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Rental dispute flares up in Marble Hall

Over hundred tenants, who rent rooms in Marble Hall Town have, on Wednesday 9 March, barricaded the main streets with stones, rubbish bins and burning tires. They were complaining about the rent increase and the spiking of electricity bills enforced by their landlord, Mercia Blake. The tenants claim Blake is charging them exorbitant amounts for both the rooms and electricity since she took over most of the renting places in town. After

blockading the roads, the tenants proceeded to converge at the entrance of Blake's offices to raise their frustrations directly to the landlord. They vowed not to leave the offices if Blake failed to address their complaints. An angry tenant, who did not want to be named, told the Dispatch that they pay steep amounts for small rooms and are also urged to pay almost double the amount for electricity. "As tenants, we tried everything in our power to ascertain our rights through memorandums directed to Blake but she ignored our pleas. We are protesting against her because we are now tired of politely dealing with an unscrupulous landlord," she said. The tenant added that most of the tenants are casual workers, working in the shops and at local farms, who cannot afford to pay for sky rocketing rent and electricity bills. "I am currently paying R1 350-00 for a small room and an amount between R700 and R800-00 for electricity ever month. This is too much for someone who is working at the shops and can't earn a fortune. This is serious exploitation of customers," she said. The tenant said they are now facing eviction as they did not pay rent for March until their demands are met. "We did not pay our rent this month because we want our cries to be

heard. We were told about the evictions but we will never vacate the rooms," she said. She said tenants believe that their complaints are legitimate and will continue protesting and render Marble Hall ungovernable if Blake does not meet their demands. "The next step will be an approach to the Rental Housing Tribunal if

the landlord continues to defy determinations which are enforceable by the body," she said. When asked for a comment, Blake said she will be able to respond through her attorney. The Dispatch was in contact with Blake's attorney and waited till 14h00 for a comment but nothing was received before going to print.



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Key milestone reached on SDM offices relocation

The process to relocate Sekhukhune District Offices from Lebowakgomo to Mamone outside Jane Furse has reached a key milestone, following a community resolution that was signed by stakeholders. According to the Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, the long awaited relocation of the offices, is no longer 'in a distant horizon'. The sealing of the agreement was made by three MECs, for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Dr. Namane Masemola, for Treasury Seaparo Sekwati and for CoGHSTA Basikopo Makamu. The MECs were appointed by Premier Chupu Stanley Mathabatha to act on his behalf in a community resolution for the allocation of land in the Pedi Mamone Traditional jurisdiction, next to Jane Furse in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality. The need for land allocation has been one of the major hurdles on the way, for the Provincial Government to proceed with the planned relocation of the Offices. Public Works Department Spokesperson, Joel Seabi said, a 53 hectares land portion will be demarcated in order for the construction of the envisaged government complex to begin. "This is where the people of Sekhukhune will receive services in future, without having to travel to Lebowakgomo in the nearby Capricorn District," he said. Seabi said the Limpopo Provincial Government appreciates the entire community of Bapedi ba Mamone, for making such an important decision which will enable government to move with pace and redress this decades long matter.

MEC for Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Dr. Namane Masemola, during the signing of stakeholder's resolution with traditional leaders of Bapedi ba Mamone, at Mamone Village outside Jane Furse.



Executive Mayor donates shoes to underprivileged pupils

Life will never be the same to sixty pupils coming from destitute families in three schools, as the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Julia Mathebe, donated school shoes to the less privileged learners. The schools were selected from three local municipalities in the district including Mhlangamane Secondary School in Elias Mtsotso Local Municipality, Mhlangakudishe Secondary School, Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality and Ngwanamatlang Secondary School in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality. The donation was a joint programme by the Offices of the Executive Mayor Cllr Julia Mathebe, Council Speaker Cllr Kgwedibotse Chego and Council Whip Cllr Choris Phokane, in partnership with Rural to Rural Initiative, a non-profit organization. Speaking during the hand-over of the donation at the Mhlangamane Secondary School at Ntwane Village in Denilton, Moutse, Mathebe said people should not shy away from such situation and should come forward to ensure that the future of children is secured. "Our view is that education is a societal responsibility. It should not be seen as a sole responsibility of government. We encourage particularly those of us who have a privilege of having jobs or businesses to consider assisting those who are less privileged," Mathebe said.



The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality, Cllr Julia Mathebe (Right), during the shoe donation at Mhlangamane Secondary School in Ntwane Village, Denilton, Moutse.

