

Rain and entertainment at Rainhill Farm

Rustenburg – Lovers of music, good food and laughter were treated to a memorable 90th Rainhill Market held in Rustenburg on 25 March.

The morning started with the heavens opening with a slight drizzle and minutes later a double rainbow circle appeared on the horizon signalling to the organisers it was time to start. Visitors had a memorable day, listening to the soulful voice of Wikus Bothma and Marius Esterhuizen while enjoying the refreshments of the beer garden, the Hartley Pub & Restaurant and other stalls.

The following sponsors are thanked for a successful event:

- SAB and KVV for sponsoring certain items in the beer garden.
- KVV for the sponsorship of the tent that kept the visitors dry during the storm and in the shade when the sun came out.

- Manie from Crazy Skips for helping them keep Rainhill litter free.
- Trauma Rescue for being on standby – your presence is always appreciated!
- Martin van der Westhuizen and his team from Westhouze Audio. Thank you for always providing the best sound - we can recommend you any day!
- Eagle Roofs for putting a roof over the artist's heads!
- The clowns who kept the kids entertained in the play area.
- The Hartley's Pub & Restaurant staff – you all worked so hard and we appreciate every minute of the time you spend with us!
- And last but not least, some of the family members- Derick, Renché, Simon, Susan and Henry. Thank you for helping to make the day run so smoothly!



From left: Mark Hartley, owner; Solomon Vundla; Rezanne Hartley, owner; Martha Mogapi; and Naomi Morolong.



Visitors strolling down the Bluegum Lane lined with stalls.

FALL ARMYWORM – FARMERS BEWARE!

NW – The Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development (READ) issued a stern warning, alerting the farming community of a possible spread of the dreaded Fall Army Worm (FAW) following the recent rainy weather and a reported rise in the multitude of insects in the North West province.

FAW infestations have been detected throughout the country with provinces such as Limpopo, Mpumalanga, North West as well as the Eastern Cape being affected. The department has received reports mainly in areas of the Bojanala Platinum District.

The Department has developed a plan of action to contain any possible outbreak. "Agricultural advisors have been trained to swiftly perform rigorous scouting for confirmation of FAW within the suspected areas in the province. In that light, effective and efficient control measures will be rolled out as and when cases are reported.

In doing this the department hopes to avert the spread of FAW and possible economic losses which may be incurred by crop farmers to this effect. It poses a threat to producers due to the pace at which it is spreading. Although the FAW mainly affects maize plants, it may occasionally attack cotton, wheat, sorghum, soybeans, potatoes and groundnuts.



The Fall Armyworm

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