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Last Friday saw the long-awaited prize-giving for the overall winners of the 2019 Blank Space Art competition. In addition to monthly prize-money of R2 000 sponsored by Rustenburg Herald/Bonus artists were in line for two amazing prizes of shopping vouchers to the value of R10 000 each sponsored by our main sponsors - Pick n Pay Greystone Crossing and Pick n Pay Lifestyle Square in Beyers Naude Avenue. Pictured from left above are Steven Vorster (manager Greystone Crossing), the winning entry submitted at Greystone - Tanya Scorgie, Cecile Volschenk, administrator of the Blank Space competition from Rustenburg Herald/Bonus, Shukuru Mwamba, winning entry submitted at Beyers Naude and Derrick Oberholzer, manager Pick n Pay Beyers Naude Avenue. Rustenburg Herald/Bonus wishes to congratulate our winners and thank our sponsors and all participating artists. Remember - the 2020 Blank Space Art competition awaits your entries! Post your entries at either Pick n Pay Greystone Crossing or Beyers Naude!

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BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The public is invited to an ordinary meeting of the Rustenburg Local Municipality council.

The meeting is scheduled for Friday (31 January) and will be held at 10:00 at the Rustenburg Civic Centre.



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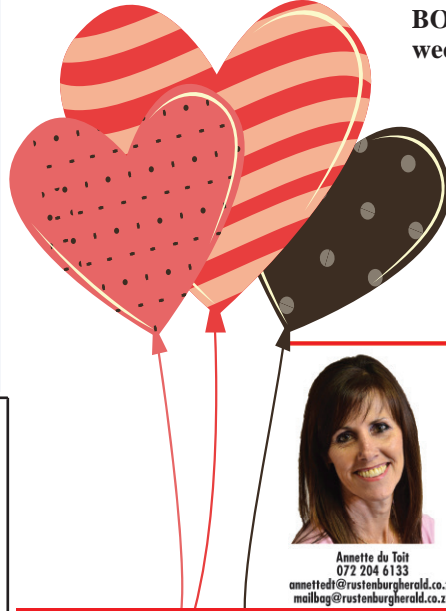
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Rustenburg Orchid Society

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The Rustenburg Orchid Society meeting will be taking place on Thursday 30 January 2020 at 18:00 at the "Hervormde Kerk" in Geelhoutpark, corner of Felicia and Manuka Avenue.

Louwtjie Nortje will be the speaker for the evening and they will be talking about "Dendrobiums". The public and future members are welcome to attend the meeting, entrance is free. Members must please remembertopay their member fees at this meeting. For more information please contact Louwtjie Nortje 082 332 8356 or Adri Francisco 082 640 1506.



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Two dead in head-on-collision

BONUS - MOGWASE - Two people were killed following a head-on-collision between a truck and a light motor vehicle on the R510 in Mogwase on Sunday morning (26 January).

According to information received from Russel Meiring, ER24 spokesperson, paramedics, along with other services, arrived on the scene to find the wrecked light motor vehicle in the one lane of the road while the truck had come to a stop partially off the road.

Upon closer inspection, medics found the bodies of a man and woman, believed to be in their 30s, lying trapped inside the light motor vehicle. Unfortunately, both people had already succumbed to their injuries. Nothing could be done for them and they were declared dead. The driver of the truck escaped injury.

Join SAPS' Reservists

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The South African Police Service invites members of the community to apply to join the SAPS Reservists.

If you are energetic, intelligent, physically and mentally fit and you have the desire to serve your country on a voluntary basis, you can join the fight against crime.

All applicants will be subjected to a psychometric assessment, as well as a medical evaluation at own expense and own medical practitioner. The police will also verify the criminal record, qualifications, citizenship and residential address of each applicant. Only persons with a valid driver's license should apply. The closing date for applications is 28 February 2020. For more information, contact your nearest police station.

Over 2 000 firearms surrendered to the police

BONUS - RUSTENBURG- Police Minister, Bheki Cele has urged gun owners to take advantage of government's firearm amnesty programme and surrender unwanted weapons before May this year.

Cele said since the amnesty began in December 2019, a total of 2 266 firearms have been surrendered to police stations across the country.

