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Citizens have the right to protect themselves

AGRI-PULSE - "The murder on Sunday morning of John Viedge of the farm Highlands, outside Nqanarhu (Maclear), is condemned in the strongest terms. This murder once again highlights the vulnerability of the farming community and the cowardice of criminals, who will even resort to murder to achieve their objectives," says Uys van der Westhuijzen, chair of Agri SA's Centre of Excellence: Rural Safety.

The Constitution describes the right to life and dignity as one of the most important human rights, and the National Development Plan also confirms the right to personal safety. "For this reason, all citizens should have the right to protect themselves in a legal manner," says Van der Westhuijzen.

In a country with one of the highest murder figures in the world, it is unthinkable that communities cannot exercise their right to life by protecting themselves, which will be the case if the police succeed in amending the Firearms Control Act by scrapping the right to self-defence.

Recent crime statistics released by the police not only indicate an increase in the murder figure for the fourth quarter, but also confirm

that home robberies remain rife. Home robberies are the crimes most feared by the farming community and fellow citizens and to which they are most exposed. "Criminals will use any weapon conceivable to achieve their objectives; therefore, it is important that citizens are able to defend themselves." Law-biding citizens may not be deprived of the opportunity to own a legal firearm to protect themselves and their families against violent crime when their lives are threatened. "We believe that all citizens will make themselves heard and strongly oppose the scrapping of section 13 of the Firearms Control Act. We hope the police will heed what the majority of South Africans have to say in this regard," Van der Westhuijzen says.

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Dangerous twist in debate on amendment of section 25

AGRI-PULSE - Today, 31 May 2021, is the deadline for the Ad Hoc committee tasked with the amendment of section 25 of the Constitution to complete their work. The ANC had at the last minute, proposed further amendments to section 25. This followed bilateral discussions between the ANC and the EFF. The EFF's proposal entails the deletion of the reference to the courts' role in the proposed amendment of section 25(3). The EFF proposes that the entire sub-section 3, which makes provision for compensation for expropriation, be scrapped.

Furthermore, the ANC, during the meeting of the Ad Hoc committee, had suddenly and unexpectedly indicated that they would support an amendment to the wording of section 25(5) which stipulates that the state must introduce reasonable legislative and other measures to

promote state custodianship of land. The EFF has long promoted state custodianship over all natural resources. The EFF is also in favour of scrapping the 1913 date for restitution claims in section 25(7). The Ad Hoc committee decided to ask Parliament for a further 30 days to complete their work, which would be the third postponement of the deadline.

Parliament's legal advisors indicated that the new amendments probably fall outside the committee's mandate and proposed that the committee also request Parliament for an extension of their mandate and to allow for further public consultation on the new clauses. Some members, however, were of the opinion, that this was not necessary and that all the proposed amendments fall within the committee's mandate to state explicitly what was

presently implied in the Constitution.

Agri SA has monitored the Ad Hoc committee meetings throughout.

Willem de Chavonnes Vrugt, chair of Agri SA's Centre of Excellence: Land, described the latest developments as 'extremely concerning'. Agri SA is strongly opposed to the scaling down of the courts' role in expropriation disputes, and even more so when it comes to expropriation without compensation. The proposal regarding state custodianship is absolutely frightening, he said. It will send a shock wave through the agricultural sector.

Agri SA is in the process of seeking legal advice on the latest proposals. Custodianship of land will deprive all private landowners of their property rights without receiving compensation, giving control over all private

land to the state. This is a recipe for an economic and humanitarian disaster, and an invitation for large-scale corruption, said De Chavonnes Vrugt.

He added that the state's track record in terms of management of land was extremely poor. "Agri SA will oppose these proposals with everything in its power," said De Chavonnes Vrugt. However, Agri SA remains committed to sustainable land reform and the extension of full ownership to new farmers."

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Social media book sharing is daylight robbery!

Deur Christelle van Rooyen-Wessels

AGRI-PULSE – RUSTENBURG – Recently the issue of people sharing the pdf's – or other formats – of books on social media has come into the spotlight again.

This is because people apparently think that it is their 'score' if they can read the latest books for free. You even find some of these folks that consider their actions as noble, as they are 'combating depression' by sharing the joy of reading. But have they stopped to think of what they are doing to writers by – and let's just call a spade a spade – blatantly stealing the fruits of their labour? Because very few South African authors become rich from writing. The majority write because they have stories to tell. Many authors cannot even afford to just live of their writing earnings; they have to have a day job or supplement their income some other way. The unlawful sharing of digital books, magazines and such is not new. The phenomenon exponential grew with the increase of popularity of forums such as Whatsapp and Telegram – but the occurrence is not limited to these two.

What is considered as unlawful?

There is a difference between sharing information which is digitally available for free and a book, protected by copyright. The latter cannot be shared without the written consent of the copyright holder. And, important, copyright is valid for the duration of 50 years from the date of first publication.

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President Cyril Ramaphosa signed the Cyber Crime Bill into law earlier in June. Now these types of criminals can expect more than just a rap across the knuckles – they can now face serious jail time – up to 15 years.

Christelle van Rooyen-Wessels is the author of the Afrikaans crime novels, *Adder* en *Brandmerk*. Both books are published by Penguin Random House SA. (Foto: Philip Wessels)



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from there. It is assumed also that Lascar seamen from the East brought many birds into South Africa for the local Indian Community.

