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Dormant Water Project in Ngenia Comes to Life After 4 Decades



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Born at 30 Weeks, Joy as Baby is Discharged After Weight Gain



By Esther Muthoni

LHS Nyahururu Maternity ward celebrated the discharge of baby Isaac after significant improvement and weight gain.

Isaac spent two months at LHS Nyahururu New Born Unit (NBU), after being born prematurely at 30 weeks weighing 1kg and was 1.7 kg at the time of discharge.

Preterm babies are prone to developing jaundice which if left untreated can lead to a long-term disability. NBU at LHS Nyahururu is sufficiently equipped and ensures that the babies that develop such complications are taken through phototherapy which help in treating and managing the condition.

The facility has a team of pediat-

ric consultants- Dr Eunice Ndirangu and Dr Pauline Wambui. Other are senior medical officer Dr Fatuma Juma and nurse in charge New Born Unit, Lydia Njogu.

The team work tirelessly to pro-

vide quality care to new born babies, this includes many aspects such as; meeting the babies' comfort needs, helping babies develop normal sleep patterns, decreasing stimulation from noise, lights or procedures improved weight gain, the benefits are huge, especially for our premature babies, shorter stay hospital stay, fewer complications, better feeding and enhancing parent and infant bond.

LHS takes cognizance of the fact mothers who bare premature children may have difficulty adjusting as it is different from what parents to-be had dreamed or expected about the upcoming baby. The team at New Born Unit on the edge has been working hard to offer counseling sessions to help them cope with the situation.



100 Households to Benefit as Community Water Project Nears Completion



By Nahashon Maina

Residents of Kibiro, Ngenia have a reason to smile as struggles for water is coming to an end as County Government of Laikipia partners to finish community water project that has been dormant since 1980s. The Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources distributed 200 water pipes to help in reticulation of water to over 100 households.

The county government has been on the front line of ensuring that Laikipians have access to water for both consumption and irrigation. With the project complete, residents of Ngenia will be able to access reliable water supply. The

community has a water committee that will work closely with the department to ensure they expedite the project.

After partnering with the county government, the community formed a committee to oversight the project completion. Within three months, there was significant progress with digging of

trenches and laying water pipe.

“We will stand with community members to ensure that there is running water in their households within the shortest time possible,” CEC Peter Matunge said.

He added that his department will start rehabilitation of 200m³ for water storage.

Other projects that the county government has been able to implement are Solio and Makurian Water projects that are providing communities alternative commercial activities.

“Good resources management and utilization by my government enables us to achieve these transformative projects in the county as there is accountability of public resources,” Governor Ndiritu Muriithi said.



Annex Ventures Producing Quality Made-in-Laikipia Leather Balls



By Muriithi John

Believing in locally made products is one of the ways of promoting local manufacturing, which is a major pillar of Vision 2030 of Kenya.

Annex Ventures is one of the manufacturers in Laikipia County under the Laikipia Innovation and Enterprise Programme, making progress towards ensuring the county becomes a manufacturing hub.

The enterprise makes quality leather tubed-balls for promotion of sports, not only in Laikipia but in the neighboring counties.

“We make these balls for Volleyball, Football, and other games from scratch using leather. We look for patterns that will align with the products for increased quality,” commented David Kimata, one of the duos behind the enterprise.

The innovator says the County Government of Laikipia has helped the firm through invitations to exhibit in various ave-

nues. Exhibitions leads to an increase in the number of customers due to the exposure.

Annex Ventures is barely two years and has been paying the bills for the two owners despite the effects of COVID-19.

“My colleague and I ventured into this business in 2020 before COVID-19 struck the country. We were doing well until the schools closed down and sports were suspended. We are happy now that we are returning to normalcy,” said Mr. Kimata.

Schools, especially high schools are

their main customers. However, if an organization, an individual, or sports club requires, Annex ventures definitely comes through. The balls may be customized according to the client’s preferences.

Though the two innovators did not go beyond high school in their formal education, in the course of their search for job they trained on leather works in Kariombangi and have never stopped since. Their business now has a capacity to produce two balls per hour.

Looking at where the business will be in the next few years, the innovators are confident in venturing into the tubeless balls which they are currently not making.

