





Record breaking surgeries performed in Groblersdal Hospital

The Limpopo Department of Health (DoH) said, in just seven days, specialists who volunteer in the 'Rural Health Matters' programme, have performed a record breaking 58 operations in Groblersdal Hospital alone. Groblersdal Hospital, the smallest district hospital in the province, managed to do the most Paediatrics Surgery cases under the leadership of Dr Batka. Both Philadelphia and Jane Furse Hospitals did forty Cataracts while again, Philadelphia and St Rita's Hospitals both did Orthopaedics and Athroplasty cases. Other health facilities earmarked for the programme included Matlala Hospital, Mecklenburg Hospital and Dilokong Hospital. The week long surgical backlog clearance in Sekhukhune District was launched by MEC for Health Dr Phophi Ramathuba to

ner 'Rural Health Matters Project', targeting 200 patients. The team of medical and dental specialists was able to perform 270 operations in 7 days in the various disciplines including; Ophthalmology 87 cases, Orthopaedics 51 cases, Paediatrics Surgery 20 cases, Radiology 63 cases, Maxillofacial 12 cases, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery 4 cases, General Surgery 19 cases and 14 cases in Gynaecology. Speaking from Canada where she was attending the International Aids Conference, Ramathuba said: "We don't have enough words to appreciate the good work by the team of clinicians who have volunteered their time to go spend the whole week at Sekhukhune District, changing the lives of our people in honor of our icon, our late President Dr Nelson Mandela who once said: "What counts in life is not the mere fact

that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead," she said. The MEC has further conveyed special words of appreciation to clinicians who volunteered their services during the main activities on Mandela Day in Mankweng Tertiary and Academic Hospital. The team initially committed to operate 67 children with different health challenges of which 45 were in Mankweng Hospital while the rest were from all other

facilities. "We are proud to announce that 75 children were operated across the province on that day," said Ramathuba.









Sekhukhune local municipalities recognized in SALGA Audit Awards

Two local municipalities in Sekhukhune, Makhuduthamaga and Ephraim Mogale, were recognized in the 2022 South African Local Government Association (SALGA) Annual Audit Awards, held at Warmbaths Forever Resort in Bela Bela, Waterberg District Municipality on Thursday 4 August. Makhuduthamaga has once again, in the fourth consecutive year, received accolades in areas of accountability and good governance. The municipality receives three awards, which includes a Certificate in Maintaining its Unqualified Audit Opinion for the 4th year in succession, 100% Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG), evident on the roll -out and the implementation of infrastructure projects that continue to change the lives of the people for the better. Again just like the previous financial year, Makhuduthamaga was honored for its internal capacity to prepare Annual Financial Statements (AFS). The Municipality's insourcing model saves a lot of Rands which can now be directed towards service delivery priorities. The Municipality was also awarded for maintaining a generally recognized accounting process (GRAP) compliant Asset Register, by also using its internal resources for the two consecutive years. The municipality entourage who received the awards on behalf of the mayor were, Executive Committee (EXCO) member, Cllr Malebo Phala, Chair of Chairs Cllr Abel Mampana and Acting Municipal Manager Ronald Moganedi and the deputy head of

infrastructure development, Cllr Merah Mahlase. "Our gratitude goes to Makhuduthamaga citizens and our stakeholders. Our seriousness in delivering services and our working together with communities are felt throughout and help us to improve on the acceleration of key developmental and sustainable services. We appreciate Mayor Bahula whose outstanding leadership continues to inspire and change the lives of the less fortunate and ordinary people on the ground. Much still needs to achieved, but we believe we are in the right direction. We appreciate the recognition," said Phala. Furthermore, another local municipality in Sekhukhune, Ephraim Mogale, was also with two accolades during the awards ceremony. The Mayor, Cllr Given Moimana, received two awards, each on 100% Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) spending and the other on sustaining Unqualified Audit Opinion for 2021/2022 financial year. The event was held at Warmbath Forever resort in Bela Bela, Waterberg District Municipality. Cooperative governance Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) MEC, Basikopo Makamu and SALGA's Provincial Chairperson, who is also the Executive Mayor of Polokwane, Cllr Makoro Mpe, extended congratulatory messages to the municipalities and their collective, for their "true definition of leadership" and in making sure that people on the ground get serviced and that the public purse remains accounted for. "Tonight's awards are taking place

at the time where municipalities are not doing well on financial reporting and management. I wish to congratulate all the municipalities that received awards this evening," said Makamu. He pleaded with the municipalities to learn



Cooperative governance Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) MEC, Basikopo Makamu, pleaded with municipalities to learn from Waterberg District Municipality in order to achieve clean audit opinions.

from Waterberg District Municipality that attained a clean audit outcomes in the 2021/2022 financial year.