The main physical characteristics are the great length of leg, the sinister expression caused by a broad skull, projecting beetle eyebrows, wings carried high and the three regular downward curves (triple arch) in an outline from top of head to tip of tail.

The Malay was the first chicken breed to be bantamised; a dwarf version of the standard-sized breed was created at the turn of the twentieth century. The Malay has an upright stance, a well muscled form and a large skull. Nowadays they are selected to be better egg-layers than in the 1970s with 70 to 120 eggs annually for a young hen and older hens laying only 30 to 55 eggs.

These birds have 8 recognised colours that are accepted by SASPO all ranging from the black red to a cinnamon tinted. In all colours the eyes need to be Pearl white or yellow is also acceptable - the lighter the better. In young birds a yellow eye is allowed. A slightly bloodshot appearance is acceptable for all birds. The comb, face, throat, ear-lobes and wattles must be a brilliant red. The beak must be yellow (preferred) or brownish yellow. In the black a blackish yellow is allowed. The legs must be deep yellow (preferred) or orange yellow. In the black and mottled, a bit of duskiness is allowed. The outline of the Malay, the neck, back and tail, should represent a series of three almost equal downward curves (triple arch).

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Poultry Show

AGRI-PULSE – RUSTENBURG – On Saturday 5 June 2021 Rustenburg Poultry Club will be hosting a Show jointly with OCSA at the Ben Marais Hall. For more information please contact Hanri at 083 465 1468, Marlice at 072 668 1495 or Dawie at 071 196 7696.

Poultry Show results for Saturday 8 May 2021: Best Chicken On Show - Divan Lock's Plymouth Rock Patrys Hen, Best Asian Hard Feather Large - JHJ Boerdery's Blue tailed wheaton Aseel Hen, Best Asian Hard Feather Bantam - Divan Lock's Koekoek Ko-Shamo Cock, Best Hard Feather Large - Divan Lock's Dark Indian Game Hen, Best Hard Feather Bantam - Gerhold Holding's Silver Duckwing Modern Game Hen, Best Soft Feather Light weight - Divan Lock's Brown Leghorn Hen, Best Soft Feather Heavy Weight - Dylan van Rensburg's Dark Brahma Cock, Best Soft Feather Bantam - Divan Lock's Plymouth Rock Patrys Hen, Best True Bantam - Franco Snyman's Blou Hollandse Kriel, Best Waterfowl - Herman Botha's Wit Chinese Gans mannetjie, Best Turkey - Dawie Snyman's White Holland kalkoen wyfie.



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The President's bull, five-year-old Mufasa, was the highest selling Ankole of Ntaba Nyoni's lot, fetching R700,000. (Photo: National Ankole Auction Catalogue)

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President Ramaphosa's best bull at auction

AGRI-PULSE – BETHAL – At the end of April the Ankole Association held an auction.

Cattle belonging to the President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa, made a big splash at the auction held at The Bull Ring in Mpumalanga, fetching R2.7 million and one of the President's bulls announced as "best bull on offer".

Ramaphosa is the biggest Ankole farmer in South Africa

The President's foray into Ankole breeding began back in 2004 when he travelled to Uganda to meet with President Yoweri Museveni.

Due to disease control measures enforced by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Ramaphosa used artificial insemination technology and embryo quarantine processes to buy and import 43 Ankole cows from Museveni for his Ntaba Nyoni Estates in eastern Mpumalanga.

On 30 April the National Ankole Auction featured 65 lots from several of the country's top breeders. The auction sold R10.7 million worth of Ankole, with Ramaphosa's herd of nine cattle accounting for a quarter of the auction's total value.

With horns almost 90cm long – and a distance of more than 1.2 metres between the two tips – the President's bull, five-year-old Mufasa, was the highest selling Ankole of Ntaba Nyoni's lot, fetching R700,000.

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Bayer announced commercial availability of tomato varieties



