

Businesses honour Nelson Mandela

Rustenburg – Some local businesses operating in Rustenburg joined hands with the Rustenburg Local Municipality to spruce up and clean part of the city on Saturday July 18 as their contribution to the Nelson Mandela birthday celebrations.

The executive mayor the Rustenburg Local Municipality, Cllr. Mpho Khunou, was part of the exercise which saw various organizations joining hands in planting trees on and sweeping the parking lot adjacent to ABSA's main branch in the city.

Giving his keynote address, Cllr. Khunou urged people to always strive to uphold the legacy of Nelson Mandela. "We should never forget the sacrifice made by people like Nelson Mandela to make sure that we are liberated as a country.

"By doing this today, we are making sure that his legacy lives on because he has left us an example by which to follow in his footsteps," said Cllr Khunou.



MEC Mokomele-Mothibi serves the community

Vostershoop/ Taung – As part of the observance of Nelson Mandela's 67 minutes of selfless service to communities, North West MEC for Social Development, Women, Children and People with Disabilities Mosetsanagape Mokomele-Mothibi and her departmental management on Monday spent 67 minutes painting a block of classrooms at Kgalalelo Primary School in Vostershoop. It is located more than 215 km away from Vryburg.

Mokomele-Mothibi started the celebration on Sunday 17, donating more than 300 blankets to elderly persons over the age of 75 at Khaukhwe village, Ranstad, Manokwane and Nommer One at Taung.

"The annual observance of Mandela Day has brought back the dignity and respect of elder persons in the province," Mokomele-Mothibi said.

The 67 minutes symbolises Mandela's 67 years of selfless service to the people of South Africa and the world.

SAPS paint on Mandela day

The South African Police Service in the North West Province just like all other South African individuals, Government Departments and other entities, also participated in Mandela Day 67 minutes projects in various parts of the Province.

The projects were led by the Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Mbombo and her Deputies – Major General Naidoo and Major General Mpembe. They took part in painting the Mothutlung Police Station as well as rebuilding the car parking bay.

The activity was attended by Station and Mmakau Cluster personnel and Community Police Forum (CPF) members. There were other SAPS activities relating to Mandela Day that took place at other places within the Province such as Itsotseng, Sun City, Boshhoek and Mabieskraal.



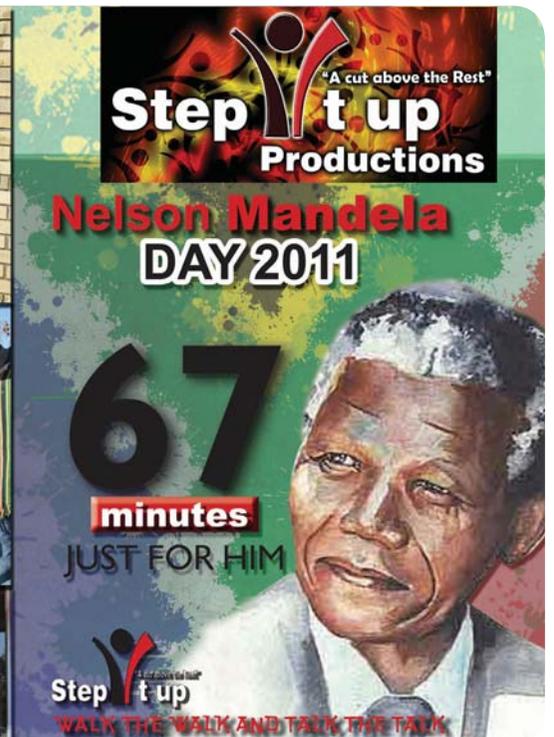
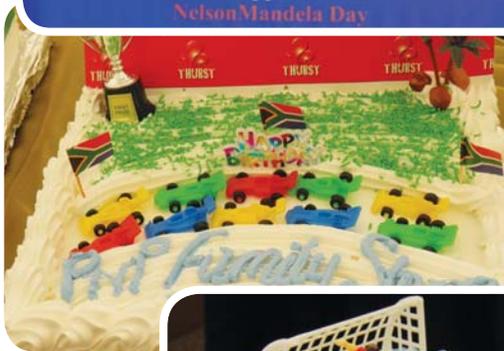
Birthday cake on Mandela Day

Rustenburg – Children from schools in and around Rustenburg had the time of their lives when they were treated to a slice of cake and other gifts by businesses and welfare organisations operating in the city as part of an event held to commemorate Mandela Day. The initiative – which was led by Pick 'n Pay, Standard Bank, Magalies Water, Mac Donalds, the Department of Social Development and the Human Rights Commission – benefited three schools.

In an address, Rustenburg Local Municipality Member of the Mayoral Committee MMC Boipelo Marekoa revealed that the business entities and welfare bodies committed themselves to adopt financially challenged schools.

"We are happy that the sponsors here have pledged their support because this is what Mandela Day is all about," said Marekoa.

Mac Donalds provided food and refreshments during the event while Magalies Water pledged to make sure that the water needs of all the schools would always be met. The Department of Social Development also pledged to see to it that the welfare grants of the children would not be cut off.



"I dream of the realization of the unity of Africa, whereby its leaders combine in their efforts to solve the problems of this continent. I dream of our vast deserts, of our forests, of all our great wildernesses." – Nelson Mandela