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Female police officer appears in court for raping her own son

A 40-year-old policewoman who is accused of raping her 12-year-old son, has appeared before the Mdtjana Magistrate's Court in Siyabuswa on Thursday 2 February 2023.

The suspect was remanded in custody for further police investigation and will appear again soon, facing charges of rape of a minor child with additional charges of creating and distributing child pornographic material and sexual grooming of a child. The woman, who cannot

be named to protect the identity of the victim, was caught in a video forcing the minor to have sexual intercourse activities with her.

In the video that has since circulating on social media platforms, the woman is seen spreading her legs and forcing her son to get on top of her so that they can have sex. The minor is clearly scared and the woman is heard forcing him to get on top, insisting that he should not be scared and instructing the boy to "do it".

The woman was arrested in Marble Hall on Friday 20 January 2023 after the video sent shockwaves to the public and the matter was reported to the police. She made her first appearance on Monday 23 January 2023 at the Marble Hall Magistrate's Court and the case was transferred to Mdtjana Magistrate's Court in Siyabuswa, after it was believed that the incident occurred around the Siyabuswa area in Mpumalanga about three years ago.

The Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) said the woman was stationed in Groblersdal Police Station at the time of the incident. IPID Spokesperson, Lizzy Shuping, said the case was postponed to 6 February 2023 at the Mdtjana Magistrate's Court for a formal bail application. Shuping said IPID will oppose bail application of the suspect.

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, expressed shock and strongly condemned the incident. Soon after becoming aware of the video, Hadebe ordered the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit, to conduct an immediate probe into the incident with a view of apprehending the policewoman and removing the child to a place of safety. "The case of rape of a minor child with additional charges of creating and distributing child pornographic material and sexual grooming of a child was opened on Friday 20 January 2023 and the suspect was arrested on the same day," said Hadebe.

She said internal police processes have already kicked in following her arrest and will run parallel with the criminal investigation that has been taken over by the IPID. "The actions of this woman are deplorable and deserve harsh condemnation. Even though the suspect allegedly committed this crime when she was still Public Service Act employee of the SAPS, she should have known better that such unbecoming behaviour deserved harsh consequences. The South African Police Service does not have the space for such people who tarnish its image," said Hadebe. The commissioner said she has already ordered that the suspect be subjected to immediate internal processes in terms of the South African Police Service Disciplinary Regulations. The child has been removed to a place of safety where he will be given psychological treatment and assistance.



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Leeuwfontein residents live in fear as crime skyrockets



Gideon Supermarket in Leeuwfontein being declared a crime scene after the owner who is a Ethiopian national was gunned down by unknown armed men.

Residents of Leeuwfontein outside Marble Hall say they have lost confidence in the police, following an alarming acts of crime in the area.

According to residents, the area has seen a surge in criminal activities recently, with house burglaries and armed robberies on the rise. The community blame the police for failing to deal decisively with crime in the area, which they said leads residents to live in fear. Thomas Mokgothwa, Secretary of Community Policing Forum in Leeuwfontein RDP, said the crime is prevalent in the area because of lack of police visibility. "Crime is increasing because it is rare to see a police vehicle patrolling this area so criminals are taking advantage of the situation. Lack of police visibility and random stop and search allows criminals to roam around freely with guns. When we ask at the police stations about the patrols, we are told they are experiencing a shortage of vehicles and personnel," he said. According to Mokgothwa, in the recent armed robbery incident, a foreign national was gunned down inside his shop when about four armed men stormed in and demanded money. "The shocking incident occurred around 20:00 in the evening while many people watching through their windows, when the criminals used their van to pull the security door down, which gave them access to the shop. The shop owner tried to escape through the backdoor where one of the criminals was positioned and he was shot and died later in hospital," explained Mokgothwa. Mokgothwa said residents opted to form structures such as neighbourhood watches to intensify the fight against crime, however, the community support is not enough due to lack of resources. "The area is too big and we only use a few vehicles to patrol the entire place. Some of the members patrol on foot but it is too risky because the criminals are heavily armed. Foreign street vendors are robbed in broad daylight in front of members of the community who are helpless because the criminals carry guns when they execute their mission," he said. Mokgothwa said they are also concerned that some of the perpetrators who were apprehended by the community were released after a few days of their arrest. "The justice system of this country is failing us because the same criminals who were arrested with evidence are being released and continue to terrorize the community," he said. Mokgothwa said some of residents ended up taking the law into their own hands because of the failing justice system and lack of police patrols. "Since December last year, Leeuwfontein and Moganyaka communities experienced a spate of crimes where residents ended up taking the law in their own hands. Several criminals were apprehended and given the peoples' justice, which didn't deter them from hitting again because there are still house breakings and robberies taking place. We demand a serious police intervention to curb these crimes," he said. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said they will investigate the community concerns and promised revert back to the paper. At the time of going to print, Ledwaba did not comment to the community claims.

