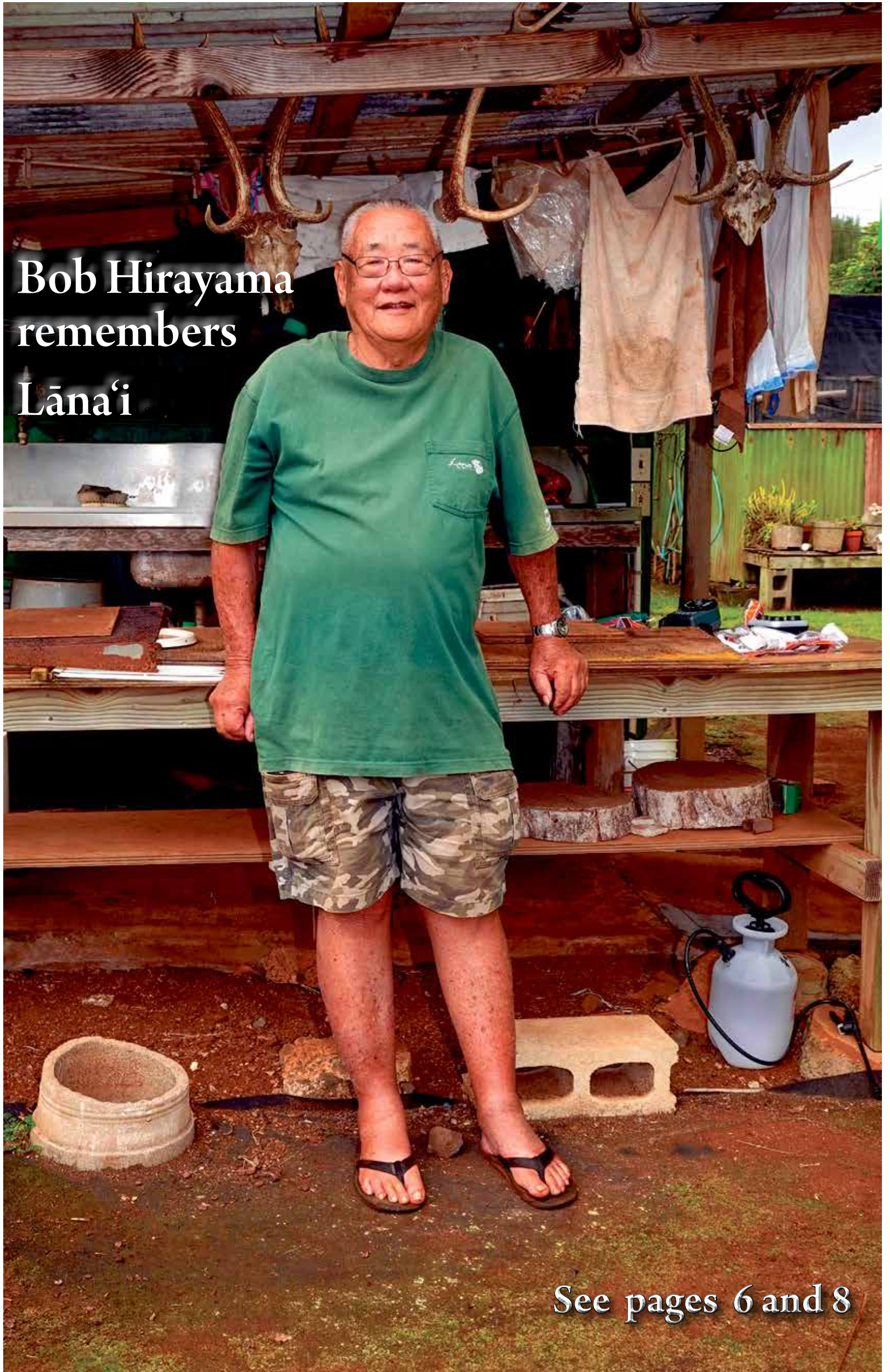


# LĀNA'I TODAY

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Bob Hirayama  
remembers  
Lāna'i

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Meet Bob Hirayama, a son of Lāna'i, who grew up on the island during the nineteen-forties to nineteen-fifties when pineapple was queen. Hirayama remembers, and writes about, that period in our island's history in *The Way it Was*, part of a multi-part series called *Plantation Life* that makes its inaugural debut in *Lāna'i Today* this month. (The first installment of *The Way it Was* begins on page 8). *Photography by Ron Gingerich*

## Discovering the ocean

I watched small waves crashing into the break wall of Mānele Boat Harbor. Opposite the break wall was the flat, calm water in the harbor, and boats bobbing in their docks. People were scattered along enormous boulders of lava that form the break wall, casting fishing lines into the sea. I would learn much later the name of the fish they were trying to catch, halalū, and later still, that halalū also goes by the name, young akule. What I remember most clearly about that day was wanting more than anything in the world to get in the water.

My mother lowered me to the ground, above the slipway, where trailers ease in their boats. *Don't go out too far*, she said in Filipino. And so I ran, and leapt into the water, and felt my dress ballooning and swirling around my body. The water was warm and murky and I took a gulp. It was not what I expected. I remember this delighted me, that this water, unlike the water that came out of the kitchen faucet or a garden hose, was salty. I am sure I did not know the English word for ocean then. The weight of water slowed my step and I felt small, sharp rocks poking my feet. When I bent my knees so that all of me, from my toes to the top of my head, was submerged, I was surprised to find the world underwater was blurry.

That day was the first time I saw the ocean. There are family stories that indicate this is not true. My brother has told me that I had been to the sea with my mom and dad whenever they went fishing in the Philippines, but I have no memory of that. It was pre-verbal. The childhood memories I carry have been formed here, on Lānaʻi, and my first meaningful memory of the sea – the memory that I can reclaim and hold – is the joy of discovering the ocean, of throwing myself into it when I was four, and holding my breath as the water held me, wide-eyed in my float.

I did not know how much I loved the ocean and the bays of Lānaʻi, Hulopoʻe and Nānāhoa, and the ones along Lānaʻi's eastern coast, until I left home for college in Wisconsin. I ached for the ocean, for Lānaʻi, when I swam in Lake Mendota in the summers, the water turbid and cold and unknowable. But more than realizing how much I missed the sea was discovering to my great shame how much I had taken it for granted all of my life.

I knew nothing of the fish in the tidal pools or in the open water

or even their Hawaiian names, for example, except for the ones I had had for dinner: kala and papio and uhu and moi. I did not know when the halalū came to Mānele, or that they had a season, and are indigenous. Nor did I know about any invasive species, such as kiawe or lantana, except they were here on the island, bearing thorns. I did not know the names of the birds that made burrows on the trail to Puʻu Pehe. Or that they, the ʻuaʻu, are endangered.

Love of a place without knowing its history or understanding context, or without an awareness of the connections to that place, is inherently shallow.

“If we don't know who we live among, then when they vanish, there's no one to mourn that loss,” says Terry Tempest Williams, a writer and naturalist. Williams believes in the importance of establishing a phenology, which is the study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena, especially in relation to climate and plant and animal life. Understanding the interconnectivity, Williams writes, “comes down to relationships, to place, to paying attention, to staying, to listening, to learning — of a heightened curiosity with others.”

