High altitude drone aircraft brings exciting technology to Lanai

By Alberta de Jetley, Photographs by Kamiko Shimokawa

In March 2018, Lanai Today’s front page stated, “High Altitude Drones may be a new industry in Lanai’s future.” The future is here! On June 27, a huge tent structure where two Hawk30 unmanned aircraft will be housed temporarily, had a maile lei draped across its entrance.

In the shade cast by the tent, they listened intently as Pastor Mike Lopez blessing said in part: “Mahalo ke Akua, thank you Lord, who has enabled Mr. George Purdy and Mr. Gene Nishi and their team through the Spirit’s directions and powers; to plan, guide and bring into existence “a World Class” Drone Center! We dedicate this facility as an instrument to bring great wisdom and understanding in all of its’ purpose.”

This technology project is a global business partnership of SoftBank (Japan), AeroVironment (USA), and Google, through its “Loon” Program which has been formed to provide deep 5G multi-purpose communications to the world through a network of extremely high altitude, long-duration unmanned aircraft carrying 5G payloads.

HAPSMobile (HM) is the program name and HAWK30 is the name of the aircraft which will populate the network. Flying well above any air traffic, the HAWK30 will climb to 35,000 ft., then descend to specific flight paths more than 65,000 ft. above Lanai. Its’ communications package will give people and systems on the Earth’s surface unrestricted access to communications. There are no “dead zones” with HM. It will provide communications directly to any device, remote, handheld, vehicular, or fixed system, anywhere on the surface below, and at .01 percent of the transmit power used in terrestrial towers.

HAPSMobile 5G transforms communications into technology supporting all aspects of our lives; transportation, our infrastructure, watersheds, environment, and our economy. The first step in the process of developing HAPSMobile 5G was the testing at the basic technical aspects of HAWK30 tested vigorously and thoroughly. It required a flight that can access the stratosphere within tropical latitudes, low density air traffic, and a compelling environmental challenge such as the Lanaihale Watershed conservation. Lanai provides an excellent base for HAWK 30 as well as the associated watershed sensors and personal cell devices.

The HAPSMobile partnership worked with the University of Hawaii, Pulama Lanai, and the Federal Aviation Agency, to define an area of the island for takeoff and landing and a segment of air space above Lanai for HAWK30 flight testing. The location they selected, on the southwest rim of the Palawai Basin, has a circular 1,000 ft. mowed landing field to allow the aircraft’s handlers to land it in any direction. Surrounding it, a larger circle of cut brush is a buffer zone. Additional brush cuttings will be made to allow pathways from the tent to the landing field and to three office trailers that will be installed at the site. No permanent land alterations are being made and all installations are temporary.

HMS5G provides Hawaii a solid basis for business development in STEM domains. 5G technology will benefit our environment and agriculture, STEM and education; Public Safety; personal communications, and resilience, all things that will be developed first on Lanai.

Truly unique, this project has no precedent anywhere in the world. With no pre-existing paths to follow, and as an aerospace program on Lanai, the HM team will be breaking new ground, opening new career opportunities for Lanai’s youth.

We wish to acknowledge the work George Purdy did to make this project possible. Messages from many Lanai residents who wanted to thank him for his perseverance in educating our community about drones and the potential opportunities it could bring to Lanai were posted on Facebook. This FB message from my grandson Russell de Jetley reflects how many of us feel: “Today we had a blessing of our new hangar facility to house HAPSMobile HAWK30 aircraft, a solar powered UAV capable of flying months at a time and providing multiple payloads, from 5G communications to monitoring Lanai’s watersheds, the capabilities are endless. Thank you to George Purdy for all your hard work and dedication over the years in pulling this project together and creating a future pathway to technology driven careers for the people of Lanai.”

For more information, visit their website at hapsmobile.com/en.
We have students ranging from elementary, middle and high school attending our Praise Chapel fellowship. We pray that you would partner with us in blessing the children here in our city! May the Lord bless you and shine upon you all the days of your life! Here are two ways you can contribute to our school supplies fund: Visit our website: praisechapelmauicounty.com and go to the tab “Giving/Support” or mail a check to: Praise Chapel Maui County, P. O. Box 630830, Lanai City, HI 96763. School starts on August 5, 2019. We will be giving out the backpacks on Sunday, August 4. Much Love. 
Pastor Mark and Char Oristondo

Letters to Alberta

Opposition stated for HB1032. Like many Lānaʻi residents, I felt HB1032 was a key bill to monitor during this year’s State Legislative session. HB1032 permits the establishment of a state boating facility lease pilot program to allow the Board of Land and Natural Resources to lease Manele Small Boat Harbor in its entirety, and fast lands and submerged lands within it. As your County representative, I have tracked the bill as it progressed through the legislative process.