Ntwane man executed, manhunt launched to find assailant

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has ordered that a well coordinated manhunt be launched for the suspect(s), following the murder of a 34-year-old man in Ntwane Village in Moutse.

The victim was allegedly murdered in an execution style in front of his gate at Ntwane Maswikaneng Village on Wednesday 1 February 2023. According to Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said it is alleged that the victim had arrived home just after midnight, driving in a vehicle when he was shot at point blank in front of his home gate. "Police members on patrol duties responded to a complaint of shooting and on arrival at the scene, they found the victim in a pool of blood inside his motor vehicle, a Toyota Avanza," he said. Mojapelo added that a preliminary probe conducted at the scene indicated that the assailant(s) shot the victim several times at point blank before fleeing the scene. "No one was arrested and the motive for the incident will be determined by the unfolding investigations," he said. Lieutenant General Hadebe has called for the police to hunt down the killers until they are caught and brought to book. "This incident has clearly sent cold waves to the local community and I want to assure everyone that the police are doing everything to find the killers. Just like the Mokopane incident in which two people were shot at point blank and killed while sitting in a motor vehicle, the suspects were ultimately arrested. Even in this case, the assailant(s) will be arrested," concluded Hadebe. The police are appealing to anyone who might have information that can lead to the arrest of the suspect(s), to contact Lieutenant Colonel Richard Boshomane on 079 894 5501 or Warrant Officer Phaladi Makola on 082 749 2233, the Crime Stop number 08600 10111, the nearest police station or send message through MySAPSApp. The police said the reporter may opt to remain anonymous.



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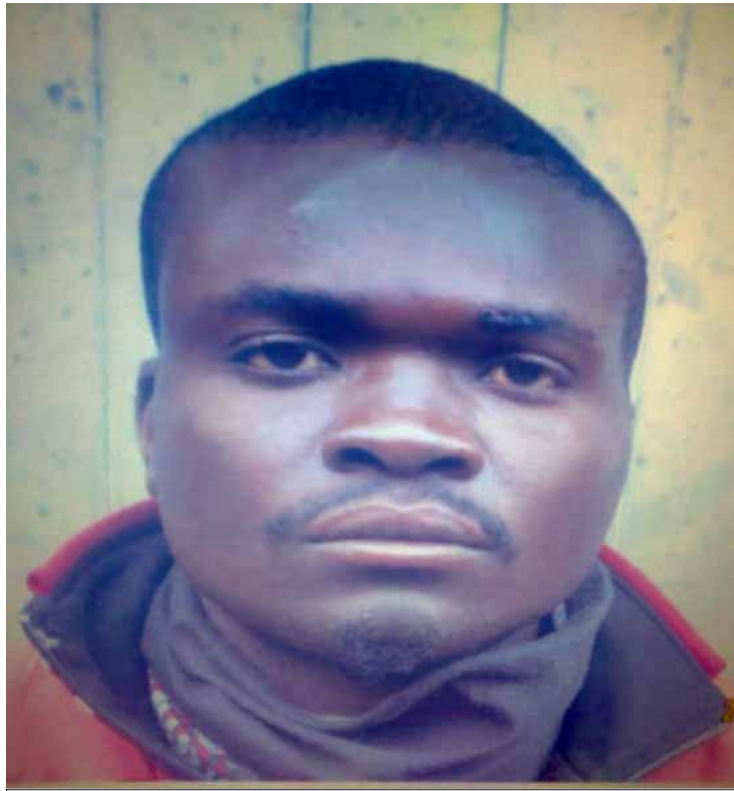
Dangerous criminals escape from police custody



Michael Masimula is among suspects who escaped from police custody three weeks ago and still on the run.

