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In the shadow of the SA Post Office's drastic move, with business rescue practitioners dispatching 4,700 retrenchment notices, the announcement of the Rustenburg CBD Post Office being "temporarily closed" raises eyebrows.

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Witnessing the END OF AN ERA



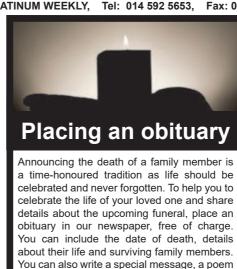
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ALERT: CAUTION ADVISED ON HELEN JOSEPH BRIDGE FOLLOWING HIJACK ALERT

Rustenburg - A social media alert has raised concerns among Rustenburg residents after a local reported a near-hijack experience on the Helen Joseph Bridge. The alarming post was shared on a popular Rustenburg community page on Facebook on Friday 5 April 2024, urging fellow community members to exercise caution

Despite efforts by Platinum Weekly to contact the individual for further details and to better inform the public, the attempts remained unsuccessful.



In response to the incident, Platinum Weekly sought clarity from law enforcement authorities. Police spokesperson colonel Adele Myburgh confirmed that no formal hijack case related to the incident on Helen Joseph bridge had been reported to the police. However, colonel Myburgh emphasised the significance of safety precautions for motorists, especially during stops at traffic lights. "Please be cautious when driving. When you stop at the red light, be vigilant and ensure your windows are closed to minimise the risk of hijacking, particularly at night."

In liefdevolle herinnering



Wyle Denica de Lange (28) is tragies oorlede op 8 April 2024 weens natuurlike oorsake. Haar roudiens vind op Dinsdag 16 April 2024 om 11:00 plaas 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 roudiens van wyle Suzie Visagie (54), oorlede op 7 April 2024, vind op Maandag 15 April 2024 plaas om 11:00 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.



Ons onthou met liefde wyle Tillie Raschke (71), oorlede op 3 April 2024. Haar gedenkdiens vind op Vrydag 12 April 2024 om 15:00 plaas vanuit die NG Kerk Moedergemeente, Fatima Bayatstraat, 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.



Ons onthou met liefde wyle Tina Ludik (95). oorlede op 8 April 2024. Haar gedenkdiens vind op Donderdag 11 April 2024 om 11:00 plaas vanuit die Kosmos Saal te Rusoord Ouetehuis, 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.



Ons onthou met liefde wyle Ruaan van Zyl (32), oorlede op 26 Maart 2024. Die troosdiens vind op Vrydag 12 April 2024 om 11:00 plaas vanuit die PPK Rustenburg Wes-gemeente, Klopperstraat, 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.



Ons onthou met liefde wyle Manie Beukman (85), oorlede op 8 April 2024. Sy gedenkdiens vind op Donderdag 11 April 2024 om 11:00 plaas vanuit die Hervormde Kerk, Rustenburg Kloof-Gemeente, Manukalaan, 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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Stamping out tradition: from letters to layoffs

Rustenburg - In an era of instant messaging March 2024. The obligatory 60-day process and digital communication, the traditional postal service still holds a crucial place in input between the Employee Committee, the hearts and lives of many South Africans. It's not just about sending letters or parcels; it's about a lifeline for sending hard-earned money to loved ones, accessing social benefits like the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) funds, and keeping the flame of long-distance relationships alive through handwritten letters.

Ghost building

However, a recent visit by the Platinum 40 to 45 individuals is going to be laid off." Weekly newspaper to the post offices in Rustenburg's Central Business District reveals a sobering reality. The once-busy time, but further details are expected to be Rustenburg CBD Post Office in Loop Street revealed soon. stands temporarily closed, a casualty of a burglary and symbolic of a larger trend of closures and retrenchments nationwide.

An anonymous postman shared, "The post to serve the public, standing as a beacon of office here has been closed since last year. resilience amidst widespread closures. Operations have moved to Tlhabane, but it's not just about relocating. It's about witnessing the end of an era."

4.700 Retrenchment letters sent

practitioners have begun sending out 4,700 retrenchment letters to staff who will lose their jobs.

Louise Brugman, a Post Office Business has resulted in hundreds, if not thousands, Rescue practitioner told the Platinum Weekly of undelivered letters littering the premises, that: "This closure is part of a nationwide a symbol of the disrupted connections and scale-back that sees the South African communications within the community. Post Office (SAPO) grappling with massive retrenchments and reducing its branch Community impact network from 1,023 to 653 branches." Approximately 235 branches are closing, with the SAPO business rescue practitioners overseeing the redirection of parcels and Post Office closed, "It costs a lot to travel mail, along with the auctioning of assets from here, only to find it closed. I don't know what the closed branches.

January 2024 and were completed on 22 post office, "This place looks forgotten."

was extended as further negotiations and the relevant unions and the Post Office were deemed appropriate. It was further agreed retrenchment payments would take place over 8 months in 4 payments.

The company went into business rescue in July 2023 due to financial difficulties.

Additionally, regarding the recent cutbacks at the Post Offices, a postal worker disclosed, "In the Bojanala district alone, approximately The exact number of positions eliminated in Rustenburg remains uncertain at this

Stamped out...

Currently, the Tlhabane post office continues

Unfortunately, the Zinniaville branch has shut its doors due to unresolved rental issues. The trend of closures is not new; Kroondal's post office ceased operations in 2022, followed by Koster's closure earlier this year. These The SA Post Office's business rescue abandoned facilities now face a significant challenge with vandalism, leaving them in

Tragically, the aftermath of these closures

The impact on the community is real. Skimpin Kube, a resident from Kanana, expressed his dismay upon finding the Rustenburg CBD to do; I have no money left to go home."

