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NSFAS woes disrupt education

Lack of student activity and productivity at the ORBIT TVET College campus in Rustenburg.

Rustenburg – It stands to question; should student protests disrupt education? Does such a protest—especially when aimed at the wrong party—not defeat its purpose? On Friday 12 May 2023 Platinum Weekly received news of student protests occurring at ORBIT technical and vocational education and training (TVET) College campuses, namely Mankwe, Brits, and Rustenburg. Especially at Mankwe campus, the protest, which relates to NSFAS funding, has been reported to disrupt the daily educational activities at the campus. **See page 4.**

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BE VIGILANT!

Rustenburg/Shylock - Residents in the Shylock area on the N4/Swartruggens Road are being warned to stay vigilant due to the recent increase in criminal activities in the area. The wet roads and mud have made it difficult for patrols to be carried out as usual, and criminals are taking advantage of this situation. Cables on one of the farms were stolen during the evening of Tuesday 16 May 2023. According to one resident of the area, Eskom informed him that they cannot assist immediately to replace the cable as between Shylock and Moedwil, three transformers have also been stolen. It is important for residents to be aware of their surroundings and report any suspicious activities to the authorities. They should also take measures to secure their homes and properties. The community should work together to fight against these criminal activities. By staying alert and taking proactive measures, residents can help prevent further crime and protect themselves and their families.



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KEVIN KRITIEK MAAR STABIEL

Rustenburg - Kevin Jansen van Vuuren 'n Graad 12 leerder by Hoëskool Rustenburg was betrokke in 'n ernstige motorongeluk op die N4 op Vrydag 12 Mei 2023.

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Kevin Jansen van Vuuren 'n Graad 12 leerder by Hoëskool Rustenburg.



BREAKING NEWS

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- Swelling usually lasts for 2-3 days and is a noticeable symptom of mumps.
- Seek medical attention if you or your child experience any symptoms or call the National Health Hotline on 0800 029 999.

MUMPS OUTBREAK

Although the majority of positive mumps cases have been reported in KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, and Gauteng, the North West should remain alert.

NSFAS woes disrupt education

Rustenburg - For the past four weeks, students at ORBIT technical and vocational education and training (TVET) College Mankwe campus have been refusing to attend classes and have denied staff access to their workstations. Two weeks ago, students from the Rustenburg campus joined the unrest, and on Monday 08 May 2023, Brits campus students also declared their support for the protest action by denying staff and students access to the campus.

The main concern raised by students relate to the payment of National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) accommodation allowances. The 2023 NSFAS guidelines provide a clear breakdown of student allowance allocation for onsite and private student accommodation. NSFAS allocates a maximum of R45,000 per annum for private accommodation, provided that students who qualify to claim the maximum amount, stay at NSFAS accredited private accommodation. Only 30% of the ORBIT College student population is currently accommodated at the onsite student residences at the Mankwe campus, with the majority of ORBIT College students residing at private accommodation in surrounding areas. Brits and Rustenburg campuses neither provide onsite student accommodation nor lease student accommodation outside the campus premises. This means that an estimated 70% of ORBIT College students make use of private accommodation, with some staying with relatives or parents while others reside at accommodation in a lessor/lessee relationship. None of the private accommodation used by ORBIT College students has been accredited by NSFAS yet. As a result, none of the students making use of private accommodation qualified to claim the maximum amount of R45,000. The accommodation allowance received by these

students was based on lease agreements which is less than the maximum amount. The difference between the claimed and allocated amount is what essentially triggered the current student unrest at the college. Other related concerns that were raised by students include the late payment of NSFAS allowances, other than accommodation and differences between the money received and claims submitted. Some students are also still awaiting the payment of 2022 claims. Students also raised concerns about college infrastructure across the campuses. College management and the student representative council have agreed to approach NSFAS with regards to paying a fixed rate allocation for urban and rural campuses respectively, while the NSFAS accreditation of private accommodation is still pending. In this regard a request was forwarded to NSFAS seeking permission for the college SRC to visit their offices in an attempt to address the concerns raised by students. An affirmative response to this request was received from NSFAS. Concerns related to college infrastructure are addressed through the DHET infrastructure grant allocated to the college. **ORBIT TVET College, Press Release, 12 May 2023.**

Platinum Weekly visited the Rustenburg campus on Monday 15 May 2023. Although the campus was considerably less busy than usual, we managed to reach out to a student for comment. "The protest at the Rustenburg campus is still going. But it has thus far been a peaceful protest and hasn't affected my studies as I managed to write my exams today without any hindrance," said the student who prefers to remain anonymous. In addition, Platinum Weekly also reached out to the manager of the Rustenburg campus, but no response was received at the time of going to print.

Robbers blow up cash-drop-vault and ATM



The robbers failed access money after bombing the ATM.

Ledig - Robbers bombed an ATM and a cash-drop vault at a fuel garage in Ledig on Monday 15 May 2023. Sun City police are still investigating the incident, which occurred during the early morning hours, at around 00:58. Police spokesperson sergeant Ofentse Mokgadi said the unidentified number of suspects bombed a Standard Bank ATM and failed to access the money. "A cash-drop vault was also blown up and an undisclosed amount of cash was stolen, and an undisclosed amount of cash was taken from the cashiers. Two cellphones were also taken away from security personnel," Mokgadi said. "The suspects shot at a wheel of the security vehicle before they fled the scene," Mokgadi added. Police are carrying out further investigations to establish more facts.



