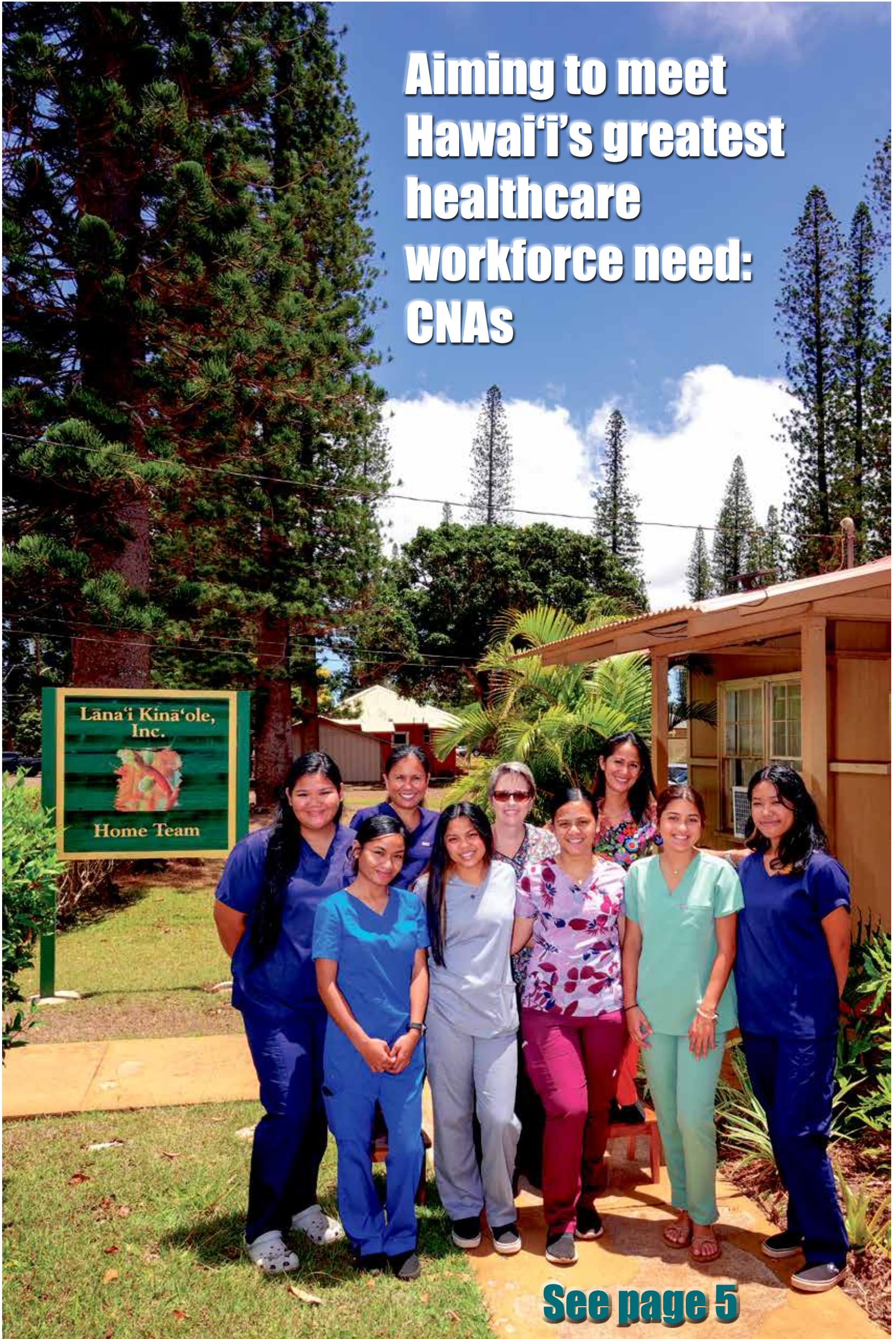


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Aiming to meet Hawai'i's greatest healthcare workforce need: CNAs



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Meet Lāna'i's 2022 cohort of Certified Nursing Assistants, graduates of a 15-week program conducted on island that, as with last year's program, saw support from Lāna'i Kinā'ole, Hale Makua, Hāna Career Pathways, Hawai'i State Center for Nursing, Hawai'i State Rural Health Association, and University of Hawai'i Maui College-Lāna'i.

Front row, left to right: Zhenya David, Lovemarie Llamelo, Tulpe Pablo, Emily Hera, Allyna Teppang. Back row: Ayan Bringas, Uri Cabatu, Valerie Janikowski, Annabel Raqueno **Photography by Ron Gingerich**

Eighth grade band

I took off for Keahiakawelo before sunrise last Saturday, the pockets of my running vest crammed tight with gel fuel packs and salt tablets and small bags of raisins and nuts, my water bladder filled to the brim. I had made water drops the day before. Whatever else I would need for the training run I was carrying on my back. I had also packed my lightweight running jacket, in case Lānaʻihale was damp and cool, but I expected the mid-morning sun would burn through the chill by the time I got there and I would not need it.

The gleam from my headlamp carved the darkness into a tunnel of light as I ran through the neighborhoods at the edge of town. I kept to the swards of grass along the sidewalks to muffle the sounds of my footfalls, because people were still sleeping.

The long run was a test to see if I was ready for the ultramarathon in Oregon next month. I had lost two and a half weeks of training because I had had COVID in July. But I felt confident I had prepared well before I got sick, and was happy to have a day on the trails, a trek that would cover varying terrain and a good climb on ʻĀwehi and long stretches of wilderness and forests and deep gulches and birdsong that I hoped would restore me.

A deer loped across the fields that were once of pineapples to the main artery to Keahiakawelo. Though my water bladder was snugged flat across my back, the deer must have heard it bouncing, for she turned her head in my direction and stood still, coolly taking stock of me, a trespasser in her kingdom of lantana and Christmas berry, a beam of light shining in her direction. She stood her ground, her head high.

Good morning, I said, as I approached, some thirty yards away. She dipped her head low and barked and bounded into the bushes.

There was something in the way the deer held herself, an alertness in her bearing, her ears and eyes taking in the world, as though she were waiting for a concert to start, that reminded me of eighth grade band, and how our class would snap to attention and sit up in our chairs when Mr. Inaba, our teacher, strode into the room, carrying a slender baton that looked like fine ivory. Whatever we had been chattering about died on our lips, and all eyes, from the clarinet and flute and bassoon players in the first row, to the snare and timpani drummers in the back, met his.

He was tall and wore black-rimmed glasses and kept his hair

cropped neat. He could quiet a room with a sharp tap of his baton on the music stand, one quick strike, and we were rapt, our shoulders back, our feet on the floor, the baton poised in the air. We learned to train our eyes on that baton. If he struck the baton again, we would bring our instruments to our lips, all in unison.

Mr. Inaba never raised his voice, but he was strict. Later, I would learn that he was also a sensei of aikido, and what his countenance and bearing conveyed was that he was a man of discipline and humility.

I do not recall Mr. Inaba ever saying, *go home and practice*. It was an unspoken expectation that we would. Whatever preparations we took or did not take would bear itself out at the next concert or test. What he did mention once was to take care of our instruments, to run a soft rag through the chamber so it would be dry in its case, and to shine up the instrument with a good polishing. Without saying so, he was instilling a sense of pride in the instrument, which was, in the band room, an extension of ourselves.

I learned good posture in eighth grade band, and how to read music, for music mattered to Mr. Inaba, but so did keeping one's word and being respectful and expressing thanks to anyone who did a good turn, and so this became conduct that mattered to me.