The retrenchment process as determined Similarly, Dillon James, another community by the Labour Relations Act was facilitated member, recalls memories of sending letters by the CCMA. Facilitations began on 4 to his grandmother through this particular

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Looking ahead

With closures, vandalism at abandoned buildings, and a national debate on the SAPO's "alleged" monopoly on certain services, the postal service's future is in Who's next on the chopping block? question.

Mondli Gunqubele said he intends to review What's the next slice of our everyday life certain services, including parcel deliveries wonder about what we're losing in the name under 1kg. Gungubele said he wished to of "progress".

consult the public in this regard and gave interested parties until Wednesday, 6 March 2024 to submit their comments.)

First, we said goodbye to the milkman. Now, (Earlier this year, communications minister it looks like the postman's not far behind. the South African Post Office's monopoly on that's going to disappear? It makes you

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF AN ATMOSPHERIC EMISSION LICENSE

THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: AIR QUALITY ACT (39 OF 2004)

Notice is hereby given that a variation application will be made in terms of section 46 (variation of atmospheric emission licence) of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act No.39 of 2004) by Glencore Operations (Pty) Ltd - Wonderkop Smelter, a Glencore Merafe Venture Operation, located on Farm Brakspruit 299 JQ, Old Marikana Road, Marikana, North West Province to the Air Quality Officer of the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality for an Atmospheric Emission License (BPDM/WONDERKOP/SEPTEMBER2020). An application for an AEL variation is being made regarding condition 5 of the AEL, which exceeds the threshold of 100,000 tons for subcategory 5.1, concerning the storage and handling of ore and coal, thus Glencore Wonderkop request that BPDM include subcategory 5.1 in the AEL to ensure that is aligned to the plant conditions as listed below:

Category of listed activity	Sub-Category of the listed activity	Name of the listed activity	Description of the listed activity
Category 4: Metallurgical Industry	Subcategory 4.5	Sinter Plants	Sinter plants for agglomeration of fine ores using a heating process, including sinter cooling where applicable
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Category 5: Mineral Processing, Storage & Handling	Subcategory 5.1	Storage and Handling of Ore and Coal	Storage and handling of ore and coal not situated on the premises of a mine or works as defined in the Mines Health and Safety Act 29/1996. Locations designed to hold more than 100 000 tons .

Interested and affected parties are invited to submit comments on this application process within 14 (fourteen) days from the date of publication of this notice by submitting written comments to the Environmental Department at email: $\underline{\textbf{bertha.mahapa@glencore.co.za}} \text{ or } \\$ fax: 014 572 0002. Documentation related to the application is available on request from the same email address

Alternatively, contact the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality Air Quality Officer at cnr. Beyers Naude and Fatima Bhayat Drive, Rustenburg 0030; tel. 014 590 4500; or email: info@bojanala.gov.za

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Between the wild and the cage: South Africa's lion industry at a turning point

The government's stance and report

- Legislation update: On April 3 2024, minister
 of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment,
 Barbara Creasy released a report by the
 Ministerial Task Team on voluntary exit strategies
 from the captive lion industry, which has been
 approved by the Cabinet for implementation.
- Key concerns: The report likely addresses ethical concerns about animal welfare, the impact on conservation efforts, and the broader implications for South Africa's wildlife and international reputation.

Industry perspective

- Conservation and care: Those within the industry, such as the anonymous source who spoke to Platinum Weekly, argue that they provide care, meet dietary needs, and contribute to conservation by keeping lions that are vulnerable to extinction alive and well. Income derived from these 'captive' lions also contribute financially to the upkeep of other wildlife and nature conservation.
- Economic impact: The industry supports jobs and contributes to local economies through tourism and ancillary services on a much larger scale than people think.

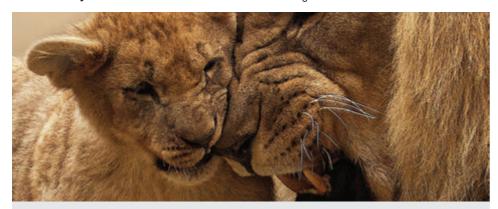
Ethical and ecological considerations

Vulnerability to extinction: The International

Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) lists lions as vulnerable to extinction.

- Illegal poaching and trade: The threat of poaching and illegal trade is significant, with some arguing that captivity provides a safer environment for lions.
- Ethical concerns about captivity: Critics argue that keeping lions in captivity for profit, under the guise of conservation, poses ethical questions, especially when involving practices like canned hunting.
- Trophy hunting: Dr. Craig Packer, one of the world's pre-eminent lion experts, has estimated that "80% of the lions left in the world are in the hunters' hands". Put another way, hunting concessions 'protect' many more lions than do national parks in Africa. In practice, in very few places in Africa does trophy hunting fulfil its conservation mandate. Too often, corruption in the awarding of hunting concessions means that it is wealthy interests with close ties to government officials who win the contracts rather than conservation-minded hunters.

The challenge lies in balancing economic realities with ethical and ecological considerations, aiming for a future where lions and other vulnerable species can thrive both in the wild and under human care, in ways that respect their wellbeing and ecological roles.



The question remains: Should we let nature run its course, risking lions to roam towards an uncertain fate, potentially demoting these majestic beings to mere memories captured in photographs and digital archives? Or do we embrace our stewardship, safeguarding their existence with intention and care, as duty and compassion dictate?



This isn't a story, it's a journey.

