

One suspect dead, another injured in Fatima Bhayat - p 2





## AT WHITE HOUSE **WE OFFER**

MEDICAL DETOX (ALL DRUGS)

INPATIENT PROGRAMME

**OUTPATIENT PROGRAMME** (8 WEEKS) INCLUDING:

- Assessment
- Random Substance Testing
- · 12 Steps of Recovery
- Aftercare
- Reintegration

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Massage
- Meditation
- · Recovery Lectures and Workshops HIV/AIDS Counselling and Education · (Addiction as Disease)
- Audio-Visual Presentations
- Music Therapy
- · Yoga and Gym





### THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTIONS

- Cognitive Behaviour Therapy •
- Breaking through Denial and Acceptance
  - Relapse Prevention •
  - Support Groups •
  - Post-Traumatic Stress •
  - Anger Management Marriage/Relationship Problems •
  - Behavior Modification •

Employee Health and Wellness Services •

NB! RECOVERY MATERIALS INCLUDED CASH & MEDICAL AID ACCEPTED TRANSPORT IS AVAILABLE

Our Team: Doctors, Social Workers, Psychologists, Nurses, Counsellors, Psychiatrists White House Sober Clinic is registered with Department of Social Development and Department of Health.

- (a) +27 (0) 72 596 4599 | +27 (0) 83 313 8666 | 0749475530 | 086 663 1380
- 🔀 info@whitehouserehab.co.za 😇 www.whitehouserehab.co.za 📑 💆 @whitehouserehab



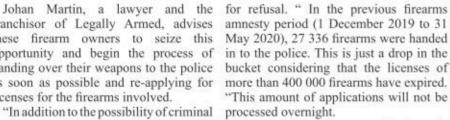
# **Deadline looming** for expiry of firearm amnesty period

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Firearm owners whose firearm licenses have expired have mere days to legally apply for their licences of their firearms to be renewed.

franchisor of Legally Armed, advises these firearm owners to seize this opportunity and begin the process of handing over their weapons to the police as soon as possible and re-applying for licenses for the firearms involved.

"In addition to the possibility of criminal prosecution, such firearm owners run the risk that any license application for new weapons that they would now purchase will also be denied due to the license that has expired. We have repeatedly experienced that an expired license is

grounds



The sooner your application is submitted, the sooner you will get your

Legally Armed, a company that helps firearm owners with all aspects firearm licensing (for

private and business purposes), handled about 1 250 of the applications in the previous amnesty period.

"Our experience is that people tend to put it off until the very end. In addition, many people could not submit their applications on time due to the Covid-19 lockdown.

"Due to the pandemic, we hear from time to time about police stations being closed because some of the members contracted Covid-19. Consequently, it is even more important that applications are submitted in good time. You do not want to lose your firearm because you postponed the process to the last minute and your nearest police station was closed when you wanted to submit your application, "says Martin.

**△ CORONA** 

Get the facts, join the Corona whatsapp service



Simply add to whatsapp and type "Hi" You will be prompted from there



# Fuproewers-eetkamerstel

'n Deftige, stylvolle en uiters raar 14-sitplek-eetkamerstel van A-graad Imbuia op twee pragtige, massiewe gedraaide pote -3 m x 1.5 m tafel asook een koepelbuffet en een bedieningsbuffet albei 2.15 m lank. Alles uitsoekgehalte Imbuia in klassieke styl en perfekte toestand teen 'n absolute weggeeprys van

R50 000! Skakel 0824523486.



# Non extension of **Temporary Employer-Employee Relief worrying**

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The Democratic Alliance has noted with concern reports that the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) has decided not to extend the Temporary Employer-Employee Relief (Ters) saying that this would be a blow to cash strapped workers, especially in the sectors of the economy impacted by the adjusted level 3 lockdown.

"This is especially true for the tourism, hospitality and liquor industries. The DA maintains that for as long as the government prevents people from participating in the economy, it has a duty to mitigate the devastating economic impact with financial assistance," they said in a statement.

So far the UIF has disbursed roughly R56 billion in Ters benefits for the period from end of March to 15 October 2020.

