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Marble Hall Man arrested for attack on teenage boy

The Groblersdal Police have arrested a 50-year-old man, Corrie Pretorius, for allegedly beating a 16-year-old teenage boy named Kopano Makweng, in an attack that occurred on the eve of

Youth Day, Wednesday 15 June at Groblersdal Game Centre. According to the victim's sister, who was with him when the incident occurred, the man attacked the teenager after they asked

him to pass the salt at Fat Cake City in the Game Centre Groblersdal. "He refused to pass the salt after using it and threatened Atang (my cousin) that he will shoot him. Kopano later intervened that he must not be rude to Atang. He started making further threats and assaulted him," she said.

Pretorius was later arrested on Thursday 16 June at his home in Marble Hall after the incident was captured on video and gone viral on social media platforms. In the video, the helpless Kopano is depicted lying on his back while Pretorius viciously kicking him and tramping his chest while pointing a gun at him. During his appearance at the Groblersdal Magistrate's Court on Friday 17 June, dozens of members of the public and representatives from various political parties including ANC and EFF, as well as the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Julia Mathebe, were picketing outside during court proceedings to support the victim and oppose bail application of the suspect. "We are saddened and condemn this barbaric behaviour, there is no place for violence in our society. Whatever the issue might have been between Kopano and the man, being violent is never the answer to resolve any conflict," said Mathebe.

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Corrie Pretorius was arrested by the Groblersdal Police after allegedly assaulting a teenage boy in Groblersdal Game Centre.

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Serial rapist gets four life terms

The Mpumalanga Division of the High Court, which was sitting in Middleburg, has on Monday 13 June sentenced a man to four life terms for rape, robbery aggravating circumstances and house breaking committed in Siyabuswa and surrounding villages.

Shaggy David Mgigi (43), was found guilty, convicted and sentenced on four counts of rape, five counts of robbery aggravating as well as one count of house breaking. Brigadier Selvy Mohlala, Mpumalanga Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the accused was sentenced following incidents which took place between 2009 and 2014, whereby, Mgigi terrorized his victims especially during the night in the area of Siyabuswa outside Marble Hall. Mohlala said during the incidents, the accused raped his victims as well as robbed them of their personal belongings. "The first victim was raped and robbed by the man in 2009, she was 32 years old at the time. The second victim, who was 25 years old, was raped and robbed by the accused in 2012. A 28-year-old woman was the third victim to be raped, as well as robbed by the accused in 2013. Meanwhile the fourth victim, aged 25, was also raped and robbed by the accused in 2014," explained Mohlala. He said the cases were

opened and investigated by the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit (FCS). "The team worked tirelessly and arrested the accused on 7 April 2015. He was then trialled and convicted on 03 June 2022," Mohlala said. Mohlala indicated that in addition to the four life sentences, for the four counts of rape, he was further sentenced to 15 years each for two counts of robberies with firearm and five years for house breaking. For three counts of robbery aggravating, the accused was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment to each crime. "The court declared the accused to be unfit to possess a firearm and that he needs to be sent away for a very long time and as a perpetrator of Gender-Based-Violence (GBV), he needs to pay for what he did. The court also alluded that the accused raped defenceless women and one of the women was pregnant when he raped her," he said. Mohlala added that other victims were dragged out of their residence to be raped in the bushes, while some were forced to take a bath before or after the ordeal. "The court also indicated that the accused was 30 years old when he committed the crimes, citing that he was old enough to take responsibility," he said. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in

Mpumalanga, Lieutenant General Semakaleng Daphney Manamela, has applauded the work done by the team of investigators, the prosecution team and the Judiciary which led to his incarceration. "The sentence handed down by the court will hopefully send a clear message to perpetrators of Gender-Based-Violence that the law will deal harshly with them. The sentence complements the good work by police who are striving and working hard to protect the vulnerable groups," she said.



Shaggy David Mgigi was sentenced to four life imprisonment for rape, robbery aggravating circumstances and house breaking.

