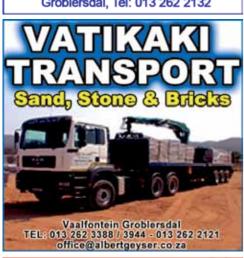


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# Bapedi announces acting king







The Bapedi Royal family has announced Queen Mother Hlapogadi Thulare, mother of the late King Thulare Thulare III, as acting King of the Bapedi Nation.

The Queen will be a successor to her son who passed away in January this year after succumbing to Covid-19 complications.

According to the Bapedi Royal Family Spokesperson, Ntoampe Mampuru, the announcement follows much deliberations, meetings and mutual agreement among elders in the Royal family. "This appointment of Queen Manyaku 'Hlapogadi' Thulare comes at a time when South Africa continues to recognize and advance the rights of women into positions of power and leadership, in all sectors of society, including traditional leadership as well as the private and public sector," Mampuru said. Mampuru said the appointment of the Queen Mother as acting king will not only restore the order of things in the Bapedi Royal House but is also a vote of confidence and a vindication for the sterling leadership role that women have continued to play in many sectors of society. "The appointment of the Queen is very signifi-

cant on many fronts. Firstly, it helps us continue to go through what is still a very difficult period of mourning as the royal family and the Bapedi nation. Secondly, it allays any fears about the succession process following what was a difficult and protracted legal dispute over heirship to the Bapedi throne. However, thirdly and quiet significantly, the appointment of the Queen Mother as acting king of the Bapedi Nation is a vote of confidence in the abilities of women not only in traditional leadership but societal leadership in general," he said.

Mampuru described the Queen Mother as the central pillar of the royal family and was also a pillar of strength and confidant even to her departed son."The Queen is certainly a pillar of strength to all of us. She has always loved the Bapedi people and has stopped at nothing to ensure the needs of the Bapedi are always at the forefront. While King Thulare Victor Thulare was widely revered for his love and wonderful leadership, albeit for a relatively short time, it is the Queen Mother who has always been credited with how much King Thulare Victor Thulare III loved his people," saidMampuru.

The ANC Womens League (ANCWL) congratulated the Queen on her new appointment. MeokgoMatuba, ANCWL Secretary General, said the appointment of Queen Hlapogadi signifies the recognition of women as capable citizens to participate and lead in every sector of public life in the country. "The ANCWL will work with her to mobilize, organize and unite all women within the Bapedination and beyond to participate in the struggle for the liberation women and all oppressed groups like the disabled, LGBTQIA+, children, and young women among many others," she said.

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## **Expired food found in Tafelkop shops**

Tafelkop Home Based Care, together with volunteering health specialists have recently begun a crackdown on the sale of expired food in the village. This followed after a wave of complaints about foreign national owned shops selling perishable goods. During the crackdown, that visited ten shops around the village, it was discovered that more than half of the goods were expired and not in line with the required health and safety standards. Jeffrey Walker, member of the Tafelkop Home Based Care, told the Dispatch that they pounced to the shops after receiving complaints from community members who had to return goods to the shops after finding out that they have expired. Walker said most of the perishable foods included soft drinks, biscuits and maize meal. "Some of the shops kept fruits and vegetables on the floor surrounded by flies. The owners didn't see anything wrong about that," he said. Walker indicated that all the expired foods were disposed of, but no fines were issued since they don't have the authority to issue fines. "There is a need to inspect these shops regularly to ensure they comply with consumer rights. This is a serious health compromise for our citizens and it has been too long now that

the government is doing nothing about these issues," he said. Walker said similar inspections will be conducted until all shops abide to the rules.

Some of the expired food that was found at one of the shops by members of the Tafelkop Home Based Care and volunteering health specialists.

## MDF calls for removal of Philadelphia CEO

Moutse Demarcation Forum (MDF) has threatened a mayhem against the Limpopo Department of Health if concerns raised by workers at Philadelphia Hospital to remove CEO are not considered.

The community structure, that seeks the return of Moutse back to Mpumalanga Province, was inflamed by the poor working conditions at the hospital and maladministration allegations levelled against hospital CEO Dr Matome Lebea. On Wednesday 10 March, staff members at Philadelphia Hospital downed tools demanding the Health Department to recall Lebea immediately. The Department was given seven working days to respond to the workers demands. The seven days ended on Tuesday 23 March and no action was taken to resolve workers problems at the hospital, which concerned MDF, MDF Chairperson, Chris Mhlanga, said the problems at the hospital are not only affecting workers. Shikwambana, Limpopo Department of Health Spokesperson, said Philadelphia problems were resolved during a meeting that was held at the hospital on the day of the strike. "After that meeting the strike was called off and workers returned to work. As we speak workers are on duty at Philadelphia Hospital," he said. Shikwambana said other agreement was that whatever challenges unions are having they should put it down in writing and send it to the department so that they will be able to respond in writing within seven days. "This far the department hasn't receive any correspondence from the unions. We remain committed to dealing with any issue that may arrive in that area," he said.