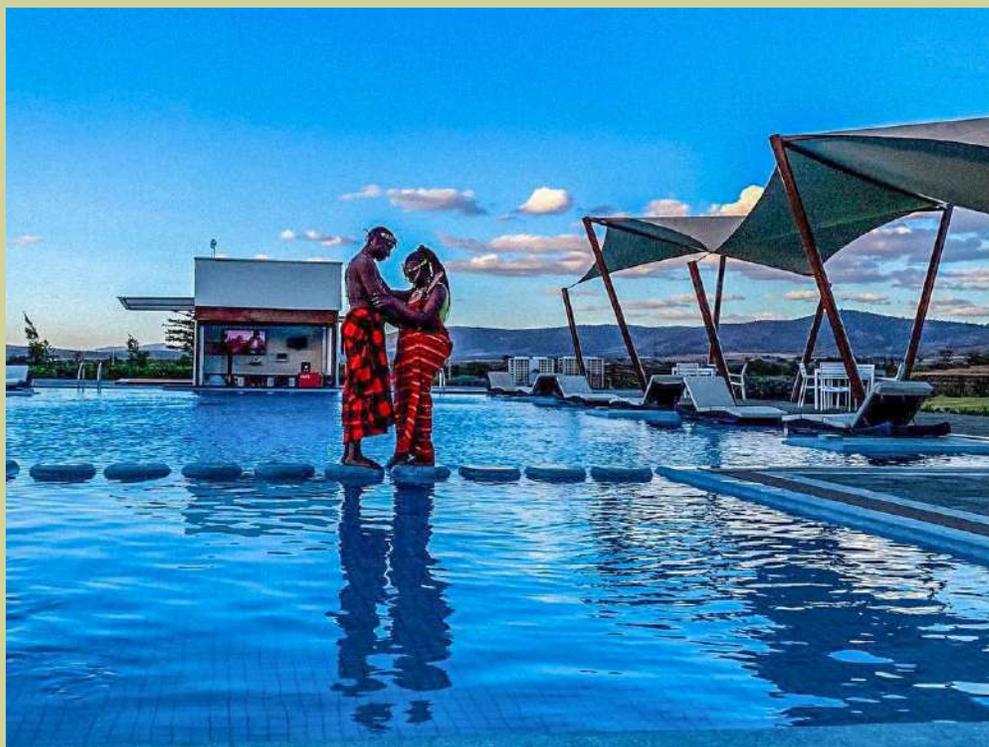
“We are working on venturing in the tubeless balls which are more marketable compared to the other types of balls,” Mr. Kimata said.

Contact Annex Ventures through **0718388449** or **0723476609**

Some of the leather balls produced by Annex Ventures in Laikipia County. The duo also makes customized balls



From Food and Events to Events, Maiyan Resort Got You Covered



By Victor Waiganjo

Located about 15KM on the outskirts of Nanyuki town sits Maiyan Resort, a facility that prides itself as one of the best in the whole country in terms of hospitality.

Maiyan is a one-of-a-kind lifestyle development that encapsulates all it means to have the best of both worlds: to live in a house with all the fun, beauty, and amenities of a dream resort in your backyard.

It is a 156-acre natural lush setting in Nanyuki, set against the backdrop of Mount Kenya and the Lolldaiga highlands.

Being a part of *Maiyan* will make you a part of a select group of people who have recognized it as a wonderful venue for memorable occasions. It invites families and children of all ages, instilling in us all a sense of wonder, harmony, and intrigue.

The 36 rooms at Maiyan are all furnished with modern conveniences such as hardwood windows, Wi-Fi, direct dialing phone, parquet floor, laptop size electronic safe, mini-bar, exquisite toiletries, and flat screen TV with DSTV channels.

Maiyan provides deluxe rooms with a king size bed or twin beds with a panoramic outlook for the most discerning customers.

The hotel provides its visitors a beautiful suite with a big terrace and a lovely outlook over the natural landscapes from the rooftops, for a luxurious weekend.

Visitors can choose from the extensive leisure activities available to entice, entertain, relax, and delight their senses. These include the equestrian centre, fishing, boating, cycling, fishing, and game drives, to name a few. On-site, there are complimentary dai-

ly activities such as outdoor heated pool, volleyball, jogging, outdoor gym, basketball and tennis court.

The stresses of the world will fade away as you indulge in one of Maiyan's many signature Spa treatments, which use only fresh and natural products.

Maiyan is the ideal venue for incentive, social, and corporate events, as well as exclusive private meetings.

With fully equipped, fully serviced, and catered business facilities, plus a team of dedicated support staff ready and willing to respond to your every need, Maiyan Resort truly means business.

For businesses and corporate organisations seeking to hold team building activities, office meetings and conferences, there are a variety of layouts available to suit your needs, including a boardroom, U-shaped theatre, classroom, cocktail, banquet, and cabaret settings.

The rooms can accommodate up to 95 people, with the boardroom accommodating 10 persons. The rooms have individual climate and lighting controls, as well as an electronic lectern with a ceiling-mounted data projector and drop-down screens with built-in audio-visual equipment.

You can choose from a variety of themed events and décor options, or you can build your own look and feel for your event.

Waiganjo is a Tourism Officer in Laikipia County

LHS Nanyuki Welcomes New Orthopedic Surgeon

By David Serem

Laikipia Health Service has stepped up its efforts in specialty healthcare provision with the recruitment of a specialist orthopedic surgeon for its Nanyuki outlet.