The Police in Dennilton have since launched a manhunt for three dangerous inmates who escaped whilst being transported from Groblersdal to Witbank Prison. The criminals have since escaped from police custody about two weeks ago on Wednesday 25 January 2023 and were never re-arrested.

According to Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the three awaiting trial prisoners, Michael Masimula, Mahlatse Matebane and Lovemore Moshui, aged between 20 and 40, appeared before the Groblersdal Magistrate's Court on Tuesday 24 January 2023 and were being transported to prison, together with three other suspects when they escaped next to Moutse Mall in the Dennilton Policing area. "The escapees appeared on charges of murder, rape, armed robberies, cash-in-transit heists and possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition," said Mojapelo. He said the circumstances surrounding their escape are still being investigated. "The suspects are considered dangerous and people are cautioned not to approach them but must instead call the police. Anyone with information may contact Lieutenant Colonel Richard Boshomane on 079 894 5501, crime stop number 08600 10111 or may send a message via MySAPSApp," said Mojapelo. He said a case of escaping from lawful custody has been opened in Dennilton Police Station and investigations are continuing. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has ordered that the escapees be hunted down and brought back to where they belong. The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) in Sekhukhune Region, has condemned the escape incident, saying it comes as a result of police negligence. The party alleges that the criminals escaped when the police stop to buy food for the inmates at Moutse Mall in Dennilton. "The EFF in Sekhukhune condemns the incident where the police opened the back of the van after buying food for the criminals and were overpowered and disarmed," said Ali Maloba, EFF Chairperson in Sekhukhune. Maloba said they are concerned that two fully loaded service firearms were taken from the police during a scuffle with the prisoners. "We are surprised because the police knew



An awaiting trial suspect, Lovemore Moshui, who believed to be a foreign national, is hunted by the police after escaping from custody following a court appearance in Groblersdal.



A prisoner, Mahlatse Matabane, was arrested in and facing high profile cases before escaping from police custody in Dennilton.

about the criminal's profiles where in other instances were exchanging gun fire with the police before their arrests," he said. He said the party cannot rule out inside arrangements in the escape and calling for the Police Provincial Commissioner General Hadebe to establish an internal investigation in the matter.

Groblersdal Magistrate's Court sentences Corrie Pretorius

The Groblersdal Magistrates' Court has on Monday 30 January 2023, sentenced Corrie Pretorius (50), to 12 months imprisonment or R12 000 fine. Pretorius was arrested after assaulting a 16-year-old teenage boy, Kopano Makweng, on the eve of Youth Day on Wednesday 15 June 2022 at the Groblersdal Game Centre. During the attack that was captured on a video which was later circulating on social media, the helpless Kopano is depicted lying on his back while Pretorius viciously kicking him and tramps his chest while pointing a gun at him. The conflict started allegedly when the victim asked Pretorius to pass the salt after buying chips from one of the restaurants. He was arrested on 16 June 2022 at about 10:00, following an intensive investigation by the Groblersdal Police and charged with assault GBH and pointing with firearm. Pretorius made his first appearance at the Groblersdal Magistrate's Court on Friday 17 June 2022 and was remanded in custody. He was later granted a R20 000 bail by the Polokwane High Court on Wednesday 17 September 2022. National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) Spokesperson in Limpopo, Mashudu Malabi-Dzhanghi, said the accused has pleaded guilty to the offences, and he was remorseful. However, the state Advocate, Billy Mudavhi, submitted that the offence is serious, it has the interest of the community and he further prayed for direct imprisonment. Malabi-Dzhanghi said the Presiding Officer, Mr Monjane, sentenced Pretorius to pay R12 000 or 12 months imprisonment, of which half is suspended for five years conditionally and further declared him unfit to possess a firearm. "The NPA believes the sentence will send a strong message to would-be offenders," said Malabi-Dzhanghi.



