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Rustenburg - A shocking daylight his possessions, which included his armed robbery has raised serious concerns about safety at a busy intersection on the R24. A local man, who prefers to remain anonymous, assailant, armed with a knife, stood was held at gunpoint and robbed while on his way to town.

30 January 2024, around 15:00, at the notorious R24 intersection more tragic outcome in the densely known for its malfunctioning packed traffic. traffic lights. It never works! That This incident serves as a stark intersection is always a hive of reminder of the dangers at this activity with a massive building material warehouse, a popular taxi commuters are advised to remain pick-up point, a gym, and a fast-food vigilant, especially during peak restaurant at its corners, always hours. The local authorities are bustling with traffic and pedestrians. urged to address the persisting issue The victim, on a personal errand to celebrate a special occasion, which may be contributing to the risk recounted his disturbing experience. of such crimes. "I was heading to the mall to buy flowers for my wife for our keep windows closed, valuables anniversary," he shared with Platinum Weekly. Familiar with the route and the usual traffic congestion, he was caught off guard when an armed man approached his vehicle.

With the window slightly open, the victim found himself face-to-face with a gunman demanding his valuables. "He shouted for my cellphone, watch, and ring," he recalled, still shaken. Fearing for his life and the safety of others around him, including potential children in nearby vehicles, he complied, handing over

personal and work phones, watch, and even his wedding ring.

Heightening the threat, a second guard near the vehicle, making any attempt to escape or resist The incident occurred on Tuesday, futile. The victim's quick thinking and compliance likely prevented a

R24 intersection. Residents and of the non-functional traffic signal,

The community is advised to out of sight, and to report any suspicious activity immediately.

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enormous loss of the late Johan (Riempies Rambo) Strydom (62), who passed away on 19 January 2024. His life celebration service took place on Wednesday 31 January 2024 at 11:00 at Growth Point Church. Beyers Naude Drive, Rustenburg. For more information, contact Cobus on 081 379 8919 or Wilna on 074 200 2687 - Econo Funeral and Cremation Services, a service with love and dignity.

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'n Liefdesdiens gelewer deur

Martin's Begrafnisdienste,

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na sy Hemelhuis. Sv familie



Ons onthou met liefde wyle Albert Blignaut (19), oorlede op 21 Januarie 2024. Sy troosdiens het op Woensdag 31 Januarie 2024 om 11:00 plaasgevind vanuit die kapel by Sonskyn Aftree Oord, Rustenburg. Vir meer navrae, skakel Cobus op 081 379 8919 of Wilna op 074 200 2687 by Econo Begrafnisdienste - 'n diens met liefde en waardigheid deur Econo Begrafnis en Verassingdienste.



die familie en vriende van Claronette van Vuuren wie op 25 Januarie 2024 oorlede is na haar siekbed op die ouderdom van 71 jaar. Sy is 'n oud-inwoner van Rustenburg en het diep spore in baie mense se lewens gelaat. Haar plek is leeg en haar stem is stil. Sy gaan gemis word deur almal wat haar geken en liefgehad het. Haar verassingsdiens sal op Vrvdag 2 Februarie 2024 vanuit PPK Rustenburg-Wes, 277 Klopperstraat, om 11h00 gehou word. 'n Liefdesdiens gelewer deur Martin's Begrafnisdienste, Rustenburg, 014 592 0037.



Ons onthou met liefde wyle Liesel Erasmus Raab (44), oorlede op 22 Januarie 2024. Haar troosdiens het op Vrydag 26 Januarie 2024 om 11:00 plaasgevind vanuit die Kapel van PPK, Rustenburg Wes gemeente. Vir meer navrae, skakel Cobus op 081 379 8919 of Wilna op 074 200 2687 by Econo Begrafnisdienste - 'n diens met liefde en waardigheid deur Econo Begrafnis en Verassingdienste.



Ons onthou met liefde wyle Lanese Ferguson (42), oorlede op 20 Januarie 2024. Die troosdiens het op Saterdag 27 Januarie 2024 om 11:00 plaasgevind vanuit die kapel by Sonskyn Aftree Oord, Rustenburg. Vir meer navrae, skakel Cobus on 081 379 8919 of Wilna op 074 200 2687 by Econo Begrafnisdienste - 'n diens met liefde en waardigheid deur Econo Begrafnis en Verassingdienste.