Recently, a friend told me there was a fight in the nineteen-seventies to keep boats out of Hulopoʻe Bay. I knew only there was a fight to protect the bay, but little else. It was the commitment and hard work of these Lānaʻi residents, work rooted in empathy, that Hulopoʻe is what it is today, a marine sanctuary. If they hadn't known what was at stake, hadn't studied the birth cycles of humpback whales, hadn't fought as hard as they had, where we would be now? Would Hulopoʻe be a place where a child could discover the ocean for the first time, and from that love, learn its history, its wildlife, and to see the connections that lead to and from this place?

The fight to protect Hulopoʻe Bay is a story I hope to learn more about and share with *Lānaʻi Today* readers. As I learn about the stories of Lānaʻi, I am starting to see that context is everything.



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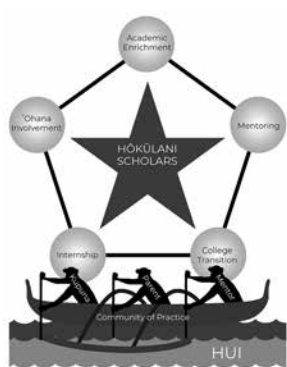
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## Cut to the chase

### Community



- **Community First** and its partners launched Access to Care April 1, a project whose goal is to better understand what communities across Hawai‘i need to improve their health via a simple, anonymous online survey. Surveys collected through end of April. Each week, \$100 gas gift cards will be randomly given out as a mahalo to survey participants: <https://www.communityfirsthawaii.org/access-to-care/>
- **E Ala Ē Sunrise Lāna‘i Earth day:** 5 a.m.-5:30 a.m., Friday, April 22, crest of Mānele Road, overlooking Mānele Bay: 20°45'57.7"N 156°54'36.3 Contact: Kumu Ipolani, [sharla.Medeiros@k12.hi.us](mailto:sharla.Medeiros@k12.hi.us); Danyel Erickson, [danyelerickson@hotmail.com](mailto:danyelerickson@hotmail.com) Visit Kanu Hawai‘i for the chant and more information: <https://www.kanuhawaii.org/e-ala-e-2022/> Join more than 10,000 volunteers and partners and volunteer this Earth Day. Sign up at [kanuhawaii.org](http://kanuhawaii.org) and [VolunteerWeekHawaii.org](http://VolunteerWeekHawaii.org)
- **First Hawaiian Bank Troy Barboza Law Enforcement Torch Run 2022:** 9 a.m., April 23, 2022. Registered participants to meet at First Hawaiian Bank, 644 Lāna‘i Avenue, Lāna‘i. Route distance for runners (approximate): 1.5 miles; for walkers: one mile. Thirty-dollar donation for Dri-fit T-shirt, short sleeve (sizes small to extra large); thirty-five dollar donation for Dri-fit T-shirt, long sleeve. Additional fees for sizes XXL to 4 XL. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics Maui.
- Drone flights will be conducted along the Keōmoku coast May 13-May 20. **Kuahiwi a Kai** grantees from University of Miami will collect imagery of coral reefs and surrounding areas during daytime hours. Questions? Email [jdeslippe@pulamalanai.com](mailto:jdeslippe@pulamalanai.com)
- The **Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses** worldwide resumed in-person meetings April 1, 2022. Door-to-door public ministry is still suspended, however. Many Kingdom Halls, including Lāna‘i’s, are equipped with technology that allows both remote and in-person attendance. For more information on global lecture events or Jehovah Witnesses’ teachings, visit [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)
- **Lāna‘i Culture & Heritage Center** presents its inaugural Kupulau Festival, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., April 30, 2022, featuring native plant giveaway, educational booths, strawberry and assortment mochi pack and/or venison chili pick-up, and performances by Ei Nei, Na Hoku Hanohano Award’s 2020 Most Promising Artist. Register at [lanaichc.org/kupulau](http://lanaichc.org/kupulau).
- **National Teacher Appreciation Week** is May 2-6, 2022. To celebrate teachers and staff throughout the week, the **LHES Foundation** will be handing out daily appreciation gifts and goodies donated by Lāna‘i businesses and residents, such as Four Seasons Lāna‘i Resort; Lāna‘i Community Health Center; Lāna‘i Culture and Heritage Center; Lisa Grove; Mike Carroll Gallery; Maui Police Department-Lāna‘i; Pūlama Lāna‘i. The LHES Foundation has been hosting the national teacher appreciation week event for over ten years.
- The application deadline for the **MPD-Lāna‘i’s** second annual **Kula Maka‘i no nā ‘Ōpio** (The Police Academy for the Youth of Lāna‘i), for students ages 11-17 is April 22, 2022. Cadets will develop practical and student-centered leadership skills, including police arrest and defense tactics, firearms safety; crime scene investigations, and more. The summer program runs June 20-24, 2022, for 11- to 14-year-olds; June 27 to July 1, 2022, for 15- to 17-year-olds. Space is limited to eleven students per session.

### Lāna‘i residents

- **Carol Onuma** has been selected as a 2022 County of Maui Volunteer Hero, a program that recognizes volunteers who have made impactful contributions to their community. Valerie Janikowski of Lāna‘i Kīnā‘ole nominated Onuma in appreciation for Onuma’s work at Lāna‘i Kīnā‘ole and in the Lāna‘i community. All Volunteer Heroes will be announced during National Volunteer Week, April 17-23, 2022, on various social media, and in the newsletter and blog of the County of Maui Department of Housing and Human Concerns’ Volunteer Center.

## Corrections

*From the editor of Lāna‘i Today:* I aim to write stories that are accurate, objective and truthful. I acknowledge that unintended errors might occasionally slip past me. When I discover an error has been published, I will correct it as quickly as possible. Please note the following error:

**Eddie Morimoto and son, Hunter**, as well as **Kaleo Ropa**, participated in the Community Stewardship Day at the Koa Forest February 19, 2022. Their names were inadvertently left out in the March 2022 edition’s photo essay on page 20.

**‘Ōlelo No‘eau - O ka hana ia a ka lawai‘a iwi paoa, iho no ka makau, pi‘i no ka i‘a.** *That is the way of a fisherman with lucky bones—down goes his hook, up comes a fish.* Said of a lucky person. It was believed that certain people’s bones brought them luck in fishing. When they died their bones were sought for the making of fishhooks (Pukui 262).

## Students create monofilament recycling bin

Contributed by Danyel Erickson

There is nothing more disheartening than seeing a piece of rubbish on the ground. Whether it be a candy wrapper, a cigarette butt, or fishing line, it all spells trouble for our future. After one of the monthly beach clean-ups with Plastic Pickers in Paradise, a community volunteer group, I had a discussion with my fourth grade students, and presented photo evidence of what we found at Mānele Boat Harbor. The students grew very concerned and asked how they could help solve the problem. We investigated the dangers of cigarette butts and monofilament fishing line. The students took this as a personal call to action and wrote persuasive letters to the Hawai'i Wildlife Discovery Center, Maui Ocean Center Marine Institute, asking that monofilament recycling bins and ashtrays be placed at various coastal locations on island, as well as around town.



