

Laikipia County

**MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER**

HAPPY

NEW YEAR

2023



Our Main Story

A 100 DAYS' SCORECARD

When HE. Governor Joshua Irungu EGH, took the oath of office on August 25, 2022, he was excited about his win, but he was also worried, about the huge task ahead of him. A warrior he is nonetheless, he faced the challenge head on, a 100 DAYS, a warrior is a title HE squarely deserve....

page. 8-10

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- **CS TAKES OATH**
- **COs IN THE OFFICE**
- **NCRH DIABETES FIGHT**
- **WISDOM FROM BISHOP JOEL**



Just to remind you



Laikipiapay

PAY STREET PARKING FEE



Dial

* 861

Or

MPESA PAYBILL NO


313131

Account Number
NYK VEHICLE NUMBER PLATE

Account Prefixes

- NYK - Nanyuki
- NYH - Nyahururu
- RMT - Rumuruti
- KNB - Kinamba
- MRT - Marmanet

Thank you for paying!

CALL  0757 701 850 FOR ENQUIRY



Best Wishes For The New Year 2023

I take this moment to extend my sincere message of goodwill to the people of Laikipia during this Christmas and New Year season. As we prepare to usher in the year 2023, we cannot hesitate to look back and take stock of the year 2022 which had its merits and demerits, in equal measures.

It is the year that the country went into the polls and voted in new leaders at both tiers of government. It is in the same year that the effects of the global warming were severely experienced resulting to probably the worst drought in the recent decades.

In the same year, governments, individuals, civil society and people of goodwill joined hand in ensuring that no life was lost as a result of the ravaging drought. This is the spirit that defines who we are; our brothers' keepers. The solidarity that has



been displayed by our people is simply an encouragement and something that makes me a proud leader of this great county.

As the curtains rolls for the year 2022, I am calling upon each and every one of us to renew their resolve towards improving the economy of this great county and consequently our livelihoods.

I want to salute in a special way our staff members who have been of great support in my mission of restoring dignity and hope to our

people. They have worked tirelessly, sometimes going beyond the call of duty to ensure that our people get the vital services that we promised to deliver. I want to wish them Godspeed as we embark on the new year.

My promise is that not the least of your efforts towards effective service delivery will go unnoticed. I urge you to maintain the spirit that public service is not

about status but rather about service. Our employer, the people of Laikipia, will expect better results from us and I am confident that we will not let them down. Karibuni to year 2023, the year of service.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous Year 2023.

**HE. Joshua Irungu,
EGH**

Governor,

Laikipia County



Best Wishes For The New Year 2023

My dear people, receive my warmest holiday greetings from my entire family and I.

Christ is born, and we all have celebrated Christmas in our own big or small ways. However we did it, WE ARE HERE, ALIVE, and that is the ultimate gift.

The year 2022 has been full of mixed goodies, good times mixed with bad times. We have had tough economic times, we have been sick, we have lost loved ones, but we have overcome all. Each one of us can count blessings.

I want to invite all of us to New Year 2023, with a lot of optimism that this year will be full of blessings. As Martin Luther once said “We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope,” and thus, we must step into 2023 with full conviction that grace precedes us.

My people, let us do things differently this year. Let us improve our relationships - with our family members and with friends. I implore us to be intentional in all we



do, and with good intentions. That we simply be good humans to one another.

In business especially, we must be inventive and innovative. We must identify where we made losses, why we did not make profit as we would have wanted, why we did not expand, and gaps that will give us competitive advantage, 2023.

Albert Einstein once said, “Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results.” I challenge us therefore be open to new ideas and possibilities, as we in government, step up our support in

formulating farming and business-friendly policies and regulations.

To my fellow managers in service, it is said that hard work compounds like interest, and the earlier you do it, the more time you have for the benefits to pay off. We should not imagine that is early. Let’s hit the ground running, and serve Laikipians.

I will encourage us with words in Isaiah 9:6, “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.”