Ons onthou met liefde wyle Johan Vlooh (63), algemeen bekend as 'die Spur Oom'. Hy is oorlede op 21 Januarie 2024 en sy troosdiens het op Donderdag 25 Januarie 2024 om 14:00 plaasgevind vanuit die Gereformeerde Kerk, Rustenburg Wes. Vir meer navrae, skakel Cobus op 081 379 8919 of Wilna op 074 200 2687 by Econo Begrafnisdienste – 'n diens met liefde en waardigheid deur Econo Begrafnis en



Ons onthou met liefde wyle Lisette Botha (49), oorlede op 15 Januarie 2024. Die troosdiens het op Woensdag Woensdag 24 Januarie 2024 om 11:00 plaasgevind vanuit die kapel by Sonskyn Aftree Oord, Rustenburg. Vir meer navrae, skakel Cobus op 081 379 8919 of Wilna op 074 200 2687 by Econo Begrafnisdienste – 'n diens met liefde en waardigheid deur Econo Begrafnis en Verassingdienste.

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#### MAN FATALLY SHOT IN SUSPECTED ASSASSINATION

Rustenburg - In a shocking incident that has left the VW GTI and a white Picanto or Hyundai i10. Two Rustenburg community reeling, a 48-year-old man was assassinated on Thursday morning, 25 January 2024. The tragedy unfolded at the intersection of R104 and 4th Avenue in Waterfall East at around 06:20. As the victim departed for work, two vehicles were observed lying in wait outside his residence. The assailants launched their deadly assault just as the man emerged with his bakkie, a Toyota Hilux. The attackers, who were armed and dangerous, fired multiple shots at the victim before fleeing the scene. In a statement, sergeant Ofentse Mokgadi of the Rustenburg South African Police Service (SAPS) detailed the stark sequence of events. "The deceased was driving his Toyota Hilux from 4th Avenue and had stopped at the intersection to join the R104. It was at this moment that his vehicle was cornered by a white

armed suspects emerged from one of the vehicles and commenced shooting at the deceased multiple times. Tragically, he succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

The nature of the attack, which saw the victim's vehicle and personal belongings left untouched, strongly indicates an assassination. The Rustenburg SAPS has launched an intensive manhunt for the perpetrators and is urging the public to come forward with any information. Detective warrant officer Karel Khumalo can be contacted directly at 082 773 0590 by anyone who may have witnessed the incident or has relevant information.

This ruthless crime has not only taken a life but has also instilled fear and uncertainty in the hearts of the Rustenburg community.

#### FAILED RANSOM LEADS TO TRAGIC MURDER OF KIDNAPPED VICTIM...

Mogwase/ Swartklip - In a significant breakthrough, a joint operation by the Mogwase Detectives Unit and the North West Provincial Anti-Gang Unit culminated in the arrest of a 42-year-old man at Acornhoek, Mpumalanga, on Saturday 27 January 2024. The arrest was made in connection with the kidnapping of 55-year-old Pauline Nkanyane, a resident of Manamakgoteng village near Mogwase.

Brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone reported that the alleged kidnapping took place in the early hours of Sunday 21 January 2024. Pauline Nkanyane was en route to her job at Swartklip Mine when she was abducted. The investigation unfolded rapidly, revealing that the suspect had driven to Acornhoek with Nkanyane, leaving her vehicle

abandoned in Manamakgoteng. Initially treated as a missing person case, the situation escalated to a kidnapping after the suspect demanded a ransom. Tragically, the situation took a grim turn. When the ransom plan failed, the suspect is alleged to have murdered Nkanyane. Her body was discovered by a passer-by along the R36 road in Moraba village, situated between JJ Strydom tunnel and Ohringstad in Limpopo Province, on Thursday 25 January 2024.

According to Mike Bolhuis, Specialist Investigators into Serious Violent, Serious Economic Crimes & Serious Cybercrimes, kidnappings rocketed by 183% from 3,832 in 2012/13 to 10,826 in 2021/22. Against a backdrop of economic hardship and political turmoil, holding people for ransom has become increasingly lucrative.

During the arrest operation, police found the suspect in possession of a 9mm pistol with a filedoff serial number. The suspect has since appeared before the Mogwase Magistrates' Court on 29 January 2024, facing charges of kidnapping. The police have not ruled out the possibility of further arrests in connection with this case.

Lieutenant general Sello Kwena, the provincial commissioner of North West, commended the team's dedication and hard work leading to the arrest. He also extended his heartfelt condolences to the family and relatives of Pauline Nkanyane. expressing sorrow over the tragic loss. The community has been shaken by this event, and the police are committed to ensuring justice is served.



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Please assist the organisation to search for the whereabouts of Mr. Calitz and Ms. Cornelius, the biological parents of a 17-year-old boy child. Urgently contact the social worker, Ziné Walker from Child and Family Welfare Rustenburg, on 014 537 2014 or zinewalker@gmail.com.

