

R25 minibus taxi crash claim life of a passenger

The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula, said she is deeply saddened by the tragic taxi accident that occurred along the R25 Road near Dennilton on Thursday 26 September 2024. The Toyota Quantum minibus taxi was ferrying passengers traveling from Benoni to Groblersdal and unfortunately, one person has sadly passed away and several others were injured and hospitalised. The deceased is reportedly from Dihlabaneng Village around the Schoornoord area. The injured passengers were treated at Philadelphia Hospital and were discharged. Initial reports indicated that several passengers aboard the taxi are believed to be from the Monsterlus and Jane Furse areas. Apparently, the taxi overturned after

experiencing a tyre burst. "Our hearts go out to the families and loved ones affected by this devastating accident. On behalf of the Sekhukhune District Council, and the entire community, we wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the families. We also send our thoughts and prayers to those injured, and we hope for their swift recovery," said the executive mayor. Bahula said the district municipality is currently working to establish further details about the accident and will continue efforts to ascertain the identities of the families involved.

Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Councillor, Herbert Radingwana, who is also a taxi owner at Groblersdal Taxi Association (GTA), said they were shattered by the sad news. "We have a good relationship with the taxi association in Benoni .The taxi that was involved in the accident was the first one to leave Benoni taxi rank around 8:30

Toyota

in the morning transporting passengers to their various destinations in Sekhukhune," explained Radingwana. He said after receiving the news, he had to rush to the accident scene with other taxi owners to assist the victims. "The unfortunate part is that one of the passengers had already died when we arrive at the scene," he said. Radingwana added that GTA make sure that when the taxi involved in an accident, they immediately attend the accident scene and make sure the victims are rushed to hospital and thereafter, they later transport them back home after they are discharged. "During the week we making home visits to check if they need to be taken for treatment at hospital so that we transport them for treatment and check-up," he said. Radingwana said the association will investigate the main cause of the accident to

prevent similar incidents to occur in the future. The Quantum minibus taxi that was involved in a tragic accident resulting in the death of a passenger and left others hospital-

ised.

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Mafefe to lead SALGA Limpopo's Women Commission

Cllr Orginia Mafefe, who currently heads the MMC for Corporate Services Department at Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) in Groblersdal, has been appointed as Limpopo Provincial Women Commissioner in the South African Local Government Association (SAL-GA). In her new role, Mafefe has been entrusted with championing women's issues and ad-

Glencore Ferroalloys Champion Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) with Community Awareness Day in Steelpoort

September 2024 - Glencore Ferroalloys hosted its future generations for success." first Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) Community Awareness Day at the Glencore Local Economic Development Hub in Steelpoort, Limpopo. The event aimed to showcase the latest in digital transformation and innovation, offering the local community a unique opportunity to engage with cutting edge technologies and skill development programmes.

The concept for the 4IR Community Awareness Day emerged from Glencore's recognition of the evolving landscape of industry and technology. As the global economy increasingly relies on digital technologies, the need to prepare local communities for this shift became clear. This initiative aims to ensure that local communities are not only aware of but also equipped to thrive in a world where technology plays a pivotal

The event featured a comprehensive exhibition that highlighted the diverse training and educational opportunities available, spotlighting the efforts of various organisations dedicated to fostering digital transformation. The exhibition showcased contributions from Forge Academy & Labs, Kayise IT, Lubanzi Automation Academy, Trailblazer Automation Hub, Phumelela Consulting, CXI-Africa, Maphuki of Phokeng, Regoapele Capital, Eastern Chrome Mines, Lion Smelter, and Eastern Limb Training Centre.

Attendees had the opportunity to engage with cutting edge technologies and skills, including:

- · Digital marketing
- · Robotics
- Virtual and augmented reality
- · 3D printing
- Virtual Reality (VR)
- Drones
- Software development
- Cellphone and laptop repair

André Wiesner Group Human Resource Development at Glencore Ferroalloys emphasised the importance of introducing local communities to 4IR skills, stating, "It is crucial for our local communities to be exposed to the technologies and skills of 4IR. As our mines and smelters evolve, they will not be around forever. However, the skills we impart today will endure for generations to come. Equipping our community with these advanced skills ensures that they are prepared to thrive in an ever-changing, technology-driven world. This initiative is about more than

The exhibitions not only highlighted these technologies but also provided hands-on experiences and interactive demonstrations. Participants gained insight into how these innovations can be leveraged to create new career opportunities and drive future growth.

"This initiative represents a significant step in aligning educational opportunities with today's job market demands. Introducing our community to 4IR technologies and skills not only improves their current job prospects but also equips them with essential knowledge needed to advance," said Madikgake Masha, Ngwaabe Circuit Manager from the Department of

In addition to Glencore's portable skills programme, which underscores traditional skills, the exhibition also showcased how the mining sector is evolving and advancing the adaptability and safety for its employ-

Vorster Maloka, CSI Manager for Eastern Limb Operation, added that this first inaugural community day reflects the strong interest from community members. Looking ahead, Glencore plans to collaborate not only with its Western Limb Operation but also with other surrounding mines to expand its outreach and enhance its impact within the community.

