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OUR LETTERS to Santa



Kleinhoewe
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Peo
Kgaladi
is excited
about her
gift from
Santa.



Rustenburg – *Platinum Weekly's* employees are in awe with the beautiful and heartfelt letters to Santa, the children in our community entrusted us with. Thanks to generous donations from the business community, notably Globe Model Look and Len Lombard of *Platinum Publishers*, more than 60 children received an early Christmas gift.



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MISSING 10-YEAR-OLD'S SHALLOW GRAVE

Kroondal – Two children, ten-year-old Gomoloemo Thabetia and his eight-year-old brother walked to a tuckshop in Modderfontein near Kroondal on Sunday, 6 December. Police spokesperson captain Elsabé Augoustides said that on returning home alone, the younger brother told his mother that Gomoloemo had gone with 28-year-old Sphamandla Mazibuko. "Initially, Sphamandla denied any knowledge of the boy's whereabouts but after he was taken in for questioning on Monday, 7 December, he confessed to killing the boy," captain Augoustides confirmed. He showed the police the shallow grave hidden by dense bushes next to the N4 highway where he had buried Gomoloemo. Sphamandla was remanded in custody after appearing before the Rustenburg Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 9 December for kidnapping and murder. The motive for the murder is still unknown, and the accused will reappear in court on Thursday 17 December for a formal bail application. The district commissioner of Bojanala Platinum sub-district 2, major general Arthur Adams expressed his shock and utter dismay on the kidnapping and brutal murder of an innocent child.



BRUTAL MURDER OF YOUNG WOMAN IN PHOKENG

Rustenburg/ Phokeng - The body of 24-year-old Boitshepe Gaegake was found in Madubu Park, close to Phokeng on Sunday morning, 13 December at about 09:30. Boitshepe was reported missing after her family received a phone call from her boyfriend enquiring about her whereabouts. He indicated that he dropped her off on Thursday morning, 10 December at about 07:00 at her rented room in Kgale Section, Phokeng. Neighbours confirmed they last saw her on Friday morning, 11 December and her cellular phone was called without success. A missing person's report was made at the Phokeng police station and an intensive search by her relatives, the police and community members turned out unsuccessful in tracing her. According to police spokesperson captain Elsabé Augoustides, a passer-by discovered her body in a densely overgrown area. The district commissioner of Bojanala Platinum sub-district 2, major general Arthur Adams, expressed his shock and utter dismay at the brutal killing of the young woman. He says that no stone will be left unturned in the search for her killer(s) and has appealed to the community to come forward with helpful information. **Any information can be forwarded to captain Johannes Montsho on 076 834 3531.**

HEAVY JAIL SENTENCES FOR SEXUAL OFFENDERS

NW – By descending heavily on those convicted of sexual offences, courts in the North West province are sending a strong message that crime does not pay. From October to November 2020, investigations by law enforcement agents from the Family Violence, Child and Sexual Offences (FCS) units in the province secured convictions of 30 sexual offenders and 437 sexual offences suspects that were arrested. Of those convicted, four offenders were handed seven life terms while the remaining 26 were sentenced to a combined 353 years behind bars after the courts found them guilty. In one of the cases in Morokweng, 26-year-old Reabaka Alphius Baikepi was sentenced to life by the Ganyesa Regional Court on Tuesday 17 November 2020 after he was convicted for raping a 76-year-old woman in 2017. The state proved that Baikepi entered the woman's house by breaking a window while she was asleep. He covered the grandmother's mouth with his hands and raped her. After locking the victim's bedroom door, he fled the scene with the keys. He was arrested after police compared his DNA to evidence at the scene of the crime. In an unrelated case, which also occurred in Morokweng, 37-year-old Lucky Gaesirwe was handed a life sentence for raping a 78-year-old woman in 2018. The state established that Gaesirwe broke into the woman's house and raped her before falling asleep. The woman managed to get a knobkerrie and assaulted Gaesirwe while screaming for help. Police were summoned to the scene and arrested Gaesirwe. North West provincial commissioner lieutenant general Sello Kwena applauded the FCS units for their commitment in fighting crime. He described crimes against women and children as a national priority and remained confident that the heavy sentences would send a clear message to perpetrators.

HIV/AIDS FIGHT CONTINUES

Rustenburg – "Research to establish the safety of antiretrovirals in the fight against HIV/AIDS must be placed high on South Africa's agenda," said acting mayor of Bojanala Platinum District Municipality (BPD) councillor Nicolas Rakolle during a World Aids Day commemoration held on 1 December at the Rustenburg Community Hall. The acting mayor also called upon communities to stand in solidarity with those infected or affected by the virus as well as to remember those who have passed on because of AIDS-related illnesses. "World AIDS Day gives us chance to stoke public awareness about what remains to be one of the world's greatest public health and development challenges of our time. HIV remains both a leading cause and consequence of poverty in our country," the acting mayor said. The commemoration was also attended by senior provincial government and Department of Health officials. In her remarks, MEC for Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation Virginia Tlhabi also mentioned that gender-based violence is a major human rights

threat that has become worse with the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic. Community members and other stakeholders at the event were urged to maintain their health and wellness by abstaining from risky sexual behaviour. Antiretrovirals cannot cure HIV, but by reducing the amount of virus in the body, the immune system can fight off the disease.



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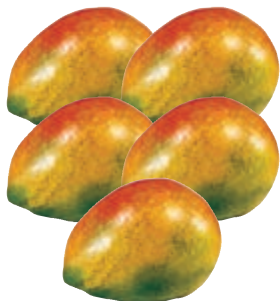
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'NO' TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN!



Women, men, and children took to the streets with posters - sharing messages that all decent men should know by heart.

Tlhabane – As cases of domestic and gender-based violence (GBV) continue to rise in Tlhabane and other parts of the North West province, affected communities have called on the police and other law enforcement agents to leave no stone unturned in bringing perpetrators to book. Tlhabane West community members marched from Foro Spar to the Crime Alert Street Market on Saturday 28 November to show their concern for the increasing rate of crimes against women and children.

Spearheaded by The World Youth Desk (TWYD), the initiative involved the handing over of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to the Tlhabane Police, the Community Policing Forum (CPF) as well other stakeholders involved in social development and welfare. "Together in unison, we marched to address issues of breaking the silence on domestic violence and GBV. Our march was also in support of the global 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children initiative," TWYD chairperson Thato Mputle told *Platinum Weekly*.

KNIFE WIELDING 20-YEAR-OLD

Mooinooi – Gift Ngakane (20) was remanded in custody after appearing before the Brits Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 8 December, for attempted murder. He was apprehended two days prior at his home in Modderspruit village, near Mooinooi.

