vendors must also obtain county vendor permits costing \$30 each, to be displayed at each booth.

Vendor and display



booths are the responsibility of sponsors who provide their own equipment, including tents – up to 10' x 10' square – tables, chairs, signs, and other equipment. Hot food must be served under metal roofs that Ka'ū Coffee Festival provides. There is no electricity available. Generators are allowed.

Set up before 8 a.m. on May 4, day of Ho'olaule'a, and be ready to serve the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No smoking, drugs, alcohol, propa-

Ka'ū Royal Coffee is one of many Ka'ū Coffee presenters at the Ka'ū Coffee Festival Ho'olaule'a on May 4.

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Stars over Ka'ū - February 2019

by Lew & Donna Cook

Planets

Mars is the only planet visible to the naked eye - low in the southwestern sky at our chart time, just like last month. It is



Here are three frames from a movie showing the progression of the light echo from the red nova - the merger of two normal stars that spun in a smaller and smaller orbit until they merged into a single star.

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only 1 degree away from Uranus on Feb. 12, but it remains close to Mars in our sky for several days.

If you've never seen it and you want to see what it looks like, go outside with a good pair of binoculars (or your telescope if you have one) around the time it starts getting dark outside - 7:00 pm or so. Find Mars in the western sky. Through the binoculars look at Mars and find the orange star omicron Piscium to its southwest. Uranus is between the star and Mars. Can you see any color to it? What color is it?

We have included a binocular view chart of what you might expect to see that covers the nights of the 11th through the evening of the 14th.

Mercury moves into the evening sky and on February 26 it is at its maximum elongation from the sun - but this is only 18 degrees. Nonetheless, you may catch a glimpse of it low in the west after sunset.

Stay up late (or better - arise early) around an hour before sunrise and you'll see brilliant Venus and well above it, there's the King of the Planets, Jupiter. Jupiter, our protector, rises at 2:30 a.m. How does Jupiter protect us? Does its huge gravitational field suck up the errant asteroids and comets that could crash into us? No, not all of them, but yes, very many. Venus rises around 4:00 a.m. and Saturn rises about 4:30 a.m. in the morning so you can get a look at it, too.

Constellations and Deep Sky Objects

Gemini crosses the meridian at the time of our chart, with Canis Minor, the Little Dog, soon to follow. "Jason and the Argonauts" ship will also be there. This ship constellation was broken up into three separate constellations just because it was "too big" for one constellation.

These three are Vela, the sail, Carina, the keel, and Pupis, the poop deck. To the north between Orion and Canis Minor (the Little Dog) is Monocerotis - the Unicorn. But it is pretty faint and most star charts don't show it. A very interesting star showed up there in 2002. It is V838 Mon - a red nova. These are quite rare but this star really put on quite a show between its outburst and 2006.

This star lit up the dust and gas clouds near it. Because it is really far from us (20,000 light years) the area of dust and gas lit up was small at first, but it grew - at the speed of light over the 4 years. NASA, Hubble Space Telescope and the European Space Agency made a short movie that show the growth of the light echo that can be seen at apod.nasa.gov/apod/ap140617.html. We've taken 3 frames from the movie and show them here.

See color charts and images of the stars at KauCalendar.com.

The colors of the dots represent stars' temperatures. The sizes of the dots are keyed to their brightnesses. The star charts will be good throughout the season, but

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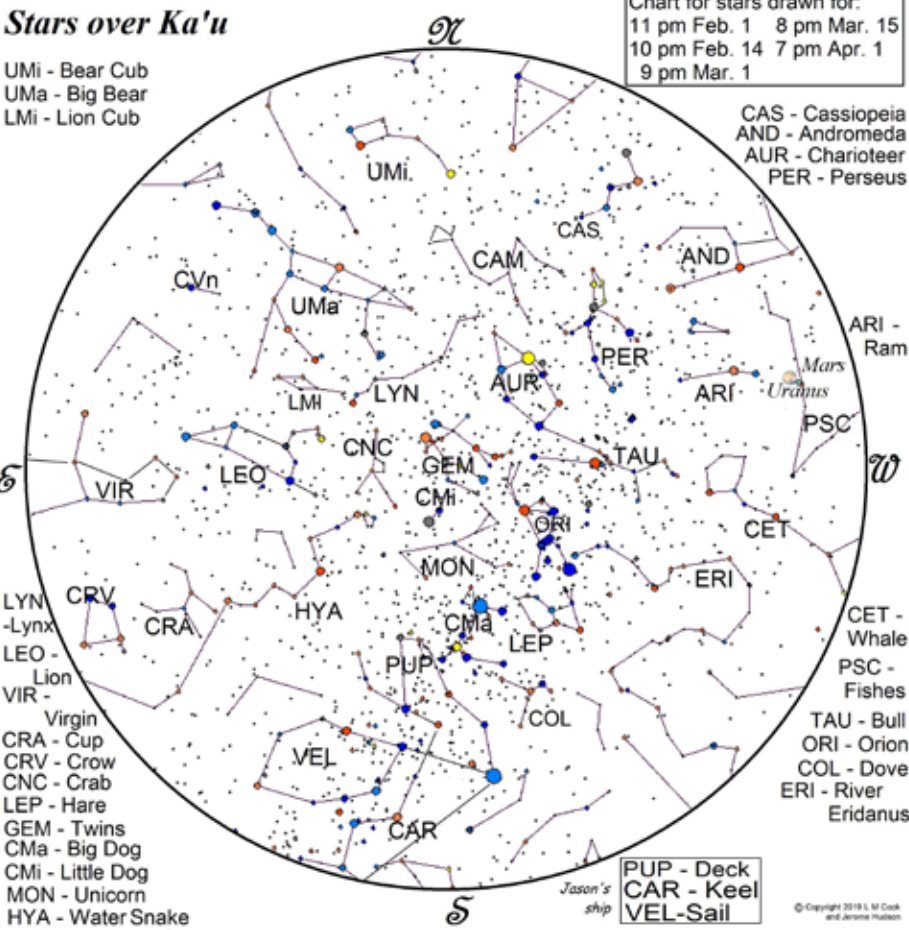
nal tenure, and opposes regime change and military intervention into the politics of the region. She champions many veterans causes. Gabbard remains in the Hawai'i National Guard and has advanced to the rank of Major.

Gabbard has met with Ka'ū constituents many times, in particular meeting with farmers and ranchers. She is also an advocate of regulating pesticides.

When Gabbard announced her candidacy, she wrote, "There are many reasons I'm offering to serve you as President - to ensure every American gets the healthcare

Stars over Ka'u

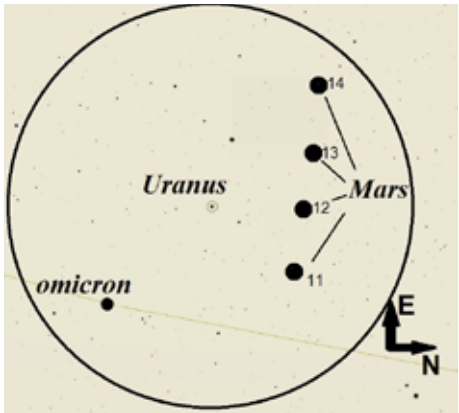
UMi - Bear Cub
UMa - Big Bear
LMi - Lion Cub



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 the margins. This is done to take advantage of the truly dark skies Ka'ū is blessed with when there is no bright moon and the skies are clear of fog. 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.

they are good for approximately 2 hours earlier for every month, except will not be accurate for the planets.



A binocular field view chart for the positions of Mars and Uranus. Start by finding Mars as described here. The charts are drawn for 7:00 pm. On the evening of Feb. 11, Mars is at the position labeled "11", on Feb. 12 at "12" and so on. Image credit: Stellarium, a free star atlas

Local Attractions

The 'Imiloa Planetarium in Hilo Restaurant schedule:

Closed Mondays
Breakfast & Lunch, 7 AM - 4 PM daily
Dinner, 5 PM - 8:30 PM daily

Check for the schedule at imiloahawaii.org. Members are admitted free to the daily shows.

There is a night show once a month, when smaller telescopes on Mauna Kea are linked to the Planetarium where they show

they need, to bring about comprehensive immigration reform, to make sure we have clean water and clean air for generations to come, to fix our broken criminal justice system, to end the corrupt influence of special interests in Washington, and so much more.

"But the main reason I'm running has to do with an issue that is central to the rest - war and peace. I look forward to talking with you more about this in the coming days.

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live shots of individual objects. Call the Planetarium at (808) 932-8901 for info on the schedule and ticket availability, prices and membership costs. Please mention to the nice folks at the ticket sales desk where you got the inspiration to come, and that you are entitled to the 10% kama'aina discount for membership.