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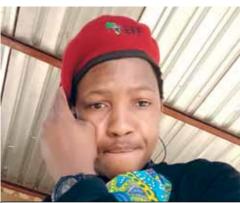
## A cleaning drive by MP women

Mpumalanga Party (MP) Womens' League have organized a cleaning campaign that was undertaken on the streets of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Ward 8 and Ward 11 in Dennilton. The women swept and cleared the garbage, cleaned ditches and unoccupied stands around the wards as part of the drive. Campaign organizer, Happy Pheladi Tau, said they saw a need to do something about the untidiness of their surrounding in a bid to change Dennilton's image as one of the filthiest places in the municipality. "As Mpumalanga Party women, we have taken a pledge to tidy up our surrounding while we also educate people about the importance of cleanliness," she said. Tau said the impact of the initiative was positive as residents complimented their efforts when walking on the newly cleaned roads, something that did not happen before. "We have people who were appointed to clean our roads but nothing changes. This is the reason we decided to do it ourselves. We knew we will be doing

# EFFSC wins CS Barlow SRC

The Economic Freedom Fighters Student Command (EFFSC) has emerged as winners of the Students Representative Council (SRC) elections at Sekhukhune TVET College in CS Barlow Campus.

The elections were held on Tuesday 16 March at the CS Barlow Campus premises in Motetema Township. The South African Students Congress (SASCO), EFFSC and Sekhukhune Express Student Movement (SESM) contested in the election. The polls were scheduled to be held on Thursday 11 March, however, SASCO raised an objection, demanding the election postponement, citing that they have not had enough time to campaign due to Covid-19 pandemic. EFFSC claimed 9 of the ten contested seats, SASCO followed by securing 1 seat while the previous leadership of the college, SESM didn't get a single seat in the election. Boitumelo Masha was elected SRC chairperson, Tisetso Letageng as secretary, Kutso Manasoe was elected SRC publicity and Itumeleng Xaba was elected a treasurer. Desiree Thobejane was elected sports officer, academic officer became Oupa Mothapo, Nomsa Kgaria was elected event coordinator, Lethabo Masehla was elected as health and welfare officer and Patience Napyane was elected gender and equity officer. EFFSC Leader in Sekhukhune TVET CS Barlow Campus, Puti Rasomane, said they were happy that for the first time, the EFFSC will be leading the institution. "We are happy because students have faith in us, we will continue serving their interests and offer any help they need in the campus," he said. Rasomane said the election was tough as they had formidable opponents who were working hard towards the election day. "But as EFFSC, we worked very hard before the opening of SRC campaigns assisting students with registrations and NSFAS applications, which I think worked for us to win the election. Students need someone who is there always, not someone who is visible only during the SRC election campaigns," he said. Rasomane said EFFSC will assist in voluntarily tutoring students and ensure that every one who qualifies benefit from NSFAS. "Priority will be given to students living with disabilities. We will ensure that they get all learning resources required in the current academic year," he said. He said they will thrive to get free Wifi for researches and other academic related work for students.



EFF SRC candidate Boitumelo Masha, was elected the new president of Sekhukhune TVET College CS Barlow Campus.

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Mpumalanga Party Womens' League members during a cleaning campaign conducted at Elias Motsoaledi Ward 8 and Ward 11 villages in Dennilton.



## More than 1000 suspects nabbed during provincial ongoing operations



tor cycles were among confiscated suspected stolen property during operations conducted across Limpopo Province. Below: One of the suspects who was arrested during the operations in possession of ten bags

of copper wires.

