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Three pupils die, alleged food poisoning

Hundreds of distraught parents of children at Mohlako Primary School in Moteti Village have resolved on suspending lessons at the school following the death of three pupils in two weeks.

According to the parents, the children died allegedly as a result of consuming poisonous food at the school's premises. The school accommodates about 500 learners from Grade R to Grade 7 who are coming from various parts of Moteti Village. Parents said one of the children died on Monday 12 February while the other two passed away on Monday 19 February. According to parents, the deceased developed complications when they arrived at home after school and they all mysteriously succumbed before reaching the nearest healthcare facilities. The mysterious deaths sent shockwaves through the community. On Monday 26 February, they gathered and decided to go and consult a prominent local traditional doctor to seek answers and they were told to prevent their children to attend the school until a cleansing ceremony is performed to stop the unnatural deaths. A community leader who wishes to remain anonymous, told the publication that they decided to shut-down the school from Tuesday 27 February until the traditional healer comes to perform the cleansing ritual to stop the mysterious deaths of pupils.

"We were shocked after the traditional doctor confirmed that the mysterious deaths were caused at the school by bitter unknown people. We decided to shut-down the school because we want to ensure safety of the learners. Currently, none of the parents will release their children to go to school until the matter comes to rest," he said. The community leader said this is the first incident that has been reported in the area and parents and fellow pupils of the victims are still reeling in shock. "This is heartbreaking, it is for the first time our community experiences a tragic incident like this one. Everyone is extremely worried about what happened and asks themselves who will be next," he said.

He said the school will remain closed until the arranged traditional doctor visits the school for a cleansing ceremony. "If everything goes as planned, we are expecting the traditional doctor to come to the school on Monday 4 March," he said. Matome Taueatsoala, Limpopo



Department of Education Spokesperson, said they were not aware of the pupils' deaths and the school closure. Taueatsoala said the department will investigate the issues and comment after the investigation is finalized.

Parents gathered at Mohlako Primary School in Moteti to suspend the lessons after three learners died allegedly as a result of consuming poisonous food at the school premises.

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Persistent power cuts contribute to massive job losses in Limpopo

According to the Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS), for the period from October to December 2023, as released by Stats SA, indicated that despite a 30.3% unemployment rate, which is down by 0.5 percentage points, 40 000 workers in Limpopo lost their jobs. According to the survey, the quarter-to-quarter job losses were experienced in the agriculture sector with over 9000 job losses, the manufacturing sector registering over 5000 job losses, the trade sector with more than 15 000 job losses, private households experiencing 6 000 job losses, the finance sector with over 7000 job losses and the community and social services sector in the province losing 34 000 jobs. Lindy Wilson, DA Limpopo Provincial Leader, said the party is concerned with the massive job losses because it is clear that most sectors reliant on a regular energy supply were hardest hit. "The agriculture sector has the highest employment absorption capacity and is buckling under the strain of constant load-shedding. It is concerning that Limpopo has the third largest, in expanded, unemployment rate nationally at 46.7% with only the Eastern Cape and North West Province at higher percentages," explained Wilson. She said it is worrisome that Limpopo Province now has 1 498 000 employed people in stark contrast to the 3 073 000 unemployed, discouraged work seekers and not economically active individuals that include 1 829 000 individuals, mostly youth, are not in education employment or training. "The ANC government clearly lacks the political will to curb the load-shedding crisis to prevent future quarterly job losses and increased cost of living for people who are already struggling to make ends meet," she said. Wilson assured that the DA is the only party with credible and implementable solutions to end load-shedding and strive for job creation.



According to the QLFS, over 9000 people have lost jobs in the agricultural sector as a result of persistent load-shedding in the country.