Moutse West road gets an upgrade

The Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, Cllr Given Moimana, has recently met with South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL) officials and representatives from various villages including Driefontein, Spitspunt, Tshikanoshi and Malebitsa for the official hand-over of a contraction of Road D2919 to Lathisho Consulting Company.

Local traditional leadership and local ward councillor were also present to share information with relevant stakeholders. According to the local municipality, the construction of the road will be an upgrade from gravel to tar, covering 16km from Tshikanoshi to Malebitsa. Legale Sereko, Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality Spokesperson, said the project is going to create 150 to 200 temporary job opportunities to the residents around Moutse West villages. Mayor Moimana said during the hand-over that the project will benefit the people in development and job opportunities. "We want to assure that our people must benefit during the construction of the road through SMMEs empowerment, labour placement and accommodation of those who will be working in the project," he said. Moimana said the municipality will ensure to monitor every hiring process from the appointment of Project Steering Committee (PSC), Community Liaisons Officer (CLO) and general labourers. "We will ensure that all processes will be transparent and in a fair manner," said Moimana. The representatives from local traditional leadership said they were very excited to receive the good news.



The Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, Cllr Given Moimana, says the local municipality will ensure the fair appointments in the Road D2919 upgrade project.

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High level team to investigate spate of crimes in Jane Furse and Nebo



The Ford Ranger bakkie that was hijacked from the victim at Caltex Filling Station in Jane Furse and later abandoned by the suspects at Ga-Masemola Village.

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Mathebe commended the police for the swift arrest of the suspect and calls on members of the community to be calm amidst high tensions, as the incident has the potential to incite racial tension amongst residents. "We call upon members of the community to exercise restraint and discipline in protests. We don't want a situation where we tarnish this case. Let us allow the police space to properly execute their mandate to make sure justice prevails for Kopano and his family," she said. Kopano's Mother, Julia Makweng, said she wants justice for her son after the assault. Makweng said the boy is traumatized by the incident and has been complaining about chest pains. Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, said the suspect was arrested and charged assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm (GBH) and pointing of a firearm. "He was arrested on 16 June 2022 at about 10:00, following an intensive investigation by the Groblersdal Police. He appeared before the Groblersdal Magistrate's Court on Friday 17 June 2022, facing charges of Assault GBH and pointing of a firearm and the case was postponed to Friday 24 June for formal bail application," he said. The Provincial Commissioner of Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has commended the swift arrest of the suspect and urged the community to remain calm and give the police space to investigate. "We will not tolerate attacks on our children and we will ensure that justice prevails for the victim. In the meantime, we urge community members to remain calm and allow us space to deal with the matter," said Hadebe. The Groblersdal Head prosecutor Billy Mudavhi has confirmed that Corrie Pretorius has been moved to the Paxton Correctional Services at eMalahleni for his own safety after he was assaulted at the Groblersdal Police station by his cell-mates.



Various political parties and community members picketing outside Groblersdal Magistrate's Court to oppose bail application of Corrie Pretorius.

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has established a high level team of investigators to work relentlessly in tracing down ruthless suspects involved in separate cases of murder, attempted murder, business robbery, kidnapping and hijacking that took place in the Jane Furse and Nebo policing areas between Friday 10 June and Saturday 11 June.

According to the police, during one of the incidents, occurred on Friday 10 June, a group of heavily armed suspects stormed the Caltex filling station in Jane Furse and robbed an undisclosed amount of cash, cigarettes and cellphones. "The suspects then hijacked a known medical doctor in his Ford Ranger motor vehicle when he was about to refuel at the same filling station and drove off with him in his car," said Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. He added that the suspects proceeded to Mathapisa Village under Nebo policing area and Ga-Moretsele Village in Jane furse area, where they robbed two liquor outlets of alcohol and cash, using the hijacked vehicle to load the robbed items. "The suspects then abandoned the doctor together with the vehicle in Ga-Masemola Village without harming him, after offloading the robbed items. They then loaded them into their vehicle and fled," explained Mojapelo. He furthered said in another separate incident that occurred on Saturday 11 June 2022, two male victims were