Fridays Sunrise and Sunset times:

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Feb. 1, 2019	6:56 am	6:15 pm
Feb. 8	6:54 am	6:18 pm
Feb. 15	6:50 am	6:22 pm
Feb. 22	6:46 am	6:25 pm

The times of sunrise and sunset are starting to change in February as the sun moves northward. The earth's orbit isn't a perfect circle. Because we are closer to the sun in the winter, the changing velocity of the earth in its orbit makes the day start at the same time despite the change in seasons which began on December 21.

Moon Phases

Date	Moonrise	Moonset
New Moon		
Feb. 4	6:57 am	6:26 pm
First Quarter		
Feb. 12	12:01 pm	12:15 pm*
Full Moon		
Feb. 19	6:55 pm	7:01 am*
Last Quarter		
Feb. 26	12:48 am	12:17 pm
*next morning		

Should Gabbard win the presidency, she would be the first female, the first Samoan-American, and the first Hindu to hold the position. At 39, she would also be the youngest person to become U.S. President.

Gabbard's father is Sen. Mike Gabbard, who serves in the Hawai'i Legislature. Her husband is photographer and cinematographer Abraham Williams.

Learn more at facebook.com/TulsiGabbard, twitter.com/TulsiGabbard, and tulsi2020.com for more.

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KA'Ū SPORTS REPORT

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Trojan 8-Man Football Champions Take 11-Man Challenge

Ka'ū High's champion 8-Man Football Team will move up to 11-Man Football next season. The change follows four winning seasons and nationally recognized achievement.

League coordinator and Ka'ū Athletics Director Kalei Namohala helped organize 8-Man Football in 2013, which has created very competitive games for the smaller schools across the country. The games are higher scoring with more running for teams at schools with small enrollments like Ka'ū, Kohala, Pāhoa, and Lana'i.

With experience, the small



Ka'ū High Trojans are the kings of 8-Man Football and will be moving up to 11-man play this Fall. In January, County Council member Maile David gave them each a certificate for their achievements. Photo by Julia Neal

Sharon Beck, they serve as mentors for younger students. They are also scholars and "the kindness, you can see it in the hallways," said Beck.

In praising the Trojans, council member David said that she grew up in a rural community on the island and understands what the achievement means to the students and community.

Coach DuWayne Ke received a glass trophy for the team, with coaches and team members names inscribed, to be placed in the trophy case at Ka'ū District Gym. Offensive Coach Greg Rush reviewed



Principal Sharon Beck and County Council member Maile David with a certificate of recognition for each member of the Trojan football team. Photo by Julia Neal

schools decided they are ready, once again, for 11-man play. Namohala said the Division in which Ka'ū will play and the schedule are yet to be worked out. Smaller schools, like Ka'ū, can choose to move up to Division I, where larger schools like Konawaena and Waiakea must play. For the coming season, BIIF will have the second-largest number of 11-man teams of the five high school leagues in the state.

On Sunday, Jan. 13, football players at Ka'ū High each received a certificate from County Council member Maile David, honoring the team for its "outstanding athletic achievements" in 8-Man Football. The Trojans' performance in many categories ranked in the top of the pack of 1,687 8-Man Football teams across the country.

The Certificate of Recognition from the County Council says, "The Ka'ū Trojans brought pride and honor to Ka'ū and Hawai'i Island by sweeping BIIF Eight-Man Football Championships, in 2014 and consecutively in 2016, 2017, and 2018. If that is not an exceptional display of athletic talent and determination in itself, in 2018, the Ka'ū Trojans also defeated Lana'i in the 2018 Eight-Man Football State Championship held at Kea'au, Hawai'i."

The certificate praises the Trojans' national rankings for 2018: "First in the country for gaining 489 rushing yards, with

star player Izaiah 'Bobby' Pilonca-Emmsely ranking first nationwide with 293.3 yards gained, and third nationwide with 193 interceptions. Teammate Kyson Toriano ranked sixth in the nation with 150 interceptions. In total yard stats, the Ka'ū Trojans placed fourth nationwide with a whopping 512.7 yards and 654 in the nation

out of 1,687 Eight-Man Football teams."

Not only are the Trojans outstanding athletes, says Ka'ū High School Principal

the Trojan 8-man statistics, for families and team members to understand the national significance of their achievement.



Trojan Coach DuWayne Ke shakes a Trojan hand as County Council member Maile David presents Certificates of Recognition. Photo by Julia Neal



Offensive Line Coach Greg Rush presents a glass trophy to Coach DuWayne Ke. Photo by Julia Neal

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Trojans Work Hard, See Results in Girls Basketball

The Trojans Girls Basketball Team will travel to O'ahu on Feb. 6 through 8 for the state HHSAA Girls Division II Championship.

During the season, the Trojans showed off skills and courage. They triumphed on Jan. 17, winning both games played against Kea'au.

The JV game was a clean sweep, with Ka'ū scoring 7 in the first quarter to Kea'au's 5. Not letting that lead go, the Trojans scored 17 in the second, 10 in both the third and fourth, winning the game 44 to 22.

Ka'ū gave Kea'au a hard time in the Varsity game.

For the first quarter, the Cougars led by 9 points, 15 to Ka'ū's 6. But the Trojans ladies weren't going down without a fight, and rallied back, scoring 16 points in the second, 10 in the third, and tying with 16 points in the fourth. Overtime was a tough battle, won by the Trojans, 54 to 53. Kianie Medeiros-Dancel scored 26 of those points, Reishalyn Jara 17.

Ka'ū hosted Hilo on Friday, Jan. 4. The windward guests swept both games. The JV game saw Ka'ū score zero points in the first quarter, then 2, 3, and 12 points, finishing with 17. Desal Dacalio-Camba scored 6 of those points. Hilo won with 42. Varsity ended at 21 to 65, Hilo, with the home team scoring 6, 5, 4, and 6. Medeiros-Dancel scored 10 points for the Trojans.

On Monday, Jan. 7, Girls Basketball, traveled north and nearly beat Honoka'a. The Trojans scored 44, but Honoka'a scraped by, scoring five more points to win at 49.

The Girls' next went

to Kamehameha Schools Hawai'i for a hard-fought game against the Lady Warriors on Jan. 9. In the first quarter, Ka'ū scored 7, while Kamehameha scored 12. At Half-time, the score was 16 Ka'ū, 27 Kamehameha. The game ended with Ka'ū at 30, Kamehameha at 51.

Ka'ū fought hard against big school Kealakehe during games on Jan. 14. JV Trojans ladies scored 29 points against their guests, who won at 40. Varsity took the game even closer, with Ka'ū scoring 39, Kealakehe 44.

The Trojans Girls Basketball team faced off with Honoka'a in the BIIF Division II Semi-Finals on Friday, Jan. 25, at Konawaena Gym. The Trojans took the court by storm to win, 47 to 33 against Honoka'a.

The BIIF Division II Finals on Saturday, Jan. 26, saw the third place Trojan ladies compete for their 1st BIIF Division II Crown, challenging fourth place holder Hawai'i Preparatory Academy. A close game ensued, with Ka'ū scoring 32 against HPA, who managed 38.



Trojans, in white, tore up Kea'au on the Ka'ū home court Jan. 17.

Photos by Julia Neal

Trojans Soccer Season Ends on High Note

After traveling to the northern end of the island, the Trojans Boys soccer team saw hard work pay off. They scored the first point of the season against Kohala.

Fighting hard in December turned into a January where the teams continued to challenge larger schools with community soccer associations and long soccer traditions.

Trojans Girls Soccer played Hawai'i Preparatory Academy on Jan. 3, with HPA scoring 14, Ka'ū 0. On Monday, Jan. 7, Girls were at Waiakea in Hilo. The game ended TKO, Hilo Girls winning with 15.

On Jan. 10, Ka'ū Girls traveled to Kea'au, who won 6 to 0. Girls Soccer at Honoka'a on Saturday, Jan. 12., was also TKO, Honoka'a Girls winning with 8.

The Girls last game of the season, at Makua Lani on Jan. 14, saw their opponents take the game, 8 to 0.

Boys Soccer on Jan. 7 at Waiakea in Hilo was TKO, Hilo Boys winning with 9. The game on Saturday, Jan. 12., was also TKO, Honoka'a Boys winning with 8.

The Ka'ū Trojans Boys Soccer team played Konawaena at home Jan. 16. The Trojans showed a competitiveness the entire game against the big school, developing opportunities for shots on goal, with one landing just wide. Final score was Konawaena 7, Ka'ū 0.



Ka'ū High Trojans' soccer team showed improvements in the Winter season, hosting big schools like Konawaena. Displaying skills throughout the game on Jan. 16 at Pāhala field, Trojans created the opportunity for several shots on goal, with one going just wide.

Photo by David Berry

Then the last game: after a long trip, the Boys getting that one shining goal against Kohala, ending 7 to 1 – An impactful victory of its own and inspiration to grow the Trojan soccer teams.