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Makhuduthamaga		Makhuduthamaga Municipal Chambers, Jane Furse		10600
Elias Motsoaledi	07/04/2021	Elias Motsoaledi Municipal Chambers, Groblersdal	Magoshi	10h00
Ephraim Mogale		Ephraim Mogale Municipal Chambers, Marble Hall		10h00
All Local Municipalities and District Municipality	08/04/2021	Zoom Video Conferencing	Business & Ratepayers	18H00
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In a concerted effort to fight all crime categories throughout Limpopo, the police arrested 1896 suspects, between the age of 18 and 52 during intelligence led joint operations conducted in all districts on Sunday 21 March. The suspects were arrested for various offences that include possession and dealing in drugs, possession of suspected stolen motor vehicles, possession of unlicensed firearms, murder, robberies, assault, common robberies, armed robberies, sexual offences, possession of illicit cigarettes, attempted murder Illegal Immigration Act, public drinking, illegal dealing in liquor to the Road Traffic Act. "The operations were conducted by members of the police derived from various units in all levels of command through roadblocks, tracing of wanted suspects, stop and search, intensive and search patrols," said Colonel Moatshe Ngoepe, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. He said the police confiscated ten illegal firearms with ammunition, 5 suspected stolen vehicles, two suspected stolen motor cycles, one stolen truck, 237 cellphones, 56 tablets, 17 laptops, 59 070 sticks of counterfeit cigarettes, 45 dangerous weapons including knives, 3 843grams of dagga, 144 dagga plants." Different drugs which are worth over R100 000 such as cocaine powder, crystal myth, cat and nyaope, 939 598ml liquor, a music system and 1775 fines were issued for the contravention of the Road Traffic Act," said Ngoepe. Ngoepe said two foreign nationals who were in possession of fraudulent travelling documents, 113 illegal immigrants and a suspect who was in possession of ten bags full of copper wires with the estimated street value of over R60 000, 00, were among suspects arrested during the operations. "The arrested suspects during these operations are already appearing before different magistrate's courts across the province," said Ngoepe. The Acting Provincial Commissioner of the police in Limpopo, Major General Samuel Manala, has complimented the tireless efforts by all members of the SAPS in Limpopo in their endeavour to fight against criminal activities head-on.

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# Amper Alles Mega Mica Groblersdal Deputy minister's Covid-19 campaign

Deputy Minister in the Presidency, Thembi Siweya, has embarked on a Covid-19 vaccine roll-out and a back to school campaign in Sekhukhune, on Tuesday 23 March. Siweya, together with a provincial delegation including MEC of the Health Department in Limpopo Dr Phophi Ramathuba, started by visiting Mohlamme Secondary School at Ntwane in Moutse. The school visit formed part of the government's Covid-19 frontline monitoring and back-to-school campaign, which is aiming at highlighting the importance of education and to mobilize the society to play a role in supporting teaching and learning. The deputy minister, joined by the Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Cllr Julia Mathebe, arrived at Mohlamme Secondary School around 9:00 for a back-to-school campaign. "While general infrastructure remains a recurrent challenge, we are happy that the school has sufficient water supply and reservoir. Together with the school, we will engage public and private institutions to solicit support for a construction of a library," Siweya said. She said they will make sure that learners have access to reading material. Later on the day, the deputy minister proceeded to visit St Rita's Hospital in Glen Cowie outside Jane Furse, to monitor the phase 1 of the vaccination roll-out programme on frontline workers. The hospital is one of the identified vaccination sites as part of the strategy to fight Covid-19 pandemic. "We are impressed with the facility that has been set up to vaccinate our healthcare workers and prepare for phase 2 of the vaccine roll-out," said Siweya. She said to avert delays in the process, the province and all its stakeholder have developed a thorough vaccination plan and works with the private sector to supplement human resources. In the next two months, the deputy minister will visit vaccination centres in various provinces to monitor the state of readiness for phase 2 of the Covid-19 roll-out programme.

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The police in Sekhukhune have launched a search operation to locate a missing young man, Sebolo WillyMalaka(19), from Ga-Mogashoa Village.According to the police report, the victim was allegedly last seen at his home on Thursday, 25 February 2021 in the afternoon."It



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is not known what type of clothes he was wearing before he went missing. He is dark in complexion, slender and about 1,6 meter tall," said Warrant Officer Marobo Seabela, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. Seabela said the police, assisted by family members, have searched for the victim at relatives and friends without success."Anyone with information about his whereabouts may, contact Sergeant Mothapo Michael on 082 414 2663, crime stop number 0860010111 or the nearest police station.





















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# LSC vision endorsed in sporting workshop

The Limpopo Sport and Recreation Stakeholders' workshop, hosted at Tzaneen Country Lodge, has endorsed the idea of Limpopo sport Confederation (LSC) leadership. The workshop was the first opportunity for the member sport federations of LSC from all district municipalities in the province, the Department of Sport Arts and Culture and Limpopo Academy of Sport to meet under one roof to share the vision of the new LSC leadership. The workshop took place on Saturday 13 March 2021, just



over a week after LSC celebrating 100 days in office. Among the key highlights of the stakeholders workshop was the unveiling of the 'Vision Statement' adopted by the executive committee, that reads 'To Champion a winning

