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Suspect apprehended for murder of young teacher

BONUS - MOGWASE - On Friday (3 July) an intelligent driven operation by multi-disciplinary team comprising of Bojanala District and Zeerust Task Teams as well as Provincial Traffic arrested a 40-year-old suspect for the alleged murder of the late young teacher, Khumontle Mokgosi.

According to information received from Brig Sabata Mokgwabone, Northwest police spokesperson, Mokgosi's lifeless body was found on Monday (29 June) at her rented place in Magong Village near Mogwase by neighbours and members of the School Governing Body (SGB). They conducted a search after the young teacher failed to report for duty. It is suspected that the deceased, whose body was found with hands and feet tied, died due to strangulation.

A case of murder was opened for investigation. The suspect was arrested at Goo-Mokgatle Section in Dinokana village outside of Zeerust. During the arrest, the suspect was found in possession of the deceased's bank card as well as recently bought goods such as clothes, a car battery and liquor. Preliminary investigations revealed that Mokgosi's bank card was used to withdraw cash from ATMs in Northam and Zeerust.

Furthermore, the team managed to recover Mokgosi's two cell phones.

The suspect was expected to appear at the Mogwase Magistrates Court on Monday (6 July) for murder.

He will also face additional charges of theft and possession of suspected stolen goods.

A little joy, a little despair

There were mixed emotions on Monday (6 July) as some parents could finally send their children back to school, while parents of learners in the majority of grades still have to wait until the government publishes dates for those learners to return. Grade six and grade eleven learners, as well as grade R's at schools which were considered ready, returned to school at the beginning of the week. And although parents of learners going back to class felt apprehensive, there was still a sense of relief regarding the return to some degree of normality. Christelle Niemandt and Letitia Cronje celebrated the fact that the responsibility for their children's schooling no longer lies squarely on their shoulders, while Jolene Fourie and Marelize du Rand lament the postponement of the other grades returning to the schoolyard.

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Post Office parcel delays

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - if you have been waiting for a long time for a parcel from the Post Office, the State-owned postal service says it is experiencing hold-ups due to COVID-19 restrictions.

"The SA Post Office would like to advise Kruger said. Kruger said they currently have its customers that mail processing does not a third of their workforce owing to regulations take place at the normal rate under lockdown governing social distancing on their sorting 3 regulations, leading to delays, particularly floor at mail processing facilities. The Post in international items," spokesperson Johan Office apologises for the inconvenience to customers and would like to thank them for their patience and understanding during these difficult times.

#CuppaForCANSA competition - Your Story is Worth more than Gold

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - CANSA is excited to announce a new competition 'Celebrate Life - Your Story is Worth more than Gold', closing 31 October 2020. Participants may enter online and can win fabulous prizes.

"We're excited to introduce 'Celebration of Life' and invite you to share your 'Cuppa' story with us by hosting an intimate Cuppa with your family groups, friends or colleagues at work. And of course, please observe all lockdown procedures to be safe such as wearing a mask (CANSA sells facemasks and headwear) and applying hand sanitiser frequently. Funds raised from Cuppa For CANSA helps CANSA to continue to deliver much needed care and support services to those affected by cancer. CANSA's Care Centres offer care and support to the local communities, by providing cancer education and information to help reduce the cancer risk, cancer screening and early detection programmes to those who have limited access to health care.

Follow the three easy steps and stand the chance to win amazing prizes: Make your payment on Quicket and fill in the Cuppa Competition Form online at the link supplied after payment, Host your Cuppa, Submit your photos. You may enter more than one category - R100 per category entry. This Cuppa competition sees the introduction of CANSA Ambassadors to help promote participation and who are the judges of the competition. They are Lifestyle Chef - Izelle Hoffman; singer, songwriter and entertainer - Nataniël; news anchor, presenter, MC, actress and voiceover artist - Rozanne McKenzie; stylist, consultant and presenter of Glam Guru - Hannon and event planner and TV presenter - Aleit Swanepoel. It's terrific having the support of these celebrities as our Cuppa For CANSA judges".