Limpopo Provincial government returns multi-millions rands of unspent funds

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo said it has written to Premier Stan Mathabatha to seek clarity on the unspent hundreds of millions of rands allegedly that has been returned to the National Treasury Department in the 2022/23 financial year, despite a serious backlog of service delivery in the province. According to the party, Limpopo seemingly returned over a billion rand in unspent amounts from their allocated budgets, which includes (rounded to the closest million) R523million that was allocated for Education, R570million that was meant for Health, R226million that was allocated for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, R98million for Agriculture, R72million for Social Development, R45million allocated for Legislature, R40million that was meant to improve Transport and Community Safety, R16 million from the Premier's Office, R14million for Treasury in Limpopo and R8million that was for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism. Lindy Wilson MPL, DA Spokesperson for Treasury in the province, said they are extremely concerned by the slow pace of spending, given that the funds could have been used to develop the province and address different challenges across the different departments.

"These funds could have provided opportunities to improve schools, hospitals and clinics, fund social development programmes and address infrastructure and vacancy challenges in the province," explained Wilson. She indicated that the failure to spend available funds is unacceptable and a slap in the face to Limpopo residents who continue to suffer as a result of inadequate services. "The time has come to bring an end to the neglect of the people of Limpopo. A vote for the DA in 2024, will ensure much needed change and upliftment of all," she said. Limpopo Provincial Government Spokesperson, Nдавhe Ramaukela, has slammed



DA Limpopo Provincial Leader, Lindy Wilson, says the party needs Premier Stanley Mathabatha to clarify the issue of unspent multi-millions of rands that were returned to the Treasury Department.

the DA claims, saying that the Provincial Government denounces the reference of the party saying that the information they provided is misleading.

"The figures are not for 2022/23 financial year and the Provincial Government has not returned the figures stated to National Treasury. The process of declaring funds as unspent is quite involved. Conditional grants and equitable shares that are not spent within a financial year are repurposed by Provincial Treasury and the money is appropriated in budgets for subsequent years within the provincial government. After that a request for roll-overs is made to National Treasury that approves or rejects it. Only then a surrender of the amounts that could not be rolled over takes place," explained Ramaukela.

He added that in the case of 2022/2023 financial year, the Limpopo Provincial Government only surrendered R122 million to National Treasury arising out of the Welisizwe Rural Bridges Programme, R81 million, and other smaller projects which only constitute 0,15% of the provincial budget. "The general underspending for 2022/23 was 1,9% of the appropriated budgets which is within the National Treasury norm of 2% and an improvement from 2021/22. The province has been doing well in terms of spending that it has received additional R250 million this year for human settlements grant because the catch up programme has been bearing fruit," he said.


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Ga-Masemola man drowns while boat fishing at De Hoop Dam

A 50-year-old fisherman, Sammy Maphutha, from Ga-Masemola Village in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM), has drowned while boat fishing at De Hoop Dam. The tragic incident occurred on Saturday 17 February. Following the unfortunate incident, the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula, paid homage to the beavered family at Ga-Masemola Village on Wednesday 21 February to convey her heartfelt condolences. The executive mayor was accompanied by local council members and community stakeholders, who joined to offer vital moral support during the Maphutha family's trying times. The entourage engaged in discussions concerning funeral arrangements, with tentative plans for a service scheduled for the burial on the weekend. However, final arrangements are pending the results of the autopsy to determine the exact cause of Mr. Maphutha's untimely passing. Meanwhile, after visiting Sammy's family, the executive mayor continued and led the team to another household belonging to a different Maphutha family, situated close to Sammy's house. The next visited family had also mourned the loss of a 26-year-old woman, who succumbed to a brief illness. The family also faced hardships and could not afford to give their loved one a proper burial. Consequently, they turned to the executive mayor, seeking assistance and intervention in their time of need. The district municipality said the chain of these unfortunate events highlighted the pervasive impact of socio-economic challenges on communities, underscoring the importance of compassionate leadership and support systems in times of grief and crisis. Mayor Bahula expressed her heartfelt condolences, stating: "Our hearts ache for both families and friends as they navigate this profound loss. We stand in solidarity with them, offering our steadfast support during this challenging period."