Ephraim Mogale Local Municipal Manager, Thabitha Matladi, flanked by Mayor Given Moimana after receiving the awards at the SALGAAnnual Audit Awards in Warmbaths, Bela Bela.

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Lehabe-Metsi appointed as new Police Commissioner in Sekhukhune

The Provincial Commissioner of Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, together with top Provincial Police Management, kick-started the Women's Month on a positive note, following the appointment of a highly dedicated Policewoman, Major General Junior Lehabe-Metsi, as the new District Commissioner of Sekhukhune District Municipality, one of the five districts in the province. Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, said the newly appointed Lehabe-Metsi, was conferred with a rank of Major General, following her appointment by the provincial commissioner on Wednesday 3 August. The event that was attended by the Deputy Provincial Commissioners, Provincial Heads and the two Brigadier Station Commanders from the same District, in Tubatse and Burgersfort Police Stations. Major General Lehabe-Metsi brings with her a wealth of experience, having served for many years in the South African Police Service (SAPS) at various levels in Gauteng and North West Provinces. She began her career in 1989 as a Constable and steadily progressed through the ranks until she was appointed as the Provincial Head of Corporate Communication and Liaison in the North West Province, holding the rank of Colonel. Before her appointment as the District Commissioner, Major General Lehabe-Metsi was the Station Commander of Ga-Rankuwa Police Station, holding the rank of Brigadier. This was preceded by her stint as the Director of Community Safety and Transport Management in Gauteng, where she was the programme manager of crime prevention, civil society and mobilization. As the District Commissioner, Lehabe-Metsi will be overseeing twenty one police stations falling under Sekhukhune District and these include; Burgersfort, Tubatse, Groblersdal, Dennilton, Nebo, Mecklenburg, Masemola, Hlogotlou, Marble Hall, Motetema, Sekhukhune, Matlerekeng, Rakgoadi, Zaaiplaas, Roosenekal, Apel, Elandskraal, Driekop, Jane Furse, Ohristad and Leboyeng. Wishing

the new District Commissioner well in her new responsibilities, the Provincial Commissioner said she has to be decisive in her dealings and be resolute when confronting the scourge of crime, especially inter-provincial criminal activities as the district shares boundaries with Mpumalanga and Gauteng Provinces.





Major General Junior Lehabe-Metsi was appointed the new Police Commissioner in Sekhukhune District Municipality.

SAHRC to probe Marble Hall Police Station's inhumane conditions

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Ephraim personnel and also harmful to people who at-Mogale Local Municipality, said it has on Friday 5 August, lodged a complaint with the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC), to request an urgent investigation into the inhumane condition of the holding cells at the Marble Hall Police Station. The party said the discovery of inhuman conditions at the station was made during an oversight inspection to the holding cells, which revealed a situation that needs urgent attention. "The condition of the toilet and shower facilities at the cells are disgusting, with raw sewerage running around the back and front of the cells and into the magistrates' court next door. The stench was overwhelming," said Lindy Wilson, DA Political Head for Citrus Valley Constituency. She further stated that the cold and dark cells are not fit for use by people in the current condition; the shower facilities are not acceptable at all to accommodate inmates,

tend the court. "Officials from the Marble Hall Police Station, who assisted the DA during the oversight, advised that numerous requests had been made to improve the facilities, however, to date, no assistance had been forthcoming from SAPS," explained Wilson. She added that dockets were piled high on detectives' desks and are not being attended to, apparently due to insufficient police vehicles available for investigations. "Serious crimes are not being attended to effectively and as a result, victims of crime are being denied justice. The front door of the station, which is glass, has been broken for months and is held together with masking tape. This leaves officers at the front desk extremely vulnerable and insecure. It is for these reasons, and many more, that the DA is calling for the dismissal of the Minister of

said the incompetence and failure of SAPS

Police, Bheki Cele," informed Wilson. She starts at the top and Minister Cele has proved continuously that he is not up to the task.



