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## Lāna'ī airport firefighters: preparing for an aircraft disaster



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For the past three years, George Purdy, airport fire lieutenant, and Mana Rajaei (since July, 2022, when he was hired), have been preparing for an aircraft disaster drill (scheduled for September 9, 2022) that will test in real-time not only the procedures and capabilities outlined in the Airport Emergency Plan (AEP), but how well they themselves focus and perform time-critical tasks under extreme pressure, in the highest-stakes situation a firefighter and other emergency personnel can know: the race to save human lives.

The triennial aircraft disaster drill, which includes an incident scenario that involves multiple passengers in a plane crash, will also test how well local resources, such as county firefighters on island, the Red Cross, personnel from the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and Maui Emergency Management, work together. (Not pictured: Kainoa Liu and Guy de Silva) *Photography by Ron Gingerich*

## The flashcards

**M**y grandmother would cut empty cardboard boxes of NesQuik and Apple Jacks and Peanut Butter Cap'n Crunch into rectangles and, with the care of a calligrapher and in a neat and elegant hand, the ascenders and descenders running precisely to the edge, write down the names of objects in her house on 'Ilima Avenue. *Pincushion. Curtains. Kitchen table. Window. Piano. Spatula. Doorknob.*

Sometimes, she also would write down the names of animals and vegetables and people in our family onto the flashcards. *Cornelio. Consortia. Melanio. Bruno. Eggplant. Dandelion.* At the time, the words seemed random to me. Whatever words popped into her head as she laid a blank flashcard on the table. But my grandmother was a teacher of English as a Second Language for adults, and as I think back on the vocabulary she came up with, I am sure she considered the pedagogical value of each word, thought about the word's utility to us as immigrants in a new country. These were words native speakers of the English language would know, words that were part of their culture. *Television. Faucet. Grocery store.*

The towering deck of words I would arrange into three or four stacks, then shuffle them. *Ready?* I would ask my cousin, flipping the card over and displaying it theatrically above my head, as though I were a magician and I had plucked the words out of the air.

*Sound it out. You know this word.* This was my job after school when I was five years old, teaching my cousin how to read, cheering her on, as we sat cross-legged on the floor and wove an incantation of common objects and stalwart nouns, the afternoon light streaming through the curtains and into my grandmother's parlor and turning all that it touched into gold.

Sometimes I would say, *Put your thinking cap on*, an idiom I had picked up and loved to death, so tickled by the idea that there could be an object that one could doff at leisure and screw on one's head to come up with the correct answers.

My cousin liked that expression, too, and would try harder if the word would not come to her. She knew each letter had a sound, and often more than one sound, but sometimes the suffixes stumped her. *Carnateeyon?*, she asked once. I shook my head. *Remember, t-i-o-n sounds like shun. Carnay-shun. Vacay-shun. Po-shun.* When she would get the word, when she had puzzled it through, the sounds of the word clicking and falling into place, like tumblers in a lock, the word vocalized into being and sitting between us in the room, her eyes

would light up and she would giggle happily. Helping my cousin learn to read remains one of my favorite memories as a child.

The deck of words she could read kept growing. Stacked one on top of the other, the cards toppled over. Soon, she would learn them all and outgrow them. She would graduate to hardcover books. I couldn't wait for that day.

But I am painting a rosy picture of me as a patient teacher. And nothing could be further from the truth. A cheerleader, yes. Encouragement has always been my middle name. But patience remains a virtue that I have chased after all of my life, wanting it to be part of my nature, but often out of step with its deliberate and leisurely pace.

One day, my cousin and I were reading on my grandmother's couch after school. I could hear my grandmother pattering in the kitchen. My cousin was flipping the pages of a Dr. Seuss book, "Hop on Pop", and came across words that she did not know: "Constantinople and Timbuktu".

Sound it out, I told her. The words seem to swim before her like darting fish. *Con stahn ty no plee? And timbokahtu?* She kept falling over the words, time and again, the sounds mangled and strange. In a fit of exasperation, I grabbed the book from her hands.

Constantinople and Timbuktu!, I shouted, drilling my index finger into her forehead. "Nelinia!" my grandmother gasped. She stamped into the parlor and stood before me, fixing me with a severe and disapproving look. It was the disappointment in her eyes that hurt me most.

I'm sorry, I cried, ashamed of myself. My cousin's eyes filled with tears. She would not look at me.

When I look back on that day, I understand my impatience was born out of a frustration, of wanting and rushing my cousin, who was also my classmate, to be able to stand alongside me in the classroom. I could not articulate what was then just a shadowy sense in my mind, but was a truth my grandmother knew about the world, that literacy and the command of language was a way to find equal footing at school, and for our parents, in the pineapple fields. And if we knew the language and knew how to read, we would finally fit in.



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# New bivalent COVID-19 boosters offer enhanced protection

Hawai'i DOH press release

**T**he Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) recommended on September 1, 2022, the use of the first bivalent booster vaccines designed specifically to protect against original COVID-19 and BA.4 and BA.5 Omicron subvariants, the most common forms of COVID-19 in Hawai'i.

The BA.5 subvariant accounts for an estimated 91 percent of the COVID-19 cases in Hawai'i. The BA.4 subvariant accounts for an additional 4 percent of the cases in Hawai'i.

"The COVID-19 boosters we have been using do a good job of protecting us against severe illness. The new bivalent boosters are an upgrade because they take into account mutations of the COVID-19 virus to specifically address Omicron subvariants," said Dr. Elizabeth Char, FACEP, state health director.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued Emergency Use Authorization for the bivalent COVID-19 boosters August 31, 2022. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and DOH recommend the bivalent booster manufactured by Pfizer-BioNTech for people age 12 and older. They recommend the bivalent booster by Moderna for adults age 18 and older.

The new bivalent vaccines are to be administered as a single booster dose to those who previously completed a primary series of COVID-19 vaccines and those who have had one or two booster doses. Bivalent boosters can only be administered if it has been at least two months since a person's most recent vaccination.

The bivalent vaccines replace previously authorized monovalent mRNA boosters for people age 12 and older. The DOH and CDC continue to recommend Pfizer's monovalent boosters for children ages 5 through 11.

The federal government allotted DOH initial orders totaling 37,800 doses of bivalent boosters. Those initial orders will arrive in the coming days. DOH will place additional orders weekly as needed. Pharmacies and community health centers are placing orders for bivalent doses independent of DOH. Scheduling of booster appointments will be done by individual vaccine providers once they receive delivery of bivalent boosters. Find information about providers and the services they offer by visiting the vaccine finder map at <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/vaccine/>