I'm Ofentse Jerimiah More, a farmer from Bethanie village in the North West. Before Glencore and Agri-SETA, I worked the land, but a year of intensive training changed my trajectory. Through Glencore's collaboration with Agri-SETA, I unlocked a treasure trove of knowledge. The art of mixing fertilisers, forming farmer alliances, and gaining financial access became my toolkit for success.

Today, I specialise in wheat, soybeans, sunflowers, and even livestock. As the winter wheat sprouts, I tend to its growth, applying top dressing with care. Yet my vision extends far beyond the fields. I dream of a comprehensive school that nurtures young minds in hands-on skills from carpentry to agriculture.

This journey isn't mine alone; it's the pulse of a community empowered. Through Glencore and Agri-SETA, I stand prepared to face the future – one of expansiveness, thriving land, and knowledge shared.

Thank you, Glencore, for cultivating not just crops but a better tomorrow.

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BUS CARRYING RUSTENBURG LEARNERS CRASHES NEAR HOPETOWN

Rustenburg – A bus carrying learners and teachers from the North West province met with an accident on Sunday 7 April 2024, while they were traveling to an athletics event. The incident occurred approximately 60 kilometres from Hopetown, along the route to Kimberley.

The North West Department of Education has confirmed that the bus was transporting 37 learners and two teachers from the North West province. They were returning from the Secondary School Track and Field Athletics event held in the Western Cape. Fortunately, there have been no fatalities reported. However, one teacher has been hospitalised in Kimberley with serious injuries sustained in the accident.

Chris Scott, the headmaster of Oom Paul School of Skills in Rustenburg, expressed his relief and gratitude that all his learners and staff involved are safe. "Oom Paul School is very grateful that our children and staff are safe after being involved in a bus accident. We pray and trust that the injured will recover soon and completely," he said.

The local community and the families of the students and teachers involved have been rallying support for those affected. The North West Department of Education is currently coordinating with local authorities and the school to ensure that all necessary assistance is provided to the injured teacher and the students who experienced this traumatic event.







PUBLIC NOTICE - REVISED SERVICE **DELIVERY AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SDBIP)** 2023/2024

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 54(3) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003) (MFMA) that the Revised Top Layer Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) for the 2023/2024 financial year was adopted by Council on 29th of March 2024.

The above documents can be viewed on the municipal website at www.moseskotane.gov.za

Enquiries regarding the revised SDBIP please contact Miss M. Pilane (Manager PMS) on 014 555 1530 during office hours.

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OPERATION SHANELA YIELDS OVER 1,000 ARRESTS IN 7 DAYS

NW - In a sweeping crackdown against crime, North West police, in collaboration with various law enforcement bodies, have successfully executed Operation Shanela. This intensive week-long operation, spanning from 1 to 7 April 2024, has resulted in the arrest of 1,011 suspects involved in a wide array of criminal activities. Brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone detailed: "The operation targeted individuals involved in serious crimes, including aggravated robbery, murder, attempted murder, and assault with the intent to inflict grievous bodily harm. Additionally, offenses such as drug dealing, illegal liquor trade, drug possession, burglary, and driving under the influence have been addressed."

The operation was not only focused on apprehending suspects actively engaged in criminal activities but also aimed at locating and arresting those with outstanding warrants. "Of the 1,011 arrested, 392 were wanted individuals, successfully captured through targeted detective-led raids," brigadier Mokgwabone added.



The scale of Operation Shanela's reach and its achievements are noteworthy. Throughout the operation, 128 premises were searched, along with 2,523 individuals and 1,270 vehicles. These efforts led to the seizure of a considerable amount of contraband, including alcohol, precious metals, cellular phones various drugs, seven firearms, copper cables, and two vehicles.

ILLEGAL MINING OPERATION UNCOVERED IN HARTBEESPOORT

Hartbeespoort Dam - In a crackdown on illegal mining, a coordinated operation named 'Vala Umgodi' unfolded in Hartbeespoort on Wednesday 3 April 2024. Spearheaded by a coalition of forces, including units from the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the South African National Defence Force (SANDF), the operation led to the arrest of six individuals and the seizure of a significant cache of unauthorised mining equipment. Brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone has revealed the operation's success stems from a unified effort to clamp down on illegal mining activities that have long plagued the region. The suspects were apprehended for various offenses, notably contravention of the Immigration Act, 2002, highlighting the multifaceted approach of the operation.

Among the arrested, four suspects — originating from Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and Malawi — were detained and subsequently appeared before the Brits Magistrates' Court on Friday 5 April 2024. They are scheduled for a plea hearing on Tuesday 23 April and Thursday 25 April 2024. Another individual, also from Mozambique, faces charges under the same act and awaits further court proceedings on 12 May 2024.

Lieutenant general Sello Kwena, the North West provincial commissioner, commended the collective efforts of all parties involved



The operation's haul included 28 phenduka machines, five gas cylinders, two cutting torches, a generator, six hammers, a water pump, 78 bags of gold-bearing material, a jack hammer, and various other implements used in illicit mining operations. This seizure not only underscores the scale of the operation but also the commitment of law enforcement agencies to curb the environmental and economic impacts of illegal mining.

Rustenburg Crime Combatting Forum: GUARDIANS OF THE NIGHT



Rustenburg – When night falls over the city, a dedicated group of volunteers takes to the streets, ensuring the safety and peace of the community. They are the Rustenburg Crime Combatting Forum (RCCF), a beacon of hope and security in the shadow of the night. With their vigilant patrols and unwavering commitment, they allow residents to sleep soundly, knowing that someone is always on the lookout.