The DA in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality has reported the inhuman conditions at Marble Hall Police Station to the SAHRC.

Staggering R1 billion to be spent for scanning files

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo, has revealed that the Department of Health in the province, will be spending an exorbitant R1 Billion for scanning, archiving and storing

of medical files in government hospitals. According to the party, millions of rands have already been wasted to pay the service provider, Veritas Digital, for the work that could cost lesser than it is already paid. "The department has already paid over R516 Million to the contractor, Veritas Digital, since its appointment earlier this year. An additional estimate of R600 million is anticipated for the remainder of the contract period. The contract is only for the scanning, archiving and storing of medical records, a process which should have been completed a long time ago, and at a fraction of the cost," said DA Limpopo Spokesperson for Health, Risham Maharaj. According to Maharaj, Veritas Digital, was appointed in March 2020 and is scheduled to conclude its work in 60 months. "This means that the Department of Health will be forking out more than R18 Million a month for this project," he said. Maharaj said the DA is in possession of documents that prove these exorbitant amounts. "This was obtained after we wrote to the chairperson of the Portfolio Committee of Health, requesting that the MEC of Health in Limpopo, Phophi Ramathuba, to provide all relevant details around the awarding of the contract and it culminated in the committee conducting a site visit to Veritas Digital," he said. Maharaj indicated that the documents reveals that the service provider, Veritas Digital, has already scanned a total of 487 753 573 pages from 41 facilities in the province, in which 65% of the work has already been done for inactive records and there is still 35% remaining. "For the remainder of the work, the department estimates that R280 Million will be needed to complete the scanning of outstanding inactive records and a further R320 Million for active medical records. By the end of the contract, the department will have spent R1 billion for this project," he said. Maharaj added that department utilises about 70% of its budget on compensating employees and leaves very little resources for services. "This expenditure on digitising files is unacceptably excessive. Every cent must be used wisely to prevent the province's ailing health system from collapsing," he said. Maharaj said the DA will ask more questions and engage the department further in the portfolio committee meetings to gain more details and clarity around the awarding of the contract and the

work carried out so far.



TENDER NOTICE

CLEANING SERVICES TENDER

The required scope of work at Groblersdal Mall (refer to Annexure A), all tenderers are requested to please take note of the following general information/basic requirements when compiling their quotation/tender in this regard:

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For attention:

The Centre Manager, Groblersdal Adré Schoombee

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3. COMMENCEMENT DATE

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- List of similar clients, with contact details/experience
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- Original or certified copy of valid BBEEE Certificate
- Certified copy of Company registration document that reflects Company name, Registration number, Date of registration, Proof of Business Address and active Directors or members
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- Letter of Good standing with the Department of Labour for Compensation for Occupational Injuries
- Proof of compliance with Sectoral Determination for the Cleaning Industry
- Proof of Membership of the National Contract Cleaning Association
- Bank letter

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District Career Expo, a resounding success

Hundreds of learners from various villages in Sekhukhune District, have recently converged at Tompi Seleka College of Agriculture outside Marble Hall for a career opportunities expo, aiming to aspire them to pursue different careers in the near future. The joint career expo that $was \ organised \ by \ Sekhukhune \ District \ Municipality \ in \ partnership \ with \ Ephraim \ Mogale \ Local$ Municipality, Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality, as well as Mogaladi Foundation, benefitted pupils who are currently in Grades 10, 11 and 12 with different career choices they could follow after completing their matric. Learners were also taken through universities applications and available bursary funding offered by different tertiary institutions. Acting Mayor of Makhuduthamaga, Cllr Makanyoge Morwamakoti, appealed to learners to choose the right career paths that will in turn, change their fortunes but also will make a sustainable economic impact in the communities.. He added that the myriad opportunities and bursary funding they offer as government to learners, should be commended as they go a long way in addressing the financial difficulties and challenges faced by learners and the families they come from. Morwamakoti informed that the Makhuduthamaga Municipality Bursary funding application will open around October 2022, to aid the needy and deserving learners in the local municipality for the 2023 academic year enrolment. He further said the funding contribution has had great success over the years and produced quality academics and continues to make a huge economic impact in communities. Other dignitaries who were present during the career expo were Acting Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune



District Municipality Cllr Orginia Mafefe, Ephraim Mogale Municipality's Cllr Eunice Tshiguvho, as well as other role players in the educational sector.