## Cut to the chase

### Community

- **County of Maui Department of Environmental Management** will be collecting white goods, metals and e-waste, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., October 1, 2022, at the Pūlama Lāna'i Fleet Yard. Items accepted: air-conditioning units, batteries, computers, copiers, household appliances, metals, monitors, propane tanks, refrigerators, stoves, washers and dryers, water heaters, tires, TVs, printers. Business and commercial accounts will be charged a fee. Residents to unload their own items. Staff will assist with large items requiring a forklift. Call Refrigerant Recycling Inc., (808) 351-3504 or the County Abandoned Vehicles and Metals Office, (808) 270-6102 for more information. For information on electronics recycling, call the County E-cycling hotline, (808) 280-6460.
- **Festivals of Aloha Lāna'i**, October 1, 2022. 10 a.m.: Festival Parade around Dole Park square. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Ho'olaule'a in Dole Park, featuring entertainment, cultural demonstrations, food vendors. Celebration to include lei, aloha attire, and keiki art contests.
- **Lāna'i Chamber of Commerce** Open Membership meeting for all LCoC members and any guests, 8 a.m.-9 a.m., September 23, 2022, Lāna'i City Bar and Grill; a light breakfast will be served. The membership meetings represent a new start for the chamber and opportunities to share ideas on revitalizing the chamber and improving commerce in the Lāna'i community. Please RSVP [lcocchair@gmail.com](mailto:lcocchair@gmail.com) for a head count for the light breakfast. Questions? Contact Jay at [jaymargulies@me.com](mailto:jaymargulies@me.com)
- **Lāna'i DG Solar** Open House, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., October 12, 2022, The Filipino Clubhouse, 450 Jacaranda Street, Lāna'i. The purpose of the Open House is to share information about a solar renewal energy project proposed to be developed in Lāna'i City, near the airport, and to solicit public comments to be filed with the Public Utilities Commission. For more information, call (808) 755-4195 or visit [www.nexteraenergyresources.com/lanai-solar.html](http://www.nexteraenergyresources.com/lanai-solar.html)
- Recently released inmates are eligible for vocational training tuition assistance through **Maui Economic Opportunity** until the end of 2022 when COVID-19 funding for the program ends. The MEO-run program helps released inmates find work, renew their driver's license and/or acquire new skills that might lead to better-paying positions. Vocational training offered in auto services, computer support, construction, cosmetology, dental care, food services, health care, manufacturing, and trucking. Contact Jennifer Grancha, (808) 243-4356, for more information.
- September is **National Suicide Prevention Month**. Resources available for those in emotional or mental distress or in crisis. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, a 24-hour hotline: (800) 273-8255 (TALK); Hawai'i Cares (800) 753-6879; National Crisis Text Line, a 24-hour texting service; text "ALOHA" to 741-741; The Trevor Project, for LGBTQ+ youth, (866) 488 7386, text (202) 304-1200 or chat online at [TrevorChat.org](https://www.trevorchat.org)

## Housing Leasing office's new location

**P**ūlama Lāna'i's Housing Leasing office has moved to the Dole Administration Building, 730 Lāna'i Avenue, Suite 120. (If you enter from the front of DAB, take the sidewalk and walk up the steps. The Leasing office is on your left.) Hours of operation: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Tenants can drop off their rent payment and any other documents in the drop box located on the door of Suite 120.

### Important date for the Hōkūao Application and Lottery Process:

**November 5:** Lottery at the Dole Administration Building, Pūlama Lāna'i's Leasing office (for affordable homes only). Email [hokuao@pulamalanai.com](mailto:hokuao@pulamalanai.com) for more information.

To check out textiles, materials, and surfaces, and to get a feel of the furnishings in a Hōkūao home, stop by the Hōkūao Information Center, a room adjoining the Leasing office.

**‘Ōlelo No‘eau - Po‘e ho‘ohāhā pa‘akai.** *Salt gatherers.* A derogatory expression for people who do nothing that requires courage or stamina. Salt-gathering is an easy task that even a child can do (Pukui 292).

## Revised version of bill to protect native birds from outdoor lighting

Maui County Council press release

**M**aiui County Council’s Climate Action, Resilience and Environment Committee reviewed August 31, 2022, a revised version of a bill to protect native Hawaiian seabirds from outdoor lighting, incorporating clarifying language based on recent public testimony and comments from county departments.

The proposed CD2 version of Bill 21, CD1, FD1 (2022) incorporates amendments to exempt most residential uses, clarifies the exemptions for evening sporting events and emergency services, and provides information about the benefits of dark skies and protections for sea turtles. The council passed the bill on the first of two required readings on July 1, and at the request of administration officials, returned it to committee July 18 for further review.

“The main objective is to honor biodiversity and the culture of ‘āina first in the community,” said King, who chairs the committee and holds the seat for the South Maui residency area. “The revised bill achieves that goal while including requested changes for clarity. Dark night skies hold important cultural, astronomical and tourism-related values, all of which are negatively impacted as a result of increased artificial lighting.”

King noted the council has adopted Resolutions 21-166 and 22-135, both of which support the perpetuation of biodiversity. Seabird conservationists, astronomers, cultural practitioners and environmental activists have provided input on the bill, which she called “science-based legislation.”

Existing shielded streetlights on Maui Veterans Highway and on Kenolio Road are compliant with the bill, as are Beachside Lighting Honolulu, Amazon and Home Depot that sell lights, King said.

Following a series of committee meetings on the bill from February through June, Committee Report 22-47 was presented to the council, which included data presented to the committee showing “that artificial lighting has a major negative impact on various species of animals but is particularly harmful to birds.”

Bill 21’s provisions would be part of the Maui County Code’s Chapter 20.35, King said, whose purpose is “establish standards to limit degradation of the night’s visual environment.” For more information, contact the Office of Council Services at (808) 270-8008.



An ‘ua’u (Hawaiian petrel), a native Hawaiian seabird, inside a burrow. During fledgling season (November to December), the ‘ua’u fledgling is one of a species of seabirds that confuses bright artificial urban lights from the illumination of the moon, growing disoriented and exhausted as it circles the lights, then falling from the sky to the ground, where it becomes vulnerable to predators, such as feral cats or dogs. A revised version of Bill 21 seeks to protect native Hawaiian seabirds from outdoor lighting. *Photograph courtesy of Pūlama Lāna‘i Conservation department*

## Maui County Council receives national award for youth engagement

Maui County Council press release

**T**he National Association of Counties presented the Maui County Council with a 2022 Achievement Award in Civic Engagement and Public Information for the youth-focused ‘Imi Pono Challenge at NACo’s annual conference in July.

In the summer of 2020, Lee and her colleagues launched the ‘Imi Pono Challenge in collaboration with middle and high school students to create sustainable solutions to the negative social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Lee said the program was created to inspire the youth of Maui County to

be involved in community affairs and seek righteousness, or ‘imi pono.

“We wanted to harness ideas from Maui County’s young people and remind them they always have a seat at the table when it comes to community building and recovery,” said Lee, who holds the council seat for the Wailuku-Waihe‘e-Waikapū residency area. “We will continue to look at innovative ways to engage our youth and keep them connected to key issues.”

Lee said there were 175 entries from 15 schools across the county in 2020.\* Winning participants were recognized and given the opportunity to connect with community mentors to bring their ideas to life, she said.

Lee said the council has partnered with Maui Economic Opportunity and others in the community to make ‘Imi Pono a perpetual program.

“We are so excited that a program like this can be created and sustained,” said Debbie Cabebe, MEO’s chief executive officer.

The theme of the 2023 ‘Imi Pono Challenge will be on the prevention of underage drinking and raising awareness of the dangerous appeal of juice-flavored alcoholic beverages.

Cabebe said the program will mount a public-education campaign early in 2023, which include public service announcements, posters and appeals to merchants.