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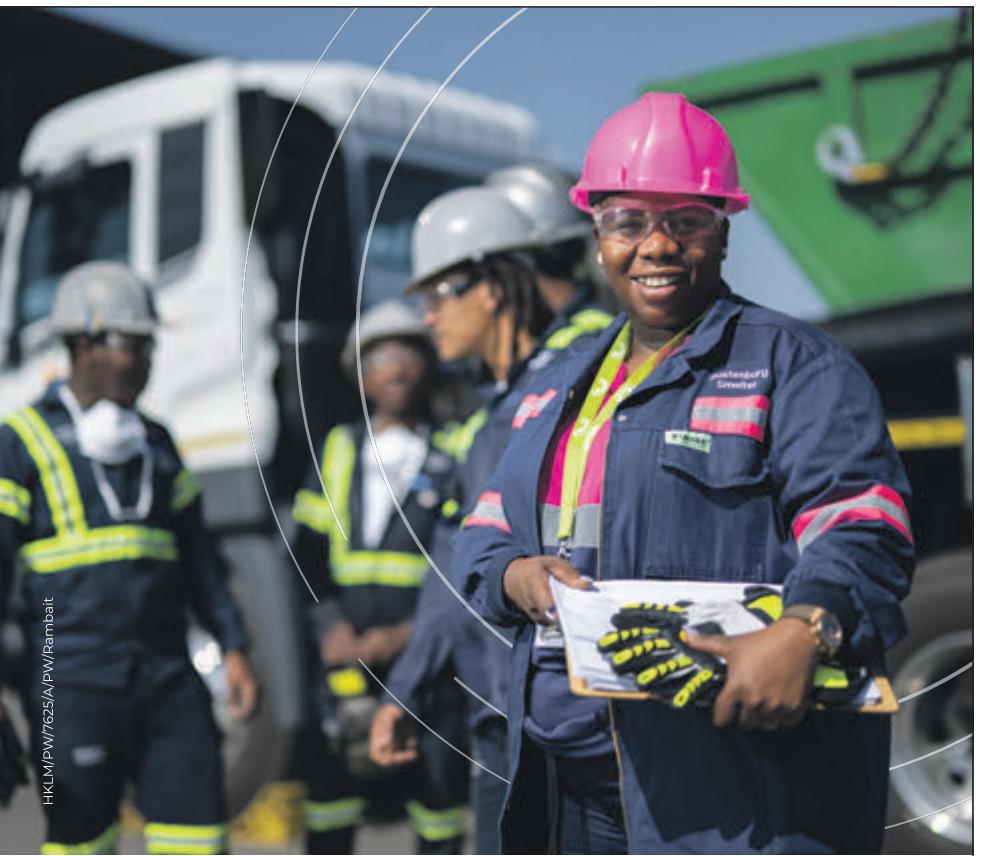
Rustenburg – Congratulations to Nothando Sibiya from Lediq who entered the Sun City and *Platinum Weekly* Mother's Day competition. Nothando shared her story and was selected in a lucky draw on Wednesday 17 May 2023. "My mom is an educator and works hard to help other people. I'm very appreciative to have my mom in my life as many people don't have a mother figure. She is strict but full of love and kindness. As an educator in the community, many children look up to her as a role model and when she passes by, they are very happy to see her.

She is a woman who fears God and goes to church every Sunday.

Because she has set such a good example, I'm following in her footsteps as I'm also studying to become an educator. Winning this getaway will mean so much to us as we never get a chance to just take time for ourselves," read Nothando's entry. Nothando wins a two-night midweek stay for two people at the Cascades Hotel, Sun City, valued at R14,360, including breakfast and access to the Valley of Waves!



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AGRICULTURE HUB IN MARIKANA BOOSTS LOCAL AGRICULTURE SECTOR

Rustenburg - The Mineworkers Development Agency, through partnership with Sibanye Stillwater and Rand Mutual Assurance, officially launched its Agriculture Hub in Marikana on Friday 12 May 2023. The aim of the Agriculture Hub is to advance socio-economic development in the Marikana area by means of agriculture. The mandate of the Mineworkers Development Agency is to attract communities to other job sectors rather than focusing solely on mining. The aim of the hub is also to provide the community with an alternative source of income after mining activities cease.

The Agriculture Hub will focus on agricultural activities and provide training and support for community members to develop their farming skills. This will not only create employment opportunities in the agriculture sector, but also contribute to food security in the local area. Sibanye Stillwater's partnership with local organisations reflects their commitment to being a responsible corporate citizen and contributing to the development of the communities in which they operate. The launch of the Marikana Agriculture Hub is a positive step towards achieving this goal and ensuring a better future for the host community.

Services rendered at the Agriculture Hub include egg production with a produce of approximately

2,000 eggs per day which are also sold to the community, a packhouse which will be used to store and prepare the produce bought from the community for distribution, a training centre, hydroponics, and a socio employment programme which employs 1,500 community members who assist other community members with their agricultural projects.

Small-scale farmers across Rustenburg are welcome to trade at the packhouse to keep the hub running. There is also a database where the sellers and buyers register their information to create a market platform.

"The Marikana Agriculture Hub will benefit local communities as there are packhouses established. A thousand backyard gardens have been rolled out to the communities at no cost and once they have the produce ready, they are encouraged to retain a portion for household consumption and to sell the remainder to the Hub. The produce brought to the hub will be weighed and graded, and compensation will be made based on that. The intent is for the community to boost their economy and food security. We understand that not everyone will be employed at the mines, so agriculture will also play a major role in creating income," said Marikana Youth Development Organisation chairperson Raserola Mashamaite.



From left: Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) executive secretary Kabelo Makgale, ward 4 councillor Edwin Vena, RLM councillor Sharon Letlape, Marikana Youth Development chairperson Raserola Mashamaite, U Can Grow packhouse manager Sifiso Ngqoleka, RLM speaker of council Koketsu Mogomotsi, and RLM councillor Sipho Tause.

"The project is reconnecting people with the land, and land is intended to feed the occupants of it" said minister of mineral resources and energy Gwede Mantashe. Chief executive officer of the Mineworkers Development Agency, Tshimane Montoedi added, "There are many projects that we are having, but this approach or partnership is the first one of its kind. Our vision is to make sure that we replicate this programme in other mining communities in other provinces."

Other parties who also signed the memorandum of commitment to the Agriculture Hub are; Amanda Safe Hub, EC Blaauw, African Explosive and Chemical Industries (AECI), Afrika Tikkun, U Can Grow, Epiroc, Marikana Youth Development Organisation, Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), Unilever, Fraser Alexander, Plastic Recycling South Africa (Petco), Indalo Inclusive, and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).



From left: Minister of mineral resources and energy Gwede Mantashe, Sibanye Stillwater executive vice president Thabisile Phumo, and Mineworkers Development Agency chief executive officer Tshimane Montoedi at the launch.



Marikana Youth Development Organisation chairperson Raserola Mashamaite hopes that the Agriculture Hub will boost the local economy and food security.



North West Gambling Board

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 29 OF THE NORTH WEST GAMBLING ACT, 2001 (ACT NO. 2 OF 2001), AS AMENDED.

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF SUITABILITY IN TERMS OF SECTION 78 OF THE NORTH WEST GAMBLING ACT 2001, (ACT NO.2 OF 2001), AS AMENDED.

Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of section 29 of the North West Gambling Act, 2001 (Act No. 2 of 2001), as amended ("the Act"), that the North West Gambling Board ("the Board") received an application for a Certificate of Suitability from Goldrush Group Management (Pty) Ltd a company contracted to provide Management and Supervision to North West Goldrush Bingo and Slots Entities.

In terms of the provisions of section 78 of the North West Gambling Act, 2001 (Act No. 2 of 2001), as amended, the Board should conduct probity investigations to determine the suitability of third parties.

