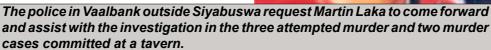


Suspect on the run, two victims shot dead and three wounded

According to a press statement released this week, the police in Vaalbank outside Siyabuswa have launched a massive manhunt after two people were fatally shot and three sustained injuries, at a local tavern in the area. According to the police report, a scuffle broke out at the tavern which turned violent where an armed man allegedly drew a firearm and shot five people before he fled the scene. "The victims were taken to hospital for treatment, however, the police were later notified that a 33-year-old male victim was certified dead. Another male victim aged 29, succumbed to his injuries on Monday, 06 September 2021 also in hospital," said Colonel Donald Mdhluli, Mpumalanga Provincial Police Spokesperson. Mdhluli said the other three victims are still under medical care in hospital and the police at Vaalbank opened cases of two counts of murder as well

as three counts of attempted murder. "No one has been arrested as yet, hence the manhunt. The police at Vaalbank also believe that Mr Martin Laka, can assist with the investigation," he said. Mdhluli urged members of the public who have information on the whereabouts of Martin Laka or know where the police can locate him to please contact Detective Sergeant FikileMahlangu on 0711899014 or call the Crime Stop number on 08600 10111 or the nearest police station. "Members of the community can also send information via MYSAPSAPP. All received information will be treated as confidential and callers may opt to remain anonymous," Mdhluli said.











MECs support school and families of murdered children

Following the tragic death of three children from Phooko Village in Moutse, MEC for Education Department in Limpopo Polly Boshielo and Limpopo Social Development MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale, recently paid homage to Ekucathuleni Primary School as part of support visit to learners.

Two of the deceased children, the Ngomane siblings, Njabulo (9) and Themba (8) were pupils at Ekucathuleni Primary school. The bodies of the Ngomane siblings were found along with their neighbour Katlego Sibande (15), floating in the Mohlabetsi River two weeks ago. The children are believed to be abducted by unknown people a few days before they were found dead. Accompanied by Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Mayor Cllr Julia Mathebe and Acting Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Orginia Mafefe, the MECs visited the school earlier before proceeding to the bereaved families to pay their heartfelt condolences. The Limpopo Department of Social Development has since dispatched a team of social workers to provide psychological support to the families of the deceased children. Rakgoale said it is the responsibility of government and communities to ensure that children are safe and protected at all times. The Ngomane and Sibande children were buried in a joint funeral on Saturday 18 September at Phooko Village, with entourage from the provincial government and municipality as well as community members attending. According to the police, no arrests were made since the children were murdered, however, the police confirmed that an investigation is ongoing.





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Limpopo intensifies fight against Covid-19 pandemic

Limpopo Provincial Government has on Friday 17 September expanded Covid-19 vaccination programmes to Primary Health Care (PHC) facilities. The initiative is aimed at increasing access to daily Covid-19 vaccines through clinics and other health facilities. Limpopo Premier Stanley Mathabatha, who was leading the expansion of the vaccination programme, said they have decided to open clinics and health care facilities as a way to expand the vaccination program and increase access to vaccines. "In the next four weeks, the province will make up to 247 clinics accessible to the public for vaccination. We would like to see all people of Limpopo vaccinated by the time festive season begins so that their lives return to normality. We want to see them attending weddings and related activities without worry," he said.He encouraged the public to vaccinate so that the country could quickly reach the herd immunity. The province has now passed its vaccination target of 10 000 per day to more than 28 000 per day. With the opening of the 247 facilities as vaccination site, Limpopo will have more people access nearby clinics and health centers for vaccination. This initiative is geared to increasing accessibility of vaccines and reduce cost of traveling to get vaccinated.

Talented models at the Miss Face of **Dennilton pageant**



Miss Queen Face of Dennilton Meimie Phora (Seated), Miss Queen Face of Dennilton First Princess Granny Kekana (Left) and Miss Queen Face of Dennilton Second Princess Prime

The Sekhukhune Community We Care (SCWC) foundation, held the Miss Face of Dennilton pageant on Saturday 11 September at M30 Halt Park in Moteti Village.