In the North West Province according to information received, 91 firearms were surrendered. The Minister urged gun owners to turn the tide against crime alongside SAPS and take advantage of the amnesty period.

"When the amnesty period lapses in May, rest assured that the law will be tough on those who persist on carrying guns that are not licensed. We, as SAPS will continue to rid our communities of dangerous arms, while responding positively towards our service delivery agreement of ensuring that the people of South Africa are and feel safe," he said.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to load the bakkies for the long and winding road during the recent Christmas holiday period and who thought that they knew a thing or two about loading a one ton bakkie, better think again. These two bakkies were spotted at the BP garage at the Waterfall Mall during the holiday and we just couldn't resist talking to the gentlemen. Three men were travelling in the bakkies and told us that they were on their way to Malawi for business. The journey would take at least three days, the gentlemen said. Prompted if they weren't hesitant about the consequences of problems with traffic police, we were told "no sir, no problem, it is not overloaded"...



Fake tender advert warning

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The North West Health Department has distanced itself from a fake fumigation tender advert circulating on social media.

According to a statement, the department said the advertised tender for fumigation, supposedly for a certain health facility in the province, is littered with spelling and grammatical errors.

"Social media users have been left to believe the officials of the department are incompetent. The advert is damaging to the image of the department.

"The North West Health MEC, Madoda Sambatha has called on law enforcement agencies to pursue such scammers and bring them to book," the department said.

Sambatha warned young people, especially matriculants and those looking for jobs, to be vigilant against scams related to the intake of nursing students and advertisement of jobs in the health facilities.

He reiterated that no money should be paid to anyone for employment in the North West Department of Health. He urged job seekers to thoroughly scrutinise vacancies advertised online. "All government vacancies are advertised on newspapers and on the Department of Public Service and Administration website," he said.

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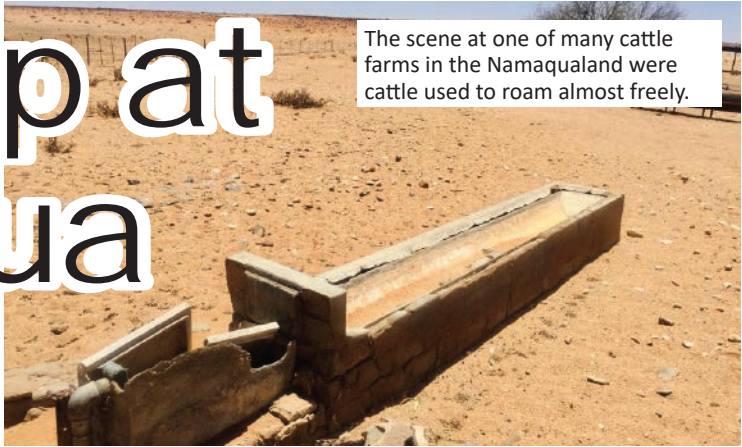
Boere Droogtehulp at it again... Namaqua farmers grateful

Waldie Volschenk

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Gripping and emotional scenes were once again at the order of the day for several days since Wednesday last week as convoys of heavy trucks, bakkies and trailers arrived in the drought-stricken Gamoep, Aggenys and Springbok in the Namaqualand in the latest outreach by Rustenburg's Boere Droogtehulp NPC (Farmers Drought Aid NPC).

In the latest outreach some 18 trucks assisted by no least than 15 bakkies and trailers transported much-needed forage and essentials to cattle and sheep farmers in the area. This was the second outreach project of its kind since the Boere Droogtehulp Project arrived in Cradock in the Northern Cape only weeks before Christmas Day last year with tons of forage and essential goods - anything from water, coffee, toiletries and even pet food to at least attempt to bring a little relieve to farmers in the Northern and Eastern Cape where many farmers have reach a stage bordering to poverty as a result of the ongoing drought. It was heart-warming to see countless grateful expressions on the faces of farmers and their families of which many didn't know from where their next meal would come from.