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Ka'ū High Trojans Winter 2019 Sports Schedule

Girls Basketball:

Feb. 6-9, Wed.-Sat., HHSAA

Boys Basketball:

Feb. 1, Fri., 7:30pm, St. Joseph
Feb. 5, Tue., BIIF Div. II Semi-Finals
Feb. 6, Wed., BIIF Div. II Finals
Feb. 21-23, Thu.-Sat., HHSAA

Wrestling:

Feb. 2, Sat., @Hilo
Feb. 9, Sat., @BIIF @Kea'au
Feb. 20-21, Wed.-Thu., HHSAA

Soccer:

Feb. 7-9, Thu.-Sat., Boys HHSAA

Swimming:

Feb. 8-9, Fri.-Sat., HHSAA
Feb. 9, Sat., O'ahu

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Trojans Boys Basketball Wins, Plays Many Close Games

Trojan Boys are doing well in basketball, with the last game of the season set for the home court, welcoming St. Joseph



Ka'ū's Athletic Director Kalei Namohala with 'O Ka'ū Kākou's Half Court Shot winner Zakahry Marakami-Mattos of Honoka'a, and OKK's June Domondon. Photo from Ka'ū Athletics

Miloli'i-Ka'ū Fundraising Volleyball Tournament

Ka'ū District Gym hosts the Miloli'i-Ka'ū Jrs. Volleyball Tournament, to benefit Miloli'i-Ka'ū teams, on Feb. 9 and 10.

Teams playing are 10s: Miloli'i-Ka'ū, Cuzins I and Cuzins II, with one more slot open; 12s: Miloli'i-Ka'ū, Cuzins Girls, Cuzins Co-Ed, and Mau Loa, with three slots open; 14s: Miloli'i-Ka'ū, Cuzins Girls, and Mau Loa, with four spots open; and 16s: Cuzins 14 Boys and Cuzins 16, with two slots open.

Entry fees are \$50 per team. Contact Ka'imi at 937-1310, Landa at 443-7133, or Tene at 333-7232.

'O Ka'ū Kākou's 11th Annual Keiki Fishing Tournament Set for Feb. 16

Sign up for the eleventh annual 'O Ka'ū Kākou Keiki Fishing Tournament and canned food drive, to be held Saturday, Feb. 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Punalu'u Beach Park Pavilions. Registration for the catch-and-release tourney is open through Feb. 15, and at the event from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Check-in is from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Poles and bait are distributed from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Keiki, ages one to 14, fish from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., with parents assisting. A free lunch is provided for all attending while judges tally, with prizes awarded at 1 p.m. Every participant gets a prize, and keiki who pre-register can pick out their prizes, first come, first served. Prizes



Keiki and families braved a stormy seashore for last year's Keiki Fishing Tournament. Photo by Jana Kaniho. Prizes for largest catches are also awarded. Last year's tournament, supported by a grant from County of Hawai'i, drew over 1,000 people to the shore, with 376 participants. The 70 keiki under the age of three were given personal ponds to fish for little duckies. Keiki were supplied with bamboo hand poles, barbless hooks, lines, sinkers, and wheels donated by S. Tokunaga Store, Inc.; shrimp bait, donated by Suisan Co., Ltd.; and buckets. Fish caught and ranked by size were āholehole, hīnālea, kūpīpī, and po'opa'a, with Most Fish Caught the fifth category for special prizes, also donated by Hilo's S. Tokunaga Store, Inc.

Applications can be picked up and dropped off before the event at Nā'ālehu Elementary School, Nā'ālehu Ace Hardware, Wiki Wiki Mart in Nā'ālehu, Pāhala Elementary School, Mizuno Superette in Pāhala, Pāhala Gas Station, Kahuku Country Market in Ocean View, or Ocean View Auto Parts.

For more, call Guy Enriques, 808-217-2253, Wayne Kawachi, 937-4773, or see okaukakou.org.

on Friday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m. at Ka'ū District Gym. Big Island Interscholastic Federation finals follow.

Starting the season, the Trojans fought hard in two really close games on Thursday, Jan. 3. Hosting Honoka'a, the JV Trojans scored 10, 6, 11, and 13 points, to end with 40. However, their opponents scraped past, taking the game with 42. Varsity scored 12, 13, 11, and 13, ending with 49, but Honoka'a managed three more points, taking the game at 52.

'O Ka'ū Kākou \$250 Halfcourt Shot for Cash went to Honoka'a's Zakahry Marakami-Mattos.

In an away game against Hawai'i Preparatory Academy on Jan. 5, Ka'ū scored 38, while their opponents scored 60.

On Jan. 8, JV earned 38 points as host to Kamehameha, which won with 42. Trojan Keenan Toriano scored 14 points, while Keali'ikoa Reyes Nalu scored 10. Varsity also played a close game, fighting hard for 48 points to their opponents' 58. Trojan Shesley Martinez scored 17 points, while Izaiah Pilanca Emmsley scored 15.

Ka'ū beat the Konawaena Wildcats on Jan. 11 in the home varsity game. JV scored 9 in the first quarter, 14 in the second, 6 in the third, and an impressive 22 in the fourth, ending at 51. Konawaena scored 63, barely taking the game. Reyes Nalu scored 18, Toriano scored 10. Varsity

triumphed, with 20 in the first, 8 in the second, 13 in the third, and 22 in the fourth, to end at 63. Konawaena scored 60. Pilanca Emmsley scored 31 for Ka'ū and Martinez scored 16.

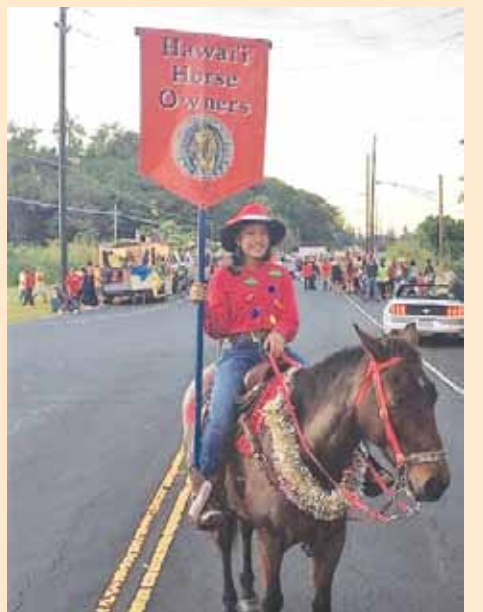
Hosting Waiakea on Jan. 16, both teams played Ka'ū strong. The Trojans JV team won, wiping the court with their opponents, scoring 8 points in the first quarter, 17 in the second, then 10 each in the third and fourth, for

45 total points. Reyes Nalu scored 11. Waiakea only managed 29 against the onslaught. Varsity scored 7, then 15, 8 and 11, to end at an impressive 41, with Martinez scoring 12. The bigger school managed 71.

Heading to Pana'ewa Stampede

Lori-Lee Lorenzo is a Ka'ū star each year in the Pana'ewa Stampede and Hawai'i Horse Owner Association events.

Pana'ewa Stampede takes place this year just outside of Hilo, the weekend of Feb. 16-18, with rodeo competitors from Ka'ū and around the island joined by rodeo clowns and other entertainers. See HawaiiRodeoStampede.com.



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A Lifeguard Training Course is offered at Pāhala Pool Feb. 4 through 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the county Department of Parks and Recreation, Aquatics Section, and the American Red Cross, the course fee is \$75. Call 961-8694 for more information.

Participants are required to pass a prerequisite test at Pāhala Pool, scheduled by contacting 928-8177. The course fee and registration forms are due upon completion of the test: 300-yard continuous swim using the front crawl, breaststroke, or a combination of both; two minutes treading water, without using hands; and completion of a timed event. The timed event, to be completed in 1 minute 40 seconds, starts in the water, with a swim of 20 yards to retrieve a 10-pound brick from the deep end, then returning with the brick to the starting point, and exiting the water.

Participants are responsible for providing their own supplies, including CPR mask, swim suit, goggles, towel, American Red Cross Lifeguard Manual, etc. The manual can be downloaded for free at redcross.org/take-a-class/lifeguarding/lifeguard-preparation/lifeguard-manual.

