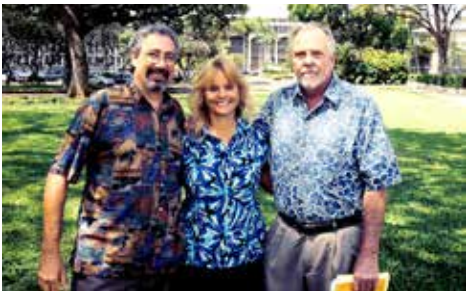


Ka'ū Learning Academy Seeks Planning Commission Approval



Ka'ū's state Rep. Richard Creagan supported Ka'ū Learning Academy Founding Board members Kathryn Tydlacka and Joe Iacuzzo at the meeting where the state Department of Education granted approval of the charter school.

Ka'ū Learning Academy charter school is seeking Windward Planning Commission approval to teach grades three through six beginning July 29 at Discovery Harbour Clubhouse. The property is zoned open by the county and located in the state land use agricultural district. The Planning Commission meeting takes place Thursday, March 5 at 9 a.m. at Aupuni Center Conference Room in Hilo. Public testimony is welcome.

In March 2014, a hui led by former Nā'ālehu School teacher Kathryn Tydlacka and Joe Iacuzzo won a charter from the state

Public Charter School Commission to open Ka'ū Learning Academy. KLA Executive Director Tydlacka said the charter school will offer individual education plans for each student designed for ability level. She promised "high academic expectations" and electives such as theatre, agriculture, computer, art and music. Transportation and lunch will be provided.

To raise funds for the school, KLA organizers have been operating Gilligan's Café at the clubhouse. KLA plans to build a more permanent structure at Discovery Harbour

within two years. It also has plans to offer kindergarten through eighth-grade classes as well as have another school in Ocean View.

Organizers of the school provided the following statement:

Ka'ū Learning Academy was founded on the principle that Ka'ū children are just as bright and capable of excellence in learning as other children in the state of Hawai'i. Under the new Strive-Hi Performance System that sets accountability standards for all DOE schools (<http://www.hawaii-public-ka-ua-learning-academy.org>), pg. 8

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Island Market Closes, Wiki Wiki Mart Stays its Ka'ū Course

Island Market, known in the Ka'ū Community as Nā'ālehu Market, shut down on Feb. 28 after a closeout sale. Carl Okuyama, president of the parent company Sure Save Super Market, Ltd., said he is concerned that the closing of Island Market will create a hardship for the community, especially in providing meat, poultry, fish and produce items to those without transportation. However, according to Okuyama, several food businesses are considering opening at the Island Market location. The property is owned by the 300 Corp., which is associated with the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation based in Honolulu.

The dozen employees were informed of the closing early in February. "I wanted them to be the first to know," Okuyama said. He said employees are being given the opportunity to transfer to either the Hilo or Nā'ālehu Wiki Wiki Mart and that jobs will be secured according to seniority and merit. Vernon Takaki, for example, has been working at Island Market in Nā'ālehu for 18 years, Okuyama said. "He is very dependable, and we hope to keep him with our company."

Okuyama said one reason for Island Market closing is that in recent years, buying trends for groceries and other home goods have changed, particularly with the advent of big box stores like Walmart, Target and Costco. Longs and Walgreens are also selling food, he said.

Okuyama, now 64, said he has used

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Nā'ālehu sixth grade students and teachers take time out to celebrate their first year of participation in the District Science & Engineering Fair held at 'Imiloa Astronomy Center last month. Front Row: Kaulana Aipia-Dolan, teacher Nellie Davis, Izaiah Pilanca-Emmsley, Amber Sugrue, Johnette Llanes-Masters, teacher Amber Keohulua, Deansen Breithaupt-Grant; Back Row: Tiane Kuahiwinui, principal Darlene Javar, Rio Chopot and Duke Moniz-Ducosin. Missing: Chesatie Kai. Photo by Nālani Parlin

Ka'ū Students Step Up for Science & Engineering

Ka'ū students showed their penchant for science and engineering with over 30 participants joining the Hawai'i District Science & Engineering Fair in both the junior and senior research divisions. The fair was held at 'Imiloa and is a steppingstone

to the state Science & Engineering Fair.

Ka'ū High senior, Jennifer Tabios, walked away with several prizes, including best in the physics and astronomy category for her project, the Relation Between Viscosity, Surface Tension and Temperature.

Under guidance of teacher Ted Brattstrom, Tabios also won Sierra Club Moku Loa Group's Dr. Don Worsencroft Award and \$50, TMT Galileo Award and a Galileo telescope, Best in Astronomy/Astrophysics.

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Maile Medeiros David Goes to Washington

Ka'ū's Hawai'i County Council Member Maile Medeiros David left for Washington, D.C. in February to attend the eight-day National Association of Counties convention. She said she feels well grounded in the local community, land use and cultural issues and that the trip to D.C. would help her integrate her knowledge of county government with federal government. This was her first out-of-state trip. She met with Hawai'i's congressional delegates Sen. Mazie Hirono, Sen. Brian Schatz, Rep. Tulsi Gabbard and Rep. Mark Takai.



County Council Member Maile Medeiros David

NACo Legislative Conference, held on an annual basis in Washington, D.C., brought together more than 2,000 elected and appointed county officials from across the country to focus on legislative issues facing county government. Attendees heard from key Administration officials and members of Congress and were offered a myriad of additional educational opportunities addressing current and hot topic issues. A day of lobbying on Capitol Hill rounded out an information-packed conference.

Topics covered in meetings included Legislative Update on Federal Legislative and Policy Issues Impacting Counties; NACo Technology Innovation Summit; County and Tribal Government Relations; Community Engagement and Outreach: Strategically Improving County Resilience; Federal Legislative Policies Affecting County Justice Systems; All Health is Local: Capitol Hill Briefing on Medicaid and the Role of Counties in Local Health Systems; and Rural-specific Strategies for Resiliency.

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Hilo Hattie Hawai'i Island Stores Close

Hilo Hattie, the clothier that sold and promoted Ka'ū Coffee and helped sponsor the Ka'ū Coffee Festival, shut down its Kona and Hilo stores and filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 bankruptcy in February.

Named after entertainer Hilo Hattie, the operation was once famous for sewing aloha wear in locations across the state, with visitors watching. Hilo Hattie grew into a large retail chain with stores across the country, as

far away as Miami, FL, promoting Hawaiian-themed products. It closed mainland stores and contracted back to its Hawaiian roots, but never recovered its earlier success.

It was the second time Hilo Hattie filed for bankruptcy in seven years. According to a report in *Pacific Business News*, Hilo Hattie owes more than \$10 million to its top 20 unsecured creditors, and more to many others.

Hilo Hattie first filed for bankruptcy in

2008 and reorganized under new ownership, with assets now totaling \$1 million to \$10 million, according to its bankruptcy petition.

Pacific Business News reported that Mark Storfer, Hilo Hattie Executive Vice President, said, "We've adjusted every part of the business plan under our control to adapt to the rapidly changing dynamics of Hawai'i's retail landscape. We have seen a slow but steady climb toward profitability as we've adjusted our positioning, product mix and retail experience to meet shopper demand. But a key component of our plan was finding a retail footprint that fit today's market, and that has proven elusive." The company plans to transition into "retail-tainment," *PBN* reported.



Hilo Hattie inspired the aloha wear sewing shops and stores. Photo from Wikipedia

Gabbard Fights Proposed Air Travel Fee

Ka'ū's U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard last month testified before the House Committee on the Budget to state her opposition to a component of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 that would increase air travel fees.

"The increased fee would have a major negative impact upon the residents who work and live in Hawai'i," Gabbard said. "With no interisland railway, highway or ferry system, our residents have no other choice but to fly between islands. Air



Ka'ū's U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard

transportation is an essential lifeline for people in finding a job, starting a small business, going to see a doctor and visiting family and friends. The doubling of the security fee has already had a noticeable impact. For example, the lowest base fare for flying from Honolulu to Maui is \$54.33. The taxes and increased security fees escalate the price of the ticket by 25 percent. Another increase would only heighten the burden on our residents as they carry out the everyday responsibilities of life."

PUC Reaches Solar Agreement with HECO

Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission will not respond to Hawaiian Electric Company's request for approval of a lower buy-back rate from customers with rooftop solar systems. Under HECO's current net energy metering program, customers can use their solar systems to lower their electric bills by selling energy back to the utility.

The decision is part of an agreement regarding HECO's delays in approving applications for grid-connected rooftop systems. HECO had in the past claimed that connections had to be stopped based on safety issues. Last month, HECO said it had found that increasing capacity by as much as 250

percent would still be safe.

PUC Chair Randy Iwase told Brenton Awa, of KITV4 News, that the commission "has its hands on HECO" and reminded the energy giant that it needs to keep its customers 'best interest' in mind."

Life of the Land Executive Director Henry Curtis told Awa that the PUC "stepped in and did the right thing."

Leslie Cole-Brooks, of Hawai'i Solar Energy Association, told Awa, "It's really good news. We should see improvement. These customers that have invested money in our green energy infrastructure should get to move forward."