RCCF collaborates effectively with other neighbourhood watches, fostering cooperation and extending their heartfelt thanks to all

A commitment to safety

At the helm of RCCF is chairperson Kobus Ferreira, who speaks with pride about the team's mission. "The services that RCCF provides are completely free," Ferreira states. "I cannot express enough gratitude to our team for the exceptional services delivered to the community. We urge everyone to remain alert and report any suspicious activity to our administrators. A heartfelt thank you to all who have contributed to keeping our city safe."

In times of need

For emergencies, the RCCF has set up a direct line to their dedicated admin, Ansie Pretorius, who manages the emergency phone 24/7 out of sheer dedication to the cause.

- Emergency contact: Ansie Pretorius at 074 327 3041
- Chairperson: Kobus Ferreira at 079 522 7708 Vice-chairperson: Dawid Fourie at 082 556 1648
- The backbone of RCCF

The forum operates as a non-profit company (NPC), relying on the generosity of its members and the community for support. They boast a small but formidable team of volunteers who balance their day jobs with their commitment to community

safety. Despite their limited numbers and resources, they make a significant impact, assisted by local security companies and the South African Police Service (SAPS) in times when direct intervention is needed.

The emergency line, operated through a dedicated contract phone, requires funding to maintain its essential service. Thankfully, Evotel has generously provided sponsorship, not only supporting us with a fibre data line but also supplying name boards at no cost for all our members to display at their homes or businesses, enhancing our visibility and presence within the community. We express our profound gratitude to Evotel for their invaluable support.

A community effort

RCCF is more than a neighbourhood watch; it's a testament to what can be achieved when a community comes together for a common cause. Operating within the law's confines, RCCF serves as the eyes and ears for SAPS, playing a critical role in maintaining order and safety in Rustenburg.

Reporting an emergency

- In case of an emergency, residents are encouraged to:
- Call an admin directly, using the provided contact numbers.
- Share as much information as possible, either over the phone or through WhatsApp.
- The RCCF team will coordinate with security companies and SAPS to ensure a swift and effective response.

RCCF greetings

The Rustenburg Crime Combatting Forum extends its deepest gratitude to all who support their mission. Through collaboration and vigilance, they remain dedicated to making Rustenburg a safer place for everyone.









2024 SASSA grant payment dates: sassa mark your calendars!

Have your SASSA grant payments been approved? If so, you might be wondering about the specific dates when you can expect to receive your payments for 2024. The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) plays a pivotal role in administering social grants, offering crucial financial assistance to millions of South Africans each year.

Below, you will find the scheduled payment dates:

	Older Persons Grant	Disability Grant	Child Support Grant, Foster Child Grant, Care Dependency Grant, and War Veterans Grant	SRD Grant (Social Relief Distress Grant)
April 2024	3 April 2024	4 April 2024	5 April 2024	Last 10 days of April 2024
May 2024	3 May 2024	6 May 2024	7 May 2024	Last 10 days of May 2024
June 2024	4 June 2024	5 June 2024	6 June 2024	Last 10 days of June 2024
July 2024	2 July 2024	3 July 2024	4 July 2024	Last 10 days of July 2024
August 2024	2 August 2024	5 August 2024	6 August 2024	Last 10 days of August 2024
September 2024	3 September 2024	4 September 2024	5 September 2024	Last 10 days of September 2024
October 2024	2 October 2024	3 October 2024	4 October 2024	Last 10 days of October 2024
November 2024	5 November 2024	6 November 2024	7 November 2024	Last 10 days of November 2024
December 2024	3 December 2024	4 December 2024	5 December 2024	Last 10 days of December 2024

Yard theft alarms

[letter to the editor]

Rustenburg – I've noticed something weird. People in town are all over Facebook moaning about their stuff getting stolen right out of their yards. Totally get it — it stinks to have your stuff taken after you've worked hard to get it. But let's be real for a sec: at least these sneaky thieves are just swiping stuff from the yard and not barging into our houses, right? Kinda makes you weirdly thankful in a twisted way.

But here's what's really got me scratching my head. Why is everyone airing their dirty laundry on Facebook about this? It's like yelling, "Hey, come check out my yard, you might find something cool to take!" If a thief peeks over your fence and spots a bike or something else just chilling there, it's practically an invite. We're in South Africa, guys! If it's precious to you, maybe don't leave it out for the taking.

And then there's the thing about leaving tools out. Like, hammers, screwdrivers, or even a panga if you've been chopping stuff in the yard. Leaving this stuff out isn't just careless; it's dangerous. These things can turn into weapons against you. The cops keep saying this, but it seems like it's not sinking in. The bad guys won't walk around with weapons — they'll just pick up what you've left out for them. So, how about we all take a bit more care? Light up your yards so you can actually see what's happening out there. It's about being a bit smarter.



Niel Cillié co-authored and took many of

the photographs in this book

Struggling to tell eagles, hawks, and falcons apart?



The Juvenile African Goshawk

Rustenburg – Have you ever found yourself gazing skywards, perplexed by the majestic flight of raptors, yet puzzled at your inability to tell apart eagles, hawks, and falcons? You're not alone. These predators, defined by their keen hunting skills during the daylight, boast characteristics that awe and confuse in equal measure.

With their robust, hooked beaks, formidable talons, and expressions that exude dominance, raptors embody the wild's unbridled essence. However, the real challenge lies in their identification, complicated by the myriad of juveniles, morphs, and species that include eagles, hawks, buzzards, harriers, kites, falcons, vultures, and even the unique Secretarybird.

