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The General Election ballot samples are published with national and local candidates and other measures. See the ballots at www.kaunewsbriefs.blogspot.com. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8 with early walk-in continuing

through Nov. 4 in Ka'ū, Nov. 5 elsewhere on the island. Former Mayor Harry Kim and Ka'ū's County Council member Maile David both earned enough votes in the primary to win their seats and their names will not be seen on the ballots.

Ka'ū residents can vote for U.S. Senator. Candidates are: Constitution Party member Joy Allison; Republican John Carroll; American Shopping Party member John M. Giuffre; Libertarian Mi-
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Register, Vote Early in Ka'ū through Nov. 4, Election Day, Nov. 8

Early voting, even for those still not registered, continues in Ka'ū until Friday, Nov. 4 at Pāhala Community Center. Hours will be Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Ka'ū and Volcano residents can also

register and vote the same day at Aupuni Center Conference Room in Hilo, Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Nov. 5; West Hawai'i Civic Center Community Room, Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Nov. 5 and

Waimea Community Center, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, through Nov. 5.

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The Good News of Ka'ū, Hawai'i

November, 2016

New Ka'ū District Gym & Shelter Opens for Play

"For our children and the future of Ka'ū" is how Hawai'i County Mayor Billy Kenoi described the new Ka'ū District Gym & Shelter during opening ceremonies on Oct. 4. When Kenoi introduced retired police officer Bobby Gomes to bless the facility, he described Gomes as representing "the best of Ka'ū, the best of Hawai'i Island." Gomes invited Pāhala Holy Rosary Church's Father Martin Mwanshibula to help him with the blessing. Both were also present for the groundbreaking four years ago on Oct. 3, 2012.

Ka'ū High School Principal Sharon Beck thanked everyone involved in the project. She said she started working toward a new gym in 2007. The old gym, built in the 1930s, is short on meeting sports standards, with volleyballs sometimes hitting the ceiling. Some other schools are unable to play well there, she said, though it will be retained for sports practice and other activities.

The new 43,300-square-foot gym, one of the largest for a public school in the state, and serving one of the smallest schools in the state, as well as the community, has three basketball and volleyball courts, weight room, other auxiliary sports facilities, a certified kitchen, meeting spaces and shelter facilities. It will be managed by Hawai'i County Department of Parks & Recreation for both school and public use. It is designed to also serve as a disaster shelter and received federal funding through the state, provided to the county for

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Ka'ū High & Pāhala Elementary School students join residents and dignitaries for the blessing and opening of Ka'ū District Gym & Shelter.

Photo by Ron Johnson

Hawaiian Springs Bottling Plant Approved, With Conditions

Pāhala Town Square & Hawaiian Springs Facility, a proposed water bottling plant and retail center at the old 60-acre Pāhala sugar mill site, won county approval in October, subject to conditions. County Planning Director Duane Kanuha, in his Oct. 3 letter to the attorney for developer PMK Capital Partners, LLC, gives the first green light for development of more than 130,000 square feet of factory and retail buildings on industrial zoned land on Maile Street, with parking for tour vans and buses, as well as other vehicles. The approval is an administrative function of the Planning Department without public hearings or re-

view by the County Planning Commission or County Council.

Ka'ū residents, however, submitted comments to the Planning Department regarding mitigating traffic in the nearby residential area; preserving historic buildings, a wall from the sugar mill yard and other remnants from plantation days; and the larger environmental issue of drawing water from local sources to sell to international markets in plastic bottles.

Water could be drawn through an old 1,500-foot tunnel that begins on the sugar mill property and goes under Maile Street to a 750-foot deep well below adjacent proper-

ty. The source, with its underground pumping system, was used by the sugar mill until it closed in 1996.

To use this source, or any other source for the bottling plant, the planning director requires: "The owner/applicant shall receive approval from the (state) Director of Health prior to the construction of the proposed system or modification in accordance with Hawai'i Administrative Rules Section 11-20-29, 'Use of new sources of raw water for public water systems,' and HAR Section 11-20-30, 'New and modified public water systems.'"

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The letter states, "The owner/applicant shall also meet with all rules and regulations regarding the water bottling facility and shall also receive approval from the Director of Health prior to the construction of the proposed water bottling facility."

The letter also states that "no permits (building, grubbing, grading) shall be issued prior to any construction, alteration, disposition or improvements of any nature until the State Historic Preservation Division has given its concurrence." Regarding the former bank building, home to KAHU radio, which has been used for various functions for nearly a century, plans submitted to the county show that the bank building is "to be removed."

Another condition limits retail sales, which "shall be incidental and subordinate to the limited industrial uses that are established on the subject property."

Other conditions require maintenance of landscaping, construction of parking to meet all government standards, written approval for any modifications and inspection prior to



Hawaiian Springs, which plans to build a water bottling facility in Pāhala, has removed language on its website stating that it donates money to The Nature Conservancy. TNC manages Kamehame hawksbill turtle nesting site and pristine Ka'ū forest preserves and watersheds. Photo by Geneveve Fyvie

approval of a Certificate of Occupancy.

According to the letter, height of the processing plant and warehouse building submitted to the Planning Department is about 18 feet, and the retail buildings would be around 15 feet high. Maximum permitted height is 30 feet. The highest building on the property is the old Ka'ū Sugar parts warehouse, which would be renovated, according to the plan. The buildings would cover about

three times the area of the new Ka'ū District Gym & Disaster Shelter, and the project would feature a large fountain at the entrance to the visitor destination area.

Setbacks of structures from property lines exceed minimum requirements, according to the plans. Side setbacks are more than 270 feet; minimum required is 10 feet. The front setback is more than 133 feet, with a minimum requirement of 20 feet.

Community concerns about the project submitted to the planning director also included mitigating traffic in residential sections along Maile and other nearby streets where there are no sidewalks. In walkable Pāhala, children stroll to school, residents exercise and walk their dogs, and many people travel by foot to the post office, bank, stores and other village destinations.

The new water bottling plant would be a sister to the Hawaiian Springs Water plant in Kea'au, sharing some of the same ownership.

The hawaiianspringswater.com website refers to the abundance of water resources on the Big Island. It says, "The Hawaiian Springs Kea'au aquifer has a recharge rate of 1.38 billion gallons per day according to the State of Hawai'i Commission on Water Resource Management (2008).

"How much is that? It's enough pure water to supply all the bottled water consumed each year in America in 7.3 days! Think that's crazy, how about all the world's yearly bottled water consumption in less than a month! Now that's sustainable!" states the website.

"With an approved sustainable use rating of 740 million gallons per day (mgd),

Hawaiian Springs' source (the N.E. Mauna Loa system) is the most robust in Hawai'i and one of the healthiest in the world. In fact, the overall Big Island aquifer system has a sustainable use rate of 2,431 mgd – that's over 3.4 trillion liters of pure artesian water each year!"

The website also quotes the U.S. Geological Survey, saying that it recently "concluded that the waters of Kea'au are among the purest in the world."

"Hawaiian Springs – proudly bottled at the source; one that is like no other on Earth," the website states.

Until recently, Hawaiian Springs stated on its website that it donates money to The Nature Conservancy, which manages preserves of pristine forest and watershed in the mountains of Ka'ū as well as the Kamehame hawksbill turtle nesting site below Pāhala on the coast. The website stated: "Hawaiian Springs donates a portion of its proceeds from bottled water sales to The Nature Conservancy each year in its effort to build awareness and support for the preservation of native Hawaiian endemic species – many of which are threatened with extinction."

In a recent Hawai'i Tribune Herald story, Pāhala Town Square & Hawaiian Springs project manager Al Kam stated, "We're here to provide jobs to the state of Hawai'i." He also said that his hui is "trying to rebuild manufacturing in the state of Hawai'i," with the development of the old sugar mill site in Pāhala into the water bottling plant. "We want to export product. We are poised to take advantage of that," Kam told reporter Tom Callis.

The investment group PMK Capital Partners, according to state records, is comprised of Albert K.F. Kam, Jr., Johnny Dadlani, Reid Matsumoto and Fredrick L. Parr.

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its construction. Its cost is over \$18 million.

"Enjoy this gym forever," Punalu'u resident and Kamehameha Schools volleyball Coach Guy Enriquez said. Enriquez, who launched the campaign for the new gym when he was Ka'ū's County Council member, said it is one of the best facilities in Hawai'i. "This is yours," he said when addressing the crowd, which included current students at Ka'ū High & Pāhala Elementary School and many Ka'ū residents. He described meeting with the late U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye at the White House when Inouye told him to build a "shelter that looks like a gym, and I'll get you the money" for it. Enriquez said the result is evidence that "the country really works; the politics really works."