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Story Time with Lindsey Miller - PARENTS, Inc., Fri., Feb. 1, 2:30-3:15pm, Nā'ālehu Public Library. 333-3460, lindsey@hawaiiparents.org

Abstract Painting Workshop w/Darcy Gray, Sat., Feb. 2, 10-2pm, Volcano Art Center. Basic painting background required, supplies provided. \$85/VAC member, \$90/non-member, plus \$20 supply fee. Advance registration required, 8 adult limit. 967-8222, volcanoartcenter.org

Art Express, Sat., Feb. 2, 10-3pm, Discovery Harbour Community Hall. 1st Saturday monthly. Learn something new or work on a forgotten project. Instructions on oil, acrylic, watercolor, and other mediums. Class size limited to 25. Meliha Corcoran 319-8989, hime-liha@yahoo.com, discoveryharbour.net/art-express

Keiki Science Class, Sat., Feb. 2, 11-noon, 1st Saturday, monthly at Ace Hardware Stores islandwide; Nā'ālehu, 929-9030 and Ocean View, 929-7315. Free. acehardware.com

Super Bowl Sunday Party, Sun., Feb. 3, doors open 11am, kick-off 1:30pm, Lava Lounge, Kīlauea Military Camp. Food and beverages available for purchase. 967-8365 after 4pm for more. Open to KMC patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees may apply. kilaueamilitarycamp.com

Ham Radio Potluck Picnic, Sun., Feb. 3, noon-2pm, Manukā State Park. 1st Sunday, monthly. Anyone interested in learning about ham radio is welcome to attend. View sites.google.com/site/southpointarc or sites.google.com/view/southhawaiiare/home. Rick Ward, 938-3058

Hawai'i County Council Meetings, Mon., Feb. 4, Committees; Tue., Feb. 5, Council, Hilo. Ka'ū residents can participate via videoconferencing at Nā'ālehu State Office Building. Agendas at hawaiicounty.gov

Ka'ū Homeschool Co-op Group, Mon., Feb. 4 and 18, 1pm, Ocean View Community Center. Parent-led homeschool activity and social group, building community in Ka'ū. Confirm location in case of field trip. Laura Roberts, 406-249-3351

Ocean View Volunteer Fire Department Mtg., Mon., Feb. 4, 4-6pm, Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033, ovcahi.org

AdvoCATS, Tue., Feb. 5, 7-5pm, Ocean View Community Center. Free Cat Spay & Neuter Clinic. 895-9283. advocatshawaii.org

Ka'ū Coffee Growers Mtg., Tue., Feb. 5, 6-8pm, Pāhala Community Center.

Arts & Crafts Activity: Mardi Gras, Wed., Feb. 6, 3:30-5pm, multi-purpose room, Ka'ū District Gym. Register keiki ages 5-12 through Feb. 5. Free. 928-3102, hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

Hula Voices, Wed., Feb. 6, 5:30-6:30pm, 1st Wed. monthly, Volcano Art Center Gallery. Desiree Moana Cruz moderates the talk story session. Free, 967-7565

Open Mic Night, Wed., Feb. 6, 6-10pm, Lava Lounge, Kīlauea Military Camp. Call 967-8365 after 4pm to sign-up and for more



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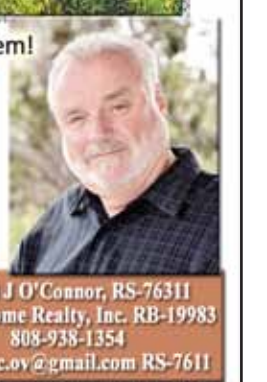
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Ka'ū February 2019

Miss Ka'ū Coffee Pageant Seeks Contestants

Miss Ka'ū Coffee Pageant is accepting applicants through Feb. 28. The Pageant will be held again at the Ka'ū District Gym on Saturday, April 27, 6 p.m.

Miss Ka'ū Coffee and her court will represent the Ka'ū Coffee industry throughout the year at events in the community and beyond, her appearances sponsored by the Edmund C. Olson Trust, II. Pageant Director is Tridad Marques.

The community can support the pageant through purchasing tickets, volunteering, and providing scholarships. Last year, Leahi Volleyball team provided a food concession and the Miloli'i Volleyball team helped with tickets and other tasks on pageant day.



Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2018, Reishalyn Jara.

Photo from OKK

Girls three to 24 years of age are encouraged to enter the pageant. Talents often include hula and singing. Other categories contestants compete in include Talent, Interview, Gown, Photogenic, Career-Interview, Characters Outfit and Swimsuit for Miss Ka'ū Coffee. Pageant hopefuls contend for titles of Miss Ka'ū Coffee, Jr. Miss Ka'ū Coffee, Miss Peaberry, and Miss Flower Princess. Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2018, Reishalyn Kekoa Jara, will crown her successor. Email tmarques@yahoo.com.

details. Park entrance fees may apply. Open to KMC patrons and sponsored guests, 21+. 967-8371, kilaueamilitarycamp.com

Women's Support Group, Thu., Feb. 7 and 21, 3-4:30pm, 1st and 3rd Thursday monthly. PARENTS Inc. office, Nā'ālehu. Women welcome to drop in anytime. Free. Lindsey Miller, 333-3460, lindsey@hawaiiiparents.org.

Ocean View Neighborhood Watch Mtg., Thu., Feb. 7, 6-7pm, Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033, ovcahi.org

'O Ka'ū Kākou Mtg., Thu., Feb. 7, 6:30pm, Aspen Center. okaukakou.org

Free Community Dance, Fri., Feb. 8, 7-10pm, Cooper Center, Volcano Village. Minors allowed with supervision only. Alcohol-free event. Variety of music.

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Pancake Breakfast & Raffle, Sat., Feb. 9, 8-11am, Ocean View Community Center. To volunteer, call 939-7033, ovcahi.org

Nā Mamo o Kāwā 'Ohana Work Day, Sat., Feb. 9, meet 9:30am, Northern Gate, Kāwā. RSVP to James Akau, jakau@nmok.org, 561-9111. nmok.org, facebook.com/namamo.kawa

1st Annual Action Children's Business Fair, Sat., Feb. 9, 10-1pm, River of Life Assembly of God, 96-2345 Paauau St., Pāhala. Support young on-island entrepreneurs in this one day marketplace for keiki ages 7 to 18 and their personal businesses selling their own brands, products, or services. childrensbusiness-fair.org

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15th Annual Love the Arts Fundraiser, 50th Anniversary of Woodstock, Sat., Feb. 9, 5-9pm, Volcano Art Center. Funds raised support classes, exhibits, workshops, and programs at Volcano Art Center. Music, gourmet buffet, and fine wines and brews. Live and silent auctions. \$55/VAC member, \$65/non-member. 967-8222, volcanoartcenter.org

Free STD Testing, Mon., Feb. 11, 9-noon, 2nd Monday, monthly, Ocean View Community Center. Sponsored by Hawai'i Department of Health. Call for appt. on different day or time. Teenagers 14+ do not need parent/guardian consent. Always confidential. Free condoms and lube. 895-4927

Arts & Crafts Activity: Valentine's Day Card, Tue., Feb. 12, 2:45-3:30pm, Kahuku Park, H.O.V.E. Register keiki ages 6-12 Feb. 4-8. Free. 929-9113, hawaiiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

C.E.R.T. Discovery Harbour/Nā'ālehu, Tue., Feb. 12, 4-6pm, Discovery Harbour Community Hall. Community Emergency Response Team info and training scenarios. Public welcome. Dina Shisler, dinashisler24@yahoo.com, 410-935-8087

Volcano Bay Clinic Mobile Health Unit Visit: Dental, Wed., Feb. 13, 8-5pm. Medical, Thu., Feb. 28, 1-5pm. Cooper Center, Volcano Village. Must be Bay Clinic, Inc. patient. 333-3600 for appt. thecoopercenter.org

Compassionate Communication Group, Wed., Feb. 13 and 27, 2-3:30pm, 2nd and last Wednesday, monthly, PARENTS Inc. office, Nā'ālehu. Free. Registration required. Lindsey Miller, 333-3460

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Story Time with Auntie Linda from Tūtū & Me, Thu., Feb. 14, 10:30-noon, Nā'ālehu Public Library. 929-8571

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Organizers of the Southernmost Alaska Picnic invite everyone from or interested in Alaska to join them at Whittington Beach Park Pavilions at Honu'apo on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is the fourth annual Southernmost Alaska Picnic, celebrating Ka'ū's close relationship with the many Alaskans who live here in winter. Participants bring a dish to share, beverages, musical instruments, chairs, and stories. Contact Tim Childs 907-388-8546 or Judy Jacobson at 907-314-3191.

Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka'ū, Thu., Feb. 14, 6:30pm, United Methodist Church, Nā'ālehu. Pres. Berkley Yoshida, 747-0197

PATCH Class #428, Building Emotional Literacy, Fri., Feb. 15, 8-11am, PARENTS, Inc. office, Nā'ālehu. Sponsored by Tūtū and Me. No childcare provided. Register at 238-3472, rhall@patch-hi.org

PATCH Class #619, Relationships w/Families in your Family-Centered Care, Fri., Feb. 15, noon-3pm, PARENTS, Inc. office, Nā'ālehu. Sponsored by Tūtū and Me. No childcare provided. Register at 238-3472, rhall@patch-hi.org

11th Annual Keiki Fishing Tournament, Sat., Feb. 16, 9-2pm, Punalu'u Beach Park Pavilions. For keiki 1-14 years. Free. Event day registration open 8-10am. Pre-registration packets available at Nā'ālehu Ace Hardware, Mizuno Supertte, Pāhala Gas Station, Nā'ālehu Wiki Wiki Mart, Kahuku Country Market, and Ocean View Auto Parts. Free lunch and prizes. Guy Enriques, 217-2253, Wayne Kawachi, 937-4773. okaukakou.org

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OKK: Senior Housing Project Seeks Funds, Confirmation of Need

Senior housing for Nā'ālehu remains one of the missions for 'O Ka'ū Kākou community group. A meeting held Sunday, Jan. 27, drew a large crowd to Nā'ālehu Community Center for a wide ranging exchange of ideas.