The prestigious event saw young beautiful girls showing of their modeling talent to compete in various categories of the competition. Fortunate Mahlangu was crowned Miss Teen Queen Face of Dennilton, Nonhlanhla Mahlangu First Princess and Ayanda Shongwe became Second Princess. Miss Queen Face of Dennilton went to Meimie Phora, Granny Kekana was crowned First Princess and Prime Mpharu was crowned Second Princess. Prime Mpharu also scooped the Miss Charity Ambassador Crown, Ayanda Shongwe also became Miss Teen Charity Ambassador and Matshidiso Motaung was crowned Miss Face of Dennilton Public Choice. Event organizer who is also founder and director of SCWC, Nomthandazo Mathebula, told the Dispatch publication that the Miss Face of Dennilton pageant is aiming to uplift young girls and give them confidence to face the reality of the world when growing up as young adults. "I am passionate about working with youth and less fortunate people because when I grew up, I never had the opportunity to showcase my talent," she said. Mathebula said she enjoys helping

others to pursue their dream and give hope to our youth in her community. Mathebula said her foundation performs charity work and donations to schools, orphanage centres and child headed households. "Through the initiative, we also aim to develop these young people to be agent of change in their lives," she said. Competition winners walked away with great prizes including gift hampers, certificates, cash prizes and trophies.

Passionate entrepreneur to contest Local Government **Election**

A local businessman from Sterkfontein Village in Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Ward 29, Herbert Radingwana, who is passionate about helping the community, will be contesting the 2021 Local Government Election (LGE). Radingwana, will be contesting with the Bolsheviks Party of South Africa (BPSA). Radingwana said for more than ten years, he has been pushing the municipality to deliver services to the area without anything happening. Sterkfontein is one of impoverished villages in Sekhukhune with inadequate water supply and poor roads. The community in the village has been complaining about poor service delivery since the dawn of democracy, on which Radingwana, believes that the ANC has turned the village into a political playground by seeking votes and then disappear. Before becoming a ward on its own, Sterkfontein was previously merged with other villages to form a ward. Radingwana, who is passionate about his community, is annually donating school uniforms to primary and secondary schools in the village, sanitary towels and runs a food parcel donation drive to feed dozens of needy residents amid of the Covid-19 pandemic. In other community upliftment projects, Radingwana established Herbzer Sports and Skills Development Organization, an NPO aiming to remove children from the streets and expose them in various sporting activities. "My love for Sterkfontein is unconditional. I am contesting the election because I want to be inside the council so that I can push for change in the Sterkfontein



businessman, Herbert Radingwana, will be contesting the LGE to change the situation of his side-lined village.



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DA raises concern over wasted potable water

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality, has raised a concern over thousands of liters of potable water that has been left for months to leak from the bulk line situated between Gamorwe four-way stop and Mapotla. The official opposition in the local municipality, says it has reported the leakage to the municipality's infrastructure managers multiple times and there have been no efforts to fix or maintain the leaking pipes. "The bulk line which supplies clean water to wards like Ward 15 Legwale, Ward 14 Mapotla, and Ward 13 Pieterskraal wastes thousands of liters of water every day which has now formed a dam," said Koos Mahlangu, DA Councillor in the local municipality. According to Mahlangu, potable water is not reaching the community of Dr JS Moroka because the municipality is neglecting to fix the leak. Apart from domestic use, the rural community of Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality uses water for farming and feeding their animals." Under the ANC, residents of Dr JS Moroka struggle to get water, while potable water runs in the streets." he said. Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality was not immediately available for a comment.

Utrecht University honours Dr Tempelman

The Utrecht University in The Netherlands has awarded the Ndlovu Care Group CEO, Dr Hugo Tempelman, with an honorary doctorate degree, for a sterling contribution he has made in the community of Limpopo and other provinces in South Africa.

Tempelman was honoured during the annual celebration of the opening of the academic year of Utrecht University, in recognition of the enormous impact of his work on science and society, demonstrating how crucial science is in tackling the everyday challenges in a low socio-economic environment. Doctor Hugo Tempelman literally built a small outpatient clinic 26 years ago with his own hands. In the next few years, Tempelman developed this first outpatient clinic into a special and prominent NGO, the Ndlovu Care Group. In 2015, Ndlovu's collaboration with Utrecht University and UMC Utrecht took shape with the establishment of the Ndlovu Research Consortium, in which the Wits Reproductive

Health and HIV Institute of the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits), in Johannesburg also participates. Through this collaboration, 250 students have already been able to conduct research in - and to - the Ndlovu clinic. Tempelman was appointed Knight in the Order of Orange Nassau in 2007 and in 2009 he received the prestigious Martin Buber plaque.