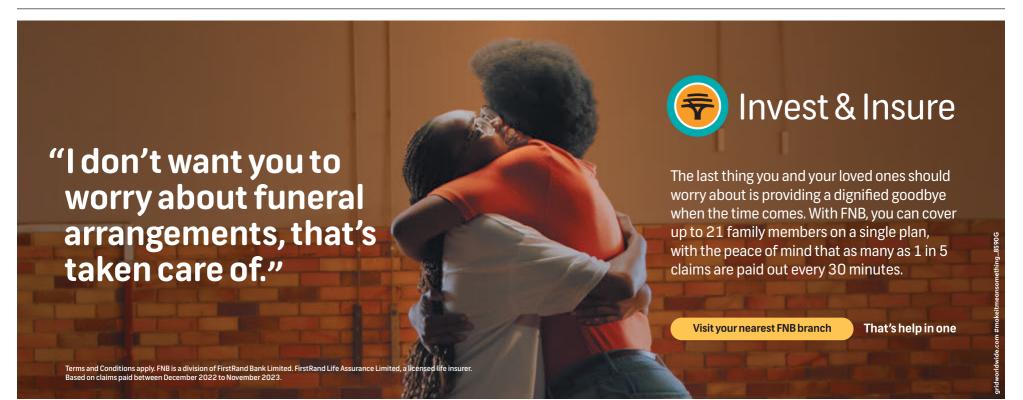
This month, BirdLife Rustenburg shines a spotlight on the art of distinguishing these majestic birds, with a special emphasis on accipiters. Neil Cillié, a name synonymous with raptor expertise, particularly the Ayres's Hawk-Eagle, will lead this month's

.. .

Cillié, whose initial fascination began at the University of Pretoria, has since evolved into a revered figure in raptor study. His journey into the realm of these birds of prey around 2010 has established him as a beacon of knowledge in South Africa's ornithological circles. Through his lens and words, he has coauthored insightful publications, enriching the birdwatching community's understanding and appreciation of these avian predators.

The upcoming BirdLife Rustenburg meeting promises an evening of learning and discovery. Scheduled for Monday 15 April 2024 at the Methodist Church located at the corner of Brink and Schuurman Streets, Rustenburg, the event begins at 18:30. It's an open invitation to both members and enthusiasts yet to join, with a nominal fee of R30 for non-members.

For more information, reach out to Charles Foot at 073 452 3874.



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NOTICE OF DECISION TO GRANT ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION IN TERMS OF REGULATION NO: 983 (LISTING NOTICE 1; ACTIVITY 20), AS AMENDED ON 04 DECEMBER 2014 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)

MH Kekana and Sons Pty Ltd lodged a prospecting right application for Chrome ore, Coal, Cobalt, Diamond in kimberlite, Emerald, (Gemstone) Manganese ore, Nickel ore, rare earth and Uranium with the Department of Mineral Resources and Resources (DMRE) in terms of section 16 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 2002 (Act 28 of 2002), Ref No: NW 30/5/1/11/3/13532PR in respect of the farm Bezuiddenhoutskraal 96 JR, situated in the Magisterial District of Bojanala, Northwest Region. The area is situated at Mogogelo.

Department of Mineral Resources has granted the Environmental Authorization in terms of (NEMA) Regulation No: 983 (Listing notice 1: Activity 20).

Your attention is drawn to chapter 2 of the National Appeal Regulation which regulates appeal procedures. Should you/any person affected by this decision wish to appeal any aspects of this decision must, inter alia, lodge an appeal within 20 days to the Department of Environmental Affairs and a copy of such appeal to the Department of Mineral Resources and Resources Klerksdorp from the date of notification. Interested and affected parties (I&AP) are hereby requested to raise their concerns, objection, issues and appeal within 20 days of this notice to on the following:

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We are looking for the biological Parents of Palesa Moshoeshoe. Her mother is Mpone Moshoeshoe. Kindly Contact Miss A Moloko on 014 537 2014 or amoloko.socialworker@gmail.com if you have any information.

We are looking for the mother of Naledi Goitsemodimo, which is Miss Lesego Salvation Goitsemodimo. If you have any information please contact us on 0145372014 or amoloko.socialworker@qmail.com.

We are looking for the mother of Thato Molongwa. If you have any information kindly contact miss A Moloko on 014 537 2014 or amoloko.socialworker@gmail.com.

We are looking for the father of Kaboentle Molongwa. Last known name is "Dan". Kindly contact Miss A Moloko on 014 537 2014 or amoloko.socialworker@gmail.com if you have any information.

Lee Academy Netball Club rocks!

Rustenburg – On Saturday 6 April 2024 the East End Sport Grounds buzzed with energy and competition as it hosted the thrilling Round 2 of the Athletico Netball Junior League. Among the standout performers was the Lee Academy Netball Club (NC), who not only faced tough competitors but emerged victorious in all three of their matches, setting the grounds ablaze with their skill and determination.

The club's first triumph came against the Mighty Rascals NC, the leading team, with a decisive 23-13 win. Their momentum didn't stop there; Lee Academy NC went on to dominate Club 10 East-End NC with an overwhelming 34-3 scoreline. Rounding off their successful day, they clinched a 26-15 victory over Unforgettable Girls NC. These wins are particularly impressive, considering the formidable reputations of their opponents.

With only two more games scheduled for May, the Lee Academy Netball Club is on a clear path to the semi-finals.

For more details on the league, upcoming matches, or information on how to get involved, reach out to Naledi Rakhudu, the league's team manager, at 073 435 5565.