"We know there is still money in the pot. A written reply from a DA parliamentary question last year indicated that the UIF was sitting on a total investment portfolio of R114 billion as at 31 March, with R60 billion in liquid assets and R54 billion in illiquid assets." the DA concluded.

# Repo rate remains unchanged

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The Monetary Policy Committee has decided to keep the repo rate unchanged at 3.5% per annum, Reserve Bank Governor, Lesetja Kganyago announced recently.

Kganyago said during the MPC meeting, two members of the committee preferred a 25 basis point cut and three preferred to hold rates at the current level.

In the third quarter of 2020, the South African economy grew by 66.1% quarter on quarter, seasonally adjusted and annualized, compared to the Bank's expected 50.3% growth. He said the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is now expected to by 3.6% in 2021 and by 2.4% in 2022; GDP growth of 2.5% is expected in 2023.



DORAH (630303230786)

is looking for piece job for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Can clean, cook and iron.

078 180 8966

publication are regarded exempt from

# Drop in road **fatalities**

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - It has recently announced that the fatalities on South African roads during the 2020 festive season declined by seven percent when compared to the previous year.

Minister of Transport Fikile Mbalula said overall, we recorded 1 448 fatalities from 1 210 fatal crashes. which represents a 7% decline in fatalities and 10.3% decline in fatal crashes year-on-year.

The Minister released the 2020 Festive Season Road Statistics on Friday (22 January).

"Although we have recorded a decline in fatalities in eight of the nine provinces, we fell short in achieving our ambitious 20% target we set for this festive season," said Mbalula.

North West province recorded a decline 2.0%, with 99 fatalities compared to 101 in 2019/20.

# One suspect dead, another injured at **Fatima Bhayat**

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - A suspect was killed and a woman injured in a robbery that took place on Friday morning (22 January) in Fatima Bhayat Street in the Rustenburg CBD.

to Russel Meiring, According spokesperson for ER24, at 10:00 paramedics arrived on the scene to find the local authorities already in attendance. A man, believed to have been a suspect, was found some distance outside a shop while a woman was found seated inside the one store. Medics assessed the man and found he had sustained fatal injuries while seeking cover during the shooting.

The woman was treated for her injuries and thereafter transported to a nearby hospital for further care. The details surrounding this incident are unknown at this stage, but local authorities were on the scene for further investigations.

# Rustenburg

Contact us

Tel: 014 592 8329 Fax: 014 592 1869 E-mail: mailbag@rustenburgherald.co.za Address: 13 Coetzer Street, Rustenburg, 0299

### Code of Conduct

This newspaper subscribes to the Code of Ethics and Conduct for South African Print and Online Media that prescribes news that is truthful, accurate, fair and balanced. If we don't live up to the Code, within 20 days of the date of publication of the material, plea contact the Public Advocate at 011 484 3612, fax: 011 484 3619. You can also contact our Case Officer on khanyim@ombudsman.org.za or Press lodge a complaint on our website www.presscouncil.org.za Council all liability/claims by third parties.

Published by North West Newspapers (Pty) Ltd. and printed by North West Web Printers (Pty) Ltd a division of CTP Limited 13 Coetzer Street. All rights and reproduction of all reports, photographs, drawings and all materials published in this newspaper are hereby reserved in terms of Section 12 (7) of the Copyright Act No 96 of 1978 and any amendments thereof. North West Newspapers will assume no responsibility with regard to copyright of material submitted for publication by advertisers. readers. All artistic or creative work, photographs and advertising material submitted for

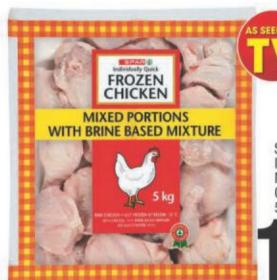
**Newspapers** 



# START WITH A WIT

**START WITH 21 000 FREE SHOPPING GIVEAWAYS** 





SPAR
IQF
Mixed
Chicken Portions
5 kg

SPAR FULL CREAM MILK
Lamp Line
Lamp Line
Lint produces

SPAR

6 x 1 litre

SPAR
Long Life
Full Cream,
2% Low Fat or
Fat Free
Milk



SPAR French Polony 2 kg



Tastic Parboiled, Wholegrain Brown, Soft & Absorbing White or Quick Cook Long Grain Rice 2 kg