found hacked with a sharp object at Mamone Mokwena Meetse Section by unknown suspects. "The police found a Toyota Hi-Lux Double Cab bakkie on the scene of crime and the two victims were declared dead upon arrival of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Three other victims were discovered on the same day at about 10:00, in the same area lying in the bushes with serious injuries," Mojapelo said. He said police preliminary investigations revealed that the victims were robbed of their vehicle after giving three men who were coming from a local tavern a lift. "The suspects drove to nearby bushes where they severely assaulted the victims and later left them at the scene together with their vehicle. The three victims were admitted at Jane Furse Hospital after one of them managed to seek help from the community. Two victims later succumbed to their injuries," added Mojapelo. General Hadebe said the ruthless criminals must be hunted down and brought to book. "We are pleading with the public to provide valuable information that can lead to the apprehension of these suspects," said Hadebe. The police appeal to anyone with information to contact the investigating officers, Detective Sergeant Harry Katedi Mashitisho on 082 239 3402 or Detective Warrant Officer Enoch Mashilo on 072 633 8877, Crime Stop Line 08600 10111, the nearest police station or make use of MySAPSAApp.

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Tafelkop based foundation reaches out to prisoners



Thwadi and Molebogeng Foundation Chairperson, Thwadi Mohlala, handing over a trophy to TS Galaxy FC Captain, Raymond Nkadimeng.

The Thwadi & Molebogeng Foundation gave Zonderwater Prison inmates a day to remember when hosting a football tournament, organized on Thursday 16 June.

The foundation is based in Tafelkop Village and brainchild of local businessman, Thwadi Mohlala, who sponsored the sporting event with medals and trophies. The participating football teams adopted names of biggest teams in the Premier Soccer League (PSL) such as Kaizer Chiefs, Orlando Pirates and TS Galaxy. According to Mohlala, the four-team tournament was organized as part of rehabilitation and aiming to remind inmates that they are still part of the society. “We decided to spend this day with our brothers behind bars as an assurance that we have not forgotten them. We are aware that being in prison is not an ideal situation, however, we urge our youth to use the time given to study and acquire skills that they can use when they are released back into their respective communities,” he said. Thwadi thanked everyone who was hands on to make the sporting event a success and said that his foundation will continue supporting inmates through capacity building programmes. Sports Recreation, Arts and Culture (SRAC) Manager in Zonderwater Prison, Ludick Letsoale, said the sporting event was part of their rehabilitation commitment to inmates through sporting activities. “The journey of life is with many twists and turns and doesn’t get easier. But with faith and courage, no obstacle can stop us from being positive. Today we extend the greatest of gratitude as we celebrated Youth Day graced with the presence of influential people like all of you from Thwadi and Molebogeng Foundation, we give so much thanks for your presence, contribution and we also thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to grace our event,” he said. Letsoale added that he needed to reserve at least three minutes to express how thankful he was, especially for people like Thwadi & Molebogeng Foundation who make a difference in lives of inmates and Department of Correctional Service employees. “Gratitude is something that we should be able to express on any occasion, no matter how big or small it can be, may you have the best of everything, may you have all the blessings a life can unfold and lastly, may you continue to live a life full of humility,” he said. TS Galaxy FC became the champions by defeating Orlando Pirates FC 4-3 in the finals. TS Galaxy walked away with a new soccer kit, trophy and gold medals. Sunnyboy Mandela, from TS Galaxy became top goal scorer of the tournament and walked away with a trophy, while his teammate, Nkululeko Sibiyi was awarded man of the match trophy in the final match.



Dynamique goes to Polokwane for debates

Dynamique High School was again the host to the Department of Transport Road Safety debates. Two debaters, Koos Mohlala, and Karabo Masimola were chosen to represent Sekhukhune South at the Limpopo Provincial round in Polokwane in August. Then they will have a chance to make it through to the final National round which will be held in Pretoria.

Koos Mohlala and Karabo Masimola



On bail suspect murders ex-girlfriend

The police in Hlogotlou outside Groblersdal have arrested a 34-year-old suspect, Sifiso Nkabinde, in connection with the murder of his ex-girlfriend at Dindela Village.