Front and center was the fundraising campaign finish paying \$250,000 for the two-acre site on the mauka side of Hwy 11 at the former location of Nā'ālehu Fruit

Stand. OKK member Nadine Ebert said that one man donated the first dollar, while others said that small donations are coming in. Suggestions abounded, from spreading the word and collecting monetary gifts at community events, to crowd funding online and selling tiles with donors' names on them. The tiles would be used in constructing the place.

One speaker said that if only 250,000 people donated \$1 each - from out there in the big world on the internet - the task would be accomplished. OKK Pres. Wayne Kawachi, who identified himself as a Viet Nam veteran, said he would look into funding for veterans and from veterans groups. Another speaker said she is aware of grants for pro-

grams that support food growing and possibly housing, particularly when a percentage of the beneficiaries is native Hawaiian. Others who have written grants said they would help to find funding sources and apply for them.

Another goal is to identify the need for senior housing in the community. The only senior housing in all of Ka'ū is in Pāhala. Several surveys have been handed out at community meetings and through *The Ka'ū Calendar* newspaper, said Raylene Moses, one of the OKK enthusiasts for senior housing. She said there will be another effort to canvas the community to update the need.

There is also a need to take care of the two acres while planning and financing the project. Attendees



Two acres cleared for senior housing. OKK asks for donations, design ideas, and confirmation of need. Photo by Julia Neal

made suggestions, such as growing food and selling it to raise money. Other community groups could also volunteer to help take care of the parcel.

Senior housing design was discussed. Kawachi and Moses said a good example

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On Jan. 25, the state Board of Land and Natural Resources approved, allowing the 25 acres to be cut away from the larger parcel for the sewage treatment plant, and to acknowledge a delay in the use of its funding, as the property must be subdivided to provide the two parcels to the county and Ala Kahakai Trail Association.

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An Invitation for Nā'ālehu Residents



The County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management (DEM) invites Nā'ālehu residents to once again talk story about the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant in Nā'ālehu. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires that the three County-operated Large Capacity Cesspools that receive wastewater from Nā'ālehu properties previously served by the C. Brewer system must be closed due to environmental concerns.

Properties currently served by the three Large Capacity Cesspools will be affected. In addition, some properties along roadways with the new sewer lines will be affected even though these properties already have private cesspools or septic tanks. These roadways include portions of Kukui and 'Ōhai Roads, and a portion of Māmalahoa Highway and Nā'ālehu Spur Road.

Throughout the planning and design process for the new Nā'ālehu Wastewater Treatment Plant, our consultant Brown and Caldwell will be reaching out to the community.

Our first round of Nā'ālehu informal talk story sessions was held in 2018. In the upcoming meeting, we will update the community on progress and changes that have been made to the Nā'ālehu project, outline the next steps of the environmental review process and invite you to share your thoughts and ideas.

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, February 26	6:00 PM to 7:30PM	Nā'ālehu Community Center 75-5635 Māmalahoa Highway

Please let us know if you plan to attend the meeting. You may email **Berna Cabacungan Senelly of Earthplan** at eplan1@aol.com. You may also call **Mary Fujio** at the Department of Environmental Management at (808) 961-8083 or **Iris Cober** at the Brown and Caldwell Maui office at (808) 442-3300.

Please note that this meeting is about the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant and collection system in Nā'ālehu only. Meetings for the proposed Pāhala facility are being held separately.

KAHUKU TO MILOLI'I

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Akina Donates 135 Acres to The Nature Conservancy

A donation of 135 acres north of Ocean View for preservation has been made to The Nature Conservancy. The gift comes from the late Hawaiian physician Charman J. Akina, who divided his time between Hilo and Honolulu.

Located just below the Conservancy's 8,081-acre Kona Hema Preserve and the state's South Kona Forest Reserve, the new parcel provides habitat for rare native wildlife and plants.

"The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is grateful to work with wonderful supporters like Dr. Akina, who understand the vast majority of Hawai'i's native species are found nowhere else in the world," said TNC Hawai'i Executive Director Ulalia



Dr. Charman Akina donated land north of Ocean view to The Nature Conservancy. Photo from TNC Woodside. "This gift will provide a home and refuge for native plants and animals

for future generations."

The land is the second of two properties Akina gave to TNC. He donated a 37-acre neighboring parcel in 2014. He first became interested in the two South Kona parcels in the early 1970s when the land was being sub-divided for sale. "I went down there and found these properties that had beautiful trees on them along with young forest," he said. "When I found out they would be sold for development, I stepped in and bought them. I wanted to save them from the bulldozer."

After TNC acquired 4,000 acres next door at Honomalino in 1999 – the first of three adjoining parcels that make up its Kona Hema Preserve – Akina decided that

one day, he would donate the land to TNC.

The 135-acre parcel is a section of the 1926 Ho'opuloa lava flow. Along the flow edges, it contains native plants such as māmane, 'iliahi, pāwale, ferns, and the rare mēhamehame tree. Flowering tree *Flueggea neowawraea* was historically found on the parcel, which is also in the very limited habitat range for the tallest species of Hawaiian fan palm, or loulou. Both were likely found there prior to the 1926 flow. Surveys have also located native lacewings and Kamamehameha butterflies on the property.

Native songbird species such as the 'apapane, 'i'iwi, 'elepaio, and 'amakihi are found throughout this area as they pass through the protected corridor of South Kona properties. The area also provides much needed habitat for the endangered 'io (Hawaiian hawk) and the 'ōpe'ape'a (Hawaiian hoary bat), which likely utilizes the property for foraging. The National Audubon Society rates Kona forests as A-1 Globally Significant Important Bird Areas.

Akina, who passed away at 85, was a graduate of Punahou School and Stanford University. He worked for more than 30 years at the Honolulu Medical Group, specializing in internal medicine, before serving the native Hawaiian community for 12 years at the Waimanalo Health Center.

Ocean View Community Center Needs a Boost

Ocean View Community Center could close unless more residents join in to help

in about three and a half years unless the trend is reversed, said outgoing treasurer

number of paid members and soliciting donations and/or grants will be essential for the association to cease "operating in the red."

Several members advocated strongly for the community center, one of the major places in Ocean View where people get together. Others called it an invaluable community venue for functions sponsored by schools, churches, and many public service organizations



OVCA officers for 2019 are Gary Bailey, Vice President; Suzanne Reiter, Secretary; Ron Gall, President; Paulette Freichs, out-going Treasurer; Dave Anderson out-going President and 2019 Director. The Treasurer for 2019, Tim Chace, was unable to attend the meeting. Photo by Annie Bosted

keep the facility open. About 25 members of the Ocean View Community Association attended the annual meeting recently to learn that OVCA has been operating in the red for the past two years.

The Community Center could close

Paulette Freichs. She explained that the association suffered unusual expenses in 2018, including critical termite treatment and labor to install new flooring materials. Insurance is a very large annual expense as well. She said that both increasing the

which brings a spay/neuter program to the area.

Voting for primary and general elections, political forums, veteran medical services, and such regular activities as exercise classes and Ham radio meetings are held there. A member announced that she planned to start a

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Diana Aki, Songbird of Miloli'i, Celebrated

The life of Diana Aki was celebrated in January at Miloli'i oceanfront park.

Diana Puakini Aki, 76, died on Jan. 8. Known as the Songbird of Miloli'i, she performed and taught music many times in Ka'ū, with the late Cyril Pahinui, at Keoki Kahumoku's music camps, Debbie Ryder's hula and music events, as well as Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Cultural Festival & BioBlitz celebrations. She often performed



Diana Aki and Keoki Kahumoku in Pāhala. Photo by Julia Neal

and taught in Miloli'i. She was a regular at the La 'Ohana annual event.

Aki was famous for her soaring soprano Hawaiian falsetto voice, winning a Nā Hōkū Hanohano Female Vocalist of the Year award.

View and hear her singing Aloha Punalu'u, playing 'ukulele and accompanied by steel guitar, on the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park website at nps.gov/media/video/view.htm?id=F35EE392-06AF-3CCA-9EB2BC1977665DDA.

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Hawai'i Wildlife Fund Wins Citizen Conservation Award

Hawai'i Wildlife Fund received a DLNR & You Citizen Conservationists Award from the state Department of Land and Natural Resources in January. The honor arrived Jan. 12, as staff and dozens of volunteers marked 250 tons of marine debris collected from the shoreline. The celebration was held at Ka Lae Coffee, which donated the venue.