Hundreds of learners from various high schools in Makhuduthamaga and Ephraim Mogale Local Municipalities, converged at Tompi Seleka Agricultural College to attend for a career expo that exposed them to future opportunities.

Trio arrested in possession of illegal firearm in Dennilton

Three suspects, Walter Mathibela (35), Bongani Matshika (33) and Mduduzi Mathibela (32), appeared before the Moutse Magistrate's Court on Monday 8 August, after they were charged with possession of unlicensed firearm and ammunition. According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the suspects were arrested during a police operation that was conducted in the Dennilton area on Thursday 4 August. "The police members reportedly spotted a suspicious motor vehicle along the R25 Road in the Dennilton Policing Precinct at about 22:45. They then tactically stopped the vehicle and found three occupants. Upon searching the vehicle, they recovered unlicensed firearm with empty magazine. The three suspects were immediately arrested," he said. Ledwaba added that preliminary police investigations revealed that the vehicle belongs to one of the suspects, however, it has been seized by the police for purposes of conducting further investigations to determine if it is not connected



to any acts of criminality. "The firearm had serial numbers filed off and it will be subjected to ballistic investigations to determine if it was previously used in the commission of other serious crimes," he said. Ledwaba said the suspects were granted R800-00 bail each and will be appearing again on 5 September 2022, following further police investigation. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, praised the members for arresting the suspects and fearlessly performing their daily activities of keeping the citizens of this province safe.

The illegal firearm that was recovered by the police in possession of the suspects during their arrests on the R25 Road in Dennilton.

Local emerging farmers graduate

Twenty-five emerging farmers from Tafelkop Village were, on Friday 5 August, receiving their Plant Production Certificates and Diplomas from Tompi Seleka College of Agriculture. The graduates are part of a group that was handed over land and title deeds by President Ramaphosa in Groblersdal in May 2021. The farmers have been successfully farming various agricultural produce for 25 years on Hereford farms in Groblersdal and the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure has transferred the land on a gratis basis for land redistribution purposes. In 2000, the then National Department of Agriculture, entered into lease agreements with the Tafelkop Farmers Association in terms of the Land Redistribution through Agricultural Development (LRAD) programme. In 2009, the former Limpopo Department of Agriculture (LDA) recommended to the Department of Public Works, as the custodian of the land, that the land be transferred to the farmers who had been in occupation since 1996. The deeds were registered earlier in 2021 in the names of the farmers who emerged as beneficiaries. The farmers supply local food stores, school feeding schemes as well the Pretoria and Johannesburg fresh produce markets. Speaking during the graduation ceremony in Tompi Seleka Agricultural College premises outside Marble Hall, Acting Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality, Cllr Orginia Mafefe, congratulated the beneficiaries for the great achievement. "We applaud their hard work, tenacity and focus that brought them to this point. Farming creates opportunities to lift people out of poverty, creates jobs and importantly secures food security," said Mafefe. The college said it is open for the next intake of students who want to study for a National Certificate in Plant Production. The closing date for the next intake is November 2022.

Some of the Tafelkop emerging farmers during the graduation ceremony at the Tompi Seleka Agricultural College outside Marble Hall.







Elias Motsoaledi DSD intensifies fight against child abuse

With a scourge of child abuse escalating in rural communities within Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, the Department of Social Development (DSD), has embarked on a child protection programme to ensure safety of children in the villages. Research shows that children who are victims of abuse, especially neglect, experience serious emotional and psychological effects in the long run, and also long term effects that manifest themselves at a later stage. According to Eric Mamukeyani, a social worker in Lukau Village outside Tafelkop, the ongoing programme is in line with Section 28 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (1996), which stipulates certain rights of children, which ought to be respected by everyone in this country. "We educate the community on what to do to save the children. Thus, failure to respect these rights becomes a serious violation which culminates to child abuse. Child abuse is a serious and prosecutable criminal offense," he said. Mamukeyani indicated that they visit local schools to teach children about various forms of abuse as well as steps to be taken to report abuse. "Our programme also includes Gender Based Violence (GBV), child neglect which relates to abandonment, purposefully starving a child, not bathing and clothing a child, sexual abuse commonly rape, molestation, child pornography, economic abuse which foes with misusing child support grant, not maintaining child, physical abuse that includes child labor, forcefully hitting a child and emotional abuse bullying, name calling, degrading utterance to the child," he said. Mamukeyani emphasized that parents or people who subject children to abuse are often oblivious to these effects, or they are simply ignorant due to their own personal problems, and their indifference about the needs and wellbeing of children. "Usually, the distraught children affected by abuse are seen through various behavioral problems such as aloofness, separation from others, sluggishness, failure to comply with instructions and given activities, sometimes even acting violent towards other people," he said. He added that the signs give a clear indication that a child has been going through something serious, and that must be taken into consideration. Mamukeyanni said the department, which is the primary institution in handling issues of children, is working together with other law enforcement agencies to address problems affecting children.