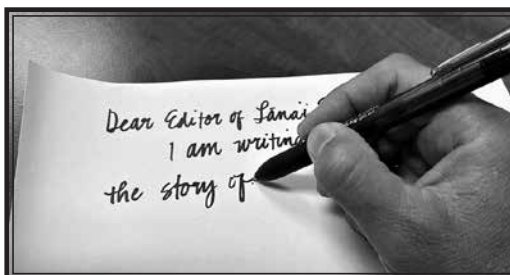
For more information, please contact the Office of Council Services at (808) 270-8008 or the office of Debbie Cabebe at (808) 249-2990.

**Editor’s note:** \* In the 2020 inaugural run of the ‘Imi Pono Challenge, Jacob Janikowski and a few of his classmates, then sophomores at Lāna‘i High & Elementary, were among the high school students in the county to submit ideas that would help boost Maui County’s economy during the pandemic. Janikowski’s entry of home-learning desks was a response to remote learning instruction necessitated by the pandemic. Their idea won the LHS students second place (see February 2021, *Lāna‘i Today*).



One of five home-learning desk prototypes that Lāna‘i High School’s Jacob Janikowski and his sophomore classmates built for the 2020 ‘Imi Pono Challenge. The LHS entry won second place. *Photograph courtesy of Jacob Janikowski*

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



I would like to ask your help in locating Lāna‘i families of several Fallen Heroes who served in the Vietnam War. I have worked on the Wall of Faces project with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund in Washington, D.C. for 11 years now, finding a photo

for each of the 58,281 names on the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C. I am searching for the families of the following: Narcisco Bertomen, Jr., Dalmacio Pascua, Jr., Joseph Sarocam, and Leonard Tadios.

I searched for six months back in 2011 for the photos of these young men. With the help of the local high school and friends I rec’d [sic] their photos. I am writing a book about the 42 Fallen from the Vietnam War from Maui County.

I would like to know a little more about each of the Fallen. If you know the families or were friends with any of the above individuals, please contact me (**Janna Hoehn**) at neverforgotten2014@gmail.com.

‘Umi ka hanu i ka houpo. Hold back the breath in the chest. Bear with utmost patience (Pukui 314).

## Lower fuel prices to bring down electricity bills

Hawaiian Electric press release

**H**awaiian Electric customers on Hawai‘i, Lāna‘i, Maui, and Moloka‘i will see lower rates in September that reflect the first significant drop in oil prices since spring. O‘ahu customers will see a smaller rate increase than expected with the shutdown of the AES coal-fired power plant.

Hawaiian Electric is forecasting the following impacts to a typical residential bill for electricity used in September, which will be included in bills most customers receive in October:

- O‘ahu: Up 4 percent or about \$9
- Hawai‘i Island: Down 6 percent or about \$16
- Maui: Down 5 percent or about \$11
- Moloka‘i: Down 14 percent or about \$34
- Lāna‘i: Down 9 percent or about \$22

The rates for O‘ahu are the result of lower oil prices and the addition of the Clearway Mililani I 39-megawatt solar project to the grid. Its contracted price of nine cents per kilowatt-hour is less than a third the cost of oil used for power generation. Even with the lower rates, typical bills on all islands are still higher than they were in March before oil prices began to surge.

Hawaiian Electric continue to offer options to help customers manage their energy bills. Go to [hawaiianelectric.com/paymentarrangement](http://hawaiianelectric.com/paymentarrangement) to review payment plan options. For information on available financial assistance, go to [hawaiianelectric.com/COVID19](http://hawaiianelectric.com/COVID19). Reducing energy use is also a practical way to further reduce electric bills. Links to resources are available at [hawaiianelectric.com](http://hawaiianelectric.com)

### IT'S THE LAW

Contributed by the Maui Police Department - Lāna‘i District

## Parking violations

**W**e have received many complaints regarding parking violations, especially those vehicles parked facing opposing traffic. We want to ensure the safety of everyone, so we have listed a few of the most common parking violations. Please park according to the law.

#### 10.48.030 - Prohibited in certain places – Parking Violations

No person shall park, stop, or stand a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the law or the direction of a police officer or traffic control device, in any of the following places:

**On a sidewalk** – within four feet of either side of a public or private driveway.

#### Within an intersection.

- **Within ten feet of a fire hydrant;** provided, however, that this provision shall not apply when the operator of a vehicle stops, stands, or parks such vehicle at or near a fire hydrant while and as long as the driver remains seated in the driver’s seat.
- **On a crosswalk** –within twenty feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
- **On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge of a roadway.**
- **Any place where official signs prohibit stopping.**
- **In front of the entrance of any theater during the hours moving pictures or legitimate play productions are being exhibited therein;** provided, however, that this provision shall not apply when the operator of a vehicle stops temporarily before such entrance for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers.
- **Within that portion of a cul-de-sac or a dead end street between official signs prohibiting stopping.**
- **In front of a business or residential entryway gate, hedge opening, fence opening, or rock or concrete wall opening, where there is no sidewalk along the frontage of the property.**
- **10.48.130 - Standing or parking requirements**

Upon any roadway within a business or residential district, **no person shall stand or park a vehicle other than parallel with the edge of the roadway, headed in the direction of traffic,** and with the curb-side wheels of the vehicle within twelve inches of the edge of the roadway.

Furthermore, where a white edgeline is marked on the roadway designating the edge of a traveled lane, no part of the vehicle, including its protrusions (mirrors and other attachments) and load, if applicable, shall encroach into the land designated for vehicular travel.

## Hawaiian Telcom expands fiber internet access

Hawaiian Telcom press release

**F**rom January through June

2022, Hawaiian Telcom extended its fiber-optic infrastructure to more than 22,000



homes and businesses, and is on target to achieve its goal of enabling a total of 50,000 homes and businesses with **Fioptics**, its ultra-fast, one hundred percent fiber internet service, by the end of the year. Hawai‘i’s only one hundred percent fiber internet service, **Fioptics** is providing the state’s fastest upload speed of 500 megabits per second (Mbps) and ultra-fast one gigabit download, one of the fastest download speeds available.

Gigabit fiber internet speeds transmit data faster and can support more than twenty devices. Today’s consumers are steadily pushing more data out as two-way communications, from gaming to telehealth visits to video calls, drive demand for faster upload speeds.

“Every home that is enabled with access to our one hundred percent fiber internet is another step toward reducing the economic and social disparities in our state,” said Su Shin, Hawaiian Telcom’s president and general manager. “We recognize our *kuleana*, our responsibility, to expand our fiber broadband network to help enhance digital equity, and are making tremendous progress in fulfilling our commitment to extend fiber to as many communities as possible, as quickly as possible.”

More than 215,000 homes and businesses today have access to **Fioptics** service as Hawaiian Telcom has been actively investing in expanding its fiber infrastructure to help bridge the digital divide in Hawai‘i for many years. Since 2010, Hawaiian Telcom has invested more than \$1 billion to expand its fiber footprint, maintain and increase capacity of its communications network, and support its integrated communication solutions for its business, residential and wholesale customers. Hawaiian Telcom invested more than \$100 million last year alone.