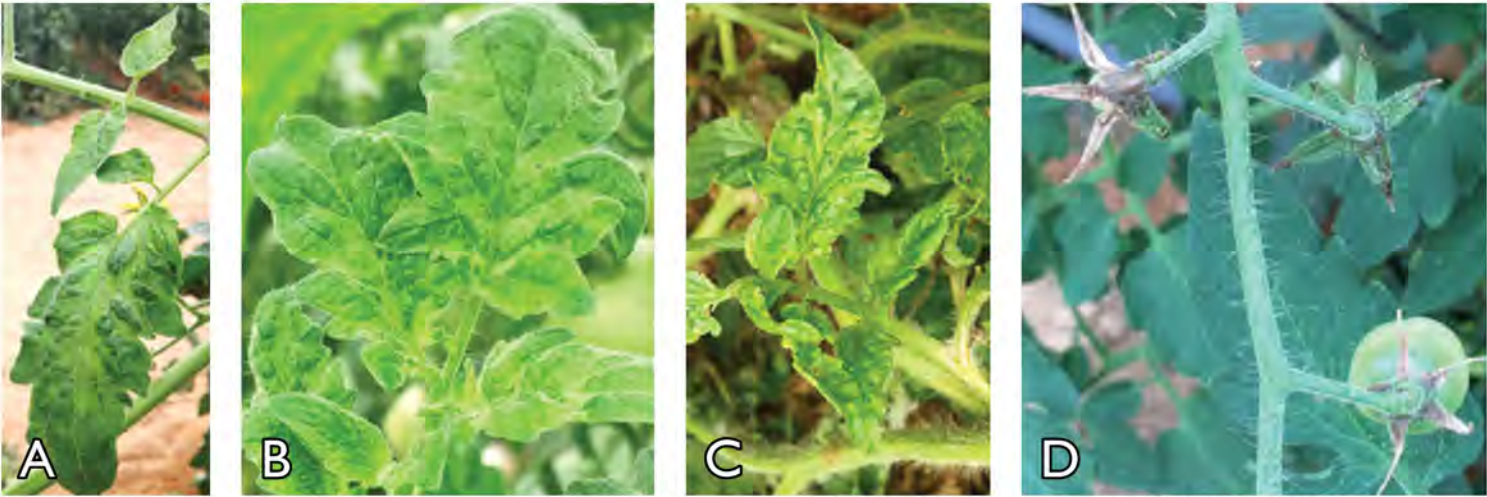
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AGRI-PULSE - Monheim, May 19, 2021
– Bayer announced today the commercial availability of tomato varieties bred to help growers address the challenges of tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV). These include a grape tomato, pink beef, beefs and Roma-type tomatoes, offering strong Intermediate Resistance (IR) to both leaf and fruit symptoms of ToBRFV.

ToBRFV was first observed in 2014 and spread rapidly to different world areas. This viral disease impacting tomato plants represents a challenge for the industry as it can be transmitted very easily through many vectors including farming tools and equipment, workers' hands, plants, water, soil, and people. The performance Bayer has seen in these varieties aligns with Intermediate Resistance (IR), as defined by the International Seed Federation where the crop can show little or no symptoms of the virus in leaf or fruit. For the grower, this means an opportunity to protect more marketable yield without fruit and leaf symptoms and provide a more consistent supply into the food chain. As an integral part of its durable resistance strategy, Bayer's global Research and Development teams have been stacking ToBRFV resistances into the global tomato pipelines and trialing those under high disease pressure conditions around the world with the ultimate goal of developing varieties with high resistance to the virus.

In addition to current commercial offerings providing Intermediate IR, Bayer has identified combinations of resistance in its pre-commercial pipeline that have the potential to produce plants and fruit that show no visible symptoms even under ToBRFV high pressure conditions. Late stage pre-commercial trials on those plant varieties are beginning now. Bayer hopes expects to make these varieties commercially available in the next 2-3 years. "Leveraging the strength and organization of our global collaborative breeding pipelines and germplasm library, supported by our marker technology platforms, pathology programs and widespread use of rapid breeding cycles, means that this combination of resistance is already incorporated into our elite breeding lines across the world," said J.D. Rossouw, Head of Bayer's Vegetable Seeds R&D. "As part of our commitment to continuing development of a durable resistance strategy to ToBRFV, Bayer is layering resistances to build stronger protection for growers as well as incorporating novel sources of High Resistance from wild tomato species, and will prioritize roll out of these resistances across our global tomato pipelines to continue to build virus protection for growers."

The ToBRFV resistance program is part of Bayer's corporate commitment to Health for All, Hunger for None. It complements the company's SHIELD program, a comprehensive approach to deliver clean seeds season after season to growers around the world. For more than 10 years, the focus of SHIELD has been on the prevention, detection and elimination of pathogens at our own Bayer production and processing sites, as well as third-party production and processing sites for Seminis and De Ruiter brands. The SHIELD program continues to incorporate market-leading best practices into seed production and supply. In addition to its strict production protocols that are applicable whatever the growing environment (open field, greenhouse or glasshouse), Bayer has always, and will continue to have, stringent testing measures in place aligned with the International Seed Health Initiative (ISHI) guidelines and any applicable laws, which includes testing our seed for the presence of ToBRFV before it is shipped to customers. About Bayer Bayer is a global enterprise with core competencies in the life science fields of health care and nutrition. Its products and services are designed to help people and planet thrive by supporting efforts to master the major challenges presented by a growing and aging global population. Bayer is committed to drive sustainable development and generate a positive impact with its businesses. At the same time, the Group aims to increase its earning power and create value through innovation and growth. The Bayer brand stands for trust, reliability and quality throughout the world. In fiscal 2020, the Group employed around 100,000 people and had sales of 41.4 billion euros. R&D expenses before special items amounted to 4.9 billion euros. For more information, go to www.bayer.com.



(A-C) Symptomatic mosaic pattern on leaves of cluster tomato plants (C) Narrowing leaves of cluster tomato plants. (D) Dried peduncles and calyces on cherry tomato plants leading to fruit abscission.



(E) Necrotic symptoms on pedicle, calyces and petioles (F) Typical fruit symptoms with yellow spots (G-I) Variable symptoms of tomato fruits (G) The typical disease symptoms. (H) Symptoms of mixed infections by the abundant TSWV and the new tobamovirus isolate (I) Unique symptoms of the new tobamovirus isolate.