According to police spokesperson Maria Nkabinde, it appears that at about 04:00 on 6 December, the victim, Thabo Malahlela (20) and other patrons were drinking liquor at a local tavern in Bapong, Mooinooi, when a commotion erupted between two groups.

The suspect who arrived after the situation was diffused, allegedly stabbed the victim in the face with a knife.

The victim then ran away, and the suspect followed him to a house close to the tavern where he stabbed him twice in the back causing the victim to fall to the ground. The victim managed to stand up and started to walk back to the tavern. In route he met some of his friends who helped him.

The suspect allegedly stabbed one of the friends as well. Both Malahlela and his injured friend were taken to Bapong clinic. Malahlela was certified dead upon arrival while his friend was admitted to a local hospital for medical treatment. Preliminary investigations conducted by the Mooinooi police led to the apprehension of the suspect Ngakane, who is expected to apply for bail on 21 December 2020.

NOT FOR SENSITIVE READERS!

NORTH WEST – Police are investigating a murder case after the bodies of three children were discovered in a yard at Botsanalo village near Morokweng (about 140km from Vryburg). The lifeless bodies of the children aged four, five and six, were found on Wednesday 18 November.

"According to reports, the grandmother left the children in the yard at approximately 10:00 to attend a funeral service in the same village. She returned home at about 15:30 and found the preschoolers lifeless bodies inside an old, unused vehicle that was parked in the yard," police spokesperson brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone said.

Two of the children, Thabo and Thoriso Mohibidu, were siblings while six-year-old Bokao Sheleng was a neighbour and playmate.

Mokgwabone urged parents and community members to always take care of their children and to be aware of their whereabouts to avoid such tragic incidents. Less than a month ago three children were found dead inside a freezer at a house in Mammutla village near Taung. Investigations into both these cases are still underway.



MORE THAN 300 JAILED IN 2 DAYS

NW – North West Police have arrested 333 suspects for various offences during a blitz to dismantle criminal activities in identified hotspots across the province.

In a two-day operation - which began on Tuesday 15 December - suspects were arrested on various charges related to intent to do grievous bodily harm, common assault, murder, theft, burglary, malicious damage to property, and house robbery.

Among those arrested, 75 were for crimes against women and children while 30 were nabbed by police specialised units for stock theft, the vehicle crime investigation unit and the family violence, child protection and sexual offences units. During the arrests, two suspects were found in possession of unlicensed firearms.

All the arrested suspects appeared before various courts in the province on 17 December. Provincial commissioner for North West lieutenant general Sello Kwenya commended the detectives for making sure that those found on the wrong side of the law were brought to book.

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OUR LETTERS TO SANTA



Sisters Zuandré and Tiaané Horn were the first children to send in their letters this year and received a gift each for their effort.

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Through *Platinum Weekly's* 'connections', all the letters were delivered to Santa and to decrease the heavy workload at the 'toy factory', the elves delivered a few extra gifts a bit ahead of Christmas.

For three-year-old Gregory Mofolo, his mum Onkgopotse did not ask for a material gift but wrote "... please bring lots of love, enough to heal this wounded world, enough to help mend our differences, enough to open our eyes to the fact that we are all God's children, and we all have an equal right to live in this world together in peace."

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CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS:
31 DECEMBER 2020



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'RLM, PLEASE FIX THE ROADS!'

[LETTER TO THE EDITOR]

Rustenburg – Driving in Mangan street, Zinniville has become nightmarish for motorists who frequent the area. The recent heavy rains have worsened the state of the roads and motorists must navigate around huge potholes with pooled water to avoid damage to their wheels and even grazing their vehicles in the treacherous holes that are growing larger by the day.

While we cannot complain about mother nature, we all need the rain, we can urgently request the Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) to attend to the damaged roads especially now that we have a break from the rain.

Potholes have the potential to cause accidents as they force motorists to go onto pavements where pedestrians walk. This could be fatal. Please RLM, fix our roads!

Reluctant 4x4 driver



The recent heavy rains have worsened the condition of the roads.



The potholes are making it difficult for motorists to navigate.

EIGHT INJURED IN VENTURE ROLLOVER

Groot Marico – Four women and four children were injured when the driver of the Toyota Venture with a trailer lost control and rolled on the N4, Groot Marico, in the North West province on Wednesday 9 December.

ER24 paramedics arrived at 17:45 to find the occupants of the vehicle on the side of the road, suffering from minor to moderate injuries. The eight survivors were treated and then transported to Zeerust Hospital by ER24 and another private service.

ER24 press release, 11 December 2020



ER24 personnel attending to the injured.

Quail breast stuffed with oyster mushrooms

Rustenburg – When Johann Ludick discovered that organically farmed quail were being farmed in the Rustenburg area, he immediately set out to create a delectable and unique meal. He says that quail tastes a little like chicken but with a more sweet and nutty flavour. Try out this recipe!

Marinated oyster mushrooms ingredients

- 500g Oyster mushrooms - cut into small pieces
- 1l Water
- 50ml Wine vinegar
- 75ml Olive oil
- 10 Black peppercorns
- 3 Garlic cloves - crushed
- 30ml Parsley
- 30ml Chives
- 1 Onion - chopped
- 5ml Mixed herbs
- 60ml Olive oil
- 30ml Butter

Instructions

Place all the ingredients, except for the mushrooms, in a pot. Reduce to 800ml of liquid. Add the mushrooms in the liquid and simmer till only a 1/3 of the original liquid remains. Remove from stove, cool down and place in a container. Refrigerate overnight.

Oyster mushroom puree

- 250g Oyster mushrooms - sliced
- 1 Onion - chopped
- 5ml Mixed herbs
- Salt and pepper
- 50ml Olive oil
- 30ml Butter

Instructions

Place all ingredients in a hot pan with olive oil and butter. Fry until soft and light in colour. Use a blender to make a fine puree. Pass through a sieve for an extra smooth finish.

Quail bird breast fillets

- 4 Quail bird breast fillets
- Salt and pepper
- Choice of garnish

Instructions

Place the quail breasts between two pieces of cling film then use a mallet to flatten each breast. Take a teaspoon of marinated oyster mushrooms and place in the centre of the flattened breast after removing the top cling film. Close the breast and roll it into a cylinder with closed ends using the cling film to keep it together. When all the breasts are done, leave them in the cling film and place in the oven at 180°C and bake for 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and set aside to cool. Once cooled remove the cling film.

To serve

Place two dollops of marinated oyster mushroom puree on the plate. Take two stuffed quail breasts and remove the end pieces. Place the stuffed quail breasts on top of the oyster mushroom puree. Place the end pieces upside down on top of the stuffed quail breasts. Garnish with some bay leaf oil, spekboom oil and nasturtium leaves.