Goldrush Group Management (Pty) Ltd is registered in terms of the Companies Act 71 of 2008, bearing registration number: 2006/021461/07. The registered business address is no. 66 Ontdekkers Road, Westgate, Roodepoort, 1734.

This notice seeks to invite and afford interested persons an opportunity to view the application which will be lying open for public inspection and to lodge their written representations in relation thereto, if any, with the North West Gambling Board, at No. 4059 Joules Street, Industrial Site, Mahikeng, **between 08h30 – 16h30, for a period of one (1) month, commencing on 01 June 2023 until 30 June 2023.**

Persons wishing to make representations, be it either comments or objections, in relation to any application submitted to the Board, shall do so in writing and such representations shall contain the following information:

- The name of the objector;
- The grounds on which representations are made;
- The name, address, telephone, and facsimile numbers of the person submitting representations; and
- Whether or not the person making representations wish to make an oral presentation at the hearing of the application.

Written objections should be lodged with the **Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Simon Mogapi** by facsimile, email, hand delivery or post: Facsimile (018) 384 2290, Email: ceo@nwgb.co.za, Hand delivery or post, North West Gambling Board, No. 4059 Joules street, Industrial Site, Mahikeng/Private Bag X34, Mmabatho, 2735 between 08h30-16h30, during the period 01 June 2023 until 30 June 2023.

Enquiries: Ms. Morongoa Moss, Tel. No: (018) 384 3215/25.

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Monster Jam Poker (Pty) Ltd lodged the application in terms of the provisions of section 78 of the Act, which states that "The Board may prohibit a licensee from contracting with any supplier for the purchase of goods or services in terms of this Act, including the rental of premises, or with any lender, until such supplier or lender has obtained a certificate of suitability from the Board and paid the expenses of the Board relative thereto".

MONSTER JAM POKER (PTY) LTD is registered in terms of the Companies Act 71 of 2008, bearing registration number: **2015/041798/07**. The registered business address is Suite 8 Rivonia Centre, No. 369 Rivonia Boulevard, Sandton.

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Help keep a roof over their heads

Rustenburg - For many elderly people, moving into a retirement home is the best and only option for them to live a comfortable and safe life. Many of the residents at the Rustenburg Rusoord rely solely on their pension to cover their living expenses. Unfortunately, for some, this is just not enough to keep up with the rising costs of living. Even those who have children who are able to contribute to their parents' rent are often hesitant to ask for help, as they worry about becoming a financial burden to their families. The stress and anxiety that comes with not being able to pay rent can take a toll on the elderly residents' mental and physical health. To help alleviate this stress, Rusoord has started a fund where donations can be made to assist those struggling to pay their rent. The board will then assess each case and distribute the funds according to merit. This initiative has already made a significant impact on the lives of many residents, allowing them to focus on their health and well-being instead of worrying about their rent payments.

As a community, it's essential that we come together to support our elderly residents. We all have months where we face unforeseen expenses, and it can be challenging to make ends meet. Contributing to the Rusoord fund, no matter how small the amount, can make a significant difference in the lives of those who need it the most. Even a donation of R50 can help.

Rustenburg Rusoord hopes to be able to assist their residents who are struggling to pay rent. Their fund is a fantastic initiative that can make a positive impact on the lives of many elderly people in their care. Do your part in supporting your community's most vulnerable members and contribute to initiatives like the Rusoord fund. Together, we can help keep a roof over the heads of those who need it the most.

For more information contact Rustenburg Rusoord manager Theresa Graham on 014 597 1190.



Play a round of golf and make a difference

Rustenburg - Hospice Rustenburg is gearing up to host their annual golf day on Friday 7 July 2023 at the Moolnooi Golf Club. This event is an important fundraising drive for the hospice, and by supporting it, you and your company can help to make a real difference in the lives of those in need. For more than two decades, Hospice Rustenburg has been providing excellent palliative care, free of charge to patients and their families with life-threatening illnesses in Rustenburg and Bojanala. By participating in, or sponsoring prizes for the event, you can help to ensure that their vital work continues.

Registration for the event costs R4,200 per four ball, which includes two golf carts, green fees, a spit braai, and a welcome pack. There are also various sponsorship opportunities available, including Tee box, Green, Practice Green, and Watergat sponsorships.

The day will kick off with registration at 08:30, followed by a shotgun start at 10:00. It promises to be a fantastic day out for all involved, with the chance to have fun, network, and support a worthwhile cause.

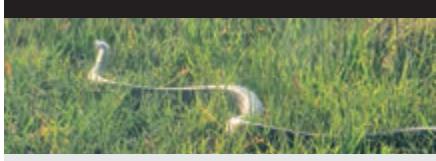
For more information contact Hospice Rustenburg shop assistant Cindy Pretorius on 060 563 7369. Please RSVP by 16 June 2023.

Kroondal/Rustenburg - Shane McDermott and his wife encountered a large black mamba next to the road near Kroondal on Saturday 13 May 2023. Parked close to a friend's garage, the couple were seated in their bakkie with its doors open while they took in some fresh air and enjoyed a cooldrink. Little did they know that their peaceful afternoon would soon turn into a terrifying encounter with a deadly black mamba.

At approximately 16:10, a taxi stopped next to them, and the people inside started to scream: "snake, snake!" At first, Shane was confused and didn't know what was happening. But then, he saw the snake, a black mamba, heading towards them. He estimates the snake to have been between 2.5m and 3m long, and it was coming from the nearby sunflower field. Shane and his wife quickly realised the danger they were in. They closed the doors and windows of their bakkie, hoping to keep the snake out. However, the mamba was very aggressive and tried to bite the bakkie twice. It was fortunate that the snake didn't bite anyone, considering the number of people walking in the area. After the terrifying encounter, Shane and his wife were understandably shaken. They couldn't believe that they had come so close to such a deadly creature.

They were grateful to be safe and unharmed. Sadly, the same couldn't be said for the black mamba which was killed by locals who had been alerted to its presence.

BEWARE OF SNAKES!



The black mamba is estimated to be between 2.5m and 3m long.

It is important to remember that black mambas are one of the deadliest snakes in the world. Their venom can kill a human within hours if left untreated.

Encounters with wildlife can be both exhilarating and dangerous. In this case, Shane and his wife were lucky to walk away unscathed. However, it's an important reminder to always be aware of your surroundings and take precautions when in areas where dangerous animals may be present.

In a separate incident, a Swartruggens resident was bitten by a snouted cobra on Monday 15 May 2023.

Snouted cobras are large snakes that produce a lot of venom. They have a powerful neurotoxic poison that can cause respiratory failure and death.