Investigation intensified following murder of a Dennilton man

The Police in Dennilton have launched an extensive manhunt for unknown suspects who kidnapped and murdered a 29-year-old man between 18 and 19 February 2024. According to the police report, it is alleged that the victim was with a female companion on Sunday night, 18 February at about 23h00, at a food outlet in Moteti Village when the woman requested the victim to accompany her to the nearby bushes as she was pressed. "Suddenly, the pair was accosted by an unknown armed man who fired a random shot in their direction. The victim tried to fight back, while the woman screamed for help but another suspect emerged from nowhere, driving a blue Toyota Etios without registration number. The suspects forced the victim into the vehicle and sped off. The police were notified, and a manhunt for the suspects ensued," said Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. He said the body of the victim with gunshot wounds was discovered the following morning on Monday at about 07:00, not far from where he was kidnapped, on the gravel road at Waalkraal Phase A. The deceased was identified as Jeffrey Siphon Diphofa. Ledwaba indicated that during the investigation, two spent cartridges and one live round of ammunition were discovered at the scene. "The motive behind the incident is unknown, and police investigations continue. Anyone with information that can lead to the arrest of the suspects should contact Captain Simon Nkadameng on 063 670 2919, the Crime Stop Number on 08600 10111, the nearest police station or make use of MySAPSApp," concluded Ledwaba.



Cllr Minah Bahula during her visit to Maphutha's residence in Ga-Masemola.



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R150 000 worth of illicit cigarettes confiscated, and a male suspect aged 28 arrested in Dennilton

DENNILTON - The police in Dennilton under Sekhukhune District arrested a 28-year-old suspect for possession of illicit cigarettes on Sunday, 18 February. It is reported, that Dennilton Crime Prevention members were on their routine daily work of stop and searches along R25 Uitspanning, when a silver grey Toyota Corolla was stopped but the driver sped-off followed by another white NP200 bakkie. Police chased for the two vehicles, and the drivers stopped their vehicles at Five Morgan Philadelphia main road and ran on foot. One suspect aged 28 was cornered and arrested for possession of Illicit Cigarettes. The other suspect managed to flee the scene. The two vehicles loaded with illicit cigarettes worth R150 000 were confiscated. The Provincial Commissioner of Police in Limpopo Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe has lauded the members for being vigilant while performing their duties and arresting the suspect. The arrested suspects appeared before Dennilton Magistrate's Court on Tuesday, 20 February. The police investigation is ongoing.



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Violent storm wreaks havoc in Elias Motsoaledi Villages

Dozens of people were left homeless after a heavy storm has ravaged houses at various villages of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), destroying houses, damaging roads, flattening walls and trees. The unfortunate events unfolded late on Monday 26 February afternoon, leaving a trail of destruction and displacing many families. According to the municipality, the most affected wards are notably 22, 23, and 24, along with villages including Mogaung, Legolaneng, Maphepha, Mzanzi, Phumula, Sephaku, and Vlakfontein. Reports indicate significant damage to property, with shattered windows, compromised roofs, and infrastructure such as electricity and bridges suffering considerable impact and leaving roads impassable. One of the affected families, the Mampuru, experienced a particularly harrowing ordeal when their home was breached by the force of the storm. They were promptly transported to Glen Cowie Hospital for medical attention, where they received treatment for their injuries before being discharged the same night of the disaster. Additionally, primary educational institutions like Sindile Primary School and Tshita Creche sustained substantial damage, compounding the challenges faced by the community. Following the unfortunate events, the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula, expressed sympathy for the affected families where the heavy rains and storms have ravaged several households. In response to the crisis, the executive mayor, alongside the Mayor of EMLM, Cllr Magetle Tladi, have committed to mobilize resources to establish a multi-sectoral task team, which will be deployed to the affected areas immediately. The task team will coordinate efforts to provide relief and support to those in need, with a focus on restoring essential services and infrastructure to ensure the well-being and safety of residents. "Despite the severity of the situation, we are thankful that no fatalities have been reported thus far. However, the road to recovery will undoubtedly be challenging, and it is imperative that we stand united as a community to overcome this adversity," said Bahula. She indicated that the district municipality reassures the affected families that government stands in solidarity with them during this difficult time and pledges unwavering support in their recovery efforts. The district municipality has encouraged residents to stay informed through official communications channels for updates on relief