Enriquez is expected to draw volleyball camps to the school. He leads high school volleyball camps in Oregon and California each summer and is planning his first Ka'ū



Principal Sharon Beck thanks everyone involved in the project, which started as a dream in 2007.

camp in June at the new gym.

Ka'ū's Hawai'i County Council member Maile David related the event to the opening of Konawaena High's gym, where she graduated. She said she knows how it feels for the community to have such a facility.

Joanna Herkes, widow of state Rep. Bob Herkes, who fought for funding for the facility, said her husband never missed a Ka'ū High graduation ceremony, "and they were always inspiring. This gym is inspiring." The Class of 2017 will be the first to graduate in the new building.

Ka'ū's state Rep. Richard Creagan remembered Hawai'i County's mayor crossing the Ironman Triathlon finishline. Today, "you brought this gym across the finish line," he told Kenoi.

After the speakers, Trojans were able to try out the court, throwing baskets and serving volleyballs. Those who made baskets or hit targets on the volleyball courts were invited to keep the balls they used.

Emcee at the opening was comedian Augie T. Other speakers included Will Okabe for Gov. David Ige, Ka'ū's state Sen. Russell Ruderman, state Sen. Kaiali'i Kahele (son of the late Sen. Gil Kahele) and Laurence "Cappy" Capellas, Jr., son of the late principal, for whom several



Ka'ū's former County Council member and Kamehameha School volleyball Coach Guy Enriquez worked with Mayor Billy Kenoi (to his right) and many politicians for funding of the \$18 million project. Enriquez plans to hold volleyball camps, drawing local and mainland players.

residents are working to put his name on the facility. Principal Capellas and Rep. Herkes were honored with portraits gracing the gym's lobby.

Ka'ū residents were invited to an open house at the gym on the evening of the blessing.

Nona Makuakane is the Recreation Director of Pāhala for the county and in charge of the new gym. She and her assistant Elijah Navarro also operate the Pāhala Community Center & Park, county athletic field, tennis court and outdoor basketball court in

Pāhala.

The new Pāhala office for the county Department of Parks & Recreation will be inside the new gym and will be the place for community to reserve space for activities. Unlike the community center, parties will not be entertained for the gym. They will remain at the community center. Community organizations and others can apply for special events to be considered. School sports competition and practices will have priority over other events.

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New Transmitters Beam Public Radio through Volcano into Ka'ū

Hawai'i Public Radio turned on its new transmitters in October on a tower at Kulani Cone between Volcano and Hilo to add HPR-2 to its HPR-1 programming. The project enhances and expands radio reception into Ka'ū and along the east side of the island. The tower is high enough on Mauna Loa to reach into the southern most district in the state, the last place in the inhabited Hawaiian Islands without good radio coverage, the last territory targeted for HPR expansion.

HPR now provides two channels to the east side of the island and into Ka'ū. HPR-1 was initially transmitted to a small area of Ka'ū from a KAHU radio transmitter at the historic bank and radio building on Maile Street in Pāhala. Its new frequency is 89.1, transmitted directly from Kulani Cone. The addition channel, HPR-2 and its separate schedule of programming, is found at 91.3.

With the new transmitters broadcasting, HPR is turning its attention to improving transmission throughout the rest of Ka'ū,

said HPR's Director of Marketing Phyllis Look.

Broadcasting from the transmitters at Kulani "marks the completion of the nonprofit station's long-held goal of a radio network spanning the major Hawaiian islands with both of its programming streams," said a statement from HPR.

José A. Fajardo, HPR's new President and General Manager, who recently moved to Hawai'i from Orlando, Fla., made the announcement about the broader coverage for HPR-1 and the addition of HPR-2 on the final day of the station's statewide fall fund drive, which raised \$872,162. "This is a historic moment," he said, "made possible by the community of



The tower at Kulani Cone, with new transmitters sending two Hawai'i Public Radio station streams, HPR-1 and HPR-2, further into Volcano and Ka'ū, following acquisition of the KAHU community radio license in Pāhala. Photo from HPR

supporters who have kept the faith and supported the station throughout its state-wide expansion." The new HPR GM said, "Credit must also go to my predecessor, the visionary Michael Titterton, the network's master builder."

Titterton visited Ka'ū and negotiated the purchase of the license from the KAHU community radio station, which broadcast live from Pāhala, funded in part by county and state Civil Defense to provide Ka'ū with emergency broadcasting. It offered local news daily from *The Ka'ū Calendar* newspaper, live and recorded music and talk story sessions with many Ka'ū celebrities and students. At the time of the

purchase of the KAHU license, with all programming switching to a feed from HPR-1 in Honolulu, Titterton said that local broadcasts or shows coming from Ka'ū could be possible in the long-term future of HPR.

The new "transmitter project required extensive negotiations for a suitable location, FCC licensing, and structural renovations, as well as scheduling adjustments for extreme weather delays," said an HPR statement. A capital campaign began in November 2013, after HPR acquired the broadcast license for the Ka'ū community radio station. HPR achieved its \$150,000 goal for the new Kulani transmission site in January 2015. Donations were received from 271 individual charter members, as well as lead gifts from the Atherton Family Foundation, Hawaiian Electric Light Co., KTA Super Stores (in memory of Koichi and Taniyo Taniguchi, founders of KTA Super Stores and K. Taniguchi, Ltd.), McInerney Foundation, and the Schafer Philanthropic Family

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Drug & Alcohol Ban Proposed

Drug and alcohol prohibitions are among new rules proposed for natural area reserves, including Ka'ū Forest Reserve. The rule amendments being proposed by the state Department of Land & Natural Resources would also amend permit provisions, establish closure hours and establish provisions for removal of vehicles from natural area reserves.

The amended rules apply across the entire Natural Area Reserves System. They can be reviewed online at <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/NARS-draft-rules-160311.pdf> or at any branch

office of the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except state holidays.

Written comments may be addressed to Betsy Gagne, DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Natural Area Reserves Commission, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325, Honolulu, HI 96813 or betsy.h.gagne@hawaii.gov with subject line of "Rule comments" by Nov. 30. All comments will be incorporated into a summary with recommendations that will go to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for further consideration or adoption.

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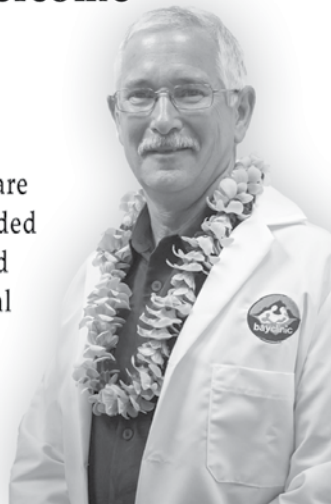
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New Ka'ū Gym Gears Up

Since the blessing and opening of the new Ka'ū District Gym & Shelter on Oct. 4, staff members have been working for the county Department of Parks & Recreation and Ka'ū High School, in training to take care of the \$18 million facility. They are learning about care of the wooden floors, maintenance and operation of bleachers, and working of the filtration system designed to keep the air as clean and cool as possible. An adjacent building that is air-conditioned will house residents in case of vog alerts. Designed and engineered



Nona Makuakane and her assistant, Elijah Navarro, manage the new gym for the county Department of Parks & Recreation.

by architectural firm Mitsunaga & Associates, the facility was built by Summit Construction over a four-year period. Hawai'i County Department of Parks & Recreation will offer age group basketball, age group and exponent track and field, as well as after-school activities and events. A recreation room will feature tables for ping pong table, pool and foosball. Xbox games will also be available. Adults will be able to participate in volleyball and basketball. A weight room will also be open to adults as well as high school students. All users must



Nearly the entire school sat in a set of bleachers on one side of the new Ka'ū District Gym during opening ceremonies Oct. 4.

Photo by Ron Johnson

sign a waiver/release form and sign in at the Recreation Office daily prior to use. For more information, call Nona Makuakane or Elijah Navarro at 928-3102.

Trojan Eight-Man Football Works Toward Top of BIIF

Ka'ū High's eight-man football team earned its way to play for the islandwide Big Island Interscholastic Federation (BIIF) 8-man football title with a win against Pāhoa on September 29.

Trojan coaches Keala Ke and Greg Rush initiated high school eight-man football on Hawai'i Island.

For generations the Trojans faced a disadvantage when playing 11-man football against larger schools. Ka'ū High has one of the smallest school populations in the state, with about 60 seniors graduating each year. With a small roster players took on both offensive and defensive positions when playing against 11-man football teams.

Year after year, they found it exciting but overwhelming to tackle the big schools, whose well-populated teams fielded larger and more specialized players.

Ka'ū High Athletic Director Kalei Namohala led the change in 2013 when the Trojans faced canceling football season, unable to field the number of players needed for a traditional 11-man team. Namohala determined that eight-man football is particularly appropriate for Ka'ū's agile and fast-running athletes: Eight-man play shows off passing and interception skills; there are fewer tackles in the game; eight-man is higher scoring with fewer injuries.