CASMAR Impala Rugby Club kicks off Neser-A Cup

Rustenburg – On Saturday 6 April 2024, our local rugby scene came alive as the CASMAR Impala Rugby Club faced off against Sibanye Stillwater Rugby Club in the opening match of the Neser-A Cup. The event took place at the Sibanye Stillwater Rugby Grounds.

In a challenging day for the CASMAR Impala teams, the first team encountered a tough match, culminating in a 33-12 defeat. The second team also faced hurdles, ending the game with a score of 27-15 in favour of Sibanye Stillwater. Despite these setbacks, the teams demonstrated commendable skill and determination, promising exciting matches in the upcoming fixtures.

The Impala Vixens, the club's dedicated ladies' team, showcased their skills on the field with a commanding victory over the North West University (NWU) Mafikeng team. With a final score of 24-0, the Vixens' performance was a highlight of the day, underscoring their strength and teamwork.

Looking ahead, the CASMAR Impala Rugby Club is set to take on Welkom Rugby Club this Saturday, 13 April 2024. The match will be held at the Impala Rugby Club fields, promising another day of thrilling rugby action. Fans and community members are encouraged to come out and support their teams, cheering them on to victory!



Sindiswa Kaledi, pali in nand: a moment of focus and determination as Sindiswa Kaledi prepares to make a play.



Victory (Veve) Molokwabe and Aneke Minnie share a moment of camaraderie







SUPPORT OUR YOUNG ADULTS' TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE Fundraiser

Dear Community,

It's with a mix of pride and urgency that we share with you a significant milestone at Lighthouse. Our first cohort of children is on the brink of adulthood, with several turning 18 this year. As they reach this pivotal stage in their lives, it's imperative that we provide them with the necessary tools and opportunities to transition into independent, responsible young adults.

To address this pressing need, we want to purchase an additional house adjacent to our existing facility. This new residence will serve as a transitional home for our young adults as they prepare to leave our care and transition into independent living. Here, they will have the opportunity to learn essential life skills, assume responsibilities, and gradually ease into adulthood under our guidance and support.

However, to make this vision a reality, we urgently need to raise R700,000 to acquire the new property and make necessary preparations for its use. With children turning 18 every year starting from 2024, the need for this transitional housing becomes increasingly urgent.

We humbly appeal to your generosity and compassion to support us in this endeavor. We are pleased to offer a Section 18A tax clearance certificate for your donation, providing you with the added benefit of tax deductions.

Thank you for considering our plea and for your unwavering support of our mission. Together, we can empower these young adults to reach their full potential and thrive in the years ahead.

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Rustenburg's Louis Meintjes triumphs in Itzulia Basque Country



Rustenburg - Rustenburg's pride, Louis Meintjes, a professional road racing cyclist, has clinched a remarkable victory in Stage 4 of the Itzulia Basque Country race, showcasing his skill and determination. Riding for the Intermarché-Wanty team, Meintjes' success came through a daring solo breakaway, making his hometown and country incredibly proud.

The race, a part of the prestigious WorldTour calendar, took place in the scenic yet challenging terrains of the Basque Country, starting on Monday 1 April and concluding on Saturday 6 April. The event is renowned for its short, mountainous stages that test the mettle of cyclists from around

Meintjes' victory was, however, tinged with concern as a major crash on a sweeping right-hand bend dramatically affected the race dynamics, neutralising the peloton and impacting many pre-race favourites with about 36km remaining. The incident has stirred conversations about rider safety, overshadowing the competitive spirit

momentarily.

Speaking to Platinum Weekly, Johannes Meintjes, Louis' father, expressed immense pride in his son's achievements. "We are so proud of our son," he stated, reflecting on Louis' journey from graduating Bergsig Academy in 2010 to competing professionally for 12 years.

Louis himself shared his feelings about the race, highlighting his preparedness and ambition. "I had a good feeling throughout the day and felt ready to fight for the stage victory," he commented. "My thoughts go out to all riders involved in the crash. I wish them a speedy recovery."

Wearing the mountain jersey in the coming days will serve as added motivation for Meintjes as he sets his sights on the upcoming Tour de Romandie in Switzerland, a 6-day race taking place from 23 to 28 April 2024.

As Louis Meintjes prepares for his next challenge, his story continues to inspire many in Rustenburg and beyond, highlighting the resilience and passion that define the world of professional cycling.

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Have your say / Sê jou sê

Do you think it should be legal to make your own fuel?

As petrol prices are skyrocketing (again), and our electric car dreams get short-circuited thanks to our "reliable" electricity supply, some people think it's a bright idea to whip up their own petrol or diesel at home. Should DIY fuel be the next big thing, legal and all? Because, obviously, what could go wrong with mixing up a batch of fuel in your backyard? So, with fuel prices making us cry every month, here's a thought: Should making your own fuel be, okay? What about safety? If you're smart, it's very possible to create your own petrol, diesel, and even biodiesel. But... Let's hear it: Are you team "Let's make our own fuel" or team "Wait, that sounds explosive"?



No! People will make mistakes and easily cause explosions! The skills required are beyond the abilities of most people. Johan van der Westhuizen



No, first of all it is not realistic for one to make their own petrol for one cannot be in the possession of all the requirements of petrol making - which includes the use of fossil fuels which has exacted an enormous toll on humanity and the environment from air and water pollution to global warming. Joy Makumbe

PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Do you think it should be legal to make your own petrol?

NO 43% YES 57%

Should the captive lion industry be banned?