Apply for Chamber Scholarships by May 1

Deadline to submit applications for Ken Wicks Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce Scholarships is Friday, May 1. High school seniors and adults seeking to re-enter the educational system are encouraged to apply. Applicants are asked to write an essay about how their educational experience will benefit Ka'ū. Preference will



Anjolie Larson, with Chair Lee McIntosh, won a scholarship last year.

be given to those who intend to remain in or return to Ka'ū and live here.

Scholarship money can be used for all college and vocational training and will range from \$250 to \$1,000. Visit kauchamber.org to download the application form. Call Lee McIntosh at 929-9872 with any questions.

Apple Pay Coming to Bank of Hawai'i

Soon Ka'ū Bank of Hawai'i customers will be able to use their bank-issued debit cards with Apple Pay. Customers using iPhone 6 can pay in stores without swiping cards and in apps without entering payment and contact information. A single touch of a finger using Touch ID completes the transaction. With Apple Pay, instead of using actual debit card numbers, when customers add their cards, a unique Device Account



Number is assigned, encrypted and securely stored. When they make a purchase, the Device Account Number alongside a transaction-specific dynamic security code is used to process payment. Actual debit card numbers are never shared by Apple with merchants or transmitted with payment.

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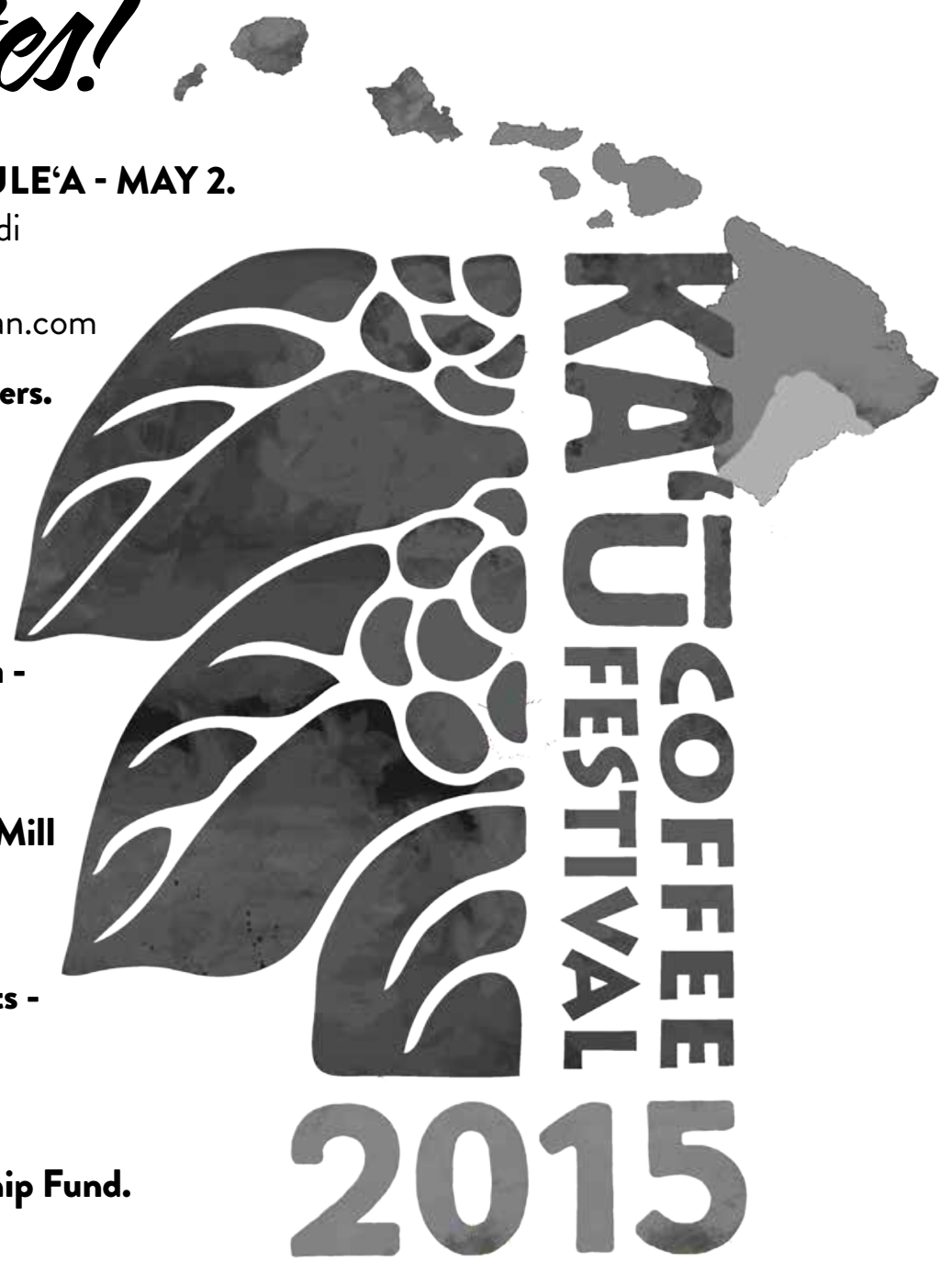
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ics Award and a Mauna Kea experience, a certificate from American Meteorological Society and the U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize Regional award.



Jenny Mauricio-Henriquez and Chloe Gan won several awards.

Brattstrom's students Chloe Gan and Jenny Mauricio-Henriquez, both sophomores, won best in the energy and transportation category, the Eccentric Scientist: Off the Beaten Path-Outside the Box Award and \$50 and two prizes from Hawai'i Electric Light Co. including the Outstanding Renewable Energy Project of \$100 and the Best in Engineering and/or Environmental Science Award and \$50.



Pāhala School participants register at the science fair. *Photos by Robert Bowman*

Gissele Corpuz and Brandi Louis, juniors also under the tutelage of Brattstrom, won best in the earth and planetary sciences category with their project called Waves: Speed and Depth. The pair also won the Basic Science and Engineering Award of \$100 and a certificate.

Sophomores Janslae Badua and Masen Dacalio, mentored by teacher Chyanee Brooks, won the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Taking the Pulse of the Planet Award and certificate with their chemistry project When Science is Sweet: Growing Rock Candy Crystals.

Best in Behavioral & Social Sciences category went to Charisma Felipe and Pete Dacalio, sophomores in Brattstrom's class, who submitted the project How Music Af-



Duke Moniz-Ducosin powered a fan and pencil sharpener with alternative energy.



Fair participants share shakas at 'Imiloa's rotunda.



Deansen Grant-Breithaupt describes his project to a judge.

fects Human Efficiency.

In the junior research category, three Nā'ālehu Elementary sixth-grade students received prizes. Deansen Grant-Breithaupt, mentored by teacher Amberly Keohulua, submitted a behavioral and social sciences project, How the Body Reacts to Stress and Relaxation, and won the Veterans of Foreign Wars Award and \$50.

Amber Sugrue and Johnette Llanes-



Solar hot water heating was CeAndra Kamei and Rebecca Kailiawa's project.

Masters, taught by teacher Nellie Davis, won the TMT Galileo Award and a Galileo Telescope for their physics project, a take on Newton's Balloon Car.

Other Nā'ālehu Elementary sixth-grade submissions chosen to represent their classes included Chesatie Kai's Acid Egg Bath and Izaiah Pilanca-Emmsley's and Rio Chopot's Soda Rust Remover. Duke Moniz-Ducosin submitted an engineering project using alternative energy to power a fan and pencil sharpener, which he called the New Generation. Kaulana Aipia-Dolan and Tiane Kuahiwinui entered the energy and transportation category with their project the Solar Heat Oven, comparing efficiency of two solar oven designs.



Janet Parlin and Ka'ala Petrill-Abrojina partnered on a water filter project.

Five projects from Pāhala Elementary, guided by teacher Molly Larnie, won the Pāhala School science fair and also advanced to participate in the district fair. In the electrical and mechanical engineering



Rio Chopot and Izaiah Pilanca-Emmsley's project was Soda Rust Remover.

category were the following projects: Delson Dacalio and Preston Pua-Queja – Cooking by the Sun; Shacy Davis, Bernadette Ladia and Elysa Abellera – Wind Turbine Design Inquiry; Rebecca Kailiawa and Ce-Andra Kamei – Solar Hot Water Heating; and Melakai Keohulua and George Yeager – Making a Battery. Micah Polido-Kalili, Arniel Libunao and Paul Sanchez entered the energy and transportation category with their project titled Hawai'i Energy Use.

Other projects representing Ka'ū High, guided by either Brattstrom or Tishanna Ben, included entries in the behavioral and social sciences category by Benly Bolaoen and Julia Chavez – Essential Oils: Real or Fake? and Rowland Flores and Evan Manoha – Gumcentration. Janet Parlin



Micah Polido-Kalili and Arniel Libunao, along with Paul Sanchez, explored Hawai'i Energy Use.

and Ka'ala Petrill-Abrojina partnered to enter their Bottled Water Filter project in the environmental management category, and Rayncin Salmo-Grace was chosen to enter his project, The Essential Solution, in the plant sciences category.

Each representative was treated to a planetarium show and received a free science fair T-shirt and certificate of appreciation. Donna Kohara, Science & Engineering



Melakai Keohulua and George Yeager presented Making a Battery.