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RLM/DTIS/0013/2020/21	APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY A HIGH VOLTAGE TEST MACHINE AND EQUIPMENT (THUMPER)	R 1 000.00	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATION (DOCUMENT COMPLETION AND ATTACHMENT OF MANDATORY DOCUMENTS) TECHNICAL EVALUATION (BIDDERS TO SUBMIT A CATALOGUE DETAILING THE EQUIPMENT CAPABILITIES) 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS (PRICE = 80 AND BBBEE POINTS = 20) 	N/A	Mr. P. Bergh 014 590 3371 pbergh@rustenburg.gov.za	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website
RLM/DTIS/0007/2020/21	APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF HV, MV AND LV CABLES AND CONDUCTORS TO STORES AS WHEN REQUIRED FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS	R 1 000.00	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATION (DOCUMENT COMPLETION AND ATTACHMENT OF MANDATORY DOCUMENTS) LOCAL CONTENT (CABLES 90% AND CONDUCTORS 100%) 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS (PRICE = 80 AND BBBEE POINTS = 20) 	N/A	Mr. P. Bergh 014 590 3371 pbergh@rustenburg.gov.za	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website
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RLM/DPHS/0002/2020/21	APPOINTMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO FORMALIZE (IN-SITU UPGRADE) ERVEN 6862 AND 6863 RUSTENBURG EXTENSION 26 TOWNSHIP (TOWNSHIP LOCALLY KNOWN AS RAMOCHANA) FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	R 1 000.00	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATION (DOCUMENT COMPLETION AND ATTACHMENT OF MANDATORY DOCUMENTS) FUNCTIONALITY (MINIMUM 70) 80/20 PREFERENTIAL POINT SYSTEM 	N/A	Mr. T. Molwantwa 014 590 3077 tmolwantwa@rustenburg.gov.za	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website
RLM/DTIS/0018/2020/21	APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER/S FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ELECTRICAL PADLOCKS TO RLM AS AND WHEN REQUIRED FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS	R 1 000.00	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATION (DOCUMENT COMPLETION AND ATTACHMENT OF MANDATORY DOCUMENTS) TECHNICAL EVALUATION (SAMPLES TO BE SUBMITTED DURING THE EVALUATION PERIOD) 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS (PRICE = 80 AND BBBEE POINTS = 20) 	N/A	Mr. P. Bergh 014 590 3371 pbergh@rustenburg.gov.za	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website
RLM/DTIS/0017/2020/21	APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER/S FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SUBSTATION CHARGERS AND BATTERIES TO STORES AS AND WHEN REQUIRED FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS	R 1 000.00	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATION (DOCUMENT COMPLETION AND ATTACHMENT OF MANDATORY DOCUMENTS) TECHNICAL EVALUATION (PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTION MANUALS) 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS (PRICE = 80 AND BBBEE POINTS = 20) 	N/A	Mr. P. Bergh 014 590 3371 pbergh@rustenburg.gov.za	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website
RLM/DTIS/0021/2020/21	APPOINTMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER TO PLAN, IMPLEMENT AND MONITOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT (EEDSM) PROJECT, AS AND WHEN REQUIRED, ON BEHALF OF RUSTENBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS	R 1 000.00	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRE-QUALIFICATION ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATION (DOCUMENT COMPLETION AND ATTACHMENT OF MANDATORY DOCUMENTS) FUNCTIONALITY (MINIMUM 70) TECHNICAL EVALUATION 	N/A	Mr. P. Bergh 014 590 3371 pbergh@rustenburg.gov.za	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website
RLM/DTIS/0035/2020/21	APPOINTMENT OF A CONTRACTOR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BOITEKONG WARD 19 ROADS AND STORMWATER DRAINAGE PHASE 6-WARD 20	R 1 000.00	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATION (DOCUMENT COMPLETION AND ATTACHMENT OF MANDATORY DOCUMENTS) FUNCTIONALITY (MINIMUM 70) CIDB GRADING 5CE OR HIGHER TECHNICAL EVALUATION 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS (PRICE = 80 AND BBBEE POINTS = 20) 	5CE OR HIGHER	Ms. U. Magodla 014 590 3390 munenceba@rustenburg.gov.za Ms. M. Bronkorst 015 306 0030 magda@mrconsulting.co.za	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website
RLM/DTIS/0036/2020/21	APPOINTMENT OF A CONTRACTOR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BOITEKONG WARD 19 ROADS AND STORMWATER DRAINAGE PHASE 6-WARD 21	R 1 000.00	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATION (DOCUMENT COMPLETION AND ATTACHMENT OF MANDATORY DOCUMENTS) FUNCTIONALITY (MINIMUM 70) CIDB GRADING 5CE OR HIGHER TECHNICAL EVALUATION 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS (PRICE = 80 AND BBBEE POINTS = 20) 	5CE OR HIGHER	Ms. U. Magodla 014 590 3390 munenceba@rustenburg.gov.za Ms. M. Bronkorst 015 306 0030 magda@mrconsulting.co.za	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website
RLM/DTIS/0037/2020/21	APPOINTMENT OF A CONTRACTOR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BOITEKONG WARD 19 ROADS AND STORMWATER DRAINAGE PHASE 6-WARD 40	R 1 000.00	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATION (DOCUMENT COMPLETION AND ATTACHMENT OF MANDATORY DOCUMENTS) FUNCTIONALITY (MINIMUM 70) CIDB GRADING 5CE OR HIGHER TECHNICAL EVALUATION 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS (PRICE = 80 AND BBBEE POINTS = 20) 	5CE OR HIGHER	Ms. U. Magodla 014 590 3390 munenceba@rustenburg.gov.za Ms. M. Bronkorst 015 306 0030 magda@mrconsulting.co.za	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website
RLM/OMM/0080/2020/21	APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION MARIKANA ROADS AND STORM WATER DRAINAGE PHASE 4 (THABANENG) [MIG]	R 1 000.00	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATION (DOCUMENT COMPLETION AND ATTACHMENT OF MANDATORY DOCUMENTS) FUNCTIONALITY (MINIMUM 70) CIDB GRADING 5CE OR HIGHER TECHNICAL EVALUATION 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS (PRICE = 80 AND BBBEE POINTS = 20) 	5CE OR HIGHER	Ms. U. Magodla 014 590 3390 munenceba@rustenburg.gov.za Mr. G. Sethoka 012 753 0744 info@ralema.co.za	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website
RLM/OMM/0081/2020/21	APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHATSIMA ROADS AND STORM WATER DRAINAGE PHASE 5 (MAFENYA) [MIG]	R 1 000.00	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATION (DOCUMENT COMPLETION AND ATTACHMENT OF MANDATORY DOCUMENTS) FUNCTIONALITY (MINIMUM 70) CIDB GRADING 5CE OR HIGHER TECHNICAL EVALUATION 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS (PRICE = 80 AND BBBEE POINTS = 20) 	5CE OR HIGHER	Ms. U. Magodla 014 590 3390 munenceba@rustenburg.gov.za Mr. G. Sethoka 012 753 0744 info@ralema.co.za	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website
RLM/OMM/0067/2020/21	APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MARIKANA ROADS AND STORMWATER DRAINAGE (MFIDIKOE) [MIG]	R 1 000.00	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATION (DOCUMENT COMPLETION AND ATTACHMENT OF MANDATORY DOCUMENTS) FUNCTIONALITY (MINIMUM 70) CIDB GRADING 5CE OR HIGHER TECHNICAL EVALUATION 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS (PRICE = 80 AND BBBEE POINTS = 20) 	5CE OR HIGHER	Ms. U. Magodla 014 590 3390 munenceba@rustenburg.gov.za Mr. G. Sethoka 012 753 0744 info@ralema.co.za	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website
RLM/MM/0031/2020/21	APPOINTMENT OF ONE OR MORE EXPERIENCED ATTORNEYS TO RENDER VARIOUS SPECIALISED LEGAL SERVICES FOR RUSTENBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS	R 1 000.00	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATION (DOCUMENT COMPLETION AND ATTACHMENT OF MANDATORY DOCUMENTS) FUNCTIONALITY (MINIMUM 75) 	N/A	Ms Vuyo Rakomako 014 590 3029 vklaas@rustenburg.gov.za	As per date of the advertisement on the E-tender website