Lāna'i Elementary fourth graders Mikella Tubera, Isaac Akaike, Alexis Ariago, and Athea Elaydo at Mānele Boat Harbor, Lāna'i Photo courtesy of Danyel Erickson

Through some thoughtful donations from the community, collaboration with the high school woodworking students, and some creativity, we made our own monofilament recycling bin. The bin consists of a four-inch polyvinyl chloride (pvc) piping, a cap, an elbow piece, and our class logo sticker. Students designed the class logo, using an orange circle to represent our island color, and added our class name and the year. In the center, we highlighted some of the animals impacted by derelict fishing line.

On April 8, 2022, we met via Zoom with Stacey I. Breining, the Environmental Education mentor and conservation specialist from Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, to examine the negative effects of monofilament fishing line on marine life. In the afternoon, we took a field trip to Mānele Boat Harbor and met with Joelle Aoki, harbor master, and Officer Alton Aoki of DOCARE. They educated us on the rules and regulations at the harbor, as well as the mounting trash left by residents and visitors. The students presented the monofilament recycling bin prototype and we discussed how to best utilize the bin, its location, and how many are needed. Afterwards, we took a walking tour of the harbor to pick up trash and examine the types of trash left behind.

This project has left a long-lasting impression. The students of Lāna'i High and Elementary are the future stewards, caretakers, biologists, leaders, and residents of this beautiful island we call home. They ask that you please use the bins, pick up after yourself, and live with aloha.

## ILOA Hawai'i's camera-naming contest

The International Lunar Observatory Association (ILOA Hawai'i) will be

launching its precursor ILO-X mission to the moon later this year, and taking two cameras on board – one with a narrow field of view, the other a wide field, to capture high-resolution and first-ever images of the center of the Milky Way Galaxy from the moon's surface.

The non-profit organization, based in Kamuela, HI, invites Hawai'i's students to come up with names for the camera with the narrow field-of-view.

The naming contest runs March 24 to May 26, 2022. According to a March 21 press release, ILOA Hawai'i asks teachers to engage their students in lunar exploration and propose a name via ILOA Hawai'i's Google form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffSbrdGtOU\\_eiKogU3mn-oRFIjdkxPY4ogry3tVC-BAGNb\\_w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffSbrdGtOU_eiKogU3mn-oRFIjdkxPY4ogry3tVC-BAGNb_w/viewform)

ILOA Hawai'i will be accepting one proposed name per Google form and an unlimited number of names per class. Each proposed name must be accompanied by a reason or rationale for that name. To qualify, students must be from a public, private, or charter school in Hawai'i; homeschooled students are also eligible.

ILOA Hawai'i requests that proposed names reflect "the aloha and kuleana" the organization feels towards the people who support them every day. For more information, visit <https://iloa.org/>



## Project Hōkūlani Hui helps Lāna'i students become stars

Contributed by Lisa Galloway

You know "that kid" – the little inventor of tools, the animal doctor-to-be, the star-gazer with all the science questions? They grow up fast, and then what happens? Where do they go?

They go to high school, and even college, but somehow, many don't become astronomers, engineers, or medical experts. Why don't many of Lāna'i youth succeed in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields at the same rate as their non-Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander peers? The Project Hōkūlani Hui team believes they know why, and have a solution: It's support – a lot of it!

Project Hōkūlani is an educational study funded by the U.S. Department of Education in the Native Hawaiian Education Program (grant award no. S362A210073). The team works at the College of Education, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Lisa Galloway, who worked on similar grants at the Center on Disability Studies (CDS) at UH for five years before coming to Lāna'i to teach, is now the Lāna'i site coordinator.

The Hōkūlani Project has built on CDS' past efforts to develop something really promising for Hawai'i's teens. While previous projects created classroom materials to inspire culturally responsive, place-based STEM learning, this project supports students in high school and beyond. Kūpuna and elderly kama'aina, students' families, and local mentors, all form a hui to help students succeed.

The project offers students who are interested in STEM stellar afterschool enrichment activities and internships; hands-on sessions with science instructors; cultural lessons; college transition preparation; small group and one-on-one mentoring, plus, 'ohana activities.

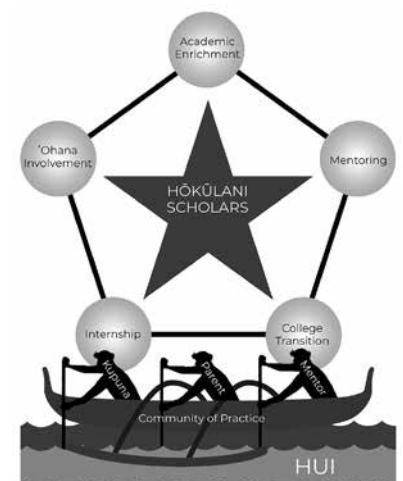
Paid student internships are the most exciting part! This coming school year, students can choose from three participating sites: Lāna'i Observatory, Venture Physical Therapy, and Pūlama Lāna'i's drone mapping for Global Imaging Systems (GIS). More information about these options is on the project website now (<https://cde.hawaii.edu/hokulani>), including introductions to Lāna'i mentors: Ted Anderson, 'Ānela Evans, Charlie Palumbo, and Jess Smith.

Project staff hope you'll help spread the word to young people who are interested in STEM. Look for coming announcements about information sessions, and tell students to contact [lisa.on.lanai@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.on.lanai@gmail.com) any time, by email or at LHES.

Only fifteen high school students will be accepted by August, with priority given to: 1) Native Hawaiians; 2) other Pacific Islanders; 3) other Lāna'i students.

Students with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.

Mahalo for helping raise up Lāna'i's future star students!



'Oi kau ka lā, e hana i ola honua. While the sun yet shines do all you can. While there is earthly life (ola honua), do all you can (Pukui 261).

# Too much screen time impacts students' health and well-being

Contributed by William Dulay, Keala Montgomery, Souina Seiuli, Leihiwa Siliga, Mariel Chaeli Tolentino

**Y**our smartphone brings hours of entertainment. It can make you feel connected to your friends, family and community. But too much time on your device can be isolating. We've all had that one friend who pays more attention to his or her device than to you, leaving you feeling disconnected, unloved and unimportant.

Our objective in our CTE Foundations of Health Services class was to select a health topic and educate the student body in order to improve health outcomes. We know that technology is continually growing and affecting our lives. We developed a hypothesis that too much screen time can negatively impact students' health and well-being.

Many students are unaware of the negative effects of too much screen time, as its symptoms, such as headaches, blurry vision, dry eyes, and loss of sleep, are often attributed to stress or dehydration. These negative effects impact not only academic performance, but students' emotional, social and physical well-being, too.

To find out what students knew about screen time, we created a survey that asked them to estimate how much time they spent on three areas: on their devices; with their family, friends, community; and/or outside, without their devices. We surveyed about fifteen of Jennifer Montgomery's fifth graders and about sixteen students from grades 9-12.

We surveyed students prior to showing them a presentation on the detrimental effects of screen time and how it can affect their everyday lives outside and inside the home. In the presentation, we discussed other activities they could do rather than staring at a screen all day, such as learning how to ride a skateboard, going to the park, or playing board games.

After the presentation, we surveyed the students four to six weeks later. Examples of survey questions included, "How long are you on your device on school days and non-school days?" In analyzing the survey, we discovered some interesting results, both negative and positive.