ʻĀwehi was a tough nut that day. The dream of running from the base of ʻĀwehi back up to the Hale was not to be. The air was dead and broiling. So, I walked, because there is no shame in walking, and kept my posture straight, which again made me think of eighth grade band and Mr. Inaba, who had high standards and taught us to care for what was on loan to us, to be disciplined and have pride in our work. There are people whom I carry on a long run. Something will trigger a memory. But on the climb up ʻĀwehi, Mr. Inaba, who left Lānaʻi before I understood the lessons of life he was teaching us, whom I never had a chance to thank for believing in us and being our teacher, carried me.



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COVID-19 vaccines available for children

Maui Health press release

M Maui Health is now providing COVID-19 vaccinations for children, age six months through five years old, starting July 18, 2022. This is in addition to its current vaccine administration of first, second, and third doses, as well as first and second booster doses, to eligible residents.

On June 18, 2022, the Centers for Disease Control [released its recommendation](#) that all children six months through five years of age should receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Parents and caregivers can now get their children, age six months through five years old, vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines to better protect them from COVID-19.

Interim COVID-19 immunization schedule for children six months of age through five years old, per CDC guidance:

Pfizer-BioNTech (six months to four years old): Total doses in primary series: Three.

Dose schedule: At least three weeks between first and second dose; at least eight weeks between second and third dose.

Moderna (six months to five years old): Total doses in primary series: Two. Dose schedule: At least four weeks between first and second dose.

Parents or legal guardians may select between the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine upon arrival to the appointment, based on available supply, for their child age six months through five years old only. Once the first dose is administered, all subsequent doses must match the vaccine used in initial dose. Mixing and matching of vaccines (Pfizer or Moderna) is not allowed for this age group. For children ages six years and older, only the Pfizer vaccine is available at Maui Health.

Parents are strongly encouraged to make an appointment and complete the pre-registration paperwork prior to bringing their child(ren) in for vaccination. Appointments can be made via VAMS at <https://vams.cdc.gov>

To review and download Maui Health's pre-registration and insurance information forms, and for the most up-to-date information, visit mauihealth.org/covidvaccine. Please note that insurance is not required to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Maui Health's COVID-19 community vaccine clinic, open every Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., is in the main lobby at Maui Memorial Medical Center in Wailuku. Complimentary valet parking is available. Walk-ins are still welcomed, but appointments are strongly encouraged for children's vaccinations.



Ethan, a six-year-old Maui resident, gets his second dose of the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine at Maui Medical Center. Photograph courtesy of Maui Health

Cut to the chase

Community

- **Aloha Festivals** seeks applicants for its *74th Annual Floral Parade*, which will run 9 a.m.-noon, September 24, 2022, from Ala Moana Regional Park, through Kalākaua Avenue, to Queen Kapi'olani Regional Park. Applications for a variety of entrants, including floats, specialty cars, marching units, parade bands and equestrian units, are open through August 19, 2022. No application or parade participation fee. Aloha Festivals' 2022 theme is "Aloha 'Āina, Love of the Land," which recognizes the collective kuleana (responsibility) all have to care for the land from whom all receive nourishment. For more information and floral parade application, please visit www.alohafestivals.com/participate
- **Habitat for Humanity's** *Brush with Kindness* program helps qualifying and disabled homeowners remain in their homes by assisting them with safety repairs and retrofits at no cost through specific funding. Visit www.habitat-maui.org/repairs or contact its Family Services Department, (808) 242-1140 or info@habitat-maui.org
- Therapeutic Yoga, 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, **Lāna'i Hongwanji Mission**, 1364 Fraser Avenue, Lāna'i.
- **Lāna'i Kīnā'ole** now accepting booth registration applications for its *Outdoor Health Fair*, which will run 10 a.m to 2 p.m., October 29, 2022. Drop off your completed application at Lāna'i Kīnā'ole, 617 'Ilima Avenue, or via fax (808) 565-8185, or by scanning application and sending it via email to Valerie Janikowski at vjanikowski@LanaiKinaole.org by September 16, 2022. For more information, please email Valerie Janikowski or call (808) 565-8001.
- **Maui Economic Opportunity's Business Development Center** offers credit counseling services to Maui County residents facing credit debt or are needing help managing their student loans. Services include debt consolidation, which can reduce interest rates by more than 60 percent and monthly payments on credit cards by 25 percent. BDC's credit counseling professionals can perform an in-depth analysis on an individual's or family's financial situation to find ways to help one save and get out of debt. Consultations are private and confidential and can take place over the phone, via Zoom, or in person (on Lāna'i). For more information, call (808) 243-4318.
- The **Maui Nonprofit Directors Association** is now accepting award nominees for Community Business; Humanitarian; and Outstanding Nonprofit Executive Director. Applications are available at www.mauinonprofit.org Mail completed applications to MNPD Association, P.O. Box 1186, Puunene, HI 96784, or mauinonprofit@gmail.com Submission deadline: noon, August 26. Nominees and winners will be announced at the MNPD Annual Meeting and Leadership Awards September 29. For eligibility rules and more information, contact Marshall Norman at (808) 579-6540 or email norman.marshall@jobcorps.org
- Job openings at the **Maui Police Department-Lāna'i District**: Dog Warden, part-time, 20 hours/week, starting at \$1380/month; Public Safety Aide, full time, 40 hours/week, starting at \$3167/month; School Crossing Guard, part-time, 10 hours/week, \$15/hour. For more information, call or visit the Lāna'i Police Station, 855 Fraser Avenue, Lāna'i, (808) 565-8388.
- A community meeting about *Hōkūao*, **Pūlama Lāna'i's** residential housing project, is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., August 29, 2022 via BlueJeans. A BlueJeans link to a community meeting typically comes out a week before the meeting. To receive notices for community meetings, visit www.lanai96763.com and sign up.
- Rental applications for *Hōkūao* will be available for pick up in person at the **Pūlama Lāna'i** Housing Office, 1100 Lāna'i Avenue, Lāna'i, beginning 9 a.m., Hawai'i Standard Time, September 6, 2022. **Application deadline for initial lottery:** 5 p.m., HST, October 7, 2022. **Lottery for 76 residential workforce housing units:** 9 a.m., HST, November 5, 2022.

'Ōlelo No'eau - Po'ohū ka lae i ka 'alā. *The forehead is swollen by the smooth waterworn stone.*

The price is so high that it feels like a lump on the forehead. 'Alā is often used to refer to money (Pukui 294).

Hawaiian Electric begins negotiations with new developer of Lānaʻi solar project

Hawaiian Electric press release

Hawaiian Electric has selected a new developer, DG Development & Acquisition, LLC, to build and maintain Lānaʻi Solar, the largest utility-scale renewable energy project on Lānaʻi, and the island's first to offer the shared solar program (also known as community-based renewable energy or CBRE).

DG Development & Acquisition was selected from a competitive bidding evaluation of customer savings, completion timelines and non-price factors, including community outreach. Lānaʻi Solar replaces an earlier solar project announced in April as a contract was not able to be finalized during negotiations.

Hawaiian Electric will now enter new contract negotiations with DG Development & Acquisition, LLC. Once the 20-year contract is settled, it will be submitted to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for approval.

Lānaʻi Solar could provide up to 17.5 megawatts of solar energy with 3 MW reserved for the shared solar program, paired with an 89 megawatt-hour battery energy storage system. The project will be sited on 73 acres of land owned by Pūlama Lānaʻi, adjacent to Hawaiian Electric's Miki Basin facilities along Miki Road and is expected to come online in late 2024. The new project could also meet a majority of the current energy demands of the island.