province through sport development and elite excellence'. Furthermore, LSC told delegates that its mission statement is to be the controlling body that promotes sports development programmes and elite participation for sports federations in Limpopo Province. Among the key roles highlighted in the workshop are the driving of the LSC vision and policy, which resides in the office of the President Pole, the sport transformation steered by the first Vice President Leon Bannau and the support for federations and Limpopo Academy of Sport, which is championed by the second Vice President Phuti Kgomo. Kgomo's portfolio includes overseeing and monitoring the implementation of academy programmes and the functioning of the academies in the five districts of Limpopo. The office of the secretary-general of LSC, Clarika Strydom, is entrusted with the coordination of Limpopo Sports Awards and general administration. The Deputy Secretary Louise Blignaut heads the coaching and athlete commission, coordination of associate members such as school sport. Gezani Joseph Khoza, in his capacity as treasurer of LSC, is entrusted with the overall sound financial management of the confederation. The first additional member, TlouLanga, is designated for disability sport, women in sport and school Sport while Atang Segodi is heading the coordination of the five districts' sport confederations. Tsakani Hlungwani was co-opted to the LSC executive committee to serve in the legal advisory capacity while Puleng Mmotla, serves in the marketing and communications portfolio which includes networking with the media and stakeholders through mediated platforms such as social media activations and general marketing of the provincial sports confederation. The primary programmes of the LSC includes flagship programmes such as the provincial fundraising golf day and the establishment of Limpopo Games were also endorsed by the stakeholders.





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The unbeaten run consistency maintained by Sekhukhune United FC was ended on Saturday 20 March, when the team was defeated by Steenberg United FC at Idas Valley Stadium in Stellenbosch, Cape Town. Steenberg claimed a 1-0 second half strike to secure three points in a GladAfrica Championship match. In their previous match of the first round in the league held at Makhulong Stadium in Tembisa, BabinaNoko humbled Steenberg 3-1. However in a return fixture, Steenberg managed to return the favour by collecting the maximum points with a different score line, ending Sekhukhune's four matches undefeated campaign. BabinaNoko could have scored an early goal in the first half when Damini's long range shot deflected by the goalie and rescued by the defenders after pressure by Sekhukhune attackers. The second half was more lovely than the first, with both teams coming out in search of their first goal. On a balance of play, BabinaNoko played on a front foot while the host was looking to catch the visitors on a break. BabinaNoko fired on all cylinders without success when Walter Musona got a good scoring chance but his shot was off target. Steenberg United player LesvinStoffel netted a crucial winner for the host in the 80th minute of the match that claimed victory to his side. After winning the match, Steenberg managed to move five points clear from the relegation zone. During the post-match interview, Sekhukhune United Assistant Coach, SelaotseMosala said they have played much better and created much better chances but the players let

goals. "However, Sekhukhune United will be working hard to achieve its ultimate goal which is a promotion to the PSL," he said. Steenberg victory also ended three successive clean sheets for BabinaNoko goalkeeper who is also captain of the team TapuwaKapini. Sekhukhune United is currently standing at position 2 in the GladAfrica Championship League with 31 points in 18 matches. BabinaNoko have won eight matches with 7 draws and three loses. They are one point behind log leaders, Richards Bay FC that has attained 32 points in the league. Their next match will be played with Cape Town All Stars at Makhulong Stadium on Saturday 3 April. With this satisfactory performance, the team seems to be on the right track to attain its target of winning the promotion to the Dstv Premiership, as it was revealed by Executive Chairman Simon Malatji. Malatji informed that if they don't make it to the Dstv Premiership in a set three year period, they will

themselves down by not converting them into consider buying another status. United is currently using Makhulong as their home ground due to lack of sporting facilities in Sekhukhune. "We have decided to use Makulong because we are still working on a plan to build a football village in Sekhukhune where everything including our stadium and offices will be based. We agreed in principles with traditional leaders from that side but for now we will be based in Gauteng," he said.

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## Tafelkop Fun Walk in full swing

About 70 road running enthusiasts, including athletes from Tafelkop Village partook in the first annual Tafelkop Fun Run sporting event. The event took place on Sunday 21 March. Participants gathered at Kgoshi Rammupudu Sports Grounds in the morning. Mandla Mahlangu, Doctor Manyaka, Sello Motlafe and Nelly Skhosana, organized the fun run. Participants in the activity could run 10km, 21km and 42km. Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Ward 28 Councillor, Girly Motlafe was among the participants. Speaking to the Dispatch, Mahlangu said the event was open to all people with a strict compliance to Covid-19 health and safety regulations. "We needed to make it a fun filled and family orientated programme to draw interests of all age groups," he said. He said the aim was to encourage the community to walk to stay healthy and fit, on the other side putting the community together and encourage them to take part in sporting activities. "We want to promote running as a competitive sport and send competitors from our village to partake in big marathons, probably in the provincial and national levels." he said. Mahlangu indicated that they feared that people will not be interested in the drive because of Covid-19. "The attendance was impressive, people are getting used to the new normal." he said. Mahlangu said more sponsors will be approached to keep the initiative going in the near future. The winners were showered with gold, silver and bronze medals. Vleismark, Waltloo Meat and Chicken, Sweet and Snack, Pat Polo Fruits and Vegetables and Monamudi GManyaka sponsored the sporting event.