Residents of the affected villages in EMLM picking up the pieces after a violent storm ravages their homes. The heavy winds that were accompanied by hail left a trail of destruction at various villages of EMLM.

SDM declares war in the fight against lack of water

The Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula, has pledged to expedite the rollout of the borehole programme to over 80 traditional leaders in Sekhukhune. The programme is aiming to provide interim water access solutions in the next few months to curb drought in the district municipality. SDM is among the municipalities hard-hit by water scarcity, subjecting villagers to resort to nearest rivers and wells to draw water for drinking and other households' needs. During this week's three-day Strategic Planning session held at the Loskop Dam Forever Resort recently, Bahula delivered a resolute message, emphasizing that the municipality "is not dysfunctional and the rollover of allocated funds for our people is over". The session was focusing on multi-sectoral strategic planning, aimed to assess and

improve service delivery to the residents of Sekhukhune, mainly water supply. Mayor Bahula commended the productive engagements between the political and administrative interfaces, highlighting the upcoming elections declared by the President for May 29 as a stepping stone. "Our citizens must see and witness tangible and demonstrable services that empower them, for them to continue to participate in the democratic process of our country," stressed Bahula. Key resolutions emerged from the session included the urgent advertisement and filling of critical vacant positions to enhance departmental capabilities before the end of the financial year. Reaffirming the municipality's role as the water provisioning authority, additionally, measures were discussed to reduce reliance on the tankering system and resort to drilling of boreholes where infrastructure is lacking. A resolution was also passed to install water detector technology to minimize leakage challenges. Delegates agreed to fast-track mechanisms to unlock blocked projects hindering service delivery and welcomed increased training initiatives to support and capacitate councillors in their responsibilities. The municipality highlighted that it has achieved significant milestones in its service delivery programme, with 24% spending on critical Municipal Infrastructure Grants (MIG) allocated to capital projects by December last year, a significant increase from the previous 4%, with 65% spending expected to be achieved by June 2024. Furthermore, the municipality stated that funding has been secured to unblock stagnant projects since 2017, eliciting praise from Mayor Bahula for its potential impact on the livelihoods of the people. These progressive resolutions are still to be taken through to other echelon structures governing the municipality. Mayor Bahula concluded by reaffirming the municipality's commitment to efficient governance and accelerated service delivery, ensuring the well-being and prosperity of its constituents.

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Hefty sentences meted against Groblersdal rapist and Holnek murder accused

Two accused, who are residents of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) received hefty sentences from the Groblersdal Regional Court and the Polokwane High Court in separate incidents. In the first incident, the Groblersdal Regional Court has on Monday 19 February, convicted and sentenced a 68-year-old man to twenty years direct imprisonment for raping his 7-year-old step-granddaughter, for an incident that occurred in March 2023. According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the accused, who cannot be named to protect the identity of the victim, would wait for the victim's mother to leave the house and go to her bedroom and rape her. "The incident took place several times until the victim reported the matter to her mother who took her to the doctor for medical examination. The mother further reported the matter to the police and the accused was arrested and charged with rape," he said. Ledwaba said the case was assigned to Detective Sergeant Pebetse Maile of Groblersdal Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offenses Unit. "The accused was granted bail after appearing several times before Groblersdal Magistrate's Court. However, on Monday 19 February 2024, the accused was ultimately sentenced to 20 years direct imprisonment by the Groblersdal Regional Court," explained Ledwaba. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has applauded the investigating officer for the diligent work. Hadebe further stressed that the police will remain committed to vigorously fighting the scourge of gender-based violence in the province. Meanwhile Malesela said in the second incident, the Polokwane High Court has sentenced Khomotso Tiger Mogola (40), to 23 years direct imprisonment for murder and kidnapping that occurred at Holnek Village outside Monsterlus in December 2022. "The court noted that on Monday 31 January 2022, the deceased, Thobile Skosana (27), left her home to celebrate the New Year's Eve at Holnek Sports Ground in Zaaiplaas Policing area. Thobile