She indicate that by assisting youngsters to remain in school, they are helping in addressing societal ills such as drug abuse and crime because when young people are at school, they will be focusing on building a better future. "As our founding president Tata Nelson Mandela said 'It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mine worker can become the head of the mine; that a child of farm workers can become the president of a great nation. Education is the only hope for our society and all of us must make it easily accessible,'" she said. During the programme, the pupils were also given career guidance and information about bursary opportunities in various public and private sectors.

Mayor Bahula to represent Limpopo at SALGA national level

The Mayor of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality, Cllr Minah Bahula, was nominated to represent Limpopo in the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the South African Local Government Association (SALGA). Bahula was nominated alongside the Mayor of Mopani district Municipality Cllr Pule Shai by the Limpopo Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) to represent the province at national level. Just after their nomination, the duo attended the four day SALGA's 5th National Conference that has concluded its business at the Cape Town International Convention Center (CTICC) recently. The Conference, which was organized under the theme, "Consolidating the role of local government in rebuilding local communities to meet their social, economic and material needs", was virtually, and officially opened by his Excellency President Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa. Mayor Bahula appreciated the PEC of SALGA and her political organization for intrusting her in the position. "And most importantly, I appreciate the people of the province and Makhuduthamaga in particular, who expects us to dissect critical issues pertaining local government and ultimately develop their lives," she said. She went on to say: "It is time to develop some sense of urgency as leaders to change the phase of local government. We will out of here, expedite the implementation of conference resolutions coming out of commissions, which among others deals with human settlement, spatial planning and land use management, as well as discussions that centered around the welfare of our councillors back home. It is them who must assist us to drive the developmental agenda for our people".

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF GREATER GROBLERSDAL TOWN PLANNING SCHEME, 2006 READ TOGETHER WITH SECTION (62& 63) OF ELIAS MOTSOLEDI LOCAL MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS, 2016. SCHEME NO: DP-22/02-01

We, RR Town Planning Consultant, being an authorized agent of the owner of remaining part of Erf330 Groblersdal Extension 2, hereby give notice in terms of section 92 of Elias Mtsotso Local Municipal By-Laws, 2016 for the rezoning and removal of restrictions conditions on the title deed of the remaining part of erf 330 groblersdal extension 2 from "Residential 1" to "Residential 3" for dwelling units, scheme no: DP-22/02-01. Plans and particulars of the application will lie for inspection during normal office hours 07:30am to 16:30pm weekdays at the manager's office: at Elias Mtsotso local municipality, 2 Grobler Avenue, from the 10 March 2022, for a period of at least 30 days from the first date of publication. The advert will be on this gazette on 10 March 2022 and 25 March 2022. Objections and/or comments or representation in respect of the application must be lodged with or made by writing to the manager: Town Planning, Elias Mtsotso Local Municipality, P O Box 48, Groblersdal, 0470 for a period not less than 30 days from the date of publication of notice. Address of applicant: 657 Nsama Street, Polokwane, 0699: Email: rrtpc12@gmail.com. Contact cell: 067 670 7256.

PHETOŠO YA SEKEMO-TAOLLO SA TŠHOMIŠO YA NAGA SA 2006 SA GREATER GROBLERSDAL KA KAROLO YA (62& 63) YA MOLAWANA WA PEAKANYOLESWA LE TAOLLO YA TŠHOMIŠO YA NAGA WA MMUŠOSELEGAE WA ELIAS MOTSOLEDI WA 2016 PHETOŠO. SCHEME NO: DP-22/02-01

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Closure of two secondary schools

Sekhukhune Residence Forum (SRF) says it is concerned about the controversy that led to the closure of two schools at the Seotlong Circuit in Sekhukhune East. The forum blames the circuit manager for maladministration and being incapable to run the institution. Makeleketse Phasha, SRF Chairperson, said they are worried about the closure of Madithame and Morokalebole Secondary Schools which, according to the circuit, was due to low enrolment of learners. "The closure of the two schools led to fierce resistant from communities, learners and union members who accuse the circuit manager of bias in favour of the neighbouring Makopole Secondary School. The allegation seem to suggest that the closure of the two schools is intended to boost

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 92(1) FOR THE SUBDIVISION AND REZONING APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 65 AND SECTION 62 OF THE ELIAS MOTSOLEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT BY-LAWS, 2016