To the survey question, "Do you think you're on your phone too much?" 72 percent of elementary students in the pre-survey said yes. In the post-survey, 63 percent of elementary students reported they were not on their phones too much. Those who had earlier reported using their phones too much (72 percent) reported a decrease (36 percent) in usage.

In addition, phone usage on non-school days went down for elementary students. This is reflected in their answers to the survey question: "How long are you on your phone on non-school days?" (Pre-survey: five to seven hours/day; Post-survey: one to four hours/day).

We learned that high school students use their phones mostly for social media and texting. Although this may be new information, it was no surprise. As teenagers, this is what we do outside of school and sports. It is our major form of communication. Report findings showed high school teens were not on their phones when out with their friends.

However, after teaching our fellow peers about the detrimental effects of too much screen time, we found screen usage did not decrease and remained unaffected. We conclude that for teens, their phones are too important in their lives to give up. They use their phones as a social escape (e.g. avoiding an awkward silence) or to interact with their peers.

We were more successful teaching elementary students about the negative effects of screen time than we were with teens. A possible explanation could be that high school students have established their socialization patterns and are stuck in their ways. They are unwilling to disrupt their social infrastructure.

In contrast, elementary students are still malleable. Their parents and what they learn in the classroom are strong influences in changing their behavior. Parents and teachers, please heed: our study shows that teaching students to limit their screen time must happen before they reach high school.

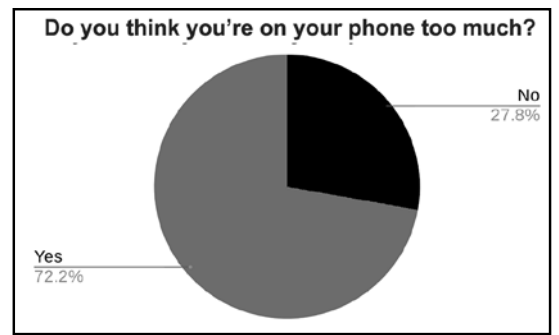


Figure 1: Elementary Student responses in Pre-Survey.

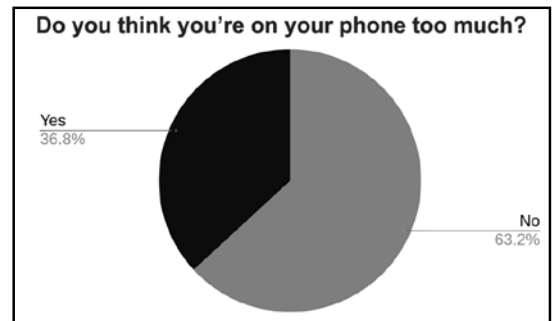


Figure 2: Elementary Student responses in Post-Survey

## WATER UTILITY

### Don't pay extra on your water bill

**T**he Lānaʻi Water Company wants its customers to be aware of any third-party bill payment sites, for they charge additional fees to mail check payments. This is why it is important to always use the official Lānaʻi Water Company website when you make an electronic payment, says Joy Gannon, director of Utilities, LWC.

To avoid being charged such fees, customers are encouraged to sign up for ACH, an electronic bill payment, through LWC's official and secure online portal: [www.lanaiwatercompany.com](http://www.lanaiwatercompany.com)

ACH is free to all customers of LWC, and saves time and postage. (LWC never charges its customers a fee when they make a payment.) Paying automatically via ACH is convenient, and also ensures that payment is always on time – even if you're out of town, eliminating late charges.

For every new ACH sign-up, LWC will donate ten dollars to local non-profits. LWC is keeping a spreadsheet of all new sign-ups and is donating to four local non-profits equally. ACH enrollment is ongoing, but ten-dollar donations for each new sign-up will end June 30, 2022.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Hermenegilda Oliva turns 101

By Nelinia Cabiles

**W**hen you turn a hundred years old, and arguably, a few years before then, people start to wonder about your secrets to aging well. What does it take?

According to Hermenegilda Oliva, Lānaʻi's superager who turned a hundred and one years old on April 11, 2022, the answer is simple: eat your fruits and vegetables.

The vegetarian-for-life (though she admits to eating fish now and then) is clearly thriving, and has thrived for many decades, on a plant-based diet and daily regimen of exercise – in her case, short walks outside her home. A recent medical check-up with her doctor (Dr. John Janikowski) seemed to indicate as much: "My blood pressure is good. My cholesterol is good. Blood sugar count is good. My heart rate is good. . . the only thing that was not good [low] was my potassium," Oliva says. It is a problem that can be corrected with, *guess what?* Fruits and vegetables. Bananas and broccoli, specifically.

Oliva's children, Mellie, Henry, Foto, Aimee, and Faith, celebrated her birthday with her (see photo). Oliva's hearing is not what it was once was, but an Apple earbud placed in her right ear amplified sound so well that Oliva was able to chat and hear the birthday well wishes of her great-grandchildren. A marvel of technology meets a marvel of human being. Happy birthday, Hermenegilda Oliva!



Clockwise from top: Hermenegilda Oliva on her birthday (April 11, 2022), with her children, Henry, Foto, Faith Tamashiro, Aimee Rollefson, and Mellie Oliva.

**Pe'ape'a maka walu.** *Eight-eyed Pe'ape'a.* One who is wide awake and very observant; one who is skilled. Pe'ape'a was the son of Kamehamehanui of Maui.

## Lāna‘i’s Mana Wahine

Contributed by Roxanne Morita and \*Nelinia Cabiles

The Maui County Committee on the Status of Women held its semi-annual “Women of Excellence” awards ceremony March 29, 2022, at the University of Hawai‘i Maui campus. The award celebrates and recognizes the contributions of “Mana Wahine” throughout Maui County. The committee selected two of Councilmember Gabe Johnson’s nominations.

Valerie Janikowski, creator and founder of Lāna‘i Kinā‘ole, was recognized for her continued and tireless advocacy in providing home health care on Lāna‘i. Janikowski started the non-profit organization in 2019, as an answer to what was missing from Lāna‘i’s health care landscape. She is tenacious, hardworking and dedicated to her patients, staff, and the Lāna‘i community. For those who need home care, there is no stronger advocate. Janikowski is recognized for the multiple hats she wears with such grace: program administrator, grant writer, nurse, director and spokesperson/advocate for long-term home health care on Lāna‘i.

Phyllis McOmber was recognized posthumously for her decades-long service to the Lāna‘i community. She created the College Outreach program, was the longtime director of the University of Hawai‘i Maui College, and helped start E Mālama I Na Keiki o Lāna‘i, the island’s only preschool. She was driven by her love and desire to support the needs of the community, and sought to improve the lives of those around her. Her legacy will continue on in the many lives she has touched.

Bobbie Vaiaoga, a senior service aide at the Lāna‘i Senior Center, was recognized as an honorable mention. Vaiaoga took care of her mom in 2019 before her mother died. Vaiaoga found it was work that gave her joy. She has also provided care at Hale Mahaolu, putting the needs of others before her own, and going above and beyond the call of duty.