This New Year 2023, May Laikipia government, staff and residents, be on God’s shoulders, and He be our counsellor and guide, throughout the year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023
PEOPLE. BLESSINGS

H.E. Reuben Kamuri

**Deputy Governor,
Laikipia County.**



LAIKIPIA'S CS, KOINANGE WAHOME, TAKES OATH OF OFFICE



IMAGES: KIPKEMEI RUTTO

Mr. Koinange Wahome was sworn into office as the county secretary after a competitive recruitment process, vetting by the county assembly and eventual appointment by the Governor. The county secretary is the head of the county public service (Article 235 of the Kenyan Constitution). He is responsible for arranging the business and keeping the minutes, of the county executive committee subject to the directions of the executive committee.

The county secretary also conveys the decisions of the county executive committee to the appropriate persons or authorities. Lastly, the county secretary may perform any other functions as directed by the county executive committee. The County Public Service Board may delegate, in writing, any of its functions to the county secretary.

In his inaugural speech the County Secretary expressed his gratitude to the governor for trusting him with this office and promised to revitalize public service in Laikipia ensuring that the governor's commitment to serve all without favoritism is cascaded down in the whole public service.

By Njoroge Thuku

Laikipia County New Accounting Sherrifs, Chief Officers, Receive Appointment Letters From HE. Governor Joshua Jrungu, EGH



Jecinta Segetet
Koree - Youth and Sports



Daniel Ngumi - Finance,
Planning and Development



John Gichuki - Education,
Social Services & Gender



Mary Wanja Gichuru
Livestock and Fisheries



Samuel Lemanyishoe -
Water & Enviroment



Kenneth Kibara - Lands,
Housing & Urban Dev'



Peter Ndirangu - County
Admini & Public Service



Samuel Mahiga - Trade,
Tourism, Coop' and Enter'



Peter Macharia - Infra',
Lands, Public Works

Road to Actualizing the Warehouse Receipt System in Laikipia

According to Laikipia County Statistical Abstract, 2021, agriculture is a source of livelihoods to 158,361 individuals in Laikipia County from 90,729 farming households across the county.

Laikipia West accounts for the largest share in that tabulation.

Maize production is a key enterprise in Laikipia West. The county's average maize production is 133,834 MT, 65 percent of this coming from Laikipia West (Laikipia county statistical abstract, 2021).

This has necessitated the County Government to adopt and implement Warehouse Receipting System model, a model whose objective is to stream-line the grain trade in the county.

In line with the Governor's manifesto, the County Department of Agriculture has made tremendous efforts to operationalize Warehouse receipt system in Laikipia. This is a business model that would reduce post-harvest losses, enhance access to market and finance. The target clients in Laikipia are the grain producers.

In partnership with Agricultural Sector Development Programme

(ASDSP II) and EU-IDEAS Project, the department has intensively capacity built the targeted major users namely; Ngarua Cereals Cooperative Society, Msinduka Cooperative Society and Sipili Cereals and Marketing Cooperative Society, and depositors on warehouse receipt system principles.

The Agricultural officers have also been regularly training farmers from planting to production to ensure that farmers reduce the post-harvest losses.

Eastern Africa Grain Council (EAGC) and Warehouse receipt System Council (WRSC) have been pertinent service providers in operationalizing WRS in Laikipia.

In the most recent activity, the Department of Agriculture in collaboration with Warehouse Receipt System Council carried out sensitization among the warehouse operators and depositors in Kinamba, Mutanga and Sipili Warehouses on WRS.



WRS Council also carried out a warehouse inspection for the three facilities in readiness for certification. The team will give a report on the findings and recommendations of the inspection carried out on them.

The farmers in Laikipia West have showed their appreciation for the tremendous efforts made by the County Government of Laikipia led by H.E Governor Joshua Irungu EGH in ensuring that the Living standards of farmers is improved.

By Mollin Wanjiru





Governor Joshua Irungu 100 Days' Scorecard

Health

The government has sought to Restore Health Services, Improve Health Infrastructure; in partnership with the National Government to achieve 100% Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

- ▶ Reinstated 33 doctors who have already reported to their respective work stations to the reprieve of the people. This has enhanced quality of service delivery and has gone a long way in improving confidence and morale of the health workers.
- ▶ Hired more specialized health workers, a boost towards full functionality of the health services across the county.
- ▶ Nanyuki Teaching and Referral Hospital has hired an Oncologist (cancer care specialist) as well as an orthopedic surgeon and a Physician for the Nyahururu County and Referral Hospital.
- ▶ In the last three months, there has been a constant supply of essential drugs to the tune of Ksh55.5million

to all the health facilities. This has lessened the staff demotivation associated with the provision of poor health care.