Fair Steering Committee member, said, "In my 10-plus years of working on science fairs, this is the first year that both Nā'ālehu and Pāhala Elementary participated." Ted Brattstrom kicked off Ka'ū High's participation in 2009, and the school has been a part of the fair ever since. Kohara said that science fair participation for Ka'ū schools has increased thanks to interest from admin-

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Julia Chavez, along with Benly Bolaoen, asked, "Essential Oils: Real or Fake?"

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From the Summons of Art, daily through Sun, March 22, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Patti Pease Johnson's exhibit features silk, clay, pastel and watercolor creations. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-8222

Ham Radio Operators Potluck Picnic, Sun, March 1, Manukā Park. All American Radio Emergency Service members, anyone interested in learning how to operate a ham radio and families are invited to attend. Dennis Smith, 989-3028

A Walk into the Past, Tue, March 3, 17 & 31, 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 2 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center and Whitney Vault in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Ka'ū resident Dick Hershberger brings Hawaiian Volcano Observatory founder Thomas Jaggar to life every other Tuesday.

Free Vision Screenings, Wed, March 4, Nā'ālehu Community Center & Thu, March 5, Pāhala Community Center, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Project Vision offers various vision screenings for keiki and adults. 929-8571

Ocean View Neighborhood Watch meeting, Thu, March 5, 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center.

Stewardship at the Summit, Fri, March 6 & 27; Sat, March 14 & 21, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Volunteers meet at Kīlauea Visitor Center to help remove invasive Himalayan ginger from park trails. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Vog Survey, Sat, March 7, Ocean View Swap Meet. Dr. Claire Horwell is researching how residents protect themselves and how those methods relate to official advice. Surveys take 10 – 15 minutes.

Experimental Watercolors, Sat, March 7, 12 – 3:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Patti Pease Johnson guides students in creating paintings on hot press paper using pre-broken glass to spark creativity. 967-8222

Pu'u o Lokuana, Sun, March 8, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Kahuku unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants learn about formation and various uses of this grassy cinder cone over time and enjoy a breathtaking view of lower Ka'ū on this short, moderately difficult 0.4-mile hike to the top. Sturdy footwear, water, rain gear, sun protection and a snack are recommended.

Sunday Walk in the Park, March 8, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park explore Pu'u Loa Petroglyphs led by Pōhai Montague-Mullins. Non-members may become members in order to attend. Preregistration required. 985-7373

Medicine for the Mind, Sun, March 8 (second Sunday of each month), 4 – 5:45 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Buddhist healing meditation for beginners through advanced. Free. Patty, 985-7470

Mongolian BBQ, Sun, March 8, Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Choose from an array of veggies and proteins for chefs to wok up. \$.85 per ounce. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8356

Senior ID Cards, Mon, March 9, 9 – 10 a.m., Pāhala Community Center and 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Nā'ālehu

Community Center. For ages 60 and over. 928-3100

Ulana Niu: Coconut Weaving, Wed, March 11, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Staff from Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association share their knowledge and love of this popular traditional craft. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Rainbow Wreath Craft, Wed, March 11, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register March 2 – 6. Nona, 928-3102

completing with patina and polishing compound. Limited to six adults. 967-8222

Spring Break Program, Mon – Fri, March 16 – 20, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades 1 – 6 register March 2 – 13. \$20. Nona, 928-3102

Spring Break Art, Tue, March 17 – Fri, March 20, 12 – 4 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Arts and crafts for grades 2 – 5. No fees; enrollment limited. 967-8222



Aloha Bluegrass Band, with Keoki Kahumoku and friends, will raise money for children's education workshops with a concert at Nā'ālehu Methodist Church on Sunday, March 22.

Photo by Julia Neal

Aloha Forum Hosts Aloha Bluegrass Band, Kahumoku

The new Ka'ū Aloha Forum is hosting its second event this year. Featuring Keoki Kahumoku and the Aloha Bluegrass Band, it will be held at Nā'ālehu Methodist Church Sunday, March 22 with pupus at 5 p.m. Program is from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

All proceeds are being donated to the Center for Hawaiian Music Studies. Suggested donation for tickets is \$20, and seating is limited. One lucky ticket will win a brand new 'ukulele.

Make checks payable to Center for Hawaiian Music Studies and mail to Woodley White at PO Box 44, Nā'ālehu, 96772 or RSVP to Woodley@easystreet.net or 854-9483.

Ka'ū Scenic Byway Committee Meeting, Thu, March 12, 5 p.m., Nā'ālehu Methodist Church. Public invited. richmorrow@alohabroadband.net

Red Cross Volunteer meeting, Thu, March 12, 7 p.m., HOVE Road Maintenance Corp. office. For volunteers and those interested in becoming volunteers. Hannah Uribes, 929-9953

Shamrocks & Rainbows, Fri, March 13, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 – 12. Teresa, 929-9113

Atlas Recycling at South Point U-Cart, Sat, March 14, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Soft Pastel Still Life Workshop, Sat, March 14, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Patti Pease Johnson shares knowledge of color, composition and correcting problems. 967-8222

Stained Glass workshop, Sat, March 14, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. & Sun, March 15, 12 – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Claudia McCall teaches basic techniques, including glass cutting, foiling, soldering and

Zentangle Practice Group, Tue, March 17, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. 967-7133

St. Patrick's Day Buffet, Tue, March 17, 5 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Lava Lounge presents the Whirljigs Irish Dance Troupe and music 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8356

An Evening of Hula and Hawaiian Music, Wed, March 18, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Featuring Stan Kaina, Leo Nāhenahe o Pōhai Kealoha and dancers from Kumu Hula Ab Valencia's Hālau Hula Kālehuaki'eki'eika'iu. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka'ū, Thu, March 19, 5:30 p.m. 929-9731 or 936-7262

Forest Restoration Project, Fri, March 20, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Volunteers plant native seedling trees in a fenced enclosure where plants will be protected from grazing animals. Registration due at forest@fhvnp.org or 352-1402 by Mon, March 16.

Lei Making, Fri, March 20, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 – 12. Teresa, 929-9113.

Recycling at Nā'ālehu School Gym, Sat, March 21, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Redeem HI-5 sorted by type; receive 5 cents per container and additional 20 cents per pound on all aluminum. Atlas Recycling donates 20 cents per pound on all aluminum redeemed to the school. 939-2413, ext. 230

A-Mazing Triangles, Sat, March 21, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Charlene Asato teaches how to make triangular books and different ways to turn a single piece of paper into triangular

pages.

Palm Trail Hike, Sun, March 22, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Kahuku Unit. This moderately difficult 2.6-mile loop trail provides one of the best panoramic views Kahuku has to offer. 985-6011 or nps.gov/havo

Piligrass Concert, Sunday, March 22, Nā'ālehu Methodist Church. Heavy pupus, 5 p.m.; program, 6:15 p.m. Benefiting Center for Hawaiian Music Studies and featuring Aloha Bluegrass Band, Keoki Kahumoku, Moses Espaniola III and Makana Kamahele Bahilot. \$20 suggested donation for limited seating. Tickets available at Ka'ū Realty in Nā'ālehu and Pāhala Plantation Cottages office. Woodley@easystreet.net or 854-9483

HOVE Road Maintenance board of directors meeting, Tue, March 24, 10 a.m., St. Jude's Church. 929-9910

Ocean View Food Basket, Tue, March 24, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7000

After Dark in the Park – Bees In Hawai'i: Trouble in Paradise? Tue, March 24, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Beekeepers James Severtson and Carol Conner cover a brief history of the introduction of bees to the Hawaiian Islands, honeybee biology, bee parasites and Langstroth vs. top bar beehives. Taste tropical blend honeys in three forms: liquid, creamed and in the comb. \$2 donations support After Dark programs. Park entrance fees apply.

'Ulana Lauhala: Pandanus Weaving, Wed, March 25, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Park rangers and cultural practitioners share the art and how to prepare leaves for weaving. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Kuhio Day Craft, Wed, March 25, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register March 16 – 20. Nona, 928-3102

Nature Collage Contest, Fri, March 27, 1 – 2 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 – 12. Teresa, 929-9113

Ocean View Community Development Corp. meeting, Fri, March 27, 5 p.m., Hawaiian Ranchos offices.

Ka'ū Coast Cleanup, Sat, March 28, 7:45 a.m. Volunteers meet Hawai'i Wildlife Fund sponsors at Wai'ōhinu Park to carpool/caravan to Kamilo Point. kahakai.cleanup@gmail.com or 769-7629

Sanctuary Ocean Count, Sat, March 28, 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Volunteers count and monitor whales at various coastal sites for the third and final time this year. sanctuaryoceancount.org

Textile Exhibit, Sat, March 28, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Micah Kamohoali'i presents kapa creations. Opening reception 5 p.m.

'Ōhi'a Lehua, Sat, March 28, 9:30 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants bring lunch and learn about the vital role of 'Ōhi'a lehua in native Hawaiian forests, the many forms of the 'Ōhi'a lehua tree and its flower. Free. 985-6011

Basics of Zentangle, Sat, March 28, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. Students learn several basic tangles that are building blocks

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to the process of Zentangle. 967-8222

Kahuku ‘Ohana Day, Sat., March 28, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Children of all ages are invited to learn lei making with Maile Napoleon. Free. Register 985-6019 by March 12.