Prior to the last-minute alteration which changed the bill’s language from all State boating facilities to solely Manele Small Boat Harbor, in February I submitted testimony in opposition to the bill. Following the late change and passing of the amended HB1032 on April 30th, I have sent multiple letters to State leadership expressing my strong disappointment and opposition to the legislation. On May 2nd, I sent letters to leaders in both the State House and Senate strongly objecting to the passage of HB1032 and the manner in which it was done. Lānaʻi residents were not consulted and did not objecting to the passage of HB1032 and the manner in which it was done. Lānaʻi residents were not consulted and did not protest.

For these reasons, I sent two letters to Governor Ige requesting that he veto HB1032. These letters were sent on May 3th and June 3rd, nor Ige requesting that he veto HB1032. These letters were sent on May 3th and June 3rd, and ahead of the Governor’s June 24th deadline to declare his intent to veto any bills passed by the Legislature. I am happy to report that on June 24th Governor Ige did declare his intent to veto HB1032. The Governor now has until July 9th to follow through and officially veto HB1032. I will continue to monitor the status of HB1032 and work with our State representatives to address this issue going forward.

Riki Hokama
Maui County Councilmember, Lānaʻi

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Dear Health Care Expert and Service Advocates,

I wanted to brief you on the health care crisis we are contending with on Lāna‘i. With over 20 percent of our population over the age of 60, it is a struggle for these folks to get the care they need to live out their lives on our island. We don’t need to explain to you how expensive and stressful it is when our kupuna need to seek care off island and how everyone would prefer to remain in their own home, as long as possible.

Lāna‘i Kinā‘ole is a non-profit organization recently formed by a group of volunteers. Lāna‘i residents who are health and business professionals, consumers, caregivers, and other community people who share a passion for Lāna‘i’s kupuna. Our board, advocates, supporters and personnel are committed to supporting the continuation of appropriate and meaningful home health care and community-based services to those in desperate need.

The agency’s primary focus is to ensure that Lāna‘i’s kupuna receive quality care and, if homebound, kupuna can “age in place” for as long as possible. With Hawaii state home health licensure, we offer skilled nursing services by registered nurses (RN), such as specialized wound care, intravenous (IV) medication administration, nursing assessments, care coordination, case management, etc. as indicated or as ordered by the client’s provider or specialist. With certified nursing assistants (CNA) personal or companion care is available under the direction of an RN.

Without Lāna‘i Kinā‘ole, there would be no home health care, which is why we received over 700 signatures of support from Lāna‘i residents in just two days. We currently cannot serve all the clients who need our services, due to lack of staffing, as a result of lack of funding.

We are humbly requesting assistance identifying sources of funding so that we can provide the continuity of care Lāna‘i’s residents require and deserve. We have a volunteer grant writer ready to assist, we just need guidance on what might be available for our organization to pursue. Personal donations are always welcome too, of course!

We will gladly take any and all advice you may have. Mahalo nui loa for your consideration. We desperately need your kokua.

Valerie Janikowski and Lāna‘i Kinā‘ole Home Team
Email: vjanikowski@lanaikinaole.org if you have information that may be helpful.

An open letter from Lāna‘i Kinā‘ole

Investigating Lanai’s geology

On Saturday, June 19, University of Hawaii scientists invited Lanai residents to visit Well 10, located on the southern rim of the Palawai Crater, on the road leading to the solar farm. They explained what is happening at the site and shared their discoveries, showed examples of the rock core they have uncovered, and displayed the tools they use to learn more about the volcanic processes that formed our island.

The project is allowing them to learn more about the geological structures within the Hawaiian calderas, how they affect the movement and storage of groundwater within the island, and how Hawaiian calderas lose magmatic heat over time. One of the fascinating facts about Well 10 is it contains brackish warm water! The results of the studies done on Lanai will be available to researchers and others after it is completed.

While the drill crew continued to bring up samples of rock, UH Geologist Nicole Lautze was busy explaining different core samples from Well 10 at the Open House.