The shared solar program provides a way for customers, including renters, apartment residents, small business owners and organizations unable to install privately-owned rooftop solar to

benefit from solar electricity generated on their island.

Approved by the PUC in November 2021, the shared solar Phase 2 request for proposals for Lānaʻi was opened for developers, companies, organizations or groups authorized to do business in Hawaiʻi to become a "subscriber organization" to propose a shared solar project.

Once the Lānaʻi Solar project is approved by the PUC, Lānaʻi customers may become "subscribers" to that facility by applying directly to DG Development & Acquisition, which is the subscriber organization, or through Hawaiian Electric's online customer portal. When the project is built and online, subscribers receive credits on their monthly electricity bill based on a monthly lump sum payment, which is based on availability of the project and their level of participation.

Development of the Lānaʻi CBRE RFP involved participation from the Lānaʻi communities and stakeholders. This included community meetings where Hawaiian Electric explained the process and provided opportunities for residents to submit oral and written comments and concerns for developers to be aware of when preparing their proposals. Feedback from Lānaʻi residents through community outreach efforts has also been incorporated in the plans, including limiting the type of renewable technologies being sought and recognizing each island's unique culture and concerns.

For more information about the Lānaʻi Solar project, go to nexteraenergyresources.com/lanai-solar.

Paramount+ docuseries features Lānaʻi resident's missing brother

Contributed by Judi Riley

The docuseries, "Never Seen Again", streaming on Paramount+, returns for a second season July 26, 2022, with more missing persons stories. The tenth episode covers the disappearance of Jonathan "Jon" Riley, a brother to Judi Riley, a Lānaʻi resident, who has lived in Maui county since 1992.

An accomplished sailor, pilot and web designer, Jon Riley disappeared from his family's residence on Meaford, Ontario, Canada, April 26, 2013. He left a note at the residence saying that he was "going to Toronto for a few days"; he told his mother he was going there to check out a job. Riley vanished into thin air. Judi Riley has worked for nine years to find her brother, who regularly visited her in Hawaiʻi.

The true crime docuseries, whose first two episodes this season were executive produced by filmmaker and actor Tyler Perry, presents theories on what may have happened to the missing. The episode featuring Jon Riley explores the questions, *Did Jon Riley fall prey to a notorious predator in the Toronto area at that time? Did someone use the job interview he had mentioned to lure him to the city?*



Judi Riley holds a photo of her brother, Jon Riley; photo taken February 12, 2022, Pālāwai Basin, Lānaʻi. Photograph courtesy of Judi Riley



Jon Riley, featured in the tenth episode of season two of Paramount+'s "Never Seen Again", disappeared from Meaford, Ontario, Canada, April 26, 2013. Photograph taken in 2012 at the Maui Ocean Center, Maui. Photograph courtesy of Judi Riley

"My brother had a Hawaiʻi driver's license and visited the islands often. There is a chance someone is holding the piece of the puzzle that we need to find him, and seeing his photo will trigger a memory that will help us find him," says Judi Riley.

Since her brother's disappearance, Riley has become an advocate for the missing and has worked tirelessly to change the way the police handle missing person cases in Canada.

If you have any information about the disappearance of Jon Riley, please send a direct message, call or text the tipline (289) 975-0909, or call Crimestoppers, 1-(800) 222-8477 (TIPS).

Message to Lānaʻi parents from the Maui Police Department

Aloha, parents and community members. In light of recent events across the nation, the Maui Police Department wants to assure the community that one of the department's top priorities is ensuring our schools are safe. The department has emergency plans and procedures in place to prevent and respond to an emergency event.

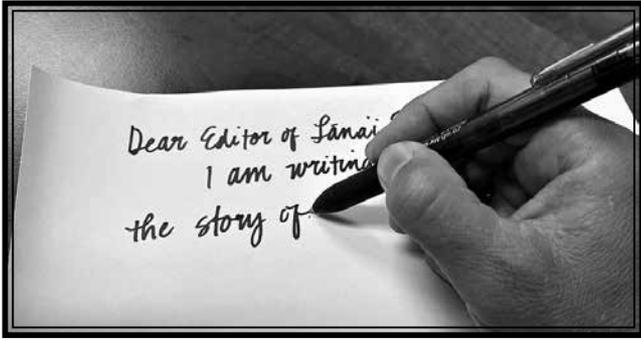
The community can expect increased uniformed patrols in all school district areas throughout the county and School Resource Officers on campus at their designated schools.

Promoting a conducive learning environment is one of the Maui Police Department's priorities, and we hope this brings some reassurance as your child begins the school year.

Anyone who witnesses suspicious activity on campus is urged to contact campus security, their School Resource Officer, or the Lānaʻi Police Station at (808) 565-8388 or in an emergency at 9-1-1.



Pau kuhihewa i ka nani o 'Aipō. Gone are all the illusions of the beauty of 'Aipō. Said of one who finds out for himself what a person, thing, or place is really like (Pukui 287).



Report on MCCAHP from Stand Up Maui - July 19, 2022 marked the one-year anniversary of the Maui County Comprehensive Housing Plan (MCCAHP), which was developed by Hawaiian Community Assets under a \$300,000 contract with the County of Maui. MCCAHP called for the development of five thousand affordable homes – for rent or purchase – in the next five years and was presented to the Maui County Council on July 19, 2021.

On June 29, 2022, Stand Up Maui sent an email to the Maui County Council and the County Administration requesting an update of their actions to implement this much needed housing plan. We have received a response from Council Chair Alice Lee and here is a summary of that response:

- Two Ordinances – 5315 and 5369 and Resolution 21-182 were passed by the Council. These ordinances and resolution gave local residents preference to affordable housing projects – rental and for purchase – created a county operated master list of residents for this housing, expanded the purposes that the Affordable Housing Fund

could be used for and resolved that all Maui County residents have a right to housing.

- Two workforce housing projects – Hōkūao on Lāna‘i and Hale Pilina in Kahului – were approved. The total affordable housing units from these two projects are 254.
- Thirteen Maui County Council meetings were held on the MCCAHP.

As of this date, no response has been received from the County Administration.

Stand Up Maui will continue to work with all government agencies, non-profits, and the people of Maui County to get homes built to rent or for purchase at incomes that our local people earn. We call on all political candidates to pledge to implement the priorities and strategies recommended by the MCCAHP. For additional information about MCCAHP and Stand Up Maui, visit mauihousingplan.org/standupmaui.org.

Why are we being punished for owning vehicles on Lāna‘i that can not [sic] be serviced? If we don’t drive a fleet vehicle, a Tesla or a county vehicle, are we just out of luck? Please don’t say call a guy. There are not enough part time, after hours mechanics to service 3,000 personnel vehicles on this island. Is there a plan for mechanic services at the gas station? No?

So, solution is: go buy a Rolls Royce that has a mechanic come to you, wherever you are! When’s the next junk vehicle pick up? Better make a plan for all those non-functioning vehicles. – **Stalled Lāna‘i vehicle owner (anonymous)**

HEALTH CARE

Hawai‘i’s greatest healthcare workforce need: CNAs

Text by Nelinia Cabiles

What workforce need in healthcare is the most in-demand in Hawai‘i? If you said certified nursing assistant, you’d be right. Why? Because the population of baby boomers – typically identified as those born between 1946 to 1964 – is aging, a data point that carries implications for the health care industry, among other aspects of society that affect the elderly.

Communities across the state, especially in rural areas, such as Lāna‘i, need nursing assistants for long-term care services for the elderly, trained personnel to support home health care, adult day care (ADC), and other settings.