More than half of the homes and businesses enabled with fiber this year are on the neighbor islands. Communities recently enabled with Hawaiian Telcom’s **Fioptics** service include parts of the following neighborhoods\*:

Anahola, Kapa‘a, Kawaihau, Kōloa, Moloa‘a and Wailua on Kaua‘i, Ha‘ikū, Kihei and Makawao on Maui, Kahalu‘u, Maunawili, Nānākuli (Nānākuli Avenue) and Wai‘anae (Kaupuni and Lower Lualualei), as well as the Hokolani and Makalapa neighborhoods on Joint Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam (JBPHH) on O‘ahu, Kea‘au, Maku‘u, Paradise Park and Pahala on Hawai‘i Island.

Residents and businesses can visit [hawaiiantel.com/fioptics](http://hawaiiantel.com/fioptics) to check if their home or business qualifies for **Fioptics**.

To further enhance digital equity in Hawai‘i, Hawaiian Telcom participates in the federal Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying tribal lands. Hawaiian Home Lands are considered qualifying tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute over \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price. For information about ACP eligibility and enrollment, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/acp>

*\*According to Hawaiian Telcom, locations on Lāna‘i will be among the remaining 28,000 communities to which Hawaiian Telcom will enable fiber Internet access; work on island will take place in the latter half of 2022.*

**Pi‘i aku a kau i ka nu‘u.** Ascend and stand on the nu‘u. Ascend to a place of honor. The nu‘u is a very kapu place reserved for certain chiefs (Pukui 289).

## Interactive map tracks millions in federal funding to Hawai‘i

Office of Senator Brian Schatz press release

United States Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawai‘i), chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing, released August 5, 2022 an interactive map to help Hawai‘i residents track where and how federal funding he helped secure is being spent.

Since joining the Senate, Schatz has delivered more than \$16 billion in federal funding to Hawai‘i, including more than \$240 million in earmarks this year, placing him at number seven in bringing home the most earmark funding in the Senate, according to *The New York Times*.

“One of my top priorities in the Senate is bringing home federal dollars – and we’ve delivered billions,” said Sen. Schatz, a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. “These federal funds are helping local people with health care, housing, education, child care, job training, and so much more. As we continue securing more money for Hawai‘i, we’ll keep providing updated information on where and how these funds will help people across our state.”

To access Schatz’s interactive federal funding map, visit <https://www.schatz.senate.gov/about/issues/delivering-federal-resources-to-hawaii>.

### COMMUNITY GIVING

## The Kahiau Project

To find out how strong and sincere the connections are in a community, one need only look at a community’s empathy quotient, at how well the community cares for its elderly, its children, and families in need. A community’s EQ is defined by its acts of kindness, acts of giving. *Are we a kind and generous people? How well do we look after our neighbors, our grandparents and keiki?*

Lāna‘i’s Kahiau Project, in partnership with the Salvation Army, and led by Maui Police Department-Lāna‘i, seeks to make sure that the more vulnerable among us, and families facing financial hardships, are remembered during the holidays, their season made brighter, their children’s wish lists fulfilled.

Sergeant Kim Masse, MPD-Lāna‘i has been coordinating the Kahiau Project since 2004, when the program began, its purpose breathed into life with the Hawaiian word, kahiau, a word that Martha Evans, former resident and beloved Lāna‘i educator, chose for its name. She could not have selected better, for kahiau embodies the best in our human nature, a call “to give generously or lavishly with the heart and not with expectation of return (wehewehe.org). Kahiau, the word and the Project, has been inspiring the Lāna‘i community for eighteen years.

“Every year someone comes up and says, ‘Thank you. I wouldn’t have been able to buy gifts for our kids,’” says Sgt. Masse, who sees the Kahiau Project as a way that helps community members help each other. “As a community, Lāna‘i is generous. We always have enough.”



This year, Kahiau Project needs people to apply, volunteers (to wrap gifts), and donors. Please keep purchases to three items per child under 16, under \$40 per item and a \$100 limit per child. Local gift cards are preferred. Please make checks payable to the Lāna‘i Community Association, P.O. Box 630626, Lāna‘i, 96763. One hundred percent of all donations go to Lāna‘i families.

Although there is an application process, Sgt. Masse doesn’t want people to feel discouraged and not apply. The deadline to submit an application, complete with a copy of all documents required on the checklist, is October 15

For more information or to get an application and checklist, or to donate or volunteer or step up and take over the Kahiau Project in a couple of years, Sgt. Masse would love to hear from you. Please stop by the MPD-Lāna‘i, 855 Fraser Avenue, or call (808) 565-8388 (station).

## Witnesses knocking on doors again

Contributed by Josh Sado

Jehovah’s Witnesses will resume their trademark door-to-door ministry, beginning September 1, when a two-and-half-year suspension of work is officially lifted just in time to begin a global campaign featuring new interactive Bible study program.



The decision to resume their door-to-door ministry marks the complete restoration of all pre-pandemic in-person activities for the 1.3 million Jehovah’s Witnesses in the 13,000 congregations in the United States. Houses of worship (called Kingdom Halls) were reopened April 1, witnessing in public places resumed May 31, and in-person conventions are once again being planned for 2023.

The organization suspended public ministry to keep communities and congregants safe. The move was unprecedented. Jehovah’s Witnesses had been preaching from house to house without interruption for more than a hundred years through an economic depression, two World Wars and global unrest. But COVID-19 demanded a different response.

“We believe the early decision to shut down all in-person activities for over two years has saved many lives,” said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesperson for Jehovah’s Witnesses. “We’re now ready and eager to reconnect with our neighbors once again – person to person, face to face. It’s not the only way we preach, but it has historically been the most effective way to deliver our message of comfort and hope.”

The move coincides with a global campaign to distribute a new interactive Bible study program available in hundreds of languages at no cost. The program comes in the form of a book, online publication or as an embedded feature within the organization’s free mobile application, JW Library. Released in late 2020, the interactive study platform combines text, video, illustrations, and digital worksheets to help learners of all ages.

“This new study program is designed to match the learning needs of the twenty-first-century student,” said Hendriks. “We’re excited to begin sharing it with our neighbors as we return to making personal visits.”

The pandemic forced Jehovah’s Witnesses to quickly pivot to virtual meetings and conventions, while conducting their ministry exclusively through letters, phone calls and virtual Bible studies. This has led to growth in meeting attendance and the number of congregants, with more than 400,000 newly baptized Witnesses joining the ranks in 120,000 congregations globally in just the first two years of the pandemic. For more information about Jehovah’s Witnesses, their history, beliefs and activities, with content available in more than 1,000 languages, visit their official website, [jw.org](http://jw.org)



Sergeant Kim Masse, MPD-Lāna‘i  
Photography by Nelinia Cabiles

**Ka i‘a kāohi aho o na kai uli.** *The fish of the deep that pulls the line taut. The ulua. Also, a fine lad (Pukui 147).*

## A eulogy for Aunty Irene

Contributed by Keani Kahuhu

Irene Davis was a selfless person, full of happiness and joy, no matter what. She always put others before herself, even when she was battling cancer. She is the definition of love and she lived a life of service, as we all should. As I meditated, thinking of what I would say today, I felt strongly that she wanted me to speak about some life lessons from her own life because that's who she was – a teacher, an example, and someone I will always strive to be like. She used every opportunity to teach a lesson, even if it was for herself. If you were sitting and watching TV, your time was better spent washing the dishes, doing laundry, talking story with your 'ohana, or for me, making lei with her. But at the same time, she always reminded me to be present in the moment, cherishing everything about each day.