didn't come home after the event and was reported missing by her family at Hlogotlou SAPS," explained Ledwaba. He said preliminary police investigation revealed that, the victim was seen being dragged by an unknown African male who loaded her into his motor vehicle, a Toyota Hilux, and left with her. "On Wednesday, 4 January 2023, information was received about the suspect who was involved in the disappearance of Thobile Vinolia Skosana. The police followed up on information and discovered the decomposed body of the victim at the Khathazweni River. A case of murder and kidnapping was opened for investigation," Ledwaba said. He said the case was allocated to Sergeant Thekupi Mapaleng and Sergeant Poto Matsobane Edward who were tasked with the investigations, and they made sure justice was served for the victim and through their diligent investigative skills, the accused was denied bail until he was found guilty and sentenced. "The accused was positively linked to the offenses and was arrested on 4 January 2023, charged with kidnapping and murder. The accused pleaded guilty and he was sentenced five years for kidnapping and eighteen years for murder. Both charges will run concurrently," said Ledwaba. Once again, General Hadebe welcomed the sentencing and commended the investigating team for their meticulous work.



Khomotso Tiger Mogola was sentenced to 23 years direct imprisonment.

Circuit manager and school principal accused of illegally draining school funds

The Limpopo School Governing Body (SGB) Federation says it is shocked to learn that the Mohlaletsi Circuit Manager of the Department of Education in Sekhukhune South Region, has ordered the SGB of Lerajane Primary School to make irregular payments into an unknown business account.

The SGB accuses Mohlaletsi Circuit Manager, Nkgatho Lesufi of conniving with the Lerajane School Principal, Albert Tlaka in wiring irregular payments to private companies that were not approved by the SGB legislations. According to an SGB member who did not want to be named, the private companies were allegedly appointed by the circuit manager and the school principal to render auditing and delivery services to the school. The SGB member alleges that Lesufi and Tlaka appointed the companies, Mathosa Accounting Services and Isaga Ink Suppliers intending to get kick-backs. The SGB member said prices of services rendered by the two companies were inflated and far more than the prices the school normally pays. The companies are not in the schools' database and were only brought by the circuit manager and principal without knowledge and authorisation of the SGB members. "We were instructed to pay Mathosa about R17 000-00 for financial books auditing only whereas the company that usually does the same service only charges R7500-00 for their service," she said. The school had already paid R61 260-00 to the companies with forced instructions from the circuit manager. She added the SGB tried to dispute the payment instructions, however, they were threatened and forced to authorise wire the payment to the unauthorised companies. Pastor Derrick Mosoana, Limpopo SGB Federation Convenor, said the payment was against the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) and the relevant legislation of the department as it was never agreed in the Finance Committee Meeting or in the SGB Meeting. "Forced instructions to pay by the circuit manager in the school already amounts to R61 260-00, which is now a source of concern. The federation is worried about the growing behavior of circuit managers interfering in the administration of funds in schools, a function solely bestowed to the SGB by the South African Schools Act (SASA)," he said. Mosoana alleges that their preliminary investigations suggest that circuit managers connive with principals and companies to inflate pricing and to some extent, just issue invoices for services not rendered as a condensed effort to milk allocated school resources. "In some schools, principals force SGB members to hand over their online banking credentials in order to load and

authorise payments without the knowledge of the SGBs," explained Mosoana. He said the federation has since written a letter to the Sekhukhune South District Director to investigate this conduct and where possible institute disciplinary proceedings against individuals who will leave the department and its schools dry. "The federation will

further request the service of the Public Protector as we are of the opinion that the director will once again sweep this matter under the carpet. Grade R learners in Lerajane Primary School are taught in a dilapidated building and the only concern of the circuit manager is who must be paid thousands by hook or crook," he said. Limpopo Department of Education Spokesperson, Matome Taueatsoala, said the department was not aware of the allegations and they will respond after they investigated the matter.