## **BREAKTHROUGH IN BRITS KIDNAPPING AND MURDER CASE**

Brits/ Mooinooi - Sergeant Mapataka of the North West Police received high praise from lieutenant general Sello Kwena, the Provincial Commissioner of North West, for his role in on 28 October 2020 by his parents. His body was securing a combined 115-year sentence for five culprits involved in a heinous crime. The sentencing took place on Friday 26 January 2024 at the Gauteng North High Court in Pretoria.

The convicts, Lebogang Tshabalala (29), Everjoy Sibanda (20), Lucky Motholo (25), Kagiso Matlhabe (22), and Kamogelo Modise (23), were found guilty of kidnapping, robbery with aggravating circumstances, and murder. Their victim 34-year-old Neo Modubu an employee at Crocodile Mine, was reported missing in Brits

discovered three days later, indicating foul play. While Tshabalala, Sibanda, and Motholo were acquitted of murder, all five were convicted of kidnapping and robbery. Matlhabe and Modise also received murder convictions. Each was sentenced to three years for kidnapping. For the robbery, four received fifteen-year sentences, while Motholo got ten years. Matlhabe and Modise each received an additional 15 years for murder, culminating in a significant victory for justice in the Brits community.

### NORTH WEST POLICE **NETS 885 SUSPECTS**

North West - In a major crackdown during the Safer Festive Season Operation Shanela, the North West police have arrested a total of 885 suspects for a range of offences. The operation, which ran from Monday 22 January to Sunday, 28 January 2024, targeted various crimes across the province. Brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone highlighted that the arrests covered a wide spectrum of offences, including drug-related crimes, illegal liquor trade, driving under the influence, possession of firearms and ammunition, assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, murder, business and residential robberies, burglaries, malicious damage to property, and rape.

Key achievements of these operations included the recovery and confiscation of three firearms, 143 rounds of ammunition, four vehicles, along



with seized quantities of liquor and various drugs. In a comprehensive effort to curb crime, the police conducted searches on 93 premises, 1,451 vehicles, and 2,853 individuals.

A notable success was the arrest of a wanted suspect in Rustenburg. This individual has been linked to three separate cases of motor vehicle theft and one case of fraud, with these offences being committed between January and October 2023. Lieutenant general Sello Kwena. the provincial police commissioner of North West, expressed his gratitude to all the participants in

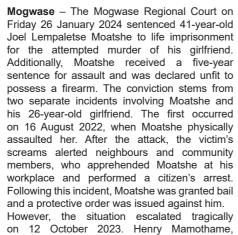
#### RAPIST GETS LIFE SENTENCE

Rustenburg - The provincial police commissioner in North West, lieutenant general Sello Kwena, welcomed the life imprisonment sentence handed down

to a 33-year-old accused by the Mogwase Regional Court on Friday 26 January 2024. According to brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone, the accused was also given five years imprisonment for kidnapping. The court further declared the accused unfit to possess a firearm. Moreover, the court gave an order that the accused's name be included in the National Register for Sex Offenders. According to evidence presented in court, the accused dragged the then 12-year-old girl into the bushes in Morogong, near Ramokokastad outside Rustenburg in December 2020, and raped her. The matter was reported to the police and the accused was subsequently arrested.

Lieutenant general Sello Kwena commended the investigating officer, detective constable Balungile Makaya of the Mogwase Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit and the prosecutor, advocate Tebogo Mokoka, as well as other role players for their collaborative efforts to ensure that the accused got a hefty sentence.

### LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR MAN IN **BRUTAL ATTEMPTED MURDER CASE**



spokesperson for the Prosecuting National

(NPA), reported that Moatshe encountered his girlfriend en route to her workplace and launched a violent knife attack. He inflicted multiple stab wounds to her stomach, hand, and back, leaving severe injuries. The victim's colleagues intervened upon hearing her cries for help, causing Moatshe to flee. She was promptly taken to a medical facility for urgent care. Moatshe was subsequently re-arrested, and this time the court denied bail. Despite his plea of not guilty to all charges, the court convicted Moatshe, delivering a sentence reflective of the severity of his crimes. This case has drawn significant attention to issues of domestic violence and the importance of community vigilance in preventing such tragedies.

KENNISGEWING VIR WATERGEBRUIK-LISENSIE-AANSOEK INGEVOLGE ARTIKEL 40 VAN DIE NASIONALE WATERWET (WET 36 VAN 1998) VIR GREEN PASTURES PARADISE (EDMS) BPK SLAGPLAATS WORD GELEË IN RESTANT VAN DIE PLAAS SWEET THORN LODGE 935 JQ, MAGALIESBURG, RUSTENBURG, IN DIE NOORDWES PROVINSIE.

> Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge artikel 41(4) van die Nasionale Waterwet (Wet 36 van 1998) (NWA) gelees met Regulasie 17 van Staatskennisgewing R267 in Staatskoerant 40713 gedateer 24 Maart 2017 gepubliseer ingevolge NWA vir Green Pastures Paradise (Edms) Bok (hierna "Green Pastures") se voorneme om aansoek te doen vir Watergebruiklisensie (WUL). Green Pastures -abattoir sal in die res van die Sweet Thorn Lodge 935 Jq, Magaliesburg, Rustenburg, in die Noordwes Provinsie. Die aktiwiteit lê binne die A21F-kwaternêre dreineringsgebied in Crocodile West Marico Water Management Area (WMA) in die Bo-Krokodil subbestuursgebied.

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### MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE FOR WIFE'S MURDER

Rustenburg – In a significant ruling by the Tlhabane Magistrates' Court on Thursday 25 January 2024, Sithandile Ndlobothi, aged 36, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife, Subenathi Nqalekane. Additionally, the court has declared Ndlobothi unfit to possess a firearm.

The conviction stems from a tragic incident on 14 January 2023, in Phase 1 Freedom Park, near Rustenburg. Henry Mamothame, the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) regional spokesperson, detailed the circumstances leading to the crime. Ndlobothi suspected his wife of infidelity. On the night of the incident, he woke up to the cries of their baby and noticed his wife was not in the house. After putting the baby back to sleep, he went searching for her and was later informed by neighbours that she had returned home.

Upon Ndlobothi's return, a heated argument broke out, escalating to a violent assault. He attacked her with his hands and a stick and kicked her with booted feet while she was defenceless. According to Mamothame, the assault briefly paused when she admitted to visiting a man with whom she was having an affair, but then it mercilessly continued despite pleas from onlookers and her brother-in-law. Tragically, Nqalekane succumbed to her injuries upon arrival at a nearby medical facility. Ndlobothi was arrested two days later, on 16 January 2023. During the trial, he pleaded guilty to the offense.

Highlighting the severity of the crime, state prosecutor Sangweni Zimema emphasised to the court the pandemic of domestic violence and the urgent need for the courts to respond decisively. Zimema also pointed out the lasting trauma for the couple's son, who is now left motherless.

Magistrate Segakweng Moeng concurred with the prosecution, noting the alarming number of cases involving serious and violent crimes against women and children. He underscored the importance of the courts sending a clear message regarding such criminal offenses. Dr. Rachel Makhari, the director of Public Prosecutions in the North West, commended the efforts of prosecutor Sergeant Motsheoa Segopolo of the South Africa Police Service (SAPS) and other key role players in ensuring justice was served in this case.

## ALERT: **BEWARE OF FAKE POLICE** SCAM IN RUSTENBURG

Rustenburg - Residents of Rustenburg are being cautioned about a worrying message that has been circulating on -WhatsApp groups over the past two weeks. The message warns of individuals posing as police officers, specifically targeting the areas

of Tlhabane, Geelhout, and their surroundings. The message details that the alleged criminals, two bald-headed males appearing to be in their 40s, are driving around in a white Polo. One of the imposters reportedly presents a "police badge". These individuals are described as wearing forma attire to look like undercover detectives, with one sporting a distinct "Chanel O" trimmed beard.

According to the circulating warning, these fake cops approach unsuspecting individuals under the pretext of seeking information, often showing a picture of a Bangladeshi national. In a cunning move, they then request residents to save their phone numbers for any future tips. However, as soon as the victim presents their phone, it is snatched by the impostors who then make a quick getaway. In response to this alarming situation, Platinum Weekly reached out to SAPS spokesperson, sergeant Ofentse Mokgadi. On Tuesday, 23 January 2024, sergeant Mokgadi clarified. "We have no information regarding this, but we have noted it with concern '

The authorities urge the public to remain vigilant and to report any encounters with these or similar fraudulent individuals. If you find yourself in a situation involving fake police officers or have any relevant information. it is crucial to contact the real police immediately or visit your local police station. Reporting such incidents promptly, can prevent these conmen from deceiving more people.

NOTICE FOR WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 40 OF THE NATIONAL WATER ACT (ACT 36 OF 1998) FOR GREEN PASTURES PARADISE (PTY) LTD ABATTOIR TO BE LOCATED IN REMAINDER OF THE FARM SWEET THORN LODGE 935 JQ, MAGALIESBURG, RUSTENBURG, IN THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE.