To meet this need, especially on Lāna‘i, Valerie Janikowski, registered nurse program administrator, Lāna‘i Kinā‘ole, joined forces in 2021 with Hale Makua, Hāna Career Pathways (HCP), Hawai‘i State Rural Health Association, and University of Hawai‘i-Maui, to launch a virtual CNA course with online didactic and clinical content (lectures), and in-person clinical instruction (lab work). Funding support for this 15-week program came from Hāna Career Pathways, a workforce development grant through the Department of Education for the UH Community College system that provides workforce training in health, information technology, and skilled trades, leading to industry certification.

Scholarships from Pūlama Lāna‘i covered the cost of books, uniforms (or scrubs) and shoes, says Pam Alconcel, program administrator, UHMC. Six students in the 2022 cohort graduated in early August, bringing the total of CNA graduates from Lāna‘i to twelve.

To Solange Patrick, MSN, RN, NATP coordinator and instructor, CNAs are “the eyes and ears of nurses, advocating for their clients’ care.” Patrick put together 150 hours’ worth of didactic training online, and managed the onsite clinical and labs, which were conducted on island and taught by clinical instructor Maggie Daub, a semi-retired registered nurse.

“The program truly was a partnership with Maggie and Val,” Patrick says. “They created these simulated learning experiences. . .making it really practical and applicable.”

Students shadowed Uri Cabatu and Anabel Raqueno, primary CNAs at Lāna‘i Kinā‘ole, during home health rounds with patients. “They worked hard to train and mentor the students. The new staff couldn’t be luckier to have such great examples,” says Janikowski, who has hired seven CNAs from the program since 2021.

Daub, instructor of clinical labs, a space leased by Pūlama Lāna‘i, which she and Janikowski set up to train students in the various procedures and “skills they would need to know and perform to get their license. We practiced those skills on each other and on mannequins,” Daub says. Having a separate lab that allows staff to train in different areas of health care opens doors for more community-based care, which touches many lives in our community. Also, investing in supplies allows us to plan for future classes, said Janikowski.

For her part in lab, Daub always played a patient with dementia. “There’s a big difference between a mannequin and a 90-year-old person with dementia. So I try to throw real-life things at the students,” she says.

Laura Nagle, dean of Career and Technical Education Accreditation Liaison Officer, UHMC, says that a “CNA is an entry point to so many healthcare fields, as technicians, not just nursing. It’s a foot into the door. We have a responsibility to communicate the opportunities out there for CNAs and the different levels and paths they can take.”

Nicolette Van der Lee, program manager, HCP, University of Hawaii Community Colleges says, “it’s exciting to see the students have a vision for what their future can be

and to have the instructors and the community be able to support them to make that dream a reality. . . The CNA is an entry-level point in a healthcare career,” and it can lead to different pathways. Van der Lee finds it exciting that “the students can create what that future might look like towards a living wage, a pathway they can develop for themselves, and to tap into the resources to start pursuing their dreams.”



Maggie Daub



Solange Patrick

IT’S THE LAW

Contributed by the Maui Police Department - Lāna‘i District

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Unattended motor vehicle. No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key from the ignition, effectively setting the brake thereon and, when standing upon any grade, turning



the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway. Turn the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway when parking your vehicle on a hill. *Photography by Nelinia Cabiles*

the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway.

We see this a lot at the post office. While checking mail, running an errand, etc., please turn off the engine and take the keys with you. Should someone steal the vehicle, the liability falls on the vehicle’s registered owner for any crimes committed.

Waipahē wale. *As gentle as still water.* Said of a person who is genial and kind (Pukui 319).

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 five of a five-part series

We had moved down to Tenth and Kahana Street, just above Nishimura Brothers' service station. At that time, [the service station] wasn't

built yet, but when it got started, the service station, mostly metals, came up fast with O'ahu contractors working. Until then, I didn't know where we got gas from, except in the truck station between the front gate and Eleventh Street. Just inside of the fence was a small gas station and a pit to change oil.

Next to our house was a stable called Number 3 stable. I don't know who took care of it, but I used to play in there, jumping from one feed bag to another. Number 2 stable was Oyama stable, and the Oyama family took care of it. Number 1 stable was down Miki camp – it was Sadao Miyamoto's father who took care of it.

Across Eleventh Street was the baseball field. We had a huge bandstand with a stadium and bathrooms. Although the bandstand didn't last long, we had a nice baseball park and basketball court. A police officer named Haake hit a baseball that took one of the longest flights [through the air] that I have seen. He hit it past the pine trees [that grew] in the back of the left field. We had four baseball teams, consisting of Lāna'i High School, Cardinals, Lāna'i Filipino Community Association (LFCA), and American Japanese Association (AJA). We had games on Sundays.

Across the ballpark & Lāna'i Avenue was the single men's quarters. It took up the whole block with smaller houses for single men.

Anybody who lived above the main street were called "up camp" people. The people who lived below the main street were "down camp" people. Correct, Ken S.?

On Twelfth Street and Aha was a burnt house, which no one was



The house that Mr. Robert Hirayama, Sr., built, as referenced in part five of "The Way it Was." Photography by Nelinia Cabiles

interested in. My dad bought the burnt house and the company gave him one of the single men's quarters, with the understanding that my dad needed to tear down the single men's quarters and take the materials across the street to our house, and rebuild our house using those materials.

I was old enough to help him every day after school, and on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. I was too young to drive a car, but I used to fool around and drive from our house on Kahana Street, making excuses to my mom and dad that I was checking on our lumber and making sure the roof iron didn't walk away.

First thing I took was my beehives and I set it up so no one would get stung. When I harvested the honey, the neighborhood kids would come for samples. My brother, Harley, who was about five years old, was eating the honey when a bee landed on his upper lip and was trying to get into his nose. I told him not to move, but he moved, and the bee stung him between his nose and lips. It started to swell and made him uncomfortable. One of his nostrils turned inside out and half of his lips also turned inside out. He didn't know what he looked like until I showed him a mirror. He took one look and started screaming because he looked like a monster from space.

Anyway, slowly my dad started repairing, and he was fast. I helped with the scraping, sanding, and finishing. We still have the house today.

I scanned only a small portion of my Lāna'i city life. If I can say more, I would like to go outside of the city [and write about] hunting and fishing, conservation, the harbor, Mānele, etc. –BH

WE ARE LĀNA'I

Hole in one at Cavendish

By Nelinia Cabiles

Playing golf on a week day at E.B. Cavendish, the public golf course on Lāna'i, is limited to a nine-hole round, as most golfers play at the end of a work day, and the waning light comes around six o'clock in the evening.

Jonathan Preza, a retired fireman, who has been playing golf for thirty-four years, was coming up to the par-three ninth hole on July 7, 2022, thinking not of the approaching darkness, but the shot he would need to clinch the round, and the game.

"I was losing to Duane by half a stroke," says Preza. "I needed a birdie or better to win." He pulled out his seven-iron, teed up his golf ball, and swung for the pin, some 158 yards away, at the top of a hill.

"I thought it was a good shot, close to the pin," Preza says. When he got to the ninth hole with the rest of his group, and after a few minutes of searching for his ball, he discovered he had hit it even better than close. Preza, who has a fourteen handicap and has made eagles and birdies over the course of his life in golf, had shot, to his great astonishment, a hole-in-one. It was his first ever. With this ace, Preza won the hole and the round.

"I took everyone [Eric Baldeviso, Alan Sanchez, Duane St. Clair, Eric Widmaier] out for drinks at Hotel Lāna'i, and ended up spending two hundred dollars. But it's all good," Preza says, laughing, referring to a golf tradition in which the ace buys a round of drinks for everyone.