Hijacked truck recovered

A Hijacked truck loaded with goods were recovered in the early hours of Tuesday, 20 February 2024 at a truck depot in Belfast. According to information, police received information about a truck that was hijacked in Groblersdal. The truck with double trailers was loaded with wood. A team consisting of Middelburg Flying Squad members, members from Middelburg K9 Unit and members from Belfast SAPS responded swiftly to the information.

The team managed to recover the truck at the Depot in Belfast. The truck was still intact, with its double trailer loaded with the good as it was during the time it was hijacked.

Preliminary investigation indicates that the recovered truck matched the description of the one that was reported to have been hijacked in Groblersdal. The truck was identified by the owner. The investigation is underway to ascertain as to how the truck landed at the Depot with the hope to locate the suspects behind the hijacking.

No arrest were made yet and Police urge anyone with information that may assist in apprehending the suspects to call the Crime Stop number at 08600 10111 or send information via MYSAPSAPP. All received information will be treated as confidential and callers may opt to remain anonymous.



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Letebejane liquor outlet owner found with illegal firearm, ammunition and explosives

The Police in Rakgoadi have arrested a 56-year-old male suspect after he was found in possession of an illegal firearm, ammunition, and explosives at Letebejane Village outside Marble Hall on Saturday 24 February. According to the police, the arrest comes after extensive investigation that was launched following a spate of criminal activities in Sekhukhune District where several liquor outlets were robbed and drop safes blasted. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said police investigation led the Limpopo Provincial Tracking Team to a house belonging to the bar lounge owner where one shot gun with serial number filled off, 10 live ammunition and explosives, blasting cartridges, were recovered. "The suspect might be linked with other cases as police investigation unfolds. More arrests are eminent. The suspect was charged with possession of illegal firearm and ammunition and contravention of the explosives act. He will appear before Nebo Magistrate's Court soon," said Ledwaba. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has welcomed the arrest and urged the police team to leave no stone unturned in tracing all suspects involved.



The illegal firearm and ammunition that were recovered in possession of the liquor outlet owner during his arrest at Letebejane Village.

Suspected stock thieves nabbed in Tafelkop

The Motetema Police have arrested two suspects Kgothatso Mokwena (20) and Kgaogelo Mokolo (42) in connection with possession of suspected stolen livestock at Tafelkop Village recently. According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, during the incident, the Motetema Police were summoned to a scene where community members of Tafelkop cornered a man suspected of being a live-stock thief. "On arrival the suspect was handed to the police with injuries, after he was allegedly assaulted by the angry mob," he said. Ledwaba added that further reports suggest that the alleged suspect led the police to his friend who kept the cattle. "His friend further took the police to the bushes between Moeding and Moganyaka Villages, where the live-stock was hidden. Five cattle were recovered. The duo was then arrested and the injured suspect was taken to local hospital under police guard," explained Ledwaba. He said the duo appeared before Marble Hall Magistrate's Court on Thursday 22 February and they will appear again soon for bail application and further investigation by the police. Ledwaba said the police are investigating cases of vigilantism and stock theft. Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, applauded the police for arresting the suspects and recovering the stolen live stock. She further condemned the community for taking the law into their own hands.



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Julian Muller gathers trophies during inter schools

Bernard van Blerk gr 7 en Megan Steele Grade 7 who lead the athletics team during the early morning march at Hoërskool Middelburg during the Interschools Athletics Championship held on Wednesday 21 February 2024. Julian Muller did extremely well. Records were broken and trophies were gained.