Notice is hereby given that I, **Mpho Nedambale of YNN Town Planning Consultants (Pty) Ltd** being the authorized agent of People Trusting God (Pty) Ltd, have applied in terms of Section 65 and Section 62 of the Elias Motsoladi Local Municipality Spatial Planning And Land Use Management By-Laws, 2016 for the subdivision and rezoning application for the development of a Filling station, Motor showroom and Mini-Shopping centre on the **Remainder of Portion 31 of the Farm Zoetmelksfontein No. 36-JS (Stand 329B Moteti Village).**

Plans and/or particulars relating to the application may be inspected during normal office hours at the Elias Motsoladi Local Municipal Offices: Department: Development Planning, 2 Grobler Avenue, Groblersdal, 0470 and at the address of the applicant.

Any person having any objection to the granting of this application must lodge the objection in writing to both The Development Planning Manager, PO Box 48, Groblersdal, 0470, and the undersigned not later than thirty (30) days after the advertisement on **11 April 2022.**

Date of publication: 11 March 2022
Objection expiry date: 11 April 2022
Applicant Ref: Zoet 36 – Moteti Village
Municipal Ref: R/PTN 31 ZOETMELKSFONTEIN 36 JS

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TSEBISO YA MABAPI LE KAROLO YA 92(1) EA SUBDIVISION LE REZONING APPLICATION YA MABAPI LE KAROLO EA 65 LE KAROLO EA 62 EA ELIAS MOTSOLEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT BY-LAWS, 2016

Tsebisoe e, e felweng etla ka nna, Mpho Nedambale wa **YNN Town Planning Consultants (Pty) Ltd**, ke le moemeli ea lumelletsoeng oa People Trusting God (Pty) Ltd, e kentse kopo ho latela karolo ea 65 le karolo ea 62 ea Elias Motsoladi Local Municipality Spatial Planning And Land Use Management By-Laws, 2016 beliso ea karohano(subdivision) le ho fetola libaka(rezoning) kopo bakeng sa ntshelopele ya Seteishene sa peterole, kamore ea ho bontsa dikoloi le mabenkele ho **Masaledi a seripa sa 31 polaseng ya Zoetmelksfontein ea nomoro ea 36-LS (Stand 329B Motseng wa Moteti).**

Dipolane le dikarolo tsa go sepedisha le di kgopelo di ka hlahlobja ka nako tsa moshomo diphaphusing tsa masepala wa Elias Motsoladi, Department: Development Planning, 2 Grobler Avenue, Groblersdal, 0470 le aterese ya mokgopedi.

Motho o mongwe le o mongwe a leng kgahlanong le kgopelo e, a ka lebisa pelaelo tsa gagwe, a kadi di ngwalela Mookamedi wa Development Planning, mogo aterese ya PO Box 48, Groblersdal, 0470, le mokgopedi pele ga matsatsi a mashome a mararo (30) ka morago ga papatso ya di **11 Moranang 2022.**

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Madithame Secondary School has been marred by controversy leading to its closure along with Morokalebole Secondary due to low enrolment issues.

Makopole Secondary learner enrolment which is also very low," Phasha said. Phasha said Seotlong Circuit, under the stewardship of the same circuit manager, is no stranger to controversy. "Late last year, the circuit was rocked by allegations of corruption and nepotism on the appointment of Head of Department (HoDs) and school principals, which led to temporary stop to the appointments. The circuit is hit again by another scandal on the closure of Madithame and Morokalebole Secondary Schools due to low enrolment of learners," alleges Phasha. He said they are concerned that the learners in the Makopole Secondary were chased out of classes in the ensuing standoff between the circuit, the communities, unions and learners. "Sekhukhune Residence Forum has already expressed its reservation on the administration of education in Sekhukhune. The Forum has decried lack of consequence management and oversight. It is unacceptable that a region that is performing poorly both provincially and nationally should be sending children away from schools, instead of finding lasting solution to what seem to be a mere and simple administrative matter," Phasha said. At the time of going to print, the Limpopo Department of Education was not available for a comment.