Hawai'i Wildlife Fund's beach clean-ups on Hawai'i island began in 2003. Its work has been the subject of numerous international media reports, particularly along a stretch of the Ka'ū Coast from Ka Lae (South Point) to Wai'ōhinu, including Ka-

milo, known as "plastic beach."

From October into January, Hawai'i Wildlife Fund added to its tonnage to make more than 515,000 pounds of marine debris collected on Hawai'i Island, Maui, Midway Atoll, and French Frigate Shoals.

It's a never-ending project, according to Hawai'i Wildlife Fund Program Director Megan Lamson. "It's hard to envision 250 tons of marine debris. But if you can picture the largest trucks possible and fill 250 of them to the brim with plastics, nets, and all the other stuff that washes onto the reefs and onto shore, you get an idea of the scope of our efforts."

The group relies heavily on volunteers, many them recognized at Saturday's celebration. Over the past decade, HWF reports more than 43 thousand hours of volunteer time dedicated to beach clean ups and debris removal.

A statement from DLNR said, "A good example of their good work is what happened a year ago at Kamilo Beach. An enormous tangled ball of discarded fishing net washed onto the reef just off shore. Before it could be recovered

vandals lit it on fire. Typically, HWF staff and volunteers spend hours cutting through the tough netting to reduce it to manageable lengths to haul to shore. It's then loaded into pick-up trucks and taken to a rubbish transfer station. From there, the mass of netting is shipped to O'ahu where it contributes to fueling the H-Power plant, which produces electricity for the island."

Every year, for a decade or more, HWF has provided manpower and support for a major beach clean-up along the coastal section of the Manukā Natural Area Reserve, the largest state of Hawai'i Natural Area Reserve System. "The work is tough and normally occurs in hot and dry conditions, which is further testament to the dedication of the organization and its volunteers," DLNR reports.

Lamson said that when Hawai'i Wildlife Fund's DLNR Stewardship Map, Assess Project Begins

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The project collects survey data to create a public online stewardship database and map of community, civic, and other organizations that mālama 'āina and kai.

Groups that already received a survey are encouraged by DLNR to fill it out "today." If not, go to StewMapHawaii.net to learn more and sign up to receive a survey.

life Fund started in 1996, the organization's co-founder Bill Gilmartin was often told, "Why bother? Debris is just going to keep



Hawai'i Wildlife Fund staff and volunteers cleaning at Kamilo Beach.

Photo from Hawai'i Wildlife Fund

coming ashore." At that point, the plastic debris at Kamilo Beach was shoulder-high, which gave it its moniker of plastic beach.

"Undaunted, HWF, through its educational efforts with school groups and other organizations, has made a huge difference in the appearance of the coastlines where it works, and more importantly in helping keep debris from washing back into the ocean where mammals and other aquatic creatures often get entangled in derelict netting," said the DLNR report.

In recognizing HWF with a DLNR & You Citizen Conservationists Award, DLNR noted "the group and its passionate and dedicated volunteers go way beyond any call of duty to help protect, preserve, and repair Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources."

See short films with Megan Lamson at vimeo.com/311086602.

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While the first portion of the map will focus on O'ahu, more regions and outlying islands are planned for mapping.

The project aims to answer: Who takes care of each region? Where are there gaps and concentrations of care? Where are groups working, on what issues, and who is working in your community or topic?

Groups of at least two people may benefit by: Being part of stewardship maps and diagrams of neighborhood, Ahupua'a, and Moku. Getting students engaged with places that participate in 'āina based learning. Identifying ways to share information, ideas, and other resources with groups, non-profits, and agencies.

Environmental educators, gardeners, canoe club or hālau hula members, researchers, community organizers, and those that care for a lo'i or clean up the beach are encouraged to get on the map.



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Ka'ū Hospital in Better Shape, Bright Future

The annual community meeting at Ka'ū Hospital drew community health advocates to a presentation by its board and executives on Jan. 12. It was announced that Ka'ū Hospital has a bright future, and is in better financial shape.

East Hawai'i Regional Board of Hawai'i Health Systems Corp. manages the hospital and its rural health clinic. Regional Health Executive Officer Dan Brinkman said Ka'ū Hospital is not as dependent on the state for funding as in the past. He said the hospital is not making money but is much better at covering its costs.

Brinkman also explained Ka'ū's special position as a Critical Care Access Hospital. The federal designation not only allows insurance to pay more for care here, it allows Ka'ū to reach out to other rural communities.

Under Ka'ū's designation, new clinics can be opened in Puna and even more urban Hilo to provide medical care for the underserved. With new clinics comes more staff, which can help stabilize the



The regional board for Ka'ū Hospital met with the community to take input and assure residents that the hospital and clinic are on better financial footings with more sophisticated health care planned.
Photo by Julia Neal

staffing at Ka'ū and the entire region.

The partnership of Ka'ū with other clinics and Hilo Medical Center benefits this area with more specialists on staff at Hilo, including cardiologists and orthopedic surgeons. New cardiology capabilities at Hilo will soon make it less likely for heart attack victims to be airlifted to Honolulu. Life saving treatment will be carried out more quickly here, said Brinkman. He also said more specialists in dermatology, endocrinology, and other fields will be available through telemedicine.

Jessie Marques, founder and executive director of Ka'ū Rural Health Com-

munity Association, urged the hospital and its clinic to coordinate with her organization in the use of its HMSA telemed kiosk at its facility on Puahala Street in Pāhala.

She also asked whether patients can receive same-day appointments at the Ka'ū Hospital Rural Health Clinic. Hospital Administrator Marilyn Harris said the clinic makes every effort to make same day appointments. Depending on the patient's insurance, re-

fers from such providers as Bay Clinic may be needed for the hospital to be compensated for the visit. However, the clinic will not turn away patients, she said.

Making it easier for veterans to see doctors locally was another topic. One physician clarified that veterans in Ka'ū, who live far from the veterans clinics in Hilo and Kona, can apply through the Veterans Administration to choose a local primary physician. The vet would still go once a year to Hilo or Kona for a check-up at the VA clinic. Marques said she is working with veterans to establish regular telemedicine in Ocean View.

New Al-Anon Meetings in Discovery Harbour

Al-Anon Family Groups offers a new meeting at Discovery Harbour Community Center at 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays. For more information, text (808) 990-7248.

Al-Anon is a group for those affected by other people's alcoholism. Holding meetings since 1952, Al-Anon is also open to Alcoholics Anonymous members who feel their lives are also affected by another

person's drinking. "Al-Anon members are people, just like you, who are worried about someone with a drinking problem," says al-anon.org. "The alcoholic has three choices: institutions, recovery, or death. I have the same options. I choose recovery," is one message on the site.

As with other Anonymous groups, members are asked to not discuss mem-

bership in other Anonymous Fellowships. Anonymous Fellowships – which include Al-Anon, A.A., Narcotics Anonymous, and more – are fee-free groups that rely on donations, where only first names are used. The groups are "a spiritual fellowship," guided by a 12 Step Program similar to A.A. 12 Steps.

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local area impacted by the shutdown. U.S. Geological Survey furloughed 7,800 employees nationwide, though the Volcano Hazards Program remained operational, affecting Hawaiian Volcano Observatory. The weekly Volcano Watch article, seen on KauNewsBriefs.blogspot.com, was on hold.

Many National Weather Service employees stayed at their posts, as did food safety inspectors, airport safety inspectors and security, the U.S. Coast Guard, Forestry Service law enforcement and emergen-

cy personnel, some National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration personnel; hundreds of thousands of people, working with delayed pay.

The government shut down about 25 percent of its services, furloughing about 380,000 workers, advising about 420,000 to work without pay, at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 21. The standoff between Trump and Congress involved POTUS insisting on \$5.7 billion to fund a wall along the southern border of the U.S. mainland to keep out immigrants. At points, he threatened to shut down the entire southern border of the U.S. or declare a state

of emergency to use the military to build the wall without congressional approval.

The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives voted to fund government without money for the wall in late December. After Trump protested, the House voted for funding for the wall, but the Senate declined to follow. A new Congress taking over on Jan. 3 did not end the stalemate.

Senators Brian Schatz and Mazie Hirono, and Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, who represent Ka'ū in the U.S. capitol, had choice words to say during the 35-day shutdown.

Schatz repeatedly stated that "shutdowns don't work," Hirono accused Trump of taking federal and contract workers



Hawai'i Volcanoes National park welcomes visitors to more areas, with restored federal funding, after 35 days of the partial government shutdown.

Photo from Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

"hostage" over Trump's "vanity wall," and Gabbard said Trump was "endangering the lives of those you're supposed to protect."

