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Tahara Store Historical Information and Stories Sought

We recently received a very gratifying letter from an old-time Pa'auilo Mauka family now living in Honolulu. The letter provided some interesting history about a home on the eastern end of Pa'auilo Mauka Road once known as Tahara Store but now a private residence. You probably recognize it as that nice little house just past the Vanilla Company with the red and yellow gas pump in front. Here's an excerpt from the letter, written by Lynette Tahara Kim:

"Our "Fat" Tahara family lived with my grandma at her store until I was in the 5th grade and attending Pa'auilo Elementary and Intermediate School. We were back to visit the store (passing by) in September where Kaye Lundburg's family now lives. I viewed the short video clips of the families who live there and this brought back wonderful memories of my grandma's store and picking coffee and also raiding her jars of candy. What wonderful memories we



PMKCA President Joe Clarkson

HAWAIIAN TEL DSL

Hawaiian Telcom has confirmed that they have completed upgrades to the DSL substation on Kalaniai Road. This substation serves the Kalopa Mauka area and part of Kaapahu Homesteads.

DSL customers in Kalopa Mauka should have noticed increased speeds and almost no buffering when streaming video. Existing customers may want to verify with Hawaiian Telcom customer service whether the internet package they currently receive can be upgraded to a higher bandwidth service. Of all who use the Kalaniai substation my home is farthest away, so speeds were never very good. After consulting with Hawaiian Telcom, I was able to more than double my previous bandwidth for no extra cost.

I have received conflicting reports as to

have of our times there. My dad died at age 62 years but my mother Mildred Tanimoto Tahara is still very well and beautiful at the age of 91. She still drives and does her own house work and gardeni.

"I would love to get in touch with anyone there who has history. I remember the Kamedas, Wakahiros, Arakis, Kimuras, De Luzs, Ramos, Dias, Kaitano family. Wonderful memories. I know of the Theater productions in the garage that my grandpa put on for the community. This has been told by my mom. I also remember when the De Luz were herding their cattle to the slaughter house that we had to close the store door so the cattle wouldn't come in. There were exciting times for us. Thank you for perpetuating the Pa'auilo Mauka Kalopa Community Association. I hope to hear from you soon."

If you're interested in learning more about the Tahara Store or contacting the author of the letter, Ms. Lynette Tahara Kim, please contact PMKCA's Duncan Dempster at duncdemp@gmail.com.

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how much these recent upgrades will enable new customers to sign up for DSL service. Telephone customers should call Hawaiian Telcom to verify whether DSL service can be made available to them. I do know of one person who had been attempting to get DSL for more than three years without success. Since the upgrade he was able to get service within just a few days.

PMKCA is still waiting for information from Hawaiian Telcom as to any possible upgrade of the substation in the Pa'auilo Mauka area. However, one of our members who lives in this area (i.e. the "776" exchange area) was recently advised by HawnTel Customer Support that there are no current plans to upgrade DSL service in that area. We are ever hopeful that more upgrades may be made soon.

Direct Wireless from Hawaii Broadband

It has been more than 14 months since Bob Holmes, the owner of Hawaii Broadband, promised high speed direct wireless service to Kalopa and Pa'auilo Mauka at our 2015 PMKCA general meeting. The original Hawaii Broadband direct wireless concept seemed technically viable and many potential customers were eager for his promised high speed internet service. It is very disappointing that nothing has come to fruition even after several potential customers made substantial advance deposits for service. I now have doubts whether a direct wireless option for internet access will ever be made available through this company. I can only hope that my doubts are mistaken.

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