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Driver killed when truck transporting illicit cigarettes overturns



A 12 ton truck overturned and instantly killed the driver while transporting illicit cigarettes to an unknown destination.

The police in Marble Hall are investigating a case of culpable homicide, after a driver was killed when a truck overturned between Marble Hall and Elandsdraal on Thursday 2 February 2023. Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the truck was fully loaded with boxes of illicit cigarettes when the accident occurred around 12:40 pm. "The police were alerted about the accident by a motorist who was driving behind the 12 tone truck, travelling from Marble Hall towards Elandsdraal when its driver suddenly lost control and it overturned," he said. Mojapelo said police initial probe conducted at the scene indicated that the motorist stopped to assist the driver who was trapped inside the cabin and the critically injured passenger. "Further probe revealed that while police and medical emergency services were still on the way to the scene, unknown suspects driving in a sedan motor vehicle arrived and pointed the good Samaritan with firearms. The suspects then forcibly removed the critically injured passenger from the truck and put him into their vehicle and speed off," explained Mojapelo. He said the driver of the truck, whose identity is not yet known, was certified dead on the scene by the paramedics. "The police confiscated about 300 boxes containing illicit cigarettes. A case of culpable homicide and possession of illicit cigarettes was opened and the search for the armed suspects who whisked the injured passenger is continuing," he said. Mojapelo said anyone with information about the whereabouts of the suspects is urged to urgently contact the police on the toll-free crime stop number on 08600 10111, the nearest

police station or to make use of the MySAPS app. Mojapelo said the public can opt to be anonymous when providing the information to the police.

Alleged stolen liquor confiscated in Mogaladi tavern

The Limpopo Provincial Police Tracking Team has on Tuesday 31 January 2023, arrested a 31-year-old tavern owner at Mogaladi Village outside Jane Furse, who was allegedly selling stolen liquor and stolen cigarettes. During the arrest, the police were acting on intelligence information, managed to operationalize information and in the process, arrested the male suspect for dealing in suspected stolen liquor and cigarette. "The task team received a report about a tavern selling very expensive liquor. The police then followed up on the information and allegedly found ninety-nine bottles of liquor worth over R80 000 and one hundred and twenty three packs of cigarettes valued at R7000-00. These cigarettes are believed to have been stolen from filling stations during the drop in safes bombing," said Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. Ledwaba added that during the arrest, the suspect was found in possession of a 9mm firearm magazine, which is believed that the suspect might belong to the notorious gang that is roaming around, bombing ATMs and drop in safes at the filling stations. He said the suspect is expected to appear before Nebo Magistrate's Court soon following further police investigation.



The suspected stolen expensive bottles of liquor that confiscated by the Limpopo Provincial Police Tracking Team at a tavern in Mogaladi Village.

NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

NOTICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT NOTICE GNR 327 OF APRIL 2017, REGULATIONS AS AMENDED IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, OF (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998), THE INTENTION TO LODGE A BAR APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE ALONG THE D4280 ROAD AND USE OF TWO BORROW PITS BETWEEN GLEN COWIE AND GA-MALAKA WITHIN THE MAKHUDUTHAMAGA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY IN THE LIMPOPO PROVINCE OF SOUTH AFRICA. PROJECT NO: RAL/T1054/2021

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 41(2) published in Government Notice No R 326 under chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998) of the intent to submit an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) application to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE), Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) and General Authorization/ Water User License with the Department of Water and Sanitation.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Roads Agency Limpopo SOC Ltd (RAL) proposes to upgrade the Bridge along the approximately 7.23 KM long D4280 road from Glencowie to Ga-Malaka within the Makguduthamaga Local Municipality, Sekhukhune District Municipality in the Limpopo province. The road D4280 will also be upgraded from gravel to a tarred road with a width of approximately 6m. The BA process is conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and Associated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (as amended on 07 April 2017) for the following listed activities:

Listed Activities: According to EIA Regulations 2017 as amended.

