

# Party Paradise

**Rustenburg** – The Rustenburg SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) in collaboration with Rusties Lodge, invites the entire community – especially the young ones including nursery schools, aftercares etc, to the Party Paradise initiative.

The Party Paradise fun will last from 16 January up to 14 April 2017, from Mondays to Fridays from 09h00 to 13h00.

The entry fee is very inexpensive, set

at R100 per group, but the organisers ask that the entry fee should include food, blankets or donations for the Rustenburg SPCA branch as they are in desperate need of financial assistance.

**This is a great opportunity to have loads of fun! For more information contact Charmaine on 071-361 9223 or Tania on 082-557 6791 or pop a mail to rustieslodge@vodamail.co.za.**



# BirdLife Rustenburg

**Meeting:**

BirdLife Rustenburg's March meeting will be held, as usual, at the Rustenburg Methodist Church, c/o Brink and Schuurman streets, commencing at 19h00 on Monday, 20 March 2017. The subject this month will be Bird Vocalization and they are indeed fortunate to welcome Melissa Whitecross, from BirdLife SA, as their guest speaker.

Melissa works for BLSA and also is a part-time lecturer at Wits University. She has a series of lectures from the second year Introduction to the Biology of Birds of Southern Africa, which she teaches. Melissa will be talking on Bird Vocalization: deciphering the song.

Bird song is the background noises to many a journey. This talk will explore different aspects of bird song from anatomy, genetics, and the use of bird calls and the mysterious world of mimicry. This is a meeting not to be missed.

Everyone are welcome with a charge of R20.00 for non-paid up members. Tea and snacks will be served. For more information please contact Shaun McGillewie on 083-702 1462.

**Outing:**

BirdLife Rustenburg's March outing takes the form of a long weekend in Wakkerstroom. This will be from 23-26 March 2017. We will be stay-

ing at the BirdLife SA facility – camping or dormitory.

On the Saturday, 25 March, they will have the services of Lucky who is one of, if not, the top bird guide in South Africa. This area consists of many differing habitats and a fantastic array of birds.

Should you be interested, there is still space, contact Helen Badenhorst on 083-621 1808.

As an alternative, a little closer to home, Shaun will be leading a local Saturday morning outing. The venue is still to be finalised and should you be interested in joining him, please contact Shaun directly on 083 702 1462.



A very vocal Yellow Fronted Tinkerbird.

# Rapportryers Rustenburg se nuwe bloed

**Rustenburg** – Die Rapportryers Beweging Boekenhoutkorps het onlangs twee nuwe lede ingestel tydens hulle eerste samekoms vir die nuwe jaar, gehou te Laerskool Rustenburg. JB McCallaghan en Andreas Hough word dus deel van die Rustenburg Korps en is bewys dat daar steeds 'n passie vir Afrikaans onder die jongelinge is.

Die Rapportryers 'n organisasie wat hulself beywer vir die bevordering van Afrikaans deur gemeenskapsprojekte en bepaalde fondsinsamelings. Hulle ondersteun die Afri-

kaanse skole in Rustenburg op 'n jaarlikse grondslag en ondersteun minder bevoorregte Afrikaanssprekende kinders met innoverende projekte.

Van lekker Bybel vasvrae kompetisies, tot "ou-boet" projekte vir seuns sonder vader-figure, kospakkies vir die armes en besoeke aan ouetehuise, sorg die Rapportryersbeweging dat geeneen agtergeblewe hoef agter te bly nie.

Indien u self wil betrokke raak, kontak gerus vir David Fensham by 079-494 1190.



Baie geluk aan die nuwe lede van Rapportryers Rustenburg, Andreas Hough (links), en JB McCallaghan(regs). In die middel is Charl Ackerman van die Rapportryers Rustenburg.

# Magnificent Seven off to China

Seven ORBIT TVET College students travelled to Beijing, China, on Thursday, 16 March 2017, on a 12 month internship programme which forms part of a collaboration between the Chinese Culture and International Exchange Centre and Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services SETA (MerSETA).

The Chinese Culture and international Exchange Centre is a leading official Chinese Education Institution in South Africa, which focuses on educational collaborations between China and SA. The programme is aimed at bridging the skills gap and contributing positively towards the growth and development plan of the country.

Oarabile Marumula, Olerato Tshenye, Phemelo Selelo, Bokamoso Cwienyane, Piet Seloba, Boikhutso Makati and Buyelani Mgcina- all NC (V) Level 4 Engineering graduates from ORBIT College Mankwe Campus in Mogwase, are among the 200 students who were selected from various TVET Colleges and Universities of Technologies, to take part in an 'all expenses paid' internship programme.

The Magnificent Seven proved that they are worthy of being part of the 'cream of the crop', after

making it into the top 200 from the 1748 applications received.

During their stay in China, they will be enrolled as students at Beijing Union University, for a period of six months, coupled with six months of manufacturing/work-based training at some of the top 500 Chinese companies. Upon completion of the 12 months, they will be awarded with a University Certificate of Achievement and a manufacturing Intern certificate.

The thrilled students have not been able to contain their excitement and disbelief at having been chosen out of thousands of entrants. One of the students, Olerato Chauke said, "We wholeheartedly appreciate the love and support we have received from ORBIT College, especially the staff from Mankwe Campus. We were not selected because we are smart, but because of the immense support and assistance the institution afforded us. They believed in us, and for that, we will not disappoint them."

The benefits of the internship programme include return flights, visa fees, accommodation, monthly stipends, university fees, daily transport to university & workplace, meals, workplace training fees,

medical cover, and accident/death benefits.

ORBIT College Principal, Ms Maryna Marais says she is ecstatic for the students, and can only hope that they will use this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to the best of their ability. Ms Marais added that going to a country where the daily way of life,

the language and culture is different to ours will have its fair share of challenges, but that the students should always be reminded of the words of Ho Chi Minh: "Remember the storm is a good opportunity for the pine and the cypress to show their strengths and their stability".



The Magnificent Seven from ORBIT College, Mankwe Campus; from left; Piet Seloba, Phemelo Selelo, Boikhutso Makati, Dr Zhilei Lu (Director at Chinese Culture & International Education Exchange Centre), Ms Matseleng Motsoeneng (Project Coordinator), Olerato Tshenye, Bokamoso Cwienyane, Buyelani Mgcina and Oarabile Marumula.

## Weather Report North West Rustenburg

Friday	17	March	2017	29°C - 17°C
Saturday	18	March	2017	31°C - 17°C
Sunday	19	March	2017	30°C - 16°C
Monday	20	March	2017	30°C - 16°C
Tuesday	21	March	2017	29°C - 15°C

At time of print

## FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Crude Oil (OIL)	R	627.04
Gold Ounces (XAU)	R	15 841.59
Platinum Ounces (XPT)	R	12 358.17
Palladium Ounces (XPD)	R	9 769.59
United States Dollar (USD)	R	13.14
British Pound (GBP)	R	16.05
Euro (EUR)	R	13.96
Chinese Yen (CNY)	R	1.90
Namibian Dollar (NAD)	R	1.00
Lesotho Loti (LSL)	R	1.00

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