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 41(4) of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA) read with Regulation 17 of Government Notice R267 in Government Gazette 40713 dated 24 March 2017 published in terms of NWA for Green Pastures Paradise (Pty) Ltd's (hereafter "Green Pastures") intent to apply for Water Use Licence (WUL). Green Pastures abattoir will be located in the Remainder of the Farm Sweet Thorn Lodge 935 JQ, in Rusturnburg Local Municipality and Bojanala District Municipality in the North West Province. The activity lies within the A21F quaternary drainage region in Crocodile West Marico Water Management Area (WMA) in the Upper Crocodile sub management area.

#### WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION PROCESS

The following water uses were identified in relation to the proposed activity as listed in terms of section 21 of NWA:

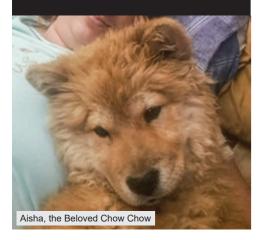
- (a) taking water from a water resource:
- (b) storing water;
- (e) engaging in a controlled activity identified as such in section 37(1) or declared under section 38(1):
- (g) disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: I&APs are invited to register and comment on the reports which are available for public review and comment for a period of 60 days from Thursday, 01 February 2024 to Thursday, 04 April 2024. Copies of the reports can be made available on request using the contact details provided below. If you need more information, please contact us using the contact details below.

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## **DERBY RESIDENT'S CHERISHED** DOG, AISHA, POISONED



Derby - A personal tragedy unfolded in the quiet streets of Derby's downtown area on Saturday 13 January 2024. Monique van Bosh, a resident of the community, is grappling with the heartbreaking loss of her seven-month-old Chow Chow, Aisha, who was tragically poisoned.

Monique, still reeling from the shock, recounted the distressing details. "It was unmistakable, the sight of her vomit being neon-green. I knew immediately that Aisha had been poisoned," Monique said. Confronted by transportation and financial hurdles, Monique faced the daunting reality of being unable to secure immediate veterinary assistance during the challenging mid-January period.

In a desperate attempt to mitigate the effects of the poison, believed to be anti-freeze, Monique administered a homemade remedy. "I resorted to giving Aisha milk and an egg mixture, hoping it would help her body expel the poison," she explained. Despite a thorough search of their property, no evidence of the toxic substance was found.

For Monique, Aisha was not just a pet but a beloved member of the family, cherished and pampered in every way. "Aisha held a special place in our lives. She was a gift from my husband, a nod to the cherished Chow I grew up with. We waited 19 years to welcome another Chow into our lives. Aisha was loved deeply; she had her own set of brushes, shampoo, toothpaste, and even conditioner," Monique shared affectionately.

The incident has left Monique not only with a profound sense of loss but also with concerns for the safety of her other pets, a Boerboel and a Labrador. "My hope now is that those responsible for this cruel act do not return. People often dismiss the significance of pets, but Aisha was more than 'just another animal' to us. She was a vital part of our family," Monique stated.

In the wake of Aisha's passing, Monique has found a symbolic way to honour her memory. "Aisha's nametag now adorns my keyring, a daily reminder of the unique bond we shared. Her presence reaffirmed my belief that sometimes, dogs exemplify virtues of loyalty and love more profoundly than humans ever could," Monique reflected.

## DOG POISONING INCIDENTS INCREASING IN KOSTER AND DERBY

Koster/ Derby – A troubling wave of dog poisonings has been comprehensive understanding of the situation. Anyone in the reported in Koster and Derby, stretching back to October 2023, according to Stella Potgieter, FF Plus councillor of Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality. The issue came to light after Potgieter's appeal for information on local WhatsApp groups, revealing a concerning number of medium to large dogs having been poisoned. "The response to my inquiry was alarming," Potgieter shared. "Regrettably, many of these incidents haven't been reported to the South African Police Service (SAPS). With more reports, the SAPS could have identified this as a growing trend, enabling the community to be alerted and measures to be taken." Potgieter emphasises the importance of reporting such incidents to the authorities, including your local police or community policing forum (CPF). "We need a more

Derby/ Koster area whose dogs have been affected and hasn't reached out yet, please contact me. Your information is vital."

#### **IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION**

To report an incident or share information, Stella Potgieter can be reached at 084 991 4303. Additionally, Potgieter advises pet owners to remain vigilant.

"Monitor your pets for any unusual behaviour and inspect your property for suspicious objects. If you find anything out of the ordinary, notify your CPF or the police immediately. It's crucial to safeguard our beloved pets against these heinous acts." The rise in dog poisonings has rattled the community, underscoring the need for increased awareness and preventive measures to protect our furry family members.