Applicable Listing	Notice Activity No:
Listing Notice 1	Activity 12 (iii): The development of bridges exceeding 100 square metres in size/ The development of 12 (xii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100 square metres or more, where such development occurs (a) within a watercourse.
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Listing Notice 1	Activity 31: The decommissioning of existing facilities, structures or infrastructure for – (iii) any development and related operation activity or activities and expansion and related operation activity or activities listed in This Notice (1), Listing Notice 2 or Listing Notice 3 of 2014.

The National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), Water use application in terms of construction of the bridge and Road

Section 21 (a) taking of water from a water resource (i.e., groundwater abstraction from the stream).

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Section 21 (i) altering the bed, banks, course, or characteristics of a watercourse.

Dikakapa Environmental Consulting has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the BA processes for the proposed bridge construction and Borrow Pits use in terms of the EIA Regulations (2017), as amended. You are hereby invited to register as Interested and Interested Parties (I&APs), please submit your name, contact details and any comments to the contact person below.

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Violent storm wreaks havoc in Moutse West

Hundreds of residents from various parts of Moutse West were left homeless after a heavy storm ravaged their homes during the evening of Sunday 29 January. The heavy rain, accompanied by heavy wind hit a number of villages in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality as well as villages of Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality in Mpumalanga, destroying houses, damaging roads and flattened trees. Affected residents were urged to seek refuge with friends and families residing in nearby villages that were not affected by the heavy storm. A number of schools including Ramabohu Intermediate, Rathoke Primary and Mmakola Primary in Rathoke were also badly affected after their roofs were blown away by the winds. One of the victims, Letty Mashile from Matlerekeng Village, said she was left homeless after the storm ravages the whole roof of her seven-roomed-house. "It started as a usual rain and after a few moments, it started raining heavily with heavy wind. The whole roof of the house was blown away in less than 15 minutes after the rain started. Some of the furniture was also affected. We ran to our neighbours to seek shelter because their house was not affected," she said. Mashile said no one was injured in her family during the unfortunate incident. Dr JS Moroka Municipality Ward 29 Councillor, Obed Nkubane Maubane, said they have assessed the extent of the damage soon after the storm had passed and discovered that many houses were stripped off their roofs, some collapsed while others had shattered windows. "It is currently difficult to ascertain the extent of the damage at the stage but the roads are inaccessible and Eskom infrastructure is also badly affected with transformers and cables lying on the ground. There is no electricity since three days ago. Eskom technicians are currently busy trying to fix the cables and transformers to restore power," he said. Maubane said in their latest data, about 91 houses were reportedly damaged by the disaster management of the local municipality. "We use to experience similar storms every four years but this is the worst one to ever hit our area, 30% of residents were affected. Only two casualties were reported and the injured community members were rushed to hospital and they were later discharged. Fortunately no fatalities were reported. The schools were also affected and children remain at home since the incident," he said. Maubane said the disaster was reported to the Social Development Department, Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs as well as to the Office of the Premier in Mpumalanga Province. "A serious intervention is needed to ensure that the affected families are provided with temporary shelter and food parcels. The mayor is scheduled to visit the village to assess the damage," he said. Maubane said the storm had affected water supply to the area which was interrupted after the electricity pumps were damaged. The ward councillor said as a temporary relief measure, affected households were given tents to cover their roofs, meanwhile they are waiting for intervention by relevant government departments. Percy Moagi, Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality Spokesperson, said they are aware of the disaster that happened in Moutse West. "Our disaster team was dispatched to assess the damage and find out that many houses were blown away by the storm. A preliminary report was compiled and shared with Sekhukhune District Municipality, Social Development and Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs for their intervention," he said. Moagi said they are currently working around the clock with the relevant bodies to intervene and assist the affected communities.