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- Please note that no bid documents will be given to couriers unless the courier company is in possession of a letter on an official letterhead, confirming on behalf of the company the full details of the specific bid document to be collected, as well as the payment of the full amount payable for bid required.
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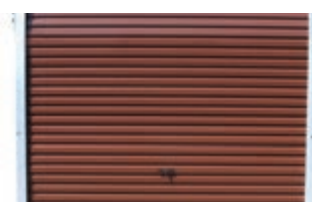
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verbintenis tot die gemeenskap en haar betrokkenheid by ons skool, reeds bewys dat sy 'n onmisbare rol in Rustenburg speel. Ons loof Engela vir haar bereidwilligheid en toewyding om by Rustenburg Skool vir Buitengewone Onderwys betrokke te raak. Mag sy en haar praktyk net voorspoed geniet in die nuwe jaar! Rustenburg Skool vir Buitengewone Onderwys skoolhoof Lamar Winter



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SHYLA IS GOING PLACES!



Model Shyla Naudé of Ace
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Rustenburg – Model Shyla Naudé of Ace
Models International, took the winning
crown in her respective category at the
Miss Magnificent pageant on Saturday
21 November. The local beauty is aiming
high - so watch this space!

SOULFOOD

MATTHEW 6

⁵ "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to
pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen
by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ⁶ But
when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your
Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in
secret, will reward you. ⁷ And when you pray, do not keep on babbling
like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many
words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need
before you ask him.

⁹ "This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,

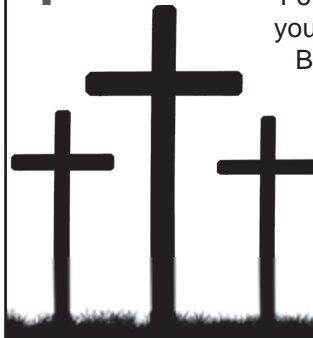
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one.'

¹⁴ For if you forgive other people when they sin against
you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵

But if you do not forgive others their sins, your
Father will not forgive your sins.



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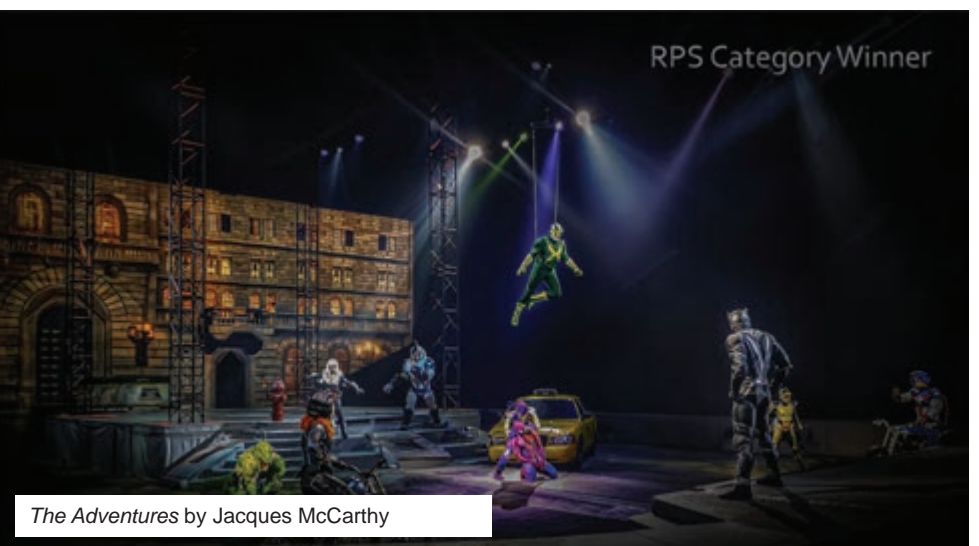
Rustenburg – The Rustenburg
Photographic Society held their last
meeting of the year on Wednesday
25 November. The set subject
winner was without a doubt Jacques
McCarthy with *Fence to nowhere*. He
also won the cellphone category with
The Adventures while the technical
subject winner was Ronel Broderick
with *Trapped*.

Trapped
by Ronel
Broderick



Fence to nowhere by Jacques McCarthy

RPS Category Winner



RPS Category Winner

The Adventures by Jacques McCarthy

MUNICIPAL BAKKIE USED FOR ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

Rustenburg – A complaint was levelled against the Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) for the misuse of assets for personal and unlawful gain.

According to our source: A municipal worker, using a municipal bakkie was found brazenly cutting down indigenous trees in the Magaliesberg protected environment near the Rustenburg Kloof around noon on Wednesday 9 December. One chainsaw and a couple of handheld saws were being used to cut down live trees to resell in the community for fuelwood.

This unlawful activity was being undertaken during working hours by five to six people some of whom were dressed as municipal workers.