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Cheryl Kalakamalie
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Males, Adult 6

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CITATIONS

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Speeding 3

No Insurance 0

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No Dumping signs posted

By Alberta de Jetley

Queen Street now has “No Dumping” signs posted, but trash in this photograph appears to come from a nearby vacant house. Recently, a Lanai resident explained to Lanai Today that the reason people just dump old appliances anywhere they can hide them is because there isn’t anywhere to take them; especially if they are moving out of a rental and want to get their deposit back.

Pulama Lanai spends thousands of dollars removing old appliances during its annual white appliance pickups as their way of helping to beautify our community. Not everybody has enough room in their yards to hold old appliances until Pulama’s annual collection, but shouldn’t it be Maui County’s responsibility to provide a place to store them until they can be shipped off the island?

Lanai Today would welcome comments on how we can stop illegal dumping, not only of appliances, but all kinds of other trash that may be legally disposed of at the Lanai Landfill. The County workers there are doing a wonderful job of keeping the landfill neat.

If residents have green waste from their yards, it may be dropped off at Pulama Lanai’s green waste composting site located near the Lanai Airport from Monday to Friday. It closes at 2:30 p.m. so don’t be late getting there. Please do not include household garbage, cans, bottles or other items in your load.

The site is not monitored, nor will we all lose the privilege of being able to drop off our green waste if dumping occurs there.

“Just Hang Up!” on scammers

Contributed by Hawaiian Electric Companies

Phone scammers are targeting Hawaiian Electric Company customers, directing them to make GOBank payments at a convenience store to pay their “overdue” bills. Hawaiian Electric, Maui Electric and Hawaii Electric Light are again warning customers to “Just Hang Up!” on scammers.

Hawaiian Electric received more than 40 scam reports in one day from a mix of customers; commercial, residential and even a church. The robocalls display “Hawaiian Electric” in the caller ID and the company’s customer service number, but don’t fool you. The recording tells customers to pay their “overdue” bill within 30 minutes or risk disconnection; it also provides an 877 number. When called, the scammer who picks up directs the customer to purchase a GOBank voucher at a convenience store. GOBank features online checking accounts and consumers can make deposits to accounts at participating retailers.

The companies do not ask for nor do they accept GOBank payments. Customers need to be alert and recognize scams, especially when criminals threaten to disconnect service unless a payment is made. The companies offer the following tips:

• If the caller says your utility account is delinquent and threatens to shut off service immediately unless payment is made, it’s a scam.

• If someone calls from a utility demanding immediate payment over the phone, via money transfer, prepaid debit cards or by Bitcoin, it’s a scam.

• If the caller asks to meet the customer in person to pick up a payment, it’s a scam.

For more information, go to: hawaiianelectric/stopscams; manuelectric/stopscams; or hawaiielectric/stopscams

Deer Alert - Avoid collisions by slowing down

You may have noticed deer are coming out to graze earlier and earlier each day in the Palawai Basin. Although recent rains have fallen in Lanai City, the island is drying up and less food is available for them. Be alert for large herds of deer crossing the road in the Palawai. Another dangerous spot is the Airport Road. It’s expensive to get your car shipped to Oahu to be repaired after you have a collision with a deer. Drive defensively and slow down.

Be extra careful on Lanai’s remote beaches

Recent high surf at Hulopo Beach left many beach-goers concerned about unattended children playing in the shorebreak. Parents, please do not rely on other adults to watch your kids. You should always be in the water or nearby to assist them. On June 30, a two-year-old child was rescued from the ocean at Halawai, Molokai. She was pronounced dead at Molokai General Hospital. On Maui, a 45-year-old man drowned at Nuu Bay, Kaupo, Maui, on June 29. Both of these areas are very remote; know your limits when swimming on Lanai’s isolated beaches.

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Welcome back, Mokulele Airlines!

After a long absence, on June 17, Mokulele Airlines resumed flights between Kahului and Lanai. The Maui departure at 7:05 am. arrives on Lanai at 7:30 am.; it returns to Maui at 7:50 a.m. Coming home, Lanai passengers leave Kahului at 4:15 p.m. and land on Lanai at 4:40 p.m. The timing is perfect for business travelers and residents going to Maui for medical appointments.

There are two pilots on every flight and they meet passengers at the gate on the town side of the terminal, where the small private planes park. Passengers do not go through TSA screening at all and you must be pre-booked. After landing at Kahului, you can get connecting flights to Kahului-Kona and to Molokai. See their ad on page 7 and start planning a mini-vacation today!