Dr. Makena Mbogori, consultant orthopedic surgeon who previously worked at Nairobi Hospital, joined the service mid this month, and has hit ground running with weekly clinic scheduled for Tuesdays. A number of patients whom she has conducted orthopedic operations on are recovering in the new ward.

The availability of the surgeon is a huge relief to patients in need of constant review, seeing as they have had to rely on referrals for the service.

Staff at the Orthopedic Department have expressed joy with the new development, terming it a great milestone in caring for their clients and a fulfilling experience for them in service delivery.

Dr. Mbogori joins a growing number of specialist doctors at LHS Nanyuki, who include a pediatrician, obstetrics gynecologist, psychiatrist, ophthalmologist and kidney specialist.

The surgeon started working last week, seeing the first group of her patients in her clinic that will be running every Tuesday.

Lydia Wairimu, one of the first clients and a resident of Likii in



LHS Nanyuki Surgeons during a theater operation last year. The outlet has continued to broaden its investment in specialist care with the recruitment of specialist doctors

Nanyuki, was thrilled by this entry.

“A friend of mine broke the news to me yesterday (Monday), and I couldn’t help but make the rush,” she said. “I have just been seen, and the doctor has recommended a new prescription for my condition. It was a very friendly engagement and I am so grateful.”

Dr. Makena is well aware of the possibly of high expectations from her clients, and she is quick to observe that quality care overrides everything.

“I may not prioritize on the numbers, seeing as I need to deliver the best to each one of my clients.

We are after quality care so we hope to grow a step at a time,” she says.

With the planned acquisition of advanced imaging facilities such as the MRI and CT Scans, LHS is poised to avail a wider range of specialist services sooner than previously imagined.

This is part of the sustained broader investments LHS Nanyuki has been pursuing in the recent past, which are informed by its business plan that aims to scale up specialist care, enabling it to handle most of the referrals from Laikipia and beyond.

Distribution of 50kg Assorted Maize Seeds Kicks-Off



Department of Agriculture CEC Wangari Wachira distributing maize seeds to farmers last week

In the last three cropping seasons farmers have realized low yield and crop failure mainly caused by drought. Farmers have also counted losses and total crop failure after planting uncertified seeds bought from various traders in the area.

The County Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries led by the CECM, Madam Wangari Wachira officially launched countywide distribution of 50,000Kgs (50Tonnes) of relief hybrid seed maize at Endana, Segera ward. This is a relief to the farmers who have been hard hit by the drought, the quality of the seeds is

also guaranteed.

The seeds will enhance the acreage under maize production by approximately 6,250 acres and set to benefit at least 12,500 farmers. The quantity per farmer is the

seed rate of a half an acre.

The seed maize comes at an opportune time for planting. The farmers could not hide their joy after receiving the seeds as they are of guaranteed quality, the yield per acre is an average of 14 bags. Therefore, a total of 87,500 ninety-kilogram bags will be realized in the end.

“I urge you to embrace Conservation Agriculture as the technology has proven potent in enhancing crop's resilience to drought, said the CEC.

“The County Government of Laikipia will continue supporting small scale farmers in line with his manifesto goal of making farming profitable,” she added.



Month-Long Revenue Staff Training to Transform Services Rendered

By Muriithi John

Revenue collection in Laikipia County is expected to have a better customer relations and even higher professional standard following a one-month training exercise of the revenue staff.

The team that concluded this exercise on 14th April 2022 at the Kenya School of Government (Embu Campus) were trained on revenue enhancement. Further, the focus was on impacting knowledge on county revenue and expenditure, legal and institutional framework in revenue collection, role of ethics and integrity in revenue collection.

The staff also gained more knowledge on strategies that enhance revenue collection, public relations and customer care, work life balance, performance management and effective and efficient service delivery.

This is the team that is the driving force that will help the county realise the Ksh. 1 billion target by the end of this financial year. Laikipia county has seen a steady growth in own source revenue since 2017. Thus, there is need to even train the staff behind



Staff members of the Laikipia County Revenue Board pose for a photo outside Kenya School of Government (Embu Campus) after a training session

these efforts on how to maintain the trajectory.

Training is one of the factors that help transform the efforts of human resource to the visible results in any organization. Employee training and development is among the key initiative that the Board has always embraced as a crucial strategy that serves as motivation and enables the Board to create a highly skilled workforce.

The county government has been conducting similar trainings on the staff to ensure development of this vital capital in service delivery.

In matters revenue and revenue collection, the devolved unit has

gone digital that helps in accounting for every received coin for transparency. The Revenue Board has also developed a dashboard that gives real-time results on revenue collected.

Laikipia county has attracted other devolved governments on benchmarking exercise to see the secret behind the steady rise in own source revenue.

The driving force in increase in the collection is that the residents see where their tax money go in terms of development of roads, street lighting, improved equipment and levels of services in the hospitals, among others.