Hula Performance, Sat, March 28, 10:30 a.m., hula platform near Volcano Art Center in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Kumu hula Micah Kamohoali‘i with Hālau Na Kipu‘upu‘u. Nā Mea Hula with Loke Kamanu and ‘ohana on gallery’s porch 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Hi‘iaka & Pele, Sun, March 29, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Participants discover the Hawaiian goddesses, sisters Pele and Hi‘iaka, and the natural phenomena they represent through epic stories depicted in the natural landscape of Kahuku on this easy 1.7-mile walk on the main road in Kahuku.

EXERCISE & MEDITATION

Pāhala Pool Schedule: Water Exercise Mon/Wed/Fri 9 – 10 a.m.; Public Recreational Swim Mon – Fri 10 – 11 a.m. & 1:15 – 4 p.m. (afternoons through March 22), Sat/Sun 9 – 11 a.m. & 1 – 4 p.m.; Adult Lap Swim Mon – Sun 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. 928-8177 or hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

Iyengar and Yin Yoga, Mon/Wed/Fri, 10 – 11:30 a.m.; Ocean View Community Center. Mats and props provided. Stephanie, 937-7940

Free Play Sports & Games, Mon – Fri, 1 – 4:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 – 12. Teresa, 929-9113

Instructional Tennis, Mon – Thu, 3:30 – 4:45 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Community Center. Richard, 939-2510

Basketball Instruction, Mon – Thu, 5 – 7 p.m., Nā‘ālehu

Community Center. For ages 14 and above. Richard, 939-2510

Exercise for Energy, Mon/Wed, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. DVD instructions; bring your own band, ball and mat. Free w/ donation of non-perishable food. Judy Knapp, 939-8149

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

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

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

Beginners Yoga, Mon/Wed/Fri, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 929-7033

Instructional Kickball, Tue/Thu, 4 – 5 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 – 12. Teresa, 929-9113

Kempo Karate, Tue/Thu Ocean View Community Center, children 5 – 6 p.m.; adults 6:30 – 8 p.m. Gordon Buck, 929-7033.

Age Group Basketball, Tue/Thu, 6 – 8 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. For ages 11 – 12 and 13 – 14. Nona, 928-3102

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

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

Karate, Tue/Fri, Pāhala Community Center. Cliff Field, 333-1567



Jazz in the Forest Swings into Volcano

Volcano Art Center’s Nialani Campus presents **Jazz in the Forest** with Hawai‘i’s premier jazz artists. Guest artists appearing with the VAC Jazz Ensemble led by Jr. Volcano Choy include Pauline Wilson, Jimmy Borges, Keahi Conjugacion and Gabe Baltazar.

Two performances are scheduled Saturdays, March 21, April 18 and May 16 at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$18 matinee and \$20 evening. VAC member prices are \$15 matinee and \$18 evening.

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

Gentle Senior Yoga, Wed, 3 – 4 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Hongwanji. Senior price \$10 for 10 sessions. Stephanie Peppers, 937-7940

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

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

Hula Kahiko, Thu, 4 – 6 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. Kaʻū School of the Arts, 854-1540 or info@kauarts.org

Western Line Dance Classes, Thu, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall.

DAILY & WEEKLY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

Sizzlin’ Sunday Nights, 5 – 8 p.m., Kilauea Military Camp’s Crater Rim Café in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8356

Ocean View Community Center computer lab, Mon – Fri, 8 a.m. – noon. Members \$2/hour, non-members, \$4/hr. 939-7033 for information on computer classes.

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

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

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

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

Ocean View Nutrition Site and Senior Club hosts activities at St. Jude’s Church on Mon/Wed/Fri from 8:30 a.m. and provides lunches 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for seniors 60+. Donations requested. On Thu, the program takes seniors to Kailua-Kona for doctors appointments, grocery shopping and to pick up prescriptions. Program closed Tue. Dick Hershberger, 989-4140

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

Youth Arts & Crafts, Mon – Fri, 3 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Community Center. For ages 5 – 17. Richard, 939-2510

Kanikapila Jam Sessions, Mon, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Volcano Art Center’s Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. 967-8222

Kaʻū Community Chorus Rehearsals, Mon, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall; Kaʻū School of the Arts, 854-1540 or info@kauarts.org

Knit-Wits, Tue, 1 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 929-7033

Kaʻū Driver License Office, Tue/Wed by appointment.

854-7214

Movie Matinee, Tue, 2:30 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Public Library. Free, family-friendly movies for all ages plus free popcorn. 939-2442

Computers for Dummies, Tue, 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 929-7033

Kaʻū Farmers Market, Wed, 8 a.m. – noon, Shaka’s Restaurant in Nā‘ālehu. Produce, Hawaiiana, arts and crafts, fresh baked goods.

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

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

Sumi-e Japanese Brushstroke Painting, Wed, 1 – 3 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Hongwanji

Free ‘Ukulele, Slack Key and Steel Guitar classes, Wed, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Olson Trust Building in Pāhala; Fri, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Methodist Church. Keoki Kahumoku. Call Tiffany at 938-6582 for details and to confirm.

Kaʻū ‘Ohana Band Rehearsals, Wed/Thu, 4 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Instruments provided; no experience necessary. Kaʻū School of the Arts, 854-1540 or info@kauarts.org

Game Night, Wed, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. Lucy Walker, 929-7519

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

VA Center for Veterans, Thu, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. David, 329-0574

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

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

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

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

Hula Hoop Fun, Fri, 3 – 4 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 – 12. Teresa, 929-9113

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

Live Music Fridays at South Side Shaka, Nā‘ālehu. 929-7404

Live Music at Gilligan’s, Fri/Sat, 4:30 – 9 p.m., Discovery Harbour.

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

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

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Pana'ewa Stampede Draws Competitors Islandwide

The Pana'ewa Stampede drew Ka'ū paniolo and horsemen with roots in Ka'ū to the annual event on Feb. 14 and 15. Here are the results, with many familiar faces from rodeos in Nā'ālehu.

Rodeo Queen was Kassey Hanoa. All-Around Cowboy was Kalai Nobriga, and All-Around Cowgirl was Macey Loando. Keola Loando was Reserve All-Around Cowboy, and Hailey Onaka was Reserve All-Around Cowgirl.

In Children's Dummy Roping Iokepa Martines won with 2.22, followed by Ayden Benevides 2.6, Bobby Boy Manuel 2.65, Kalia Medeiros 3.16, and Kalia Andrade 3.21.

In Junior Sheep Riding the winner was Luke Joaquin-Freitas with 66.

In Youth Team Roping, winners were Hailey Onaka and Kale Onaka with score of 17.47, followed by Kaili Brenneman and Stoney Boy Joseph 23.00, Levi Higa and Jonah Menino with 7.15, and Westin Joseph and Evan Manoha 7.94.

In Youth Barrel Racing, winners were Camela Ha'alilio 38.00, followed by Eli Higa 39.94, Khevain Nobriga 40.85, Iokepa Martines 43.41, and Grace Andrade 43.93.

In Wahine Breakaway Roping, winners were Whitney Cabral 5.63, Daphnee Joseph 5.78, Ikena Nakoa 6.38, Camela Ha'alilio 6.75, and Denicia DeRasin 43.93.

In Wahine Barrel Racing, winners are Mia Nakachi 37.99, Hailey Onaka 38.62, Gabbie Gleason 39.05, Cienna Joseph 39.28, and Liz Gleason 39.34.

In Wahine Mugging winners were Macey Loando and Christina Martin 21.56, Hailey Onaka and Shavonna Panglao 33.28, Christian Martin and Nahe Nobriga 37.65, Ho'o Andrade and Kacy Borges 55.54, and Macey Loando and Gabby Lorenzo-Beaudet 86.32.

In Senior Century Team Roping winners were John Fitzgerald and Butch Gomes 19.28, Wayne Miranda and Edwin Nobriga 20.93, George Gaspar and Jesse Medeiros 25.60.

In Open Calf Roping, winners were Kalai Nobriga 20.48, Ryan Sanborn 48.15, Shawn Aguiar 49.21 and Alex Winters 74.94.

In Open Po'o Wai U, winners were Bronson Branco 17.13, Kalai Nobriga 17.50, Keola Loando 17.65, Evan Manoha 17.97 and Charles Stevens 18.91.



Ka'ū paniolo and horsemen joined others from around the island at February's Pana'ewa Stampede.
Photos by Richard Hodges



Paniolo, gripping with legs and feet, hangs on as spectators cheer him on.



Bronco bucks the paniolo, with clown JJ Hanson there to help the fallen rider.

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Boys & Girls Club Plans Hua Ola Program for Seed to Table & Fitness

Boys & Girls Club of the Big Island, which serves more than 50 keiki at its Pāhala Community Center program, has submitted requests for state Grant-In-Aid funding for the Hua Ola Project. Hua Ola is an out-of-school physical activity and seed-to-table capacity building initial implementation project to serve youth members. Hua Ola refers to “Seeds of Health” and “Wellness Results,” and is designed to build knowledge, skills, attitudes and habits leading to lifelong health for participants. The focus of the project is on prevention to solve the obesity epidemic in Hawai'i that is particularly acute on the Big Island. The goal is to increase Boys & Girls Club's capacity “to fulfill its targeted healthy lifestyles outcome,” said Chief Professional Officer Zavi Brees-Sanders.