According to the police report, the deceased, Dudu Masango (27), who was a teacher at Segolola Secondary School, was allegedly murdered by the suspect last week Saturday. Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the body of the victim was recovered in her bedroom last week Sunday with multiple stab wounds. “Following the gruesome murder, the Station Commander at Hlogotlou SAPS, led the local Task Team comprising the Detective Commander, Visible Policing Commander and Detectives who were on standby, to conduct an operation and managed to apprehend the suspect last week Sunday. During his arrest, the suspect was found in possession of the deceased’s cellphone and her car keys,” he said. Mojapelo said sexual assault cannot be ruled out in the incident. “The deceased’s motor vehicle was found abandoned at Suiwerfontein fields on Monday,” he said. Mojapelo added that the victim had previously laid a charge of rape against her ex-boyfriend last month and was subsequently arrested. He said the suspect was then released on R500-00 bail on 1 June 2022. Mojapelo said the suspect appeared before the Nebo Magistrate’s Court on Tuesday and was remanded in custody. “He will be appearing again on 8 July 2022, following further police investigation,” he said. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has commended the Hlogotlou Station Commander and her team of investigators for arresting the suspect. “I am elated and pleased by the manner in which the station commander and her team handled this case. This shall not only restore confidence of the Hlogotlou community in the police, but will also send a clear message that the loud cries of women of this country are not falling on deaf ears,” said Hadebe. She said the police shall stop at nothing to ensure that justice is not only done, but must be seen to be done.



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Sewer spillage poses health hazards to Ga-Marishane residents

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality said it has on Tuesday 21 June, filed a complaint with the Environmental Management Inspectorate (Green Scorpions), against the local municipality over a sewage spill at Marishane Sport Complex in Ga-Marishane Village outside Jane Furse. The party said it is concerned that the persistent sewage spill at the newly constructed sporting complex, is a serious health hazard and poses risk to the community. Katlego Suzan Phala, DA Constituency Head in Makhuduthamaga Municipality

said: “The complex, that was completed last year at a cost of over R9 Million, has a sewage overflow problem that has gone unaddressed to the detriment of residents using the facility and the security guards.” Phala added that the raw sewage flows right under a Marula tree in the complex and is right next to a school in the village. “This situation causes an unbearable stench and a health risk to the neighbouring school, posing a health risk for kids who play close by and residents visiting the sports complex. The problem of overflowing sewage at this new complex seems to be because of the fact that there is no proper sewage system and the facility lacks a septic tank,” she said. Phala indicated that the municipality’s failure to fix the sewage spill infringes on the residents’ right to a healthy and clean environment. “The DA is committed to ensuring residents in our communities are not exposed to raw sewage. The municipality cannot continue to put the health and safety of our residents at risk,” she said. Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality Communications Manager, Lemson Moropjane, said he was not in possession to comment as water and sanitation issues are handled by Sekhukhune District Municipality. However, Acting Communications Manager in Sekhukhune District Municipality, Khomotso Ndlovu, indicated that the district municipality has no sewer system in G-Marishane Sporting Complex. “The facility was constructed by the local municipality involved and the Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality is custodian of the sewer system in the area. The district

municipality could only assist if a formal request could be received from Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality,” he said.



DA Constituency Head in Makhuduthamaga Municipality, Katlego Suzan Phala, confirmed that the party has approached the Green Scorpions to investigate the sewer spillage of Marishane Sport Complex in Ga-Marishane Village outside Jane Furse.

Dynamique High School is Second Best Independent School



Mr Ola Ahmed, Deputy Principal of Dynamique Private High School holds the trophy and Certificate from the Department of Education celebrating the 2021 achievements of the school. Dynamique high School had a 100% pass rate for the Senior Certificate and was the Second best Performing Independent School in Sekhukhune South District. Congratulations to the learners and staff of Dynamique High School for this great achievement.