Preza holds the crown of winning five tournaments in a row at Cavendish in 2021, and says he has no goals in golf. What he seems to have is perspective. While hitting an ace is an once-in-a-lifetime feat, a plum that eludes most golfers, Preza says that what he most enjoys about golf, beyond the winning plays and beauty shots, is being able to play the game with friends.



Jonathan Preza, with his ace-making seven-iron club at the ninth hole, Cavendish Golf Course, Lāna'i. Photograph courtesy of Jonathan Preza



Kumu Ipolani Medeiros' kindergarten, first and second grade students of Kula Kaiapuni 'o Lāna'i sing songs in Hawaiian August 11, 2022 at the Lāna'i Community Health Center, 333 Sixth Street, Lāna'i. Kanoe Shimizu, LCHC, invited the students to be a part of Children's Health Day, and as a way to spotlight the Hawaiian-immersion program. The focus day on children's health comes during National Health Center Week, August 7-13, 2022, an annual event to celebrate "the innovative ways that America's health centers are providing high-quality health care, improving health outcomes, and narrowing health disparities over the past five decades" (healthcenterweek.org). Photography by Nelinia Cabiles



Pulu 'elo i ka ua o ka ho'oilō. Drenched by winter's rain. Filled with grief (Pukui 300).

Questions – and answers – about Hōkūao

By Nelinia Cabiles

Hōkūao, Pūlama Lāna‘i’s residential housing project, will offer 150 furnished two-bedroom, two-bath, single-family homes for rent. Seventy-six homes will be set aside for affordable rental housing and seventy-four units will be rented at market rates.

Any housing project of this size naturally generates interest, and questions – from both prospective applicants and community residents.

Noemi Barbadillo, director of Commercial and Residential Properties, Pūlama Lāna‘i, has taken the time to answer a few of the questions about Hōkūao that prospective applicants might have:

- ***The initial lottery drawing is November 5, 2022. Who will be doing the drawing?***

A representative from Maui County’s Department of Housing and Human Concerns (DHHC) will be drawing the names of the qualified applicants.

- ***Will this process be broadcast in real-time?***

The lottery will be conducted in person at the Facilities Leasing office at the Dole Administration Building.

- ***How can we be sure that the drawing will be completely fair?***

The process was reviewed and approved by DHHC and the representative from DHHC will be the person selecting the names. The names will be immediately posted on a board for public viewing that day and then transcribed to a document that will be submitted to DHHC.

- ***Are there strict postmark or submission deadlines?***

Completed applications need to be submitted in person at the Facilities Leasing Office by 5 p.m., Hawai‘i Standard Time, on October 7, 2022. Only qualified applicants will be entered into the lottery.

- ***I’m confused about the 2-person, 4-person, 6-person category. Does the number of people indicate the number in a household (e.g., a family of 4 = 4 persons)? Or does it indicate the number of people whose earnings are used to see if they qualify for a unit: Four unrelated people combining their incomes to live in a residential unit?***

The #-person category refers to the number of people who will be living in the unit. Each person over 18 who is working or has any assets will be included in the determination of the household income level.

- ***Could a tenant put up artwork or shelves in the rental units? Or make any minor modifications?***

The units will come with artwork. As in any of our rental units, minor modifications requests are reviewed with our leasing office.

- ***Could a tenant grow vegetables or plant fruit trees in his/her backyard?***

The units will come with a fruit tree planted. Tenants may request up to four planter boxes to grow vegetables. Any other changes to the landscape needs to be reviewed with our leasing office.

- ***Could a tenant erect a jungle gym or swing set in the yard? What are the rules regarding lawn or yard sculptures?***

Yes, our leasing office will have guidelines on acceptable playground equipment.

- ***What are the rules regarding the number of vehicles a household may have?***

Designated vehicle parking for two vehicles will be provided within the limits of the property.

- ***Does an applicant also need good rental references as part of his/her application? Or is selection based solely on income and qualification guidelines?***

In order to qualify, an applicant needs to meet the income qualification, submit to a credit history, rental history, and criminal background inquiry, as well as income and asset verification.

- ***Why aren’t any units reserved for firemen or policemen as units are for teachers? Our community needs to be able to recruit and staff for these service industries, too.***

The Maui County Council set a condition to reserve ten workforce housing units for teachers grades Pre-K through 12 residing on Lāna‘i. They will still need to apply, qualify, and be selected in the lottery like everyone else. Teachers that are not selected in the teacher unit lottery will be added to their income level lottery for the remaining affordable units. Firemen or policemen working in Maui County are eligible to apply for either an affordable or market unit.

- ***Pūlama Lāna‘i is to be commended for helping to relieve the housing scarcity on the island with the Hōkūao project. But given the housing crisis on Lāna‘i, a situation that has been going on for many years now, why isn’t Pūlama Lāna‘i putting together a plan to construct homes for purchase?***

The County has 115 acres available for the development of affordable housing for purchase. The land was deeded to them nearly 30 years ago and several administrations have come to Lāna‘i to meet with residents and share plans for developing housing. It is important for Maui County to honor the commitment by moving forward with their project for the Lāna‘i community. Our Hōkūao project is right next door and we have committed to stub out water and wastewater for the County’s affordable housing project. Lāna‘i’s population is too small for more than one “for sale” housing project competing for buyers. It is time for the County project to move forward and fill the demand for affordable housing ownership. Once we finish Hōkūao and the County completes their affordable housing project we will do an assessment on the need for additional housing on Lāna‘i.

In addition, the affordable rentals at Hōkūao will remain rentals in the affordability range into perpetuity. That means it won’t be turned over after the standard 30 years to be sold or rented at market rates. This means the inventory of these 76 units will always be there for the Lāna‘i community as affordable rentals.

Editor’s note: A community meeting about Hōkūao is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., August 29, 2022, via BlueJeans. A BlueJeans link to a community meeting typically comes out a week before the meeting. To receive notices for community meetings, visit lanai96763.com and sign up.

Wae aku i ka lani. Let the selecting be done in heaven. Take life as it comes (Pukui 317).

Lāna‘i has new public health nurse

Contributed by Heidi Taogoshi Photography by U‘ilani Romero

A new Public Health Nurse (PHN) finally has been crowned on Lāna‘i: Ciera Eguia accepted the PHN post June 7, 2022.

Eguia was born and reared on Lāna‘i. After graduating from Lāna‘i High and Elementary School in 2003, she attended the University of Hawai‘i-Maui College’s Nursing Program. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from Chamberlain University online. Eguia has been working as a nurse in the Emergency department at the Lāna‘i Community Hospital since 2015.

In addition to her nursing experience, Eguia brings to her work her love and knowledge of the Lāna‘i community. “Public health nursing excites me, and I feel as though I will be able to help even more people in my community,” she says.

“The Maui County Section is very fortunate to have Ciera join our team and we look forward to her contributions to Public Health Nursing Branch and the people of Lāna‘i,” says Heidi Taogoshi, Maui Public Health nursing supervisor.