Special trophies gained were:

Ankin van Niekerk: Best girl hurdles athlete and best girl sprint athlete. She also broke the 75m hurdles record on the day and with all her achievements she got awarded the Senior Victrix Ludorum trophy.

Christoff Smit: Best boys hurdles athlete.

Henro Blignaut: Best boys shot put athlete.

Elsje Helberg: Best girls discus athlete and she broke the under 12 record.

Jessica Nwadike: Best high jump athlete.



Christoff Smit



Henro Blignaut



Ankin van Niekerk



Jessica Nwadike

EFFSC wins major seats at Sekhukhune TVET SRC election

The Economic Freedom Fighters Student Command (EFFSC) has emerged as winners of all Sekhukhune TVET Colleges campuses during the recent Students Representative Council (SRC) election. During the election, EFFSC has taken 35 of the forty SRC major seats in Sekhukhune TVET College campuses in the region. The congress has won all the seats at CS Barlow Campus in Motetema, scooping all ten seats at CN Phatudi Campus in Ga-Nchabeleng, winning all ten seats at Apel Campus in Apel Village and winning five of the ten seats at Tompi Selek Campus outside Marble Hall. Malekutu Sekhukhune, EFF Youth and Students Mobilization Task Force Convener in Sekhukhune Region, said they are happy with the victory despite the fact that they were campaigning with limited resources before the election. "It was difficult on our side during the campaign because we were lacking resources unlike the other organizations that contested the election. We are glad that we managed to convince the students to have confidence in the EFFSC and vote for our organization," he said. Sekhukhune said helping students to resolve their challenges at the campuses had a boost to their victory which led the organization in winning all major seats from the chairperson of the SRC to the secretary positions. "It is clear that during the election students remembered those who were there for them during the tough time of registration period and those who attended to their challenges throughout the year. They voted for the EFFSC because it was there for them all this time," he said. Lucky Lebelwana, who was elected as Chairperson of SRC in CS Barlow Campus, revealed that the victory comes out of a very tough campaign. "We started the work on the campaign as early as last year after losing the 2023 elections. We worked tirelessly on closing the gaps that contributed to our loss. We also got the attention of new students through social media where we got more numbers of voters," he said. According to Lebelwana, as part of commitments, the student command will be working closely with CS Barlow students to resolve their issues in the 2024 academic year. "We will make sure that they get their results in time and their registrations are finalised in time. We want to fix the students residence and increase the pass rate at our campus or even extend it to the college level," he said. Lebelwana said the structure will also address challenges facing students who are always required by the college to pay for the National Students Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) debts, which is supposed to be free to all students. "These students are denied their academic results, we want to fix that. Registration process is also poor and we will be addressing the problem too. The students' hostel is paid by NSFAS but the sanitation there is very poor. There is actually poor infrastructure within the entire hostel and the health of students is at risk," he said.



Lucky Lebelwana



Kgothatso Mashita

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Ndlovu Care Group hosts JCF multi-sporting code event in Elandsdoorn