2899 per pack







Lucky Star Pilchards in Tomato, Chilli or Sweet Chilli Sauce 400 g

BUY ANY 2 FOR 3800



SPAR Sunflower Oil

**42**99



SPAR Super Maize Meal 12,5 kg 7999

Specials available at selected SPAR and SUPERSPAR stores (excluding KWIKSPAR and SPAR Express stores) from 27 January up to and including 31 January 2021, while stocks last. We reserve the right to limit quantities. Not available in KwaZulu-Natal, Lowveld, Eastern or Western Cape. TV products available nationally. Prices include VAT.

\*Maximum of 10 e-Coupons per customer, for each SPAR Rewards product featured.



Free shopping giveaways exclusive to SPAR Rewards customers.
Sign up today. It's free and instant.
www.spar.co.za Find us on f/myspar

COMPETITION RUNS FROM 12 JAN - 7 FEB

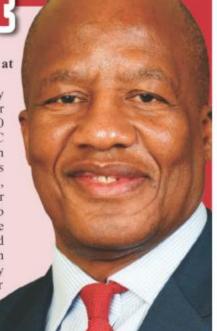
# Jackson Mthembulaldto rest

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The late government Minister, Jackson Mthembu, was laid to rest in an emotional funeral service at his home town of Emalahleni (Witbank).

The funeral took place at the Roman Catholic Church near Mthembu's home at Ackerville, Emalahleni, in Mpumalanga. Mthembu's untimely death after suffering complications of Covid-19 pandemic, shocked the nation to its roots last week. Mthembu was born at Schoongezicht farm in Emalahleni (formerly Witbank) in Mpumalanga on June 5 1958. He was the firstborn son of Mama Rosie Nantoni Mthembu. In his formative years, he attended Schoongezicht American Board Primary School and Kromkrans Farm School before moving to Elukhanyisweni Secondary School in Emalahleni. The

anti-apartheid activist, who was part of ranks when he was elected as the deputy the liberation struggle inside SA, cut his political teeth in student politics in the 1970s and his activism continued when he was a student at the University of Fort Hare, resulting in his expulsion in 1980. Later Mthembu contributed immensely to the establishment of the Union of Metal Workers, in which he served as a senior shop steward at Highveld Steel Corporation. During the state of emergency in the 1980s, his political activism resulted in him spending several months in detention without trial, mostly in solitary confinement. He later rose through the

regional secretary of the UDF and after the unbanning of the ANC, between 1990 and 1994, he worked as the full time ANC spokesperson in Mpumalanga. He served in several strategic roles including the ANC's national executive committee since 2007, as a MP, national ANC spokesperson under President Nelson Mandela from 1995 to 1997 and was appointed to the same role again from 2009 to 2014. He also served as the ANC chief whip, and minister in the presidency. Mthembu is survived by his siblings, wife Thembi Mthembu, their children and a grandchild.



# Legendary talk-show host Larry King dies at 87

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Larry King, the longtime CNN host who became an icon through his interviews with countless newsmakers and his sartorial sensibilities, has died. He was 87.

King hosted "Larry King Live" on CNN for over 25 years, interviewing presidential candidates, celebrities, athletes, movie stars and everyday people. He retired in 2010 after taping more than 6 000 episodes of the show.

was statement

posted on his verified Facebook account Angeles," the statement said. "For 63 announcing his passing. His son, Chance, confirmed King's death last Saturday morning. "With profound sadness, Ora Media announces the death of our cofounder, host and friend Larry King, who passed away this morning at age 87 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los

years and across the platforms of radio, television and digital media, Larry's many thousands of interviews, awards, and global acclaim stand as a testament to his unique and lasting talent as a broadcaster." The statement did not give a cause of

# Process on new valuation roll officially kicks off

Waldie Volschenk

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - For property owners who will be affected by the implications of the Rustenburg Municipality's new Valuation Roll, the process will be officially "on" with the Rustenburg Municipality's certification of the roll on January 31 2021.