The *Platinum Weekly* – when receiving information like this – immediately check the source and gather accurate data on the activity which includes photos and consulting of the appropriate legislation and any maps showing the designated land use of the area. We then inform the relevant people at the RLM and provincial government officials who are mandated by specific laws to take action. In this case the Biodiversity section of the Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism were alerted.

The registration number of the bakkie was clearly visible in the photographs and has been sent to the RLM for further investigation.

It is disheartening to see indigenous trees

felled indiscriminately, and government assets not being used for the purposes for which they were intended but we can still take heart that we live in a country where there is freedom of speech and sound legislation in place. It is up to each citizen to report problems to the correct hotline number depending on whether the matter is environmental, related to water pollution, misuse of assets and so on.

To report incidents of misuse of assets go to www.corruptionwatch.org.za/tag/local-municipality/



Indigenous trees unlawfully felled during working hours by municipal workers, using a municipal vehicle.

HYGIENE IN AREAS WITH AN ERRATIC WATER SUPPLY

Rustenburg – The WESSA (Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa) Schools programme has responded to the inconsistent water supply and the threat of COVID-19 in the Rustenburg Local Municipality by distributing a foot-controlled hand washer system to five schools.

Zwakele Ngwenya was inspired by the DIY tippy-tap-system which can be made with waste materials to design something durable that could be used at schools. With funding from the Rustenburg Community Development Trust five schools namely Paardekraal Primary, Ramochana Primary, Sunrise View Primary in Sunrise View, Retlakgona Primary School in Meriting, and Thlotheletsang Primary in Kanana received a handwashing unit at the start of December. The initiative was part of WESSA's COVID-19 response strategy to assist schools to reopen and to stay open for the benefit of children's

education. Retired engineer Colin Cooper built the units in Groot Marico after Zwakele sent him drawings on email and two days later Colin had built a two-pedalled unit. The left pedal provides a squirt of hand soap while pressing the right pedal releases water to rinse it off. To date, Zwakele has distributed 149 handwashing units in four provinces. Last year *Platinum Weekly* reported on Colin's production of bicycles in Groot Marico and donations to schools. He has also built units which can be used by waste pickers for transporting recyclables via bicycles as he is both an avid cyclist and aware of the negative impact of plastic pollution.

Bulk orders for handwashing units can be placed with Colin at colinc03@gmail.com, more information on schools and environment can be found at www.wessa.co.za.



The children at Sunrise View Primary demonstrated the use of the handwashing unit.



Solving the inconsistent water supply at Thlotheletsang Primary with a locally produced solution also promotes work opportunities in the North West province.

PERSEVERANCE AND DREAMS PAY OFF

Rustenburg – After two years of perfecting the catwalk and communicating with confidence, Ayanda Dlamini is now reaping the rewards. The 21-year-old Rustenburg model was crowned Miss Petite Globe SA Ambassador on Saturday 5 December in Durban.

Her victory in Durban will see Dlamini flying the South African flag high in the Philippines when she takes part in an international pageant next year. Reflecting on her success, Dlamini thanked the Miss Teen Tourism Globe SA pageant director and her coach Lizelle from Globe Model Look (GML) for helping her to prepare for the pageant. She urged aspiring models to not give up on their dreams and to work hard at achieving them.



Ayanda Dlamini has won a prestigious modelling title that has her heading to Mexico in 2021.

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The Magaliesberg was named after Kgosi Mogale. The word mogale means sharp or brave and can be used to refer to a Setswana warrior.



The common sugarbush (*Protea caffra*) is currently flowering this time of year and provides nectar for birds and insects.

MYSTERIES OF THE MAGALIESBERG

Rustenburg – The 18 walkers who braved the wet weather to attend the Rustenburg Kloof Rotary Club's nature walk on Saturday 5 December were not disappointed. The mist cleared and they spied glimpses of the magnificent and ancient Magaliesberg. The group saw rocks showing the water markings of the massive inland sea that once occurred where they stood.

Even more astonishing was to consider that about two-billion years ago, a massive upwelling of molten magma resulted in what we now know as the Bushveld Igneous Complex. The enormous weight of this volcanic activity tilted the land like a seesaw into a jagged line that we now call the Magaliesberg, a prominent feature of the landscape as we travel along the N4 between Rustenburg and Pretoria.

A variety of flowering plants also delighted the group - from tiny bells hiding in the green grass to the protea bushes which dominated one side of a hill.

The mystery of 'who has been locking the access gates' and 'who has been collecting firewood illegally' remains - even though the Rustenburg Local Municipality, the Kgaswane Nature Reserve, the security at the Rustenburg recreation centre gate and the ward councillor were all asked about the whereabouts of the keys.

The Rustenburg Kloof Rotary club is committed to collaborating with all those interested in the preservation of the unique and diverse biodiversity in our area. Saul Chitate handed out an information flyer on the Magaliesberg to the walkers and said that they could look forward to more events.

To become involved please contact Brenda Klopper on 072 356 8781.

WEATHER REPORT NORTH WEST RUSTENBURG

Friday	18	Dec	2020	28°C - 18°C	Rainfall probability
Saturday	19	Dec	2020	29°C - 18°C	20%
Sunday	20	Dec	2020	29°C - 18°C	Sunrise 06:13
Monday	21	Dec	2020	27°C - 18°C	Sunset 18:02
Tuesday	22	Dec	2020	28°C - 19°C	

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- Be sure to take along valid drivers and vehicle licences.
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- Do not use medication or drugs that may impair your reflexes and driving ability.
- Ensure that you take breaks at regular intervals especially when driving long distances.
- If there are other licensed drivers in the vehicle, alternate the responsibility of driving regularly.
- Keep both hands on the steering wheel.
- Pay full attention when driving and take care not to be distracted by passengers, a cellular phone, or other electronic devices.
- Ensure that children are occupied with an activity and will not distract the driver.
- Use main roads and never stop in isolated areas.
- Try to avoid driving at night.
- When driving to neighbouring states, try to do so in a convoy with trusted friends or family.
- Be vigilant that you are not being followed, especially before stopping at an intersection or for a break.
- Firmly secure all luggage in the vehicle as a sudden stop could project it forward and injure passengers.



ONE MAN'S TRASH IS ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HOSPICE CHARITY SHOP

Rustenburg – Hospice Rustenburg is a non-profit organisation established in 1997 to provide palliative care to patients with life threatening illnesses and to support their families. This service is free of charge with a nominal admission fee thanks to ongoing support from the community. To provide a sustainable service, Hospice has two thrift shops to generate income to support 599 patients. Slightly used items such as toys, books, clothing, shoes, ornaments, and furniture can be found at shop 96, Wildevy Shopping Centre, Protea Park and 48 Steen street, Rustenburg. The community can support Hospice by donating unwanted items that are still in good shape at these shops or at 4 Boshoff street, Rustenburg. Volunteers are also needed to assist with sales at the shops. Using these shops directly benefits local people and many bargains on good quality and durable items can be found. **For more information contact the Hospice Rustenburg office on 014 592 8925 or hospiceshop1@gmail.com.**



Just a few of the treasures that can be found at the Hospice thrift shop at 48 Steen street.