- ▶ Development and review of the Community Health Service Bill is complete. The bill is meant to entrench and mainstream all issues dealing with community health workers thus a milestone for primary health-care in the county.
- ▶ Engagements for the commencement of the KMTC Nanyuki Campus are complete and the first intake is expected in September 2023 if not earlier.
- ▶ Other activities include; an increase of Renal Dialysis Machines by five at the Nanyuki Teaching and Referral Hospital, construction and equipping of the Rabal dispensary in Sossian Ward and the completion of the procurement process for CT scans at the Nanyuki and Nyahururu hospitals

Public Administration

- ▶ Initiated the termination of the fund draining leasing programme. So far, it has been able to return the vehicles on lease to their respective owners, (Toyota Kenya) but remaining with four Simba Colt Lorries which are operational awaiting decision by the county executive.

Compiled By John Muriithi



Governor Joshua Irungu 100 Days' Scorecard

Agriculture

Supplied food relief worth Ksh 100 million to schools and communities in the drought affected areas in conjunction with the national government. This has ensured no loss of life and no child drops school from lack of food.

Excavated and desilted four dams in Umande, Marmanet, Rumuruti and Ol- Moran wards. In these areas, 40 farmers have been trained on the management of water resources. Horticultural activities around the dams are on a sharp rise.

Enhanced animal production, livestock marketing and value.

A total of 140 farm demonstrations in various livestock productions have been carried out across the 15 wards.

Embraced apiculture and has conducted trainings and demonstrations in modern and efficient bee-keeping technologies. This has brought fourth an increase in honey production and subsequent extra income to our farmers.

Education and Social Development

Successfully enrolled 648 new trainees in ten Vocational Training Centers (VTCs), which had challenges in enrollment occasioned by effects of the Covid 19 pandemic. The revenue generated in these institutions increased to over Ksh 30million and it is expected to rise in subsequent years.

Put 564 teachers under the scheme of service for ECDE.

The Ward Bursary committees are now in place, an assurance that the Ksh. 50 million bursary kitty will have been disbursed by the time schools open in January 2023.

Governance

The process of elevating Nanyuki and Nyahururu to Municipality Status has been initiated through the office of the County Executive Committee Member. It is expected to be completed within the 3rd quarter of the fiscal year.

Compiled By John Muriithi





Governor Joshua Irungu 100 Days' Scorecard

Trade

- ▶ **O**perationalized the County Enterprise Revolving Fund. This will enable the people to access affordable start-up and working capital for businesses that are excluded from formal financial systems because of high cost of credit and strict credit requirements.
- ▶ Renewed the MoU with the Stanbic Foundation, an organization that is committed to build capacity and support the informal traders in the county.
- ▶ So far, 300 traders have benefited from the fund to a tune of 5 million

Infrastructure

- ▶ **T**hrough the Digital Land Governance Programme funded by EU through FAO, the department has submitted a work plan of various land related activities to be actualized through this programme. The activities include; finalization of the County Spatial Plan, preparation of plans for 12 urban centres across the county, planning and surveying of informal settlements and market centres for tenure security. There has been countywide streetlights audit and inspection as well as repairing and maintenance of streetlight and floodlights.
- ▶ Other activities have been inspection, repair and maintenance of electrical installations at county facilities.

Security

- ▶ **E**nsured that more than 100km of security roads in the areas affected by insecurity have been opened up, graded and murramed. This has ensured frequent patrols by the security forces thus a boost to the security.
- ▶ Acquired land for the construction of extra police patrol bases especially on the notorious escape routes by cattle rustlers from the neighboring counties.

Compiled By John Muriithi



LCDA Gets New CEO

Incoming LCDA boss, Mr. Mugambi, pledged to continue building on his predecessor's success as well reconfiguring LCDA's mission and vision, in line with Governor Joshua Irungu's manifesto.



IMAGES: Pauline Mwiyeria

Laikipia County Development Authority, LCDA, has a new Chief Executive officer, Mr. James Mugambi

Mr. Mugambi took over from Mr. John Mwaniki who has been the steering lead at helm of LCDA management until his contract ended, paving way for a new boss.