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Wernich Lemmer (Agri Hartbeesfontein: 2021-Agri NW Young Farmer of the Year winner) with Callie Buitendag (Regional manager, Santam Agriculture).



Wernich Lemmer (Agri Hartbeesfontein: 2021-Agri NW Young Farmer of the Year winner) with Annelie Lerm (Manager: Sales and Business: Toyota SA: Main sponsor of the Young Farmer of the Year competition).



Wernich Lemmer (Agri Hartbeesfontein: 2021-Agri NW Young Farmer of the Year winner) with his wife Annerie.

Young farmer best in North West

By Danie Jacobs

AGRI-PULSE – The province's Young Farmer of the Year farms with his father just outside Hartbeesfontein and according to him it is great to have all this experience and knowledge at hand.

Wernich Lemmer (34) was announced Agri NW and Santam Agric's Young Farmer of the Year at the end of May – a title of which he is very proud and thankful.

He has been farming full-time since 2018 and said he would never have dreamt about winning this accolade three years ago.

Boeta du Toit, CEO of Agri NW, said during the presentation that he is excited about the future as the future of farming lies in the hands of the younger generation.

The runners-up were Andries Coomans (Agri Excelsior) and Christo Greyling (Agri Sannieshof).

Lemmer will represent the province at the National Young Farmer of the Year Competition, presented by Agri SA and Toyota SA, later in the year. Agri NW won this competition

twice in the past (2014 en 2018).

Francois Strydom, Senwes Group: CEO, said at the ceremony SA agriculture entered a blessed era with good rains, excellent crops and positive market prices. Producers play an important role in this scenario. "Farms do not appear overnight. It happens over generations and young producers find themselves at the forefront of development and renewal. The future of commercial agriculture is in the hands of this rising generation," said Strydom.

Lemmer is a qualified mechanical engineer who worked at the Matimba power station in Lephalale. He entered full-time farming in 2018 and is active on the 6th generation family farm, Lemmersville.

His farm consists of 80% maize production and 20% beef. His message: "Stay grounded and anchored in what you believe in. As a producer, faith is the most important partner."

He is married to Annerie and they have a two year-old daughter called Mariné.



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Is it up or down, or upside down?

AGRI-PULSE – HARTBEESPOORT – On the R3-Hartbeespoort road, close to the Hartbeespoort Dam, a 200m² house was built – but with a difference – it was built completely upside down!

Tomasz Tusik (39) is not just the owner of this other-worldly house, but also the designer and engineer, who built the Upside Down House.

According to Tomasz, this house is the only one of its kind on the African continent.

"I got the idea in my home country, Poland. This has been a dream and once I started with the design, I also wanted the house to be more than just upside down, so I designed the two-story house on a double angle," he said. "The house is fully furnished with all the details like a dog kennel on the outside, a lounge, dining room, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom and all household paraphernalia such as a television set, washer, drier, curtains, paintings, cutlery and groceries. The house is so well engineered that if you turn it 'upside down' again, it is a normal house you could live in." A visit to the Upside Down House is an amazing experience as one's mind cannot comprehend what is happening. Bearing in mind the angle that the house is built on, contributes immensely to the illusion and experience one has

when crossing the threshold, the floor becomes the ceiling where furniture and lamps hang in the air. The first few seconds are daunting and it feels as if everything is going to fall on you and you may feel disorientated and even a bit of giddiness may set in.

Visitors spend an hour or two inside and around the house, taking all kinds of amazing photographs. There is no timeslot for the house viewing, or limit on the number of times you can go inside to experience it one more time.

With the majestic Magalies Mountain as backdrop, visitors can also enjoy the tranquillity of this farm area whilst enjoying a family picnic - jumping castles, coin operated kiddies' rides and lots of other fun activities for all ages. The takeaway restaurant is fully operational seven days a week, although due to the pandemic, only a limited menu is available.

The Upside Down House is open Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 18:00 and Saturdays, Sundays, public- and school holidays from 07:00 to 18:00 and worth a trip.

For more information and directions visit the webpage <https://upside-downhouse.co.za/> or send an email to info@upside-downhouse.co.za or phone 063 100 9858.



The Upside Down House on the R3-Hartbeespoort road overlooks the majestic Magaliesberg Mountain range.



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Rooibos tea: Much more than just something to drink

AGRI-PULSE – RUSTENBURG – These days almost everybody are taking their health much more seriously.

The global Covid-19 pandemic spurred the demand for more innovative plant-based products promoting health – which is excellent news for our locally grown Rooibos tea.

And tea is big business.

After water, it is the most-consumed drink in the world. Roughly, 25 000 cups of tea are poured every second across the globe, which amounts to a staggering 2.16 billion cups per day!

Nicie Vorster, a director of the SA Rooibos Council (SARC) says the world of tea is becoming more exciting than ever before.