SOPA outlines job opportunities in Sekhukhune

Limpopo Premier, Stanley Mathabatha, said an investment of R1.2 Billion has been set aside to roll-out the Sefateng Chrome Mine underground mining infrastructure project in Sekhukhune, which is anticipated to create 350 construction jobs and 600 permanent jobs during full production. Mathabatha made the statement during his State of the Province Address (SOPA), held at the Lebowakgomo Legislature recently. "I am also happy to report that Ivanhoe Mines is also living up to its investment commitments. To date, the company has already spent R7 billion of the R9 billion commitment on mining infrastructure," he said. Mathabatha said the remaining R2 Billion will be spent in this calendar year. "So far, the investment has created 778 jobs, and this figure is expected to rise to 1 000 jobs by December of this year. With regard to the investment commitment of R48 Billion from Anglo American & De Beers, I am able to report that R3.9 Billion shall be spent on the Mototolo Mine in Sekhukhune, in the first quarter of 2022. This project has extended the life of the mine, thus helping to sustain the existing jobs," he said. In addition, Mathabatha said progress towards the designation of Fetakgomo-Tubatse SEZ is at an advanced stage. "The completion of this designation will go a long way in contributing to our employment creation imperative. Already 21 companies with a potential to invest R45 Billion and create over 8 000 jobs have shown interest in the Fetakgomo-Tubatse SEZ," explained Mathabatha. He said the first phase of the Fetakgomo-Tubatse SEZ, covering 316 hectares, will integrate the expansion of an already existing industrial hub focusing on building

a mining-input-supplier precinct. Mathabatha said in the next financial year, they will be commencing with the construction work for the traditional council offices including the Bakwena ba Matsepe in Tafelkop Village.



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Provincial Police Joint Operations make positive impact

The police in Matlerekeng outside Groblersdal apprehended a 27-year-old male suspect for dealing with heroine drugs. The suspect was arrested on Sunday 27 February 2022 at Uitvlucht Village during the police Joint Operations, conducted across Limpopo Province. Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, said the arrest was made after the police received a tip-off about a suspect who was on his way to KwaMhlanga in Mpumalanga Province to collect the drugs. "The members of Matlekereng Crime Prevention Unit and detectives, with assistance of Mpumalanga Security Intelligence, swiftly reacted and arrested the suspect and recovered 100 pinches of heroin," Mojapelo said. Mojapelo added that in another incident in the same operations, the police have arrested a 29-year-old man who alleged to be a bogus doctor. "The suspect was arrested by the Provincial Tracking Team in Mankweng on Monday 28 February 2020, after receiving information about a man who was swindling money from unsuspecting female victims around Polokwane, Mankweng, Tzaneen, Botlokwa and Senwabarwana. A case of theft under false pretences was opened after he allegedly swindled about R40 000.00 from female victims," explained Mojapelo. He said the suspect, who was reportedly driving around in a BMW X5, at times allegedly disguised himself as an Evangelist. "The BMW was also seized. He is expected to appear in court soon. The Police are making an appeal to anyone who might have fallen victim to this bogus doctor to come forward to assist in the unfolding investigations," he said. Mojapelo further said the police has during the same operations, arrested two suspects for alleged theft of copper cable worth an estimated street value of R150-000. "The suspects were arrested during an operation that was conducted by Dorset Detectives, Westerberg Game Rangers and Security private companies and Vaalwater Rural Safety," he said. In addition, Mojapelo said a Snap Joint Operation, by the Modimolle Crime Intelligence Unit and detectives,

together with Gauteng Tactical Response Services, resulted in the apprehension of two most wanted suspects involved in robbery at a farm in Modimolle during September 2021. "The suspects, aged 35 and 36, were concerned at different locations in Hammanskraal, Gauteng province and were also arrested," he said. Mojapelo said a total of 1397 suspects, aged between 19 and 55, were arrested in these operations, targeting all crime infested areas. According to Mojapelo, a total of 161 firearms were recovered during these intense operations. The police also confiscated counterfeit cigarettes, dangerous weapons, dagga, uprooted 110 dagga plants, 2,031 grams of Crystal Meth, 31.817 grams of Nyaope, 675332.5ml liquor, 40 knives and four stolen vehicles. "Some of the suspects have started appearing before various magistrate's courts throughout the province. The operations are still continuing across the province," said Mojapelo. Acting Provincial Commissioner of Police in Limpopo, Major General Jan Scheepers, has lauded the successes reached during these operations. "We will continue to hit hard on these criminals until they find no space to operate and the citizens of this province feel safe and secure," said Scheepers.



The heroine drugs that were recovered in possession of a 27-year-old suspect at Uitvlucht Village in Matlerekeng outside Groblersdal, during the provincial police operations.