Ephraim Mogale suspends Director of Infrastructure Services

The Council of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality said it has on Monday 8 August, taken a decision to put the Director of Infrastructure Services, Thakgatso Mashile, on a precautionary suspension, following allegations of misconduct levelled against him. Mashile is part of senior managers appointed by the Ephraim Mogale Council in June 2022 to fill crucial vacant positions and was suspended two months after his appointment. Other senior managers who were appointed alongside the suspended Mashile were Ms Mamphiri Rosina Rampedi who is managing Corporate Services, Ms Yvonne Maphutha-Mashaba who is responsible for Community Services and Ms Palesa Tjebane who is the new manager for Planning and Economic Development. Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality Spokesperson, Percy Moagi, said Mashile's suspension will allow the municipality to finalize its internal investigations on the matter.



Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality Director of Infrastrucure Services, Kgothatso Mashile, has been placed on precautionary suspension, pending allegations of misconduct levelled against him.

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Weekly joint police operations yield positive results

The Limpopo Provincial Police Weekly Joint Operations, conducted by various units across the province, led to the arrest of 1218 suspects. Lieutenant Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said during the operations, the police recovered one abandoned white Nissan at Ga-Masemola outside Jane Furse. "The vehicle was reported stolen during a house robbery incident that occurred on 31 July 2022 at around 23h00 in Thabampshe Village," he said. Ledwaba added that another suspected stolen vehicle, a red VW Polo, was found abandoned at Dennilton Policing area, following reports about a hijacked vehicle in the area, on Saturday, 30 July 2022 at around 23h00. "In another incident, members of Limpopo Highway Patrol (LHP) in Waterberg, arrested a 39-year-old suspect for possession of stolen vehicle that was reported at Phokeng SAPS during July 2022. He was also charged with a bribery case after he tried to offer R4010.00 to the police to release him," explained Ledwaba. Ledwaba added that the police in Groblersdal arrested a suspect after he was allegedly found in possession of stolen vehicle that was reported stolen at Erasmia in Pretoria, during July 2022. "Three more suspects were arrested at Lebowakgomo on Sunday, 31 July 2022, for possession of unlicensed firearm, dealing and possession of illicit cigarettes and bribery. Allegedly, police received information about the suspects being in possession of unlicensed firearms. They tacti-

cally approached the said house and upon searching the two suspects and the house, police recovered one unlicensed firearm and illicit cigarettes loaded in a Toyota Camry. They were immediately nabbed," he said. Ledwaba indicated that one of the suspects' relative approached the police offered them R5000-00 to release his relatives and he was also arrested. "During the operations, the police recovered a total number of 7830 counterfeit cigarettes sticks, 25 dangerous weapons, large quantity of dagga, drugs that included Crystal Meth, Nyaope, and 15 firearms, large quantity of liquor and 21 knives. Five stolen or robbed vehicles were also seized during these operations. The operations are still ongoing," he said. Ledwaba said the suspects have started appearing before various magistrate's courts in the province facing offences including possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition, illegal hunting, murder, attempted murder, rape, fraud, possession and dealing in drugs, common robbery, possession of suspected stolen property, Contravention of Immigration Act and possession of illicit cigarettes. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has praised the police teams for arresting the suspects and keeping the province safe.



The police recovered illicit cigarettes during the weekly joint operations conducted across the province.



The drugs that were found by the police in possession of the suspects during the Limpopo Provincial Weekly Operations, aiming at cracking down on criminals across the province.