The Fourth Industrial Revolution Community Awareness Day stands as a testament to Glencore's commitment to supporting local development and fostering a future-ready workforce.



vancing their interests and aspirations across the province. Her role will focus on promoting gender equality and empowering women in local government and beyond. Presenting her acceptance speech, MMC Mafefe committed: "I am humbled by this opportunity and will work tirelessly to advance the cause of women's rights in society and leadership, as well as to promote women's economic empowerment. Together with my leadership collective, we will ensure to protect women's rights and address a variety of issues, including gender-based violence." The Executive Mayor of SDM, Cllr Minah Bahula, has proudly congratulated Mafefe on her recent appointment. Expressing her joy over MMC Mafefe's appointment, Executive Mayor Bahula said: "We are overjoyed by MMC Mafefe's appointment as Provincial Women Commissioner. This well-deserved recognition is a testament to her leadership, dedication, and commitment to championing women's rights. It confirms her ability to influence real change and advocate for the interests of women not only in Sekhukhune but across Limpopo." Bahula furthered emphasized the significance of this appointment in advancing gender equity in governance. "MMC Mafefe's appointment is not only a personal achievement but a step forward for the women of Limpopo. I have no doubt that her leadership will inspire many, and she will work tirelessly to ensure that women's voices are heard and their aspirations are met," she said. Mafefe's new role aligns with SALGA's mission to promote women's participation and leadership in all spheres of government. She will assume this responsibility until the end of the current political term.

EMLM Chief Whip's house gutted by mysterious fire

Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) Chief Whip, Cllr Elias Nduli and his family escaped unharmed when the mysterious fire gutted their house at Legolaneng Village in EMLM Ward 22. The unfortunate incident occurred during the night of Thursday 26 September 2024 where the mysterious fire ravages the entire house that was burned to the ground. Simon Makua, EMLM Spokesperson, has confirmed that Nduli and his family escaped unharmed during the incident. "We are relieved to inform the public that despite the damage, Cllr Nduli and his family escaped unharmed and did not suffer any injuries. They are all safe and receiving support during this difficult time," he said. Makua said an investigation is underway to determine the exact cause of the fire. EMLM Mayor, Cllr David Tladi, has also desired to alert the public about the unfortunate fire outbreak.



Nduli's house that was burned to the ground by mysterious fire started that around midnight.



ALGEMENE KENNISGEWING WYSIGINGSKEMA DP-23/03-01 HERSONERING IN TERME VAN ARTIKEL 62-EN DIE OPHEFFING VAN BEP-

ERKENDE EN/OF UITGEVALLE TITELVOORWAARDES IN TERME VAN ARTIKEL 63-

VAN DIE ELIAS MOTSOALEDI PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT SPLUM BYWET, 2016

Ons, KMC Geomatics (Reg No. 2008/017997/21), die gemagtigde agente van die geregistreerde eienaars van Erf 196 van Groblersdal Uitbreiding 1, gee hiermee kennis dat ons by die Elias Motsoaledi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit aansoek gedoen het vir die wysiging van die Elias Motsoaledi Grondgebruikskema, 2020, vir die hersonering van die bogenoemde eiendom, geleë in Haarhoffstraat 49, vanaf "Residensieel 1" na "Residensieel 3" ingevolge Artikel 62 van die Elias Motsoaledi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit SPLUM bywet, 2016, meer spesifiek om voorsiening te maak vir wooneenhede. Daar word ook aansoek gedoen om die opheffing van beperkende titelvoorwaardes ingevolge artikel 63 van die Elias Motsoaledi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit SPLUM bywet, 2016 om die volgende voorwaardes te verwyder;

Voorwaardes 1.(a); (b); (c); (d); (e); (f); (g); (h); (i); (j); (k); (l); (m) soos verskyn in Transportakte

Besonderhede van die aansoek le ter insae gedurende gewone kantoorure by die Stadsbeplanner van die Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Van Riebeeck St 22, Groblersdal, 0470, vir 'n tydperk van 30 dae vanaf 11

Kontakbesonderhede van die Gemagtigde Munisipale Werknemer: Mnr. B. Sethojoa: 013 262 3056/7/8

Besware teen-, of vertoë ten opsigte van die aansoek moet voor 12 November 2024 by bogenoemde adres ingedien of gerig word.

Enige persoon wat nie kan lees of skryf nie, kan gedurende kantoorure met enige personeellid konsulteer en hulp sal verleen word om die persoon se besware of kommentaar neer te skryf.