Aunty Irene was incredibly selfless. When my dad was battling cancer, she stayed with us on Maui, so she could support us in any way we needed. She cooked, cleaned, did our laundry, lent an ear when we needed to talk. She filled the house that had been heavy with sadness and the fear of losing dad with happiness and joy. She taught me how to make my first maile-style ti leaf lei and the smile it brought to my dad's face is something I will never forget. She also made me sit for hours cleaning ti leaf, cutting baby's breath and flowers, and trying to perfect a haku, which is something I feared I wouldn't be able to do without her. We played cribbage almost every day and she stopped telling me her tricks when I started winning, but it was always friendly competition. Even after she passed on, her spirit continues to encourage me and help me to believe that she'll always be with me, and all of us, as we do the things we once shared with her, without her now.

I always felt a special connection with Aunty Irene because we shared the same birthday, July 11. I could always count on a phone call from her at least once a year. Last year, she Facetimed me from the beach where she was with family, drinking a Heineken and singing, enjoying life. Although I didn't get that call this year, I will have that memory of her forever.

My sisters and I used to visit Aunty Irene and Uncle Bully during the summers when we were much younger. It's hard for me to remember a lot from back then, but I remember how happy I was to be with Aunty Irene. She'd always let me stay with her in her room because it had AC and she'd always share her favorite Caesar's Palace salad dressing with me. She'd sing to me and tell me funny stories. My favorite song was Pūpū Hinuhinu. The last time she sang it to me was in February when my daughter, Delilah, and I were able to FaceTime with her. She was feeling really sick that day but she just sang to us and smiled as if nothing was wrong. Those are the memories I can't wait to share with my daughter.

I can't say enough about how selfless she was. In January of this year, as I was preparing to give birth, Aunty Irene told me she really wanted to come and stay with me to help me take care of my daughter because she did that for my parents when my brother was born. And I kept thinking to myself, *this lady is always thinking about others before herself*. She never wanted you to feel unhappy even if she was. Even as sick as she was when she visited us in March on Maui, if you asked her how she was, she would always say, *not bad, doing good*. A small bite of poi and a Popsicle was all she needed to keep smiling.

One night she called me when there was a full moon coming. What she wanted to tell me was that babies are usually made when there's a full moon. She was on speaker, and my then-fiancé at the time (now husband) could hear her, so I said, *OMG, Aunty!* And she just laughed, and out of the blue said, *Keani, don't ever go to bed angry. Make sure you say what you need to before you close your eyes. Make sure you tell Mason you love him every day. Just don't ever go to bed angry, ok?* I said, *yes, aunty, of course*. And she said she loved me and hung up. Always teaching a lesson even if she gotta make you shame first.

Four years ago, I played for a wedding here at the Four Seasons and I got stuck because the boat shut down due to weather. Aunty Irene and Uncle Bully drove down and waited for me during my gig, then took me and my coworker out to dinner at the hotel. They let us get anything we wanted and paid for the whole meal, even though the hotel is a little pricey. It didn't matter to her because we were together. We put our phones away and shared food and laughter and good memories.



Irene Davis Photographs courtesy of Simon Seisho Tajiri



The last time I talked to Aunty Irene was the day she met her granddaughter, Anuheia. She FaceTimed me and I had never seen her so excited. All I remember her saying that day was, *Keani, I am so happy*. She was so thankful to meet her, not once mentioning how sick she felt, because the joy of seeing her granddaughter took away all her worries. God sent her a beautiful blessing before He called her home and I know that she will always be with Anu.

The most important thing I have learned from Aunty Irene is something she probably doesn't know she taught me, and it is this: life and death are very similar. In life, you have happiness, love, joy, but you may also encounter pain, fear, heartache, anger and regret. With death, pain, fear, heartache, anger, regret may also come. But there is also happiness, love, joy and peace, if you allow yourself to find it. What we should remember is that death shouldn't bring us together more than life does. We shouldn't only be catching up with our family at a funeral. We need to start living life today. Having family barbecues on Saturdays, just because. Going to your cousin's house just to say hi. FaceTime your aunty who lives on a different island and ask her to sing your favorite song just because you miss her. Life is meant to be lived together, selflessly, making happy memories every day, no matter what.

Life should bring us together more than death does, and we should allow death to bring us together so we can hold each other up when we experience pain, fear, heartache, anger and regret and be able to bring each other into experiencing great happiness, love, joy and peace.

Let's live as Aunty Irene did: selflessly, joyfully, always loving, and never going to bed angry.

**Irene Davis,  
July 11, 1962 - May 8, 2022**

**Keke'e ka waha, ua nahu i ka makani.** *His mouth is wry after biting the wind.* Said of one who has found that what he said of others is true of himself (Pukui 187).

## Fifth graders take over Christmas fundraiser

Text and photography by Nelinia Cabile

At the end of 2021, Kerri Glickstein, music teacher at Lānaʻi High & Elementary School and coordinator of the Christmas Tree and Wreath fundraiser, decided it was time, after twelve years of running the show, to tie a bow on the holiday drive and gift it to another school group to lead.

But who would have such unbridled energy and drive, the unflagging enthusiasm and winsome personality to canvass the community and sell the tinsel dream of yuletide – in September, no less?

Well, how about fifth graders? Jennifer Montgomery thought her students would more than fill the tall logistical order. So, the LHES fifth grade teacher, along with colleague Danyel Erickson, answered the call, and the holiday fundraiser, well-supported by the Lānaʻi community, was theirs for the asking. Their fifth graders, budding entrepreneurs, could not be more thrilled.

“They have the entire month of September to sell, and they’re very excited,” says Montgomery, who sees the holiday campaign as a terrific learning opportunity on multiple levels. “They’ll learn communication skills, as they go out and communicate with the community. They’ll need to be organized, to make sure to write down the type of tree, get the name of the buyer right. They’ll also need to work together.” And learn how to manage their time, and understand the consequence of not meeting a deadline. “If they turn in something late, they’ll learn that people aren’t going to get their trees,” Montgomery says.

The students will navigate the supply-demand chain, and start to see that getting the trees from Oregon to an island in the Pacific takes time and planning. “They’ll understand the process, from start to finish,” Montgomery says. “They’ve asked, *why do we have to do this so early?* Well, the trees are growing in Oregon. They have to cut down the trees, and then the trees come by boat. We’ll need to contact the shipping company to get the trees loaded on a boat and make sure they arrive here by November.”

Montgomery says she will leave advertising and sales work to her students. “They’ll need to make posters and banners; they’ll need to advertise. We can form teams to sit in front of Richard’s and Pine Isle [to sell trees]. But they’ll need to come up with a plan,” she says. It isn’t just good salesmanship the fifth graders are learning, but goal-setting and incentives. “Last year, we had a fifth grade celebration [marking] the end of elementary and the move to middle school at Adventure Park. The kids did the challenge course and the tower. They enjoyed it so much. It’s a neat way to start to a tradition,” says Montgomery. And would be a well-earned reward for a job well done.

For these LHES fifth graders, a day of fun with classmates at the end of the year at Adventure Park is all the incentive and motivation they need. In a time where instant gratification seems to be the norm, learning that working together to reach a shared dream may be the most meaningful lesson these fifth graders will learn.