COURAGE TO CHANGE JUMBLE SALE

Rustenburg – Courage to Change will host a jumble sale every Wednesday from 12:00 to 15:00 outside Build It Platinum, 58 Nelson Mandela street, Rustenburg. Proceeds of the jumble sale will assist addicts who have hit rock bottom and have no means to pay for their own rehabilitation. The organisation welcomes donations of clothes, electronics, plasticware, and anything that is in good condition that they can sell. If you have anything to donate, just call Courage to Change and they will gladly collect. **For more information contact Angela Pride on 079 656 2555.**

WHEN IT DOESN'T SNOW AT CHRISTMAS

SA – Children all over the world are looking forward to a joyful and festive Christmas and some may be fortunate enough to have snowfall and be able to make snowmen and throw snowballs. For many children, snow is something beautiful and exotic that we only see in pictures or in shop displays.

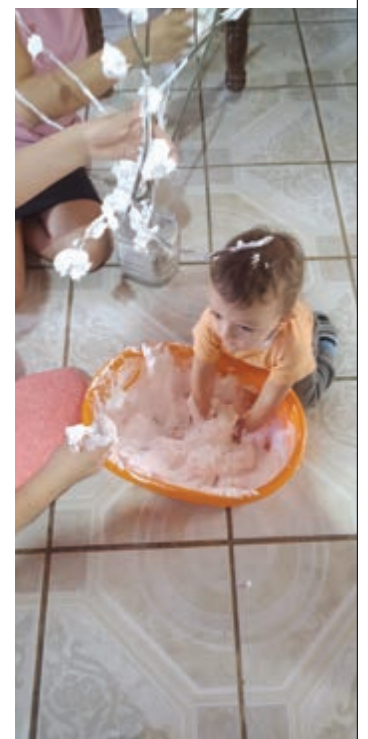
Through *Platinum Weekly* connections in Mexico, another country without snow, we received a delightful snow soap recipe to decorate a Christmas tree with the little ones. Put on some Christmas music and make this a Christmas to remember.

You will need a leafless tree branch held in place with sand in a decorated tin, 1/2 a bar of laundry soap preferably snowy white and 1 and 1/2 cups of water. Cut the soap into small pieces and bring it to boil in the water, stirring constantly with a large wooden spoon until the soap dissolves. Place the mixture in a large container and beat it with a mixer until the bubbly foam is consistent.

Let the children use their hands to place the foam on the tree. This is a wonderful tactile activity. Let the foam dry overnight and the next day it will be ready to decorate.



A Mexican snow soap Christmas tree.



One-year-old Maxito enjoys helping put soap snow on the branches.

AFRIFORUM MAAK NW SE BLOU-EN-GROENDRUPPELUITSLAE BEKEND

Noordwes – AfriForum het van Augustus tot Oktober 2020 verskeie dorpe in Noordwes se water goetoets om die gehalte van die dorpe se drink- (blou- en groendruppelstatus) en rioolwater (groendruppelstatus) te bepaal. Dié projek was vanjaar belangriker as ooit weens die COVID-19-pandemie met navorsing wat toon dat die virus in rioolstelsels opgespoor kan word, wat beteken dat 'n mens brandpunte kan identifiseer.

“Ons het bepaal dat die volgende dorpe se drinkwater aan die minimum standaard voldoen: Coligny, Groot-Marico, Hartbeespoort, Koster, Lichtenburg, Mooiooi, Rustenburg, Swartruggens, Zeerust en Buffelspoort. AfriForum sal voortgaan om in die toekoms die water van hierdie en ander dorpe te toets,” sê AfriForum se distrikskoördineerder vir Marico Petrus Coetzee. Dié uitslae dui daarop dat die volgende dorpe in die provinsie se drinkwater nie skoon is nie: Brits, Delareyville, Sannieshof en Stella. AfriForum is besig met stappe om druk op munisipaliteite toe te pas om sodoende beter watergehalte te verseker.

Die burgerregteorganisasie het sy kommer uitgespreek oor rioolsuiweringaanlegte binne die munisipaliteite waarvan die rioolwater nie aan die gestelde standaard voldoen nie. “Ons sal die nienakoming verder ondersoek en optree waar nodig,” sê AfriForum se distrikskoördineerder vir Marico Petrus Coetzee.

“AfriForum se nasionale blou-en-groendruppelprojek fokus op die stand van dorpe se drinkwater- en rioolaanlegte. Dié projekte fokus nie noodwendig op die toestand van die aanleg self nie, maar wel op die gehalte van die water wat na die proses as eindproduk in die vorm van drinkwater en behandelde rioolwater gelewer word,” sluit AfriForum se distrikskoördineerder vir die Mooirivier Alta Pretorius af.

As die bewaarder van water kom die Departement van Water en Sanitasie nie sy verpligtinge na deur wetgewing toe te pas wanneer munisipale owerhede die skuldige partye is nie. AfriForum versoek inwoners van Noordwes om aan die organisasie die mandaat te gee om die gehalte van water voortdurend te monitor: SMS “Skoon Water” na 45351 (R1) en steun hierdie projek. **AfriForum persverklaring uittreksels, Desember 2020**

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Koster	Kgetlengrivier PM	-	Skoon	Skoon	Skoon	Skoon
Mooiooi	Madibeng PM	Skoon	Skoon	Skoon	Skoon	Skoon
Rustenburg	Rustenburg PM	Skoon	Skoon	Skoon	Skoon	Skoon
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IN PURSUIT OF BEAUTY

Rustenburg – Every country has a tradition of promoting beauty from *kohl*-lined Egyptian eyes to henna paintings on the body, to elaborate braided hair patterns. The quest for beauty is common ground for many South African women and the quality control of beauty therapist training is through the International Esthétique and Cosmetology Accreditation Board (IECAB).

TPN nail, hair, and beauty academy with IECAB oversight is training the next generation of beauty therapists in South Africa. The Rustenburg school had its first graduation ceremony on Saturday 12 December. Graduates, families, beauty therapists and trainers celebrated the achievements of 2020 which included hair treatments, eyelash extensions, nails, make up, massages, skin care, waxing and brow tinting. Ivy Kotze opened the local school at the Wildevy Centre in 2020. She also owns All Things Glam Salon at the Rustenburg Golf

Course. The highlight of the event was when the national head of legal IECAB Regan McKay awarded Ivy with the school of the year award for 2020. This was a remarkable achievement for Ivy and her team as other schools in the country had been operating for much longer.