Namohala banned together small BIIF high school teams and challenged small schools on Moloka'i and Maui to play against Big Island teams to help jumpstart eight-man football. With fundraising support from the Ka'ū community, the Trojans were able to travel to games against teams in small rural towns like Pāhala, including games played off-island in Moloka'i and Maui.

In eight-man action this season Ka'ū's Jacob Flores scored three touchdowns on Oct. 12 to win a rematch against Pāhoa. With a score of 14-14 at the end of the fourth quarter, the game went into double overtime. Flores' first score came during the second quarter. Another touchdown in the third quarter brought the score to 12-14, and



Eight-man Football is higher scoring, faster paced, with fewer injuries.

Photo by David Berry



Homecoming games bring out the Trojan best. Here Ka'ū High plays Kohala.

Photo by Taylor's Treasures Photography

a 91-yard safety by Ka'ū added two more points.

Flores ran six yards for a touchdown in double overtime to bring the final score to 20-14.

During the Oct. 8 Ka'ū homecoming game against Kohala Zachary Kai scored two Trojan touchdowns. The Trojans led 14-10 in the first quarter, following Kai's runs into the end zone and a good two-point conversion run by Jamal Buyuan. Kohala took the lead, scoring in the second and fourth quarters, for a 24-14 win against the Trojans.



Ka'ū High Athletic Director Kalei Namohala led the change from 11-man to 8-man football



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Homecoming King and Queen Trevor Taylor and Alysha Gustafson-Savella.

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One Hawai'i County Charter Amendment made the ballot. Its title is Expanding Scope of the County of Hawai'i General Plan and here is the wording:

"Shall the County Charter be amended to change the scope of the County of Hawai'i General Plan, which currently sets forth policy for 'the long-range comprehensive physical development of the county,' to include long-range policy for matters related to the economic, environmental and socio-cultural wellbeing of the County;

and, additionally, expand those matters which the General Plan promotes to include the health of the people of the County?" Those agreeing with the proposal, vote Yes. Those disagreeing, vote No.

Existing language in the County Charter says the General Plan "shall contain a statement of development objectives standards and principles with respect to the most desirable use of land within the county for residential, recreational, agricultural, commercial, industrial and other purposes which shall be consistent with proper conservation of natural resources and the preservation of our natural beauty and historical sites; the most desirable density of population in the several parts of the county; a system of principle thoroughfares, highways, streets, public access to shorelines and other open spaces; the general locations, relocations and improvement of public buildings; the general location and extent of public utilities and terminals, whether publicly or privately owned, for water, sewers, light, power, transit, and other purposes; the extent and location of public housing projects; adequate drainage facilities and control; air pollution; and such matters as may, in the (county) council's judgment, promote the general welfare, health and prosperity of its people."

The County Charter directs the County Council to "enact zoning, subdivision, and such other ordinances which shall contain the necessary provisions to carry out the purpose of the general plan.

"No public improvement or project, or subdivision or zoning ordinance, shall be initiated or adopted unless the same conforms to and implements the general plan."

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Trojans Cross-Country Team Runs Fast to Finals

Ka'ū High's Cross Country Team ran three more races and finished a terrific season at the end of October. The Trojans have been training Monday through Friday and racing 5K (3.1 miles) on Saturdays.

The team raced on a bright sunny day at Kamehameha School in Kea'au on Sept. 10. The athletes enjoy this course and came in with good times: Brennan Nishimura 23:07, Kyle Calumpit 23:49, Rowlie Flores 27:12, Daryl Moreira 29:38, Sheena Flores 28:29 and Chloe Gan 29:24.

The whole team, including coach Erin Cole and assistant coach Kevin Sun, ran in the Ka'ū Coffee Trail Run and found the trail to be challenging and fun! Runners of all ages and abilities were participating and this made it a family and neighbor friendly event with a bit of competition to spice it up.

The Trojans traveled to a race on Saturday, Sept. 24 at HPA. Teams from other islands as well as the mainland participated. The weather was typical for Waimea, with a light mist, hot sun, cool shade and a breeze. The infamous HPA hill was daunting as always, and the Trojan team ran hard. Brennen Nishimura finished at 25:10, Kyle Calumpit 26:00, Rowlie Flores 26:47, and Daryl Moreira 28:19. After the race, the team enjoyed a Yoga for Runners class with Stacy Lanterman at Hawaiian Healing Yoga.

At Waiakea on October 1, some of the runners ran quite fast and broke their own personal records. The course winds around the Waiakea campus and ends at their field. Sheena Marie Flores 27:08, Rowlie Flores 22:10, Kyle Calumpit 22:17, Brennen Nishimura 22:26, Daryl Moreira 24:23.

The next race was in Kea'au. The sun was hot and the big puffy clouds did not come around often enough to cool off the runners but that did not stop them from competing hard and coming in with some great times. Sheena Marie Flores 26:58, Rowlie Flores 22:47, Brennen Nishimura 22:56, Daryl Moreira 26:29.

At BIIF Championships at HPA on Oct. 21, at 2pm. There were four races. The first two were Open races and the second two, Varsity. All Ka'ū runners ran in the Varsity race. The Varsity race is stiff competition as they are the

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chael A. Kokoski; and incumbent Democrat Brian Schatz.

Ka'ū's member in congress is also up for reelection. Democrat Tulsi Gabbard is challenged by Republican Angela Kaaihue.

On the East Ka'ū ballots, Sen. Russell Ruderman is challenged by Libertarian Fredrick Fogel. East Ka'ū state Rep. Richard Onishi is challenged by Libertarian Gregory Arianoff and Green Party Candidate Kealoha Pisciotta. On the West Ka'ū ballots, West Ka'ū state Rep. Richard Creagan, a Democrat, is challenged by Libertarian Michael Last. West Ka'ū state Sen. Josh Green is not up for reelection this year.

Office of Hawaiian Affairs voting is open to people of all races and cultural backgrounds. On the ballot, incumbent



Ka'ū Trojan Cross Country Team Daryl Moreira, Kyle Calumpit, Sheena Marie Flores, Brennen Nishimura, and Rowlie Flores at the BIIF Championship Race at HPA on October 21.

Photo by Erin Cole



Ka'ū High's cross country team members, with coaches Erin Cole and Kevin Sun.

fastest 7 boys and fastest 7 girls on each team. Girls ran first race, all season (this alternates each year). The athletes got in a good warm-up before the races. Excitement was high and runners from all over the island were wishing each other good luck. It was very windy but otherwise a good day to run. Sheena Marie Flores 28:25 came in #45 in the race which was just two spots away from qualifying in the State Championships, Brennen Nishimura 25:04, Rowlie Flores 25:08, Kyle Calumpit 26:10, Daryl Moriera 26:40. Sophia Cash from Honoka'a came in first for girls at 22:18 and Cody Ranfranz came in first for boys at 18:59.

The qualifying runners moved on to the State Championships, which were held at HPA on Oct. 29.

Robert Lindsey is challenged by Millilani Trask. The At-Large Trustee contest is between Keli'i Akina and Haunani Apoliona.

Listed in alphabetical order, for United States Presidency, are the following candidates: Constitution Party member Daniel L. Castle (who withdrew but still on ballot) with vice presidential running mate Scott Bradley; Democrat Hillary Clinton with Tim Kaine; Libertarian Gary Johnson with Bill Weld; Green Party candidate Jill Stein with Ajamu Baraka; and Republican Donald Trump, with Michael Pence.

A proposed County Charter Amendment would add health into the language of the General Plan (See story on Page 1). A state Constitution Amendment would hike up
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Nā Mea Makamae: Tiny Treasures: daily through Nov 13, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. A multi-media, group exhibition.

Hawai'i County Council Meetings, Tue/Wed, Nov 1/2 & 15/16. Ka'ū residents can participate via videoconferencing at Nā'ālehu State Office Building. See hawaiicounty.gov for agendas & live-streamed & archived meetings.

Ka'ū Coffee Growers Meeting, Tue, Nov 1, 6 – 8 p.m., Pāhala Community Center.

Fall Craft, Wed, Nov 2 & 9, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register Nov 1. 928-3102

Open Mic Night, Wed, Nov 2, 6 – 10 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Lava Lounge in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Call 967-8365 after 4 p.m. to sign up. Sign-ups are in one-hour sessions. All are encouraged to come. Open to authorized patrons & sponsored guests. Free; ark entrance fees apply.