Paving at airport parking delayed

Ruralizing Lanai Airport’s parking lot and entry road is taking a bit longer than planned. The lot was emptied of vehicles and prepared for the new surfacing. It was then delayed because all of the materials needed for the project arrived late. The work resumed and was scheduled to be completed on July 3. However, the roadway entering the airport is still not finished.

Vehicles can enter the parking lot, but there are still low spots directly in front of the terminal where water is collecting. No news yet on when the terminal’s automatic doors by the baggage area will be done but some building materials are stacked in the commercial passenger loading area on the town side of the building.

When drivers turn off the Kaumalapau Highway, please be extra careful on the road to Lanai Airport as there have been several deer strikes in this area. Slow down, especially in the early morning and late afternoon; this appears to be when the crossings are heaviest.

A King’s luau on Molokai

By Alberta de Jetley

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A small parade with beautifully costumed riders preceded the luau. It’s been many years since Molokai residents organized a Kamehameha celebration. Is this a celebration we could bring back to our own community on Lanai?

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**LAPA receives OHA grant**

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Mahalo to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the award of $5,000 to the Lānaʻi Academy of Performing Arts (LAPA) in support of an original stage production of the story of Ka‘ōpūlili, OHA’s ‘Ahahui Grant enables the academy to give three free performances of the original musical, “Day of Conquest” to the Lānaʻi community.

LAPA is a non-profit children’s theater program providing a space for Lānaʻi’s youth to grow and express their creative voices. Composer and Executive Director Matt Glickstein enlisted the help of community member Simon Tajiri. The task: to help write a version of the classic story that would allow academy students to use their full range of song, dance, and drama to bring new life to a story that was once known to every Lānaʻi’s child. With research support from Kepā Maly and the Lānaʻi Culture & Heritage Center, they based their retelling on the versions that appeared in the Ni`ipepa Kuo`o’a in 1863 (“Ka Mo`olelo o Eleio by W.N. Pualewa`) and 1912 (“Na Wai`a Pana” by P.M.)

The play’s title, “Day of Conquest” refers to the name of the island and memorializes the day that our founding ali`i conquered the spirits who ruled over Lānaʻi. More than an entertainment experience, the play aims to strengthen a Lānaʻi identity that is rooted in our Hawaiian past but is that also inclusive of our present day children, a people of mixed ethnicities and cultural backgrounds. Hawaiian children will have their own hero to talk about when they come out of the theater. Our performers will have stood before their community as a Hawaiian, telling the story of a Hawaiian hero, the hero of their own island, and they will be applauded. After a year of working on this project, learning the language, researching and exploring historical characters and places they will feel a deeper sense of kuleana and pride as a caretaker of Hawaii’s story. We hope that our community will see the relevance of this story today and learn from Ka‘ōpūlili’s own journey to become pili, attached, to his aina, depending on it to survive and ultimately become its steward.

The play debuts Friday, October 11th and will show for three consecutive nights at the Lānaʻi High & Elementary School cafeteria. Admission is free to the Lānaʻi Community. Please join us in celebrating this history and let Lānaʻi’s story echo on. For more information on the progress of the play or on the ticketed preview performance to be held on Thursday, October 10, please follow us @lanaiacademy on Facebook or Instagram, visit our website at www.lanaiacademy.org, or email us at lanaiacademy@gmail.com.

Alberta’s note: Here are definitions of the Hawaiian words used in the above article in the order they appear: Ahahui: society, club, association; ali`i: chief, ruler; Kulaena: - right, privilege, responsibility; Pili: to cling, stick to, attached; and aina: land. In future issues of Lanai Today, we’ll define Hawaiian words used in articles whenever possible. The definitions are from Hawaiian Dictionary by Mary Kawena Pukui and Samuel H. Elbert, 1986 Revised and Enlarged Edition.
Flag Football in Dole Park

Big mahalo to Lanai’s Flag Football coaches Lt. Ryan Rodriguez-Steelers; Sid Alejandro-49’ers; Kamaka Prin-cio-Chargers; and Spencer Kaimakamalie-Raiders. Their dedication, guidance and great coaching make such a difference for the 50 players of Lanai’s Flag Football teams in Lanai Middle and High School classes. The players also benefit and learn valuable lessons in teamwork, cooperation and strategy. Not mention more time out in the sunshine and less time sitting in front of a screen! Mahalo to Natalie Ropa and the Lanai School Foundation for their continued support of our young players.

Legal help made simple

Getting legal advice on Lanai can be challenging. Maui attorney Damir Kouliev, at 808Attorney, Inc., is using technology to provide remote virtual services to residents throughout Maui County. Using cell phones, email, texting, Skype and Facetime, he is able to consult with clients who can discuss their legal concerns in the privacy of their own home.