From January 31, the process will involve viewing your property's proposed valuation on the roll if you

Get rich quick Magic wallet, casino & lotto



haven't done so to date and objecting to it should owners feel that the increase is not reasonable or market related.

Municipal valuations on property form the basis of assessment rates and are in many cases more than likely to be at least double the amount they have budgeted for on their monthly municipal accounts. With or without minor changes made to the roll, the new valuation roll will be implemented in terms of the

municipal budget from the 1st of June this year. Property owners fear that the latest development will be a heavy extra burden on land and property owners within the jurisdiction of the Rustenburg Municipality.

Property valuations were in the news and hotly debated since the roll-out of the new valuation roll early last year and have caused an uproar among property owners who in spite of a sharp decline in property market values throughout the past five to seven years, will now be expected to fork us much more than previously for indeed investing in the Rustenburg economy.

Furthermore, objecting to your listing

on the roll, implies considerably more than lodging a complaint with the municipality and hoping for a successful outcome.

Objections are to be accompanied by an alternative evaluation by a recognised evaluator and could also incur further costs in terms of legal expenses, albeit for the second time, since hundreds of outraged property owners have spent considerable amounts of money in acquiring an alternative valuation from evaluators/lawyers last year, only to hear that the valuation roll of 2020 will be put on hold while the roll is being revised and amendments were being made. Very little came from these undertakings however and to a large extent it seems that the Rustenburg Municipality is pushing for exactly the same controversial Valuation Roll than that of last year to be approved.

# THE SOLUTION YOU ARE LOOKING FOR

I have 10 years experience in helping and guiding people who need help and answers to their unanswered questions. I specialise in healing spells and witch craft, helping women and men to achieve their goals in life and prosper as successful business people. I am a native spell caster with powers to change the past and present into a brighter future. Are you affected with witch craft, curse, evil, black magic, bad wax, vodoo, hex, lack of promotion, slow growth in business, enemies, low sex drive, painful menstruation, not conceiving children, short temper, low self-esteem, enemies, lack of confidence, negative energies, is he/she weak in bed, is your partner having an affair or you lost him/her, do you want to get married, you want to stop a divorce, financial problems, to get more customers, dryness/lots of vaginal fluid, pain during sex, bad smell from your discharge, court cases, winning tenders, contracts, political favours, interpretation of dreams.

- \* Financial problems
- \* Manhood problems
- \* Unfinished jobs
- \* Magic wallets, promotion at work.
- \* Lost lover & marriage problems / love potions

# **BABA NKUNA 082 505 4257**

### Financial Problems

He saved my life when he helped me to settle my debts, I even managed to boost my business and renovated my beautiful house.

MUSAWO SENTE is very good in helping people, he is there to help each and everyone having any problem. I promise your life will never be the same.

- Speak to your ancestors.
- Divorce problems.
- Protection at work and
- Start your own business.
- Financial problems.
- Wash your luck

**☎** or **୭ MUSAWO SENTE** 079 918 7769

# **Free** advertisements!

BONUS - RUSTENBURG -Readers and advertisers can still place their Classified Ads (Smalls) absolutely FREE OF CHARGE in the Rustenburg Herald.

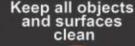
Simply go to our website at https:// www.northwestnewspapers.co.za/ herald/, click on the Classified Adverts heading, follow the steps and submit your ad of 15 words or less - no payment required! For every word more than 15, you will only pay R1,50 per word.



with others

Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands







Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when sneezing





Wash your hands after úsing your workstation

# SUMMER CARNUAL CARNUAL

**DUR FAMOUS SUMMER CARNIVAL NOW ON!** 

VALID MONDAY 25 - SUNDAY 31 JANUARY 202















# FOOD LOVER'S MARKET

Specials Valid Until Sunday 31 January 2021

AVAILABLE AT SELECTED FOOD LOVER'S MARKET STORES IN THE INLAND REGION: GAUTENG, LIMPOPO, NORTH WEST, MPUMALANGA AND FREE STATE.