Voices: Rising from the Page, Thu, Nov 3, 7 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Big Island poets gather for an evening of poetry. \$5 donations appreciated. 967-8222

Ocean View Neighborhood Watch meeting, Thu, Nov 3, 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-2442 & 928-2015

Stewardship at the Summit, Fri, Nov 4, 11 & 18, Sat, Nov 26 & Wed, Nov 30; 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Volunteers clear ginger from park trail. Free; park entrance fees apply. nps.gov/havo

First Friday Flowers, Nov 4, 2 – 4 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Learn flower-arranging techniques from Kaipo AhChong. \$45. 967-8222

Mauna Loa Southwest Rift Zone, Sat, Nov 5, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants hike to an overlook on Upper Palm Trail, where rangers point out prominent geologic features and discuss natural processes that created them and cultural traditions associated with them. Pack a lunch. nps.gov/havo

Ham Radio Operators Potluck Picnic, Sun, Nov 6, 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

Pu'u o Lokuana, Sun, Nov 6, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants learn about formation and various uses of this grassy cinder cone and enjoy a breathtaking view of lower Ka'ū on this free, moderately difficult 0.4-mile hike to the top. nps.gov/havo

Beginning Hawaiian Language Classes, Sun, Nov 6 & 20, 2 p.m., Ka'ū Youth Center near Nā'ālehu Community Center. Classes taught by kupuna Jeannette Howard are followed by informal kanikapila stressing songs of Ka'ū. Free; open to all. Beverly Byouk, 936-7262

Volunteer Fire Department Meeting, Mon, Nov 7, 4 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Earthquakes: Did You Feel That? Tue, Nov 8, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory Seismic Network Manager Brian Shiro discusses what's shaking in our Hawai'i. Learn about different types of earthquakes, how we monitor them in Hawai'i and how scientists use signals to mitigate hazards. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Lau Hala Weaving, Wed, Nov 9, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Iānai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Discover the skill of weaving lau hala with practitioners from 'Aha Pūhala o Puna. For centuries, Hawaiians have used the hala (pandanus) tree to create many useful and beautiful items. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Red Cross Volunteer meeting, Thu, Nov 10, 7 p.m., HOVE Road Maintenance Corp. office. For volunteers and those interested in becoming volunteers. Hannah Uribes, 929-9953

Open House, Fri, Nov 11, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Kahuku hosts the "Welina Mai Nei Kakou I Kahuku," an open house event to celebrate Kahuku being open

on Fridays (in addition to Saturdays and Sundays). Hla, Hawaiian music, informational displays, children's activities. Sign up for a guided hike at 929-8075.

Veteran's Day Ceremony, Fri, Nov 11, 3 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp front lawn in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. All veterans in attendance are invited to enjoy a free buffet dinner. Register at 967-8371 before Nov. 8, 2016. Free; park entrance fees apply. Veteran's Day Buffet, Fri, Nov 11, 4 – 7 p.m.,

the first semi-annual potluck event, members, board of directors and staff share and discuss plans for future programs and events. All are encouraged to attend. 967-8222

Painting with Peggy, Mon, Nov 14, 12 – 3 p.m., Volcano Art Center acrylic workshop returns. \$20/\$15 VAC members. Students bring supplies. 967-8222

Jump Rope Challenge, Mon/Wed, Nov 14/16, 2:15 – 3:15 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 6 – 12 register Nov 7 – 10. 929-9113



Ka'ū's state Sen. John Green supports inclusion of Hawai'i's yellow-faced bees on the Endangered Species List.
Photo by John Kaia from the Xerxes Society

Action Sought to Save Native Bees

Last month's inclusion of native Hawaiian yellow-faced bees on the federal Endangered Species List has inspired West Ka'ū state Sen. Josh Green to call for quick state action to help preserve them.

"Federal authorities confirmed what many of us have been concerned about for some time: The decimation of several species of bees in Hawai'i," Green said. "Why is this important? First of all, bees are critical pollinators that sustain many parts of our agro-ecosystem. Bees also function as the ecological canary in the coal mine, serving as a crucial indicator of the health

and development of people. Dead bees suggest toxic exposure to our children.

"Efforts to decrease the use of toxic pesticides have fallen on deaf ears. I'm calling on the governor to take immediate action to assess all possible ways to protect these pollinators, and us, from reckless spraying. I'll also be pursuing legislative solutions (as in past years) to protect both people and critical species from the effects of man-made agrochemicals," said the senator and physician who practiced at Ka'ū Hospital in his early years in Hawai'i.

Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Prime rib, baked ono, spinach & mushroom fettuccini, French onion soup, tossed salad, mashed potatoes, rice, green beans and more. \$27.95 adults, \$14.50 child 6-11 years old. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8356

Pancake Breakfast, Sat, Nov 12, 8 – 11 a.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Atlas Recycling at South Point U-Cart, Sat, Nov 12, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Realms & Divisions of Kahuku, Sat, Nov 12, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Pu'u Kahuku Trail explores realms and divisions of the traditional Hawaiian classification system at Kahuku. Free. nps.gov/havo

'Ōhi'a Lehua, Sun, Nov 13, 9:30 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants learn about the vital role of 'ōhi'a lehua in native Hawaiian forests, its many forms and flower on this free, easy, one-mile walk. nps.gov/havo

Medicine for the Mind, Sun, Nov 13, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Buddhist healing meditation for beginners through advanced. Free. Patty, 985-7470

VAC Community Outreach, Sun, Nov 13, 4 – 7 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. At

'Ōhi'a Wing: Our New Museum, Tue, Nov 15, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The new museum will house items from the park's vast museum collection of more than 1.5 million objects. The park's Chief of Cultural Resources, Laura Carter Schuster, reveals the history and highlights of the collection and plans for exhibiting the objects in the original 1932 park Administration Building, formally a lodging facility called the 'Ōhi'a Wing. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Hula Performance by Hālau o Akaunu, Wed,

Nov 16, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Experience the ancient traditions of Hawai'i come to life through the chant and dance of Hālau o Akaunu. Hailing from Hilo, Hawai'i, and under the instruction of Mānaiakalani Kalua, Akaunu strives to perpetuate the 'aiha'a style of hula borne of this volcanic landscape. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Christmas in the Country, Fri, Nov 18 – Jan 1, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Members-only reception, 5:30 p.m., opening day. 17th Annual Invitational Wreath Exhibit will award prizes. To participate, contact Emily Weiss at 967-8222 or gallery@volcanoartcenter.org. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Horn of Plenty, Fri, Nov 18, 1 – 2 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 6 – 12 register Nov 14 – 17. 929-9113

Hi'iaka & Pele, Sat, Nov 19, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants discover the Hawaiian goddesses and the natural phenomena they represent on this free, moderate, one-mile walk. nps.gov/havo

Centennial Walk: 'Ōhi'a Wing – Our New Museum, Sat, Nov 19, 10 a.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Chief of Cultural Resources Laura Carter Schuster leads an easy walk from Kīlauea Visitor Center to the park's new museum site. She'll reveal the history and highlights of the park's original 1932 park Administration Building and share exhibit plans that will highlight the park's museum collection.

Hula Kahiko Performance, Sat, Nov 19, 10:30 a.m., hula platform near Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Nā Mea Hula with Loke Kamanu and 'ohana, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., gallery porch. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Rainforest Mele, Sat, Nov 19, 4:30 & 7:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Bump City performs. 967-8222

Mongolian BBQ, Sat, Nov 19, 5 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. \$.85 per ounce includes protein, veggies, rice & beverage. Open to all authorized patrons & sponsored guests. 967-8356

People & Lands of Kahuku, Sun, Nov 20, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Kahuku Unit. This free, guided, 2.5-mile, moderately difficult hike over rugged terrain focuses on the area's human history. nps.gov/havo

Thanksgiving Card, Wed, Nov 23, 2:15 – 3:15 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 6 – 12 register Nov 14 – 17. 929-9113

Annual Rubberband Turkey Shoot, Wed, Nov 23, 4 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. All ages register Nov 14 - 23. 928-3102

Thanksgiving Turkey Craft, Wed, Nov 16, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register Nov 7 – 15. 928-3102

Family Reading Night, Thu, Nov 17, 5 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka'ū, Thu, Nov 17, 5:30 p.m. 929-9731 or 936-7262

OVCA Board Meeting, Thu, Nov 17, 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Volunteer Forest Restoration Project, Fri, Nov 18, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. 352-1402 or forest@fhvnp.org

Recycling at Nā'ālehu School, Sat, Nov 19, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Nā'ālehu School Gym. Redeem your

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HOVE Road Maintenance board of directors meeting, Tue, Nov 22, 10 a.m., St. Jude's Church. 929-9910

Lei Wili Demonstration, Wed, Nov 23, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lanai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Learn the lei wili, a traditional style of lei created by wrapping cordage around flowers, leaves and more. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Thanksgiving Day Buffet, Thu, Nov 24, 2 – 6 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Roast turkey, pineapple honey-glazed ham, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, mashed potatoes, rice, pumpkin squares, apple crisp, ice cream sundae bar and beverage. \$21.95 adults, \$11.95 child (6-11 years). No reservations required. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8356

Volcano Village Artists Hui Show & Sale, Fri – Sun, Nov 25 – 27, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Volcano Village. Maps available at businesses & galleries. 987-3472

VAC Programs Preview Exhibit, Fri/Sat, Nov 25/26, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. Discover what the New Year has to offer. VAC will be on Volcano Artist Hui's tour, and Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park will sell poinsettias. 967-8222

Ocean View Community Development Corp. meeting, Fri, Nov 25, 5 p.m., Hawaiian Ranchos office.