Ciera Eguia, Lāna‘i’s new public health nurse, with Jackie Woolsey, founder of the Lāna‘i Community Health Center, and U‘ilani Romero, paramedical assistant II, at the Pineapple Festival, July 2, 2022, Lāna‘i



Lāna‘i Public Health Nurse Ciera Eguia with her daughter, Pi‘i, and Maggie Daub, semi-retired nurse

ELECTION 2022 Calendar

October 21: Voters begin to receive General Election mail ballot packets

October 25: Voter Service Centers open. Lāna‘i Community Center, 411 Eighth Street, Lāna‘i

October 31: 4:30 p.m. Deadline to submit paper Voter Registration Application for the 2022 General Election

November 1: 4:30 p.m. Deadline for registered voters to request an absentee mail ballot

November 8: General Election - 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Helping to make voting accessible for individuals with disabilities

The Hawaii Disability Rights Center – the state’s protection and advocacy agency for individuals with disabilities – wants the mantra “Every vote counts!” to include those with disabilities. HDRC provides free advice and assistance to Hawaii residents with physical or mental impairments who want to vote in the 2022 elections, and hosts a monthly assistance booth at the Fort Street Mall Open Market

According to the Center for Disease Control, 19 percent, or one in about five Hawai‘i adults, has a disability, and resources are in place to help voters who may not be able to use the standard system. For example, voting with privacy has been a historic challenge for those with disabilities. Fortunately, people with special needs can vote early from home by requesting an electronic “Alternate Format Ballot”, sent via email and designed to be read with assistive technology. Completed Alternate Format Ballots can be returned electronically to the County Elections office or via the return ballot envelope that was included in the mail ballot packet. If any issues arise while requesting or processing an AFB, HDRC staff can investigate and provide advice and advocacy.

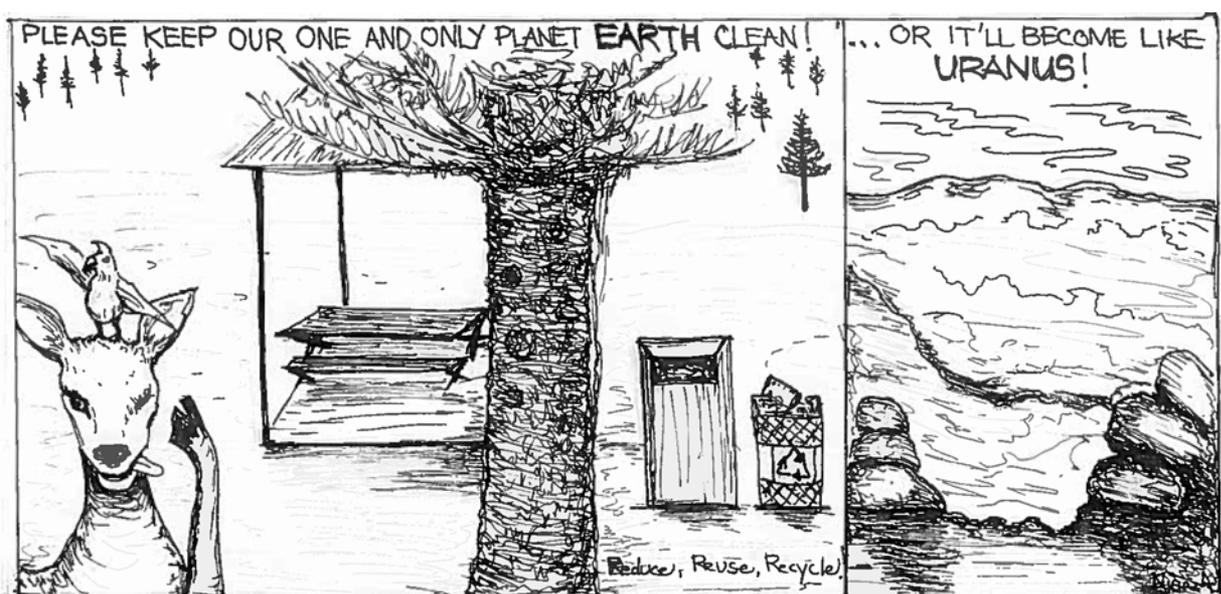
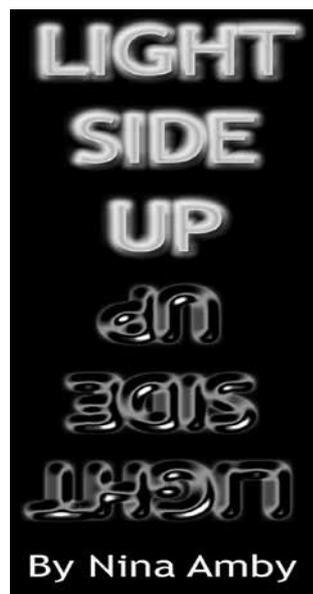
HDRC’s team of advocates can help with registering to vote, explain how to cast a vote with accommodations, or address any

concerns experienced at a Voter Service Center. HDRC will be hosting a monthly voter registration and assistance booth downtown at Fort Street Mall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on August 23, September 27 and October 25.

Ballot drop boxes should be accessible, and Voter Service Centers offer same-day registration, accessible in-person voting and ballot collection. All VSCs should have trained staff to help people with disabilities, or voters with disabilities may bring a companion to assist them. The centers are equipped with accessible ballot marking devices, the Verity Touch Writer, that can then be printed and cast just like any other ballot. Because Voter Service Centers are limited in number, HDRC recommends voting early.

“We hope that people with disabilities will look into the options that are available to them, because every vote really matters, especially in tight races,” said HDRC’s executive director Louis Erteschik. “Our staff can be an ally to someone who may want to vote but just doesn’t feel comfortable navigating the process alone due to their disability.”

For information or assistance with voting, individuals with disabilities can visit hawaiidisabilityrights.org or call (808) 949-2922 or toll free at (800) 882-1057.



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The new Ganotisi's: delicious fare and now trending

Countless debates have been waged on food blogs and newsletters about what makes Korean chicken so cracking good. Arguments range from the obvious: double-frying, to the revelatory: cornstarch and gochujang, the spicy-sweet chili paste used in Korean cooking that's big on heat and funk. If such palavering of Korean chicken were being exchanged among patrons at the new Ganotisi's Pacific Rim Café on 408 Eighth Street, Lāna'i, the words likely would be inaudible, smothered between groans of pleasure, the crackle of crisped chicken skin, and the slurp and tang of homemade kimchi, the perfect foil to juicy chicken.

The Korean chicken is "the most popular dish on our menu," says Emily Ganotisi, who, with her husband, Jimmy, grew Ganotisi's from its humble beginning in 2000 as a video rental store on Houston Street that would also later find a following for shave ice, halo halo and musubi, to a takeout-only joint offering chow fun, mungo beans, and pork adobo a dozen years later, to its current standing as a purveyor of Filipino comfort food and local favorites, and, since 2021, when Jema, Emily's daughter, returned home to become Ganotisi's restaurant manager, an Instagram darling.

Emily Ganotisi marvels at how well the Instagram (and Facebook) posts "attract people to come. We try something new," she says, such as chocolate-dipped strawberries, a photo of which is posted on Instagram, and suddenly "people are coming. They want to try the strawberries." There are twice-daily Instagram posts for the lunch and dinner crowds.

Ganotisi, who works full-time at Four Seasons Resorts Lāna'i, covering the night shift, and helping out at her restaurant during the day, built Ganotisi's a recipe at a time, gleaning lessons at Marriott, in the early 1990s; in the cafeteria of Lāna'i High School Elementary, as a cook, and in the pantry of Hotel Lāna'i, where she turned out pizza and salads, during the Henry Clay years.

In the past, she has pored over recipe books for inspiration. She now bounces ideas off of an experienced culinary team: Jema; her son, Rowell, formerly a chef de cuisine at The Modern Honolulu, and now the chef at Ganotisi's, and Jema's partner, Edmund Llamelo, a former saucier at Aulani on O'ahu, and Ganotisi's sous chef, as well as Rodel Llamelo, who also works in the kitchen. Rowell came up with the idea to focus on Pacific Rim cuisine to appeal to a wider Asian audience.