Burglars target Sekhukhune schools

The Sekhukhune Residence Forum (SRF), say they are worried that schools in Sekhukhune District Municipality are becoming a soft target for criminals. The forum says a growing number of schools break-ins, which were reported from many parts of the district municipality recently remains a serious concern. Forum Chairperson, Makalakatje Phasha, said the aware of the incidents after many schools reporting break-ins and loss of valuable assets in the previous years and the beginning of this year. "In most reported incidents, criminals have become brazen bringing in heavy equipment to drill strong rooms and to cut off burglar doors and windows, stealing everything from scanners, computers and in some instances food for learners," he said. According to Phasha, more than twenty schools from different parts of Sekhukhune have reported break-ins since January 2023. H said the perpetrators are common criminals who are well-known by residents who opt to keep quiet about the criminal elements. "Our villages have been overtaken by criminals elements and most of us are silent because somewhere in our little corners, we think this is not our problem until they break into our houses, rob us at gun point and only then we will starting to be concerned," explained Phasha. He called for the public to act to contribute to the significant decrease of the scourge of this crime. "The criminality in our villages is going out of control, we need men and women to stand up and arrest the situation before it gets out of hand. We need the community at large to rise to the occasion and nip the situation in the butt before it escalates further," he said. Phasha said the forum will approach the Limpopo Department of Education to call for a heightened security in Sekhukhune schools 24 hours per day. "Rural

areas are known largely to be peaceful but with schools burglaries crime at this rate, things are about to change for the worse. The increase in the sale of nyaope in our villages, which we have grown accustomed to, is going to kill all of us," he said. Mike Maringa, Limpopo Department of Education Spokesperson, said currently the department has no budget for the provision of security in provincial schools.



MOTETI WELCOMES FIRST BOXER

Shoppers gear up to save big as Discount Supermarket opens its doors.

Moteti families welcomed their very first Boxer Superstore to town recently, and what a welcome it was! The grand opening, which took place within the Top Spot Centre, was a joyous affair, with much song and dance accompanying the big occasion.

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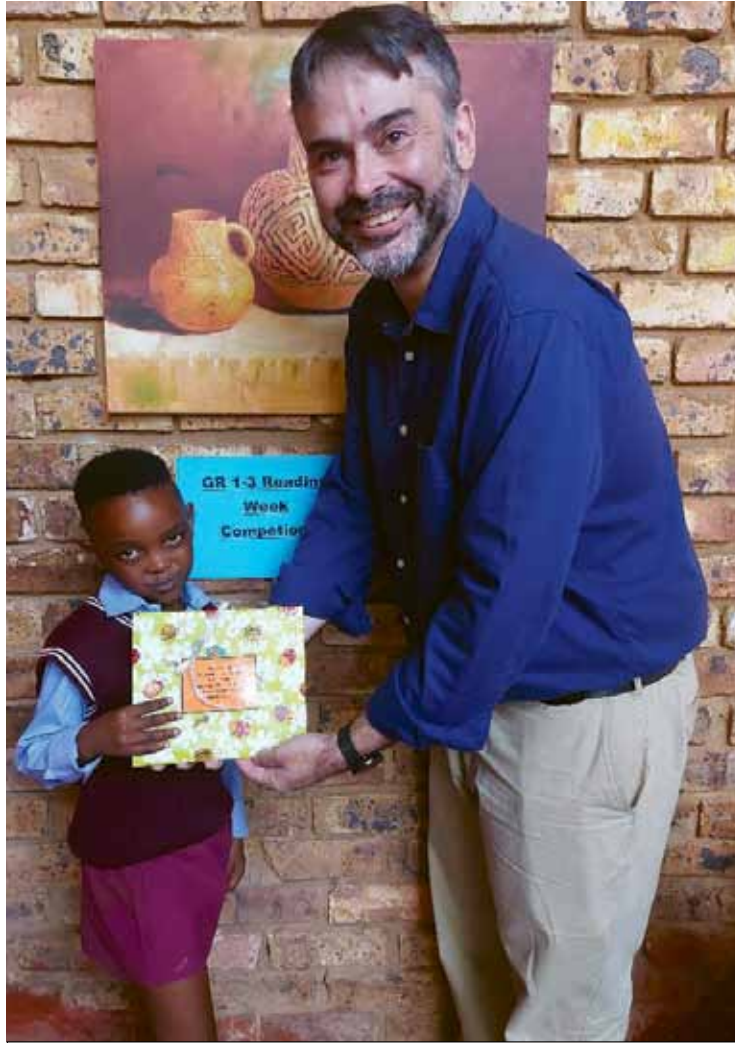
Principal Jaco du Plessis congratulating grade 3 learner Tharollo Matlala for winning the Grade 3 Reading competition.