MEC Masemola hands-over construction of Manoke Tribal Offices

MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure in Limpopo, Dr Namane Dickson Masemola, has on Friday 17 June, officially handed-over the contractor for the establishment of the new offices of Manoke Tribal Offices outside Jane Furse. Masemola was flanked by MMC for Youth in Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Kukie Sefala and other councillors from both the district and local municipalities. The project will include new office building, a guard house, a pavement, a parking space and a borehole and is expected to be completed in 12 months with an excess of R10 Million. The project is in line with MEC Masemola’s commitments, made when delivering his budget speech earlier this year. The MEC said the initiative is one of the government’s commitments is to take affairs of traditional leaders seriously, as such matters relating to the building of traditional council offices are getting necessary attention. “We are very serious and deliberate about retaining the prestige of institutions of royal leadership in the province. The construction of these offices is one way of strengthening the relationship between government and traditional leaders,” he said. Speaking on behalf of the executive mayor, MMC Sefala thanked the MEC and his team for this crucial administration improvements, which will forge a working partnership with traditional leaders. Local traditional leader, Kgoshi Manoke, thanked all spheres of government and called on all stakeholders to hold hands and make sure the project is realised.

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Police needs assistance to locate these young persons



The Nebo Police appeal to the community to locate the whereabouts of 28-year-old Oliver Napo Maroga, from Mohlarekoma Village, who went missing since 6 June 2022.

The Police in Nebo outside Jane Furse are requesting the public to assist in finding the whereabouts of a 28-year-old missing man named, Oliver Napo Maroga, from Mohlarekoma Village. According to the police report, the victim was reportedly last seen on Monday 6 June 2022, at about 20:30 when he went to sleep.

"A search operation was conducted in and around the area including at his relatives and friends but all in vain," said Sergeant Maphure Manamela, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. Manamela said the type of clothes the missing man was wearing at the time of his disappearance, are not known. "Anyone with information that can assist the police to find the missing man, may contact the investigating officer, Captain Mogawane on 082 573 4672, crime stop number 08600 10111, MYSAPSApp or the nearest police station," she said. Furthermore, Manamela said the police in Lebogakomo, are seeking information that can assist to locate a 20-year-old man, Khutsisho Isaac Mohlase, from Lebogakomo Unit B, who was reportedly last seen on Monday 13 June 2022. "The victim apparently took a bus in the morning to Hill College in Polokwane, where he is a student, however, he never returned home. He has disappeared since that day," she said. Manamela indicated that the school confirmed that he attended all his classes and knocked off as usual. "The police have conducted searches at places he frequently visits, including his relatives and friends with no success. He was last seen wearing blue jeans, black tracksuit top and black sandals," Manamela explained. She appealed to anyone with information of his whereabouts to contact the investigating officer, Lieutenant Colonel Nyamanyawo Thomas Baloyi on 082 565 8234, the Crime Stop Line on 08600 10111, the nearest police station or make use of MySAPSApp. "An investigation to locate the whereabouts of the two missing young man is still underway," said Manamela.



The police in Lebogakomo request the public to help find the missing Khutsisho Isaac Mohlase (20), from Lebogakomo Unit B.

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SA Navy names Battleship after King Sekhukhune I

The Queen Mother of Bapedi Nation, Manyaku Thulare 'Hlapogadi a Phaahle', led a high level Bapedi delegation from Sekhukhune to the South African Navy Durban base in Kwazulu-Natal, to celebrate the naming of SAS King Sekhukhune I Battleship on Wednesday 15 June.

According to the South African Navy, the naming of battleships is in accordance to Naval Customs and traditions, whereby it is customary to name vessels with the same capabilities according to a specific class. The Navy said predecessors of the Multi-Mission Inshore Patrol Vessels (MMIPVs), were named Warrior Class, therefore, this new group of vessels continued the tradition and is aptly named after warriors that have made a significant impact in the history of South Africa. The South African Navy officially rolled out one of the first of three MMIPV, SAS King Sekhukhune I during the commissioning ceremony.

The vessel with international pennant number P 1571, the Navy says it was built to replace the previous Class Strike Craft and it was found

befitting to name these Vessels after South African warriors that have made a significant impact on the historic landscape of South Africa. The Navy said the vessel was built in South Africa by Damen Shipyards Cape Town and was delivered to SANavy on 18 May 2022 ahead of the commissioning ceremony. According to the Navy statement, this is the first time since 1986 that a South African Navy warship was built in South Africa for South Africa. The Navy said the vessels will strengthen the inshore patrolling capability of the SA Navy, train soldiers, deep-diving operations, humanitarian assistance and conduct mine countermeasure.