Ka'ū Food Pantry, Tue, Nov 29, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View.

Winter Craft, Wed, Nov 30, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register Nov 17 – 23. 928-3102

EXERCISE & MEDITATION

Pāhala Pool Schedule: Adult Water Exercise Mon/Wed/Fri 9 – 10 a.m.; Adult Lap Swim Mon – Fri 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Sat/Sun 10:30 – 12 p.m.; Public Recreational Swim Mon – Fri 1 – 3:15 p.m., Sat/Sun 9 – 10:30 a.m. & 1 – 4 p.m.; 928-8177 or hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

Qigong Classes, Mon, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., Nā'ālehu Hongwanji (\$5), & Thu, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Mark Twain Estates (\$7). Beginners always welcome. Shary Crocker, 929-7647

Gentle Senior Yoga, Mon/Wed, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Nā'ālehu Hongwanji. Senior price \$10 for 10 sessions. Stephanie Pepper, 937-7940

Pilates Plus, Mon/Wed, 4 – 5 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. Open to all ages. Exercise by DVD; bring your own equipment, ball and mat. Free w/donation of non-perishable food. Judy Knapp, 939-8149

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

Instructional Volleyball, Mon/Thu, 6 – 8 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. 928-3102

Youth/Adult Basketball, Mon/Wed, 6 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center. 939-2510

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

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

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

Qigong Classes, Tue, 9 – 10:30 a.m. Ocean View Community Center. \$5. John Adams, 929-7177

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

Karate, Tue/Fri, beginners 5:30 p.m., advanced 6:30 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Keiki condition, 5 p.m. Cliff Field, 333-1567

Open Gym, Tue/Wed, 6 – 8 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Adults register through Oct 3. 928-3012

Youth/Adult Volleyball, Tue/Thu, 6 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center. 939-2510

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

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

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

Bruce Lee Combatives, Thu, 5 – 6 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. Henry Ivy's family-based classes teach self-confidence and personal development. 854-5284

Country Line Dancing, Thu, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. For men & women; no partner required. Free & easy lessons (a new dance each week) for beginners & intermediate. Suzanne, 930-4678

DAILY & WEEKLY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Punalu'u Bake Shop Music Lineup: Richard Zazzi Mon, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Gary Cole, aka Foggy, Wed/Sat, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Uncle Sonny Wed/Sat, 1 – 5 p.m.; Tui Masaniai Fri, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

Endangered 'Alalā to Be Released, Celebrate at Mokupāpapa Discovery Ctr

The native Hawaiian crow, extinct in the wild since 2002, will be released into the native forest in November, following many years of hard work to bring the 'alalā species back from the edge of total extinction. More than 100 'alalā live in captivity through the Hawai'i Endangered Bird Conservation Program at two facilities, including the Keauhou Bird Conservation Center near Volcano Village.

'Alalā will be released in the Pu'u Maka'ala Natural Area Reserve, mauka of Volcano on the slopes of Mauna Loa. Owned and managed by the State of Hawai'i, Pu'u Maka'a offers a dense understory with many 'alalā food plants, providing a quality habitat for 'alalā.

In November, five males will be released, followed by another seven 'alalā several months later. "We are very excited to be ready to create a population of this species in its native habitat again," said Bryce Masuda, conservation program manager for the Hawai'i Endangered Bird Conservation Program.

The historical range of 'alalā extends from North Kona down into Ka'ū and Puna on the slopes of Hualālai and Mauna Loa.

To celebrate the release of 'alalā back into the wild, the 'Alalā Project is holding a community event on Saturday, Nov. 19 at Mokupāpapa Discovery Center in downtown Hilo. The free, family-friendly gathering runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature video footage of the release, keiki activities, and conservation info booths.

The restoration of 'alalā to the wild is a partnership between state Division of Forestry and Wildlife, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and San Diego Zoo Global. To learn more, visit alalaproject.org.

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

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

Pāhala Senior Center: Lunch served Mon – Fri, 10:30 a.m. for residents 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.

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

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

Ka'ū Driver License Office, Tue/Wed by appointment. 854-7214

Family Movie Matinee, Tue, 3 p.m., Nā'ālehu Public Library. Free movies plus free popcorn. 939-2442

Family History/Genealogy Workshops, Tue, 4 – 6 p.m., Nā'ālehu Mormon Church. Theresa Ducret presents free, online workshops. Appointments at 238-6221.

Basic Computer & Internet Classes, Tue, 5:30 & 6 p.m., Pāhala Public & School Library. Debbie, 928-2015

Kanikapila Jam Sessions, Tue, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village. 967-8222

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

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

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

Ka Lena Na Keiki O Ka'ū, Wed, 4 – 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Nonprofit Family Support Hawai'i sponsors this free talent group, with Chassie Cantiberos teaching song and dance. 430-7886

Game Night, Wed, 6:30 – 9 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. Fun games & great conversation. Open to the public. Potluck first Wednesday of each month begins at 5:30 p.m.; bring a favorite dish for six. Sheri, 929-9258

Paneurthy, Thu, 9 a.m., Kahuku Park. Free walking circle dance that improves health, balance & spiritual development. Lisa Shock, 990-7729

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

VA Center for Veterans, Thu, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. David, 329-0574

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

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

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

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Ka'ū 'Ohana Band Rehearsals, Fri, 4 p.m., St. Jude's Church in Ocean View. Instruments provided; no experience necessary. Ka'ū School of the Arts, 854-1540 or info@kauarts.org

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Ka'ū Farmers Support Farmers Union to Uplift Family Growers

Ka'ū Farmers from Earth Matters, Ka'ū Coffee Mill, Kiolaka'a Mountain Farm and other representatives of local agriculture traveled to OK Farms in Hilo last month for the statewide Hawai'i Farmers Union United convention.

Jeff Melrose, who has mapped Hawai'i's agricultural footprint for years, presented maps, showing a predominance of pasture, macadamia, eucalyptus and coffee on this

island, with seed crops and a remnant of the mostly defunct sugar industry in the rest of the state. Melrose's State Agricultural Land Use Map can be seen at hdoa.hawaii.gov/salub. The Hawai'i County Food Self Sufficiency Baseline Study, a food probability map and other research on crops for this island can be seen at hawaiicountyag.com/research.

The hope of Hawai'i Farmers Union, Ka'ū President Greg Smith told *The Ka'ū Calendar* newspaper, is to uplift small farms growing food and advocate for laws allowing



Bounty of food presented at OK farms where Ka'ū growers attended the state farmer gathering.
Photo by Diana Howland

the group how the industry was started there and how to work through state Legislatures to legalize the growing of hemp – not to be confused with marijuana. Hemp is used for making fabrics, feed and many other products, they noted.

Ka'ū state Rep. Richard Creagan described the convention as “a beautiful gathering at a beautiful place. Lots of energy, new



Tulsi Gabbard promises to help uplift family farms at Hawai'i Farmers Union convention.

such useful crops as hemp.

Scott Enright, Chair of the state Department of Agriculture, told attendees last night that he backs the small farmer and in his position must work for all forms of agriculture.

Ka'ū's U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard was a keynote speaker. She recently toured Ka'ū farms and expressed support for the state's rural communities that she represents.

Three representatives of the hemp industry in Colorado and Vermont explained to

ideas, cooperation and optimism.”

National Farmers Union United President Roger Johnson addressed the group and announced that the Hawai'i Farmers Union state chapter could earn charter status in 2017 with “the continuation of excellent leadership,” increasing membership and increasing financial stability.

President of the statewide organization is Vince Mina who said the goal is for Hawai'i Farmers Union to reach a membership of 1000 in 2017. He was unanimously elected for another term.

Ed Olson, whose OK Farms is the venue for the weekend event, said, “I support Hawai'i Farmers Union and am happy to host the convention.”

To join the Ka'ū chapter of Hawai'i Farmers Union United, contact gailandgreg@mac.com. See <https://hfuuhi.org/>

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the minimum value of an expected outcome in civil cases to \$10,000 for allowing them to be heard by a jury. The current value is \$5,000. Another proposed state Constitutional Amendment would allow the state to distribute excess funds in its coffers - when they reach more than 5 percent of revenues for two consecutive years- to be used for debt service for state bonds or pensions and other post-employment benefit liabilities for state employees.