Lighthouse Children's Home

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Lighthouse Children's Home is a non-profit organisation based in Rustenburg. They offer a place of safety to vulnerable children. Lighthouse Children's Home is currently taking care of 25 children between the ages of one month and 12 years.

In January 2020, a new management team was established and their aim is to be transparent and to fulfill an integral part of the community. The home is under the perceptive and careful management of Ms E Doubell - Chairperson, Financial Director Ms G Coelho and Ms A Nortje - Director of Communications. Their mission is "to be a beacon of hope in the darkness", to provide hope, a future and to create a healthy and

safe environment within which children can flourish. Their vision is to involve the Rustenburg community to empower and educate the children as well as to raise awareness on the importance of creating and maintaining healthy stable family units. For more information and to help please contact Ms Elsa Doubell at 083 493 5911, Mr Gaylen Coelho at 082 780 1052 or Ms Amorice Nortje at 084 677 1979.

Toddlers may go back to school and day care centers

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Great news for nursery schools is that Judge Hans Fabricious found in favour of the Solidarity "Beroepsgilde vir Maatskaplike Werkers" and the Solidarity 'Skole-ondersteuningsentrum (SOS)' on Monday that private nursery schools and day care centers are entitled to reopen immediately provided that these institutions are able to do so safely.

The two organisations lodged the case against the Department of Social Development since no indications of a fixed date has been announced with regard to the reopening of nursery schools.

Judge Fabricious declared the ruling that "the sector for early child development consisting of Grade R and younger learners, may not reopen during Level 3 of

the Lockdown" as unconstitutional. "We are delighted, Solidarity said in a statement released on Monday: "This is a great relief for thousands of parents who will now have the peace of mind that they are able to leave their children in the care of responsible and equipped teachers and educators in a time that it is so desperately needed", the movement said.



Mandela Day 2020

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - "Grace Help Centre calls on the greater community to show your support and assistance to the most the vulnerable during this period.

How you can make a difference this Mandela Day.

Grace Help Centre Child and Youth Care Centre is in need of the following much needed essentials: Camping cots or wooden cots - 6; mattresses - 20 and matching bedding and pillows; curtains with cheerful children's prints; feeding chairs - 10; toddler stimulation play pits with plastic balls and stimulation toys. ECD Centre Development - Grace Help Centre is in the process of establishing a ECD Centre that provides a ECD programme for our 4 to 6 year old children. The Centre is in the process of establishing a ECD centre for 20 children that provide the much needed stimulation especially during this lockdown period. The Centre would welcome donations of: Educational materials for an ECD Centre - educational posters, stimulation toys, scooters and bicycles.

Victim empowerment program - The victim empowerment program is for women and children that are victims of gender based violence.

The centre is currently home to 25 women and would welcome donations of the following items: Pamper/Welcome Packs - For each woman on her arrival at the centre, she can receive a bag filled with essentials such as a face cloth, a pamper product even if its just a hand cream, a notebook and a pen toiletries or an item of clothing. The centre is in urgent need of a washing machine. Furniture essentials are always welcome such as occasional chairs, lounge suites and occasional cushions.

If you wish to create a more lasting structure, we want to erect a lock up storage facility to store the victims personal essentials in while they are in our care. Secondly we want to set up a lock up facility that will be used as a training centre for the women to be able to become self sustainable and upskilled to become functional members of society again. If you feel that you can contribute or make a donation in regard to any of the following, we welcome you to please call Rina on 072 348 6526 or mail gracecentre@gmail.com".

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MTN data prices to fall

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The Competition Commission has welcomed the decision for MTN to slash its data costs after reaching a settlement agreement recently.

The agreement follows the Data Services Market Inquiry (DSMI) report released last year, which found that data in South Africa was excessively expensive, and that MTN and Vodacom charge more at home than in other countries where they have operations.

MTN has since decided to reduce the price of 30-day prepaid bundles up to 1 GB, with the 1GB monthly bundle being reduced to R99. In addition, from 1 May 2020, the mobile telecommunication company implemented retail price reductions across all its retail channels.