Mr. Mugambi brings on board a wealth of experience in donor relations, resource mobilization, policy-making, and stakeholder management.

The outgoing boss Mr. Mwaniki thanked LCDA team for their pro-

fessionalism, and for the support they accorded to him during his tenure, and during the transition period.

He highlighted several successful projects undertaken during his tenure in office and urged the staff to even scale higher that success, under the new leadership.

The handover was witnessed by Laikipia County Secretary Mr. Koinange Wahome, the CEC Finance Samuel Wachira, and LCDA staff members.

Incoming LCDA boss, Mr. Mugambi, pledged to continue building on his predecessor's success as well

reconfiguring LCDA's mission and vision, in line with Governor Joshua Irungu's manifesto.

Mr. Koinange welcomed the new CEO and expressed his optimism that, with his knowledge of managing strategic partnerships and donor relations, the CGL will be able to secure additional funding to complement CGL's exchequer allocation and own source revenue.

CECM for finance Mr. Wachira too, appreciated the outgoing CEO while also promising utmost support to the new CEO.

By Pauline Mwiyeria



NCRH Efforts in Diabetes Control

It is worth noting that NHIF covers consultation, lab tests, treatment, imaging and medication to the DOPC patients.



IMAGES: Esther Muthoni

The Diabetes Outpatient Clinic (DOPC) at Nyahururu County Referral Hospital specializes in the management and prevention of diabetes and hypertension diseases.

The clinic is a one stop clinic where registration and payments are conducted in the same vicinity. This helps in reducing movements. The clinics run Monday to Friday with an estimate of 40 patients every day.

Regular checkups include continuous glucose monitoring and tests, hypertension screening, nutrition and wellness reviews. Patients are educated on how to check their diet and weight.

Another programme offered at the

point is Control Diabetes in Children, DIC, which supports children and teenagers suffering from diabetes. Insulin is provided and also some tests concerning diabetes are catered for by the programme. Enrollment is free to those between 0-21 years of age.

It is worth noting that NHIF covers consultation, lab tests, treatment, imaging and medication to the DOPC patients.

NRCH has always been consistent with its efforts in disease control interventions. A good example is its medical staff, Renal nurse Mary Jebet Satony together with other nurses joining the world to mark Diabetes awareness Month by conducting di-

Diabetes refers to a group of disease in which a person has high blood sugar this condition affects how your body turns food into energy. It occurs when the pancreas fails to produce enough insulins or when the body cannot effectively use the insulin it produces.

abetes and hypertension screening in Nyahururu market.

The exercise benefited 123 patients where thirty eight patients who were diagnosed with hypertension and high blood sugar levels were advised to seek medical attention with immediate effect.

“The risk of progression from pre-diabetes to type 2 diabetes is quite high, especially if left untreated. When detected early, the patient may not only delay but even prevent progression to diabetes. Disease prevention is significantly less expensive than the treatment of hyperglycemia and diabetic complications”. Says Jebet.

By Esther Muthoni





3rd Multi-agency meeting on Land, Environment and Infrastructure

The meeting's motto was, "if we do not take a deliberate effort to correct the issues surrounding the Land, infrastructure, environment and natural resources sectors 'today' the future will remain uncertain and the damage will over time become irreversible."

The County Government of Laikipia had its third multi-agency consultative meeting on December 1, 2022. Various stakeholders converged at the meeting to discuss crucial issues involving land, infrastructure, the environment, and natural resources.

Throughout the day, range of topics were discussed including: reducing and expediting land-related cases; the planning process, which includes spatial plans, urban plans, area plans, and map digitization; the severity of violations on existing plans; and the social, economic, and environmental effects of encroachments by Laikipia residents.

Additionally, the meeting also sought to explain the legal requirements that govern land use and classification. A recommendation was made that there should be proper documentation of public land through planning, surveying, and titling; registration of all surrendered land and outdated land.

The multi-agency meeting served as the kickoff for the reenergized

effort to find a long-term solution regarding land concerns in the county. Particularly difficult topics including illegitimate property titles, misuse of allotment letters, and the reclamation of public land that has fallen under private hands were addressed.