There are highs and lows in any business. Ganotisi's flash point was, ironically, the pandemic, which forced many restaurants across the state to shut down. The reverse was true for Ganotisi's.

"The volume of customers started during the pandemic," Ganotisi recalls. "There was only takeout in the old place, no seats. Me and my husband made precooked food for lunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m." They had been cranking out the dishes in a 32-cup rice cooker ingeniously rendered as a kind of slow cooker/steamer.

Business was brisk, so much so that in April 2021, Jema called Rowell, and said, "We need help."

When asked what keeps inspiring her after all these years, Ganotisi does not point to any culinary trend or to her recipe books for the answers. Instead she tells me the dream she has kept since she and Jimmy and Jema and Rowell first landed on Lāna'i in September 1988, when she was pregnant with their third child, Andrew, before she would learn to make chicken hekka and churn out halo-halo.

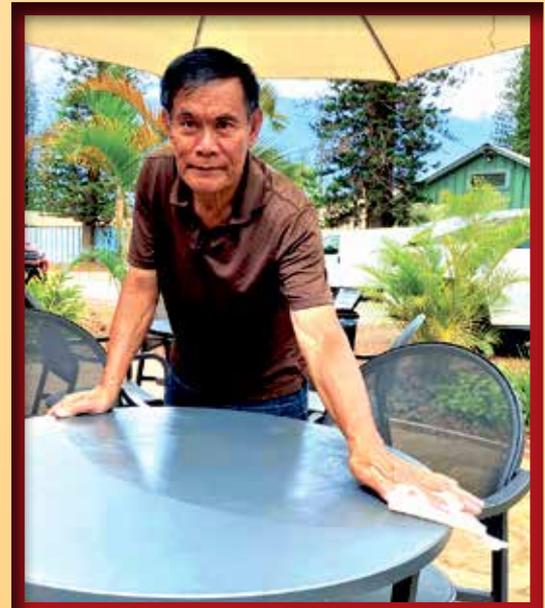
"My kids inspire me. They keep me going. We want them to finish school. This," she says, quietly, as she looks out across the restaurant's outdoor patio. "This is for them." (Plates: \$16.50-\$20.50; Burger; sandwiches with fries: \$16.50)



Outdoor dining



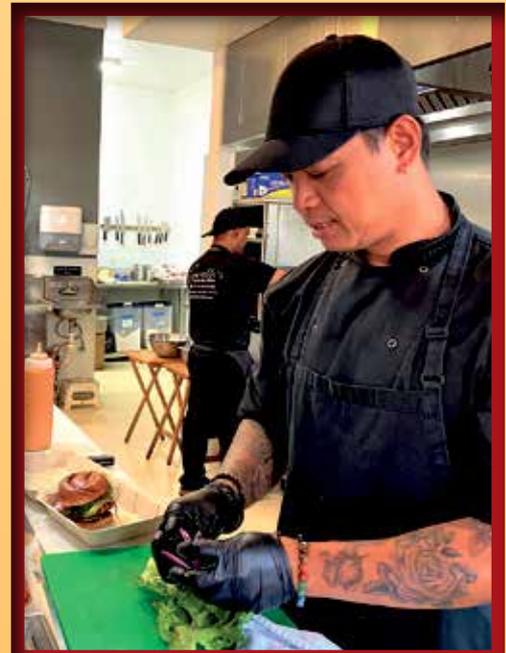
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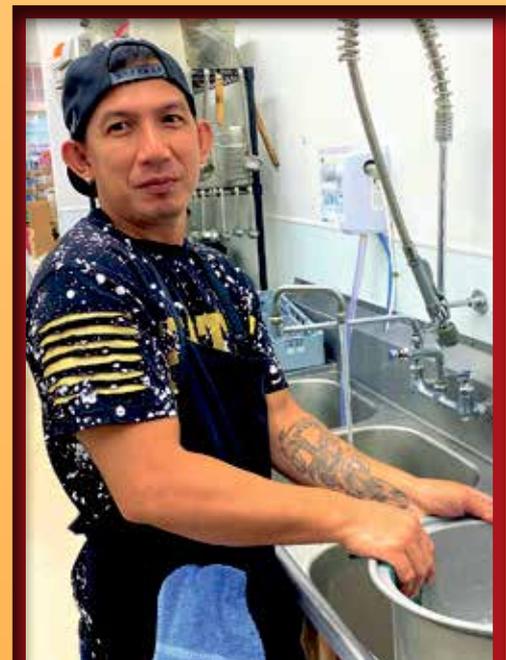
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Ganotisi's offers outdoor and indoor seating



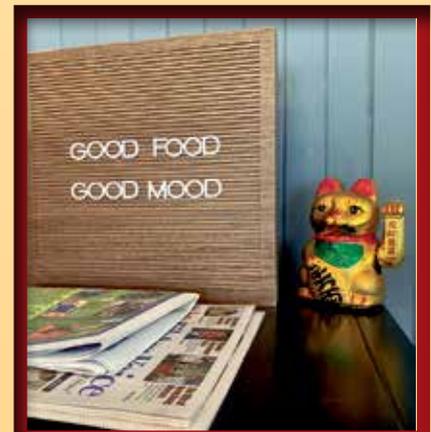
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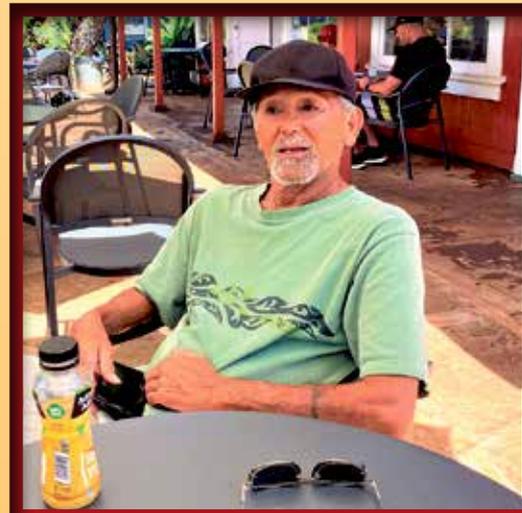
Marylou Illustrado, with son Jordan Reformina, and Giana Llamelo



Vaughn and Frank Langel, visiting from Maui



Giana with mom, Jema Ganotisi



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Korean Chicken, the most popular dish at Ganotisi's



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Income Category	% AMI	1 PERSON	2 PERSON	3 PERSON	4 PERSON	5 PERSON	6 PERSON	7 PERSON	8 PERSON	Monthly Rent	# of Units
Below Moderate	80% < x	\$33,071	\$37,791	\$42,521	\$47,241	\$51,021	\$54,801	\$58,581	\$62,361	\$1,064 - \$1,329	8
	≤ 100%	\$41,340	\$47,240	\$53,150	\$59,050	\$63,770	\$68,500	\$73,220	\$77,950		
Moderate	100% < x	\$41,341	\$47,241	\$53,151	\$59,051	\$63,771	\$68,501	\$73,221	\$77,951	\$1,330 - \$1,594	15
	≤ 120%	\$49,600	\$56,690	\$63,770	\$70,860	\$76,530	\$82,200	\$87,870	\$93,540		
Above Moderate	120% < x	\$49,601	\$56,691	\$63,771	\$70,861	\$76,531	\$82,201	\$87,871	\$93,541	\$1,595 - \$1,860	53
	≤ 140%	\$57,870	\$66,140	\$74,400	\$82,670	\$89,280	\$95,900	\$102,510	\$109,120		

Income and rent are based on Maui County Department of Housing and Human Concerns (DHHC) 2022 guidelines for Lānaʻi and are subject to change. Per MCC 2.96.090.B.4, assets cannot exceed 140% of the County's area median income as established by HUD, or as adjusted for Lānaʻi. Assets shall include all cash, securities, stocks, bonds, and real property. Real property shall be valued at fair market value less liabilities on such real property. A qualified applicant will be verified by Pūlama Lānaʻi or its designee to ensure that the qualified applicant meets the eligibility requirements, as set by the definitions in MCC Section 2.96.020 and eligibility criteria in MCC Section 2.96.090(B)(1), (2), (3), (4), and (5).