As the Vice President of the Maui County Bar Association, Mr. Kouliev works closely with the Legal Aid Society. He uses an easy to understand approach to clarify issues, laws, and strategies. “Oftentimes, solutions are quite simple,” he says, “but one has to know where to look.”

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Information contributed by Damir Kouliev, Attorney-at-Law

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Outdoor cooking at its best.
Mimi Evangelista set up mini-manicures.

Herb Galindo and Pua Turqueza

A pizza oven was set up in the park.

Event visitors enjoyed a wide variety of food vendors and entertainers. Mahalo to the Lanai Chamber of Commerce for this great event!

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The summer was always the peak time to harvest pineapples. Today, pineapple-inspired gifts are always Mia’s favorites! Come in to browse and see Jenna’s wide selection of Lanai logo wear for men, women, and children.

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Summer is officially upon us in the Aloha State, which means more time spent outdoors. This means increased sun exposure and a potential danger to our skin.

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States, with nearly 76,000 new cases each year, according to the Center for Disease Control. The good news? A recent Health of America report from the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA) showed that Hawaii secured the coveted title of the state with the fewest skin cancer diagnoses. We want to keep it that way, and we’re here to remind Lāna‘i residents to protect their skin with the following sun safety tips:

Wear Sunscreen Every Day - The sun’s ultraviolet (UV) rays can damage your skin in as little as 15 minutes. Use a broad spectrum, reef-safe sunscreen with at least SPF 15 before you go outside, even cloudy days. Apply early and often.

BYO Shade – Sunscreen works best when combined with other UV blockers. When you’re heading outside, wear sunglasses that block both UVA and UVB rays to protect your eyes, reduce the risk of cataracts, and shield tender skin from sun exposure. Grab a hat with a wide brim that shades your face, ears, and neck, and bring an umbrella to the beach or the park so you aren’t exposed to the sun for long periods of time.

Cover Up – In addition to long-sleeves, pants and hats, look for sun safety clothing and rash guards that are certified under international standards and feature details on the UV protection. Keep in mind that a typical T-shirt has an SPF rating under 15, so covering up may not be enough.

Avoid Peak Hours – Reduce time in the sun during peak mid-day hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Practice Regular Self-Exams – An important part of skin cancer detection is learning to recognize changes in the skin. Perform a thorough skin check once a month and schedule an exam at LCHC if you notice any suspicious moles or markings.

Know the ABCs of Melanoma

A (Asymmetry): Melanomas often have an asymmetrical border, whereas benign moles are usually symmetrical.

B (Border irregularity): Melanomas often have ragged or notched borders, whereas benign moles usually don’t.

C (Color): Melanomas often contain multiple shades of brown or black within a single mole, whereas benign moles are generally one shade.

D (Diameter): Early melanomas are often 6 mm or larger, while benign moles are generally less than 6 mm.

E (Evolution): The symmetry, border, color or diameter of a mole has changed over time.

Enlist the Experts – We have one of the largest telehealth programs in Hawaii. Telehealth is the use of digital information and communication technology such as a computer or mobile devices to access healthcare services remotely. We offer in-person clinical exams as well as Tele-Derm consultations to assist in identifying any issues that need attention. To make an appointment, call us at 565-6919.

LCHC shares tips to protect yourself from the summer sun
The Maui Humane Society (MHS) announced that individual tickets and tables are now available for the 2019 Fur Ball Gala to be held on Saturday, September 7 at the Wailea Beach Resort. This year’s event, Studio Fifty Fur Ball: A Disco Dance Party, will include a gourmet buffet dinner, no-host bar, live and silent auctions as well as live entertainment from mainland band Disco Dick and The Mirror Balls.

“We are so excited about our upcoming Studio Fifty Fur Ball event. It will be a great night of fun, friends and sharing information about the lifesaving work that we are doing,” said Jerleen Bryant, CEO, Maui Humane Society. “It fills our hearts to know how many people in the community care for our homeless animals and want to support the work that we are doing at the Maui Humane Society. We hope to see everyone there.”

Hawaii News Now reporter Mileka Lincoln will serve as emcee for the event. Mileka has been working with Hawaii News Now (KGMB/KHNL/KFVE) for six years and she is known for her diverse reporting on everything from the Kilauea eruption to the annual Merrie Monarch Festival. Mileka was born and raised on Hawaii Island and has a genuine love for Hawaii and the people in the community. She and her family also have a passion for animal rescue and she says “It’s an honor and a privilege to help the Maui Humane Society with their lifesaving work & to help find forever homes for Maui’s homeless pets.”