In this particular case, the person concerned poured boiling water into the hole where the snake was hiding. This is not only cruel but also unnecessary.

Snake catchers are available to help in such situations and it is advisable to seek their assistance.

In case of a snakebite, the victim must get medical help as soon as possible. It is important to expose the area of the bite by cutting away pieces of clothing and

removing pinching objects such as rings and shoes. The venom should be rinsed away from the bite site with plenty of water and wiped off with a piece of cloth. A mark should be made on the skin with a pen as the swelling occurs. There are some things that should not be done when dealing with a snakebite. Do not cut or squeeze the bite site, do not suction the wound, and do not apply electric shock treatment. Alcohol should not be given to the victim. It is important to keep the victim still and calm and keep the airway open. Unnecessary movements can make the poison spread faster. If possible, the limb should be immobilised and kept below the level of the heart. A pressure bandage can be used if it is neurotoxic poison, but not for cytotoxic poison. A tourniquet should be avoided.

In case of a snakebite, it is important to call for help. If you encounter a snake, please call relevant snake catchers:

Koster area - P. D. I. Wildlife Rescue non-profit company

- Pieter Kruger: 082 843 8465
- Debbie van den Berg: 066 439 0831
- Isabel van den Berg: 079 329 8268
- Koster**
- Johan van der Bank: 079 401 6537
- Swartruggens**
- Timothy Strydom: 073 009 5970 / 081 432 0729
- Derby**
- Attie Koekemoer: 083 236 2405

10 YEARS OF CREATING SHARED VALUE IN COMMUNITIES



This year Sibanye-Stillwater celebrates a milestone of significant growth, diversification, and shared value for all stakeholders, including communities. 2023 marks its 10th anniversary, celebrating a journey that has seen the Group grow into a multinational mining and metals processing Group with a diverse portfolio of projects and investments across five continents. This decade-long journey represents impactful value creation not exclusively for investors but also for all other stakeholders.

EDUCATION

Our contribution to education facilitates access to teaching and contributes to skills development to enable the youth to unleash their potential and contribute meaningfully to society. Our interventions include:

- Construction of schools
- Maths and Science Programme
- Wi-Fi in schools
- Sports kits for sports teams
- Teacher Training
- Portable skills
- School kitchens
- Bursaries



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Our commitment to health and wellbeing goes beyond the workplace and we continue to work with the government and local stakeholders to contribute to quality health care through:

- Construction of clinics
- Provision of ambulances and mobile clinics

ENABLING SOCIETY

We have been collaborating with the government on critical infrastructure such as roads, water infrastructure, street lighting, and waste management.

We have also contributed to skills development aimed at growing the local economies through the development of small-scale and medium enterprises. Our intention to integrate local suppliers into our value chain is premised on our quest for meaningful inclusion.

We have supported micro businesses which include backyard gardens, piggeries, sewing and honey

production. We are now working with stakeholders to develop alternative economic streams that will exist alongside mining and can continue long after the end of life of our mining operations.

We believe that mining can continue to add value and as a Group we recognise the role that we all need to play in creating and sharing value for the benefit of all stakeholders and the communities in which we operate.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

KIDS! 
FILL IN AND
KEEP CLOSE!

My Mommy's number:

My Daddy's number:

My Doctor's number:

Friend/ Family
member's number:

WHERE TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT:

Rustenburg Child Welfare 014 537 2014

014 537 2072

SAVF Rustenburg - 014 592 8568

212A Kruger Street 212A Kruger Street

RATA Social Services Rustenburg 014 533 0535

58 Ridder Street

Child Protection Hotline 072 408 8864

Boitekong 072 086 5854

Swartruggens 071 596 6769

Boitekong 082 487 0654

Rustenburg 079 169 5340

Childline 116

Department of Social Services 014 565 3630/1/2

Development, Rustenburg

SAPS

Rustenburg SAPS Radio 014 590 4115/6/7

Control Centre

Rustenburg SAPS Community 014 590 4126/27/39

Service Centre

SAPS Boitekong 014 593 6001/ 6002/

6003

SAPS Emergency 112

(cell phones only)

SAPS Marikana 014 572 3143

SAPS Rustenburg 014 590 4116

SAPS Tlhabane 014 565 9154

AMBULANCE

Ambulance / 014 784 4100

Metro Control Room

Ambulance / Metro Control 014 777 3500

(provincial)

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Med 24/7 (Private) 086 177 7761

ER24 084 124

NetCare 911 082 911

Trauma Rescue 014 594 0689

Ferncrest Hospital 014 568 4339/8

(Emergencies)

Peglerae Hospital (Casualties) 014 597 2823

HOSPITALS

Ferncrest Hospital 014 568 4399

Job Shimankana Tabane (JST) 014 590 5100

provincial hospital

La Femme Clinic 014 594 9500

RusMed 24 014 523 9378/9351

PEST CONTROL

Bee Removal 061 657 6085

CLEANING SERVICES 24/7

CIA Crime Incident Accident 079 498 7606

FIRE

Fire Department 014 590 3232/ 3333/

3444

RTB LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

RLM Accounts Queries 014 590 3111/3090

RLM Emergencies (Fire Dept.) Press 3

RLM Customer Care Supervisor

WATER

Water Problem Helpline 014 590 3111

ELECTRICITY

Electricity Helpline 014 565 1042

Eskom National Line 086 003 7566

ROAD AND TRAFFIC

N4 Emergency Contact Number

24-hour Security 014 569 0394/ 0395 or

071 602 7683

Bakwena Emergency

082 225 9362

Control Centre

Traffic Control Room (Rustenburg)

014 590 3221

Have your say / Sê jou sê

Do you know how to tie a tie?

Some learnt in school, and others never followed the rule; while tying a tie might seem like a no-brainer to some, others have never mastered the seemingly easy skill. Do you know how to tie a tie, and if 'knot' why?



Yes, I learnt to tie a tie when I was in matric. I was taught by a friend, whose tie was always perfect and symmetrical. I must admit that I cannot tie a tie as good as my friend does!

Riaan Janse van Vuuren



Yes, I can tie a tie. I remember vividly how I learnt to do it; my grandfather was a school councillor and when we were young, he used to teach us how to tie a tie. I now have so many methods!

Danny Moreo

PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Do you know
how to tie a tie?

NO 45% YES 55%

POLL

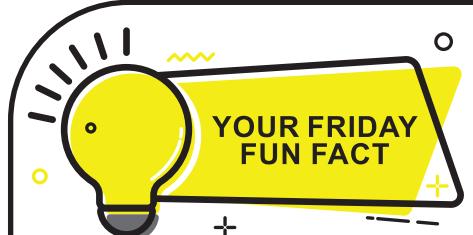
Are you afraid of the dark?

