

Social media and recent editions of Rustenburg Herald and Bonus have inspired numerous contrasting comments from the Rustenburg public on the condition of the well-known Paul Kruger statue in front of the old Rustenburg City Hall in Fatima Bhayat Avenue in recent weeks. Last week Rustenburg Herald reported that "oom Paul" seemed to have been overwhelmed by surrounding trees and overgrowth since the start of the current rainy season and a photograph of oom Paul indeed pointed to long overdue maintenance on the statue. It did not take long before a Rustenburg based gardening concern came to the rescue in the form of AG Gardening Services. It took this team only approximately 20 minutes to clear the iconic statue of overhanging trees and leaves to once again offer oom Paul a place in the sun. Pictured from left are Alfeus Tigedi, Adriaan Harmse (owner), Lucky Bodigelo, Simon Moatswe, Joel Mothudi and Vincent Sifili.



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The driver's licence renewal problem

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Motorists renewing their driver's licence before 31 March minister Fikile Mbalula previously said the will get an additional three months' grace on their expired licence card.

at the Department of Transport will take - at Licence Card Account (DLCA) would need not changed since January 2022. least - six months to clear.

statement issued late last week they are hoping expected before the deadline. to wipe out the backlog by 30 September 2022.

The department did not explain what would Africa's driving licence cards. Transport rate of 208,000 cards per month. happen in the three-month gap from 1 July to 30 September. It would appear that South Africans that followed the department's instructions and applied before the deadline would still need to fork out for a temporary driver's licence.

Early last week, the department informed parliament that the backlog of licences that expire by 31 March stood at 2.1 million nationwide. The backlog at the end of January 2022 was also 2.1 million. To clear

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to produce 350,000 new cards each month, According to a transport department excluding the last-minute rush of applications plan for the 2021/22 financial year, the

of Transport responsible for producing South 2023/24 financial years show a maximum

DLCA could produce 400,000 cards a month. But the reality is that the current backlog this backlog by September, the Driver's However, despite his claim, the backlog has

> As per the DLCA's annual performance machine has never produced cards at this rate The DLCA is an entity under the Department before. The forecasts for the 2022/23 and

The Automobile Association of South Africa revealed last year that the country had only one driver's licence card printer. And when that machine broke down, production of licences halted, resulting in worsening the backlog. Mbalula shortly afterwards announced that South Africa would be getting a new driver's licence card and printing machine, but this has since been delayed until October 2023.

Retladirela Circuit and its partners launch QLTC



Mr L M Lelaka (Circuit Manager – Retladirela) and his committee, has launched the QLTC (Quality Learning and Teaching Campaign), in Bojanala on Friday (18 March) and commitment was shown by all stakeholders towards quality learning and teaching for all. The crucial role players committed themselves by signing a pledge and the event was fully supported by attendance of Departmental officials and Ms L Rampete that shared the vision as the QLTC Provincial coordinator. The drive, launched in 2008, serves as a pillar to ensure every young South African receives quality education. Through this initiative, the schools in the Retladirela Circuit, called on all individuals and organizations to share the responsibility for improving and supporting Education in their schools. This historic event, served as the beginning of great initiatives that will ensure the youth of our country, will be the generation

to make a positive difference on all levels, as accountable, productive and responsible citizens. Let us take hands and give meaning, through positive engagement. to the the words: "It takes a village to raise a child."

North West Parks employees not being paid for March - already 10 days past the "month-end"



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Employees of the North West Parks Board have picketed at the main entrances of various parks and nature reserves on Monday, 28 March in protest of not being paid for the month of March. A spokesperson of the group who spoke to Rustenburg Herald/Bonus on Monday told us that employees are usually paid on the 20th of each month or on the last Friday of the month, should the 20th coincide with the weekend. To date no-one in the department had however received their salaries and nothing came of the undertaking that this would be corrected no later than the 25th. "We also have bonds to pay, groceries to buy and children to feed", the spokesman told us on Wednesday morning. Rustenburg Herald/Bonus have been struggling to get answers from North West Parks Board on Monday.

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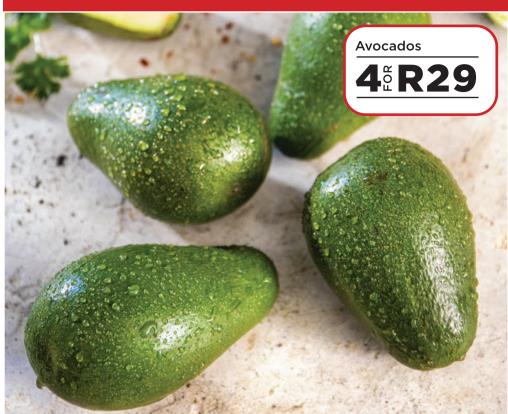
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Suspect arrested for possession of firearm, explosives and ammunition

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - On Wednesday (23 March) Mothibedi Tsoinyana (41) appeared before the Rustenburg Magistrate's Court on charges of possession of firearm and ammunition.