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Ocean View C.E.R.T. Mtg., Sat., Feb. 16, 10-1pm, Ocean View Community Center. Community Emergency Response Team monthly meeting and training. 939-7033, ovcahi.org

Hula Kahiko - Kumu Hula Keala Ching w/Nā Wai Iwi Ola, Sat., Feb. 16, 10:30-11:30am, performance at hula platform near Volcano Art Center Gallery. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-8222, volcano-hula@gmail.com, volcanoartcenter.org

Nā Mea Hula w/Wes Awana, Sat., Feb. 16, 11-1pm, Volcano Art Center Gallery porch. Hands-on cultural demonstration. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-8222, volcanohula@gmail.com, volcanoartcenter.org

Ham Radio Mtg., Sat., Feb. 16, 2-3pm, Ocean View Community Center. ovcahi.org

Hawai'i Wildlife Fund Community Cleanup, Sun., Feb. 17, contact in advance for meet up details. Space

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Gabbard, Kahele, cont. from pg. 4

Gabbard's seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, which serves Ka'ū, along with the rest of the Neighbor Islands and rural O'ahu.

When Kahele stood in Mo'ohau Bandstand to make his announcement, he proclaimed: "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

inspired generations with the simple idea that one person can make a difference, one person can change the world. Dr. King once asked 'Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?'"

He also said it was on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, three years ago, that he found his father, Sen. Gil Kahele, collapsed at home. The longtime member of Hawai'i's Democratic Party died nine days later. Kai Kahele said he felt a call to public service and a desire to follow in his father's footsteps.

"Our family needed leadership. Our community needed leadership. There was work left undone and a legacy to carry on inspired by his dream – the dream of this gentle Hawaiian man from Miloli'i, to build a better Hawai'i for all of us," he said.

Kahele said during his time serving in the State Senate, he has met with a host of residents. Their many concerns include the future for Hawai'i's children.

"When I think of them, I think of my own daughters and your children and the Hawai'i of the future they will grow up in. And like every parent, we all

want more for our children than we had for ourselves. We want the brightest future for them. We want them to have a secure job sustained by a strong and thriving economy. We want them to grow up in a safe community, and a clean environment. We want them to be able to attend outstanding public schools and have access to quality health-care when they need it. We want them to be able to walk in our 'ōhiā forests, swim in our oceans rich with marine life, and see the Hawai'i that we have seen through our eyes."

But in order to achieve this, Kahele said, "Hawai'i needs teamwork, focus, and dedicated leadership. We need passion and compassion. We need courage and collaboration. We need commitment and humility. We need elected leaders working together, leaders who put the common interests of Hawai'i's people ahead of their own."

Kahele acknowledged some will ask, why now? He answered, "In Dr. King's now famous I Have a Dream speech, he talked about what he called 'The Fierce Urgency of Now.' That there is such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency, the time is now for vigorous

and positive action. I am also reminded of President Obama who said, 'Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we have been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.'"

Kahele is a combat pilot, a Major in the Hawai'i Air National Guard, and a commercial pilot for Ha-

waiian Airlines. He is in his third year as state Senator representing Hilo.

Learn more at facebook.com/KaiKahele, twitter.com/kaikahele, and kaikahele.com for more.

OVCA, from pg. 11

table tennis program.

Another member volunteered to canvas for new members at the swap meet and grocery stores in Ocean View. Members encouraged her to point out that membership in the OVCA costs less than a cup of coffee a month. Dues are \$30 a year for a single person, or \$50 a year for a family.

"Think of joining as an investment in the community," urged Karen Powell, adding "We should not focus on 'what's in it for me,' but rather 'should the community be without the center?'"

Incoming President, Ron Gall, announced a Classic Car and Bike Show on March 30. The Association will sell hot dogs, chips, and drinks to raise funds for the Association. Two other food vendors will offer grinds.

Gall told *The Ka'ū Calendar* that the Community Center has become an invaluable place of education, hosting four organizations. "It is used by the Department of Education for a Blended Learning program, the Ocean View Homeschool Co-op, Kua O Ka Lā Charter School from Miloli'i, and also by Harmony Educational Services.

The community needs to support education by keeping our Community Center's doors open. We hope more people will join in 2019."

The new officers for 2019 were announced at the meeting. Gall is President, Suzanne Reiter is Secretary, Gary Bailey is Vice President, and Tim Chace is Treasurer. Barbara Lewis and Dave Anderson are Directors. Positions for more directors are available.

Membership in the OVCA is open to all residents of all the subdivisions in Ocean View. The OVCA is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 corporation. New members can join online, existing members can renew their membership, and tax deductible donations can be made at ovcahi.org/membership-donation.

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 February 16 - March 24, 2019
 Opening Reception: February 16 at 5:00pm
 An exhibition of original art by Carl Pao paired with selected writings by Kāwika Eyre. The exhibit is in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of King Kamehameha's death. A special panel discussion event on February 15 at 5:30pm at VAC's Ni'aulani Campus in Volcano Village will introduce participants to significant life events of King Kamehameha.

Hula Voices - February 6
 Featuring Kumu Hula Keala Ching

Hula Kahiko - February 16, 10:30am
 Kumu Hula Keala Ching with Nā Wai Iwi Ola
 Nā Mea Hula with Wes Awana

Ni'aulani Campus
 2/2 - Abstract Painting workshop with Darcy Gray
 2/12 - Sogetsu Ikebana Demonstration with Victoria Croft
 2/16 - Stained Glass Basics I series with Lois Pollock
 2/21 - Thursday Night at the Center: 'Alalā Project Update Presentation
 2/23 - Jazz in the Forest: A Tribute to Miles Davis

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Fire Risk May Increase in 2019

Due to expected lower rainfall over the next few months, Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization predicts a higher fire risk. "This may provide sunny dry weather and beautiful days, but it also means there will be a higher than normal fire hazard," says the warning from the non-profit organization.

Reportedly sparked by repairs to a bulldozer, the Keauhou Ranch wildfire burned more than 3,200 acres in and around Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Learn preparations for dry conditions from Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization. *NPS photo/D.Benitez*

Recommended precautions include: Clear yard and rain gutters to make sure they are free of leaves and debris. Keep grass cut short. Keep trees limbed up high from the ground, and away from roofs and windows. Make and practice family emergency plans. Work with neighbors on communal areas.

Hawai'i Wildfire asks the public to be

Life of Cyril Pahinui Celebrated

The life of Cyril Lani Pahinui-Kahawai – Hawaiian music teacher, performer, and recording artist, who taught many young people in Ka'ū and performed here many times – was celebrated at the historic Kawaiaha'o on Jan. 19. Musicians brought their instrumented and joined in kanikapala.

Pahinui passed away Nov. 11 at



Cyril Pahinui, 1950-2018

Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu. He was married to Chellle Shand Pahinui, whom he met in Ka'ū and with whom he sponsored Hawaiian music events here and on the mainland for the non-profit Nā'ālehu Theatre group.

Son of famed Hawaiian singer Gabby Pahinui and Emily Pahinui, Cyril was born on April 21, 1950. Learning music in the traditional way by listening and watching his dad and many of Hawai'i's foremost traditional musicians, Pahinui developed a

McKee Scholarship Apps Due Feb. 15

Harry McKee Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors invites higher-education bound high school seniors and current higher-education students to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship.

To be eligible, students must be residents of Ka'ū District and plan to attend in fall of 2019, full time, an accredited college, university, technical institute, or vocational school, anywhere in the U.S.

The website says that "Harry McKee left a legacy of commitment to the youth of Ka'ū. His foundation exists to give students an opportunity for higher education. Harry was a musician, a gardener, a WWII decorated veteran, an outdoorsman, and an active civic leader. Harry was well known for reaching out to local youth to support their education goals, and to encourage young people to share aloha and celebrate 'ohana."

The application and more information on the foundation are at mckeescholarship-foundation.weebly.com. Applications must be mailed to the foundation office in Ocean View by Feb. 15.

The Ka'ū Calendar

"aware of when and where you pull your car over (not on dry grass, please!), and when you use equipment that might spark (not when it is hot and windy, please!).

We know from Dr. Clay Trauernicht's analyses at the University of Hawai'i that the majority of wildfires are started by accident, so we all need to take appropriate precautions."

"Usually we remind everyone of these strategies at the start of fire season, but 'fire season' is not as much a relevant term right now, with prolonged, dry, fire-promoting conditions persisting through winter." Check out hawaiiwildfire.org/fire-resource-library for resources on how to keep wildfire-ready.

unique well-recognized sound that renders an intimate picture of Hawai'i, his beloved Island home.

Pahinui toured world wide, performing twice at Carnegie Hallteaching at the annual Chet Atkin's Appreciation Society guitar convention, and extended his love for teaching at workshops worldwide and throughout the Hawaiian Islands, including providing 10 years of free instruction to over 800 elementary and high school students.

He contributed to more than 50 recorded albums, three receiving Grammy Awards, two Grammy nominations. Pahinui won 19 Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards and the 2014 Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts Lifetime Achievement Award. He served on the boards of the Pacific NW Chapter of the Recording Academy and the Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts.

Pahinui received the 2013 Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Artist Fellowship for Music and, in support of his teaching, the Jennifer Easton Community Spirit Award of the First Peoples Fund. In 2014, he received the Duke's Ho'okahiko Award, honoring those who "live, exemplify, and pass on the traditions of Aloha."