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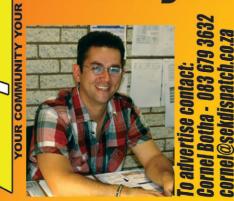


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Mmotla appointed acting LSC Secretary General

The Executive Board of Limpopo Sports Confederation (LSC), has confirmed that they appointed Puleng Mmotla as the acting Secretary General of the body. Mmotla, who is the founder of Sekhukhune invented sport, Thavhanacle Ultra-Physio (TUPS), has taken reigns in his new position starting from Wednesday 3 August 2022, following the resignation of Clarika Strydom in the position who was elected since 22 November 2020. Mmotla is currently heading Marketing and Communications of the LSC and has been seconded as Acting Secretary-General of the confederation. According to LSC President, Malesela Ally Pole, the Executive Board accepted Strydom's resignation with great difficulty as the Secretariat office was expected to deliver the first physical AGM ever since the election of the current leadership collective. "The Executive Board of Limpopo Sports Confederation agreed that Mmotla should act in the Secretariat office, owing to his experience in organizing, stakeholder mobilisation and passion for sport development. His immediate mandate is to deliver the pending AGM, coordinate the Secretariat Forum, comprising of Secretaries of all District Sport Confederations, the fundraising campaigns and strengthening of federations," explained Pole. Mmotla is also the president of Sekhukhune Sports Confederation and founding President of TUPS Sport Federation. "We wish Mr Mmotla can unmute his latent potential to move Limpopo to greater heights until we usher the new Secretary-General in due course," concluded Pole.





Intensified police patrol leads to arrest of three suspects

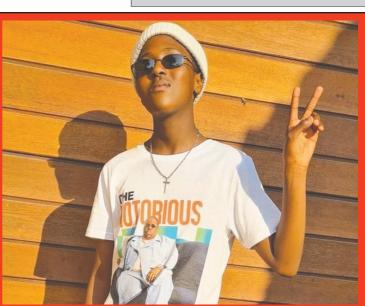
The police in Motetema have on Friday 5 August arrested three suspects in connection with burglary and fraud. According to the police report, the suspects, aged between 25 and 28, were arrested by the on duty highway patrol members who continue to intensify the fight against criminal activities in the Motetema Police Precincts. "The members were on patrol duty in Motetema at about 11:45 when they operationalized information received from the detectives about a wanted suspect of burglary in the area. The suspect was traced and was located at a certain car wash towards CS Barlow TVET College. He was arrested on the spot," said Lieutenant Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. Ledwaba said about thirty minutes later at around 12:00, the members of the police, who were patrolling around Groblersdal, received information about a suspicious Toyota Corolla driving around the area. "Members traced the said vehicle and it was spotted at Moteti Village in Dennilton. The two suspects were approached and searched. Following preliminary investigations, the suspects were linked to two cases of fraud that occurred during August 2022 in Dennilton policing area," he said. Ledwaba said the recovered vehicle will be subjected to further investigations to determine its ownership and if it is connected to any criminal activities. "The suspects, aged between 25 and 28 will soon appear before the magistrate courts in Motetema and Dennilton respectively," he said. The Provincial Commissioner of Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has commended the police members for their dedication in ridding the province of criminality.



The Motetema Police arrested three suspects in connection with burglary and fraud related crimes committed in the area.

Bye Amu

It is with great sadness that Ben Viljoen High School learned of the passing of Amu Sibeko. It is with heavy hearts that Ben Viljoen High School have to say goodbye to one of their Grade 10 learners. With this, the staff, governing body, and learners convey their condolences to his parents, family and friends. May beautiful memories bring comfort in this sad time