Christmas trees and wreaths:

Douglas Fir, 5 feet, \$60	Noble Fir, 4 feet, \$80
Douglas Fir, 6 feet, \$70	Noble Fir, 6 feet, \$110
Douglas Fir, 7 feet, \$80	Noble Fir, 7 feet, \$120
Noble Wreath, \$45	

To order: contact any LHES fifth grade student who may be participating in fundraising

Sandra Sarme at LHES (808) 565-7900  
 Jen Montgomery, jennifer.montgomery@k12.hi.us  
 Danyel Erickson danyel.erickson@k12.hi.us

Orders end by Friday, September 30, 2022 at the LHES office. Late orders will be accommodated if extra trees/wreaths are available.

Pick-up date: November 23, 2022, 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at LHES



Danyel Erickson’s fifth grade class

## Services at Voter Service Centers

State of Hawaiʻi Office of Elections news release

Voting by mail allows you to cast your vote in comfort as your ballot arrives directly to your mailbox. You can take your time, study your ballot and research the candidates, and turn your couch into your voting booth.

However, despite the convenience of voting by mail, some voters may find the need for in-person assistance. Fortunately, these voters can turn to the services offered at Voter Service Centers.

**What are Voter Service Centers? Are they any different from polling places?**

With the implementation of statewide voting by mail in 2020, traditional Election Day polling places are no longer established. In contrast, Voter Service Centers are open up to 10 days before and through Election Day, and you are permitted to visit any location within the county you reside.

**What services are available at Voter Service Centers?**

- Voter Registration
- Voting on Accessible Voting Machines
- Ballot Deposit
- Replacement Ballots

**Who should visit a Voter Service Center?**

Ideal if you:

- Are not registered to vote on Election Day
- Have not received your ballot in the mail or need a replacement ballot
- Have not returned your ballot and the ballot deadline is approaching

**Want to learn more about the voting equipment at Voter Service Centers?**

The Verity Touch Writer is the voting equipment used for in-person voting, and has accessibility features that allow voters with special needs to review and mark their ballot privately and independently.

**Locations and hours of Voter Service Center on Lānaʻi:**

Lānaʻi Community Center, 411 Eighth Street, Lānaʻi

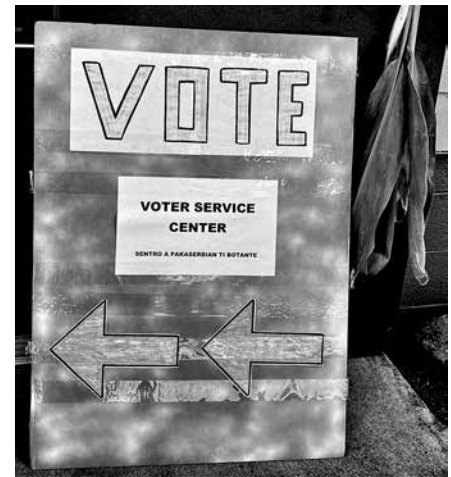
**General Election**

November 1, 2022, through November 7, 2022, Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

November 8, 2022, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Remember, you are permitted to visit any Voter Service Center within the county you reside. For example, if you are Kauaʻi resident, you are only eligible to vote at a Voter Service Center on Kauaʻi.

For more information on voting in Hawaiʻi, visit the State of Hawaiʻi Office of Elections website: [elections.hawaii.gov](https://elections.hawaii.gov).



Sign placed August 9, 2022, at the door of the Voter Service Center on Lānaʻi, 411 Eighth Street.  
 Photography by Nelinia Cabiles



Jennifer Montgomery’s fifth grade class

**Ka ipukukui pio ‘ole i ke Kaua‘ula.** *The light that will not go out in spite of the blowing Kaua‘ula wind.* Said of the Lahainaluna School, where many leaders of old Hawaiʻi were educated (Pukui 153).



# The way it was

Contributed by Bob Hirayama

*Editor's note: As a way to honor Lāna'i's past, and those who shaped and helped make this place what it is, I asked Lāna'i Today readers in the September 2021 edition to submit stories of the pineapple plantation era. It is the hope that these stories might provide context for a way of life that is gone, and illuminate the values and traditions that helped form our island's culture. A reader (and former Lāna'i resident) responded to the call for submissions with his written recollections of that time. Part one of a four-part series, volume II*

I'm back again, but from time to time, I'll be jumping back and forth into the city.

When we wanted to go swimming, either to the harbor or Mānele, we had to walk to these places. The group had to be small for cars to pick us up. A truck would've been perfect. Our group usually consisted of four boys, Herbert Y., Rogelio N., Stanley S., and me. (Rogelio came to Lāna'i when we were in the fourth grade and went back to the Philippines during our Junior year.)

While walking to the harbor or Mānele, we could see rows and rows of golden pine, just like in the song "Lāna'i is Calling Me" from Lāna'i's own, Al Lopaka.

## I remember the time when what was sad to see was rows and rows of rotten pines during the 1951 pineapple strike. This was hard times.

One of our Luna told me that 1957 was when they broke even from the 1951 strike. During the strike, there was a soup kitchen where strikers ate, and one of the cooks was Herbert's mom. After cleaning up, she gave Herbert and me the koge rice (burnt rice) from the bottom of the pot and she rolled it like lumpia with a little salt, and it was really ono.

Before you get to the airport road, on the left-hand side was the truck station where pineapple bins were loaded onto the trucks that were going down to the harbor. At the airport had a billboard, which read "Lanai, the world largest pineapple plantation." I know had more words, but I forget. Maybe one of you old timers can remember or has a picture and can help me. The airport road on the right-hand side was full of pineapple bins, ready for pineapples. At the end of the bins was the Sea Scouts Hall.

Entering the grassy area, as you go down the road, were army barracks on the left-hand side, mauka of the lighthouse road (Kaunolū). At that time, we had lots of GIs living there. Continuing down the road, by the entrance to the landfill dump, was a scale house. I don't know what it was for but I'm assuming it was to weigh the pineapple trucks with and without fruits. From the end of the guard line (separating hunting area from safety zone) there were many winding turns before getting to the harbor. Many of these turns were eliminated when they built the new highway.

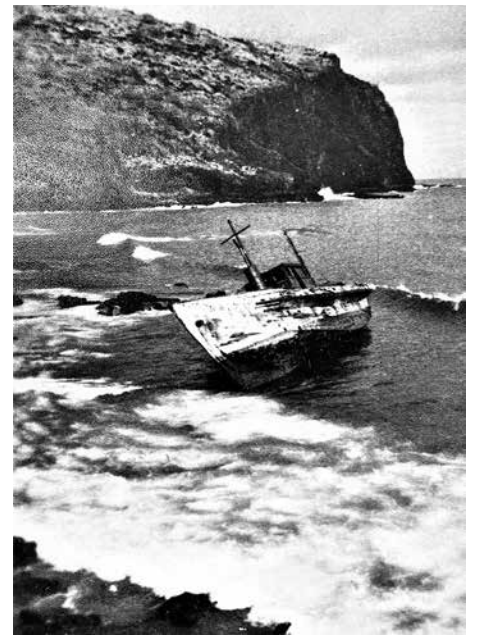
When we got to the harbor, we all headed to Mana wharf to swim. There was a raft which was about half the distance of the breakwater. On the ocean side of the wharf is a cut stone wall going all the way back and past the silver tanks. We would either jump or dive from the wall into the water. Today, along with the breakwater, there are jacks covering our jumping spot.