Adres van gemagtigde agent: KMC Geomatics, Krugerstraat 10, Groblersdal, 0470 Sel No 082 929 8554. admin@kmcgeo.co.za Verw. No.: 196GD



AMENDMENT SCHEME No. DP-24/06-03 PROPOSED REZONING IN TERMS OF SECTION 62- AND THE REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIVE AND/OR OBSOLETE CONDI-TIONS OF TITLE IN TERMS OF SECTION 63- OF THE ELIAS MOTSOALEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY SPLUM BY-LAW, 2016

We, KMC Geomatics (Reg No. 2008/017997/21), the authorized agents of the registered owners of Erf 196 of the Groblersdal Extension 1 Township, hereby give notice that we have applied to the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality for the amendment of the Elias Motsoaledi Land Use Scheme, 2020, for the rezoning of the above-mentioned property, situated at 49 Haarhoff Street, from "Residential 1" to "Residential 3" in terms of Section 62 of the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality SPLUM by-law, 2016, more specifically to make provision for dwelling units. The removal of restrictive title conditions is applied for in terms of section 63 of the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality SPLUM by-law, 2016 to remove the following conditions;

Conditions 1.(a); (b); (c); (d); (e); (f); (g); (h); (i); (j); (k); (l); (m) as appear in Deed of Transfer

Particulars of the application will lie for inspection during normal office hours at the Town Planner of the Local Municipality, 22 Van Riebeeck St, Groblersdal, 0470, for a period of 30 days from 11

Contact details of the Authorised Municipal Employee: Mr. B. Sethojoa: 013 262 3056/7/8

Objections to or representations in respect of the application must be lodged with or made to the above-mentioned address before 12 November 2024.

Any person who is unable to read or write can consult with any staff member during office hours and assistance will be provided to write down the person's objections or comments.

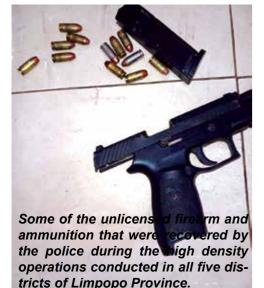
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Over 600 apprehended in **Limpopo Police High Den**sity Operations



A compliance inspection officer busy conducting duties at one of the shops during the high density operations executed across Limpopo Province.

The Limpopo Joint Weekly High Density Operations, conducted across five districts of the province, has resulted in the arrests of 696 suspects. The operations were conducted in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies, sister departments and Community Policing Forum (CPF) structures and commenced on Monday 30 September to Sunday 6 October 2024. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the operations were executed by the police with activities carried out throughout the operations included tracing of wanted suspects by detectives, roadblocks, stop and searches, vehicle and premises searches, compliance inspections, and high visibility patrols. "Significant arrests were affected consisting of murder 12, assault GBH 108, assault common 64, rape 18, burglary business 06, burglary residential 09, malicious damage to property's 20, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs 10, illegal possession of firearms 06, dealing in drugs 07 and other crimes 189," explained Ledwaba. He added that the operations were also joined by compliance inspections who were conducted their duties at second-hand dealers and liquor premises, as well as formal and informal businesses and scrap yards. "The inspection led to the closure of 23 unlicensed liquor premises. The police also confiscated 148 litres of alcoholic beverages, 6.4kg of dagga, 0.03g of crystal meth, 0.8g of nyaope, two counterfeit goods, 6 firearms, 86 ammunitions, 5 dangerous weapons, 3 vehicles, 22 652 packets of tobacco and cash to the value of R28 364-00. The arrested suspects have started to appear before their respective magistrate's courts," he said. Acting Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Major General Samuel Manala, expressed his gratitude to the police members and stakeholders for collective efforts and actions executed during this period. He further appreciated the community for sharing valuable information with the police.



Sports, Arts and Culture Department embroiled in tender irregularities

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo has welcomed the recent announcement of a Special Investigating Unit (SIU) investigation into the affairs of the Limpopo Department of Sports, Arts and Culture. The investigation is set to concentrate on alleged procurement of, or the contracting for security services by the department that was not fair, competitive, transparent, equitable or cost effective and contrary to applicable legislation, policies circulars or instructions and any related unauthorised, irregular, or fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred by the department. The SIU will also investigate any alleged maladministration and any losses suffered by the department in relation to the irregular appointment of staff in 5 districts, Sekhukhune, Waterberg, Vhembe, Capricorn and Mopani Districts respectively. The investigation will be conducted in terms of circular 7 of 2016, in the position of Assistant Director Assets Management, payments not due or owing or payments made by the department to entities for services not rendered, the 2016/2017 financial year Mapungubwe Arts, Culture and Heritage Festival and any unlawful or improper conduct by employees of the department and suppliers or service providers. The proclamation covers allegations of maladministration, unlawful and improper conduct that occurred between 1 January 2011 and 4 October 2024, as well as any related activities before 1 January 2011 and after the date of the proclamation that is relevant to the matters under investigation. Ad-

vocate Franco Marx, DA Limpopo Spokesperson on Sport, Arts and Culture, said this investigation will reveal long awaited information about a period where there had been suspicion and allegations of corrupt activities in the department. "In fact, in 2017, a draft report of Limpopo's Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA) had recommended that the Provincial Treasury must appoint a forensic investigation into all income and expenditure into the 2017 Mapungubwe Arts Festival," he said. Marx indicated that the party will ensure that all corruption and malad-



ministration are dealt with as soon as possible, and the culprits must be brought to justice. "The people of Limpopo deserve clean governance and ethical leadership," he said.



