

ALARMINGLY LOW RETURNS FOR SOUTH AFRICAN MILLION DOLLAR PIGEON RACE

South Africa – The National Council of SPCAs (NSPCA) is again concerned by the low number of pigeons that have returned to their loft after the South African Million Dollar Pigeon Race (SAM DPR) which took place on Saturday 1 February.

A total of 1 548 pigeons were liberated in the early morning in the Northern Cape and were expected to make their way back to their loft in Sasolburg, some 600kms. However, to date, only 675 pigeons have returned and 60% are still missing.

The pigeons used for pigeon racing are bred in captivity and spend their lives in the care of humans making them completely dependent on humans

to survive. They are easy prey to predators and do not know how to protect themselves from the elements or even how to forage for themselves. The NSPCA is aware that at the beginning of the training season, 3 377 pigeons were liberated during the first training flight. This means that between training and hot spot races, and the actual Million Dollar race, 1829 pigeons went missing or died before the main event, totalling the disappearance of 2702 pigeons during the entire season.

"It is shocking that 80% of the pigeons disappeared during the entire season, and that these losses seem to be accepted by the pigeon racing

fraternity. No one is able to confirm the fate of these sentient creatures – this race takes place in one of the hottest months of the year with scarce water sources along the route and other adverse weather conditions such as thunder storms; one can only imagine the suffering that these birds endure," said senior inspector Arno De Klerk, manager of the NSPCA's Special Projects Unit.

The environmental impact that this could have if surviving birds join South Africa's growing feral population is also cause for concern – the pigeon is considered an invasive species with a rapid reproduction rate, this is a serious concern for the environment as well as the birds' welfare.

The NSPCA remains opposed to animal racing in all forms.

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INTERNASIONALE KRIKETSTER KUIER BY RHS

Rustenburg - Marnus Labuschagne, die bekende Australiese krieketspeler is gebore in Suid-Afrika en het in Klerksdorp gebly tot hy sy Graad 3 jaar voltooi het. Daarna immigrer hy saam met sy ouers na Australië, waar hy sedertdien woon. Die jong manne van die Hoërskool Rustenburg (RHS) se krietet Akademie het baie vrae vir Labuschagne gehad wat hulle toegelaat het om hom beter te leer ken en ook meer oor die spel te leer. Uit die vrae het ons geleer dat Marnus reeds op die ouderdom van drie begin krieket speel het, hy is uiters nederig en het baie respek vir elkeen wat krieket as professioneel beoefen, hy is lief vir UberEats en buite 'n passie vir krieket is hy ook lief vir goeie koffie. Labuschagne is nie net 'n fenomenale sportman nie, maar ook 'n fenomenale mens.



RHS krietet Akademie eienaar en hoofaftrigter van die eerste krietetspan Jan van Staden (links) en Marnus Labuschagne.

MAGALIESKRUIN VOORTREKKERS SE PLEKKIE VIR 'N SPEKKIE

Rustenburg - Met die groot sensasie wat tans om spekbome heers, het die Voortrekkers ook 'n projek geloods wat hul *Plekkie vir 'n Spekkie* noem. Dit is 'n interne fotokompetisie en die Magalieskruin Voortrekkers het dadelik skouer aan die wiel gesit en hul eerste foto's geplaas. Die eerste foto is geneem tydens die

Luiperdspan se afsluiting op Maandag 24 Februarie.

Kom kyk gerus wat hul doen op Maandag middag om 16:00. Die Graad R tot 7 groep kom by Laerskool Proteapark se Parkiend bymekaar en die Graad 8 tot 12 groep kom by Hoërskool Rustenburg bymekaar.

Vir enige navrae oor die Voortrekkers, skakel Carien van Niekerk op 073 192 8850.



Magalieskruin Voortrekkers Luiperdspan se fotoinskrifing.



Die Verkenners het ook ander plantjies geplant want hul gee om vir die natuur.

SSR STILL STANDING STRONG

Rustenburg – Staam Saam Rustenburg Community Watch started as a normal neighbourhood watch. After the strikes in 2012, the need for the community to stand together was greater than ever before. Sins then, Staam Saam Rustenburg (SSR) grew to what it is known as today. Naomi Pasino, the driving force behind SSR sadly passed away in 2019, but her amazing team is still carrying on her legacy by helping those in need. SSR focuses on their immediate environment, Rustenburg. They ensure

a safer and better place by means of patrols done in neighbourhoods and to aid families in the form of food and clothing. The organisation currently cares for about 3,000 people with food parcels and clothes on a monthly basis. They also recently 'adopted' 10 elderly residents of Gerrie Rus. These residents are aged 73 to 83 and SSR ensures that they are well taken care of by providing the necessities like food and sometimes just good company.

The famous Staam Saam Huis is never quiet and there is a constant flow of people that need help. SSR relies solely on donations. Items that cannot be given to those in need are sold to make money to pay the rent for the Staam Saam Huis or to buy more food. **For more information contact Juanita Pasino Louw on 083 444 6391 or Cathy Swanepoel on 065 534 7996. You can also visit the Staam Saam Huis at 80 Bethlehem Drive, Rustenburg.**



From left: Tanya Coetzer, Juanita Pasino Louw, Cathy Swanepoel, Morné Coetzer in front of the new Staam Saam Huis in Bethlehem drive.

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PHOMOLONG GAME LODGE - GENERAL FOREMAN

A well-established game lodge in the Groot Marica area invite suitably qualified persons to apply for the following position:

GENERAL FOREMAN
Requirements & Skills:
• The successful candidate will have extensive experience in Game as well as hunting expeditions.
• Experience in general maintenance of buildings, fences and roads
• Previous Management experience, preferably in the tourism industry
• Excellent communication skills
• Willingness to work hard
This is a live-in position and accommodation are provided. Salary will be negotiable based on experience
Interested applicants may apply by sending a short CV and a letter of application before Wednesday, **04 March 2020** to **hr@rsc1.co.za** Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
Should you not be contacted within 21 days after application closure, consider your application to be unsuccessful. The organization reserves the right not to fill the position advertised.



'N JOLIGE LARRIE JOLYT

Rustenburg – Laerskool Rustenburg se Larrie Jolyt is al vir jare 'n hoogtepunt op elke leerder se kalender. Die jaar se jolyt op Vrydag 21 Februarie was 'n fees gewese. Tydens die optog was elke graad met trots verteenwoordig voor die groot pret begin het. Die skare se gejuig kon kilometers vër gehoor word

terwyl die leerders in klasverband teen mekaar netbal en rugby gespeel het. As 'n fondsinsamlings initiatief het hul 'n dansmarathon gehou. Die marathon het ure se pret en lekker samesyn verseker en die fondse wat deur die dag ingesamel is sal aangewend om die nuwe ablusieblok te voltooi.



Elke graad het trots aan die optog deelgeneem.



Die was 'n jolige sing en dans affêre.



Dans, dans, dans!