With lions facing near extinction and the constant threat of poaching for their body parts, the industry's conservation benefits are minimal and highly localised in Africa. In practice, in very few places in Africa does trophy hunting fulfil its conservation mandate. The government is currently considering a ban on the captivity of lions, including commercial use of lions and their products. Do you support making the captive lion industry illegal?

Here's how you can participate. Email us at news@platinumweekly.co.za or WhatsApp your response to 081 579 7000. Include the following:

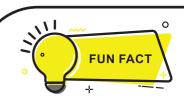
- Your answer: Yes or No
- Why? We want to hear from you!
- A recent photo We'd love to publish your pic alongside your answer!
- Your town/city
- Deadline Be sure to send your response before 12:00 on Monday, 15 April 2024.

Vote results: The outcome of the poll will be featured in our next issue. Be a part of our community's story!

P.S.: Don't forget, you can also voice your opinion on our Facebook post about this topic. Join the conversation!



Summer Spay Drive - Animal IQ	1 Mar - 30 Apr '24	Rustenburg: 213a Beyers Naude Drive Rtb	076-365-5235
BirdLife Rustenburg - Monthly Meeting Topic: Raptors – Sparrowhawks & Goshawks	15 Apr '24	Rustenburg: Methodist Church	073-452-3874
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Did you know?

Conservation critical: lions' survival hangs in balance

Did you know that lions, once widespread across the Middle East and Asia, now roam solely in Africa and India's Gir Forest? With their numbers dwindling to below 25,000, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) categorises them as vulnerable to extinction. This classification underscores the importance of protecting these majestic creatures to ensure their survival. Alarmingly, in

certain African regions, lions face a more dire status of "critically endangered," as their populations continue to decline rapidly. The conservation of lions is vital for maintaining biodiversity and ecological balance.





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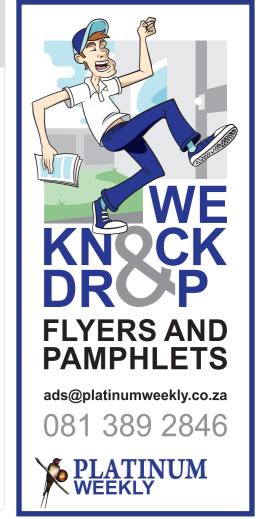
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The Humbled and Exalted Christ

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God. did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should

bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth. and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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and more!

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Rustenburg - In an exhilarating week of football, the ORBIT College Football Club (FC) engaged in two challenging matches, testing their skills against some formidable opponents.

On Tuesday, 3 April 2024, ORBIT College FC took to the field against Baroka FC at the Global Stadium in Lebowakgomo, with the match kicking off at 15:00. ORBIT College showcased their offensive prowess early in the game, with Siyabulela Mabele breaking the deadlock in the 32nd minute to put the visitors ahead. The match proceeded to halftime with ORBIT leading 1-0, a testament to their tactical discipline and defensive resilience. However, the dynamics of the game shifted dramatically in the closing stages. Baroka FC mounted a remarkable comeback, scoring two rapid-fire goals in the 87th minute and during injury time. These late efforts flipped the script, handing Baroka FC a 2-1 victory over ORBIT College.

Continuing their campaign, ORBIT College faced the formidable Magesi FC on Saturday, 6 April 2024, at the Old Peter Mokaba Stadium. The match commenced at 15:00 under clear skies, setting the stage for another intense encounter

Magesi FC, leading the league and known for their aggressive start, lived up to their reputation by netting an early goal in the 3rd minute, putting ORBIT on the back foot. The first half concluded with Magesi holding a slim 1-0 advantage. In the second half, Magesi FC continued to press, finding success once more in the 69th minute to extend their lead. Despite ORBIT College's efforts to rally and claw back into the game, the match ended with a 2-0 victory for Magesi FC

These back-to-back matches were a test of resilience and spirit for ORBIT College FC. Despite the outcomes, the team showcased moments of brilliance

VASTRAP SEUNS BLINK UIT!



Rustenburg - Laerskool Vastrap het Saterdag 6 April 2024 hul sportvaardighede ten toon gestel in 'n dag vol netbal- en rugbywedstryde teen Laerskool Stephanus Roos en Laerskool Elarduspark. Die o/13 rugbyspan van Laerskool Vastrap het 'n taai wedstryd teen Laerskool Stephanus Roos aangepak. Ten spyte van 'n sterk begin en 'n paar uitstekende spelbewegings, het Vastrap die wedstryd met 'n telling van 17-31 verloor. Dit was 'n wedstryd waar beide spanne hul alles gegee het, maar aan die einde het Stephanus Roos die oorhand gekry. In 'n ander kragmeting het Laerskool Vastrap se o/11 rugbyspan dit teen Laerskool Stephanus Roos opgeneem in 'n wedstryd wat die klein atlete se krag en vaardighede ten volle uitgelig het. Met 'n onbreekbare verdediging en

uitstekende spanwerk het Vastrap 'n oorwinning van 12-0 behaal. Spelers. afrigters. en ondersteuners van al drie skole saamgekom om die jeug se liefde vir sport te

Luan van den Berg



Nico Espach (right) securing third place.



From left: Mornè Petzer (third: 2 hours, 16 minutes), Anrich Barkhuizen (first: 2 hours, 15 minutes), and Danie du Plooy (second: 2 hours, 16 minutes) in the 65km category.