While a fear of the dark is common amongst children, there are many adults who are also afraid of the dark. Do you become anxious when the lights go out, and if so, why?

Make yourself heard by sending an email to news@platinumweekly.co.za or send us a WhatsApp on 081 579 7000 with the following information before 17:00 on Monday 22 May 2023.

- Yes, I'm afraid of the dark.
- No, I'm not afraid of the dark.
- The reason for your answer.
- A recent photo of yourself—so that we can publish your pic with your answer.
- Your contact details.
- Please indicate in which town/ city you reside.
- The results of the votes will be published in our next issue.

P.S. You can also give your opinion by commenting on our Facebook post.



Did you know?

Chewing gum can help you stay focused for longer. A 2013 study done by the British Psychological Society found that test subjects who chewed gum while taking part in a memory challenge were able to stay focused for longer periods of time than those who did not chew gum.



SOULFOOD

PROVERBS

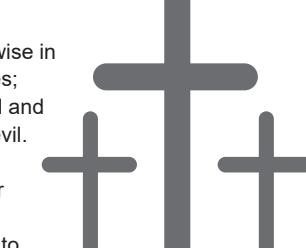
(Proverbs 3 verse 1 to 8.) Guidance for the Young

3 My son, do not forget my law,
But let your heart keep my commands;
2 For length of days and long life
And peace they will add to you.

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you;
Bind them around your neck,
Write them on the tablet of your heart,
4 And so find favor and high esteem
In the sight of God and man.

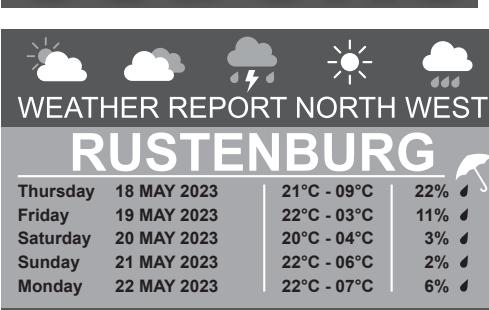
5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.

7 Do not be wise in
your own eyes;
Fear the Lord and
depart from evil.
8 It will be
health to your
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And strength to
your bones.



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2023 QUARTER 1 SAFETY AWARDS: MARIKANA OPERATION

On Thursday, 11 May 2023, the MARIKANA OPERATION held their quarter one safety awards event at the Sibanye-Stillwater Conference Centre. Similar to the event held in Rustenburg in the past month, this initiative is intended to give recognition to employees who demonstrated the required leadership in driving our Fatal Elimination Strategy, focusing on real risk reduction in each of the fatal risks.

Dawie van Aswegen, our EVP and Head of Mining, congratulated the top-performing employees of the quarter. "We still have a long way to go in our journey, and this shows that when we are all committed to working safely, we will achieve our goal. Well done to all the winners; I hope this motivates everyone in the operations that anything is possible. Honestly, regarding safety, we are not winning; however, we are leading. The hard work starts now," he said.

BEST OF THE BEST OF THE QUARTER:

- Vice President – Evert Coetzer
- Mine Manager – Patrick Gaonamang (Saffy Shaft)
- Mine Overseer – Jonathan Maritz (4B/1B Shaft)
- Engineering Manager – Ronald Mabusa (Saffy Shaft)
- Engineer – Onalenna Sepholi (Saffy Shaft)
- Special Gift to HOD – Johan Kleyn
- Exceptional Service Delivery Prizes:
 - Trevor Cornelius
 - Braam de Klerk
 - Zacharia Mlambo
- Best Safety Officer – Luca Molefe (4B/1B Shaft)
- Best Superintendent Health and Safety – Schalk Kruger – (Saffy Shaft)



BELOW IS A LIST OF THE AWARDS AND THE RECIPIENTS:

Safety System Usage Awards

- Strata Control "Toughest Auditor "Audits vs Deviations" – Lebogang Madidimalo
- Health and Safety "Toughest Auditor "Audits vs Deviations" – Graham Symons
- Mine Overseer, Toughest Auditor "Audits vs Deviations" – Simon Mataboge

K4 SHAFT AWARDS

Foreman	Pieter Munnik
Mine Overseer	Dawie Marx
Miner	Johannes Matschediso
Shift Supervisor	Cobus Schonefeldt
Safety Officer	Didi Moalosi

K3 SHAFT AWARDS

Foreman	James Sebento
Mine Overseer	Conrad van Janse Rensburg
Miner	Shirne Ramodabi
Shift Supervisor	Izak van Aswegen
Safety Officer	Michael Strydom

EAST 3 SHAFT AWARDS

Foreman	Maxwell Macokocoko
Mine Overseer	Isaac Manne
Miner	Carlos Baloyi
Shift Supervisor	Sandile Ndlangisa
Safety Officer	Andile Benzi

4B SHAFT AWARDS

Foreman	Talent Chingombe
Mine Overseer	Jonathan Maritz
Miner	Jacob Ramokepa
Shift Supervisor	Setenane Letsoa
Safety Officer	Matodzi Shonisani

ROWLAND SHAFT AWARDS

Foreman	Thuso Makgato
Mine Overseer	Lourens Bayliss
Miner	Alfonso Tchemo
Shift Supervisor	Jone Klein
Safety Officer	Mothusi Lobeko

SAFFY SHAFT AWARDS

Foreman	Matthew Temo
Mine Overseer	Sewela Sebola
Miner	Lindile Malamabe
Shift Supervisor	Freddy Matuleka
Safety Officer	Lawrence Lebuso



When good people gather



Rustenburg Child and Family Welfare social worker Roseline Mokateka (left) and SOS Children's Village social worker Motalepule Letlape.

Rustenburg - Rustenburg Child and Family Welfare hosted a networking breakfast at Buffels Brew on Friday 12 May 2023.

The event was attended by various social workers and community members who are passionate about protecting, guiding, and nurturing children. The aim of the breakfast was to create a platform where different organisations and individuals could meet, exchange ideas, and build relationships that will contribute to improving the lives of children in our community.

The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, and everyone was eager to share their experiences and learn from one another. The discussion was centred around the challenges organisations face,

and how we can work together to address them. The networking breakfast also provided an opportunity for different organisations to exchange contact information and build relationships that will contribute to faster response times and better outcomes for the children in our community.

It was also an opportunity to recognise the tireless efforts of social workers and other professionals who work tirelessly to protect and support children. Their work is often challenging, emotionally draining, and underappreciated. The event was an opportunity to show our gratitude and appreciation for the work they do. When we work together, we can create a safe, nurturing, and supportive environment for all the children in our community.