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Tafelkop man nabbed during police joint operations

A 33-year-old suspect was on Monday 7 March arrested at Tafelkop Village for possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition. According to the police report, the suspect was arrested by members of Sekhukhune Flying Squad, Limpopo Highway Patrol and National Crime Prevention, during operation conducted on 07 March 2022 at around 21:00 in Motetema Policing area. "The suspect was found in possession of an assault rifle (R1), four live rounds and a 9mm magazine with 26 rounds of ammunition," said Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. Mojapelo added that during the same operations, conducted in all districts of Limpopo Province, the police arrested 1536 suspects, aged between 23 and 54. The suspects were arrested for offences including sexual offences, fraud, robberies, burglaries, murder, attempted murder, dealing in drugs, possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition, theft of motor vehicle, illegal immigrants and public drinking. "The police have during the operations confiscated 1865 sticks of counterfeit cigarettes, 52 dangerous weapons, 133 grams of dagga, 21 dagga plants, 16 grams of Crystal Meth, 5001 grams of Nyaope, 887 110 ml liquor, 159 knives and 07 stolen vehicles," he said. Ngoepe said the operations are still continuing across the province. Acting Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Major General Jan Scheepers, has commended the members for the impressive and the stunning job that they continue to do on daily basis to maintain a safe and secure environment for the citizens of the province.



An unlicensed assault rifle that was recovered in possession of a 33-year-old suspect in Tafelkop Village.

Final push towards the function shift

The Department of Education and the Social Development Department will be engaging in the final round of stakeholder engagements roadshow toward the shift of Early Childhood Development (ECD) function from Social Development to Education. The roadshow will be visiting Sekhukhune on Monday 14 March and Sekhukhune South on Tuesday 15 March. According to Tidimalo Chuene, Limpopo Department of Education Spokesperson, the function shift is a purely administrative process where functions, or roles and responsibilities are transferred from one department to another. Chuene explained that stakeholders invited to this round of engagements prior the function shift include representatives from the ECD centres, ECD coordinators, education district officials, circuit managers, principals and representatives of school governing bodies. "The engagement will focus on the actual state of readiness by the Department of Education to take over the function. This will include an overview of national and provincial processes, human resource, infrastructure and finance related matters.

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Census 2022: Sekhukhune District Mayor gets counted

The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality, Cllr Julia Mathebe, has been among the first group of people in the fourth post democracy population Census 2022 conducted by Statistics South Africa (STATS SA). The Census population count was initially set to take place in 2021 and was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic outbreak. The STATS SA count, which is underway, has paid a homage to Executive Mayor Mathebe's home at Ntwane in Dennilton, Moutse, on Tuesday 1 February 2022 to count her, along with her family. According to the district municipality, the Census helps policy-makers to understand the size and profile of our population for better planning. During the counting processes, Executive Mayor Mathebe encouraged the residents of Sekhukhune



The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality, Cllr Julia Mathebe, has encouraged residents of the district municipality to be counted in the ongoing Census 2022 count.

District to embrace the Statistics SA fieldworkers, who are doing this important work across the length and breadth of the district municipality and countrywide. "There is a critical role that the size of the population is playing when coming to the allocation of equitable share. Our communities quiet often raise the issue that they are tired of being counted not knowing that to be counted is so important and also to the budget processes of the municipality. So we are humbly requesting them to allow Census 2022 to count them so that we can get resources from the national coffers to assist with service delivery," Mathebe said. About 160 000 fieldworkers were deployed in the Census 2022 programme and expected to conduct the counting for a period of a month. The Census 2022 is the first digital count to be conducted, wherein, heavily digital technology is been used to count the inhabitants of the country. Three methods are currently used to collect Census data, which includes face-to-face interview, Online Computer Assisted Personal Web Interview (CAWI) and Telephonic Web Assisted Personal Web Interview (CATI).

Mayor Mathebe meet Vuk'uphile Learnership beneficiaries

The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Julia Lata Mathebe has recently met with beneficiaries of the Vuk'uphile Learnership Development programme, primarily to wish them well as they are about to embark on yet another round to construct the ventilated improved pit (VIP) latrines in various parts of the district. The project is a contractor development programme that is aimed at developing emerging contractors into fully fledged contractors who are able to execute labour intensive projects, while at the same time providing the much needed services to communities. The Executive Mayor said the district municipality aims to accelerate the provision of services within Sekhukhune District. "As government, we also have the responsibility to ensure that we spend funds that are allocated to speed up service delivery. Do your work diligently as contractors," Mathebe said.