Objectives of Hua Ola include establishing afterschool fitness and nutrition education programs with hands-on and minds-on gardening and seed-to-table components. Hua Ola would also host quarterly family nights at the clubs that

would include healthy seed-to-table meals and fitness activities while highlighting project learning experiences and extending the project's impact to families.

“Every year we see more and more need for quality out-of-school programs for Big Island youth and dwindling resources to keep these much needed services available. We are also seeing a strong need for opportunities for youth to learn about and adopt healthy lifestyles,” said Brees-Sanders.

Out of a total of \$265,000, the organization is requesting \$150,000 for its clubs in Ka'ū and Puna.

Boys & Girls Club has been in contact with all Big Island senators and representatives and all members of Senate Ways & Means and House Finance Committees.

“We would greatly appreciate your support of these requests for these much needed opportunities for Big Island youth,” Brees-Sanders said. Residents can let their state legislators know of their support at capitol.hawaii.gov.

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Judo

w/ *Coach Glen Hashimoto*

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- Sat, Mar. 28 Ka'ū @ Kealakehe, 9 am
- Sat, Apr. 4, Ka'ū @ Kea'au, 9 am
- Sat, Apr. 11, Ka'ū @ Kamehameha, 9 am
- Sat, Apr. 18, BIIF (team) @ Kona, 9 am
- Sat, Apr. 25, BIIF (Individual) @ Waiakea, 9 am
- Sat, May 9, HHSAA at UH-Manoa

Track & Field

w/ *Coach Jacob Findlay*

- Sat, Mar. 14, Ka'ū @ Konawaena, 9 am
- Sat, Mar. 21, Ka'ū @ Kea'au, 2 pm
- Sat, Mar. 28, Ka'ū @ HPA, 9 am
- Sat, Apr. 4, Ka'ū @ Kamehameha, 9 am
- Sat, Apr. 11, Ka'ū @ Kona Relays, 9 am
- Sat, Apr. 18, Ka'ū @ Kea'au, 9 am
- Sat, Apr. 25, Ka'ū @ HPA
- Sat., May 2, Ka'ū @ Kamehameha, 9 am
- Fri., May 8, BIIF Trials at Kona 3 pm.
- Sat., May 9, BIIF Finals at Kona 3 pm
- May, 15-16, HHSAA- MILINANI

Tennis

w/ *Coach Hiilani Lapera*

- Wed, Mar. 4, Ka'ū @ Kea'au, 2 pm
- Sat, Mar. 7, Ka'ū @ Honoka'a, 10 am
- Wed, Mar. 11, Ka'ū @ Hilo, 2 pm
- Sat, Mar. 14, Ka'ū @ Kona, 10 am
- Wed, Mar. 18, Ka'ū Host Kamehameha, 2 pm
- Sat, Mar. 21, Ka'ū host Makualani, 10 am
- Sat, Mar. 28, Ka'ū @ Parker, 1 pm
- Wed, Apr. 1, Ka'ū @ Waiakea, 10 am
- Sat, Apr. 4, Ka'ū – BYE
- Sat, Apr. 11, Ka'ū @ Kealakehe, 10 am
- Thur, Apr. 23 – 25, BIIF at Holua Resort

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schools.org/DOE%20Forms/StriveHIndexReports/ComplexGoal-sTargets.pdf), there are only three schools in the state of Hawai'i with lower academic expectations in reading and science than Ka'ū schools for the 2015-2016 school year: one of those is a regular public school

(Nanakuli), one is a school for the deaf and blind (HSDB), and the other provides educational services for the Hawai'i Youth Correctional Facility (Olomana School). These expectations are based on Ka'ū schools' consistently low academic achievement levels. According to the Arch Report prepared by the Department of Education (<http://adc.hidoe.us/#/>), for the

- May 7 – 9, HHSAA Tournament

Boy's Volleyball

w/ *Coach Joshua Ortega*

- Thur, Mar. 5, Ka'ū Host Kea'au, 6 pm
- Fri, Mar. 13 Ka'ū Host Konawaena, 6 pm
- Mon, Mar. 16, Ka'ū @ Hilo, 6 pm
- Wed, Mar. 18, Ka'ū Host Kohala
- Fri, Mar. 20, Ka'ū @ Kealakehe 6 pm
- Tues, Mar. 31, Ka'ū Host CLA, 6 pm
- Fri, Apr. 3, Ka'ū @ Honoka'a, 6 pm
- Tues, Apr. 7, Ka'ū @ Pahoa, 6 pm
- Mon, Apr. 13, Ka'ū @ Kamehameha, 6 pm
- Wed, Apr. 15, Ka'ū @ Ehunui, 6 pm.
- Sat, Apr. 18, Ka'ū Host Laupahoehoe, 10 am
- Tues, Apr. 21, Ka'ū Host Waiakea, 6 pm
- Sat, Apr. 25, Ka'ū @ HPA, 10:00 am
- Tues, Apr. 26, DII First Round
- Wed, Apr. 28, DII Second Round
- Fri, May 1, DII Semi's Waiakea
- Sat, May 2, DII Finals

Girls Softball

w/ *Coach Donald Garo*

- Wed, Mar. 11, Ka'ū Host HPA, 3 pm
- Fri, Mar. 13, Ka'ū Host Kealakehe, 3 pm
- Mon, Mar. 16, Ka'ū @ Kohala, 3 pm
- Fri, Mar. 27, Ka'ū Host Pahoa, 3 pm
- Wed, Apr. 1, Ka'ū Host Kea'au, 3 pm
- Sat, Apr. 4, Ka'ū @ Honoka'a, 3 pm
- Tues, Apr. 7, Ka'ū @ Hilo, 3 pm
- Fri, Apr. 10, Ka'ū @ Kamehameha, 3 pm
- Wed, Apr. 15, Ka'ū Host Waiakea, 3 pm
- Sat, Apr. 18, Ka'ū @ Konawaena, 1 pm
- Fri, Apr. 24, DII Softball
- Sat, Apr. 25, DII Softball

2013-2014 school year; the Ka'ū Complex scored 43 percent proficient in reading, 31 percent proficient in math, and 20 percent proficient in science. Or, to put it another way, 57 percent of Ka'ū students failed in reading, 69 percent failed in math, and 80 percent failed in science. It's definitely not for a lack of trying. The public school is working hard to improve academic achievement, but they are often bound by a highly-systematic, "one-size-fits-all" approach to education handed down to them. This approach does not work for all students in all areas. Imagine if you needed to cut a piece of wood, and well-meaning people kept handing you screwdrivers and pliers when what you really needed was a saw. As a charter school, Ka'ū Learning Academy has the freedom to be innovative and use whatever methods work; that's what our "Individual Education Plan for Every Student" is all about. If we find that a particular method or curriculum isn't working for a particular child, we will tailor

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OKK Donates \$2K To Ka'ū Athletics

Since last year, OKK has sponsored a half-court basket contest during basketball season to support Ka'ū High's athletic department. Interested contestants put in their names at select basketball games, and participants are drawn to compete. On Homecoming night held in February, Manato Fukuda and Buddy Flores both made the challenging half-court shot. For each shot made, OKK donates \$500 to Ka'ū High Athletic Boosters Club to be used to support expenses for any Trojan sporting team. Both winners also won a \$20 Wal-Mart gift certificate for themselves.

Principal Sharon Beck was also put to the half-court test but did not make the shot. However, as she exited the court, she threw an over-hand shot and made the basket much to the surprise of the crowd.

June Domondon said the coincidence was so great that OKK decided to donate an extra \$1,000 for Beck's unexpected basket. This brings the total half-court donations this year to \$2,000. Last year, contestants earned the Booster Club \$3,000 with a total of six baskets.

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an educational plan that will work. But what does this really mean to the children and parents of Ka'ū? When Ka'ū Learning Academy students are ready to enter the workforce or college, they will be able to compete.

With all of the controversy about testing and proficiency levels, parents are wondering if accountability tests really matter. They do. Imagine that children all over the nation are climbing an educational staircase towards graduation, college and career. Every year, children must master a very specific set of skills if they are going to succeed in the following grade. If they learn all the skills that they should, then their staircase is strong, and they can continue to climb with confidence, but if they don't master the skills at a particular level, that stair is weak. They will probably be pushed to the next stair anyway (moved on to the next grade), and may be able stand for awhile, but as the foundation grows weaker and weaker, the staircase collapses leaving children trying to compete for college and career many steps behind their peers.

Ka'ū Learning Academy methods have been proven effective in Ka'ū classrooms. Using methods learned and developed over twenty years in education, the founder of Ka'ū Learning Academy more than doubled the proficiency rates of the local public school in math. The real beauty of this methodology is that it doesn't burden teachers with onerous demands that leave teachers feeling frustrated and overwhelmed. We believe that at least 95 percent of teachers' time should be focused on their students. Unfortunately, in many schools, up to 95 percent of their time is focused on crippling demands and paperwork that leave teachers with very little energy to invest in what really matters – their students. Ka'ū Learning Academy administrators will support their teachers, so, in turn, teachers will be able to successfully support their students in a positive and healthy environment. The children of Ka'ū deserve it!