Visit www.foodloversmarket.co.za to see all our super specials

VISIT www.roogioversmarket.co.za to see all our super specials

HAMILTONS ADVERTISING 20012T + NO HAWKERS + NO TRADERS + WE RESERVE THE BIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES + EBGE + WHILE STOCKS LIST + ACTUAL PRODUCTS ON OFFER MAY DIFFER FROM VISUALS SHOWN, AS THESE ARE SERVING SUGGESTIONS ONLY.







# MADE BY MOTHER NATURE BROUGHT TO YOU BY

FOOD LOVER'S MARKET











Food Lover's Chopped Spinach, Baby Spinach or Summer Salad **3forR50** 



Romanita Cocktail Tomato Punnets **2forR20** 



3forR25



Sweetcorn Punnets 4's **2forR30** 



bbages, Spinach Bunches, Beetroot Bunches, Leek Bunches & Parsley Bunches **2forR30** 



Everyday Roast Veg 500 g , Crispy Crunch 375 g or Hearty Veg Stir-fry 375 g

1 x Lettuce Prepack,
1 x English Cucumber,
1 x Green Pepper Thriftpack &
1 x Cocktail Tomato Punnet

R50

ppers



Pickling Onion Bags
2forR20







# FOOD LOVER'S MARKET

Specials Valid Until Sunday 31 January 202

AVAILABLE AT SELECTED FOOD LOVER'S MARKET STORES IN THE INLAND REGION: GAUTENG, LIMPOPO, NORTH WEST, MPUMALANGA AND FREE STATE.

Visit www.foodloversmarket.co.za to see all our super specials

HAMILTONS ADVERTISING 200121 • NO HAWKERS • NO TRADERS • WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES • ERGE • WHILE STOCKS LAST • ACTUAL PRODUCTS ON OFFER MAY DIFFER FROM VISUALS SHOWN, AS THESE ARE SERVING SUGGESTIONS ONLY.





GUARANTEED!









Lenasia butchery & store are strictly Halaal & NIHT-certified. No pork products sold in-store. Potchefstroom butchery is Halaal & does not stock all the meat products as advertised.

# FOOD LOVER'S MARKET

IN FRESH GUARANTEED!













# FOOD

AVAILABLE AT SELECTED FOOD LOVER'S MARKET STORES IN THE INLAND REGION: GAUTENG, LIMPOPO, NORTH WEST, MPUMALANGA AND FREE STATE.













# Grenville Academic To



Grade 8 Top 10. Grade 9 Top 10.





6 Oboitshepo 7 Onthalite 8 Kuliwano 9 Rejentse Modisane 7 Phaljobasane 8 Mobisi 9 Ntsimo

Grade 9 - Top 10

4 Tilsetso

The palm is the reward of the victorious?

Grade 10 Top 10.

Grade 11 Top 10.

# 21st birthday celebrated

in Karlien Park

Pierre-Darde Hendricks recently celebrated her 21st birthday in the presence of her family members and friends. She is pictured above at her home in Karlien Park. Happy 21st birthday.

# ew 2021 school calendar

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Covid-19 has turned the world upside down, not to mention making life difficult for those in education. As per the Government Gazette 44096 published on 22 January 2021, the reopening of schools will take place in three stages:

# School management teams (the principal, the school management team including education assistants, general assistants and non-teaching staff will return on Monday, 25 January 2021;

# All teachers and educators to return Monday, 1 February 2021;

# All public school learners to return Monday, 15 February 2021;

In addition, "independent schools must delay the date for the reopening of schools for learners to return to school for a period of two weeks from the date of the pronouncement of the Minister, on 15 January 2021". The gazette also points out that officials "may access school premises during the period of closure if required to do so, for purposes of preparation in anticipation of the reopening of schools".

# Matric Farewell photo competition

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The Rustenburg Herald will once again be hosting the very popular annual Matric Farewell Photo competition.