Caring community members and social workers from various organisations networking for a good cause.

Crocheters assemble



Wendy Mokgoatlheng (left) and Monja du Bruyn enjoyed the experience.

Rustenburg - Crochet is a craft which has been around for centuries, and it's no wonder why it has stood the test of time! With just a hook and some yarn, you can create beautiful and intricate designs that are both functional and decorative. The *Platinum Weekly* crochet workshop held on Saturday 13 May 2023 was a testament to this. From beginners to experts, crocheters from all walks of life came together to learn and share their love for this craft.

Mossies se Trooskomberies Marie Janse van Rensburg and her team of crochet experts led the workshop, teaching novice crocheters the basics of crochet. The atmosphere was electric as everyone eagerly listened and watched and were eager to get started on their first project. Crochet is a fun hobby where simple balls of yarn are transformed into amazing items, and the feeling of accomplishment that comes with completing a project is truly rewarding!

However, the workshop was not just about learning the craft of crochet, as it was also a chance for crocheters

to come together, learn from each other, and socialise. The event was a melting pot of different personalities, and the excitement and energy in the room was palpable as people shared their experiences and techniques. For some, the workshop was an introduction to crochet, and they were a bit apprehensive at first. But as the workshop progressed, so did their confidence. The granny squares which the ladies started to make illustrated their growing command of the craft.

Many women expressed their gratitude for the workshop, and it was clear that the crochet bug had bitten quite a few who were eager to get home and complete their first project. There's something special about creating something with your own two hands—a feeling that can't be replicated. The crochet workshop was a resounding success. Crochet may seem like a simple hobby, but it has the power to bring people together and create something truly beautiful.

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Pastor Senne distributed many second-hand clothes at the Bafokeng Secondary School's basketball courts.

Charity collection aims to help 300

Phokeng/ Rustenburg – Pastor Tshepiso Senne from El-Bethel Ministry is asking more people to take the less fortunate into consideration this winter. El-Bethel Ministry is on a mission to collect second-hand clothes and blankets, which will be distributed to needy community members in Lefaragatiha. On Thursday 27 April 2023, Senne handed over second-hand shoes and clothes to needy community members from Phokeng and surrounding areas. Senne said the current charity drive aims to assist approximately 300 people. "We have received a lot of clothes but please keep the initiative going," Senne said, "We are short on blankets, and we are appealing to those who can find it within their hearts to assist the needy, to please respond to our call for help," he added.

If you would like to assist the charity initiative, you are welcome to contact pastor Tshepiso Senne on 079 232 2714.



Calling all crocheters to a crochet marathon

Rustenburg/ SA – The Afrikaans Language and Culture Association (ATKV) Arendsnes branch, together with *Maak 'n Verskil Hekel* will be hosting a 30-hour crochet Marathon on Friday 26 May 2023 and Saturday 27 May 2023. This is a nationwide initiative and various towns have been identified where fellow crocheters will get together to crochet 20 cm x 20 cm granny patches. When stitched together, 36 squares of patches can make one blanket. The blankets will be donated by *Maak 'n Verskil Hekel* to those in need. In Rustenburg, the gathering point will be at the Dutch Reformed Church at 153 Kock Street. If you can't join the marathon, you are also welcome to crochet the squares at home and drop them off at the church. A couple of participants have also agreed to give a lesson or two during the marathon. They will teach the basics of crocheting a granny patch to those who would like to join but have never held a crochet needle before. You can also contribute by making a financial donation, donating double knit wool, or number 4 crochet needles. Donations towards the marathon's tea and coffee are also welcome. For more information regarding the marathon, contact Monique Brink on 082 682 6964, or Leandra van Wyk on 082 451 4548. To book your seat at the Rustenburg marathon, contact Truia Pretorius on 074 802 6731.



PUBLIC NOTICE

NATIONAL TREASURY: MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL RECOVERY SERVICE

NOTICE TO INVITE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLAN FOR KGETLENGREVIER LOCAL MUNICIPALITY REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE MANDATORY PROVINCIAL INTERVENTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 139(5) OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Northwest Provincial Executive resolved to intervene in the Kgetlengrevier Local Municipality in accordance with the requirements of section 139(5) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 read with section 143 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003) to respond to a financial crisis in the Municipality.

A Draft Mandatory Financial Recovery Plan has been prepared by the National Treasury Municipal Financial Recovery Service. In line with the requirements of Section 142 of the MFMA, the Mandatory FRP has been designed for use as an instrument to secure the Municipality's ability to meet its obligations to provide basic services and its financial commitments and to place the Municipality in a sound and sustainable financial condition as soon as possible.

The FRP has been prepared for the Municipality in accordance with the requirements set out in section 144, read with section 141, of the MFMA.

This notice, therefore, serves to invite the public, including the local community, in terms of section 141(3)(c)(ii) of the MFMA, to submit written comments in respect of the draft FRP by 17:00 on 23 May 2023.

A copy of the draft FRP is available at the following venue during office hours from 08:00 until 16:00: **Kgetlengrevier Local Municipal Offices, Cnr Smuts & De Wit Streets, Koster, Derby Satelite Office, Swartruggen Satelite office, Redirile Library, Koster Library, Reagile Library and Swartruggens Library.** A copy of the draft FRP is also published on the municipal website: www.kgetleng.gov.za

Any person or organisation wishing to comment on the draft FRP is requested to lodge the comments in writing by **17:00 on 23 May 2023**, by –

a. posting the comments to:

Jan Hattingh
Chief Director: Intergovernmental Relations
National Treasury
Private Bag X115, Pretoria, 0001

b. e-mailing the comments to:

Kavitha Rupali
Acting Head: Municipal Financial Recovery Service
National Treasury
mfrs@treasury.gov.za

(Mark the subject box clearly as: **COMMENTS ON DRAFT MANDATORY FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLAN – KGETLENGREVIER LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**)

c. delivering the comments to:

The Provincial Executive Representative, Kgetlengrevier Local Municipality, Cnr Smuts & De Wit Streets, Koster, 0348

The following must be indicated by the person or organisation submitting the comment:

- Name;
- Telephone number;
- E-mail address and/or fax number; and
- Postal address.



A fine day of display

Rustenburg - The Rustenburg Photographic Society had its photographers featured during the local artist exhibition hosted by Stook Koffie Roostery on Saturday 6 May 2023. The photographers displayed some of their work, which was also on sale.