Rustenburg businesswoman Ivy Kotze and IECAB head of legal Regan McKay.



The first graduates of the Rustenburg TPN nail, hair, and beauty academy Kutlwano Mosadi, Rebone Mosito, Otshepeng Diale, Michaela Turrisi, Thato Molosiwa and Khanyisile Mhlanga.

MUNICIPALITY COMMITS TO RESOLVING WATER SUPPLY

Rustenburg – For the last couple of months, the executive mayor of the Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) councillor Mpho Khunou has been engaging the ministry of Water and Sanitation over the water demand challenges experienced by residents of Rustenburg.

A meeting was held with the deputy minister David Mahlobo and the leadership of Magalies Water in a bid to resolve the water supply challenges.

As there was no tangible progress on the matter, the executive mayor went on to meet with the Magalies Water CEO and escalated the matter to minister Lindiwe Sisulu, the premier of the North West province and the member of the executive responsible for local government.

RLM previously raised concerns with Magalies Water on the poor water quality being provided due to the high algal concentration in the water before purification. There is a link between water production and the treatments and time needed before water is fit to drink. Polluted water is more costly and time consuming to bring to the standard of potable water thus affecting supply to satisfy the growing demand of the population.

In addition, the Vaalkop Water Treatment Works has been operating at 50% due to internal maintenance being undertaken by Magalies Water. Their maintenance plan indicates that during the first week of December the system would be back to full capacity. Magalies Water has recommended water rationing as a temporary solution to the water supply challenges.

Inconsistent and poor-quality water supply in the RLM negatively affects growth and development in the western Platinum belt. Most reservoir levels on Monday 30 November were less than half full leaving no provision for reserve spare water capacity to be used in the case of emergencies.

RLM press release extracts, 30 November 2020



Climate change scientists indicate that water supply challenges will increase in the future so good water management and preserving surface water quality is essential. yy

CHERISHING A MEMORY

Rustenburg – Rustenburg Crematorium and Leading Light Funeral Services hosted a memorial service in memory of lost loved ones on Thursday 15 December.

Families had the opportunity to honour the departed's memory by lighting a candle and after the service led by deacon Charmain Fourie, Chinese lanterns were released into the sky. The organisers hope that families found a bit of solace through this ceremony – especially during the festive season.



Chinese lanterns were released into the sky for the dearly departed.

'N GOEIE DAG

Rustenburg – God's Helping Angels het 'n feestelike partytjie gehou vir minderbevoorregte kinders en 'n paar bejaardes bederf vir Kersfees op Woensdag 16 Desember. Dit was 'n lieflike dag vol pret en plesier en die opwinding was duidelik op die jongspan se gesigte gesien.

Baie dankie aan elkeen wat bygedra het om die dag 'n sukses te maak: Ester en André Viljoen, Lindie en Hendrik van Niekerk, Fruit and Veg, Sullet Parrow, Daleen en Dries Venter, Advance Wound Care, Pieter van Wyk, Judie le Roux, Antza Bingle, Carol van Rensburg, Christelle Pagle, Paul Hatting, Alfa Oos Einde, Biltong Shuck Oos Einde, Rustenburg Crime Combating Forum, MH Motors, Coastal Hire, Marius de Klerk, Sonja Clinton, Jumping Jacks, The Gas Boys, Ja-Nee Williams, Ella Vermaak, Shirley en Sampie Breyns, Rentia Eksteen, Frans Schultz, Jessica van Staden, Hanna Strydom, Johan Strydom, Basie Strydom, Renette Daniels, Light House, Debbie en André du Toit, Su-Marie Grobbelaar, PPK Gemeente, Roman's Pizza, Hyper Slaghuis, Zorba Café, Party Pack, Sweets Express, Perfect Water, Loraine van der Kolf, Nadine van der Walt, Chantell Bruyns, Sannie Webb, Chrissie Potgieter en Annamarie Ritchards.



Bokse vol lekker bederfies vir die jongspan.



Die God's Helping Angels span van links, Frans Schultz, Tilla Schultz en Shirley Breyns.

HULLE WORD SO VINNIG GROOT!

Rustenburg – Laerskool Rustenburg se Gr RR maatjies het op Dinsdag 8 Desember 'n sterretjie-prysuitdeling bygewoon en elkeen het 'n toekening ontvang wat sy/haar unieke persoonlikheid en talent uitgelig het.



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A JOB WELL DONE!

[Letter to the editor]

Rustenburg – I would like to extend my deepest gratitude towards Magda Huyser at Rustenburg Home Affairs who assisted my fiancé to finally change her status from married to widowed after almost 30 years. She was so helpful and polite, and thanks to her amazing service we were able to get married on Wednesday 9 December. This was one of the happiest days of our lives as another fantastic official Lillian Moitsheki married us and we proudly walked out as husband and wife. We greatly appreciate the great attitude and assistance from these two phenomenal women. **A grateful husband and wife, Tony and Santa Kietzman**

Santa Kietzman and department of home affairs employee Magda Huyser.



MAGALIESBERG OUTDOOR SPORT GETS A BOOST IN 2021

Magaliesberg – Fedhealth is excited to expand its footprint into mountain biking and trail running by announcing its title sponsorship of two of the Magaliesberg's most revered off-road events, the Magalies Monster MTB Classic and the Platinum Trail Run.

Furthermore, Cape Town based sports marketing agency Stillwater Sports, will once again take the reins in organising both iconic events.

"We are excited to welcome Fedhealth as the title sponsor for the 18th annual Fedhealth Magalies Monster MTB Classic and the 8th annual Fedhealth Platinum Trail Run," said Stillwater Sports managing director Michael Meyer. "Fedhealth is passionate about healthy living, the outdoors and quality time with family. The Magalies Monster and Platinum Trail Run tick all three boxes."

Fedhealth principal officer Jeremy Yatt added that: "As a medical scheme, Fedhealth is invested in the health of our members and their families. Physical fitness plays a big part in health and wellness, and as such, our sponsorship of this event is a no-brainer. We look forward to enjoying this event with all the participants!"



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For more information on the Fedhealth Magalies Monster MTB Classic or Fedhealth Platinum Trail Run contact Stillwater Sports on 082 991 0045, email entries@stillwatersports.com or visit www.stillwatersports.com.

Fedhealth Platinum Trail Run. Photo credit: Tobias Ginsberg

#PlayYourPart

North West – Brand South Africa invited four schools to compete in the Play Your Part programme to promote active citizenry amongst the youth. The programme reminded learners that they can be active citizens and contribute to a brighter future.