“With thousands of varieties to choose from, tea

has become just as diverse as the world’s cultures – each with its own origin, aroma, taste profile and personality. It’s no longer about drinking pots of tea, but rather about choosing an individual cup of high-quality tea that offers an authentic and unique experience.” Health and well-being, he adds, remain core drivers, particularly during the pandemic. The most popular teas include: black teas with unique taste profiles, green teas, fruit and herbal tisanes, and ready-to-drink teas (RTDs). According to Nicie, the most notable change is a shift in favour of herbal infusions. Despite the 5 000-year lead that the rest of the tea industry has had, our indigenous Rooibos is catching up. “In response to growing consumer demand, the industry has added new twists to the tea in an effort to make Rooibos more

premium. Where a few years ago, there were but only a handful of choices, today there are numerous blends of specialty Rooibos infusions on the market, with a clear trend towards more natural ingredients like, for example real fruit pieces.” Vorster remarks that, apart from Rooibos being a healthy alternative to regular tea, it is becoming a discerning drink in its own right. Tea drinkers, he says, are looking for naturally-friendly alternatives with earthy flavours, making Rooibos one of the most appreciated teas of late. SA-born tea sommelier, Jessica Bonin, who gained experience from studying directly under tea masters in China, Japan and South Korea, says the Rooibos industry has done well to incorporate other beneficial ingredients such as turmeric, ginger, cinnamon, and rosehip to its base. “Another clever move was to combine it with other fynbos species like Buchu and Honeybush to boost its appeal among health-conscious tea drinkers.

“Rooibos infusions have become an exciting addition to the global market, leading to new sensorial experiences for consumers to discover.”

Tea-pairing

While many South Africans are familiar with the basics of wine, they are stumped when it comes to what to pair tea with.

Here Bonin shares some tasting notes to demonstrate the range and depth of some of our local Rooibos infusions that have recently exploded onto the scene.

“Pairing tea with food allows one to experience enhanced flavours through the complimentary

elements of various ingredients. It presents your palette with a new depth of taste brought about by a specific tea. The refreshing taste of **Rooibos and Rosehip** makes it an ideal afternoon refresher with salads and savoury snacks,” demonstrates Bonin.

She adds that Rooibos has an incredibly versatile flavour that makes it the perfect base for an array of ingredients. Tea enthusiasts can experiment by adding herbs, fruits, flowers and even spices.

What your choice in tea says about you

“Different types of personalities are drawn to different types of tea. Your preference for loose leaf tea over tea bags, and even how you brew your tea and drink it, says a lot about your personality,” says Bonin.

“For example, if you’re in a contemplative mood, Rooibos and Chamomile will provide a calming effect, while Rooibos and Lemon is likely to be the blend of choice for those who demand focus. The spontaneous and adventurous among us will likely gravitate toward a berry-blend, whereas warm and caring individuals will find harmony in a cup of chai tea.”

After meticulously studying the various infusions, Bonin has developed a tea personality quiz to help tea lovers find their significant other Rooibos blend.

If you’re curious, visit <http://bit.ly/agrisarooribos>. Your answers will shed light on which flavour best pairs up with your personality.



2021 Nampo Harvest Day cancelled

AGRI PULSE - Grain SA’s renowned annual agricultural tradeshow, the 2021 NAMPO Harvest Day that was rescheduled to take place from 17 to 20 August has been cancelled.

Grain SA made the announcement on Thursday 3 June following the initial postponement earlier this year, saying the arrival of the 3rd COVID-19 wave, and the amendments to the lockdown levels under the National State of Disaster has left the organisation with no alternative.

Toit Wessels, Ass Manager: Nampo & Marketing said they continued to monitor the surge in the coronavirus pandemic nationally and the accompanying regulations and restrictions on the country throughout the first half of 2021. “The rising COVID-19 cases led to further limitations on outdoor gatherings providing complex challenges in hosting the Harvest Day, and in the interests of all visitors, event personnel, exhibitors and the local community’s health and safety, the event has been cancelled,” he said.

It marks the second straight year the NAMPO Harvest Day has been called off due to the pandemic.

“The decision to cancel or postpone any event, especially the NAMPO Harvest Day - the biggest agricultural show in the Southern Hemisphere - is not an easy call for any organisation” CEO, Jannie de Villiers

said. “Events of this scale require significant investment of time and resources by the organisers, approval institutions at local and national levels, exhibitors and service providers alike, and a decision as to whether NAMPO 2021 should go ahead had to be taken timeously.”

Grain SA continuously consulted with its NAMPO stakeholders and partners evaluating the possibility of hosting the 2021 NAMPO Harvest Day in its original format whilst still ensuring the safety of both exhibitors and visitors alike. “The NAMPO Harvest Day requires months of planning from the organisation and its exhibitors and with many of its stakeholders still prohibiting participation in, and attendance of events, the decision to cancel the event was once again, a necessary one,” Dr Dirk Strydom, Manager: Grain Economy and Marketing said.

All hopes are now on 2022 – so mark your calendar from 17-20 May at NAMPO Park, just outside Bothaville in the Free State.

* The NAMPO Cape show, scheduled for 8-10 September 2021 in Bredasdorp, Western Cape and the NAMPO Alfa show, scheduled for 30 Sep – 2 Oct 2021 on NAMPO Park, Bothaville have also been cancelled. The decision to host these two popular regional shows will be reconsidered should government regulations be amended.

Construction on R11.6 billion Postmasburg solar power plant begins

AGRI-PULSE - POSTMASBURG: Last week the Northern Cape provincial government welcomed the ACWA Power announcement on the start of construction of the 100 MW Redstone Project. The project is one of the strategic infrastructure projects announced by President Cyril Ramaphosa during the symposium for the Development of Sustainable Infrastructure held in June last year.