Suzuki **Groblersdal**

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2019 BMW 320 d G20 Msportpack 180 000km FSH, immaculate in and out



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2020 Ford Figo 1.5 Free-style Titanium 95 900 km FSH immaculate condition



2015 Ford Ranger 2.2 XLS 4x4 lwb 139 000km

R 158 900.00 R 339 900.00



2020 Isuzu Dmax 300 tdi double cab xrider auto 145 000km FSH, very scarce bakkie

R 199 900.00

2018 Mahindra KUV 100NXt 1.2 diesel k8 only 70 000km FSH not to

R 219 900.00



2015 Nissan Np200 1.5 dci safety pack, aircon / airbags 185 000km FSH

R 349 900.00

2024 Suzuki Grand Vitara

1.5 GLX manual, all the

bells and whistles



R 139 900.00

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2019 Nissan Np200 1.6 bags 95 000km FSH



2014 Opel Corsa 1.4 es-FSH 1 owner vehicle a must see



2022 Kia Picanto 1.2 XS 14 500km sunroof andriod radio



2021 Renault Kwid 1.0 31 500km FSH

R 159 900.00

R 109 900.00

R 209 900.00

R 138 900.00



2021 Renault Kiger 1.0 Zen only 59 000km balance of warranty



2022 Renault Kwid 1.0 Dynamic low 30 000km balance of warranty



2020 Suzuki Jimny GLX auto 3dr only 88 000km FSH dont miss out



2020 VW Polo 1.4 Comfortline 5dr hatch, superb condition

R 204 900.00

R 149 900.00

R 319 900.00

R 179 900.00

Leeuwfontein Pickers rewards top performing pupils with stationery vouchers

Leeuwfontein Pickers has on Tuesday 1 October donated 20 stationery vouchers to top achieving pupils at Motheong Primary School in Leeuwfontein Township. The generous donations to the value of R150-00, were handed over to top 5 learners who performed well in the second term. Leeuwfontein Pickers was established last year with the aim of forming an alliance with farmers around Marble Hall and Groblersdal, to create an easy access to employment for our youth around Moganyaka and neighbouring communities. The donation was made by Kabelo Steven Tjale and Lawrence Mohlala who are both directors of Leeuwfontein Pickers Company. Following its inception, the company managed to secure seasonal farming employment to 290 pickers and 14 supervisors during picking season. During the donation hand-over, Tjale has applauded local farmers for their initiative in fighting the high rate of unemployment in the local communities. "I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Hendrick Schoeman and Schoeman Boerdery for giving us the platform to reduce unemployment among

income for our community and it benefited our youth. We wish farmers around Marble Hall and Groblersdal could follow Schoeman Boerdery and give opportunities to our local youth instead of hiring illegal foreigners. I am pleased to announce that Schoeman Boerdery doesn't employ foreign nationals on all their farms around South Africa and we appreciate their efforts in prioritizing locals," explained Tjale. Motheong Primary School Principal, Thabo Maburuse, has described the donation as the gesture that was never seen by the school in the past 33 years. "I have been here, this is the most generous thing to happen out of the blue and it is truly a great inspiration to our learners especially on their first day of the last term of the calendar. We truly appreciate their donation and we hope other businesses could learn from them and give the children inspiration," he said. Maburuse applauded Schoeman Boerdery for their contribution to uplift the community and local schools. Lawrence Mohlala, who is Leeuwfontein Pickers Operational Director, has encouraged

our youth. This initiative created a source of income for our community and it benefited our youth. We wish farmers around Marble Hall and Groblersdal could follow Schoeman Boerdery and give opportunities to our local other companies to follow suit and contribute towards shaping the future of younger generation in the communities. "We would like to encourage other businesses around Moganyaka to look at most private schools, they

will understand why it is important to support the community. You can't expect change without action but, I believe the little contribution we make could inspire the whole community," he said.



Leeuwfontein Pickers Directors, Kabelo Steven Tjale (Back row right) and Lawrence Mohlala (Back row left), with Motheong Primary School top performing learners during the awarding ceremony.



Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

LAND RIGHTS HOLDERS RESOLUTION WITH THE BELOW MEN-TIONED AFFECTED COMMUNITIES WHICH FALL UNDER VARIOUS TRIBAL AUTHORITIES WITHIN THE EPHRAIM MOGALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY – PUBLIC CONSULTATION NOTICE IN TERMS OF INTERIM PROTECTION OF INFORMAL LAND RIGHTS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 31 OF 1996)

THAROLLO YA BASWARI BA DITOKELO TŠA NAGA LE METSE YEO E AMEGILEGO YEO E BOLETŠWEGO KA TLASE YE E WELAGO KA FASE GA BOLAODI BJA GO FAPAFAPANA BJA SETŠO KA GARE GA MMASEPA-LA WA SELAGAE EPHRIAM MOGALE - TSEBIŠO YA DITHERIŠANO TŠA SETŠHABA GO YA KA TŠHIRELETŠO YA NAKWANA YA MOLAO WA DI-TOKELO TŠA NAGA WO O SEGO WA SEMMUŠO, 1996 (MOLAO 31 WA 1996)

The proposed consultation meetings will take place as follows Dikopano tšeo di šišintšwego tša ditherišano di tla swarwa ka tsela yeo e latelago:

	Name of Community/ Leina la Motse /	Venue/Lefelo:	Ward Councilor / Mokhanselara wa Wate	Traditional Leader/ Leader/ Moetapele waSetšo	Date /Letšatšikgwedi	Time Nako
1	Spitspunt Community	Spitspunt Community Hall	Cllr TC Kutu	Headman Mr. G.L Kekana	07-Nov-2024	10:00 - 12:00
2	Mahlakanasela Community	Mahlakanasela Community Hal I	Cllr TC Kutu	Chairperson Mr. Stevenson Mmakola	07-Nov-2024	13:00 - 15:00
3	Driefontein Community	Dri efontein Community Hall	Cllr Solly Rabalao	Headman Mr. Alfred Nkadimeng	08-Nov-2024	10:00 - 12:00
4	Malebitsa Community	Malebitsa Community Hall	Clir Solly Rabalao	Head lady: Ms. Dorothy Matabane	08-Nov-2024	13:00 – 15:00

Those who have queries or objections to the proposed development should, within a period of 21 days from the date of announcement of this notice, contact the following persons / Bao ba nago le dipotšitšo goba dikganetšo go tlhabollo ye e šišintšwego ba swanetše ikgokaganya le the batho bao ba latelago, mo nakong ya matšatši a 21 go tloga ka letšatšikgwedi la tsebišo ye.:

- Ms. Pheladi Kekana Department of Rural Development and Land Reform Cell: 082 947 6247 or Email Address / Adirese ya imeyili: Pheladi.Kekana@dalrrd.gov.za - Mpumalanga
- Mr. Humbulani Netshakuma Department of Rural Development and Land Reform Cell: 079 699 2434 or Email Address / Adirese ya imeyili: HNetshakhuma@dalrrd.gov.za - Mpumalanga
- 3. Mr. Edzisani Thathana Department of Rural Development and Land Reform Cell 071 607 8315: or Email Address/ Adir ese ya imeyili: Edzisani.Thathana@dalrrd.gov.za Limpopop
- Mr. David Thubane Land and Valuation Project Manager, SANRAL Cell: 083 283 6089 or Email Address / Adirese ya imeyili: thubaned@nra.c.o.za
- Ms. Moloko Masenya Stakeholder Manager, SANRAL Cell: 066 307 4111 or Email Address / Adirese ya imeyili: masen yaM@nra.co.za
- Mr. Denzil Sibanda Social Facilitator PropSol JV, SANRAL Service Provider Cell: 068 276 2187 or Email Address / Adir ese ya imeyili: dzovohold@gmail.com
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Police need help to reunite Arauso Masingili with his family



The Police in Vaalbank outside Siyabuswa are requesting the public to help reunite the missing Arauso Masingili (39) with his family. According to the police report, at the time of his missing, Masingili was last seen going fishing at Mkhombo Dam in Vaalbank on Tuesday 1 October 2024, at about 18:30. "At the time of his disappearance, the victim was wearing an orange rain coat and black boots. Masingili, who is a Mozambican National, was reported missing by his family on Wednesday 3 October 2024," said Colonel Donald Mdhluli, Mpumalanga Provincial Police Spokesperson. Mdhluli said according to the missing person's family members, the victim was residing at a rental apartment in Allemansdrift C around Vaalbank outside Siyabuswa. "The police urge anyone with information that may assist in finding the missing Masingili to contact Vaalbank SAPS on 013 973 9108 or the Investigating Officer, Sergeant George Phahla on 072 7512629," he said. Mdhluli also encouraged community members who may assist with the whereabouts of the missing man to call the Crime Stop Number on 08600 10111, and alternatively, they may provide information through the MYSAPSAPP. "All information received will be treated as confidential, and callers may opt to remain anonymous," concluded Mdhluli.