\*Qualities that marked Stephanie Badillo, a senior at Lāna‘i High School, as a woman of excellence, is, as LHES Vice Principal Michele Holsomback wrote in her nomination letter, understanding “the importance of building community, honoring traditions, thinking differently, and being compassionate.” Though Badillo is young, her notions of service and giving back to her community are time-worn and deep – values that her family, she says, instilled in her. She has volunteered at the Youth Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai‘i since 2018, and works part-time at the Lāna‘i Community Health Center.



Stephanie Badillo



Phyllis McOmber



Valerie Janikowski



Bobbie Vaiaoga

## Bob Hirayama remembers Lāna‘i

Text and photography by Nelinia Cabiles

Bob Hirayama grew up on Lāna‘i in the nineteen-forties to nineteen-fifties, a time when the town was designated into two camps, and the streets had no names, and the business of pineapple, begun by James Dole in 1922, was in full swing. It was a time when island residents could set their wristwatches to the Hawaiian Pineapple Company’s work whistle, which blew precisely at four o’clock in the morning, the sound carrying from one corner of the mile-long town to the other, rising above the town square, through the unnamed streets, from block to block, along up camp and down camp, above the company houses, rousing awake pineapple pickers and planters and truck drivers and luna, and pushing them out of bed and into their kitchens to prepare their kaukau tins, to stow their canvas chaps and mesh goggles and handkerchiefs and gloves into their work bags, the sound a signal of the start of another work day in the pineapple fields.

Hirayama, who is eighty-three years old, remembers, and writes about, that period of our island’s history, in “*The Way it Was*”, part of a multi-part series called *Plantation Life*. (The first installment begins on page 8.)

Hirayama graduated from Lāna‘i High School in 1957, and went to college in Menomonie, Wisconsin, receiving a degree in Industrial Education. He would teach at Kailua High School on O‘ahu for thirty-nine years, before retiring in 2001.

The idea of chronicling Lāna‘i’s pineapple era for posterity in *Lāna‘i Today* might not have occurred to the retired shop teacher had not a chance meeting in October 2021, at the Blue Ginger Café, taken place between him and this writer. They had a conversation about Lāna‘i, and this writer’s search for people who had grown up on the island and could speak to the values of pineapple’s bygone era, and perhaps write about it, while the reservoir of memory was still fresh and clear and accessible. Perhaps this writer spoke of the urgency to find such record-keepers before they were gone.

It became immediately clear during that conversation that Bob Hirayama – a son of Lāna‘i, who had worked in the pineapple fields, and left for the mainland for college, and returned to the islands with a deeper appreciation for Lāna‘i, and for its people and its way of life, which he likely wouldn’t have gotten had he stayed on the island – might very well be the record-keeper she was looking for. She asked him to please consider writing what he remembered about life back then and to submit it for publication in the paper.

For months, there was nothing, no word that this writer’s plea had left any impression on Hirayama or his daughter. And then, in early March 2022, seemingly out of the blue, Hirayama called to say he had written something – more than seven pages of his recollections, to be exact, of growing up on Lāna‘i when pineapple ruled the island.

It is a pleasure to read Hirayama’s recollections, for he does not write with sentimentality. He is not that kind of storyteller. He describes places on the island and people and friends with whom he grew up, and assigns to each place, a story that he remembers, writing with a clarity and an authority that could only have come from having lived through that time.

Eighty-three years is a long lens through which to see the world – and to see one’s self in relation to that world – and in Hirayama’s prose, there is both a young boy’s observations, unvarnished and plain, and the adult self, who takes stock of a changed world, and gives an accounting of what was on the island then, and what is now gone.

Through this double perspective, what Hirayama offers readers is not just authenticity, but context. And it is context that deepens understanding of a place. May Bob Hirayama’s stories help readers of this paper see Lāna‘i in a new light.



Bob Hirayama

Nei ka honua, he ʻōla‘i ia. *When the earth trembles, it is an earthquake.* We know what it is by what it does (Pukui 251).

## Aloha from Jim Coon



Lāna‘i City Service 1983 Photograph courtesy of Jim Coon

In early 1973, after two years sailing the South Pacific from Alaska, our family sailed into Mānele Harbor on a Trimaran we had built ourselves named TRILOGY. My father, Eldon Coon, had a vision to provide guided day trips from Maui to Lāna‘i. We met with Castle & Cooke and shared that vision with them, and they granted our family that privilege. We also met with Lāna‘i kūpuna and honored their request to not use Hulopo‘e Beach Park on weekends or Lāna‘i union holidays, a promise we continue to keep. Since 1975, Trilogy Excursions has also paid for every guest who uses Hulopo‘e Beach Park, which has helped to maintain this beautiful park for Lāna‘i residents and guests alike.

My brother Randy and I (the Coon Brothers), bought Jimmy Nishimura’s gas station in 1983 and renamed it Lanai City Service, Inc. (LCS). We had three simple objectives: to provide good employment opportunities for Lāna‘i residents, deliver essential services to the Lāna‘i community and visitors, and bring in off-island dollars to the Lāna‘i economy.

The Lāna‘i community was very supportive, and we were able to hire excellent local talent to operate the LCS enterprise. The station was in serious disrepair, and over the next few years the building was remodeled, property paved, fuel tanks replaced, and more services added. LCS had the only independently owned DOLLAR Rent-a-Car franchise in Hawai‘i, a NAPA auto parts store, island tour business, convenience store, deli, safety check station, and propane sales.

Lanai City Service has weathered many challenges and changes, but none as great as this recent pandemic. With other variables at play, COVID was the tipping point that challenged our family to make the decision to sell the station to Pūlama Lāna‘i. Though it was a hard decision, we believe under Pūlama’s management, LCS will continue to meet our original three objectives and enhance the value the station brings to the community.

On behalf of the entire Coon Family, we are so grateful for the 39 years we were able to serve you, our Lāna‘i community, at LCS. We want to thank our wonderful employees who have become our ‘ohana, for the loyalty and aloha you’ve shared with us and our customers. We love this island and still intend to be a part of the community by serving at the Manele General Store at Mānele Harbor. Trilogy will continue to pay for each guest that we bring to Hulopo‘e Beach Park and we look forward to our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Giveaway on Saturday, November 19, 2022. (Location to be announced.) Me ka mahalo nui ~ with much gratitude, Jim Coon

## Doing it Lāna‘i style

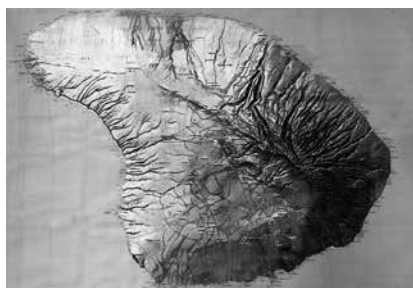
Thank you, Lāna‘i, for adopting me into your community when I arrived in 1978 to work at Lāna‘i High and Elementary School.

“Are you sure you want to go to Lāna‘i? There’s nothing there but pineapple,” the recruiter asked. I have never regretted saying, “Yes.”

To all of my friends, neighbors, Pūlama . . . all of you . . . everyone, thanks so much for the “house painting.”

My feelings cannot be expressed. You represent the long tradition of kōkua, Lāna‘i style.

Mahalo nui loa and much more, Pat Reilly



‘Oiai e nānā mai ana no na maka. While the eyes still look around. While a person is living, treat him kindly and learn what you can from him (Pukui 260).