Ka'ū Learning Academy will be located in the Discovery Harbour golf-course clubhouse pending approval of the special permit. The building is situated on three acres of beautifully landscaped property. Some volunteers



‘O Ka'ū Kākou Treasurer June Domondon, President Wayne Kawachi and Ka'ū High Athletic Director Kalei Namohala congratulate St. Joseph player Manato Fukuda and Ka'ū High's Buddy Flores on winning the half-court basket challenge. Photo courtesy of June Domondon

have already started clearing spaces where students can plant and maintain a community garden. The building will be divided into classrooms using temporary walls that can be moved when it is being used for other purposes. Ka'ū Learning Academy will not be like traditional schools. Our students will be able to work at their own level, and can even earn the privilege of having some independent study time sitting at our smoothie bar or outside on the patio. We encourage our students to support each other working together in teams whenever possible. Positive interaction with peers in a safe and supportive environment is proven to enhance learning and build a sense of community. This is a crucial component of keeping kids from bullying each other.

"Honestly, I just wanted to educate some kids," Ms. Tydlacka said. "I knew when I moved to Ka'ū that the school was struggling, but I didn't know why. Once I started teaching, I found that my students were super smart, motivated, and totally capable of great things. I just want to see them have the same opportunities as other children from other places. I had no idea that it would lead to this, but I am really excited about the opportunity to bring educational choice to Ka'ū."

See more about the school at kaulearning.com.

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In Open Team Roping, winners were Kalai Nobriga and Bulla Onaka 11.48, Levi Rita and Wyatt Rita 11.53, Kepa Boteilho-Benevides and Keola Loando 11.56, Chris Awa and Ethan Awa 11.65, Kekoa Loando and Matt Loando 16.12, Justin Jose and Ty Kauai 17.03.

In Open Team Double Mugging, winners were Bronson Branco and Kalai Nobriga 18.22, Sam Auld and JR Henriques 18.94, Kepa Boteilho-Benevides and Keola Loando, Kekoa Loando and Keola Loando 19.65.

In Open Ranch Mugging, winners were Kelsey Kaniho and Ryan Sanborn 68.00

In Open Bareback Bronc Riding and Saddle Bronc Riding, the winner was Cash Casey.

In Open Open Bull Riding, there was a tie between Kaleb Carvalho, Ty Correira and Cowboy Ka'apana 67, followed by Kepa Awai 62, and Kalai Llanes 61.

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Ka'ū at Science Fair, cont. from pg. 4

istrators and teachers.

Kohara advised students interested in participating in next year's science and engineering fair to begin thinking of



Rayncin Salmo-Grace explains his project to a judge.

questions and problems to investigate and possible solutions. She said, "Start early, and start thinking of what could be." She mentioned that some students are already starting on their projects for 2016.

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Island Market, cont. from pg. 1

much of his retirement savings to keep Island Market going but can no longer continue. He called the situation "sad" and said, "In our hearts," he and his wife Amy "wanted to continue."



Carl Okuyama judging the Triple C Recipe Contest, now known as the Ka'ū Coffee Recipe Contest, coming up on Saturday, April 25 as part of the Ka'ū Coffee Festival.

Photo by Rachael Sauerman

ing options, and the other next door to Ken's House of Pancakes in Hilo.

Island Market served Ka'ū for 18 years. Okuyama recalled the many community activities sponsored by the market, including Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter recipe and food events. He and his wife Amy were Mr. and Mrs. Claus during Christmas seasons, complete with their costumes, cookies, recipes and ingredients at the Nā'ālehu stores.

Okuyama has been a judge at the annual Ka'ū

Coffee Recipe Contest during the Ka'ū Coffee Festival. He is a member of Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce, supporting its scholarship fund for local students. "I have enjoyed being part of this community. There are many wonderful people in this rural place. Over the years I have been invited to people's homes and many family and church events."

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After financial struggles in the 1990s, Carl Okuyama became chairman and president of the family company in 1999 and has reorganized and managed the Sure Save entities through several steps in downsizing. All along, and particularly in the small community of Nā'ālehu, Okuyama said, he saw his responsibility as "servicing the community."

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Kahuku Unit Offers Many Programs Throughout March

Everyone is invited to participate in Kahuku events and hikes at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Kahuku is open to the public every Saturday and Sunday of the month, and all events are free. Visitors can explore on your own or join these upcoming programs.

Pu'u o Lokuana is a short, moderately difficult 0.4-mile hike to the top of the grassy cinder cone. Participants learn about the for-



Palm Trail Hike affords expansive views of the Ka'ū Coast. Photo from NPS

mation and various uses of this hill over time and enjoy a breathtaking view of lower Ka'ū. This hike takes place Sunday, March 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The Hi'iaka and Pele program is offered



Kahuku offers a hike to the top of Pu'u o Lokuana. NPS Photo by Michael Szoenyi Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Participants discover two Hawaiian goddesses, sisters Pele and Hi'iaka, and the natural phenomena they represent. Visitors experience the sisters coming alive through the epic stories depicted in the natural landscape of Kahuku on this easy 1.7-mile walk on the main road in Kahuku.

Palm Trail is a moderately difficult 2.6-mile loop traversing scenic pastures along an ancient cinder cone, with some of the best panoramic views Kahuku has to offer. Highlights include relics of the ranching era, sec-

tions of remnant native forest and volcanic features from the 1868 eruptive fissures. A guided hike of Palm Trail is offered Sunday, March 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

During 'Ōhi'a Lehua, participants learn about the vital role of 'Ōhi'a lehua in native Hawaiian forests, the many forms of the

'Ōhi'a tree and the lehua flower. Visitors will be able to identify the many differences of the most prominent native tree in Kahuku on this program, an easy, one-mile walk. The 'Ōhi'a Lehua program is offered Saturday, March 28 from 9:30 a.m. to

10:30 a.m.

For all programs, enter the Kahuku Unit on the mauka (inland) side of Hwy 11 near mile marker 70.5, and meet near the parking area. Sturdy footwear, water, raingear, sun protection and a snack are recommended.



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Recycle Hawai'i is fundraising to continue its outreach and education programs.

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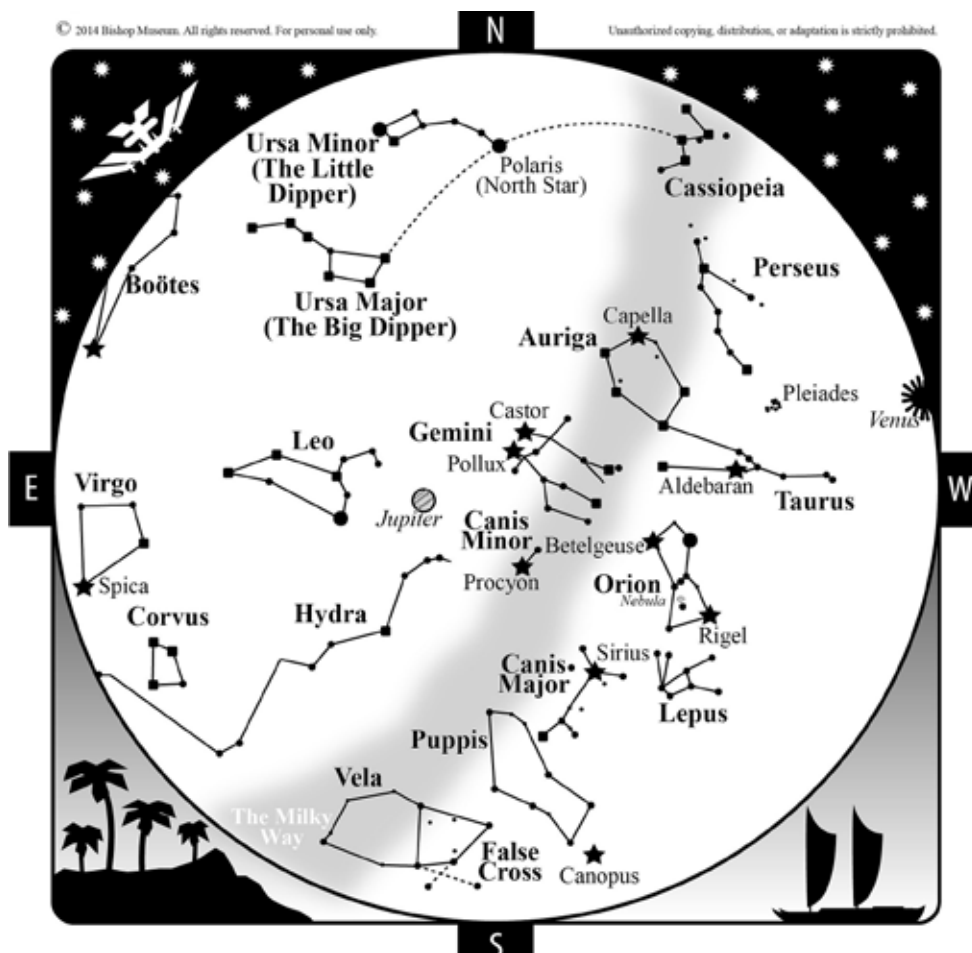
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Stars over Ka'ū - March 2015

by Lew Cook

We are watching two brighter planets dance in our western skies just after sunset – Venus and Mars. They have set by our chart time (10 p.m. at mid-month, an hour later early in the month, but an hour earlier late in the month). You can't miss Venus any time the sky is clear and getting dark in the evening. Mars, on the other hand, is only one percent as bright as Venus. You may have to look hard to see it. It is three degrees closer to the western horizon than Venus on March 1, ten degrees on March 15, and seventeen degrees at the end of the month. Mars lurks in the western sky ambling closer to the sun, passing behind it in mid-June.