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Transfer Station to Move Away from Public Park Area

Ocean View's temporary transfer station is moving from its present park site to the location of the town's future permanent transfer station, county officials told about 35 residents on October 11. The announcement was made at a meeting called by Ocean View residents Mike and Debbie du Bois, and chaired by Ka'ū's recently re-elected County Council member Maile David. Environmental Management Director Bobby Jean Leithead-Todd and Solid Waste Director Greg Goodale answered questions about the transfer station.

It will take about a year to move the temporary transfer station from the park to a one-acre site within the 21-acre parcel where a permanent transfer station will be built. When complete, the new temporary facility will be open on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Leithead-Todd said that the long-awaited permanent transfer station would occupy a nine-acre site on the 21-acre parcel so that there would be a buffer of vacant land on the perimeter. It would be open three days a week.

Leithead-Todd bemoaned the rise in cost that almost killed the project. She explained that the budget for the whole facility was \$3 million, and originally the highway access was to cost \$450,000. The state highway department now wants to charge the county \$2 million for highway widening. "We are contracting out a new traffic study to try and eliminate the right turn acceleration lane in order to reduce the cost of improvements in the state highway right of way," Leithead-Todd said. State Rep. Richard Creagan has offered his services in negotiating better terms with the state highways department.



Ocean View's temporary transfer station where a concrete slab marks where, on Saturdays, two collection bins are parked for residents to drop off their bagged garbage from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The shipping container is the beverage container redemption center. At right, playing fields stretch away to a picnic area, basketball court, baseball field and playground at Kahuku Park. Drone Photo by John Fretz, of Ranchos Ocean View resident George Campbell commented that the meeting offered hope.

"I would like to see the temporary transfer station moved out of the park a lot faster – a year seems to be a long delay," he said. "As a member of the HOVE Road Maintenance Corp. board, I am very concerned about all these heavy vehicles tearing up our roads. The park needs to be a park again."

This decision is the latest of back-and-forth moves since the town was promised a "state of the art" transfer station in 2007.

At that time, Ocean View lacked a transfer station, which caused a proliferation of illegal garbage dumps.

In 2006 an 11-member task force and the county analyzed options and determined that the 21-acre parcel, currently owned by the county, was the most suitable. It is part of an undeveloped makai subdivision, fronting the highway near Iolani Street. This site was presented to residents at a public meeting on April 16, 2007 and was eventually adopted. Plans were drawn up,

and an environmental impact statement was completed in April 2008. At that time, the estimated cost was \$4.4 million. It was estimated that construction would begin in 2008, and the facility would be operational in 2009. Meanwhile, a temporary transfer station

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will begin to condense, and this clump of material attracts more gas and dust through gravity, which makes a bigger lump. It continues until all the gas and dust in the area has been lumped together or a star ignites. It has radiation (light), which will clear out the area around it. If there is lots of gas and dust, then more stars can form.

The end of this process, star formation from gas and dust, is well illustrated by the Merope Nebula, pictured here also. This wispy nebula is reflected light from Merope, a member of the Pleiades. This cluster formed from a nebula, much like the Orion nebula.

Friday Sunrise and Sunset times:

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Nov. 4	6:24 a.m.	5:47 p.m.
Nov. 11	6:28 a.m.	5:44 p.m.
Nov. 18	6:32 a.m.	5:43 p.m.
Nov. 25	6:36 a.m.	5:42 p.m.

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was built in 2010 to curb illegal dumping. It was located on land zoned "recreational," and bordering the town's park. The temporary transfer station was operated each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and accepted only bagged household garbage. In 2011, \$3 million was appropriated by the county for a permanent transfer station in

Moon Phases

Date	Moon Rise	Moon Set
First Quarter		
Nov. 7	12:49 p.m.	12:34 a.m.*
Full Moon		
Nov. 14	6:24 p.m.	7:43 a.m.*
Last Quarter		
Nov. 20	11:19 p.m.**	12:21 p.m.
New Moon		
Nov. 29	6:47 a.m.	6:18 p.m.

*The next morning

**The previous evening

Ocean View, and in 2012 the 21-acre lot was acquired.

About a year ago, Goodale wrote to David, stating that plans to build a permanent transfer station on the 21-acre site were to be scrapped, and the temporary transfer station would become Ocean View's permanent

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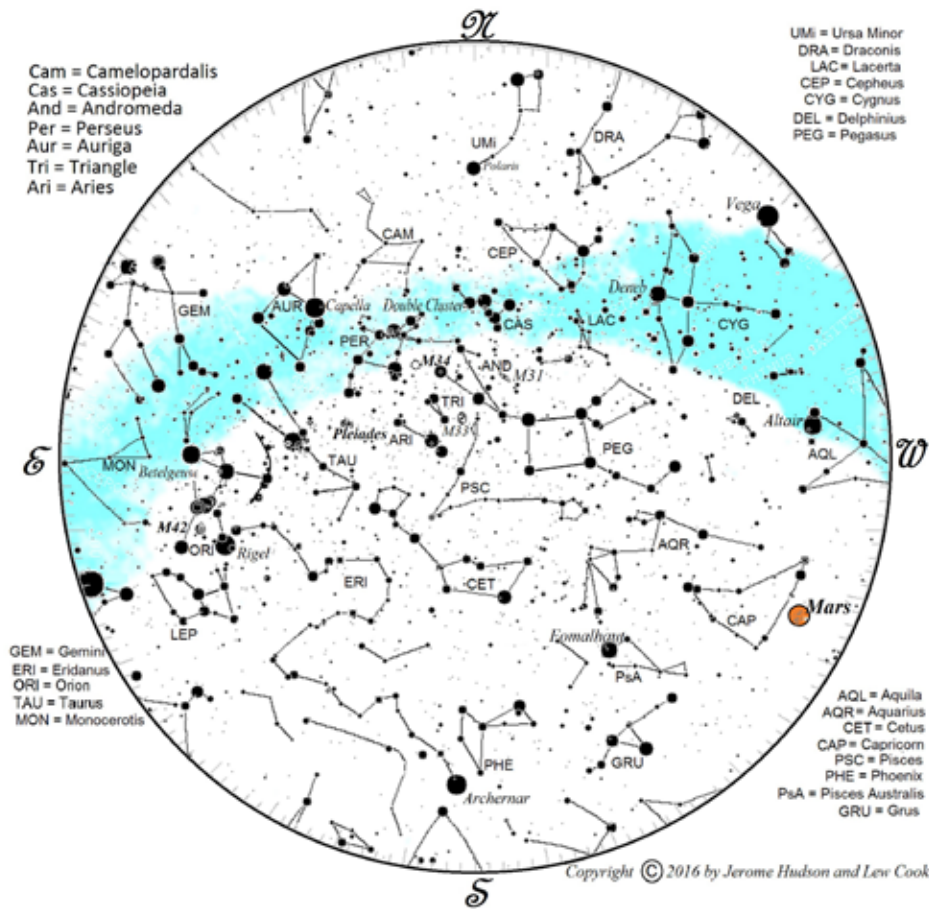
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Stars over Ka'ū - November 2016

by Lew Cook

Planets

Mars is the only planet visible at chart time and won't set in the southwest before sunset until the end of next July. It will lurk in the western dusk until the end of June 2017. After that, it will become unnoticeable until it sinks along with the sun. Venus makes its display in the early evening, but wait for the end of January 2017, when it puts on a real show in the evening twilight! Jupiter will rise later – about three hours before the sun on the morning of the Nov. 16.

The winter constellations are beginning to show themselves in the east. Perseus, slayer of the monster Medusa, is high in the north, Taurus the bull is high in the east, and Orion the hunter climbs lower in the east to join Auriga the charioteer higher up in the sky. Queen Cassiopeia sits on her throne on the meridian. Gone are Hercules, Lyra, Scorpius and Sagittarius.

During the first and last weeks of this month would be a great time to check out our brother galaxy, the Great Nebula in Andromeda. Those weeks have no moonlight that will bother your vision in a dark sky. Which is larger – the Milky

Way or the Andromeda Galaxy? The Milky Way, our galaxy, has between 200 and 400 billion stars. It is a huge galaxy! So how many stars are in the Andromeda galaxy? A new estimate has been developed based on data from the Spitzer Space Telescope. The Andromeda Galaxy contains one trillion stars, at least twice as many as the Milky Way.



M34, known by the designation that Charles Messier gave it, formed from a cloud of gas and dust between 200 and 250 million years ago. All the dust and gas has been blown away by the light from the stars.

Photo by Lew Cook



Light from Merope shines on the last remnants of the dust that formed the Pleiades 100 million years ago.