The P1571 is 62m long and can accommodate 64 members at a go, and travel at the speed of up to 20 Knots. The main gun fitted on the vessel is a 20mm Super Sea Rogue, and can also fit a 7m sea boat. Dressed in Bapedi full attire, the royalty, accompanied by dance groups, stunned the crowd in Durban with cultural performances, moments just before the official naming of the ships. "It is a very great day to be here today for this special occasion. We are here to bless this babe that she must grow well, I thank you," said Queen Mother Thulare. The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality, Cllr Julia Mahebe, said the municipality is honoured to have one of the battleships being named after this warrior king. "We welcome the expansion of the recognition of the legacy of King Sekhukhune I to national assets such as the multi-mission inshore patrol vessel SAS Sekhukhune I. This battleship shall, for eternity, be the pride of the people of Sekhukhuneland and Bapedi Nation as whole. It demonstrates our democratic government's



The Multi-Mission Inshore Patrol Vessels P1571, was formally named SAS King Sekhukhune I Battleship by the South African Navy.

commitment to affirming and truly reflecting the role that our people played in resisting colonialism in all its forms," she said.

Dismay over neglected multi-million sporting facilities

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo is calling for Department of Sports, Arts and Culture, to take action on the neglected and dilapidated sporting facilities in the province. According to the DA, during the party's oversight visit conducted recently at Sekhukhune and Vhembe District municipalities, it was revealed that sporting facilities, which were built at great cost, have become neglected and turned into white elephants. DA Limpopo Spokesperson on Sport, Arts and Culture, Katlego Phala, said the party was dismayed by the state of Ntoampe Sport Centre in Sekhukhune, Masisi and Madimbo Sports Centres both situated in Vhembe District Municipality. "The Masisi Sports Centre in Musina Municipality has no security guards and this has led to the vandalism and dilapidated state of a facility that was built less than 4 years ago. Madimbo Sports Centre, also in Musina Municipality, has no guards and has been vandalized too. Equipment at the facility including water pumps, has also been stolen and the facility is in a state of disrepair. These two Musina facilities cost in excess of R12 Million," explained Phala. She added that the Ntoampe Sport Centre in Sekhukhune, which was upgraded at a cost of R3 Million, is a shell of what it once was after it was vandalised and stripped of all the fencing and bathroom fixtures. "It is clear that these facilities have fallen victim to neglect, incompetence and poor management. We cannot continue to let taxpayer money that could have been used for other priorities go to waste while other services in municipalities collapse," she said. Phala said the DA has on Tuesday, written to the Limpopo Sport, Arts and Culture MEC, Thandi Moraka, urging her to engage, cooperate and support municipalities in better maintaining and utilising their sport infrastructure. "The department has a responsibility to make sport and recreation accessible to all people in the province and to maximise access, development and excellence at all levels of participation in sport and recreation. MEC Moraka and her department must engage, support and assist municipalities in ensuring the complexes are regularly in use for sporting and other purposes, and to share best practices in securing and maintaining sport infrastructure," she said. Phala said the party believes that sport plays a vital role in social cohesion and that sport infrastructure should be well maintained in order to benefit the residents it is intended for.

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Fetakgomo United FC wins Sekhukhune Regional playoffs