Multi sporting codes feast held in Mogaung



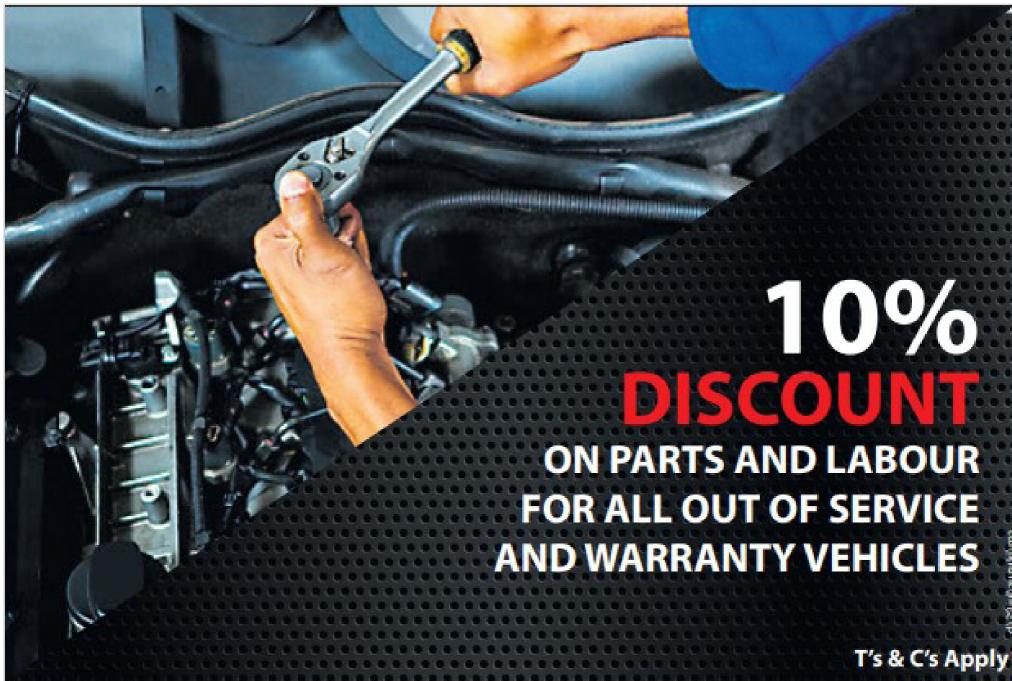
TUPS Nelson Mandela Village Cup winners, Team B (Wearing white) and runners-up Blue Moon, just after the final game played at Blue Birds Sports Ground in Mogaung.

A joint sporting event, featuring Limpopo's home grown sporting code, Thavhanacle Ultra-Physio Sport (TUPS) and a Top 32 football tournament, were organized at Blue Birds Sports Grounds in Mogaung Village outside Tafelkop on Sunday 31 July. The matches were part of the annual Nelson Manadela Village Cup games, organized to honour the legacy of the late state president and attracted more than 5000 spectators from different parts of Sekhukhune. The sporting event was also supported by various sponsors including Khomotso Mahlangu's So What?, Far Post, Ramphashane Mabatata, Paul Pogba Phetla and Future Snaps that ensured capturing of electrifying photography during the tournament. The hosting municipality, Elias Motsoaledi added with their colourful branding flare alongside Far Post Media House. Justice Makunyane, President of Rural Talk Sports Development, said the Nelson Mandela Village Cup is organized with intentions to raise funds, collect school shoes, school bags and to raise sanitary towels donations as part of affiliation package to the needy communities. "The donated gesture is destined for struggling learners in schools throughout Sekhukhune District Municipality," he said. He said player of the match and man of the match for each of the three finals played on the day in both sporting codes also walked away with a batch of sanitary towels to share with those in need back in their respective communities. "Though the Nelson Mandela Village Cup, under Rural Talk, is mainly

a football tournament. However, this year we opted to accommodate TUPS sporting code because it is an invention from Sekhukhune District Municipality. We included TUPS final match showcase on the main pitch to give our people a fare spectacle of the new sporting code, which is indigenous to our mighty region and it worked wonders," Makunyane said. The Top 32 football and Top 8 Tups knockout matches gave the tournament cup final a cumulative momentum, as players of clubs that played in earlier stages came to witness the lifting of trophies by football champions Galatasary FC and TUPS champions, Team B Tups Club. In response to the success of hosting the Nelson Mandela Village Cup alongside football sporting code, President and Inventor of TUPS Sport, Puleng Mmotla, said: "We owe our special thanks to our highly talented and dynamic commentators Mr Cradle "The Pastor" Bapela, Mr Prince Bonolo "Mjomana" Chego, Mr Umongameli Prof Nzama and Mr

Lucky "Vice Grip" Luke. Mmotla commended Makunyane and the organizing team under the banner of Rural Talk, for the enormous platform given to TUPS Sport. He thanked the audiences for patiently watching and following the display of TUPS Sport and extended his gratitude to Dimakatso Thabang of Blue Moon TUPS Club, who was voted the TUPS player of the tournament by independent adjudicators, for her amazing performance and the impact of her play during TUPS final match of the Nelson Mandela Village Cup.





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