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Future stars clash in rugby tournament



Elandskraal Rugby Club male team from Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality performs exceptionally well in the tournament.



Female rugby clubs comprises of Bothashoek Rugby Club from Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality, Tafelkop Rugby Club from Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality and Elandskraal Rugby Club from Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality during the tournament held at Groblersdal Rugby Stadium.

Six rugby teams from various parts of Sekhukhune have clashed in the Sekhukhune Rugby Tournament matches held at the Groblersdal Rugby Stadium on Saturday 26 February. The teams included two clubs of male and female categories representing Elias Motsoaledi, Ephraim Mogale and Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipalities. The rugby matches forms part of the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture programme called 'Club Development Under Community Sport', prioritized by the department to be played across Sekhukhune District Municipality Villages. Programme Coordinator, Putji Phasha, said the tournament caters for young rugby players between the ages of 16 and 18 from both male and female categories. "The tournament takes place once per year in different venues within Sekhukhune District Municipality, with an aim to develop and promote rugby in the villages," she said. Phasha said only Makhuduthamaga

Local Municipality was not represented in the rugby tournament. "This is because they have not yet established rugby teams, however, we are working towards the formation of male and female rugby clubs like in other local municipalities within Sekhukhune Region. The objective is to have as many teams as possible to develop the sporting code and send our future stars to go play for bigger rugby clubs in the country," she said. Phasha said the department could not procure medals and trophies for the winners due to lack of funds. "We are working on getting more sponsors to have prizes for the winners in the near future. Currently, we only provide rugby players with transportation and ensure that we have the medical personnel because rugby is a physical contact sport," she said. Phasha said other sporting codes to be promoted by the department in the villages include cricket and boxing.

SDNA to hold netball trials

Sekhukhune District Netball Association (SDNA) will be rallying male and female netball players to select the district's cream of talent, for the 2022 Netball Season and Males National Championships. SDNA Chairperson, Racheal Senong, said the association will be focusing on talent identification by offering an equal opportunity for all potential and aspiring netball players through structure district selections to be central organized. Senong said the district selections will be conducted on Sunday 13 March at the Groblersdal Academy School, Netball Courts starting from 08:00. "We issued the announcement for trials and selections earlier to allow all young people, male and female, to prepare for their biggest shot to have equal opportunity of being selected. We believe in equal opportunities and offering every player a chance to prove themselves and earn their place in the district squads," explained Senong. Senong advised that the Under 19, Under 21, senior and males teams, will be formed out of the selections session and that players who will be selected, will be polished for 2022 Netball National Championships. Senong emphasized that punctuality will play a great advantage for all participants. The trials will be held from 08:00 in the morning until

15:00 in the afternoon. No extensions will be allowed for late comers," she said. She added that the Under 19 players must be strictly between 16 and 19 years of age, must have RSA barcoded ID Book / Smart ID Card or passport in hand. "Participants in the trials should be registered members and their clubs must be affiliates of SDNA. Players must belong to the clubs that are members in good standing with SDNA and are encouraged to bring along their training kit and be able to buy their own food. "A trial fee of R50 per player is required and must be paid at the registration point upon arrival at Groblersdal Academy," she said. Senong further said that the association is enjoying a positive response from players from all parts of Sekhukhune District. "The netball craze is the communities is very impressive, I find netball poles in almost every school and at least one or two netball club in every community. Watching the improvements in netball tournaments and great numbers of male players is also a strong signal that netball in Sekhukhune is alive and thriving," she said. Senong indicated that at the administration level, they have registered remarkable progress, wherein, SDNA is regarded as one of the most organized and well-structured sport federation in

Sekhukhune. "This is because we are the first to pay aliation to Sekhukhune Sports Confederation in 2021 and 2021. This consistency says a lot about the professional leadership we have in Sekhukhune, particularly, the collective leadership of the SDNA executive committee, owing to the vast experience and passion for sport development, our Secretary Mr Vembie

Mohlala made us proud in many fronts and we are eternally grateful to all players and technical staff throughout the District for their hard work and dedication," concluded Senong. For more information on Netball Development in Sekhukhune, people are encouraged to contact the District Chairperson Rachel Senong on 076 966 2095.



SDNA will be conducting netball trials to select Sekhukhune District Netball squad to represent the region in the 2022 Netball National Championships.