This year, the winner will receive R1 000 in prize-money. The winner's hool will be awarded R1 000 and the photographer will also receive R1 000 as a reward for producing the winning photo. We would like to motivate learners to enter for this competition. To make it affordable to learners, Rustenburg Herald has decided not to increase the entry fee this year and therefore entries will once again cost only R60 per photo. To enter the competition go to the following link: http://bit.ly/heraldmatric2020entry. You may enter as many photographs as you like. Boys and girls are welcome to enter. Entries will close at the end of December 2020 and the winner will be announced at the end of January 2021. For more information please whatsapp Zandré at 071 533 4058.





Naam/Name:	Ouderdom/Age:	
Adres/Address:	Tel no:	

# Blank Space Art competition open once again - entries awaited

RUSTENBURG HERALD - RUSTENBURG - Believe it or not - we are at the beginning of a new year and once again Rustenburg Herald's Blank Space Art competition is open to all artists wishing for an opportunity to earn some handy cash and of course, the main prizes of two extremely valuable Pick n Pay shopping vouchers valued at R10 000 each. We envite all local artists to submit in virtually every medium you could

We envite all local artists to submit their entries in the entry boxes at both above mentioned Pick n Pay stores and reception at Rustenburg Herald's offices in 13 Coetzer Street. In addition to the two grand prizes at the end of the year, two artists coming out on top of our quarterly competition, will each win a cash prize of R1 000 which are sponsored by Rustenburg Herald.

Entries could be paintings/drawings

think of and even handcraft items are welcome. We encourage the public to visit the

We encourage the public to visit the big display panels at each of the two Pick n Pay stores to come to terms with the standard of amateur art in Rustenburg. We also thank all those who have participated in the past and contributed towards the competition and are looking forward to be surprised by our artists in the new year!



# All the news, all the time - free!

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - We are living in the days of fake news, of conspiracy theories spreading faster than wildfire and rampant misinformation.

The Rustenburg Herald, for decades the trusted source for the stories of your city, your region and your country is giving you the news on a silver plate. What's more, it is free of charge. Simply visit our website at www.northwestnewspapers. co.za - click on Herald and all the latest news, competitions, word games and adverts are at your fingertips.

To further sweeten the deal, we also give you free access to all the other newspapers in the Northwest Newspaper Group's stable - Klerksdorp Record, Gemsbok, Stellalander, Noordwester, Mahikeng Mail, Brits Pos, Lentswe, Midweek and Agri-Pulse. Rustenburg Herald and the Northwest Newspaper Group give you the power of information.

# **△ CORONA**

# KNOW THE FACTS:

Coronavirus has "high infectivity but low mortality". Mortality rate ranges between 2-3%. Risk of death is only higher in older people (above an age of 60 years) and people with pre-existing health conditions.

0800-029-999



# **Run Walk for Life**



Run Walk for Life members stay fit and healthy: Tshepiso



Run Walk for Life members stay fit and healthy: Tshepang Morei and Dimakatso Modise. Senne and Keneilwe Molosi.



Run Walk for Life members stay fit and healthy: Lynn van Tonder.



Run Walk for Life members stay fit and healthy: Aneen Lotz.





Shaheda Sulliman.



Run Walk for Life members stay fit and healthy: Moses Motswaedi.



# Run Into the Sunset postpo

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Due to the current situation concerning the corona virus (Covid-19) and based on the Government's guidelines the Run Into the Sunset event that was scheduled for Thursday 4 February 2021 at the Rustenburg Golf Club is postponed until further notice. The organizers will assess the situation accordingly with the Government's and ASA's announcements and guidelines.



**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - The CANSA Relay For Life Rustenburg 2021 will be held on 20 and 21 March 2021 at the Impala Rugby Club, Fatima Bhayat Street Rustenburg. Should you be interested to enter a team or just donate, you are welcome. The registrations are already open and the entry fees per team (maximum 15 people per team) are R650. All Covid-19 regulations will be adhered too. For more information contact Thea Silva (Fund Developer: CANSA Gauteng North) at (012) 329 3036 or 083 784 0181, email: tsilva@ cansa.org.za or follow CANSA on Facebook Twitter|Pinterest.