SDM exposes tender scammers targeting potential service providers

The Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) has issued an urgent alert to all potential service providers about a fraudulent tender scam currently circulating. According to the district municipality, the scam involves individuals falsely claiming to be the district's Supply Chain Manager, Mr Voster Masemola, and attempting to solicit money in exchange for securing tenders. Lemson Moropjane, SDM Spokesperson, said the district municipality conducts all its business in strict compliance with Supply Chain Management policies and relevant legislation. "Under no circumstances will the municipality or its officials ever request payment in exchange for tender opportunities. We urge all service providers and stakeholders to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the municipality. Protect yourself from falling victim to this scam by verifying all tender-related information through official municipality channels," he said. Moropjane encouraged potential service providers who might fall prey of these fraudulent scammers to immediately report the scammers on this number 063 135 7747. Earlier this year, the district municipality has experienced the same problem where scammers targeted potential service providers involving an individual named Isaak Kgwale, with number 060 875 9786, who is falsely claiming to be the SDM Municipal Manager, Meshack Kgwale. The said Isaak Kgwale has been reported to request money or financial assistance from service providers in exchange for awarding tenders. During that time, the municipality advised that those actions were fraudulent and not sanctioned by the municipality. The municipality said it does not solicit any form of payment or financial assistance from service providers for the awarding of tenders and all tender processes are conducted in a transparent and fair manner, in accordance with our official procurement procedures.

Man held for alleged kidnapping and rape of exgirlfriend

The Police in Hlogotlou have in the early hours of Monday 23 September, arrested a 24-year-old male suspect in connection with alleged kidnapping and rape of a 19-year-old woman at Sephaku Village in the Hlogotlou Policing area. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said according to the information received by the police, the victim was at her residence at about 19:00 on Sunday 22 September 2024, when her children's father, who is her exboyfriend, called her name in the streets. "She went outside to check and she found him. He allegedly told her to come closer to his vehicle as he wanted to give her their second child's diapers. Upon her moving closer, the suspect grabbed her, threatened to kill her and forced her into his vehicle and drove away with her," explained Ledwaba. He added that the victim's family noticed that she was not returning home and they reported the incident to the police, as there is an active protection order against the suspect. "The police made follow-up and the victim was located the following day on Monday 23 September 2024 at around 00:30 in Luckau Village at the suspect's residence. The victim reported that the suspect also raped her. The police opened cases of kidnapping and rape. The suspect was then arrested," Ledwaba said. He said the suspect will appear before the Nebo Magistrate's Court facing charges of kidnapping and rape and police investigations are continuing.



The Hlogotlou Police have arrested a 24-year-old male suspect in connection with the kidnapping and rape of his ex-girlfriend.



Setšong Tea Craters Summit boosts local SMMEs

Setšong Tea Crafters Farm, together with Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPM-LM), have on Friday 27 and Saturday 28 September 2024, held the Annual Setšong Heritage Day Summit at Ga-Matlala Ramoshebo in Moutse West, EPMLM Ward 5. The summit was aiming to empower local businesses within Sekhukhune, marking a significant celebration of rich cultural heritage, while shining a spotlight on the vital contributions of Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) in the community. The event was also attended by EPMLM Acting Mayor, Cllr Mary Ramphela, accompanied by EPMLM Council Chief Whip, Cllr Lina Magane, local ward councillor LM Lekwatsipa with the presence of Matlala Ramoshebo Traditional leadership observing the special occasion. Over 15 SMMEs including Setsong Tea Crafters as the host, showcased their products and services to the attending people. The attending SMMEs included Mokatani, Lanzi's Biltong, Travel with Mvula, Pretty Travel and Tours, Phoroza Catering, Boeketlong Lodge, Make-Up by Shirzz, Lesolo Lodge, African Treasurers, Hellen Ref, Clifford Lodge, Mohlaletse Guest House, Point North Craft, BKT Guesthouse, Esibayeni Guest House, Hunadi Mamaprince, Lehumo Mabulane, Shirzz Madisha, Yoni Talk, Shocky Ntobeng, Mini Me Spa, Mpubane Multi Solution and Indigenous Delight. During the event, spectators feasted their eyes on performances from variety of groups from the borders of the local municipality and beyond. They were Zamani African Theater, Progressive Theater, Dithole tsa Nape, Rich Oom Lukas, Badisi Ba Boitshepo Gospel Choir, Magatle, Ipopeng Cultural Group, Moeding ke gae, Mokgwaneng IsiNdebele Dance Group among others received awards for their continuous dedication to cultural performance. Celebrated under the theme: "Celebrating of the lives of our heroes and heroines who laid down

their lives for our freedom", the event brought the rich and diverse cultures of Ephraim Mogale to the fore while also aiming to teach the next generation the importance there of. Outlining the importance of the event, Acting Mayor Ramphela stated that the day preserves the knowledge of the customs of black culture and emphasized humanity as the core principle of black culture. Setšong Tea Crafters CEO, Retang Phaahla, has extended her heartfelt gratitude to for those who worked hard with dedication in organizing the event. "Your commitment to celebrating our diverse heritage while showcasing your small and medium-sized enterprises truly made a significant impact. The event was a resounding success and it was all possible because of your teamwork, creativity and attention to detail. From the planning stages to the execution, each of you played a vital role in making it enjoyable and meaningful for everyone involved," she said. Phaahla has encouraged those who contributed to continue working together to create more successful events in the future to grow the Sekhukhune



SMMEs were given the platform to showcase their products at the Annual Setšong Heritage Day Summit held at Ga-Matlala Ramoshebo in Moutse West, EPMLM.

