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Time: 10:00
Date: 25 January 2022
Please note that the meeting will be streamed live on Facebook.

National State of Disaster extended

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) Minister Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma has Gazetted the extension of the National State of Disaster on COVID-19 until 15 February 2022. In a statement, the Ministry on Friday (14 January) said the extension took into account the need to continue augmenting the existing legislation and contingency arrangements undertaken by organs of state and all other role players to mitigate against the impact of the disaster on lives and livelihoods.
“All people are urged to continue adherence to COVID-19 regulations. Everyone has to wear a face mask at all times, social distance, avoid closed and poorly ventilated spaces, large gatherings and wash hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser. We urge all South Africans to heed the call by our government to be vaccinated as it is through mass vaccination that we will be able to achieve herd immunity and ultimately protect lives and livelihoods,” reads the statement.



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Alleged drug dealers arrested at Rhodium Place




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RUSTENBURG HERALD - RUSTENBURG – An intelligence driven operation by the K9 unit, Public Order Police (POP) and Rapid Railway Police Unit (RRPU) on detachment duties and led by Left/Col Keamogetse Tube of the Phokeng K9 Unit has led to the arrest of several suspects for possession and dealing with drugs.

The operation took place in the early hours of Friday morning (14 January) at Rhodium Place, Rustenburg at Kruis Street, near the Rustenburg police station. During the raid, police managed to recover drugs such as Rock, Chrystal Meth, Nyaope and Cat. One of the suspects, alleged to be the kingpin was found in possession of drugs as well as a large amount of cash believed to be from the sale of drugs. The suspects were scheduled to appear before the Rustenburg Magistrates Court on Monday (17 January) on a charge of possession and dealing in drugs. See this week’s edition of the Rustenburg Herald for more information.

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Crooked cop gets 10 years in jail



BONUS - RUSTENBURG – A Former Warrant Officer of the Rustenburg SAPS has been sentenced to a ten years direct imprisonment by the Rustenburg Regional Court on Wednesday for defrauding the South African Police Service (SAPS) of just over R1.7million.

According to a statement issued by the Hawks, Stephan Ferreira (47), was attached to the police’s finance department in Rustenburg up until around 2015. He then resigned after allegations of deceitfully using his fellow unsuspecting co-workers’ log on credentials came to light. Through the unlawful transactions he managed to transfer funds into his personal bank account on at least forty seven occasions in a period spanning five years. Following an investigation by the Hawks’ Serious Commercial Crime Investigation team he was arrested and made his first court appearance in January 2020. After a series of appearances he was consequently convicted 06 December 2021, which has culminated in his sentencing yesterday. The Acting National Head of the Hawks Lieutenant General Tebello Mosikili welcomed the sentence and lauded both the investigating and Prosecuting teams. “We shall continue to root out rogue elements from within our ranks without fear nor favour,” she said.

Taxi Relief fund - apply now

BONUS- RUSTENBURG- Eligible mini bus taxi drivers, cab drivers and e-hailing drivers, who were hard hit during COVID-19 necessitated hard lockdowns, are now able to apply for financial assistance via government’s COVID-19 Taxi Relief Fund (TRF). Transport Minister, Fikile Mbalula, officially opened the application process of the R1.1 billion fund on Tuesday (11 January).

At the launch, the Minister reflected on the impact that the pandemic has had on the transport industry, which he said left many unemployed and facing serious financial troubles. “The loss of revenue during the lockdown for the various transport modes presented an economic challenge, as transport operators experienced an unexpected shortfall in their finances. The taxi industry was no exception to this reality. “Almost 20% or more of the taxi industry experienced total loss of income, particularly the long-distance and cross-border operators as a result of the closure of international borders and the prohibition of inter-provincial travel,” he said. According to Mbalula, at least 227 000 operators are expected to receive an estimated R5 000 in once-off relief. “We believe that the disbursement process we are launching today is a stepping-stone towards the transformation and formalisation of the taxi industry.