AT STER-KINEKOR THEATRES **FROM 29 JANUARY** 





BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Stillwater Sports is excited to announce its 2021 trail running event dates which includes the return of South Africa's premier three-day stage trail run, the AfricanX

"2020 has been a challenging year to say the least. We are excited to put it behind us and focus on the future," says Michael Meyer, Managing Director of Stillwater Sports, "We are extremely happy to kick off the 2021 Trail Running Calendar with the iconic AfricanX Trailrun, an event that has become synonymous with keywords such as magnificent trails, spectacular views, mouth-watering food, relaxed atmosphere, great vibe and most importantly teamwork. We are excited to bring back South Africa's premier three-day stage trail run and can't wait to welcome trail runners to the start line." "In April we return to the beautiful town of Stellenbosch where trail runners will be treated to double the action with the Savanna Origin of Trails Trail Run Experience being transformed into an exciting two-day stage race," continues Meyer. "Trail runners will get

to experience the best and most exclusive trails on offer in the 'City of Oaks'. In June we will head to Buffelspoort for the 8th annual Fedhealth Platinum Trail Run. Featuring the best off-road routes on offer in the North West Province, the Fedhealth Platinum Trail Run possesses a perfect balance between challenge and reward. 26 - 28 March 2021: AfricanX Trailrun - Houw Hoek Hotel (Bot River, Overberg Region, Western Cape) - Two-Person Team/Three-Day Stage Race; 24 - 25 April 2021: Savanna Origin of Trails Trail Run Experience - Stellenbosch High School - Individual Runner/Two-Day Stage Race; 6 June 2021: Fedhealth Platinum Trail Run - ATKV Buffelspoort - Individual Runner/ One-Day Trail Run. For more information on Stillwater Sports contact 082 991 0045, email entries@stillwatersports.com or visit www. stillwatersports.com.

# The discontent of dreary semifinals

BONUS - RUSTENBURG HERALD - It was the Currie Cup semifinals the past weekend. I remember the excitement and (mostly) goodhearted pre-match rivalry to the runup of semifinals in the years before Superugby.

Even after a lot of the glitz and the glamour of the Currie Cup faded due to the prominence of the international series, the domestic competition still managed to get hearts racing slightly. But what was on show the past weekend was just sad. Adding to the gloom was the fact that the semifinal between the Stormers and the Sharks would be the final match to ever be played on the hallowed grass of Newlands. Future matches in Cape Town will be played at the Cape Town Stadium. Both the matches - the Bulls vs the Lions and the Stormers vs the Sharks - was like watching a game between the second teams of small town clubs, while sitting in your car listening to your old Celine Dion cd. One can hardly even speak of 'phases of play' or 'set pieces' - it was more like watching a boobooreel filled with knock-ons and collapsed scrums. The explanation is obvious: training times have been adversely affect by Covid-19; squads have been disrupted by Covid-19 and the stadiums are empty due to Covid-19 regulations. The players in both matches tried, they really did. There was courage and commitment, but there was no flair and extremely little entertainment.

The Bulls did manage to beat the Lions 26-21 and the Sharks did beat the Stormers convincingly with 19-9. So, the two most deserving teams will meet in the Currie Cup final on Saturday (30 January), that is true. But after what we've witnessed, not just the past weekend, but rather for the whole of the series, there is very little to stir up enthusiasm for the



Stravino Jacobs of the Vodacom Bulls lost control of the ball for his second try with Tiaan Swanepoel of the Golden Lions attempting to stop him during the Carling Black Label Currie Cup semifinal match on Saturday (23 January) at Loftus Versfeld in Pretoria. (Photo: Anton de Villiers)



T: 014 537 3596 | W: www.hyundai.co.za

R 6 799 pm

Buy a TUCSON













R 2399 pm

7 200 000 km

Volkswagen Polo Vivo - Manual



R2 800 pm



R3 600 pm

HYUNDAI

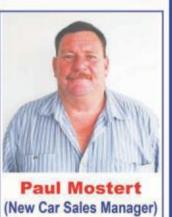
Renault Captur Turbo - Manual



Mahindra Kuv100 1.2 K6+



R3 600 pm



Welcomes you to Hyundai Rustenburg

082 455 4894

R3 800 pm