Timeline

Starting September 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. HST, rental applications will be available for pick up in person at the Pūlama Lānaʻi Housing Office, located at 1100 Lānaʻi Avenue, Lānaʻi City, Hawaiʻi 96763.

Applications available for pick up	Application deadline for initial lottery	Lottery for 76 residential workforce housing units	First homes available*
September 6, 2022 9:00 a.m. HST	October 7, 2022 5:00 p.m. HST	November 5, 2022 9:00 a.m. HST	December 2022

*Target date current as of the date of this published announcement, subject to change depending on construction timeline. Homes will be available in phases.

Contact Information: For more information, email hokuao@pulamalanai.com or visit the Pūlama Lānaʻi Housing Office located at 1100 Lānaʻi Avenue, Lānaʻi City, Hawaii 96763.

Love Lāna'i Cultural Exchange Program



Physics of Pō

August 26 & 27, 2022
7:30pm

Larry Kimura, Hawaiian Language & Studies and Doug Simons, Canada-France-Hawai'i Telescope will share insights on the first 11 lines of the Kumulipo, incorporating Hawaiian cultural perspectives and astronomy theories on the origins of the Universe.

Call for reservations (808) 565-2822

Available to Lāna'i residents and Island Club members.



Power lines are extremely dangerous



Tree trimming safety

- 10-foot rule: keep yourself and ladders/tools at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines.
- A tree touching a power line can be energized. Stay away!

Downed power line safety

- Stay at least 30 feet away from any downed power line (about 3 car lengths).
- Keep both feet on the ground and shuffle away from a downed line.

If you see a downed line, call Hawaiian Electric's Lāna'i Trouble Line at 1-877-871-8461 toll free. In an emergency, call 911. For more safety tips, go to hawaiielectric.com/safety.



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 Tuesday to Thursday: 4pm to 9pm
 Friday & Saturday: 4pm to 11pm*

*Walk-Ins Welcome; Reservations Suggested
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Call for submissions



Photo courtesy of Lāna'i Culture and Heritage Center
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, Lāna'i 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
 Or if you would like to tell me a story of the plantation life, please call (808) 563-3127. *Mahalo nui loa.*

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From the bottom of my heart -
 Mahalo for all of the support, encouragement
 and help from our amazing volunteers
 and supporters!

My Aloha,
 ~ Lynn



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Accidental rooftop gardens of Lāna'i

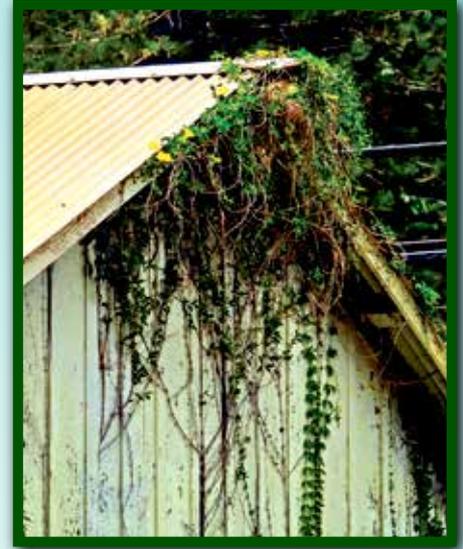
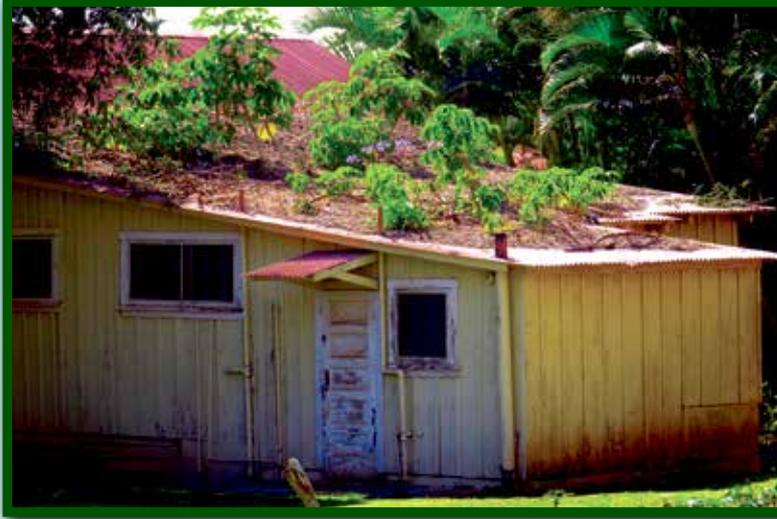
What's not to like about a green roof? They lower air-conditioning demands, provide insulation and shade, and remove heat from the air, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Moreover, as Kelly DiNardo (New York Times, October 9, 2019) writes, "replacing black asphalt and shingles with plants can lower the surrounding air temperature, filter dirty storm water and reduce a building's energy." In Iceland, "where sod roofs and walls have been used for hundreds of years" by farmers for their livestock (blog. urbanscape-architecture.com), such roofs increase a dwelling's internal heat, a beneficial feature in a cold climate.

All good arguments for why growing a green roof makes sense, if one were making a case for it. But I am not, at least not in this space. The rooftop gardens on Lāna'i depicted here have sprung not by design, but by happenstance. They are less of a green revolution response prompted by climate change worries, and more unintentional greenery taking root on an unlikely medium of Cook Pine needles flung helter-skelter by the wind and left to decompose in the sun.

It is the kind of carefree, inattentive, zero-stakes gardening that bears no fruit, but does, should one look up and look long enough, bring wonder and amazement that something – a fern, a shrub – could grow, unattended, on a roof, at all. There is some message of hope and resilience in such a scrappy plant.

Go, tree. Go, green living thing.



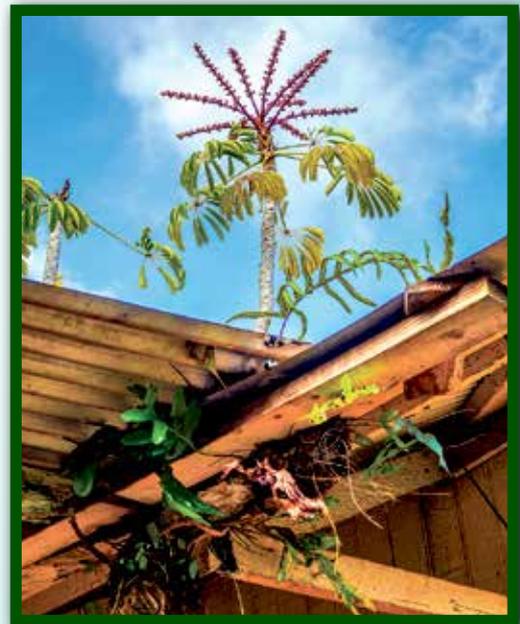
Cook Pine needles: unintentional growing medium for a green roof



A tree grows (on a roof) in Lāna'i.



* NC



A gardener guided these squash vines to grow atop the tin roof, the only plant in this photo essay whose care was direct and intentional. * NC



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