When the crane operators left for lunch, we would go on the barge and select three sweet pineapples and toss it over into the water. The Harbor Master Manuel Pavao would come yelling at us to get off the barge.

## We would dive into the water to collect our pineapples and swim to the breakwater, hit [the pineapple] against the rock and eat it. Very ono mixed with salt water.

Mana wharf got its name from a boat named Mana, which used to park in the harbor by the red buoy across from the barge wharf. Mana used to make daily freight trips to Lahaina. If you wanted to go to Lahaina, you could sign up at the storeroom, and the following morning, a bus would be waiting for you to take you down to Mana wharf. The best part was it was free. Richard "Sushi" and I used to go to Lahaina, have chow fun lunch and return back to Lāna'i. I used to like to sit in the back of the boat and watch the trolling line. Whenever a fish was hooked, I would press the buzzer button and the captain would slow down the boat until the workers got the fish on board. If I'm not mistaken, the captain was Captain Kalahau (sp?).

Before the Mana, another boat (old) named Naia was used to haul freight. The Humu'ula was a cattle boat but took on passengers to the Big Island. I don't know much about that cattle boat. Getting back to the Naia – one night it was parked in Mānele Bay (black sand) and the anchor line broke and the Naia washed up on the far-left side of the beach, on the breakers, and was totaled.



The Naia, capsized, at Mānele Bay  
Photograph courtesy of Lāna'i Culture and Heritage Center

There was a monkey cage just above the workers' sink and people used to feed the monkey. On the far-left side of the harbor is a gulch, and as

Boy Scouts, we used to camp there with the centipede and scorpions. We passed our swimming merit badge by swimming from the far end of the harbor to the breakwater. The breakwater was nice and flat with boulders facing out toward the ocean. Many people would line up on the breakwater to fish. Very good for old folks. Today, it's very dangerous to fish from the jacks.

After a nice day of swimming, we made plans to go to the movie, so we walked up to the harbor camp to get to the highway. There was a cut stone wall where we waited for a ride back to the city. On the inside of the wall was a panini tree and the fruit were ripe. We knew how to clean the fruit by brushing it with grass or a branch with leaves and pick it without touching the eyes of the fruit. We would cut the fruit in a zig zag capital I and unfold it to get to the inside and eat it. It's very good if you're careful. Our friend Rogelio just grabbed the fruit and cut it and ate it.

When we got to the movie, Rogelio didn't show up. We asked him the next day why he didn't show up for the movie and he said he spent hours shaving his tongue with his father's razor.



# WHY REMOVE A TREE?

The decision to remove a tree is never lightly made. We all know the value of trees and how important they are to the world we live in. When a 100-foot Cook Pine is felled, we are losing a giant that has grown to its near maturity and has lived through a human lifetime, while silently improving our air and water quality. Knowing this, the cons must outweigh the pros when we decide to remove a tree. Some of the more obvious reasons include the following:

## SAFETY:

- A Tree in Poor Health (*not always obvious from the outside*)
  - Can lead to limbs dropping prematurely and creating a hazardous condition for persons and property beneath it.
  - May have internal rot that could cause a tree to fall.
- Disturbance of the “Critical Root Zone”
  - Prime example: Tree roots that must be removed to restore sewer and water lines.
    - Root removal reduces the stability of a tree making it more likely to fall during a storm.
- Trees with Weak Internal Structures
  - Examples include fast-growing invasive trees, such as Albizia and Eucalyptus
    - Often have premature falling limbs, or trunk failure, causing tree toppling or collapse.
- Codominant Trunks (“twin” trunks) that create a Weak Attachment
  - Eventually, one of the trunks will likely break away and fall from the tree causing a large, exposed wound where pathogens can enter, eventually killing the tree.

## ENVIRONMENTAL:

- Trees Planted in the Wrong Place
  - A tree species that will mature too large for a small space
    - Example: Cook Pines that mature to one hundred feet or more with a trunk caliper of 36 inches in diameter planted on a typical Lāna’i house lot.
  - Trees planted too close to a building, eventually causing structural damage
  - Too many trees planted that can crowd a small space
    - Young trees are often planted too close together and will eventually compete for light, nutrients, and water.
    - Volunteer seedlings that grow unchecked and eventually become the problems mentioned above.

## PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT:

- While the goal is to save existing trees whenever possible, it’s not always feasible.
  - Limitations on site design that don’t allow for keeping a tree in place.
  - Trees can sometimes be moved, but others are too large to relocate.

While we won’t always agree on whether a tree should be removed or not, I can guarantee that much thought and discussion has gone into the pros and cons of leaving a tree in place. If there’s any doubt about the decision, a licensed and certified Arborist is called in for an additional professional opinion.

As a reminder about our promise to the community, “for every tree that is removed, we are committed to planting ten more to replace it;” maybe not in the same location or even the same type, but we pledge to honor this assurance and continue to plant trees that will improve our island’s health.

Contributed and \* photography by Katy Deshotels-Moore, director of Island Operations, Pūlama Lāna’i



Eucalyptus tree failure



Avocado trunk rot



Kiawe tree roots



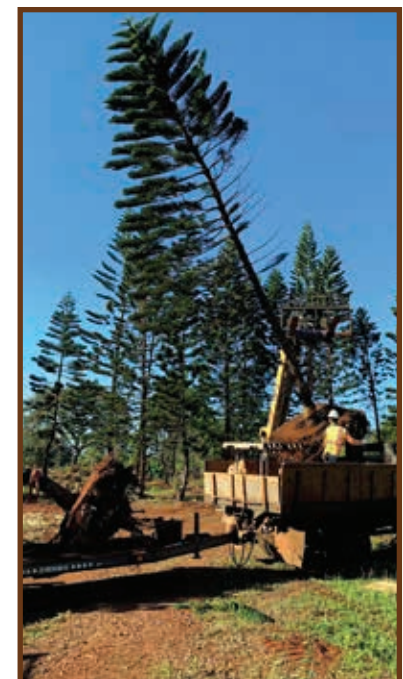
Cook Pine root intrusion



Codominant trunks  
\*Photography by Nelinia Cabiles



Overcrowding of trees, likely a result of volunteer seedlings that have grown unchecked  
\* Photography by Nelinia Cabiles



Cook Pine saved for Hōkūāo

# Serving up the deep dish

The average speed of a spike, depending on a high school volleyball player's vertical leap and the force and velocity of her arm as it rises above the net to smash the ball cross court or to an unprotected pocket, is between forty to fifty miles per hour. No wonder a successful spike is also called a kill. Kills in volleyball are thrilling to watch and even better to dispatch.

But if you ask Ross Morita, head coach of the Lānaʻi High School's girls' volleyball team since 2018, the main skills he would like his players to master are "passing and serving. And to make sure [your] hands are ready to get the ball where you want it to go," he says.

Makes perfect sense. While there may be individual standouts, volleyball, first and foremost, is a team sport. Everything about the game, from the set-up for a kill to a quick-reflex dig to save play, is a reminder that a good team is always the sum of its parts. It is this team mindset that Morita and assistant coach, 'Anela Sanches, emphasize at practice.