Learners were encouraged to share any positive change they had helped bring about in their community by submitting videos on Facebook with the hashtags #PlayYourPart and #GetInvolved.

Potchefstroom Secondary School were announced as the winners on Friday 4 December and were awarded with a R50,000 cash prize. Jabulile Segakweng and Remotshepile Moseki, grade 11 learners, from Bafokeng High School, Phokeng, were awarded second place.

Brand South Africa general marketing manager and custodian of the Play Your Part initiative Sithembile Ntombela said: "It is during hardships that we learn to be the best... As a nation, hardship has brought us kindness, resilience, humanity, and creativity. We each took a stand to play our part and give hope to those in hopeless situations. We have truly brought *Ubuntu* to life."

A PASSION FOR CYCLING



From left: Susna Spies (overall female winner in the 55km MTB race 1h26), Caitlin Thompson (overall winner in the 70km road race 1h48) and Justin van der Linde (overall male winner in the 55km MTB 1h26).

Rustenburg – Rustenburg Cycling Club members took part in the Buffelspoort Race on Saturday 12 December. The excited cyclists thoroughly enjoyed the experience of taking part in the 70km, 40km, 55km or 35km races.



Stuart Luyt (left) and Dundae Combrink enjoyed the open 35km race.

NEW CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TO OPEN

Rustenburg – St. Martins Private Christian School principal Emmanuel Musonza is confident about the positive impact the academic institution will have on the community when it opens its doors for the first time in January 2021. Located in the Rustenburg East area, the school offers primary education from the foundation phase to Grade 7 level.

"We are scheduled to begin our academic year on 25 January," Musonza, former principal of St. Augustine School said. Enrolment for the 2021 academic year is now open.

For more information, contact the school on 014 010 0014 or 078 392 5078 or email stmartinspry@gmail.com.



Construction activities have picked up pace for the school to be ready to open for learning in January 2021.

THREE DAY CYCLING ADVENTURE!

Rustenburg – Not even the inclement weather could stop Rustenburg Cycling Club (RCC) members Wynand van Nierkerk and Wikus Nel from starting the KAP Sani2c mountain bike race in KwaZulu-Natal on Wednesday 2 December. The 265km race is well-known for its exceptional route, hospitality, and great vibe. Over the years, the Sani2c race has involved and assisted local schools, charities, rural populations, and entrepreneurs along the route. Photo: Wynand van Nierkerk (left) and Wikus Nel thoroughly enjoyed three days of cycling through a muddy terrain.





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CURRIE CUP 2020

WP vs Pumas

In Kaapstad wen die WP 28-14 en behaal ook 'n waardevolle bonuspunt. Vir die WP het die Springbok stut, Steven Kitshoff, 'n *great game* gehad en is ook as speler van die wedstryd aangewys. Die Pumas het 'n paar kansse verkansels om punte aan te teken maar kon nie afrond nie. Die *game* was ontsier deur 29 strafskoppe en twee geelkaarte. Die gehalte van SA skeidsregters is wragtag pateties ou grote!

Die Pumas se volgende *game* is Vrydagaand teen die Cheetahs in Nelspruit. Die WP het 'n loslootjie die naweek.

Haaie vs Bulle

In die Haaitenk verras die Haaie vriend en vyand en klop die Bulle 32-29. Vir die Haaie het Curwin Bosch weer op losskakel geskitter en teken 17 punte met die skoen aan. Die reuse skop van 61 meter op kusvlak sal lank onthou word. Dit was juis Bosch wat - met 'n manjifieke dwarsskop - die bal in die hande van Yaw Penxe in skop om 'n juweel drie te druk. Bosch se doelskop was in die kol en die Haaie het die voortou geneem.

Morné Steyn is ook maar net mens, in die 82ste minuut het die Bulle 'n strafskop. Normaalweg is die tipe skoppe nou nie vir Steyntjie 'n probleem nie, maar o my suster in Brits, hy mis die skop om die telling gelykop te maak. *Bra Jake* was nie lus vir geselsies na die *game* nie - en met rede!

Die Bulle moes volgende teen die Griekwas in Kimberley speel maar die *game* is uitgestel weens COVID-19. Die Haaie moet Jo'burg toe reis om teen die Leeus Saterdag aand uit te draf.

Cheetahs vs Leeus

In die Rosestad verloor die Cheetahs teen 'n honger Leeuspan. Die Leeus wen 39-23 en is besig om weer die wenkultuur te ontwikkel. André Warner se terugkeer op skrumskakel het 'n helse groot verskil gemaak op aanval. Warner het ook twee keer agter die doellyn gaan kuier.

Die Leeus speel volgende teen die Haaie in Jo'burg en die Cheetahs teen die Pumas in Nelspruit.

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ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS BUT KEEP SAFE!



RLM executive mayor councillor Mpho Khunou.

Rustenburg – As the year 2020 draws to a close many of you look forward to spending the festive season with your loved ones. Have a safe and blessed Christmas and may you rest well and be geared to tackle 2021.

If you are traveling long distances during the holidays, please do your best to keep yourself and other road users safe. Do not drive over the speed limit as this puts you and others in great danger. Plan your journey in advance, travel during daylight hours and rest along the way. Sadly, during this time of the year, many lives are lost on our roads because of reckless driving, drunk drivers and other safety breaches. While our public safety personnel will be stationed at various points to maintain law and order on the busy roads, I implore all drivers to obey the rules of the road and arrive alive. Wherever you will be during the festive season, please make sure you adhere to the COVID-19 regulations. Always wear your mask, practice social distancing as well as obeying other COVID-19 regulations so that we can reduce the risk of a serious surge of the pandemic. The year 2020 was a very difficult one. I am also aware that several communities are facing challenges such as intermittent supply of water and sub-standard roads that have been worsened by the recent heavy rains. While these issues are currently being addressed with the urgency they deserve, there are also some positives that are very encouraging as we look towards the future. We succeeded in implementing various projects according to our municipal targets and I am very happy that the Rustenburg Rapid Transport (RRT) initiative – or Yarona will soon be operational. The RRT will play a key role in our developmental thrust aimed at ensuring Rustenburg becomes a world class city where everyone enjoys a high quality of life. Projects such as the RRT have helped cities like Cape Town and Pretoria to modernize transport requirements of residents and this is the trajectory we are following as a municipality. Once up and running, the RRT will bring with it a modern transport system that will unlock the potential of our local economy by improving our tourism sector, for example, and creating many permanent jobs for our people. This is what we would like to achieve in 2021 because our focus is on improving the livelihood of our communities. A big thank you goes to the corporate sector, particularly all the mining houses that have assisted us as a municipality in our fight against COVID-19.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!



*Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*