While this is a once-off ex gratia payment, it is a demonstration of the seriousness with which we take the role of the taxi industry in the broader public transport value chain,” Mbalula said. “The application process of the relief fund is premised on a web-based system, which will be accessed via the [Transport] department’s website. Applications will be completed online by the operator or via the assistance of a call centre agent. “The call centre is reachable via a toll-free number and operators will be able to either call in or send an SMS with their Identification Number, and a call centre agent will call the operator to assist telephonically with the online application,” Mbalula said. Taxi operators can begin the application process by:• Visiting <http://transport.gov.za>• Contacting the call centre toll free on 0800 201 971• Or sending an SMS to 45864 The application period is expected to be concluded by March this year.

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Big money to be won in Blank Space Art competition



BONUS - RUSTENBURG - After a “short” but exciting 2021 Bonus and Rustenburg Herald once again kick off with our Blank Space Art competition for the new year wherein aspiring artists could win monthly/quarterly prize-money of R1 000 in cash sponsored by Rustenburg Herald.

In addition to this, all monthly/quarterly winners will also have a chance to win big time!

Two Grand Prizes consisting of two shopping vouchers to the value of R10 000 each are also up for grabs courtesy Pick n Pay Greystone Crossing in Azalea Park and Pick n Pay Beyers Naudé at the Lifestyle Square.

The Blank Space Art competition is open to artists of all ages and entries will be judged accordingly. Once again for the first term of the new year, our Chief Judge is well-known artist Mollie Moolman. Great

news is that there is no entry fee and that artists really have a free hand at making their art count in the competition. You may enter as many entries as you wish. Entries submitted could be in just about every style and format imaginable - you could use any type of paint, pen, pencil, clay, ceramic, wood, glass, paper, metal or whatever you prefer provided that your entry would fit into our standard entry boxes of roughly A4 size. Though the paint/draw/sketch medium is by far the most popular among artists, our judge will welcome entries in any medium, so there is no need to hold back.

Entries could be “posted” into the Blank Space entry boxes at both Pick n Pay Stores as well as reception at Rustenburg Herald in 13 Coetzer Street in Rustenburg’s Eastern Industrial area. Keep those entries rolling in and we will keep you posted in every week’s edition of Rustenburg Herald/Bonus.

A closing date for the first term’s competition will be announced at a later stage. Good luck with your entries!





Afriforum cleaning the field next to Santa Monica.



BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Are we seeing the end of the Covid 19 pandemic?

After two years of contagion and death, it seems as if Covid is shifting again.

The Omicron variant is spreading faster than any of the previous variants, but it's also proving less malevolent - at this stage. There's growing talk that the worst pandemic of the past century may soon be known in another way — as endemic.

Health experts, however, are preaching caution, saying there's too much uncertainty about how the virus will evolve, how much immunity society has built up and potential damage if people stop being careful.

It's inevitable that governments will eventually need to regard Covid as one of many public health challenges that can be managed — rather than one requiring the urgency and focus devoted since early 2020.

The appetite for economically damaging lockdowns is long gone. Vaccines are protecting swathes of the population, and there's even hope that omicron, with its frenetic spread and less powerful punch, may be hastening the path to the pandemic's exit.

It's not just governments hoping 2022 is the year Covid can finally move to the back burner of public discourse. A weary public is also desperate to escape and finally put this global

pandemic behind them.

What does 'endemic' mean?

Endemic would mean the disease is still circulating, but at a lower, more predictable rate — and with fewer people landing in hospitals.

The term sometimes means a disease is limited to a specific region, but that doesn't have to be the case with Covid, just as the flu regularly crisscrosses the globe. Seasonal patterns can happen, too, with higher cases in winter, as well as local outbreaks above the expected norm.

The world now has more tools than before, from rapid tests to the ability to update and mass produce vaccines, plus rising levels of immunity through inoculation and earlier bouts of Covid.

While antibodies may dwindle, or even fail to stop infections from new variants, the other major weapon of the immune system — T cells — appears to be robust enough to prevent serious disease.

Multiple studies, meanwhile, point to omicron as being less severe than previous strains. Beyond that, it appears to already be burning out in some places. The rate of new infections in South Africa is falling after December's surge, while hospital admissions in the UK are leveling off.

BirdLife Rustenburg

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - On Saturday, 22 January, BirdLife Rustenburg will take part in the mid-summer, country-wide CWAC (Coordinated Waterbird Count) at Rockwall, Kroondal and Olifantsnek Dams.