To date Boere Droogtehulp has proved to be the biggest non-profit project in South Africa which got underway in the third and fourth quarters of last year after intervention by Mr Chris van Beljon from Rustenburg and not surprisingly, dozens of supporters, donors, contributors and fellow truck owners. Though not much news and reports have reached us since the start of the latest outreach on Wednesday/Thursday of last week, it is very unlikely that this was the last mass-supported project by a few (many) good men and women of Boere Droogtehulp NPC. (Also see Rustenburg Herald of this week for more news and photos of the latest situation in the worst drought-stricken areas in the country). Keep watching Rustenburg Herald/Bonus if you or your company wishes to support the next outreach project!



The scene at one of many cattle farms in the Namaqualand where cattle used to roam almost freely.

A pit stop along the way to Gamoep, Aggenys and Springbok in the Namaqualand. At least 18 trucks and 15 pick-up trucks with trailers took part in the latest outreach project by Boere Droogtehulp NPC.



Ma-Afrika, the star in the making



BONUS- RUSTENBURG- MA-Afrika Setona is a 16-year-old learner, with dreams bigger than her fears. She is currently in Grade 11 at Lebone College of the Royal Bafokeng.

She is well known amongst her peers as a very dedicated, hard working, talented and active individual. She takes part in most school activities and has an undeniable passion for community service, growth and development. Back in 2016, at the international science expo, she won a silver medal in the international round with her invention of the electro school bag. That was soon followed by a gold medal in 2017 for yet another groundbreaking innovative invention. She has won the Miss Elite South Africa North West 2018 and many more sashes. As of now, she is one of the finalists of the Miss Teen Face of Mahikeng Altitude International South Africa 2020. You can follow her on Facebook: Ma-Afrika Setona or on Instagram: Ma-Afrika Setona.

Road deaths down by 10%

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The number of people who died on South African roads during the festive season has decreased by 10% when compared to the previous period.

Releasing the 2019/20 Festive Season Road Safety Report, Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula said the total number of fatal crashes were down by 3% from 1 438 in 2018/19 to 1 390 in 2019/20.

According to the Minister, 111 people died on the roads in the Free State, 144 in Mpumalanga, 136 in the Western Cape, 110 in the North West, 49 in the Northern Cape, 242 in the Eastern Cape, 354 in Kwazulu-Natal, 217 in Limpopo and 254 in Gauteng.

The North West province, according to statistics, recorded a 16% decline. "Vehicles mostly involved in fatal crashes were light

motorcars at 42%, light delivery vehicles at 20% and minibuses or combis at 9%," Mbalula said.

The number of vehicles that were stopped and checked over the festive period increased from 1.3 million in the previous period, to 1.5 million. Law enforcement officials conducted a total of 1 924 roadblocks nationwide, compared to 775 roadblocks in the previous period. "More than 573 147 motorists were issued with traffic fines. The number of traffic fines issued decreased by 191 862, as a result of increased compliance with road regulations by motorists," said the Minister.

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Protea Athletics Club doing well at friendly meeting

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Laerskool Rustenburg athletes of Protea Athletics Club did very well at a friendly athletics meeting on 23 January 2020 where Laerskool Burgersfort and Rustenburg-Noord also participated. 1500m: Carmen Dicks - first girls u/13, Lean Scholts – second boys u/13; 1200m: Lelanie Eloff - first girls u/11, Nathan Havenga - first boys u/11, Marnus Pienaar - first boys u/10, Mikita Pienaar - first girls u/10, Lu-elle Pienaar - fourth girls u/10; 800m: Carmen Dicks – first girls u/13; Nathan Havenga - second boys u/13; 600m: Mikita Pienaar - first girls u/9 (2.20), Lu-elle Pienaar - second girls u/9 (2.21).



Carmen Dicks.



Marnus Pienaar.



Mikita Pienaar.



Lu-elle Pienaar.



Lelanie Eloff.



Nathan Havenga.

“Ottosdal Draf en Trap”



Nicky Kruger of Run Walk for Life received a gold medal for completing the 80km MTB and 42.2km road race at Ottosdal. Excellent achievement.



James London received an award for the 1st veteran in the 21km Ottosdal Road Race.



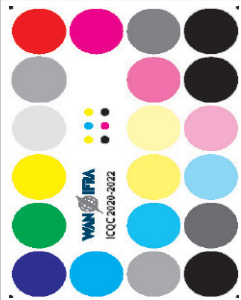
MJ Venter obtained a seventh position in the 5km fun run at Ottosdal.



