



Public pools closed in summer

Rustenburg – In the summer heat we all love to splash around in a pool to cool off. Unfortunately for the kids of the Rustenburg community, there is no relief to be found from the heat as the ‘Marais Street’ public swimming pool is closed once again. The *Platinum Weekly* newspaper spoke to Josey Harris, chief coach at the Rustenburg

Swimming Club (RSC) on Wednesday, 7 February: “The public swimming pool had a budget of well over R1 million for renovations to the pool in August last year, but the funds have been depleted. It takes a larger quantity of chemicals to clean a green pool than it does to keep a pool clean, due to lack of funds and a lack of

chemicals the pools often turn green.” Says Gregory Legobye, superintendent of public pools in Rustenburg: “The official reason for the closure of all public pools is the depletion of funds. Funds have been transferred and we are waiting to receive these funds to service and maintain the pools. The closure of the public pools

is temporary. The municipality is facing financial constraints at the moment. We are waiting for funds to clear, which, I believe will happen within the next 24 hours and we will open again before the weekend.”

Criminals targeting Rustenburg businesses use new modus operandi

Rustenburg – Criminals operating in the Rustenburg area are using a new technique to target businesses, warns Fidelity ADT’s Rustenburg branch manager, Jean-Claude Viljoen. “There have been eight incidents reported so far since November last year and in all these incidents criminals have broken a window and crawled along the floor to pass the motion sensors,” he says. The criminals are particularly targeting businesses in Kock and Beyers Naude

Street. “They look for businesses with aluminium windows. They lift the closing arm on the window, open it and then crawl in on their stomachs avoiding the motion sensors. At this point it looks like they are operating in a group of three perpetrators.” Viljoen says there are specific motion sensors available that can pick up movement of this kind and businesses should consider installing them. “Business owners need to be specific when

enquiring about the motion sensors so the correct ones are installed,” he adds. It is also important to make use of an accredited and certified installer to ensure your alarm system and components are compliant. He is encouraging business owners and employees, in general, to be alert and extra cautious at this time. “Please ensure that you lock all windows and doors, and set alarms and beams when leaving the premises. If possible reinforce window locks especially.

Please make sure that you test your alarm regularly, we recommend at least once a month. Also, make sure that your security system is maintained regularly. This will ensure that sensors, beams, fences and so on are working properly.” “Please also report any suspicious individuals or activity that you notice to the police or a security provider. By working together we can stop these incidents,” he concludes. **Fidelity ADT press release: 30 January**

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Rapist gets life sentence

Brits – The North West provincial commissioner lieutenant general Baile Motswenyane welcomed a life and an 18 years’ imprisonment sentence handed down to Simon Albert Malaka (24) by the Brits Regional Court for rape, kidnapping and robbery. Malaka raped, kidnapped and robbed a 21-year old woman in May 2015. The victim was walking from Oukasie to Brits when Malaka approached and threatened her with a screwdriver. Malaka was arrested in February 2016. He was denied bail and has been in custody until his sentencing on 4 February 2018. Malaka was sentenced a life imprisonment for three counts of rape; 15 years’ imprisonment for kidnapping; and three years’ imprisonment for robbery. The provincial commissioner lauded the investigating officer, detective Sergeant Legwale and everyone who contributed towards the attainment of the conviction.

Weather Report North West Rustenburg

Day	Date	Temp
Friday	09 February 2018	29°C - 18°C
Saturday	10 February 2018	29°C - 19°C
Sunday	11 February 2018	31°C - 18°C
Monday	12 February 2018	31°C - 18°C
Tuesday	13 February 2018	30°C - 17°C

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FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Crude Oil	[OIL]	R	799.11
Gold Ounces	[XAU]	R	15 811.96
Platinum Ounces	[XPT]	R	11 735.86
Palladium Ounces	[XPD]	R	11 819.53
United States Dollar	[USD]	R	11.97
British Pound	[GBP]	R	16.65
Euro	[EUR]	R	14.77
Chinese Yen	[CNY]	R	1.90
Namibian Dollar	[NAD]	R	1.00
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