## Political parties set for the 2022 Elections

Office of Elections press release

The State of Hawai‘i Office of Elections conducted a random drawing April 6, 2022, to determine the order in which the political parties will appear on the 2022 Elections ballot.

The order is as follows:

- Green Party of Hawai‘i
- Nonpartisan ballot
- Constitution Party of Hawai‘i
- Aloha ‘Āina Party
- Hawai‘i Republican Party
- Libertarian Party of Hawai‘i
- Democratic Party of Hawai‘i

These parties may field candidates for partisan contests, such as U.S. Senate or State Representative. Candidates not affiliated with a political party may still run as nonpartisan candidates.

Hawai‘i conducts a single party primary election where voters must indicate their political preference and vote only for candidates within their selected preference. The candidates who receive the most votes are nominated to represent their political party at the General Election.

Voters should look for their Primary Election ballot in the mail by July 26 and their General Election ballot by October 21. Ballots must be received by 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.

Primary Election: Saturday, August 13

General Election, Tuesday, November 8

For official election and voter information, visit [elections.hawaii.gov](https://elections.hawaii.gov) or call (808) 453-VOTE (8683).

### OBITUARY

#### Robert Steven Scarborough March 8, 1965 – March 31, 2021



On Wednesday, March 31, 2021, Robert “Bob” Steven Scarborough, loving brother, friend and partner, left us too early at the age of 56 from complications of COVID-19 in Carson City, Nevada. His loving partner, Lori Lewis, was steadfastly by his side and comforted him until the end.

Bob was born on March 8, 1965 to JoAnn (Cummings) and Robert Scarborough, Jr. He completed his high school degree at Redlands High School and was the son of parents and grandparents – Mary (Cummings) Pasqual, Robert and Thelma Scarborough, Sr. – who were long-term residents of Redlands, CA.

Bob received a B.A. degree from University of California, San Diego, in Quantitative Economics and Decision Sciences with a minor in Argentine history in 1987. He worked for a number of building construction companies in Arizona and California before striking out on his own, with his company, Scarborough Construction and Blue Rock Development. He built custom homes in Arizona, Lake Tahoe, Lāna‘i, Hawai‘i, and Connecticut, including the beautiful custom lodge home in Lāna‘i, where his older sister, Gail Scarborough, lives today. He was a finish wood craftsman and designed several of the interiors of homes his company built. In later years, he loved to travel to Lake Tahoe and along the lower Colorado River valley to Blythe, CA, in his custom-designed Airstream trailer.

Bob was married to his high school friend, Deborah Taunton, also from Redlands, CA, from 1994 to 2017. Bob loved to have a good time and had many friends. Everyone who knew him would come to recognize his terrific wit and sense of humor and his talent at being the life of the party. His parents’ early divorce when he was three years old and his mother’s early death when he was 12, had a lasting effect on Bob and contributed to the person he became – independent, living fully in the moment and perhaps hiding some of the pain by making us all laugh and finding humor in anything and everything.

He will be missed.

A celebration of his life was held Friday, April 1, 2022, off the shores of Maui, where his ashes were scattered in the waters he loved.

He is survived by his older sisters, Gail Scarborough of Lāna‘i, and Sheri Scarborough of Richmond, CA; his former wife, Deborah Scarborough, of Lāna‘i; two nieces, Victoria Wayne Bowley of Rumson, N.J. and Lauren Wayne Aguilar of Lāna‘i; three great nieces, Ava, Audrey and Harper, and great nephew, Ryder.

## 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 five-part series*

**M**y name is Robert "Bob" M. Hirayama, Jr. Born and raised on Lāna'i some eighty-three years ago at the corner of Queen and Tenth Streets, Block 17, House 19. This was our street address. I will write this as if I was talking to you, so please excuse my grammar and pidgin. I will describe what I remember from block to block. I will jump around as I remember the way it was during the '40s and '50s.

In the back side of Queen Street were bomb shelters belonging to the people living below Queen Street. As far as I could remember, there were bomb shelters from Ninth Street all the way down the end of Queen. Ours was shaped like a 90-degree U, like a horseshoe with two entrances. Every time the siren blew, we all had to go to the shelter. We had so many practice drills that it got tiring going into the same hole. Bobby T. lived a few houses away and he and I would go into our neighbor's shelter because Ms. Sawada made delicious bento and musubi. Remember that, Bob?

Above the shelters were chicken coops, and almost every family had an area to raise chickens, ducks, rabbits, and fighting chickens. One day we had strong winds that knocked our rabbit coop over and all the rabbits ran away into the pasture. We didn't catch any. At the back of the coops was pastureland with lots of big, yellow, sweet guava and the true purple lilikoi.

I will come back to block 17, house 19, but we'll go down to the main street, which we call Lāna'i Avenue. Back in those days, the streets didn't have names.

At the end of Lāna'i Avenue – the last house on Lāna'i Avenue before it went up to Kō'ele Ranch – was the best saimin house on Lāna'i. The lady's name may have been Mrs. Oyama, Squeaky O.'s wife. Coming back on Lāna'i Avenue, on the right side below the 8<sup>th</sup> hole [of the Cavendish Golf Course] were garages, and across the street was the Steven Tom house. The saying is that the Menehunes used to march across the street into the Tom's yard. Past the old Korean home on the right side, somewhere up on the hill, was where the school used to be. My dad, Bob Hirayama, Sr., being the only licensed carpenter, had the job to move the old schoolhouse. He had to lift the schoolhouse onto the trailer, but the schoolhouse was too heavy and the truck started to slide. He asked a guy name Shibuya (Shibu) to bring a big caterpillar to hook up the truck with a cable and [they] slowly brought the truck to level ground. They took [the schoolhouse] to its present location.

Moving down toward the theater, on the left side, there used to be a dancing hall called Taxi Dancing. People were buying scrips at the door and [they] went in. As a youngster, I didn't understand what I saw. But on the right side was a big building that I could run into



1935 Lāna'i Theater Photograph courtesy of Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center



Hale Keaka (Lāna'i Theater), in 2022 Photograph by Nelinia Cabiles

and was owned by a shoemaker named Matsumoto. I believe it was Kurt and Colbert's grandfather.

Coming up the hill, there were two houses on the left in very bad shape. The first house was Shirley S.'s house, and the second was Carol M.'s. After a few years, they moved, and the company restored the houses to look like old plantation houses. Today, they're nicely repaired and look beautiful. Coming up to the bank was Mr. Carlson, the banker, and his wife, our sixth grade teacher. My memory of Mr. Carlson takes me back to when I was fourteen years old. I was to face Mr. Carlson for my Eagle Scout Board of Review and he was noted for being tough and hard to pass. But I'm glad he was in a good mood that day.

Between Seventh and Eighth Streets on Lāna'i Avenue is a flagpole, which is where the first post office was located. A small post office, but I remember Box 226 was our box and Box 216 was the Kubota's. Correct, Taka, Robert K.?

Later, [the post office] moved across the street. I remember Mr. Tom, postmaster, Mrs. Osako, and Mrs. Aoki, were very friendly and helpful working behind the counter.