Duo nabbed for string of armed robberies committed in Limpopo and Mpumalanga

The Police at Matlerekeng in Moutse West have arrested two suspects, named Sello Kgosana (33) and Thabo Pleasure Makua (39), in connection with a string of business robberies committed in Limpopo and Mpumalanga Provinces. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the duo is believed to be part of a criminal syndicate that has been targeting stores predominantly owned by foreign nationals across Limpopo and Mpumalanga. "The suspects targeted Sekhukhune District and Siyabuswa borders and committing a series of robberies in the Matlelerekeng Dennilton policing areas," he said. Ledwaba said the suspects were arrested during intelligencedriven operation conducted on Tuesday, 24 September 2024, focused on the borders of Sekhukhune District and Siyabuswa, following credible intelligence related to ongoing robberies. "The investigation led officers to Waalkraal RDP in Siyabuswa, where the first suspect, Kgosana, was apprehended at his residence and linked to a recent business robbery in Matlelerekeng. Further investigation directed the team to Kgaphamadi Village in the Dennilton Policing area, resulting in the arrest of a second suspect, Makua, who was found in possession of illegal ammunition," informed Ledwaba. He added that one additional suspect remains at large, along with the vehicle and firearm used in the commission of these crimes. "This team of investigators is actively pursuing this individual and with the confidence, he will be brought to justice soon," assured Ledwaba. He said the suspects have appeared before the Mdutjana Magistrate's Court on Thursday 26 September 2024, facing three charges of business robbery and possession of illegal ammunition. "Kgosana was granted a R500-00 bail meanwhile, Makua was remanded in custody until 15 October 2024, for further investigation," he said. Acting Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Major General Samuel Manala, applauded the team of men

and women in blue for their relentless efforts in perusing and apprehending criminal elements in the province, assuring the community safety and security.











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SDM celebrates vibrant Heritage Day at Ga-Nkoana

The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula, has called on all citizens to remember and honour those who paid the ultimate price for South Africa's freedom. Bahula emphasized the importance of preserving the district's culture and heritage during the SDM Annual Heritage Day celebration held at Moses Mabotha Civic Hall in Ga-Nkoana. Hundreds of people from different parts of Sekhukhune attended the event that was marked with diverse cultural heritage performers, commemorated under the theme: "Celebrating the lives of heroes and heroines who laid down their lives for freedom". Delivering a keynote address, SDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula, has reminded those in attendance of the rich cultural diversity in Sekhukhune, emphasizing that every corner of the district has a heritage story to tell. Bahula highlighted significant heritage sites, including the Tšate Heritage, Manche Masemola Graveyard, Lenao la Modimo and Ledingwe Cultural Village, stating that they are central to the district's cultural identity and should be celebrated and preserved. In her tribute to the struggle heroes, the executive mayor paid homage to erstwhile leaders who paved the way for South Africa's freedom and Sekhukhune in particular. Among those honoured were Kgoshi Morwamoche III, President Phakane Moretsele, Flag Boshielo, Kgwana Nkadimeng, Professor Mogapatona, Ramphelane Mampuru, Mahwibi Phala, Elias Motsoaledi, Lawrence Phokanoka, Peter Nchabeleng, Mogoramedi Sekhukhune, Uria Maleka, Ephraim Mogale, Madinoge Kgoloko and many others. She said these leaders should not only be remembered but also actively commemorated for their sacrifices. Bahula further urged the community to take pride in their cultural heritage and ensure that the stories of these heroes are passed down to future generations. "It is through preserving our culture, heritage, and identity that we can build a stronger, united society," she said. Other dignitaries who were present included MEC for Health in Limpopo, Dieketseng Mashego, mayors from local municipalities in Sekhukhune, the district's Municipal Manager Meshack Kgwale, council speakers and Chief Whips, traditional leaders and many others



The Executive Mayor of SDM, Cllr Minah Bahula, addressing the hundreds of Sekhukhune residents during the Heritage Day celebration.



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Water reservoir getting an art-upgrade

Moshopiadi Nchabeleng, one of our art learners, participated in a competition hosted by Thaba Eco Hotel/Park to help transform their water reservoir as part of World Environmental Day. Moshopiadi won this competition and joined Thaba Eco Hotel and Spa for three days during this week to paint their water reservoir!

The idea of the art mural started when Travis (Thaba Eco Park Environmental Manager) identified an opportunity to turn an old concrete water reservoir tank, at the eco park, into an attractive feature for visitors to enjoy. This was achieved through the launch of an art mural competition. Youth were encouraged to enter and, in so doing, showcase their artistic talents.