Photo by Lew Cook

An interesting group of stars is an association called M34. It was given this designation by Charles Messier, a French comet hunter who was active in the late 1700s. He published a catalog of fuzzy objects that did not move across the sky as comets do. He was distracted by these things that may be mistaken for comets and made a list of objects. This would guide himself and other comet hunters so they wouldn't waste their time on these things that appeared as fuzzy blobs through his telescope. He did discover 13 comets, but it is his catalog, first published in 1774 and a final version published in 1781, for which most astronomers know his name. It contained 103 objects.

How do clusters of stars form? They form from clouds of gas and dust, like the Orion Nebula. In it, a clump of dust

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Ka'ū Hospital Staff Joins Islandwide Disaster Drill

An aircraft refueling truck explodes at Hilo Airport causing a fire with numerous casualties. The large number of casualties, overwhelms the resources at Hilo Medical Center and some patients are sent to Ka'ū Hospital. This was an islandwide drill for which Ka'ū Hospital stepped up on Oct. 17.



Jerelyn Hammer, RN, and Director of Nursing Sherrie Bazin.



April Kekoa, RN with Michael and Cara Reddy and children Reyna and Josiah participate in Ka'ū Hospital's disaster drill last month. *Photos from Ka'ū Hospital.*

Ka'ū Hospital Administrator Marilyn Harris reports that Registered Nurses Jerelyn Hammer and Michael Reddy planned and organized Ka'ū's participation in this event. "The purpose was to practice our own disaster preparedness, which included using the disaster equipment that we keep stored for emergencies," said Harris. The Ka'ū Hospital team practiced triage protocols using a nationally recognized process called START (Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment) protocol.

"The purpose of START," Harris explained, "is to provide a quick way to sort patients so that maximum use is made of the available resources to care for victims of mass events. To help with that task we had eight community volunteers who acted as patients who arrived in various stages of trauma. They were Ron Ebert, Emily Nordstrom, Jessie and Raymond Marques, Cara Reddy and her two children, Reyna and Josiah, as well as four off duty CNAs Maria Aurelio, Maricelle Cabrera and Justie Wroblewski."

The hospital administrator said the disaster drill "was a tremendously effective learning event for all involved, made all the



Ka'ū Hospital staffers Jerelyn Hammer and Michael Reddy suited up at Hilo Medical Center.

more impactful by the great acting done by our volunteer victims so we're very thankful for their participation. The experience greatly improved our disaster preparedness and sparked enthusiasm for future drills."

She said that the next drill, to be held early next year, will call on the Ka'ū Hospital staff to practice setting up its decontamination tent and equipment which would be needed if victims were exposed to some kind of lethal material.

We're very fortunate to have Jerelyn Hammer, RN on our staff. Her experience as



Karen Slak, RN and disaster drill patients Ron Ebert, Maria Aurelio and Justie Wroblewski.

an active member of the Hawaii Emergency Response Team (HERT) makes her the perfect choice to be the disaster coordinator for Ka'ū Hospital.

Ka'ū Hospital Welcomes Nurse Practitioner Lewis

Ka'ū Hospital celebrates the return of nurse practitioner Megan Lewis, who worked at the clinic last fall. She joined the permanent staff on Sept. 1 and sees patients Tuesday through Friday. In addition to her nurse practitioner skills, Lewis is certified to give PUC physicals. Ka'ū Hospital Administrator Marilyn Harris said, "Patients really love her."

Susan Field, the Nurse Practitioner and Clinic Manager with Ka'ū since 2013, serves the community on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, "helping to ensure that our patients have access to care when they need it," said Harris.

Harris also reported that Dr. Dexter Hayes announced she will leave Jan. 9 "to pursue a year of adventure. Dr. Hayes has been with us for six years and has decided to take some well-deserved time for herself to travel, visit friends and family and enjoy her passion for diving vacations."

Dr. Carey Gear will complete a year-long commitment to Ka'ū Hospital on Nov. 30. "We have appreciated his service to our community over the past year and wish him the very best," Harris said.

Meanwhile, Ka'ū Hospital is recruiting for another permanent physician to join the clinic team. There will be no interruption in services, and "we look forward to continu-



Nurse Practitioner Megan Lewis, center, joins Dr. Dexter Hayes, left, and Nurse Practitioner and Clinic Manager Susan Field.

Photo from Ka'ū Hospital Rural Health Clinic

ing to be your local source of medical care for you and your family," Harris said.



Community health team: Donna Kekoa, Stacyn Lopez, Sunshine Kahapea, Resa Salmo, program coordinator Jessie Marques, office manager Theresa Richardson. Back row: Daniel Mokiao, Nicole Moore, BettyJo Adams. *Photo from Ka'ū Resource & Distance Learning Center*

Community Health Workers Graduate to Serve Ka'ū

Internships are next for graduates of a pilot health care program offered at Ka'ū Resource & Distance Learning Center. Nine students graduated yesterday after finishing a year of online classes that prepared them to become community health workers. Students also read textbooks that are used in classes at Maui and Kapi'olani Community Colleges. Graduates will offer outreach and health assessment to the community and refer patients to medical providers.

Subjects included medical terminology, emergency response, CPR, first aid and caregiving for the elderly. The students also studied HIPAA, the federal law that protects personal medical information and recognizes the rights to relevant medical information of family caregivers and others directly involved in providing or paying for care.

Students took three courses in six-week sessions. Graduates were required to complete final exams with scores of 80 percent or higher.

Resa Salmo, a student from Volcano, said that community health workers provide *The Ka'ū Calendar*

"a little bit more trust" to residents who need medical attention but hesitate to seek it.

Ka'ū High graduate Stacyn Lopez, activities director at Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home in Hilo, said the program was a great opportunity. Lopez said she has been working with Ka'ū Rural Health Community Association, Inc. Executive Director Jesse Marques since she was eight years old.

Other graduates are Betty Jo Adams, Krystalyn Gascon, Sunshine Kahapea, Donna Kekoa, Daniel Mokiao, Nicole Moore and Mahealani Taganas.

Ka'ū Hospital has agreed to participate in the internship program, along with Hui Malama Ola Na 'Oiwi and Hilo Medical Center.

Funding for the program came from several sources, including the state Department of Health Family Health Services, a Hawai'i County grant-in-aid and Alu Like. Marques said a second program may be offered based on success of internships and employment of graduates.

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Kīlauea 1916 ... and Beyond Looks at Rich History

By popular request, Kīlauea Drama & Entertainment Network to reprise *Kīlauea 1916: A Centennial Celebration*, which looks back at the people who were a part of the beginnings of Kīlauea Military Camp and explores the unique partnership between KMC and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, both of which opened in 1916. There is so much history in the area, KMC is taking a look at some of the people who were there when it all began; businessmen, politicians, Buffalo soldiers and the local Japanese immigrants.

The *Kīlauea 1916* part is a series of vignettes in which characters tell their story, narrated by a reporter having a conversation with Mrs. Isabel Jaggar as she prepares to board a ship in Honolulu to take her back to Hilo and her Volcano home. On the dock are musicians playing music of the era. Characters in the show include Dr. Thomas Jaggar, Lorrin Thurston, Gov. Walter Frear, Cpl. Ovid Smith, George Lycurgus, Mitsue Tanaka, Shizuka Yasunaka and Hidechi Yasunaka.

The ... and Beyond part continues the history of KMC by telling stories of veterans, some who were either stationed at or



Dr. Jaggar (Dick Hershberger), Lorrin Thurston (Steve Peyton) and Gov. Walter Frear (Joel Kelley) meet to discuss the forming of Kīlauea and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Photo by Stacy Halemano

vacationed at KMC, with the most famous of all being Gen. Dwight Eisenhower in 1946. Other characters include Civilian Conservation Corps workers, internees, a fighter pilot, a Navy chaplain in Korea, a Marine in Vietnam and a medic in Iraq. The common thread is the postmaster who weaves the his-

tory of KMC with the stories being told.

Ka'ū resident Dick Hershberger, who portrays Jaggar in KMC's Living History program *A Walk Into the Past*, wrote this look at some of the characters who were part of the Volcano community as KMC and the park became realities, plus the stories of the veterans and a few other characters who were important to the history of the area.

Members of the cast include Arlene Araki, Stephen Bond, Bill Chikasuye, Teresa Christian, Asia Helfrich, Dick Hershberger,

Joel Kelley, Steve Peyton and Ray Ryan. Karl Halemano is coordinating the music with Hal Tredinnick, Jade Malia Tredinnick and Mars, Susie, and Olivia Halemano performing.

Performances on Veterans Day weekend, Nov. 11, 12 and 13, at KMC's Kīlauea Theater are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door.

For reservations or more information, call 982-7344 or email kden73@aol.com.