If you look for Jupiter later in the evening, you will need to look up high in the

sky. Jupiter, the largest planet in our solar system, is nearly directly overhead. As you look for it, don't lose your balance and fall over – or get a crick in your neck!

The orbits of Jupiter's larger moons are in the same plane as Jupiter's orbit around the sun, so we frequently see the shadows of the moons on the face of Jupiter. The moons are also seen crossing in front of Jupiter's multi-colored cloud bands. Last month, we were treated to three shadows at once. The moons Io, Europa and Callisto crossed over Jupiter's cloud bands behind the shadows of the respective moons. During the event,

the Hubble space telescope took several pictures, one of which is shown here.

The moon Io has many volcanoes, several of which are erupting at the same time. Contrary to the Earth, where radioactivity is the predominant source of heat, the main energy source at Io comes from tidal action. Being the innermost moon of Jupiter's four large moons, it feels strongly the tidal effects of Jupiter as it rotates and revolves. Tidal forces change Io's shape by as much as 300 feet. This squeezing one way and the other heats the interior of Io so much that it causes volcanoes to erupt. Tides influence not only water on Earth, but also the shape of our planet, but not by much, less than one foot.

We mentioned that Leo, the lion, has quite a few galaxies within the constellation's borders. I'll take some pictures for next month's article. But for now, astronomers are busy looking for supernovae in the entire sky. Why? Supernovae are different types, but one type, coming from the spilling of matter onto a white dwarf star from its companion in a binary system (two stars revolving around each other) sets off a tremendous runaway explosion once it reaches the mass limit called the Chandrasekhar limit. Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar was a brilliant astrophysicist who developed the



NASA Hubble Space Telescope pictures of three moons of Jupiter and two shadows taken on Jan. 24, 2015. From lower left to upper right are Europa, Europa's shadow, Callisto, Callisto's shadow and Io. Io's shadow crossed the cloud bands before this photo was taken.

limit in 1930 at the young age of 19. This limit is 1.4 times the mass of the sun. The resultant explosion gives astronomers a "standard candle." Why is this important? Think about it for a moment: a bright new star appears in a distant galaxy. You can measure (even with your eyes) how bright it is relative to stars nearby (many of which are of known brightness). Judging by its brightness, and knowing that distant stars appear fainter than nearby stars, can you determine its distance? Yes! Since all supernovae (of type 1A) are known to be of the same brightness, simply by measuring its apparent brightness, you can calculate the distance to the galaxy it is in. By knowing that distance, you can measure other stars in that galaxy.

So, what conclusions have been derived? Stars studied so far all behave the same. They all have similar properties as those in our Milky Way galaxy, they all age

the same, and they all die similar deaths. The further away a galaxy is, the faster it appears to be moving away from us, like the raisins in a loaf of raisin bread as it rises and bakes. This effect is a fundamental property of the universe, called expansion of the universe.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
March 6	6:37 a.m.	6:29 p.m.
March 13	6:32 a.m.	6:31 p.m.
March 20	6:26 a.m.	6:33 p.m.
March 27	6:20 a.m.	6:35 p.m.

In the Moon Phases table are respective rising and setting times.

Moon Phases	Moon Rise	Moon Set
Full Moon		
March 5	6:45 p.m.	6:32 a.m.
Last Quarter		
March 12	12:39 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
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Study Gathers Vog Coping Habits, Education in Ka'ū

Vog, How People Handle It was the topic of recent meetings in Ka'ū. Residents from Pāhala, Wood Valley and Volcano attended a Pāhala meeting, invited by Dr. Claire Horwell, who runs the International Volcanic Health Hazard Network. She is conducting a study on ways people protect themselves from vog and how those methods relate to official advice.

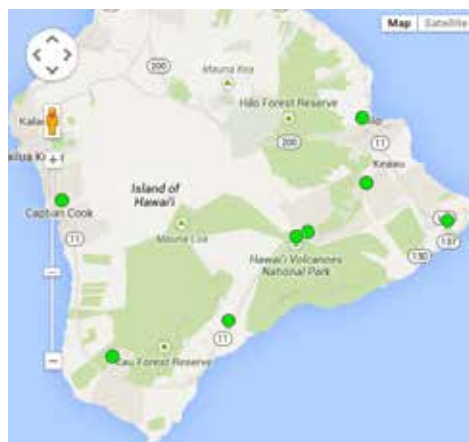
The coping methods reported for vog events were diverse. Most said they close windows, one saying she puts towels across the seam where the double-hung windows lock. Another said her slight asthma became full-blown after 2008, when heavy vog started covering the Ka'ū landscape. Now she lives in a sealed house with windows rarely

open and air conditioning and air filtering systems going 24/7. She and several others noted the very high cost of electricity being a barrier to sensitive people buying air cleaners that filter out SO₂ and also purchasing air conditioning. A public school teacher talked about wet cloths in front of fans acting as a cooler and filter, a less expensive alternative but not scientifically proven.

There was discussion about louver windows and whether wooden and glass ones can close tightly enough to keep out vog.



Dr. Claire Horwell

Hawai'i Department of Health provides current vog levels at hiso2index.info.

There was also discussion on the value of closing windows even if they are not completely tight. With fewer pukas, less vog enters the room. A person should not give up on reducing the amount of vog coming into the room just because a house is leaky.

Several people talked about vog giving them raspy voices and chronic coughs over time. They talked about using lozenges, and some said they drank tea and lots of water. Another said she wears an oil diffuser around her neck that emits peppermint for her to breathe. She said her mother uses many supplements and vapors to reduce symptoms of

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Project Vision Returns to Ka'ū

Free vision screenings are available for Ka'ū residents when Project Vision's mobile unit comes to Pāhala and Nā'ālehu this month. Along with screenings, keiki receive free UV protection sunglasses. Adults receive retina screenings for glaucoma, macular degeneration, diabetes, cataracts and more. Adults can also get free reading glasses.

Health insurance information and education and guidance to follow-up eye care are also provided.

Events are scheduled for Wednesday, March 4 at Nā'ālehu Community Center and Thursday, March 5 at Pāhala Communi-



Project Vision returns to Ka'ū this month.

ty Center. Sponsored by Tūtū & Me, Project Vision Hawai'i and Hawai'i Health Connector. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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East Ka'ū Selected to be in HMSA Blue Zone

East Ka'ū is in one of HMSA's Blue Zones. The purpose of the program to be implemented by the state's largest health insurer is to improve health by encouraging local leaders, businesses and other organizations to adopt and promote healthy choices and lifestyles.

Blue Zones Project was born out of *National Geographic* explorer Dan Buettner's examination of communities across the globe where people were happily living the longest. Buettner uncovered nine evidence-based common denominators among these "Blue Zones," such as moving naturally and having a sense of purpose.

"I have spent a considerable amount of time in Hawai'i over the past few years as we've begun to lay the groundwork for bringing Blue Zones Project to the state, and I am very excited about the potential for a statewide transformation," said Buettner. "Pursuing this designation is a competitive process, and all three communities have demonstrated their readiness. Now the hard but rewarding work begins as they pursue changes in policies, social networks and the built environment that will lead to a healthier Hawai'i."

Hawai'i communities that expressed an interest in earning Blue Zones Project certification submitted applications last September. Now that they have been selected, these communities will work with national experts to develop and implement a blueprint for permanent environmental, social and policy changes that will result in healthier behaviors and longer, happier lives.



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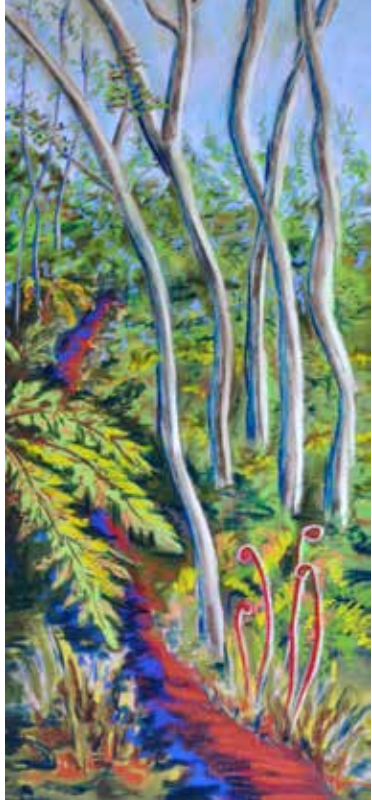
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Pease Johnson Exhibits, Teaches at Art Center

Patti Pease Johnson shares her artwork and knowledge at Volcano Art Center this month.