They also said they would offer their customers zero-related access to some South Africa’s Public Benefit Organisations and about 500 websites, focusing on education, healthcare and job recruitment via MTN’s own website, which will be capped at 500MB per customer and be subjected to terms and conditions listed in the settlement.

“These websites include health institutions, public universities, Technical and Vocational Education and Training colleges, educational resources, educational institutions and employment portals,” MTN said.

Manager investigated over alleged assault

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The chairperson of the management committee of a retirement village is in hot water after he allegedly assaulted a 76-year-old resident of the village.

According to the resident, a disagreement over a garden worker escalated. The resident claims that he intervened when the chairperson attempted to prevent his garden worker from entering the complex. He alleges that the chairperson slapped him against the head when he insisted that his worker should be allowed in. “I fell to the ground, dazed. As soon as I got up, the man slapped me again,” the resident told Bonus/Rustenburg Herald during an interview.

Police are investigating the incident.

To read the full report, see this week’s Rustenburg Herald.

SARS to issue automatic assessments

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - SARS is changing the tax filing season due to the coronavirus – here’s what you need to know.

SARS commissioner Edward Kieswetter said that the season will be comprised of three phases with a number of key changes being made.

Below he outlined the phases and what will be expected of taxpayers and companies over each period.

Phase 1 – Employer filing - took place 15 April to 31 May.

Phase 2 – Tax file updates - started at 1 June and will end 31 August 2020. During this period taxpayers are requested to engage with SARS to ensure that their tax files are up to date, in terms of general hygiene checks, banking details, address changes, Kieswetter said.

He added that most of these tasks can be completed online. “All outstanding third party information will also be followed up during this period to ensure the highest level of data integrity. Third-party data providers, including employers, who remain willfully non-compliant will be charged criminally during this period.

“During this phase a significant number of taxpayers will receive auto-assessments and given an opportunity to confirm their acceptance of the assessment outcome,” Kieswetter said.

He added that during phase 2, individual taxpayers who are required to file but have not been auto-assessed may file early via online facilities if their employers and other third-party data providers are fully complaints (which includes no PAYE debt without a proper and secure deferment arrangement). Individuals who are not required to file will be informed, he said.

Phase 3 – Employee filing - will start officially on 1 September and will run until 31 January 2021. Kieswetter said that during this phase, individuals who are required to file will be reminded.

“Individuals who are non-provisional taxpayers or

Beware when buying online

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - When buying items online, even from well-known sites, be aware that scammers might be out to con you.

Local police has said that they have seen an increase in the reporting of fraud cases involving online transactions.

“Do not pay over any money before you have made absolutely sure that the item you are buying is legitimate,” warns capt Elsabé Augoustides, local police spokesperson.

She says it is especially car transactions that see a lot of people being scammed out of their money.

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BONUS - RUSTENBURG -
Following the announcement by Government in mid-June and the proposed relaxation of certain Level 3 lockdown regulations, including non-contact sports such as golf, tennis, cricket and others, Motorsport South Africa (MSA), in conjunction with all facets of our sport, is working very closely with the department of Sport and Recreation South Africa (SRSA) to establish the operational parameters and guidelines to resurrect motorsport championships at the earliest possible opportunity.

Looking ahead, and taking into account the myriad of ambiguous questions surrounding interprovincial cross-border travel, opening up of guest houses and bed and breakfasts, definitive regulations pertaining to public gatherings, pending legislation regarding identified 'hotspot' zones, anticipated provincial and regional spike projections etc., SACCS are cautiously optimistic that our season could restart in August with the Bronkhorstspuit 400 on 14 and 15 August. 2020.

Pending the easing of the current COVID-19 regulations, the intention with the approval of MSA, is for the 2020 SACCS championship to comprise four events – the Mpumalanga 400 hosted in February this year, the Bronkhorstspuit 400 in August, the Nampo 400 on 18/19 September and the Parys 400 on 23/24 October 2020.