Pahinui was also honored with the 2017 National Endowment for the Arts Heritage Fellowship Award, the highest award for traditional Arts in America. In 2018, he received a Rotary Club of West O'ahu David Malo Award.

The family encourages a tax deductible donation to Cyril's Hawaiian Music Masters program at naalehutheatre.com or purchasing his new CD, Marketplace, at cyrilpahinui.com.

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may be available; BYO-4WD welcome. Free; donations appreciated. RSVP to kahakai.cleanups@gmail.com or 769-7629.

Discovery Harbour Neighborhood Watch Mtg., Mon., Jan. 18, 5-6:30pm, Discovery Harbour Community Hall. 929-9576, discoveryharbour.net

Hawai'i County Council Mtgs., Tue., Jan. 19, Committees; Wed., Jan. 20, Council, Kona. Ka'ū residents can participate via videoconferencing at Nā'ālehu State Office Building. Agendas at hawaiiicounty.gov

Discovery Harbour Volunteer Fire Dept. Mtg., Tue., Jan. 19, 4:30-6:30pm, Discovery Harbour Community Hall. 929-9576, discoveryharbour.net

Ocean View Community Association Board of Directors Mtg., Wed., Feb. 20, 12:30-1:30pm, Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033, ovcahi.org

Arts & Crafts Activity: Eagle Handprint, Wed., Feb. 20, 3:30-5pm, multi-purpose room, Ka'ū District Gym. Register keiki ages 5-12 Feb. 11-19. Free. 928-3102, hawaiiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

Hawai'i Disability Legal Services, Thu., Feb. 21, 9-noon, Ocean View Community Center. ovcahi.org, 939-7033

Family Reading Night, Thu., Feb. 21, 6-7pm, Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033, ovcahi.org

Paint Nite II, Thu., Feb. 21, 6-8pm, multi-purpose room, Ka'ū District Gym, Pāhala. Open to adults. Register through Feb. 20. Supply fee. 928-3102, hawaiiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

Count Humpback Whales - Sanctuary Ocean Count, Sat., Feb. 23, 8-noon, Ka'ū Coast locations: Punalu'u Black Sand Beach Park and Ka Lae Park. Participants tally humpback whale sightings and document whale surface behavior during survey, providing valuable data to NOAA. Register at oceancount.org. Registration closes one week prior to event. Last 2019 count is on March 30.

Senior Housing, cont. from pg. 10

is in Hilo, connected with a nonprofit that is willing to help. Decisions to be made include the level of care. Would there be apartments plus a more intensive assisted living component? Would it include a community gathering place? Would it be one story? Kawachi said he would like to determine the site could accommodate 70 units.

He also noted major time and equip-

HOVE Road Maintenance Board Mtg., Tue., Feb. 26, 10am, HOVE Road Maintenance office. hoveroad.com, 929-9910, gm@hoveroad.com

Ka'ū Food Pantry, Tue., Feb. 26, 11:30-1pm, last Tuesday monthly, St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View.

Kōkua Kupuna Project, Wed., Feb. 27, 9-11am, St. Jude's Episcopal Church, Ocean View. Last Wednesday monthly. Seniors 60 years & older encouraged to attend, ask questions, and inquire about services offered through Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i - referral required, 961-8626 for free legal services. Under 60, call 1-800-499-4302. More info: tahisha.despontes@legalaidthawaii.org, 329-3910 ext. 925. legalaidthawaii.org

Arts & Crafts Activity: Valentine's Day Card, Wed., Feb. 27, 2:45-3:30pm, Kahuku Park, H.O.V.E. Register keiki ages 6-12 Feb. 19-25. Free. 929-9113, hawaiiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

Arts & Crafts Activity: Group Art Project, Wed., Feb. 27, 3:30-5pm, multi-purpose, Ka'ū District Gym. Register keiki ages 5-12 Feb. 19-26. Free. 928-3102, hawaiiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

Craft Class, Thu., Feb. 28, 9:30-10:30am, PARENTS, Inc., Nā'ālehu. For keiki 2-12 years old and caregivers. Free. 333-3460, lindsey@hawaiiparents.org

Ka'ū Community Children's Council, Thu., Feb. 28, 12-1:30pm, Punalu'u Bake Shop. 4th Thursday monthly. Provides local forum for community members to come together as equal partners to discuss and positively affect multiple systems' issues for the benefit of students, families, and communities. Chad Domingo, text 808-381-2584, domingoc1975@yahoo.com, ecco.k12.hi.us

Volcano Friends Feeding Friends, Thu., Feb. 28, 4-6pm, Cooper Center, Volcano Village. Free community dinner for all. Additional packaged goods to take home for those in need. Donations and volunteers encouraged. 967-7800, thecoopercenter.org

ment contributions by local companies and volunteers in clearing the lot.

Also discussed was whether the new Nā'ālehu Wastewater Treatment Center will be built and how the timing would fit with the construction of the senior housing.

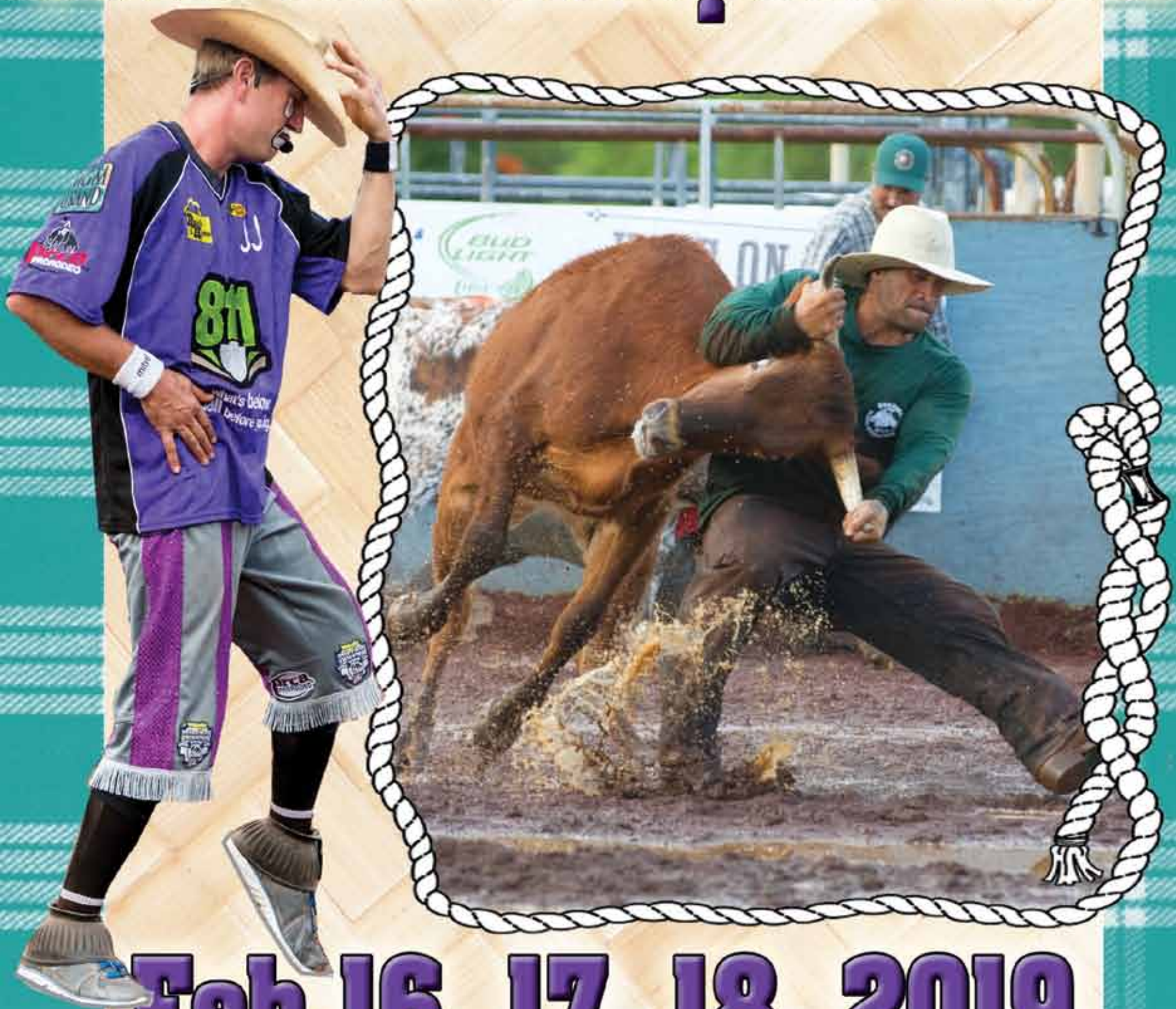
Kawachi said he is interested in talking with developers, builders, funders, and those who can help document the need for senior housing. He can be reached at 937-4773.

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