A chicken leg, suspected to be laced with dog poison, was recently found thrown over a residential wall in Koster. Alert homeowners were able to prevent their dogs from consuming it, preventing potential harm

#### **ESSENTIAL STEPS TO TAKE** IF YOUR DOG IS POISONED

In the unfortunate event that your beloved canine companion is poisoned, immediate action is crucial. It is essential to notify your veterinarian as soon as you notice any symptoms. Even a simple phone call can make a significant difference in your pet's survival chances.

#### Here are some vital steps to follow

- Keep your pet calm: Panic can exacerbate the situation. Calming your pet down can prevent further harm.
- · If the poison is external, bathe your pet: In cases where your pet's skin is exposed to a toxin, thoroughly wash them. It's crucial to rinse repeatedly to ensure all traces of the poison are removed
- · Identify the poison: If the toxin was ingested, try to obtain a sample of the poison or its container (without getting infected yourself!). This information can be vital for your vet to

determine the most effective treatment.

Administer activated charcoal: For certain poisons, like chocolate, administering activated charcoal can help. However, it's important to consult with your vet for the correct dosage and

It's also wise to prepare a 'poison kit' at home, particularly if you live in remote areas far from veterinary assistance. This kit should include activated charcoal and milk of magnesia. Such preparations are especially important in rural areas or farms, where there is a higher risk of dogs being poisoned during break-in attempts.

In an emergency, you can create a makeshift remedy for your dog. Mix a raw chicken egg with a teaspoon of activated charcoal (adjust the amount for larger dogs after consulting with your vet). You can add a bit of milk to make the mixture more fluid and easier for your dog to ingest. This mixture



should be fed to your dog immediately.

Lastly, it's advisable to keep your dogs indoors at night, especially in areas with higher risks of break-ins. Outdoor dogs are often targeted by perpetrators to facilitate their criminal activities. Remember, the safety of your pets often depends on your preparedness and quick response. Always consult with your veterinarian for the best course of action in case of poisoning.

## **Destructive storm hits Rustenburg**

Rustenburg - A severe storm hit Rustenburg and its surrounding areas on Monday 29 January 2024, bringing with it strong winds of approximately 30 km/h. Following a boiling day (at 31°) marked by high humidity, menacing storm clouds gathered.

The thunderstorm, accompanied by scattered clouds, began forming around 14:00. Various localities reported significant rainfall, with some areas recording as much as 30mm, while another location within Rustenburg reported a substantial 50mm of rain for the day



Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) also faced the storm's wrath. A large tree on the property toppled over, resulting in broken branches and debris scattered across the SPCA premises, some of which landed on animal cages. The following morning, the SPCA received much-needed assistance from Rolyn Engineering and community members, who helped clear the area. Marisa Kruger, the SPCA manager and inspector, expressed relief that no animals were harmed and extended her gratitude for the community's swift response and support

The Rustenburg Society for the Prevention of

In the Magalies View area, a local car dealership suffered extensive damage when its zinc plate roof was torn off by the storm's fierce winds. The roof was lifted and deposited about 10 meters away from the dealership. Fortunately, there were no reported injuries despite the severity of

## Accident claims life on R104

Rustenburg - In the early hours of Monday morning, 29 January 2024, a tragic accident occurred on the R104, commonly known as the 'Old Pretoria Road.' At approximately 05:30, a bakkie and a truck were involved in a head-on collision, causing major disruptions to the morning traffic. Authorities quickly responded to the scene, and traffic was redirected to one side of the road to allow emergency services to attend to the accident. The driver of the truck sustained minor injuries and was treated at the scene. Regrettably, the collision proved fatal for the driver of the bakkie, who died upon impact. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of the deceased during







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 $\textbf{Rustenburg} \ - \ \text{It} \ \text{was a day of grit, determination, and outstanding}$ performances as members of the Rustenburg Cycling Club took to the

rugged trails in the highly anticipated Ottosdal Draf & Trap mountain bike

race on Saturday 27 January 2024. The event, known for its challenging course and competitive spirit, saw our local cyclists not only participating but also achieving remarkable results. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the participants and especially to those who stood on the podium, showcasing the talent and spirit of



Elruscka Coetzer: 40km, 2nd place, category:



Luan Vermeulen: 60km 1st place, category: u/18.



Anrich Barkhuizen: 60km, 4th place, category: u/18.