According to Captain Elsabé Augoustides, Rustenburg police spokesperson, his arrest emanated from an incident on Sunday (20 March), when members of Pilanesberg Airport were on patrol and received information of a suspicious vehicle on the R510 road.

A Mazda vehicle was spotted on the R510 road and when the police tried to stop the vehicle it sped off. Allegedly at the Sun City four way stop it reduced speed and three males with firearms alighted from the vehicle. The driver drove on and the police members chased him until Boitekong Shopping Complex where he was arrested. A firearm, ammunition as well as two explosives were seized. Tsoinyana was remanded in custody and is expected to apply for bail on 4 April 2022.



Murder convict receives 15 years imprisonment

BONUS - RUSTENBURG -On Tuesday (26 March 2019) at about 19:30, 31-yearold Segametsi Molefe was assaulted by her boyfriend, 31-year-old Thabo Moabi who is also from the same Village.

staying with the suspect at the time of the who had subsequently passed away due incident. A neighbour saw the suspect to the injuries she sustained. feet and with his fists. Even the brothersin-law who were also present at the time, pleaded with the man to stop his brutal attack on her.

The injured lady ran away to the neighbours, a 76-year-old lady. The argument started due to accusations about infidelity and sparked off a big argument.

The suspect even went further to go and drag the victim out of the old lady's house and beat her further. Relatives tried to intervene, but to no avail.

The younger brother of the suspect, Tumelo Moabi went to sleep and at around 24:00 he heard a commotion outside, not realizing that nobody even

The victim and her 5-year-old girl were called for medical assistance for he lady,

kicking and punching the lady with his His brother woke him and informed him that the victim had passed on and demanded that he had to assist him to get petrol in order to burn the deceased's body.

> The younger brother was shocked and dismayed and refused to assist. SAPS were phoned and arrived at the scene.

> The suspect refused to assist in the investigation and was sitting on the bed in his house, refusing to indicate where the body of the deceased was kept.

> Police members searched the house and found the body of the victim underneath the bed on which he was sitting.

Read this week's edition of the Rustenburg Herald for more information on this story.

Justice services restored at Magistrate's Court

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The Department of Justice and Constitutional Department (DOJ&CD) and the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) are pleased to announce that justice services have been restored at Rustenburg Magistrates' Court with immediate effect.

This follows the temporary closure of part of the Court building that took place due to health hazard concerns.

The resumption came as a result of the DOJ&CD working very closely with the DPWI in ensuring that the concerns were speedily

The Departments will continue to work closely to ensure that occupational health and safety standards are fully met in all departmental buildings.

The Departments jointly apologise for any inconvenience suffered by court users during the partial closure of the court building and remain committed to providing access to justice for all.



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Warm up run dates announced for 2022 Absa Run Your City Series!

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The organisers of the Absa Run Your City (RYC) Series are excited to release the dates of the 2022 Absa RYC Warm up runs powered by Puma Nitro that will be hosted in Cape Town, Durban and Joburg in the build up to the Absa Run Your City Cape Town 10K in May, the Absa Run Your City Durban 10K in July and the Absa Run Your City Joburg 10K in September.

"The Absa RYC Warm up runs powered by Puma Nitro are a fun way for runners to keep fit and test their speed while catching up with other RYC community members," says Michael Meyer, Managing Director of Stillwater Sports and Founder of the Absa RYC Series. "Taking place before work on a Friday morning, the Warm up runs are the perfect start to the day and the weekend. We are excited to invite runners from Cape Town,

Durban and Joburg to join in on the fun."

Cape Town: Friday 1 April, Thursday 14 April, Friday 29 April and Friday 13 May; Durban: Friday 27 May, Friday 10 June, Friday 24 June and Friday 8 July; Johannesburg: Friday 12 August, Friday 26 August, Friday 9 September and Friday 23 September.

For further information please visit https://runyourcityseries.





It's Proteas vs Roses in WC semis

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - After the South African Women's cricket team's loss against Australia in the current Women's World Cup last week, their berth in the semifinal was somewhat in the balance.

It meant that the Proteas will have to win each of the teams receiving one point. This one of their last two matches - one against single digit was enough to help the Proteas West India or the one against India - to to proceed to next week's semifinals as the book their place in the semis. Fortunately runners-up of their group. the gods of cricket smiled on South Africa Indies on Thursday (24 March).

Rain interrupted the game, resulting the finals.

The South African women will now face during their group game against the West the defending champions, England, on Wednesday (30 March) in a bid to reach