The Rustenburg Photographic Society attended the event to increase their exposure and attract new members. The group has created a vibrant and active photographic community within the Rustenburg area, providing a platform for photographers to express themselves and share their passion. Through their regular meetings, the Rustenburg Photographic Society has made a significant impact on Rustenburg's fine arts scene, giving local photographers a space to showcase their work and connect with like-minded individuals. The society meets every third Wednesday of the month, and anyone interested in joining can contact deputy chairperson Anje Smith on 082 787 4897 or member Karen McCarthy on 083 720 2904.



The Rustenburg Photographic Society exhibited its talent during a local art exhibition hosted by Stook Koffie Roostery.

WHAT'S Cooking?



Russten Horsman



Russten Horsman uses homegrown bananas for his jam.



Delectable banana jam.

Banana Jam

When life gives you bananas, you make jam! Russten Horsman was taught this simple and easy recipe by his stepmom, Leah Horsman. "We have lots of banana trees at home, so we enjoy making all kinds of banana dishes, including jam. The bananas from our trees have lots of flavour and you can clearly taste the difference between storebought bananas and the ones you grow yourself. But even with storebought bananas, this recipe is a winner!" said Russten.

Ingredients

- 3kg bananas coarsely mashed
- 1.75kg dark brown sugar
- 120g lemon juice

Method

1. Mix all the ingredients in a large cooking pot and let it stand for the sugar to melt and juices to accumulate.
2. Bring the jam to a boil over a low heat.
3. Stir constantly while cooking to prevent your jam from burning.
4. Boil for 15 minutes and turn off.
5. Let it stand for minimum of half an hour.
6. Repeat the process until your jam is well, jam.
7. Bottle hot, in sterilised glass jars.

If you want your recipe featured in the *Platinum Weekly* newspaper (free of charge), contact Danika Minnaar on 081 579 7000 or email editorial@platinumweekly.co.za.

RUGGAS!

Currie Cup 2023

Uitslae

- Griekwas 20-40 Blue Bulls
- Cheetahs 26-33 Lions
- Pumas 22-24 Sharks
- Griffons 21-25 WP



Bepalings:

Vrydag 19 May 2023

- WP 17:00 Pumas
- Sharks XV 19:05 Cheetahs XV

Saterdag 20 May 2023

- Griffons 15:00 Griekwas
- Lions 17:05 Blue Bulls

United Rugby Championship

Semi-finaal results:

- Leinster 15-16 Munster
- Stormers 43-25 Connacht



Finaal:

Saterdag 27 May 2023

- Stormers 18:30 Munster

Super Rugby Pacific 2023

Uitslae:

- Brumbies 48-32 Highlanders
- Waratahs 38-20 Rebels
- Crusaders 15-3 Blues
- Hurricanes 71-22 Moana Pasifika
- Chiefs 22-25 Reds



Bepalings:

Vrydag 19 Mei 2023

- Reds 11:35 Blues
- Highlanders 06:35 Rebels
- Chiefs 09:05 Hurricanes
- Waratahs 11:35 Fijian Drua
- Force 14:00 Brumbies

Heineken Champions Cup

Finaal:

Saterdag 20 Mei 2023

- Leinster 17:45 La Rochelle



European Rugby Champions Cup

Finaal:

Vrydag 19 Mei 2023

- Glasgow Warriors 21:00 Toulon



HSBC Rugby Sevens Toulon



Die Blitsbokke sal hierdie seisoen so gou moontlik wil vergeet. Die Blits verloor teen die Aussies om vir die vyfdeplek en kwalifiseer nie outomatis vir die Olimpiese spele nie. Die Blits moet nou aan die African Cup deelneem om te kwalifiseer vir die Olimpiese spele. Nieu-Seeland se mans en vroue spanne het die reeks gewen.

Nag ou grote...

Rustie boogskietspan skiet raak

Rustenburg - Hoërskool Rustenburg se boogskietleerders vaar uitstekend tydens die afgelope naweek se byeenkoms te Balliepark wat op Saterdag 13 Mei 2023 plaasgevind het.

Die Rusties eindig algeheel tweede in spanverband.

Algeheel:

- Melandi Swart – Vyfde plek
- Wyatt Steyn – Tiende plek

Dogtersafdeling:

- Melandi Swart – Derde plek
- Richelle Deysel – Vierde plek

Seunsafdeling:

- Wyatt Steyn – Vyfde plek

Die Rustie boogskietspan met hul medaljes.



WHO WILL STOP IMPALA?



Front: Impala Rugby Club first team player Trevor Visser in action.

Rustenburg – Impala Rugby Club's first team has now managed an impressive four wins in as many matches. Their unbeaten run makes them one of the firm favourites to win the Leopards Provincial League as the 2023 season continues to gather momentum. On Saturday 13 May Impala powered to a 40-12 win over Welkom Rovers in a match where the team once again demonstrated its attacking prowess.

As the scoreline suggests, Impala dominated their opponents during most parts of the match.

Trevor Visser, who managed to convert five of the six tries scored, is turning out to be one of the star performers of the league this season.

The victory puts Impala on 20 points and ensures they are still on top of the log standings as they prepare for the next round of matches.

The first team's unbeaten run shows the ability of coach Johan Engelbrecht, who has been tasked with the huge goal of winning the league this season. The second team also won their match against Welkom with a great 52-7 scoreline to complete a victorious day for the club!

Will Zwane throw in the towel?



SA – Kaizer Chiefs coach Arthur Zwane has been under pressure from a section of the club's supporters who believe that it's time for him to step down. On Saturday 13 May 2023 the club's 0-1 loss to SuperSport United at the Royal Bafokeng Sports Stadium did not go down well with Chiefs fans.

In a moment of anger, various objects, aimed at Zwane, were thrown onto the field of play by the angry supporters. Zwane had to be escorted out of the stadium by police officers to avoid being exposed to further danger. It's against such a background of events that Chiefs will play their last match of the season against Cape Town City on Saturday 20 May 2023. Whichever way the match will turn out, Kaizer Chiefs will complete their season without having won any cup title—a trend that has now stretched to 8 years. However, Zwane will be aiming for nothing short of a victory as Chiefs look to salvage some pride from another disappointing season. A win will guarantee them a fourth-place finish—a position which Cape Town City is also aiming for. Meanwhile, the battle to avoid being relegated to the lower league will also be decided on Saturday 20 May. Marumo Gallants, who are on 29 points together with Chippa United and Maritzburg United, will have to win their match against Moroka Swallows to be assured of a place in the DStv Premier League next season.