"I tell the girls, love the team, love the game first, and everything will fall in place," says Morita. That team mentality seems to be working. When this writer interviewed Morita, the volleyball girls' team had just buttoned up a two-game win against Maui's Haleakala Waldorf, September 2 and 3, and raked the Molokaʻi Farmers in a three-game set the previous week, to post a 2-0 standing in the Division II roster.

The team leans heavy with seniors, seven this year, with three juniors, one sophomore and six ninth graders. "Next year will be a team-building year," says Morita, as he looks past this season and reflects on a cadre of girls he has coached since they were in the ninth grade and are seniors now. He does not project too far out. He likes to remind the girls to take it one game at a time and to remember that "we can only control what we can control on our side of the net. There are no gimmes. Don't take any team lightly. They can show up that day and win."

Being in control means practicing, and practicing to perfect the basics that take a team from great to champions.

It is a focus that he hopes will keep the girls in the right head space during practice and at games. "Let's not look at winning," he says. "Let's look at doing all the right things. Let's look at our effort on the court. I tell them that if you do the right things, the winning will come."

The LHS Pinelasses go up against Maui's St. Anthony School at Haliʻimaile September 16 and 17.



The 2022 Lānaʻi High School girls volleyball team



Souina Seiuli (right) hits a pass.



The set-up and the double quick



Keala Montgomery's spike shoots past two blockers



Kawehi Lastimososa taps the ball in.



A blocker and a striker



All eyes on the ball



Miyah Vila returns a pass.



The serve

# Lāna‘i Community Health Center

*Mahalo Lāna‘i*, for your continued support as we reminisce on celebrating *National Health Center Week* from Aug. 8th - 12th. It was an eventful week of celebration as we honored LCHC board members, staff, patients, and ended with a fun-packed Children’s Health Day. We are grateful to serve this community!



LCHC’s 2022 Children’s Health Day



Nainoa Costales and Gizelle Bolo of LHES Hawaiian Immersion Class



Aria Bolo Enjoying the coloring activities.



Tayj Sproat getting a temporary airbrush tattoo by Jesse Del Rosario.



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## 2022 AlohaCare Scholarship award!

Jacey Laborte, the *AlohaCare* Provider Relations Representative for Maui County made a special trip to Lāna‘i to present LHES Alumni and LCHC’s own, Micah Manuel with a 2022 AlohaCare Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000. We are so proud of Micah and wish her the best while she completes her Accounting degree!



Jacey Laborte and Micah Manuel



LCHC Team with Micah are from L to R: Nina Medeiros, Jahmeelah Dulay, Izza Ramos, Micah Manuel and Rahnia Boyer.

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The categories that get the most nods will be published in a new feature called the 2022 Best of Lāna'i Awards. Exciting, right? We hope you get fired up about it. We hope this becomes an annual thing.

If you have questions, please email ncables@lanaitoday Please submit entries by September 16, 2022. Mahalo!

## THE LAST WORD

# Lāna'ī airport firefighters: preparing for an aircraft disaster

Text and photography by Nelinia Cabiles

**T**here is no vegetation, boulder, intersection or gully in the 126-acre field that runs parallel to Lāna'ī's airport runway about which George Purdy, airport fire lieutenant, and his team, Kawika Noyes, equipment operator, and Mana Rajaei, firefighter, do not know or have studied.

It would not be hyperbole to say that it is the airport firefighters' most heavily scrutinized area on the island, an overview image captured by satellite, its access points, roadways and building structures mapped on an x- and y-grid. The scrutiny and obsession to details are warranted, for the firefighting team wants to do well in a triennial aircraft disaster response exercise that will take place September 9, 2022, and include agencies such as county firefighters on island, the Red Cross, Community Emergency Response Team personnel (CERT), Maui Emergency Management, and observers.

For the past three years, Purdy and Noyes (and Rajaei, since July, 2022, when he was hired), have been preparing for an aircraft disaster drill that will test in real-time not only the procedures and capabilities outlined in the Airport Emergency Plan (AEP), but how well they themselves focus and perform time-critical tasks under extreme pressure, in the highest-stakes situation a firefighter and other emergency personnel can know: the race to save human lives.

"It's a high-stress situation," says Purdy, describing the aircraft disaster exercise, an incident scenario that involves a plane crash and multiple passengers. "If the steps are not established, and without processes in place, chaos will reign. Our job is to control chaos."

And controlling chaos means preparing for and practicing all necessary steps in an aircraft disaster, and "making sure that we're not seeing each other for the first time . . . that all of the local resources are working together. That's our job and mission. We want to see how well we've organized ourselves and how we work with our mutual aid partners," Purdy says. "Lāna'ī has a high mantel. We're used as a model to show how well we work with each other," a point of pride for Purdy who has spent the last twenty-four years building those relationships, and the most important thing he and his team could have ever accomplished to move Lāna'ī forward, he says. "We've got a topnotch system."

The disaster response plan from which Purdy and his team currently practice arose from a plane crash February 26, 2014, shortly after the plane took off from the Lāna'ī airport. The aircraft's pilot and two members of Maui County's Department of Planning were killed.

Most aircraft accidents happen right around at the runway, Purdy says. "It can be a violent crash where victims are scattered across a field. [The aircraft disaster response drill] is a test run for new personnel to get their feet wet. It's high stress. We make it as real as possible to see their breaking points."

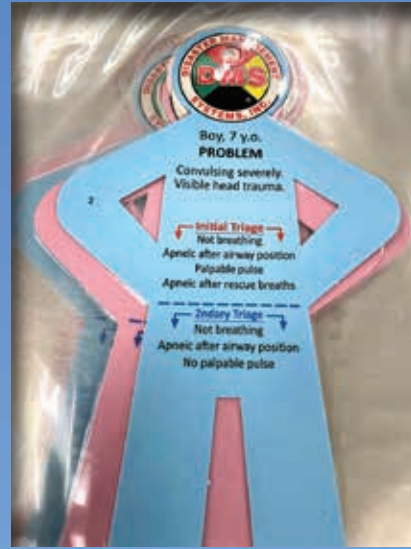
Because of COVID, manikins representing passengers of various ages will be used during the September 9 drill instead of live participants. The team will need to triage, prioritizing by injury (and color-coding) to see who needs care first and has the best chance of survival: black is dead; red means critical, distress, victim has a hard time breathing; yellow means there are secondary injuries, but the victim cannot walk. Green means a victim's hand has been cut off, but can walk. This method of identification is a standard taught in medical service.

"When you're dealing with tragedy, you want to eliminate feelings off the bat," says Purdy.

*Part two: the emergence of drones in emergency services; what happened during the September 9 drill*



Mana Rajaei, firefighter; Kawika Noyes, equipment operator; George Purdy, airport fire lieutenant, Lāna'ī airport. (Noyes has since moved off-island after this photo shoot in early September, 2022.)



Injury identification tags



Purdy, Noyes, and Rajaei



Manikin representing a passenger; to be used in the triennial aircraft disaster response exercise September 9.



Purdy and supply truck



The Lāna'ī airport firetruck, manufactured in Appleton, WI, and purchased in 2018



Overview image captured by satellite, mapped on an x- and y-grid, of the 126-acre field paralleling the airport runway.