



THE TURN OF A DECADE

This year the community of Rustenburg blossomed... Some of us had the opportunity to branch out, produce fruit and some of us were pruned. For some of us, this year was a time to grow closer to one another. One thing I know for sure – if we stand together, we are stronger – and 2020 will hopefully be no different. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our readers, clients, suppliers and supporters for their significant and wonderful contributions. You have made 2019 one the best and it will definitely be one for the wall. This year, we’ve had our ups and downs in the political arena – but it was all soon forgotten as the Springboks won the World Cup and lifted the Webb Ellis trophy when we beat England. For a few moments, the entire country’s heart beat as one. We’ve also endured many hardships this year – especially the long-lasting drought in large parts of the country. Thankfully, the heavens have opened, and we are blessed with rain... We thank our Heavenly Father. In the crime sphere – we must solute our men and women in blue for their invaluable service. More so, our community crime forums and security companies – we sleep safe and sound at night, knowing that you have our backs. We are tremendously appreciative. This year we lost many loved ones. The community of Rustenburg also lost our very own Margaret Thatcher and Saint Theresa, a pillar and strength – our very own Naomi Kleinschmidt Pasino. I tribute the following words to Naomi (from *Hear You Me*, by Jimmy Eat World) –



*"There's no one in town I know
You gave us some place to go
I never said thank you for that
I thought I might get one more chance
What would you think of me now
So lucky, So strong, So proud?
I never said thank you for that
Now I'll never have a chance
May angels lead you in
Hear you me my friends..."*

This year partnerships were forged, new love created, and babies born. We thank our Almighty God for all our precious loved ones. We are a family. We are the Rustenburg community and we must look out for one another. As 2020 is on our doorstep, I urge you to follow the rules of the road and return home safely next year. We look forward to having another amazing year with you. Our offices open on 13 January 2020. I leave you with John 15: 5, 8 [NKJV] – "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples." Yours faithfully,



Myrtle Brough
Editor, *Platinum Publishers*

HEAVY FINES FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING



The municipality is urging residents not to engage in illegal dumping.

Rustenburg – The Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) warns residents to refrain from illegal dumping, as such practices not only pose a threat to the environment but also the overall hygiene and cleanliness of our Platinum City. Edward Komane, RLM's acting municipal manager, explained that dumping waste on street corners and open spaces, placing litter on the sidewalks and unloading rubble along roads are

practices which contravene the city's by-laws. "The South African constitution grants every person the right to enjoy an environment that is not harmful to their health. Illegal dumping activities infringe on this right. Those caught on the wrong side of the law risk being fined up to R3,500," he said. Edward also called upon residents to report anyone engaged in illegal dumping activities to the municipality.

4 NW MINERS DIE

NW – Four mineworkers died after being trapped in a rockfall associated with two seismic events at Tau Lekoa gold mine in North West province on Friday 6 December. Rescue workers – comprising employee volunteers and specially trained teams deployed by Mines Rescue Service – succeeded in saving the life of one mineworker, who was brought safely to surface on Friday afternoon. Minerals Council chief executive officer Roger Baxter said: "Our thoughts and prayers are with the loved ones of the mineworkers who died, and we wish the mineworker who was rescued a speedy recovery. We pay tribute to all of those who pursued the rescue efforts around the clock since Friday in difficult and

hazardous conditions; to the unions and mine management for spearheading the rescue effort; and to the Department of Minerals Resources and Energy for its support."

Minerals Council of South Africa press release extracts, 8 December



Ons is op die uitkyk vir 'n tuinwoningstel of soortgelyk vir betrekking vanaf 1 Februarie 2020. Op soek na 'n groot een slaapkamer of twee slaapkamer (verkieslik) eenheid, met toesluit motorhuis en waar klein hondjie toegelaat sal word.

Ons prysklas is R 4 000 – R 5 000 p.m.
Verkose areas: Safarituine | Ou of Nuwe Cashan | Proteapark | Geelhoutpark | Bo-dorp - Bergsig omgewing. As iemand dalk weet van 'n plekkie wat moontlik aan die vereistes kan voldoen, sal ons dit waardeer as julle ons asseblief sal laat weet. Enige hulp sal baie waardeer word!

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