Makhuduthamaga traffic officers in war against potholes

With the poor state of roads continue to be an eyesore to motorists around the Jane Furse area, the Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality law enforcement, consisting of a number of traffic personnel, have on Saturday 4 February, taken it upon themselves and embarking in an unusual exercise by fixing potholes on the damaged roads. The traffic officers carried out the initiative on the busiest roads around the Jane Furse shopping complex patching potholes that were worsened by the persistent heavy rains. The Mayor of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality, Cllr Minah Bahula, commended the initiative conducted by the municipality law enforcement personnel for their noble and selfless efforts over the weekend. "The unit voluntarily, through the department of community and shared services embarked on a pothole patching program in Jane Furse and captured this moment through the use of a cellphone. This is to enable motorists to use the inner roads without hassles and aid the traffic flow," she said. Bahula indicated that several roads around Makhuduthamaga were badly damaged following the recent torrential rainfall and the municipality is working around the clock to fix the damaged areas, through its existing maintenance program. The Limpopo Provincial Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, led by MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale, has rolled out a similar program termed "Operation thiba mekoti ditseleng".



During the week of 6 to 10 February 2023 the Grade 1 to 3 learners of Living Waters Private School in Groblersdal area participated in an intensive but fun reading and writing week which included reading exercise competitions. The aim of the week was to improve reading and writing skills and have fun learning. Educator Mam Nomsa specialising in Foundation phase and psychology for the past 11 years at Living waters Private school, says reading and writing is one of the most difficult and complex tasks for kids to learn. For kids with certain learning and attention issues, it can be even more of a challenge. Mam Nomsa also emphasised the fact that as soon as younger learners learn to read and write only the basics, it definitely improves and boost their self-confidence to then achieve better results in all other subjects at school as well. The Grade 1 learners participated in a fine motor and sensory skill competition, the educator Mam Merriam did a paper tearing activity to improve learners fine motor and sensory skills. In this activity learners tear and paste pieces of paper to make shapes. It helps to build hand strength, improve hand-eye coordination and improve the ability for hands to work and write better. Grade 1 learner Tlaletso Nkgudi won this fun filled competition. Grade 2 and 3 learners participated in a reading competition. Preliminary rounds were held. In the finals the learners had to read a prepared and unprepared passage to win the competition which were assessed by 3 judges. The aspects evaluated were pronunciation, fluency, clarity & enunciation and Intonation- how the voice rises and falls during speech. Learner Amora Mulambo won the Grade 2 reading competition and Tharollo Matlala won the Grade 3 reading competition. The school would like to thank all the learners, educators and judges for a very successful and focused reading and writing week and especially our sponsor for the reading book prizes mam Leanie Maré- owner of "The Book-Club/Die Boekklub" situated at Van Riebeeck Street Groblersdal.



Principal Jaco du Plessis congratulating grade 1 learner Tlaletso Nkgudi for winning the Grade 1 Reading competition.



Principal Jaco du Plessis congratulating grade 2 learner Amora Mulambo for winning the Grade 2 Reading competition.