To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit the Maui Humane Society website at: mauihumanesociety.org. Event sponsorships are also available and donations are still needed for the Live and Silent Auctions. For sponsorship information or to donate and item, please contact Director of Development Nancy Willis at mwillis@mauihumanesociety.org or call (808) 877-3680, ext. 218.

The Maui Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, serving the community for over 60 years and is Maui’s only open admission shelter. Their mission is to protect and save the lives of Maui’s animals, accepting all in need, educating the community and inspiring respect and compassion toward all animals. The Maui Humane Society takes in more than 6,200 animals annually, and serves many times that number through community outreach programs. MHS also provides support for Maui’s approximately 90,000 pet owners as well as Animal Management Services for the County of Maui.

Alberta’s note: Stray dogs from Lanai are sent to the Maui Humane Society if no one claims them. I’m sure that if I hadn’t claimed Haole Boy when he was impounded on Lanai, MHS would have been able to find him a great family. If you’re looking for a pet to adopt, please consider MHS. If you’re moving and have to give up your pet, MHS does an excellent job of placing pets into temporary foster care until a forever home is found for them. Their website displays photographs of dogs, cats, and other animals that are available for adoption.
Caring for our kupuna, together

LĀNA`I COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AND LĀNA`I SENIOR CENTER PARTNER TO SERVE OUR ISLAND’S SENIORS

Since Maui Health System (MHS) arrived on the island in 2017, the world of health got a little more neighborly. Lāna`i Community Hospital (LCH) gets familial support from its sister hospitals, Maui Memorial Medical Center and Kula Hospital, both on the Valley Isle of Maui. LCH, under the management of MHS and backed by Kaiser Permanente’s advanced technology systems and Emergent Medical Associates (EMA) ER, physician staff, offers top-quality medical care on the geographically isolated island situated in the middle of the Pacific.

Yet, with a population of 3,102, it still retains its rural feel, as evidenced by how many people prefer to walk, amble into the 24-hour Emergency Department.

“If they can walk, they come right up to the luck doors of the ED,” says Director of Nursing Nena Hart. “One guy walked in with a foot laceration the other day, came up and rang the door bell. One construction worker had been in an accident involving his chin. We opened the doors and let him in. Unless they absolutely need an ambulance, most people do walk-ins.”

There are three ED beds, 24-hour inpatient pharmacy services, diagnostic imaging, a laboratory, four acute beds for admissions, and a long-term care unit housing 10 beds.

“The long-term patients mostly have dementia or chronic diseases,” says Hart, who arrived in January. The Native of Tennessee has practiced nursing since 2007 and has been a nurse’s aide since she was 18.

“The facility offers a lot of natural light,” she adds. “We have windows that open, and the breezes on the island are very nice for the patients.”

The dining/multi-purpose room overlooks Dole Park and magnificent cook pines. Hart oversees 11 nurses, some permanent and some who travel as far away as Chicago and Ohio.

“The whole Lāna`i community is involved. There is a real sense of community here in the way we operate. One example is our partnership with the senior center. We do blood pressure checks and our doctors and nutritionists go there to do talks too. We do outreach to our community members so that they feel comfortable coming here when they have a need. My mission is to make sure that our island’s residents and visitors have access to quality health care and to ensure that the care we provide is always delivered with kindness and compassion,” says Hart.

The nutritionist and the doctors mainly work with Kris Kahihihiko, Lāna`i Senior Center’s Program Coordinator.

“Kris is Maui County’s senior superstar on Lāna`i. She truly cares about people and has a genuine passion for her work, creating a fun, warm and welcoming senior center for all,” says Carol Reimann, the former Director of Housing and Human Concerns for Maui County. “Just as important, she positive and energetic personality shines through in all that she does. I treasure the time I was fortunate enough to work with Kris,” adds Reimann.

“As soon as LCH became part of Maui Health System, it was really wonderful,” says Kahihihiko. “I reached out to the new administrator, Kerry Pitcher, and asked if they would be able to increase blood pressure checks to two times a month.”

“They are bringing in such wonderful resources including more doctors and even nutritionists. And now they are doing wellness education,” she adds. “They have a larger resource base, and we are tapping into that for our kupuna, our senior population.”