Members who would like to participate are welcome to meet at the BP garage at the Mall at 06:00. Please bring your own refreshments and snacks.

The count should be completed by 12:00. Feel free to contact the chairperson, Shaun McGillewie, on 083 702 1462 should you wish to learn more about the Birdlife Rustenburg and would like to attend the events. Also if you need help with identification of a bird - a picture will help with the identification.



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Glory for South Africa after the 44th Dakar Rally

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - A record number of South African competitors took part in the 2022 Dakar Rally that started on 1 January in Jeddah in Saudi Arabia and finished almost 9 000 kilometres and two weeks later on 14 January back in Jeddah.

The results proved that the local South African National Cross Country Series (SACCS) does not only provide the perfect platform for international participation, but the race vehicles manufactured in South Africa are on par with the best in the world.

South Africa is an influential player on the international scene and the SACCS is regarded as the most professional and competitive Cross Country series of its kind in the world. Various vehicle manufacturers, race vehicle constructors and competitors have excelled at the Dakar Rally, known as the toughest motorsport event in the world, for many years. In recent years, race cars have been designed and manufactured in SA for the Dakar Rally and international competition by Toyota Gazoo Racing SA, Century Racing, Red-Lined Motorsport, Neil Woolridge Motorsport and Ford as well as WCT Engineering.

This year, Toyota Gazoo Racing SA claimed its second Dakar Rally victory when Nasser Al-Attiya and Mathieu Baumel took their place on the top step of the podium after leading the race from start to finish. Toyota Gazoo Racing SA (TGRSA), under the experienced and professional guidance of team principal Glyn Hall, developed the new Toyota Hilux DKR T1+ that included changes like making use of a 3.5L V6 twin-turbo engine, bigger wheels and improved travel suspension and Al-Attiya/Baumel as well as three more SA teams, former Dakar Rally winner, Giniel de Villiers and Dennis Murphy; Henk Lategan/Brett Cummings and Shameer Variawa/Danie Stassen, all brought their new Hilux T1+ vehicles home safely.

Variawa/Stassen finished a credible 15th overall. It was Variawa's second Dakar finish and a maiden finish for Stassen after an event where they improved their performance on a daily basis.

Another Midrand race car manufacturer, Century Racing, had no less than 10 locally built CR vehicles in the running of which four were occupied by South African teams. Team owner, Mark Corbett, had to withdraw just days before the event due to an injury and was replaced by multiple SA champion, Chris Visser with Rodney Burke as navigator.

The best performing SA team was Brian Baragwanath who tackled his second Dakar Rally in the vehicle category after participating twice in the quad category where he finished third in 2016.

Baragwanath and navigator, Leonard Cremer made sure the commentators knew about them early in the race when they posted the third fastest time in the opening stage. Their race had its ups and downs which included rolling their CR6 in the third stage and luckily landing on the wheels again. They overcame everything thrown at them to finish a well-earned 14th overall.

Visser, who tackled the Dakar Rally for the second time and after only having driven a CR6 for a few kilometres before the race, and navigator Burke kept it steady during the 4 200 racing kilometres. In stage eight they had a moment when they hit a dune head-on that caused some damage to their vehicle and cost them time. The team finished 29th in the overall standings.

Ernest Roberts/Henry Köhne also had an eventful first Dakar Rally that included rolling their CR6 twice. Their 39th place from 72 teams that made it to the finish, made the long days in the car and long hours for service crews worth it.

The Dakar Rally was also an all-new experience for Schalk Burger and Henk Janse van Vuren who eventually brought their CR6 home in 63rd place. A blown engine in the third stage saw them being towed to the finish by their service truck, but the team persevered and continued despite their time penalties.

Former motorcycle rider and lady navigator, Taye Perry, was the co-driver for five-time motorcycle winner, Cyril Despres, who has been competing in the cars and SSV category since 2015. Perry completed the Dakar Rally in 2020 in the motorcycle category and then navigated Baragwanath to their finish in 2021. The team competed with the Peugeot and finished 19th overall.

Chris Visser and Rodney Burke in action.

Visser and Burke kicking up some dust.



Big smiles from Visser and Burke.



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