Fetakgomo United FC from Ga-Nchabeleng Village in the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality, were crowned champions of the SAFA Sekhukhune Football League. The playoffs played from 4 June to 19 June at Mapodile Stadium. The team was crowned winners after topping the preliminary playoffs in the point system competing against seven other clubs that topped their streams during the SAFA Sekhukhune Football League 2021/2022 season. Fetakgomo United walked away with R20 000-00 cash prize, a trophy and gold medals. Other football clubs competed in the playoffs were; Moganyaka Man Movers FC, Phasha City Rocks FC, Matsebe Real Hearts FC, Magatle Rocks FC, Kingborn FC, Dennilton United FC and Young Madrid FC. The team will be going to represent Sekhukhune Region in the Limpopo Provincial Preliminary Playoffs to be played at Old Peter Mokaba Stadium on 2 and 3 July 2022. Winners of the provincial playoffs will be promoted to the ABC Motsepe Football League, the third tier of professional football in the country. League Coordinator, Frank Maredi, said they are confident that Fetakgomo United will represent the region better in the provincial playoffs. "The team is committed and we are confident that they will play better in the province as they are currently undergoing rigorous training. They displayed rightful skills during the entire season and we believe they will be playing to their true potential. This is unlike last season where the team we have sent to the province could not get enough time to prepare due to Covid-19 restrictions,"

he said. Maredi added that SAFA Sekhukhune Region will be sponsoring the team with a 22 seater minibus to transport to the provincial playoffs. "As entry in the stadiums has been opened, we call upon football supporters from Sekhukhune, who have already vaccinated and in possession of their Covid-19 certificates to go and support the team in the province, which will boost their morale during the matches," he said. He said they are satisfied with the way other teams are honouring their matches, which is an indication of growth within the league. "Looking at the results of the previous log standings, I can confirm that the performance of the teams was impressive despite that we had too many clubs participating in the history of our league," he said. Maredi indicated that the 2022/2023 season will kick-off in September after the registrations of teams and players are finalized. "However, we will be hosting a big tournament from 9 July with all teams within our league participating. The amount of R53 000-00 will be up for grabs for the winners," said Maredi.

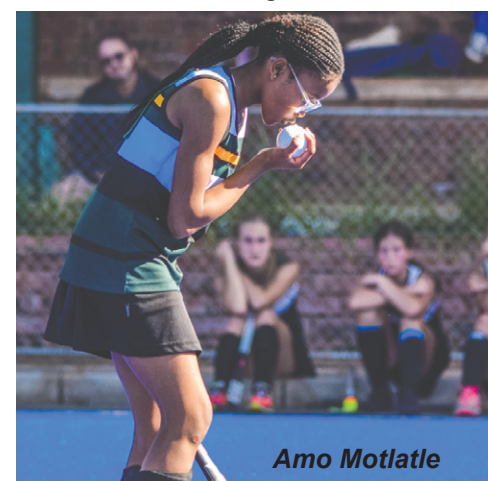


Fetakgomo United FC were crowned SAFA Sekhukhune Regional Football League Champions

The Limpopo hockey semi-final and final took place during the weekend of 10 & 11 June

Ben Viljoen's u/14 hockey team played against Stanford Lake College in the Limpopo Semi-final on Friday at 13:30 and won 1-0. On Saturday, 11 June, Ben Viljoen High School played in the Limpopo final against Hoërskool Pietersburg, after the full duration of the match, the score was 1-1 which caused the match to be decided by 8-seconds. The final score was 5-4 in favour of Ben Viljoen High School and not a dry eye was in sight when this team was crowned winners. Ben Viljoen High School's u/15 hockey team faced High School Merensky on Friday at 14:40. Ben Viljoen High School unfortunately lost 2-1 and played in the final for places 3 & 4 in Limpopo on Saturday. An exciting match awaited the Ben Viljoeners where Ben Viljoen High School faced High School Ben Vorster. After the full duration of the match where the score was 1-1, the match was decided by 8 seconds. The final score was 3-1 in favor of Ben Viljoen High School. Ben Viljoen High School's u / 15 team finished 3rd in the big schools division of Limpopo Girls Hockey. Ben Viljoen High School's u/16 hockey team faced High School Merensky at 17:05 on Friday. Ben Viljoen High School unfortunately lost 1-0 and played in the final for places 3 & 4 in Limpopo on Saturday. Ben Viljoen High School faced High School Ben Vorster where Ben Viljoen High School won the match 2-1 in favour of High School Ben Viljoen and thus finished 3rd in the big schools division of Limpopo Girls Hockey. Ben Viljoen High School's 1st girls hockey team faced High School Pietersburg in an icy

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