Coming down Seventh Street, the theater was on the right side. Tickets used to be nine cents to sit in the bench section, which was the first three rows. For thirty cents, you got to sit in individual seats. For forty cents, you got to sit on the right side upon entering – reserved seats that came with a cushion. Monday nights were Filipino movies. Tuesdays were Westerns. Wednesdays, Hollywood movies. Thursdays were Japanese movies. Friday, Saturday and Sunday were regular movies. On Sunday, there was a matinee and chapter movies, like part I and II, etc. Sometimes, we only went for the chapter movies, forgetting the main feature.

Once had problems with honeybees flying in the theater. My dad volunteered to clean out the beehive. He opened the walls and took out the wax and laver. He had two clean barrels in which he put the old wax and laver in one, and the clean honey in the other. People could help themselves to the clean honeycomb. He had all the honey dripping from the wax. Plenty.

## SLICE of LIFE *Skating at the speed of joy*

Text and photography by Nelinia Cabiles

A few days a week when Charity Figuerres comes home after work, she hustles to the basketball courts on Fifth Street, laces up her quad rolling skates, and shoots across the court, gaining speed as she tears along, throwing down some crossovers and spins, dabbing some gloss on a backward roll, and whatever moves she thinks of during her twenty-minute, full-court glide.

Figuerres, chief executive officer/manager of the Lāna'i Credit Union, says quad roller skating brings out the joy in her. "We all have to stay young at heart," she says. "For without it, life passes in a blink of an eye."

Figuerres took up the sport again a few weeks ago, rediscovering the thrill of speed. It's obvious from Figuerres' grin as she skims the court that skating is her thing and there's no slowing her roll.



**Ua ahū ka imu, e lāwalu ka i'a.** *The oven is ready, let the fish wrapped in ti leaves be cooked.* All preparations have been made; now let us proceed with the work (Pukui 305).



# From the Farm A healthy twist on Spring celebrations

Brought to you by the farmers and leaders at Sensei Ag

**A**h, spring. The turning of seasons brings a fresh perspective on the growing season here at Sensei Ag. This month, we’re embracing updates to greenhouses, guiding new plantings as they flourish into bountiful harvests, and, as always, remain thankful for co-workers and teammates who grow into friends. Whether on the farm or at home on the island, there’s always much to celebrate, and no matter the season, our celebrations, much like yours, often mean gatherings and festivities to plan for and bring to life.

As a produce-loving crew, we let veggies take center stage at our celebrations. But even your local farmers sometime struggle to build the healthiest plate possible. So, we came up with some favorite ways to keep health in sight, while fully enjoying every minute that celebrations bring. Here are some practiced, proven tips to enjoy celebrations while moving ever closer to health and wellness, too.

## The rainbow challenge

A plate packed with rice, fresh-baked bread, breaded chicken tenders, or roasted potatoes may seem tempting, but before you continuing adding to your plate of beige, ask, how can I throw in some color? Challenge yourself to include each color of the rainbow. Kids often love this game, working to find the perfect purple plum, the best blueberries, the deepest green lettuces, and so on. We all win when we explore new fresh foods, taking in essential vitamins, minerals, phytonutrients, and filling fiber along the way – not to mention discovering delightful flavor and texture!

## Eye on the prize

It’s party time and no one would find fault with you taking a day away from health and wellness. But why step away when it can be surprisingly easy to have some favorites and add in healthy, too? Health needn’t be an all or nothing affair. It’s a long race towards building a better you. Sometimes, long-term health can mean taking a break from skipping dessert and passing on favorites to help you stay in the race for the long run. With some creative tweaks, you might even find ways to put a healthy spin on familiar favorites. How about slicing fried chicken and enjoying it over a generous bed of lettuce, rather than alongside mashed potatoes? Or swapping out ice cream for sliced fresh fruit as topping for a piece of cake? Sneak in veggies and save calories by mixing riced cauliflower into your usual side of fluffy rice. Or keep it simple by having what you love, but enjoying a smaller portion of it. Or order your favorite entrée and choose healthy sides to round it out. By getting creative in the kitchen or thoughtfully building a better plate at the buffet, you can quite literally have your cake and eat it, too!

## More simple swaps for success

Love pasta, rice, and potatoes, but trying to cut back on the calories and carbs? We hear you. We’re loving subbing in fiber-rich zoodles (noodle shaped zucchini) in place of noodles or grabbing a variety of higher-protein, higher-fiber, lower-carb pasta made with lentils, chickpeas, or other pulses. For dishes that call for rice, try both riced broccoli and cauliflower (find them in the supermarket’s produce section or freezer section) instead of the traditional high-carb grain.

## Healthy snacking made easy

Everyone loves a spring-inspired snack tray. Fill your festive snack plate or, really, any plate with sliced and chopped fresh fruit, vegetables and a selection of dips. Our favorites are hummus (both savory and sweet flavors are commonly available), homemade baba ghanoush, Greek yogurt mixed with honey, and sour cream-based ranch dip. Combine sliced veggies for color and fiber (fewer calories are a plus), whole-grain toast, crackers, and pita crisps for crunch; cheeses and meats for protein and fat, and olives and nuts for fats and oils. Garnish with colorful flower blossoms and Sensei Farms deeply-colored Lāna‘i Mix for a platter your family and friends will love. Bon appetit!

Still not sure where to start? Here’s our go-to snack tray with something for everyone!

- Salted, roasted, mixed nuts
- Hard-boiled eggs
- A mix of goat, Feta, Gruyere, Bleu, and Brie, Parmesan and Romano cheeses
- Grilled slices strips of chicken, beef, or pork
- Hummus drizzled with oil and pine nuts
- Sun-dried tomatoes and peppers in oil
- Marinated olives
- Sliced celery, cucumber, zucchini, tomatoes, peppers

## Say yes to salad

Rare is the person who consumes enough vegetables. No matter your health goals or your chosen diet approach, there’s so much to love about fiber-rich lettuce mixes, peppery arugula, and fresh veggies topped with grilled meats, some crumbled cheese, and a splash of dressing. You’ll love the flavor medley of our current favorite, Lāna‘i Grilled Steak Salad. Recipe below.

### Lāna‘i Grilled Steak Salad

Serves 3

Ingredients:

- 4 oz. container Sensei Farms Lāna‘i Mix or Cherry Red Lettuce leaves, rinsed and dried
- ½ cup pickled red cabbage
- ½ small cucumber, julienned (cut into thin strips)
- 2 tbsp chopped walnut halves
- 5-10 Sensei Farms Lāna‘i Mini Tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 2 Tbsp crumbled Feta or Gorgonzola cheese
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 10-12 oz. beef strip steak or pork loin steaks, thinly sliced
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 pinch ground black pepper
- 3 Tbsp citrus vinaigrette or other favorite dressing

Divide Lāna‘i Mix or Cherry Red lettuce between three dinner plates or large salad bowls. Add pickled cabbage, cucumber, chopped walnuts, and sliced tomatoes. Set aside. Add olive oil to a non-stick skillet and warm over medium heat. Add sliced steak or pork loin and cook until no longer pink. Cool slightly and then add to salads. Sprinkle salt and pepper on top, and drizzle with citrus vinaigrette or other preferred dressing before serving.



**Pi‘i ka lepo i ka makani puahiohio.** *The dust rises on the whirlwind.* Said of a person who elevates himself with his bragging (Pukui 289).