Rustenburg - The Rustenburg Cycling Club (RCC) marked a successful outing at the Vlaklaagte Mountain Bike & Trail Race on Saturday 6 April 2024. Held at the picturesque Farm Hoogenbomen in Lindleyspoort, the event saw club members excel across various categories

RCC cyclists excel at Vlaklaagte Race



Anrich Barkhuizen, victor of the 65km race.



Lynn van Tonder, first in the Grand Master Age category and second overall in the women's

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2024 **Varsity Cup**



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Hurricanes 09:05 Chiefs • Rebels 11:35 Highlanders

Nag ou grote...

INAUGURAL BILL ROWAN THREE BRIDGES ULTRA MARATHON: a tribute to a running legend

Koster - The Koster Marathon Club proudly announced its annual Bill Rowan Three Bridges Ultra Marathon, set to take place on Sunday 21 April 2024. This event not only honours the legendary athlete Bill Rowan, but also serves as a qualifying race for the esteemed Comrades Marathon. The marathon will feature three distances: a 50km ultra marathon starting at 06:30, a 10km race beginning at 06:45, and a 5km fun run at 07:00. Athletes and enthusiasts are encouraged to mark their calendars and ensure their participation by registering before the online closing date on 19 April. On-site registration will be available on 20 April, for one day only. Registration fees are set at R350 for the 50km, R150 for the 10km, and R100 for the 5km. Participants can collect their race numbers at T&T Slaghuis, Derby. For more information or to enter the race, visit www.kostermara co.za or contact 083 950 4230 or 078 488 7757.

Bill Rowan, the legacy behind the marathon

But who was Bill Rowan, and why does this marathon bear his name? A fascinating story submitted by a local reader, featuring old newspaper clippings, sheds light on this remarkable figure from Koster. On 24 May 1921, Bill Rowan, a farmer from Koster, made history by winning the first Comrades Marathon. A memorable story from that day involves a troop of boy scouts, including a 12-year-old Vernon Jones, who would go on to become a significant recorder of Comrades history. They witnessed Rowan, covered in dust and sweat, running alongside a convoy of motor vehicles — a rare sight in those days. Rowan's determination and his accurate prediction of finishing the race in nine hours, one minute ahead of his estimated time, left an indelible mark on the event's history.

The Bill Rowan medal, introduced in the year 2000 and named in his honour, commemorates his victory and the standard he set with a finishing time of 8hrs 59min. This medal represents the spirit of endurance, perseverance, and the rich history of the Comrades Marathon. The inaugural Bill Rowan Three Bridges Ultra Marathon is more than just a race; it's a celebration of a legacy, a testament to the enduring spirit of runners, and an invitation to be part of history. Join us in paying tribute to a local legend and making your mark in the world of long-distance running!



Bill Rowan triumphed at the first Comrades Marathon in 1921.

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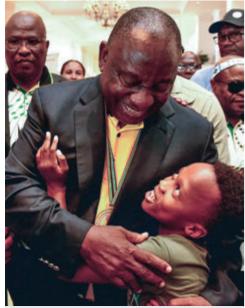




Participants of Tokon Shotokan Karate



champions triumph WUKF



President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa, shares a moment with Tanu Zepe, illustrating the national pride in our karate champions

Rustenburg - In a display of skill and discipline, the TSKKIA All Styles Federation, with clubs from across South Africa including Rustenburg, Mooinooi, Polokwane, Cape Town, Ellisras, Pretoria, and Lydenburg, sent competitors to participate in the prestigious Afro/Asia World Union of Karate-Championships, held in Port Elizabeth from 22 to 24 March 2024.

Kancho Albert is the founder and head instructor of the Tokon Shotokan Karate A/C International, and of the Traditional Styles Known Knowledge in Action (TSKKIA)

Venter expressed his pride in the performance and spirit of the competitors. "I am super proud of Rustenburg and the entire TSKKIA All Styles Federation," he stated, highlighting the success of the participants in a competition that drew over 1,500 competitors from across Africa, Asia, Scotland, America, England, France, and various smaller countries, along with 25 local federations.

stature, was hosted by the World Union Karate-Do Federations International. It provided a platform for

extremely well and in one single action we largest federations in South Africa," Venter added.

performances from students aged 6 to 12 and inclusive students who took home the first gold medals. The competition was fierce, with many participants facing international opponents for the first time. However, they demonstrated resilience and skill, winning their fights convincingly.

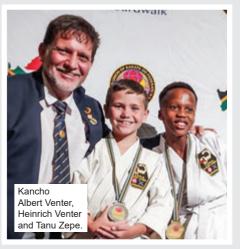
The support from coaches, instructors, parents, and family members was fundamental, ensuring that the competitors were prepared and poised for success.

Venter praised the organisation and execution of the WUKF championships, noting it as a standout event that hasn't been seen in South Africa for many years. "WUKF impressed me. And I am truly happy with the way in which the competition was organised The event, recognised for its international and executed," he said. This sentiment was echoed by representatives of WUKF International, who lauded South Africa as a "shining example" of excellence.

athletes to showcase their talents against The TSKKIA federation's success was

a backdrop of global competition. "We did quantifiable, with the Rustenburg students securing 8 gold, 5 silver, and 9 bronze not only showcased our talented students medals. Ranking 4th in the Afro-Asia but also reaffirmed that we are one of the Ranking, the federation boasted 8 Afro-Asia Champions out of the 78 TSKKIA Tokon Shotokan competitors. With over Athletes from the TSKKIA federation 700 participants in total at the event, this Do Federations (WUKF) Karate World excelled across all divisions, with remarkable achievement underscores the federation's prominence and skill level.

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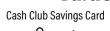


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