Helen Venter of Run Walk for Life completed the 10km at Ottosdal.



Lukas Grunewald, Willie Coetzee, Dick Venter and Don Havenga of Run Walk for Life completed the 10km Ottosdal road race.



CANSA Relay for Life

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - CANSA Relay for Life Rustenburg will be taking place on 7 and 8 February 2020 at ATKV Buffelspoort from 18:00 on 7 February until 06:00 on 8 February.

Theme: Colours of Hope. Please join CANSA for the Relay for Life Rustenburg, which will be a fun-filled overnight team experience to raise funds for education, care and support services. Trophies for the best fundraising, best dress and best spirit.

For more information please contact

Tania Wolmarans at 071 628 5043/ twolmarans0@gmail.com (team registrations), Miemie Nel at 082 602 4217/miemienel19@gmail.com (survivors registration) and Talitta van Niekerk at 078 223 9344/tvanniekerk@cansa.org.za (staff partner).

Behind the wheel: Gustav Clappen Jnr

BONUS -RUSTENBURG - In our series about local motor sport stars, we are focusing on Gustav Clappen Jnr this week.

For the Clappen’s, motor racing is a family affair. Both Gustav and his sister, Chantell, are avid racers with dad, Gustav Snr, proudly supporting from the side. Gustav (33) has been racing now for some racing 10 years - with the same Toyota Corolla. The brassy blue devil started with a 3T Toyota engine with a suck-turbo. After a heavy beating, they changed over to a methanol breathing 400kw monster. Gustav’s best E.T time was 10.8 sec early in 2019. But this year he’ll be pushing to brake in to the 9 second bracket. He hopes to do this at the next Tuner Wars event scheduled for 29 February at the Tarlton racetrack. When he’s not on the racetrack, Gustav is a mechanic at the Clappen’s torque tuning business. In his free time he loves fishing, the outdoors and, of course building race cars.

He’s favourite drivers are Leon du Plooy from Turbo Extreme and Marius “Fullboost” Oosthuizen from Fullboost Performance.



Gustav Clappen Jnr with his fire-breathing Toyota Corolla.

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Landri Janse van Rensburg won the 200m for girls u/15 at the Interhouse Athletics meeting of Hoërskool Rustenburg on 21 January 2020.
(Anton de Villiers)



Landri winning at Interhouse

Rustenburg Herald's Bonus Sport News

Blitzboks bites the dust

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The Blitzboks had one of their worst tournaments up to date.
The squad could only manage a tenth position after they were beaten convincingly by fellow Africans Kenya.
The Springbok Sevens management and players took full responsibility for their disappointing finish at the HSBC New Zealand Sevens on Sunday. The Blitzboks lost 36-14 to Kenya in their final Pool B match and then went down 12-5 to Fiji in the 9th place playoff at FMG Stadium Waikato. Kenya's victory over the Blitzboks came after 14 consecutive wins for the South Africans, and two tries in the last two minutes by Fiji meant the Hamilton tournament ended in misery for Neil Powell and his squad. These results, coupled with New Zealand winning their home tournament, saw the Blitzboks drop to joint-second spot on the overall HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series standings after three tournaments of 10 played. The Kiwis, who beat France by 27-5 in the final, top the log with 63 points, followed by South Africa and France (48 points each).
The Blitzboks has departed for Australia on Monday (27 January), where they will start their preparations for the HSBC Sydney Sevens.

Run into the Sunset

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Entries for popular The Run Into the Sunset Race at the Rustenburg Golf Club on Thursday 6 February 2020, hosted by Run Walk for Life, are now open.
The Run into the Sunset Race starts at 17:30 with a 2km (R50), 5km (R70) and a 10km (R90). Runners will run/walk on the golf course. Companies, families and clubs are all invited to take part in this unique event. The first 800 athletes (runners and walkers) will receive a medal and other hand outs. Lots of hampers and vouchers are going to be part of the spot prizes. Entries on race day from 15:00 at the Golf Club. Pre-entries at the Run Walk for Life Club. Food and drinks will be offered for sale. Enquiries: 083 350 7839.

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