# FOUR SEASONS RESORTS LĀNAʻI'S HOSTS GOLF TOURNEY TO BENEFIT UKRAINE

Contributed by Scott Ashworth, director of Golf \*Photo courtesy of Four Seasons Resorts Lānaʻi and \* Curtis Onuma

**O**n Saturday, March 26, 2022, Four Seasons Resorts Lānaʻi's Mānele Golf Course hosted a humanitarian tournament to benefit those affected by the war in Ukraine. All proceeds went to the International Committee of the Red Cross and World Central Kitchen.

A total of fifty-six golfers across fourteen teams teed it up on the course, bracing themselves against windy conditions to raise money for such an important cause. Our local businesses donated competition prizes to raise the stakes, and our Food & Beverage team manned a pizza oven, and sold pizza slices and drink specials to raise additional relief funds.

Everyone had a great time and we were delighted to announce a donation of \$11,805 at the final tally. We were especially touched by how many people in our community stepped up to contribute even if they didn't play in the tournament. It was a great day filled with emotion and one that we were proud to sponsor.



Scott Ashworth, director of Golf, and Will Foster, first assistant golf pro, Four Seasons' Mānele Golf Course



Eric Baldeviso, Alan Sanchez, Jackie Sanchez, and Jonathan Preza \*



Edwin and Celso Vila (background) and Neal Tamashiro (foreground) \*



# The house on 'Ahakea Street

By Nelinia Cabiles Photography by Nelinia Cabiles and \*Diane Preza



The house on 'Ahakea Street, primed for fresh coats of paint



\*Front row: Kawehi Kalawaia, Neal Tamashiro, Pat Reilly (with palapalai lei), Sean Oliva, August Pavsek, Diane Preza, Kris Powers. Second row: Keiki-Pua Dancil, Hana and Sam Dimaya, Duane St. Clair, Eric Baldeviso, Curtis Onuma. Back row: Kurt Matsumoto, Kazumi Palisbo, Susan Chew, Joe Gofonka, Wane Ayonayon, Larry Plunkett, Edwin Vila, Gordon Chew, Joe Pavsek, Butch Gima, Darryl St. Clair \*

If a house were a rose, then it was plain to see that the bloom was off the rose at 468 'Ahakea Street. Sunfaded and weathered, the house, built in the early nineteen-nineties, had seen better days.

To Diane Preza, director, Community Affairs, Pūlama Lāna'i, the house would again see better days. She selected the house as the next candidate for Pūlama Lāna'i's community painting project. The house needed some freshening up, a little priming here, a little spackling there. But it was nothing that a few coats of paint couldn't remedy.

That better day arrived eight o'clock in the morning on Saturday, March 5, 2022, when more than forty people from the Lāna'i community, wielding cans of paint, rolls of masking tape and long brown sheets of paper, came a-calling, intending to restore the house's lost loveliness.

Pat Reilly, retired guidance counselor at Lāna'i High and Elementary, has lived in the house on 'Ahakea Street since the early nineteen-nineties, and was moved to see so many of his friends and former students volunteer their time and muscle that Saturday (see his letter of thanks, page 7). One individual brought his own paint sprayer.

"Mr. Reilly spent his life helping LHES students as a guidance counselor," says Preza. "He's a beloved member of this community."

Sean Oliva, project manager, Lāna'i Builders, sees the community painting project as an event that brings people together - volunteers, who, for a few hours, are all working toward one goal: to give someone's home a fresh coat of paint. It's community-building, but with paintbrushes and masking tape.

As with Hono Nefalar's house (see story in the January 2022 edition), Oliva estimated supplies and materials.

The house on 'Ahakea Street took fewer than twenty gallons of paint, all told, Oliva says, and with scores of volunteers, the painting project wrapped up in about three and a half hours. Not bad for loveliness that will last for decades and a spirit of giving that will be remembered for generations. It's how a community's traditions are made.



Darryl St. Clair



August Pavsek



Wane Ayonayon



Pat Reilly



Susan Chew and Charity Figuerres



Sam Dimaya (back) and Sammy Dimaya, Jr.



Jonathan Preza



Duane St. Clair

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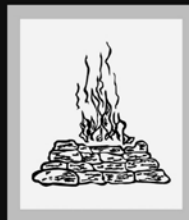
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*We are our island's memory keepers.*

Pineapple used to grow here. Our parents and grandparents worked in the fields, bending and stooping in search of fruit, and in the summer, we learned to do the same. Day after day, in sun and rain, we came to the fields, to back-breaking work from which our plantation community was built. It was our way of life. Until it wasn't. Except for the scraps of black mulch paper that litter the roads, there is little evidence that pineapple used to grow here.

To honor our island's past and those who shaped this island and made it what it is, Lānaʻi Today is looking for stories of the pineapple era for its series, Plantation Life. The stories can be brief reminiscences, a moment in a life, a glimpse back into a certain way of doing things. I want to shore up these stories before the memory keepers are gone.

To submit your stories, email me: [ncables@lanaitoday.com](mailto:ncables@lanaitoday.com)  
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**THE LAST WORD**

Text and Photography by Nelinia Cabiles  
Photographs of Hi‘i Agricultural Heiau by Shelly Preza



Volunteers for Community Stewardship Day at the Hi‘i Agricultural Heiau March 19, 2022

**F**or the second consecutive year, the U.S. Senate has designated April as National Native Plant month. Senators Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and Rob Portman (R-OH) co-sponsored the resolution to recognize the importance of native plants to wildlife, people, environmental conservation and restoration.

While national designations are important, one need only spend time in nature to understand how critical native plants are to our birds and other wildlife, and to Hawai‘i’s history and culture

The Lāna‘i Culture & Heritage Center has been hard at work organizing community stewardship days to encourage the Lāna‘i community to care for the land by routing out weeds and invasive species at the Koa Forest (February 19) and Hi‘i Agricultural Heiau (March 19). Another community stewardship day ran April 16 at the Kānepu‘u Native Dryland Forest.

On April 30, 2022, Lāna‘i CHC will celebrate its fifteen-year anniversary and National native plant month with its first ever Kupulau Festival, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in front of the Lāna‘i CHC (Dole Administration Building) on Lāna‘i Avenue.

“The Kupulau Festival is a celebration of our biocultural landscape, for natural conservation is inherently cultural preservation,” says Shelly Preza, executive director, Lāna‘i CHC. “We hope that the community will be inspired to grow native plants and Polynesian-introduced plants, such as kalo and ‘uala, and see the importance of restoring native plants and restoring health to our ecosystem.”

The Kupulau Festival will feature native plant giveaway, educational booths, strawberry and assortment mochi pack and/or venison chili pick-up, new Lāna‘i CHC men’s and women’s T-shirts (size XS to XXL) for sale, raffle drawings, and performances by Ei Nei, Na Hoku Hanohano Award’s 2020 Most Promising Artist. Register at [lanaichc.org/kupulau](http://lanaichc.org/kupulau)



Potting native plants for Lāna‘i CHC’s Kupulau Festival April 30, 2022



‘ilihi and ‘ōhi‘a lehua found in Hi‘i



Attending to native plants at Hi‘i (see preceding photograph) and at the Pūlama Lāna‘i nursery



Some native plants for the Kupulau Festival



Hi‘i Agricultural Heiau