DStv Premier League Fixtures

Saturday 20 May 2023

- Chippa United v Golden Arrows: kick-off at Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium at 15:00.
- Sekhukhune United v SuperSport United: kick-off at Peter Mokaba Stadium at 15:00.
- Moroka Swallows v Maromo Gallants: kick-off at Dobsonville Stadium at 15:00.
- AmaZulu v Orlando Pirates: kick-off at Moses Mabhida Stadium at 15:00.
- Stellenbosch v TS Galaxy: kick-off at Danie Craven Stadium at 15:00.
- Kaizer Chiefs v Cape Town City: kick-off at FNB Stadium at 15:00.
- Richards Bay v Royal AM: kick-off at King Goodwill Zwelithini Stadium at 15:00.

Vixens gain even more momentum!



Rustenburg – Although women's rugby is still in its infancy at Impala Rugby Club, some players are demonstrating a potential to excel. Women's rugby was only introduced at the club in 2022 with the aim of establishing the Vixens as a competitive force capable of eventually holding their own in the top national leagues. One of the major highlights of the Vixens' campaign last season was the selection of four of their players; Abigail Maritz, Lyne Raats, Angelique Vierra, and Sapokazi Mlatsha, to the Leopards provincial team. This year, they have also produced four players who have been called up to the provincial team to compete in matches that will begin in June 2023. Scrumhalf Jo-Anne Grobler, flyhalf Melissa Huyser, eighthman Esethu Jebese, and

lock Chantel Maakwe, who are all key members of the Vixens, have been selected in the provincial team! Vixens coach Trevor Visser said all four players have done Rustenburg, themselves, and the club proud by being selected.

"I am very proud of all four players who are part of the Leopards squad. The women's league fixtures are finished for the season, but the Vixens team performed much better this year," Visser said.

Although the Vixens lost their two league games to Orbit TVET College and Rustenburg Academy, Visser said they showed a lot of potential to overcome their challenges.

"We had a lot of new girls that have never played rugby and we did quite well, considering we are still in a building process to get better," said Visser.

Amanjee completes Durban cycle!

Durban/Rustenburg – Rustenburg Cycling Club (RCC) member Ahmed Amanjee has demonstrated his passion for the sport! On Sunday 14 May 2023 he competed in the popular aQuellé Tour Durban Cycle. The event once again attracted enthusiastic cyclists from many parts of South Africa who had various distances to choose from.

Amanjee, together with other accomplished riders, chose the 110km route on a Sunday morning which offered ideal cycling conditions in the cool, autumn weather.

Although some of the cyclists took part for the fun of it, there was still a very competitive edge amongst those vying for top honours.

After a fast, exciting duel among those leading the pack, Ivan Harkema of Officeguru Racing crossed the finishing line first ahead of second placed Brent Yelland. Michael Rowland cycled well for his third-place finish. Amanjee completed the tough 110km ride in an impressive time of 3 hours and 26 minutes.



Ahmed Amanjee took on the tough 110km route.

Soccer league expands to 20 teams

Rustenburg – The 2023/24 season of the Bojanala Masters Football League is set to kick off on Sunday 4 June 2023. This was decided by the new executive committee which has been elected to run the affairs of the league. The new executive committee also welcomed two additional teams who had expressed

interest to be included in the fixtures for the upcoming season.

Said Bojanala Masters Football League secretary Ishmael Moloko: "Twenty teams will take part this season as we have added two teams called Nkandla Masters and TNT Masters."

Defending champions Platinum Masters

will begin their league campaign as one of the favorite teams to go all the way once again.

During the previous season, Platinum Masters were by far the most consistent team when it came to winning matches. They will definitely be the team to look out for this season!





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Timothy Meuwsen in action at trials for international participation as well as a national ranking event.

Rustenburg - Timothy Meuwsen is a remarkable judoka who has achieved outstanding success at a young age. Timothy will be turning 21 in July, and already he has his provincial and Protea colors, having represented South Africa both domestically and internationally in Judo. His most recent accomplishments include winning gold in Cameroon in 2022, where he beat more experienced players who were ranked higher than him! Judo has opened many opportunities for Timothy, including the chance to study Theology at the Tshwane University of Technology on a sports bursary. He was adopted by a white family as a baby and moved to Rustenburg when he was very young. He struggled to adapt to school and was picked on a lot because of his multiracial family. When he was in Grade 2, a friend invited him to a judo session. At first, Timothy didn't tell his parents that he was going to attend the session, but he fell in love with the sport. Judo gave him the distraction he needed and changed his life.

Since then, Timothy has developed his talent and is heading overseas again. Timothy will be in Mongolia from 23 June 2023 until 26 June 2023 for the Mongolia Grand Slam. Then he will go to Japan where he will attend a training camp from 26 June to 19 July 2023, and from 28 July to 8 August 2023 he will

be in China competing in the World Student Games. If Timothy places first, second, or third at the Morocco Africa Seniors competition in September, he stands a good chance at making the cut for next year's Olympic team!

Timothy's training regime is intense, and he trains at least three times a day, Monday to Saturday. The first training session is normally cardio from 9:00 to 10:00 and straight afterwards he has Judo from 10:10 to 11:00, he then hits the gym from 11:00 to 13:30. In the evening from 18:00 to 20:00 he again attends Judo training.

He has been fortunate enough to have sponsors from overseas, but he is still looking for corporate sponsors to support him on his Olympic journey. If any company decides to back him, he will be allowed to wear their branding/logo on his judo GI, thereby advertising on an international scale.

Timothy's story is an inspiring one of how trusting in God and never giving up can help you achieve your dreams. He has a YouTube channel, and you can also research him on the International Judo Federation website. If you wish to contact him, his number is 060 608 8644, and his email is timothyomeuwsen@gmail.com. Timothy is a name to take note of in the world of judo, and he is sure to achieve even greater success in the future.

At barely 21, Timothy Meuwsen is making a name in the world of Judo.

Lana kry goud

Mooienooi - Lana Rosslee, 'n Graad 7 leerder van Laerskool Elandskraal, het haar skool trots gemaak deur twee goue medaljes by die *National Dance Association Revolution* Noordwes-kompetisie te wen op Vrydag, 12 Mei 2023. Haar optredes was 'n pragtige vertoning van moderne en kontemporêre dans, wat haar talent en toewyding aan die kunsform op toneel geplaas het.

Lana het ook 'n spesiale toekenning ontvang vir haar gesigs- en liggaamsuitdrukkings tydens haar optredes.

Haar toewyding, talent, en hardewerk het nie net vir haar persoonlike sukses gebring nie, maar het ook trots en erkenning aan haar skool en gemeenskap gebring.



Lana Rosslee, 'n Graad 7 leerder van Laerskool Elandskraal het twee goue medaljes by die *National Dance Association Revolution* Noordwes-kompetisie gewen.

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