Dr Hugo Tempelman (Left), receiving his honorary degree from Utrecht University



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ment Club, defeated Pretoria Caddywise Golf Club in a semi-final match held at Pretoria West Golf Course recently. Sekhukhune Caddywise is currently leading the four "match play" series that was started in April this year. In the three "match play" games, Sekhukhune won all of them and heads to the final match with a guaranteed win of the series. In the latest match in Pretoria, Sekhukhune won by eight points to two from the Pretoria side. Sekhukhune Caddywise Golf Development Club Coordinator, Lucky Malesoene, said the first round was difficult for their players. "It was for the first time our players participated in Pretoria and it took them time to adapt as the course was muddy compared to the dry ones we used to play on at Groblersdal and Marble Hall. Pretoria dominated but we managed to come back in the second round to win the match," he said. Malesoene said the two clubs are now heading to play a final match of the series at Pretoria West Golf Course on 24 October 2021. "We know we have already won the match play but the match is going to be tough as the Pretoria club will not allow us to defeat them twice at their own course. However, our aim is to win all the four matches against them," he said. The sporting code was introduced earlier this year in Sekhukhune to break grounds and pull attention to the district's talented players. Malesoene called upon interested golf players around Sekhukhune to come and join their golf club. "Women and children are also welcome to take part so that we can establish women and junior teams in the club. Our main objective is to unleash hidden talent from golf loving people

The Sekhukhune Caddywise Golf Develop- in the district to explore them in professional level of the sporting code," he said.



shoes to needy pupils

Elias Motsoaledi Ward 6 Councillor, Ndumiso Ndlovu, donated school shoes to disadvantaged pupils at Seetseng, Paledi and Umthombo Wemfundo Primary Schools in Dennilton. The generous donation was made by Ndlovu together with Mafika Sibeko Foundation and handed-over on Monday 13 September. Thirty-five learners benefitted at Seetseng, eleven pairs of shoes were donated to needy pupils at Paledi and three pairs were also handed-over at Umthombo Wemfundo. Ndlovu told the Dispatch that the benefiting pupils were identified by the teachers earlier this year. "We then went to the school to verify the benefiting learners before handing over the donation," he said. Ndlovu said he has embarked on this campaign since 2016 and has donated hundreds of pairs of school shoes to various schools in Elias Motsoaledi Ward 6, through the help of donors. The councillor encouraged other community members to contribute towards making a better life for children who are still experiencing challenges in the school environment. "You don't have to be a councillor or community leader to support these children," he said. Ndlovu said this is an ongoing campaign and more schools from the area are set to benefit from it.





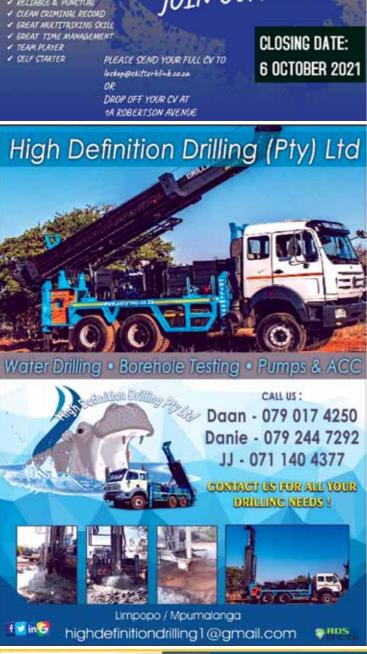


Amper Alles Mega Affect Groblersdal Build - PAINT - HARDWARE - WE DELIVER Morgan Gould appointed Babina Noko **Assistant Coach**

 $Sek hukhune\,United\,FC\,has\,appointed\,its\,retired\,defender, Morgan\,Gould,$ as the new assistant coach the team's Diski Challenge side. Morgan Gould will take over the full-time position after hanging up his boots earlier this month. The former Bafana Bafana defender has officially called it quits after a football career spanning over two decades. Gould was part of Sekhukhune United FC when they gained promotion to the DStv

Premiership in the preceding season. Born 23 March 1983 in Soweto, SkitterBlink





the 38-year-old began his professional senior career at Jomo Cosmos in 2001. He later joined SuperSport United in 2008 and went on to win two league titles and a Nedbank Cup title. A move to Kaizer Chiefs in 2012 also saw Gould adding two more league titles in his career that has seen him also play for Stellenbosch FC. With over 31 South African national team caps under his belt, Gould made his first international debut for Bafana Bafana in 2008, and was part of the national team that participated in the 2009 FIFA Confederations Cup, held in South Africa. Gould will be working with the head coach of Sekhukhune United Diski Challenge side, Themba Masango. Paying tribute to Gould 's huge contribution to the Club's success, BabinaNoko's Executive Chairman Simon Malatji said: "Gould's leadership, intelligence and determina-



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Former Sekhukhune United defender, Morgan Gould, will be taking reigns as assistant coach of the team's Diski Challenge side.

tion have seen him adapt brilliantly with some members of the team, He has a unique and special attribute that will contribute to the success of the MDC team, He will always be part of the BabinaNoko family." Gould made his managerial debut on the DStvDiski Challenge game against Maritzburg United FC on Saturday 10 September at Harry Gwala stadium.



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