Lāna`i Senior Center is right across the street from Lāna`i High and Elementary on the corner of 7th Street and Frasier Avenue. Hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

“Every day that we’re open, I plan some type of activity,” explains Kahihihiko. “We do low-impact aerobics, chair fitness, wellness education, blood pressure checks, balance improvement, and ukulele class. We alternate different activities and also guest speakers.”

On a recent occasion, Kris brought a duo to the senior center for Auntie Cookie’s 93rd birthday.

“We had a potluck and purchased a beautiful carrot cake that was made by the Paluma Lāna`i Bakery. We welcome any kind of visiting artists who would be willing to share their talents. We’re part of County of Maui’s Kauna`oa Senior Services.”

The Maui Health System management of Lāna`i Community Hospital has seen a lot accomplished.

“In just the short time that they’ve been here, both Kerry and Nena have reached out to us to see how they can support us,” said Kahihihiko. “So far, they’ve done a great job. Maui Health System on the island is still very new, but it is all very positive so far.”

Lāna`i Community Hospital, along with Maui Memorial Medical Center and Kula Hospital on Maui, are community hospitals managed by Maui Health System. We are committed to providing high-quality, affordable health care to our patients and to improving the health of the communities of Maui and Lāna`i.

Maui Memorial Medical Center was recently awarded the highest and most honors in the state by American Heart Association and featured in U.S. News & World Report. “Best Hospitals 2019” for Gold Plus Quality Achievement and Honor Roll awards for stroke and heart failure care.
Helping future dreams come true for Lanai youngsters

Contributed by Charity Texeira Figuerres

Dreaming of our ideal future delights and inspires us. Children, are particularly good at dreaming thanks to their fertile imaginations. But to make dreams come true, you need to have clear goals and, very likely, save some money to make them happen. Credit unions can help its members on both counts.

This past April, Lanai Federal Credit Union (LFCU) celebrated Youth Month around the theme The Future Is Yours: Picture It! Save for It! Share It! For every deposit made in April, youth members had a chance to play our “Plinko” Board to win prizes. Some participated in the “Picture It” contest, drawing a picture, or writing an essay, about their goal of saving. We encourage all members, particularly our youngest, to write down their dreams, create vision boards, and encourage each other. These activities help lay the groundwork for future success.

We often look at pictures to remember the past, but are you ready to picture your future? If you ask your children, they can easily picture a future they’d like to live in. Some dream to become doctors and help people, others want to be known for their talent. For children and teenagers, the future brings limitless possibilities. But no matter what their dream is, financial education can be instrumental in helping them achieve their goals.

Start small. Help your children save for a toy they want. Then sign them up for a youth savings account where they save for far-off goals. As your credit union, we want to help you teach your children to learn good financial habits. Together we can help them fulfill their dreams no matter big or small!

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Visioning Your Life
Contributed by Linda Kavelin-Popov, Co-founder, The Virtues Project

In Mary Oliver’s poem, The Summer Day, she wrote: “Tell me, is it your plan to do with your one wild and precious life? If you’re a service-oriented person, living on a small island where the needs are great, you may well find yourself in a whirl of possibilities for how to spend your time and energy. It can be a heady thing to feel so wanted and needed. Yet you know in your heart that you can’t really manage it all without sacrificing something; time with your spouse or children, time for self-care, lary hours on the beach, or sometimes your own health. If you ever feel overwhelmed by opportunities, it may be time to step back into mindful contemplation. Reflect on what you feel called to do and what are your true yeses. You don’t have to do it all. No one can. Proverbs 29:18 says, “Without vision, the people perish.” Here are some tips to help you envision a sustainable life. To be transparent about it, I’m taking them on board myself as I find myself in the astonishing position of having way too many choices before me. Gather your possibilities on paper and filter them through the following questions, each containing a virtue:

What gives you joy? Sufi poet Rumi says, “Let the beauty we love be what we do. There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground.” Frederick Buechner, a Quaker theologian says, “Your calling is where your deepest gladness and the world’s hunger meet.”

Purposefulness. To define your purpose, identify your three top priorities. What is most important to you? Is it to earn the most money? Spend time with your family? Express your creativity? If you are a person of prayer, ask, and answers will be given to you.

Honesty. Given your age, energy, and health, what level of activity will actually serve you while you are serving others?

What would a balanced life -- a pace of grace -- look like at this season?

Assertiveness. What boundaries do you need to set to feel free to pursue your dreams, to live your best life?