During this period, Ms Mareli De Klerk, our art teacher, happened to join Travis on a guided eco drive where she heard about this competition and informed her learners. According to Travis, Thaba received many amazing art mural design entries, from all over, but Moshopiadi's design stood out. At an early age, Moshopiadi realized she had a true artistic gift. With the necessary encouragement from her mother, Lillian, along with Mrs De Klerk, they encouraged Moshopiadi to express herself through different art mediums.

This was her first attempt at an art mural on this scale. As a result, a classmate, Ankia, as well as Moshopiadi's mother and Ms Hannelie Blok, were invited to join Thaba Eco Hotel and Spa for three days as part of her prize package. On the first day, Moshopiadi and her team arrived and were warmly welcomed by Travis and the front office staff. After dinner, they settled in and got a good night's rest in preparation for the day ahead. The second day is where the hard work started.

After breakfast, Travis escorted Moshopiadi and her team down to the site. All the paints and brushes that were used were graciously sponsored by Versus Paint and Hamilton's, respectively. To ensure Moshopiadi and her team had everything they needed, ladders, umbrellas and other materials were set up at the site. In addition, a tea/coffee station (including snacks and cold drinks) was laid out. Moshopiadi and Ankia had set good targets to complete, section by section, of the mural, leaving ample time for touch-ups. They divided their days into two sessions (morning and afternoon) and were driven back to the hotel to enjoy a complimentary meal at Kraal Restaurant after every session. On the third day, the art team continued powering on with enthusiasm and energy to be finished by the end of the day, and after a well-deserved night's sleep, Moshopiadi and her team got to sleep in a bit and eased into day 4. After breakfast, they were taken to the site to enjoy and reflect on the magic they had created, before they departed home.

In the message we have received, Thaba Eco Hotel stated that they would like to humbly thank Moshopiadi and her team for their outstanding work and that they see great things in Moshopiadi and Ankia's art future, wishing them all the success they deserve.





Faseeha and Leeyah at **SANESA Nationals**

Faseeha and Leeyah Bhikhoo Rahim competed at the SANESA Nationals and received their Limpopo colours. This event took place during the school holidays (from 21-28 September 2024) at the Kyalami Equestrian Park.

Faseeha Bhikhoo Rahim, riding Klinker Rewolusie, rode well, achieving third place in Equitation, seventh place in working riding, and eleventh place in showjumping and performance riding.

Leeyah Bhikhoo Rahim achieved sixth place in Equitation and eighth place in showjumping on Jeronimo MMV, as well as ninth place on Midnight Blue.

Faseeha Bhikhoo Rahim





Leeyah Bhikhoo Rahim

SDM delegation competes in 2024 IM-SSA Games

The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula, has on Saturday 5 October, extended her well-wishes to municipal employees who were embarking on their journey to East London in the Eastern Cape for the 2024 Inter-Municipal Sports of South Africa (IMSSA) Games. The IMSSA Games aims to promote wellness, physical well-being and networking among municipal employees. The event officially opened on Sunday 6 October at the Buffalo City Municipality where the employees competed against each other municipalities nationwide in various sports codes, including football, netball, volleyball, darts, pool as well as fishing. "We not only extending our best wishes to the district-level employees, but also to the teams from all local municipalities in Sekhukhune participating in these games. We encourage them to remain competitive and uphold the district's profile," said the executive mayor. The opening of the sporting event was addressed by the newly elected IMSSA President, Stephen Mohlabane, who is an employee of SDM. Mohlabane expressed deep gratitude to the leadership of municipalities across the country for their unwavering support in making this milestone event possible. President Mhlabane particularly acknowledged the visionary leadership of Sekhukhune's Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula, for her unwavering support. "Where I come from, I would like to thank the executive mayor for her exemplary leadership and her warm-hearted support, which has allowed me to lead this organization. Her dedication has empowered us to showcase Sekhukhune's talents and raise our district's flag high," said Mohlabane. He emphasized the transformative power of the wellness games in addressing chronic illnesses and mental health issues such as depression. "Through these games, we are no longer slaves to chronic conditions. We promote a healthy lifestyle for employees, which helps maintain productivity in the workplace," he added. Cllr Bahula also reminded Team Sekhukhune of the honour in their participation. "The President of IMSSA, Mr Steve Mhlabane, affectionately known as 'Bra Steve', hails from our district. Be proud, display exemplary behaviour and strive to bring back success," she said. Representing the executive mayor at the event, Members of the Mayoral Committee (MMCs), including Cllr Kuki Sefala, Cllr Leokana Kanana, Cllr Orginia Mafefe and Cllr Mabatane Mathale, joined other councillors from local municipalities to support this initiative. With over 40 municipalities participating, this year's weeklong event not only fostered unity and sportsmanship, it also contributed to the overall development and well-being of municipal employees, further enhancing their capacity to serve their communi-

ties with vigour and enthusiasm.



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SDM team during their arrival at the IMSSA Games held the Buffalo City in East London, Eastern Cape Province.



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