The project, which is located near Postmasburg, will eventually cost R11.6 billion and will, according to the office of the Premier of the Northern Cape, be the largest investment in renewable energy in the country. This project will boost the Northern Cape economy of the province and create much-needed work for not only the community in the Tsantsabane Municipal area, but also the entire province. The 100 MW Redstone CSP Tower Project, developed by ACWA Power of Saudi Arabia, is part of the South African Independent Nuclear Producers’ Procurement Program (REIPPPP).

The Redstone plant, which will be built approximately 30 km east of Postmasburg in the Northern Cape, will use a 250-meter high, 12-hour thermal storage tower with molten salt technology paved by SolarReserve. This allows stored heat to drive turbines providing a constant supply of electricity during bad weather and at night. This storage technology is currently used by the Bokpoort CSP project near Groblershoop, also in the Northern Cape. Bokpoort was built by ACWA in 2015. The 50 MW CSP set a new

winter production record of 21.7 GWh in August 2020, thanks to the thermal storage plant.

Absa’s Shaun Moodley, Resource & Project Finance Executive, says the Redstone CSP project will be one of the largest investments in renewable energy in South Africa among the REIPPPP. Moodley says Absa will participate in the overall senior debt financing package with approximately R1.5 billion in senior debt facilities for the project. The construction phase is expected to create at least 2 000 direct jobs, of which 400 will directly benefit the local community. More than 560 jobs will be created over a period of time once the power station is fully operational.

Moodley says the socio-economic benefits of the project will also go beyond job creation, with up to 40% of the required equipment and materials to be procured locally. The construction will take about 33 months whereafter the power station will be used gradually to finally reach 100% of the design capacity. Full capacity will eventually have to be reached in 365 consecutive days within a period of three years after the Commercial Operating Date (COD).

An important feature of the Redstone CSP project is that it will have a capacity of 12-hour full storage of energy that will enable the CSP power station to provide a stable electricity supply during the highest demand periods to more than 200,000 South African homes, even after sundown. Power from the plant is expected to be delivered from the end of 2023.



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This is one of those ‘once in a lifetime opportunities, made possible by Bok van Blerk Productions and Thithombo Lodge, the one and only spot where the music video of Bok’s song “Hardekole” was filmed. But time is of essence! Buy your lucky draw tickets – a bargain at R150 each – on or before 18 June 2021. You can buy as many tickets as you wish – there is no limit.

And wait, there is more! The overall winner of the competition will have the opportunity to take a friend along on the adventure. The trip includes four days and three nights, as well as the chance

to hunt both a rooibok and a blouwilbees. Every evening will be a highlight with Bok entertaining the guests around the camp fire.

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Tickets are available at iTickets, but be warned – they are selling like hot cakes!

So go get your ticket – or 2 or 15 – now and put aside 29 June-2 July for in case you are announced as the winner.

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Werners' sticky marinade 'skaapstertjies'

AGRI-PULSE - The Northern Cape is a meat country - mutton country to be exact! Here the people eat the entire sheep, tripe to trotters... And yes, they especially like the tails. Sheep tails or skaapstertjies, are a traditional delicacy that enjoy new popularity as a delicacy, almost like the popular mutton of today. Although tails are classified as waste or "afval", many people agree that tails are in a class of their own. Tails contain a lot of fat and bone, but with the right preparation, the bites of fragrant meat in between are delicious. Werner Strauss, Regional Co-ordinator of Afriforum in the Kalahari, recently became acquainted with this truly traditional South African dish. He shared his own version of a popular skaapstertjie recipe with us.

Prepping the meat - What you need:

- 1 kg sheeptails/skaapstertjies
- Aromat
- 2 shots vinegar
- A handful of coriander
- 5-7 cloves
- 2-3 bay leaves / lime leaves
- Enough water to cover the 'skaapstertjies' in a pot
- Add all the ingredients to a pressure cooker or multi-pot and cook for 20 minutes under pressure.

Marinade:

- 1/4 cup tomato sauce
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup sweet rice sauce
- 1/4 cup soya sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 chopped chilli of 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- A few drops of fish sauce - optional

Let your soft-boiled skaapstertjies marinade for about 30 minutes before braaiing them over moderately hot coals to make them sticky. Remember to baste regularly and well while braaiing them. As soon as they get a nice sticky texture, remove them from the coals and serve them as an appetiser or even as a main course. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and garnish with coriander or place a sprig of rosemary on the plate to make it look extra appetising.

Follow the link <http://bit.ly/wernerskaapstertjies> and come braai with Werner en Agri-Pulse.



Wigwam-aftreelandgoed – hoor jy ook die berg roep?



AGRI-PULSE - MODDERFONTEIN – Rustenburg Herald en Bonus het in 2017 en 2018 breedvoerig berig oor die vordering en ontwikkeling van die nou-reeds bekende Wigwam Aftree-landgoed teen die hange van die asemrowende Magaliesberg in Modderfontein – ‘n hanetreetjie vanaf Rustenburg in die ongerepte, natuurskone terrein van die voormalige Wigwam Hotel.