## Rugga nuus

#### **United Rugby Championship: Bulls vs Lions**

Die Bulle slaag daarin om die moedige Leeus te klop op Fort Loftus met 30-28. Johan Goosen slaag met 'n monster strafskop vanuit die Bulle se halfgebied om die Bulle as oorwinnaars te gaan stort. Die Leeus het egter ook 'n kans gehad om te wen ou grote, maar die Leeus se

plaasvervanger losskakel kon nie daarin slaag om 'n strafskop in punte te omskep in die laaste sekondes nie. Die URC word weer hervat op 16 Februarie. Nag ou grote...

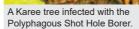




Die Blitse stel weer teleur en eindig in die vyfde plek Doer Onder. Nederlae teen Fidj en die Pumas het bepaal dat die Blitse teen Frankryk moes uitspeel en wen 24-5. Die Pumas het die Perth toernooi gewen en is ook nou die voorlopers op die log. Die Blitse beklee die vierde plek. Nag ou groenie...

## Understanding the **Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer**







Visible holes with brown staining, sawdust and bleeding

Hartbeespoort - In January 2024, a prominent estate in Hartbeespoort alerted authorities about a suspected infestation of Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB). This proactive step was crucial to curb the potential spread of this destructive pest. The concern is that the pest may have spread from large quantities of chopped wood sold along the main roads in the Broederstroom/ Hartbeespoort area. The estate reached out to the authorities, along with the Magaliesberg Biosphere for assistance, and the situation is under investigation. Belinda Cooper, a coordinator at Magaliesberg Biosphere, highlighted the distinction between beneficial and harmful borer species. Several indigenous types of wood-boring insects contribute positively to the ecosystem by creating habitats for other species and aiding in decomposition, the PSHB is one of the exceptions. Its presence in Hartbeespoort has led to measures, such as cutting down and treating the affected trees to prevent further spread.

Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB): a closer look. The PSHB, scientifically known as Euwallacea fornicatus, is a significant threat to South Africa's indigenous trees. Measuring about 2mm, these beetles form a symbiotic relationship with certain fungi, which serve as their primary food source. This relationship, however, spells disaster for the host trees. The fungus, carried by the beetles, attacks the tree's vascular system, disrupting water and nutrient flow and eventually leading to the tree's demise. Detecting the beetles themselves is challenging due to their tiny size. However, signs of infestation in trees are noticeable and vary across different tree species. Common indicators include a wilting tree, dead branches, entry and exit holes on the bark, shotgun-like lesions at entry/exit holes, sugar volcanoes on the bark at entry/exit holes, or blotches of oozing resin on the bark at entry/exit

It's a symbiotic chain. While the presence of PSHB is alarming, it's important to remember not to panic. Not all borer species are detrimental. Many play a crucial role in our ecosystem, contributing to biodiversity. It's vital to stay informed and understand the specifics of each species. If you suspect a borer infestation, take the time to research and consult experts to identify the species correctly and take appropriate action. Understanding the nature of these borers can help in managing these pests effectively and safeguarding

## **Sunrise View embraces new academic** year with positivity and enthusiasm

Rustenburg - On the morning of Wednesday, 17 Drawing an artistic parallel, she encouraged the January 2024, the gates of Sunrise View Secondary School swung open, ushering in a fresh academic year filled with new opportunities and familiar faces. The school's headmaster. Ophilia Sathekge, stood at the forefront of this new beginning, extending a hearty welcome to learners, parents, teachers, and members of the school governing body.

In her address, Ms. Sathekge championed the virtues of a positive mindset, not just in personal development but as a cornerstone of academic success. "A positive attitude is more than a state of mind," she remarked. "It's a mechanism that transforms challenges into stepping stones, paving the way for growth and resilience."

school community to view the academic year as a blank canvas. "Our thoughts and attitudes are the brushstrokes that will paint this year's experiences. Let's approach each day with vigour, transform challenges into opportunities, and cultivate a brave 'can-do' attitude," she inspired.

The event also served as a platform for introducing new milestones and faces. Ms. Sathekge proudly presented the newly appointed prefect body, a group of students entrusted with leadership roles, symbolising the school's commitment to nurturing future leaders. The gathering also welcomed new teachers

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- Formalise the authorisation of existing lawful dams that were constructed before 1999.
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## Have your say / Sê jou sê

#### Do you think it's OK that a child can choose to quit school when they turn 15?

In South Africa, children must attend school from age 7 to 15, or until they complete Grade 9, whichever comes first. While it's understood that some learners may not be able to complete their matric (Grade 12) due to various reasons, the question arises: Should the decision to leave school early be in the hands of the children themselves? Or should the expectation be to stay in school until completing Grade 12?