Artists Hui Celebrates Thirty Years

Thirty years ago, a small group of Volcano Village artists had an informal studio sale of their artworks on Thanksgiving weekend. What started out as a small venture has expanded into one of the most exciting art events of the year. Folks come from all over to get a head start on Christmas shopping, have lunch at local Volcano restaurants and enjoy the festive atmosphere that always accompanies this Village event.

The event includes classic pieces and new works inspired by Hawai'i Island, all reasonably priced. If you think you can't afford to have that new piece of art on your wall or find a beautiful pottery bowl for a special gift, think again.

Today, the hui has 14 artists and craftspeople with six open studios and galleries. Meet the artists in their studios, and see artwork in a wide variety of media including hand-blown art glass, wood and metal sculpture, pottery, jewelry and fiber art as well as paintings, wood cut prints, photography and more.

New Radio, cont. from pg. 4 Fund.

The Hawai'i International Music Festival held



'Amakihi artist Elizabeth Miller is a member of Volcano Village Artists Hui.

Image from Artists Hui


Hours for the Thanksgiving weekend Studio Tour are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A special drawing for pieces contributed by each of the artists will be held on the final day of the tour.

For more information, call 987-3472 or 985-7487. Maps to artists' studios are available at local businesses and galleries in Volcano and at volcanovillageartistshui.com.

concerts in Volcano and at Pāhala Plantation House in August and helped to start raising additional funding from Ka'ū supporters of HPR. Donations will soon be sent to the station, said festival co-founder Amy Shoremount-Obra, a soprano with the Metropolitan Opera in New York and family member to Ka'ū Coffee farmers and marketers.

The HPR-2 programs, broadcasting for the first time in Volcano and in Ka'ū, include a mix of national and international news, talk, entertainment, and music. Popular programs are *Fresh Air* (weekdays, 3 p.m.), *Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me* (Saturdays, 11 a.m.), the station's talk shows *The Conversation* (weekdays, 8 a.m.) or *The Body Show*, *Bytemarks Café*, and *Town Square* (weekdays, 5 p.m.), and the locally-produced jazz, Hawaiian, blues, and Latin music programs. See more at hawaiipublicradio.org



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Koholā at Ka Lae: Respected Messenger for the Ocean

A Koholā recently beached itself at Ka Lae and later died. According to Nohea Ka'awa, who witnessed the tragedy, false killer whales rarely beach themselves, "though it is the second finding here in Ka'ū within a short amount of time. They usually beach themselves only when severely sick and do it as an aid to stay afloat so that there's no struggle to breathe. Should they be stranded in the ocean while sick, they could die of drowning. In this situation, the tide was on the rise, and winds picked up, making it difficult to assist in any way as she stressed while injuring herself on the reef. She died at around 10:40 a.m."

Ka'awa reported that a NOAA employee and two Hawai'i Division of Conservation & Resources Enforcement officers



A koholā, false killer whale, passed away at Ka Lae. Photo by Nohea Ka'awa



Rodney Kuahiwinui measures the Kohola.

Photo by Nohea Ka'awa documented the incident and that NOAA decided to have the whale transported to O'ahu for further testing and to find out the exact cause of death. Rodney Kuahiwinui took measurements and transported the whale from Ka'ū to be moved off island.

"For myself and many cultural practitioners of our Hawaiian traditions, the function of the Koholā within our ecosystem is highly respected," Ka'awa said. "The Koholā and Palaoa is mentioned in our Kumulipo: 'Hānau ka palaoa noho i kai,' Born is the whale living in the ocean.

"These Kupuna are messengers who speak of the condition of our oceans. Whales are Kinolau (manifestations) of Kanaloa (Deity of the deep Ocean). Kanaloa is our ancestor where deep knowledge is acquired through our conciusness and unconciousness. I carry a direct lineal tie to this Akua!

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transfer station at the park site. Many residents did not welcome this news. They felt that the existing park and trash collection were incompatible uses for adjacent sites. They objected to added traffic in the heart of a residential neighborhood and the excessive wear on the privately maintained neighborhood roads by heavy vehicles.

On June 28, a community meeting was called by du Bois to meet the county's waste management planners. Residents were able to con-

vince Leithead-Todd and Goodale to pursue plans for a permanent transfer station on the 21-acre site, as originally planned, and to keep the temporary one temporary.

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My last name is Ka'awa ('awa, kavakava) which too is yet another Kinolau of Kanaloa. My ancestors were known as dream interpreters and would be sought out by our Ali'i to aid transcribing.

"When this Koholā died, those present could feel her death within their na'au. It was bittersweet! As kanaka, we have a lot

of Kuleana to our Mother Earth. Without her, our survival is no more. It is my hope that NOAA will treat this Koholā with the respect that they would the death of one of their family members. If not, she should be returned to Ka'ū (where she chose to die) so that proper protocol can be performed."

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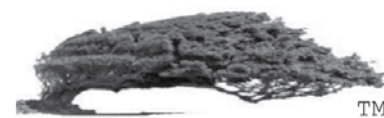
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Chamber Art Entries Due Nov. 14

Entries to the Annual Chamber of Commerce Art Show will be accepted at Nā'ālehu Hongwanji, Monday, Nov. 14, between 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The show will be open to the public on Tues., Nov. 15 through Friday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The public will vote for the image to be used on the 2017 cover of *The Directory*, the Chamber's annual community and business guide.

During the week of the show, business owners have the opportunity to sponsor a work of art by making a donation to the Chamber and sponsoring the artist entry fee. Sponsors will be allowed to show the sponsored art at their places of business for up to three weeks.

During the showing all week at Nā'ālehu Honwanji, those works of art that are for sale will be priced on a list available from art

show volunteers.

The results of judging of all categories and the selection for *The Directory* cover will be announced Saturday, Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. at Nā'ālehu Hongwanji, when artists are invited to a reception and awards ceremony.

All entries are eligible to win popular vote (the cover) including youth and keiki, with the exception of all previous cover winners. Registration is \$5 per adult entry, \$2.50 per youth entry and \$1 per keiki entry. Prizes will be given for: photography, sculpture, woodworking, quilting, jewelry, lei, graphics, painting and weaving. There are separate youth and keiki categories.

Entry forms are available at local schools and merchants, on the Chamber website and at the door during art drop-off hours.

The Directory is published in January.

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At that meeting, Ocean View resident Maria Schenkeir pointed out that dumped appliances, tires and large items, which are difficult to dispose of under current county rules, are lining the driveway on the county's 21-acre parcel. "This is just the same as your old-fashioned dump that was open 24/7," she said. "Why are we spending money on the temporary transfer station when we could be building a permanent one?" Ocean View resident Loren Heck pointed out that the temporary site is zoned "recreational" and could be closed by anyone objecting. At the community meeting last week, Leithead-Todd and Goodale assured residents that

the permanent transfer station was again an objective, and the "temporary" transfer station would be moved from the circle and temporarily sited on one acre of the 21-acre parcel. If built as envisioned in 2007, the permanent transfer station will consist of trash chutes, recycling bins, a hazardous waste collection area, a container redemption center, service roads and a visual buffer. It may also include scrap metal collection bins and a reuse area.

Leithead-Todd said she will be retiring before the end of the year, but would forward all her information and community requests to the new director, who will be appointed by Mayor-elect Harry Kim.



Twelve students and mentors hiked and camped from Punalu'u to Ka Lae during fall break.

Photo from Nohea Ka'awa

Students Hike Ka'ū Coast for Fall Break

A five-day, four-night Ka'ū hike challenged a dozen high school students over the 2016 fall break from Oct. 10 – 14 through 'Imi Pono no ka 'Āina, with Emily Leucht and Amelie Sterling. Support came from the state Division of Forestry and Wildlife with Nohea Ka'awa; The Nature Conservancy with John Replogle, Shalan Crysdale and Linda Schubert; Ala Kahakai Trail system with Keoni Fox; and Three Mountain Alliance with Colleen Cole, Kellen Galban, Nick Martin and Chiko Mihara.

During the 30-mile hike starting at Punalu'u, students camped at Honu'apo, Waikapuna and Ka'alu'alu. After reaching Ka Lae, they were taken up to Kiolaka'a Cabin to spend their last night.

Students from Ka'ū, Kea'au, Waiākea,

Hilo, Pana'ewa and Keaukaha were Meilin Galban-Kinin, Bryana Grace, Ke'alahilani Grace, Keilana Hunter, Keahiloa Kanahale, Kelly Kaneko, Faith Kraus, Keali'i Lovell, Preston Pua-Queja, Pohnu Puniwai and Makana Uribe-Bounos.

'Imi Pono no ka 'Āina means "seeking excellence for the land," noted Nohea Ka'awa. Its mission is to provide conservation-themed programs for students, teachers and community members to strengthen environmental and cultural consciousness and to instill in participants a sense of kuleana so that they will become advocates of the land.

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