'Ōhi'a Forest Path by Patti Pease Johnson

VAC Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park presents *From The Summons Of Art*, a solo exhibition featuring art by Johnson. The silk, clay, pastel and watercolor creations take the viewer on a multimedia excursion while exploring the colors and shapes of Hawai'i's splendor. Pushing the limits of her craft, Johnson's new works challenge unique combinations of silk and clay while staying true to her personal mission "to light people up with the colors of life." The exhibition is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through March 22.

Johnson also teaches two workshops this month. The first is Experimental Watercolor, Saturday, March 7 from 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Johnson guides students in creating paintings on hot press paper using pre-broken glass to spark creativity. "You can't help but wonder what is going to happen after your first piece of glass is put on watercolor paper," Johnson said. "In painting, the more chances you take, the more you will



Pre-broken glass sparks creativity in Johnson's Experimental Watercolor workshop.

Photo from VAC

stretch the limits of your understanding, and in turn, the more you will grow as an artist."

Soft Pastel Still Life workshop takes place March 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. when Johnson shares her knowledge of color, composition and correcting problems. Participants begin with a set-up still life using charcoal on newsprint to get the flow of arm movements to keep loose, and they'll complete a 10x12 inch project.

The workshops, held at VAC's Nialani campus in Volcano Village, are open to both beginning and intermediate students.



HVO Scientist Heading to Cascades

Mike Poland, a scientist with USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, is returning to USGS Cascades Volcano Observatory in Washington, where he was stationed prior to HVO.

Poland spent the past 10 years studying volcanic and earthquake activity across the Hawaiian Islands. He came to HVO in 2005 to focus on deformation, changes in the shape of a volcano prior to and during an eruption.

One of Poland's discoveries was that the opening of the summit vent at Halema'uma'u was the result of a process that began decades ago. "Analyzing data from microgravity measurements on Kilauea, he helped identify an accumulation of magma in the area beneath the current summit vent that had not been detected by any other means," according to a recent issue of HVO's *Volcano Watch*.

Poland "has accomplished a tremendous amount of research, mentored a vast number of students and young researchers, forged close friendships and warm collegial relationships at HVO and spent considerable time trying to instill in us an appreciation for hockey," the article stated. "HVO staff may still not have learned to fully appreciate hockey, but we have certainly learned much about volcanic processes through Mike's work. ... We thank him for his countless contributions and wish him well in his future endeavors." Photo from USGS/HVO

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asthma, which started developing after the family moved to Wood Valley. She said at the public school campus in Pāhala students have headaches, can taste the vog and become nauseous. She said they grew up with it, so are used to it.

One resident talked about individual communities dealing with vog differently. Some houses in Ocean View have only screens. In some places more people work outdoors so they have more exposure.

There was discussion about the new gym and possibly installing air conditioning and air cleaners to make it a safe place

for recess and athletics during heavy vog. Air cleaners and air conditioning for all classrooms was also discussed as a possible proposal.

There was agreement that health advisory information should be distributed in print form. It was acknowledged that there is much

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Flat Bark Beetles Take On Coffee Berry Borer Fight

A biological control of coffee berry borers looks promising, according to Andrea Kawabata, coffee and orchard crop assistant extension agent for University of Hawai'i's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

The agency is working with Hawai'i Island coffee farmers to increase numbers of Flat Bark Beetles, which include square-necked grain beetles, *Cathartus quadricollis*, and *Leptophloeus*. The insects have been in Hawai'i for years and are widely distributed. Kawabata stressed that "an augmentation

of natural insect predators already occurring in Hawai'i" is occurring instead of an introduction.



Cathartus quadricollis
Photo from Bug Guide

Flat Bark Beetles attack other beetle species, including Tropical Nut Borers, *H. obscurus*, in macadamia nuts.

Island coffee farmers are helping with propagation and introduction of the species. Coffee farmers interested in rearing Flat Bark Beetles at a recent workshop received kits to grow the insects.

After a few months, farmers can release

the bugs or choose to scoop some of them out and place them near and on coffee trees. The rest can be retained to begin the rearing process again.

The program is a result of the Cathartus Project. In June 2014, Hawai'i Department of Agriculture approved and funded the project with approximately \$55,000 in grant funds. The project involves CTAHR, UH's Department of Tropical Plant and Social Sciences, U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service and Daniel K. Inouye Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center.

In tests, *Cathartus* readily consumed

CBB eggs, larvae and pupae and mangled adults. Researchers sampling coffee cherry at various farms also found Flat Bark Beetles are widely distributed and seen often in coffee trees, mainly overripe cherries and raisins. These insects have been found in samples of cherry from mills but not in green and ripe cherry samples. Also, most of Flat Bark Beetles placed in parchment and green beans in a laboratory study died within two weeks and caused no damage.

Recycle, cont. from pg. 11

widely distributed and available on the organization's website; Recycle Hawai'i website upgrade, to better provide recycling and educational resources, news, articles and notice of events; and Zero Waste community event support and training.

The above list is ordered by priority, and funding below the goal will be allocated accordingly. Extra funds will be used to continue programs into the next fiscal year. All

funds raised can also serve as matching funds to garner grants.

No donation is too small, and all amounts are greatly appreciated. The organization is also open to help from professionals familiar with website development and fundraising activities other than online crowdsourcing.

Contribution are accepted at indiegogo.com/projects/zero-waste-for-recycle-hawaii#home, recyclehawaii.org/memberdonate.html and Recycle Hawai'i, PO Box 4847,

Hilo, HI 96720. Make checks payable to Recycle Hawai'i.

Vog Study, cont. from pg. 14

information on the Internet.

Regarding emissions from the volcano other than SO₂, a study on the edge of Halema'uma'u crater took in the emissions and checked for metals. Mercury recovered was not the kind that humans and other mammals can absorb. Other metals were recorded, but below health warning levels. Another survey session was planned for Nā'ālehu in late February. Horwell will also gather information at Ocean View Swap Meet Saturday, March 7. Contact her at claire.horwell@durham.ac.uk.

Horwell also encourages residents to share their vog stories at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/421925067973152/>.

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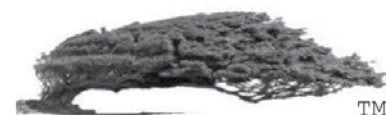
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Calling all Creative Cooks & Miss Ka'ū Coffee Pageant Contestants

Ka'ū Coffee Recipe Contest for 2015 has been announced with three categories for adults and students. An official event of the Ka'ū Coffee Festival, April 22 through May 3, Ka'ū Coffee Recipe Contest will judge three categories, Pupu, Entrée, and Dessert, all made with Ka'ū Coffee.

The sponsor, Ka'ū Coffee Mill, will provide cash prizes for first, second and third place. The student division is for middle and high school students. The adult division is for entrants 18 years and older. Participants can submit no more than one entry in each category.

The contest will be held at Ka'ū Coffee Mill on Saturday, April 25 at 2 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy live entertainment,



John Cross, Miguel Meza and Tiare-Lee Shibuya were judges at a Ka'ū Coffee Recipe Contest.

Photo by Julia Neal meet the current Miss Ka'ū Coffee, tour the coffee mill and farms, witness the judging, taste Ka'ū Coffee and ono foods made with Ka'ū Coffee.

Download entry forms at www.kaucoffeefest.com or www.kaucoffeemill.com or pick them up at Ka'ū Coffee Mill on Wood Valley Road, Mizuno Store in Pāhala, or Big



Miss Ka'ū Coffee 2014 Amery Silva (back center) and Miss Ka'ū Peaberry Madison Okimoto (front center) join other pageant participants who received educational scholarships.

Photo by Julia Neal Island Trading Co. at 1672 Kamehameha Ave. in Hilo. Deadline to enter is Sunday, April 19 at 4 p.m. However, entering early is suggested as participation is limited to the first 20 entries received for each category. There is no entry fee to participate. A printed, legible recipe must be submitted with each entry form and displayed with the entry on contest day.

Entries will be judged on creativity, taste and presentation. All recipes must include any Ka'ū Coffee. Entrants must attend the event in order to win, arriving no later than an hour before the 2 p.m. start time. No late entries will be allowed. No cooking facilities will be provided by Ka'ū Coffee Mill.

For more information, contact Lisa Wright at 928-0550 or Lisa@kaucoffeemill.com.

Searching for the New Miss Ka'ū Coffee

On Sunday, April 26, Miss Ka'ū Coffee & Miss Peaberry Pageant will be held at

Pāhala Community Center. To sign up for the Miss Ka'ū Coffee competition, contestants must be 17 to 24 years of age. For Miss Peaberry, contestants must be seven to nine years of age.

Contenders will display their talents, intelligence and grace in four categories: Talent, Public Speaking, Gown and Sportswear. The pageant involves training in dance, stage performance, fashion, poise and knowledge to celebrate the Ka'ū Coffee industry.

Practices begin on Sunday, March 8 at the Old Pāhala Clubhouse.

The Miss Ka'ū Coffee Pageant also raises scholarship money for the young women and girls.

To enter, contact chair Gloria Camba at 928-8558 or director Nalani Parlin at 217-6893. Applications are available at www.kaucoffeefest.com.

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