No! While a 15-year-old may feel independent and knowledgeable leaving school is a significant decision with long-term consequences that require maturity and guidance beyond what most teenagers possess. Education plays a crucial role in

shaping their future, and prematurely abandoning it can limit their opportunities and potential. It's essential for adolescents to receive support and guidance from adults who can help them make informed choices that prioritise their long-term wellbeing and development. Danika Minnaar



No! At 15, they are merely children! Minors! At that age they can't even get their learner's license! However, the answer could differ based on the circumstances of the teen and financial issues. Tiffany Pace

### **PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!**

Do you think it's OK that a child can choose to quit school when they turn 15?

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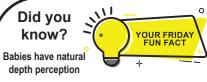
#### **Should parents monitor** their kids' cellphones?

In today's digital age, children often use cellphones and other devices to communicate and interact online, including playing games with strangers. While some argue that monitoring a child's cellphone is a necessary step to protect them from potential dangers, such as inappropriate contact from adults and sexual predators, others view it as an invasion of the child's privacy. What is your opinion on this matter? Here's how you can participate. Email us at news@platinumweekly. co.za news@platinumbushvelder.co.za or WhatsApp your response to 081 579 7000. Include the following:

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## **#SpreadYourWings!**

Rustenburg - On Monday morning, 22 January 2024, Bergsig Akademie/ Academy warmly welcomed back their top three academic achievers from the 'Class of 2023'.

In a prestigious ceremony, these students - Zander Schoeman, Danté Combrink, and Melissa Venter - were honoured with the 'Award of the Light', a time-honoured tradition at Bergsig. Each of these outstanding learners received the 'Lumen Naturale' award, proudly presented by Bergsig Academy's principal. Karin Potgieter.

Congratulations on your exceptional results! As a school community, we are deeply humbled by your remarkable achievements. 'Feet, what do I need you for when I have wings to fly?' We wish you all the best in your future endeavours and remain incredibly proud of you!

## **Future Boys Football Club triumphs** in Rulfa Super League match

Rustenburg – In an extraordinary display of skill and teamwork, Rustenburg's own Future Boys Football Club clinched a decisive 10-0 victory against Ebenezer in Sunday's Rulfa Super League match on 28 January 2024.

This impressive win was highlighted by the outstanding performances of 17-year-old Odirile Mdutshane and 19-year-old Joseph Manjate, who each achieved a hat trick, a remarkable feat where a player scores three goals in a single game.

Looking ahead, the Future Boys are set to face Roots United in a highly anticipated match on

Sunday 4 February 2024. This home game, scheduled for 15:30 at Bokamoso Battle Sports Grounds, promises to be a pivotal moment in the fight for the first position in the league.

Future Boys Football Club is

inviting soccer enthusiasts under the age of 19 to join the team and be part of this exciting journey. For those interested, please contact team manager Chris Lebese at 078 769 7351 to learn more.



Rustenburg - On Saturday 30 March 2024, the harmonious heart of Rustenburg beats together in support of one of its most melodious sons. A fundraiser, organised by Zelda Vermeulen and associates, will resonate through the Hunters Pub and Grill, echoing a community's unwavering support for Pieter Naudé, an esteemed local singer and entertainer.

Pieter Naudé, whose voice and spirit have been instrumental in orchestrating Rustenburg's music scene for over two decades, faces a formidable challenge. His battle against an aggressive form of cancer has struck a chord within the community.

"Pieter's melodies and performances have been the soundtrack of our lives for 24 years. Now, as he confronts this relentless

illness, it's our turn to orchestrate support and send harmonious hope his way," expressed Zelda Vermeulen, the driving force behind the event. "This fundraiser is more than an event; it's a symphony of solidarity for Pieter during his time of

Demonstrating the resilient spirit that has always echoed in his performances, Pieter Naudé intends to grace the event, albeit briefly.

For details on participating or hosting a stall, or making a donation, please contact Zelda Vermeulen through WhatsApp at 073 248 8504 or via phone at

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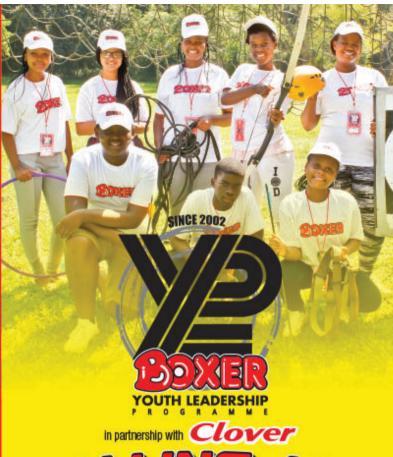














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