The team, drawn from various county and national departments, sought to find common ground through proper coordination and to solve encroachment cases and land grabbing through a streamlined framework that will ensure due processes in land transactions are followed.

Going forward, the team agreed that individual parties will play their respective roles and adhere to legal requirements in building approval, title deed issuance, and road and railway path demarcation.

By June Yattor

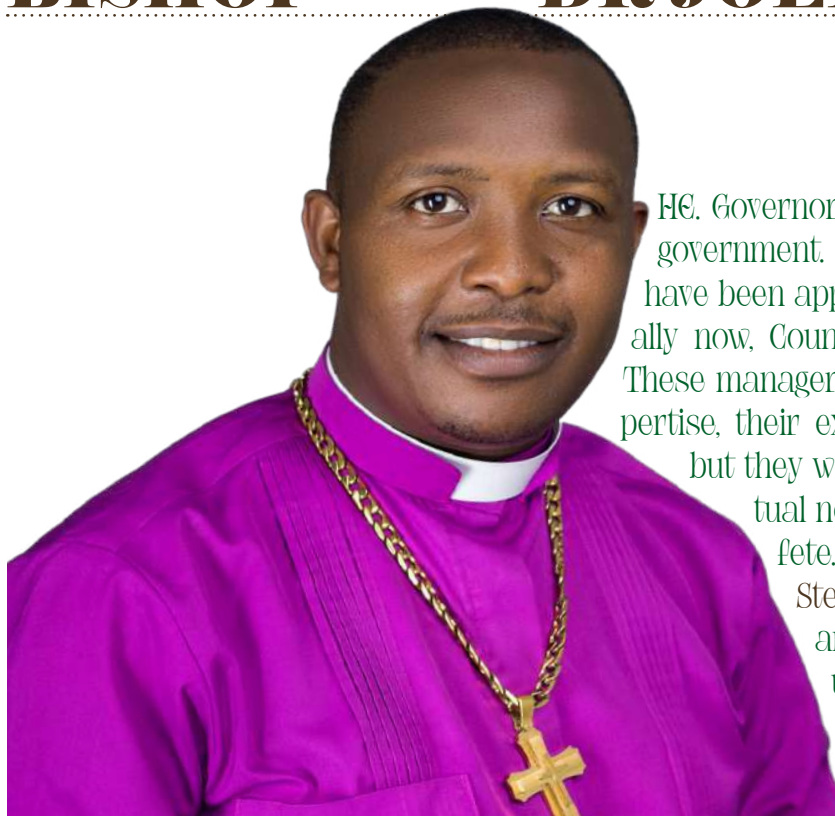
The meeting saw the attendance of H.E Governor Joshua Irungu EGH, County Commissioner Joseph Kanyiri, H.E Deputy Governor Reuben Kamuri, County Secretary Koinange Wahome, and CECMs.

Various department included: FAO; Regional Manager, NYAWASCO; County Coordinator, NLC; Land Registrar, Nanyuki Land Registry; County Surveyor; Regional Manager, WARMA; Settlement Trustee; Kenya Forest Service and Kenya Wildlife Service.

Other entities were: Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; Office of the Attorney General; Ethics and Anti-corruption Committee; Law Society of Kenya representative; Kenya National Highways Authority, KENHA; Kenya Urban Roads Authority, KURA; National Environment Management Authority, NEMA; Mr. Muturo, CETRAC; County Director Education., Laikipia Airbase among other government officials.



LEADERSHIP WISDOM FROM BISHOP DR JOEL WAIGURU



HE. Governor Joshua Irungu CGH, has finally formed his government. The County Secretary, the CECs and COs, have been appointed and sworn-in to office. Constitutionally now, County Government of Laikipia is fully formed. These managers will heavily depend on their education expertise, their experience, their network, and their friends, but they will also need power greater than them, spiritual nourishment – for the task ahead is no mean feat. Our Public Communication Officer Kariuki Stevejackson met with Bishop. Dr. Joel Waiguru and came back with a bundle of wisdom, for us ALL.

Bishop, tell us about yourself.

I'm Bishop Dr. Joel Waiguru Mwangi, Senior pastor at PEFA Nanyuki Shekinah Cathedral. I'm also the Deputy regional bishop for PEFA Church in Mt. Kenya West Region

You are very young in such senior position, such is some of our managers at County Government.