Recently I’ve heard from several people that they are severing relationships with people who exude negativity and drain their energy. Energy vampires will feed on you unless you decide how and with whom to spend your time. Letting go of dysfunctional relationships allows you the freedom to pursue life-giving relationships. If it’s a family member, you still get to decide how and how often you choose to relate.

Orderliness. Create a plan for ninety days focused on your three top priorities. Then follow the flow. Benjamin Franklin said, “If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail.”

Creativity. Create a vision board, using magazine photos and words, or painting. Open up to you. Have a visual in front of you is a powerful way to realize a dream. This is incredibly helpful in clarifying and magnetizing your vision. Henry Ford said, “If you think you can or you think you can’t, you’re right.”

Above all don’t allow yourself to remain trapped and overwhelmed. You have the power to determine the course of your life within your circumstances. Don’t try to overwork the banks of your river. Rely on grace and trust your own inner knowing. A whole new world will open up to you.

Visit Linda Kavelin-Popov online at: virtuesproject.com, lindakavelinpov.com and paceofgrace.net.

Two LHS Seniors Receive Kukui Mālamalama Scholarships
Contributed by Beth Conroy-Humphrey

Two Lanai High School graduates have been awarded $2,000 each, a laptop and a Da Kine backpack by the Kukui Mālamalama Scholarship program. The scholarship award is administered by the Friends of Lanai High & Elementary Schools Foundation on behalf of Pulama Lanai. The Kukui Mālamalama Scholarships is intended to encourage students to further their education.

This year’s recipients are Steven Jackon and Angelene Matute. Steven Jackson plans on attending Honolulu Community College to pursue a major in carpentry. Angelene Matute will be attending Olympic College in Washington. She intends to major in pre-dentistry.

Six schools are participating in the Kukui Mālamalama Scholarship program; Hanai High School, Molokai High School, Lanai High School, KeKula Niihau School, Waianae High School and Kahuku High School.

Learn to play soccer on Saturdays in Dole Park
Photographs by Dan Popov

Lanai Community Health Center sponsors all kinds of activities for all ages. Hung “Sifu” Nguyen teaches Tai Chi at all levels, gymnastics, beginning soccer for keiki, and Lion Dance; he is just one of the many great instructors that are part of LCHC’s free programs. These photographs were taken on June 15, 2019. Go to their website at lanai-health.org to see when and where different activities take place.

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Four Seasons’ Employee of the month

Front of the House
Anela Evans is the Lanai Culture Practitioner at the resort and joined its team in the Love Lanai department on October 29, 2019. Not only does she share her knowledge and the culture of our island with others, but she also steps in to do hikes to Koloiki and Pu’upehe, and is also a guide for Hōhōlu Excursions. Angela always has a positive attitude and is very flexible with her schedule. Our guests enjoy their conversations with her about our island, the Hōhōlu activities, or just “talking story.” Mahalo, Anela, for all of the hard work you do for our team and the resort.

Heart of the House
Charlie Calderon is a General Maintenance One in the Engineering Department. He originally was employed on January 8, 1996 and became a part of the FS team on October 1, 2005. With over 20 years of service, and being one of two permanent engineers at Central Laundry, Charlie is a self-starter, an independent worker who takes initiatives and works with minimal or no supervision. A very active member of the community, he sacrifices countless hours of his time training and coaching various sports activities at Lanai High and Elementary School. Mahalo, Charlie for all of the work you do at the laundry and in our community.

Lanai Art Center artist profile
Kids Art Club artist Primo Bolo always had an eye for creative art. He was one of the top students in an Art Center Photography class in 2006 and 2007. As an adult, he now uses a camera to capture amazing images and style as a successful photographer in the fashion industry in New York City.

Lanai athletes at Special Olympics Summer Games
Congratulations to Lanai’s Special Olympics Swim team who participated at the Special Olympics Summer State Games on Oahu during the Memorial Day weekend. MPD Lanai Station Officer Drew Simmonds accompanied the team to the game’s opening ceremony at the Les Murakami Stadium at the University of Hawaii. The athletes competed at Iolani School’s pool.

Information and photograph contributed by Pauline Fleischuer
We’re so proud of our Special Olympics team!

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Around Town - E Malama Preschool Graduation
Saturday, June 22, 2019

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Alice Granito
Graduation ceremony in the preschool’s playground.

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Jahnessa Kahananui--Peralta
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Kea Woolsey
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Preschool keiki

Photographs of the following keiki were not available:

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| Rise Atacador-Shin    | Marcus-James Raqueno |
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