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Gallants appoint interim technical team

After producing poor results in their latest Dstv Premiership League matches, Marumo Gallants FC has announced that they have appointed an interim technical team to steer the club in the remaining 2022/2023 games. The team has appointed seasoned football coach, Dylan Kerr to fill in as an advisory position as a consultant, with Assistant Head Coach, Raymond Mdaka fill in as an interim Head Coach of the club. The club said Kerr, Mdaka and Sly Mosala who is co-coach of the team's Dstv Diski Challenge (DDC) side, will form Gallant's interim technical management team with immediate effect. The team said the changes comes as current Head Coach, Dan Malesela and Technical Director Harris Choeu embarked on a period of a special leave. The club said the break will give Malesela and Choeu the opportunity to recoup energies and observe the team from the distance, in order to objectively assess the causes of recent results and develop strategies to improve the team's performance going forward. The club insisted that Malesela remains Head Coach of Gallants. The Limpopo based outfit was founded by Sekhukhune businessman, Abram Sello, after purchasing Premier Soccer League (PSL) status from the defunct Tshakuma Tsha Madzivhandila (TTM) in the 2021/2022 football season. However, the team could not relocate to Sekhukhune due to lack of PSL approved standard facilities in the area and continue to use the Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane. Sello, who is also the club chairman, said he believes that Malesela and his team have done their best during their tenure. "However, the results show that it is time to reflect and come up with different tactics. Losing games take its toll mentally, physically and emotionally. Therefore, this opportunity will allow for the technical team to re-energize and come back with improved strategies," he said. Sello indicated that unfortunately, they do not have a luxury of pausing games during this period and therefore, they have an interim technical team taking reigns for now. "I trust my players and I know that they will continue to strive for wins and make myself and our supporters proud," he said. Meanwhile, Sello said new signings are in the process and details will be announced once the contracts are finalized. "Our aim is to continually beef-up and build the team with great talent that will help take Gallants to new heights," he said. Sello said no further comments will be made by Gallants regarding the interim changes to the club's technical team, as the team focuses on the league matches as well as the CAF Confederations Cup group stages matches kicking-off this month. Marumo Gallants are currently on the bottom of the Dstv Premiership in the 16th position with eighteen points after playing 21 matches.

Marumo Gallants Chairman, Abram Sello, says he believes the new technical team will come with new tactics to uplift the performance of the team in the 2022/2023 PSL season.



Ben Viljoen wins Top10 athletics in Bethal



Yesterday, some of our athletes took part in the Top 10 athletics event which took place at Hoërskool Hoogenhout in Bethal. Schools that participated included Hoërskool Hoogenhout, Hoërskool Standerton, HTS Witbank, Hoërskool Generaal Hertzog, Hoërskool Middelburg, HTS John Vorster, Ferrum Hoërskool, Hoërskool Rob Ferreira, Hoërskool Warmbad, Hoërskool Transvalia, Curro Serengeti, Curro Nelspruit, Morgenzon Agricultural Academy, Hoërskool Hans Moore, Hoërskool Frans du Toit, Hoërskool Piet Retief and Hoërskool Volksrus. The athletes provided top-notch athleticism and we are proud to announce that our athletes were named the overall winners of the day as well as the medium-school winners! This announcement puts the crown on the hard work that goes into the preparation for the Bosveld Interhigh. Results:

Marnu Hancke - 1st places - shot put & discus
 Johan Helberg - 1st places - shot put & discus
 Aldo Gouws - 2nd place - discus; 3rd place - shot put
 Jaco van der Westhuyzen - 1st places - 100m hurdles & 100m
 Tiaan Scheepers - 4th place - discus; 5th place - shot put
 JP Singleton - 3rd place - discus; 8th place - shot put
 Rorisang Rammupudu - 2nd place - 200m ; 1st place - 400m
 Edunette Kriel - 1st place - 90m hurdles; 2nd place - 100m
 Amo Motlatle - 1st places - 100m & 90m hurdles
 Carlia Potgieter - 4th places - 300m hurdles & 400m
 Hané Gendall - 2nd places - 100m & long jump
 Kyra Hancke - 1st place - 100m hurdles
 Vanessa da Silva - 1st places - 3000m & 800m
 Leané Janse van Rensburg - 1st place - discus; 7th place - shot put
 Lara Potgieter - 1st place - 200m; 2nd place - 400m

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