The Ndlovu Care Group in partnership with the Johan Cruyff Foundation (JCF), hosted a multi-sporting event at the Ndlovu Multi-Sporting Centre in Elandsdoorn, Dennilton, on Sunday 18 February. The sporting codes, that included male and female soccer, basketball, netball, wheelchair tennis, tennis and female boxing, were organized in line with the foundation's 20th year anniversary celebration. The sporting activities were also catering for children living with different forms of disabilities. The JCF is based in the Netherlands and has constructed a sports complex at Ndlovu Care Group in Elandsdoorn and were celebrating their first international 20 year anniversary, in a pride to acknowledge the legacy of the Cruyff Sports Ground in South Africa on Dennilton soil. The first international sporting complex "Cruyff Court" was opened by Johan Cruyff and Ndlovu Care Group founder, Dr Hugo Tempelman, 20 years ago in Elandsdoorn. After the opening, three new Cruyff Courts were also constructed and opened where numerous Cruyff Foundation Coaches were trained to encourage children to get actively involved in sports and organise daily sports activities. According to JCF, Niels Meijer, the games were organized as part of the organization's every day commitment on making sport accessible to children. "Sports for children with special needs are important, which is why we are committed to sports stimulation for over 25 sporting codes in 2023, supplying sports materials and support several sports associations with talent recognition and development in the Netherlands," he said. In addition, Meijer indicated that the foundation supports more than 65 Special Cruyff Courts at special schools, care institutions and rehabilitation centres worldwide, adapted to the needs of children and clients. "In the past years, we have achieved a lot, but unfortunately there is still much to gain. Together with our partners and everyone who supports us, we will continue Johan Cruyff's legacy and make the impossible possible," he said. Meijer added that part of their mission is to offer South African children fun and growth through sport while also encouraging them that sport is still alive and kicking. "These projects can only be realised through cooperation with local partners such as the Ndlovu Care Group, Afrika Tikken, Friends of Bambanani, Fijnevent and AFAS Foundation," Meijer said. The sporting event was also attended by Ndlovu Care Group CEO Dr Hugo Tempelman, his wife Liesje Tempelman, JCF Project Manager Miranda van Holstein, JCF Co-Project Manager Farid Gamei, JCF Ambassador Guus Hiddink, with the internationally renowned Ndlovu Youth Choir giving incredible performances to the audience.



Netball sporting code was among activities that pulled attention of the audience during the JCF multi-sporting event at the Ndlovu Multi-Sporting Centre in Elandsdoorn.



Some of the participant after receiving their prizes JCF's 20th year anniversary.

Eight Records for Ben Viljoen athletes at Interhigh

The 60th Bosveld Interhigh took place on 24 February 2024 at Hoërskool Hans Strijdom. High schools Ellisras, Frikkie Meyer, Hans Strijdom, Nylstroom, Piet Potgieter and Warmbad proved themselves to be formidable opponents on the athletic field despite a hot summer day in Mookgophong.



Results:

New Records:

u/14 girls 100m: Emma van der Westhuyzen: 12.11 (previous record: Emma Adendorff, Warmbad, 1988, 12.30)

u/14 girls 200m: Emma van der Westhuyzen: 25.36 (previous record: L du Plessis, Hans Strijdom, 1987, 25.80)

u/17 girls 200m: Ellené van der Westhuyzen: 25.31 (previous record: Nicole van der Westhuyzen, Ben Viljoen, 2020, 25.60)

u/16 boys 100m: Jaco van der Westhuyzen: 10.59 (previous record: Marnus Uys, Piet Potgieter, 2014, 10.80)

u/16 boys 200m: Jaco van der Westhuyzen: 21.60 (previous record: Marnus Uys, Piet Potgieter, 2014, 22.60)

u/15 girls 90m Hurdles: Edunette Kriel: 12.90 (previous record: Amo Motlatle, Ben Viljoen, 2023, 13.35)

u/17 girls shot put: Kyra Hancke: 13.72m (previous record: Danel Niemann, Nylstroom, 2019, 13.63m)

u/14 boys relay team: 0:48.01 (previous record: Hans Strijdom, 2011, 0:48.30)

Our athletes finished in 5th place overall with 607 points, a mere 2 points difference between us and Hoërskool Nylstroom in 4th place. Jaco van der Westhuyzen was named the best track athlete while Marnu Hancke walked away as the best field athlete. Our girls' and boys' relay teams won their divisions, and we also walked away with the trophy for best junior boys' team.

Anné to participate at SA Championship



Congratulations to Anné Marais who has been selected as part of the Limpopo Biathlon team. This team will take part in the South African Championships in Bloemfontein on 30 March 2024.

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