Vandag, in ons kort geskiedenis na die opwindende opening is die Wigwam-bestuur dankbaar om op talle hoogtepunte terug te kyk. Op 1 Mei 2017 het Wigwam-landgoed die “hotel-baadjie” finaal afgeskud en as ‘n volwaardige aftree-oord geopen. Sedert die opening het Wigwam verskeie suksesse beleef.

Die landgoed se inwonergetal het die afgelope tyd tot meer as 100 aangegroei. Intussen is die ten volle toegeruste sorgseenheid goed as demensie-spesialis in die plaaslike, maar ook omliggende mark gevestig. “Fase 2 van ons luukse selfsorgseenhede is reeds 75% uitverkoop en bouwerk aan die infrastruktuur is fluks aan die vorder.

Hierdie fase behoort teen die einde van die jaar voltooi te wees. Goeie nuus is dat enkele

eenhede tans nog teen die ou prys beskikbaar is. Indien u belangstel, maak dadelik ‘n afspraak met Chris Cilliers en kom kyk gerus. Tans word daar beraam dat Fase 3 vroeg aanstaande jaar sal afskop”, aldus Chris Cilliers – oordbestuurder.

‘Die bestuur is veral trots op die suksesse van die sorgseenheid.

Danksy ons besondere versorgingspan se holistiese benadering tot versorging en deernisvolle persoonsgerigtheid is Fase 1 van die sorgseenheid reeds ten volle beset terwyl die ontwikkeling van Fase 2 binnekort begin. Alzheimer/demensie-klinieke waartydens ouderdomsverwante toestande deur spesialiste ondersoek en bespreek waarna spesifieke behandeling en medikasie voorgeskryf word, word gereeld aangebied”, sê Cilliers.

Benewens gereelde Alzheimer/demensie-klinieke en weeklikse ondersteuningsgroepe vir families wat met hierdie siekte saamleef, was daar ook ‘n Alzheimerseminaar, ‘n wondorgseminaar en word daar in die nabye toekoms weer ‘n demensie-opleidingsseminaar vir dokters en verpleegpersoneel aangebied.

Al hierdie aksies en bedrywigheid sou nie moontlik gewees het sonder Wigwam se

vennootskappe met ‘n multidisciplinêre mediese span nie. Buiten die twee dokters en apteker wat by Wigwam konsulteer is daar ook ‘n arbeidsterapeut, fisioterapeut en maatskaplike werker wat ondersteuning bied. ‘Bowenal spog die Wigwam-aftreelandgoed met ons eie leefstylkonsultant en biokinetikus met dienste wat weekliks beskikbaar is’.

Die hele konsep van Wigwam as afree-oord/landgoed is gefokus op moderne idees soos geruime tyd reeds in Europa, Amerika en elders gewild is. Natuurlik word daar by Wigwam-aftreelandgoed vir wye en intieme familiebande en -verhoudinge voorsiening gemaak. Wigwam se fasiliteite is nie net uiters geskik vir elke inwoner om familie te ontvang nie, maar het pas vir die derde keer die nou bekende Wigwam-familiefees aangebied. Daar is blye en welkome ondersteuning hiervoor en die vorige fees is deur nie minder nie as 3 000 mense bygewoon.

Hier teen die einde van die jaar bied Wigwam oudergewoonte die “Wigwam-monsterbergwedloop” aan. Hou die media dop vir meer besonderhede oor vanjaar se byeenkoms. Die “monster” vind grotendeels in die Magaliesberg plaas en daar kan tussen ‘n

verskeidenheid afstande gekies word.

Die Wigwam-bestuur is ook dankbaar vir ‘n aktiewe groep inwoners. Die Sport- en Sosiale Klub is aan die woeker en talle aktiwiteite is weekliks op die dagboek.

Wigwam bied onder meer muurbal, tennis, jukskei, potspel, stap, uitstappies, handwerk en naaldwerk en daar is ook volop geleentheid vir kunsklasse, Bybelstudie en ‘n besoek aan die biblioteek. Wigwam se natuurskoon is ‘n paradys vir voëlkykers en erediens word elke Sondag om 10:00 deur Tuine-gemeente in ons pragtige ‘klein’ kerkie aangebied..

Vir meer besonderhede oor ander interessantheide, besoek gerus die Wigwam-webwerf of Facebookblad of skakel Chris Cilliers by 082 577 0291.

Daar kan ook met Nicolas Viljoen by 072 637 4640 in verbinding getree word. Onthou - ‘n blinknuwe toekoms wag by Wigwam-aftreelandgoed vir mense wat van die beton-oerwoud en al sy gewoel wil vergeet maar steeds ‘n hoë kwaliteit-lewe met volop aktiwiteite wil geniet!





On the photo's one can see the outside of the factory as well as how it look on the inside.



Wessel Maree, owner of the sunflower -and pumpkin seed factory with packets of the seeds ready for shipping.

Sunflower -and pumpkin seeds cultivated in Biesiesvlei area

AGRI-PULSE – BIESIESVLEI – It is now five years since Wessel Maree, a commercial farmer of Biesiesvlei has been cultivating sunflower -and pumpkin seeds on his farm Makoeispan.

Makoeispan, where Wessel was born and bred, is primarily a sowing farm where maize, sugarbeans and pecan nuts are cultivated. Wessel also farms with cattle. In years of drought he was forced to look for other ideas to survive. He heard from a family member about a food processing company that bought and processed various products. He was immediately interested in the cultivation of sunflower -and pumpkin seeds because it was something he already planted on the farm in past years.