I always say, grow yourself to be admired and be role model: 1 Timothy 4:12

“Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”

Remember this, youthfulness is not a weakness: **Jeremiah 1:6:7**

“O Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I can't speak for you! I'm too young!”

The Lord replied, “Don't say, 'I'm too young,' for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you!”

What does the bible say about financial prudence Bishop?

When Proverbs was written, if you were an Israelite, your flocks would probably be an indication of your wealth. An astute owner would employ trustworthy shepherds to look after and tend to their animals. It was crucial that each and every one of them was safe and secure.

Similar to this, a prudent manager will take meticulous care of their finances and investment portfolios.

Proverbs 27:23 - *Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds*

Budgeting is vital: Luke 14:28
“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?”

Does scriptures talk about corruption and misuse of public funds?

Very much, it says in **Exodus 18:21**
“But select from all the people some capable, honest men who fear God and hate bribes.” I believe Governor Joshua Irungu scored excellently in his selection.





1 Timothy 4:12: "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."

How should a leader be then?

Must be a servant, not a ruler as in Matthew 20:26 "But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant." I'm always inspired the humbleness Governor Irungu portrays. He is a great guy.

What would you encourage these government managers during tough times?

I'd encourage them with words in **Isaiah 41:10** "don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."

Laikipia has different communities, diverse, what does the bible say about diversity and unity?

Leaders should look at people from the eye of unity/oneness. Please read **Galatians 3:28** "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

What qualities must a leader have, to be able to govern properly?

I can give you a hundred, but let me limit them to four.

One is Humility. **Luke 22:26**

"But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who

serves."

Two, be Ethical/integrity: **Psalm 78:72**

"And David shepherded them with the integrity of heart; with skillful hands, he led them."

Diligent and hardworking: **Romans 12:8**

"If it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."

Role models: **1 Peter 5:2-3**

"Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock."

As you finish, what would be your personal advice to Governor, his deputy, and the new senior managers?

The words of Joshua 1:6-10

"Be strong and confident and courageous, for you will give this people as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers (ancestors) to give them. Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do [everything] in accordance with the entire law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that

you may prosper and be successful wherever you go.

Your Message to Laikipians Bishop

I encourage all Laikipians to uphold peace and tranquility. Giving the present government some time to effect change is important because growth is a process rather than an event. Laikipia is a gift from God, just as Adam was given the garden of Eden. So let's all get to work on our varied responsibilities, but let's work not just for men but also for God.

**May God bless Laikipia,
May God bless Kenya.
I love you ALL**

PROFILE OF BISHOP DR. JOEL WAIGURU MWANGI

Senior pastor at PEFA Nanyuki Shekinah Cathedral

Deputy regional bishop for PEFA Church in Mt. Kenya West Region
Bachelor Degree in Ministry and Community development - N2N Christian University USA. Higher Diploma in Bible and Theology - Nairobi Pentecost Bible College (NPBC).

Honorary Doctorate holder in Christian leadership - Breakthrough International University USA.





EDITORIAL TEAM

Publication Supervisor

Njoroge Thuku,
Assistant Director, Public Communication
njoroge.thuku@laikipia.go.ke

Editors:

John Muriithi - johnnyawira@gmail.com
Kariuki Stevejackson - sjl.karis@gmail.com
June Yator - yatorjune@gmail.com
Njoroge Thuku - njorogethuku@gmail.com
Andrew Kimemia - kimemia.maina@gmail.com
David Serem - davidtserem@gmail.com

Layout Designer

Kariuki Stevejackson - sjl.karis@gmail.com

This month Writers/Communication Officers

Mollin Wanjiru - shirohmwangi21@gmail.com
Pauline Mwiyeria - mwialalphie@gmail.com
Esther Muthoni - esthernjoki@gmail.com
Kipkemei Rutto - rutokkong@gmail.com
John Muriithi - johnnyawira@gmail.com
Kariuki Wangeci - sjl.karis@gmail.com
Njoroge Thuku - njorogethuku@laikipia.go.ke
June Yator - yatorjune@gmail.com

For contribution or feedback, write to the above editors or writers.