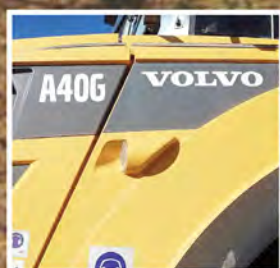
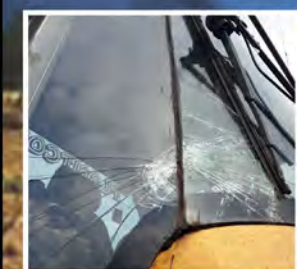
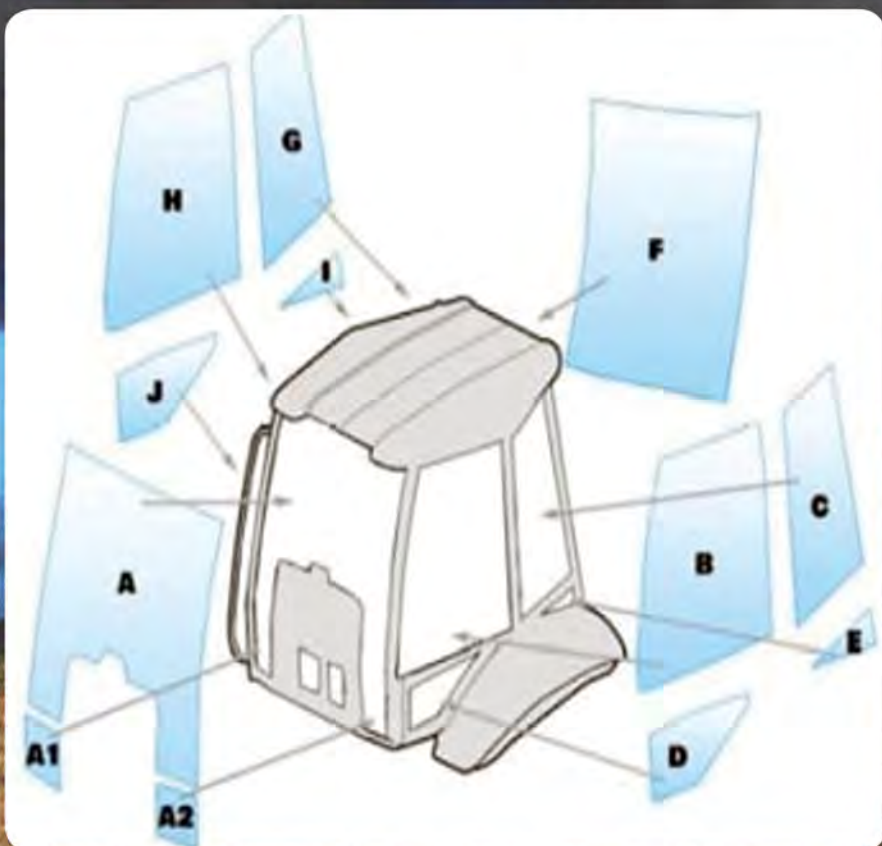
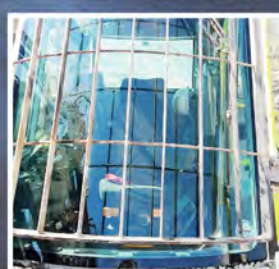
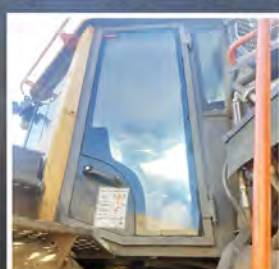
With the pumpkin seeds he was not as familiar with and he had to study the process thoroughly before taking it on. After he had done a lot of research, he transformed an existing barn into a factory fully equipped to produce the product. Ambassador Foods in Witrivier, who has a 30% share in the factory, buys the products that are used in baking products as well as in health products. "The main priority was to find a reliable market before the production of the products could begin," Wessels explains.

Two types of sunflower seeds are cultivated in the factory. The demand determine if a cultivar with high oleic acid are used or a normal cultivar sunflower. Wessel says one harvest less of the cultivar with higher oleic acid – about 1,3 ton to 1,5 ton per hectare in comparison with the normal cultivar that produces from 2 t per hectare. Hy plants at this stage about 150 hectare of high oleic acid sunflower all on dryland.

The price of high oleic acid sunflower is R27 per kg (R27 000 per ton) and the price of normal cultivar sunflower seed is R22 per kg (R22 000 per ton). The factory at Makoeispan deliver 27 ton sunflower seed per month in comparison with the 17 ton per month they started with. The factory processes a maximum of 30 ton per month and provides seven jobs to local people.

The cultivar of pumpkin seeds Wessel uses, are Kakai and he plants between five and ten hectare. He says that he had to buy a threshing machine and the seeds are harvested on the land and the rest of the pumpkin flesh are used for animal feed. After harvesting, the seeds are washed, dried and polished before it is packed. The black seeds are the ones that are sold and the white seeds are held back for planting again. Wessel says they harvest about 300 kg per hectare and the price are R60 per kg.

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