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Community Policing Forum AGM

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BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The Annual General Meeting of the Rustenburg Community Policing Forum will take place early in June.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday (2 June) at 18:00. During this meeting held at the Agapé Congregation in Cuckoo Street, a new committee will be chosen. For enquiries, call Col Govender on 082 578 4313.

Repo rate increased by 50 basis points

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The South African Reserve Bank's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has once again increased the repo rate by 50 basis points.

The move according to SARB Governor Lesetja Kganyago, will see repo rate increase to 4.7% per year. The increase is effective as from 20 May 2022. Addressing the media, the Governor said four members of the MPC preferred the announced increase and one member preferred a 25 basis point rise in the repo rate. This was the third consecutive increment following a two 25 basis points hike in November and in January. He said this hike was primarily due to higher food and fuel prices.

Invitation to Ordinary Meeting of Council

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Notice is hereby given to members of the public in terms of Section 29A of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 117 of 1998 as amended, about an Ordinary Meeting of Council that is scheduled as follows:

Time: 08:00

Date: 31 May 2022

Venue: Rustenburg Civic Centre

The following reports will be tabled at the meeting: Tabling of Integrated Development Plan (IDP) 2022/27 in compliance with Section 30 (c) of the Local Government System Act 2000 as amended and tabling of the 2022/23 Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework (MTREF) in compliance with section 16 (1) and (2) of the Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003. Please note that the meeting will be streamed live on Facebook for public viewing



Beware of pension fund scam

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Given the sharp increase in reported cases wherein unsuspecting individuals have been swindled out of their hard-earned financial benefits, the Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF), is once again issuing an alert to its members, pensioners, and beneficiaries of an illegal scam by fake agents who pretend to be representatives of the GEPF soliciting a fee to assist claimants to receive their money.

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information such as identity document number and bank account details and do not share it with unauthorized persons. Should members, pensioners, and beneficiaries of the fund, as well as members of the public, require more information, they are urged to call the GEPF on 0800 117 669 or email: enquiries@gepf.co.za or visit the nearest GEPF office.





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Eight arrested after armed robbe

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Five suspects were expected to appear before the Rustenburg Magistrates' Court on Thursday (19 May), in connection with an alleged armed robbery that was reported at a certain shop in Koster on Tuesday (16 May) at about 08:20.

police were doing their daily patrols, when they Thursday (19 May). received information of a robbery in progress of the get-away vehicle that was used by the the N4, at Spitskop, close to Rustenburg, the perpetrators are brought to book. suspicious vehicle and occupants were spotted.

The vehicle was stopped by police and the five suspects, age between 32 and 52, and their vehicle were searched. Two 9mm pistols, with serial numbers filed off, were found inside the vehicle. Furthermore numerous other falsified vehicle number plates were found in the boot suspected to be robbed from the business in Koster. The suspects were immediately arrested and are charged with armed robbery, possession of suspected stolen property and possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition.

They were expected to appear in the Rustenburg Magistrates' Court on Thursday (19 May). Further information was followed up by members from Rustenburg Mounted Unit and Public Order Policing (POP), which resulted in the identification of a "safe house" in Rustenburg North, where three more suspects, aged between 21 and 43, were apprehended. A vehicle, a charcoal/grey VW Polo, believed to be used during the commission of crime, was seized. The three suspects were charged

According to information received from for armed robbery and being in possession of Lieutenant Colonel Amanda Funani, North West suspected stolen property. They were expected police spokesperson, it is alleged that Koster to appear in the Koster Magistrates' Court on

The possibility of linking them with other at a business premises. The police reacted armed robberies will be investigated. North immediately and the victims gave a description West Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Sello Kwena congratulated Bojanala suspects. This information was shared with Sub District 2 police for working together and nearby stations and units. Whilst Phokeng acting fast in arresting the suspects, he said Highway patrol members were on patrol on police will continue to work hard to ensure that



Suspects arrested in connection to an armed robbery.

Pictured here from left to right are Sgt Gideon Kagiso Mogapi, Captain Ananius Mosala and Sgt Charles Sephaphathi of Koster Visible Policing.



Refusing vaccination: You can be retrenched without severance

of the vehicle, as well as mobile phones, BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA) has ruled that longstanding precedents mean someone who refused a Covid-19 vaccine can be fairly retrenched without being paid any

> In fact, it would not be fair to expect retrenchment pay, the CCMA said.

> Baroque Medical, a company that sells specialised medical products, implemented a policy of mandatory Covid-19 vaccinations. An employee refused to comply, citing "medical, personal and religious reasons". She did not substantiate the medical objection, and the CCMA rejected her personal and religious reasons. The CCMA accepted the company's basis for demanding vaccinations from staff, saying it dealt with hospitals and medical practitioners.

> "Accordingly, to safeguard its own employees and ensure that the operations of the employer are not severely affected by absences as a result of staff contracting the Covid-19 virus, and that those entities and individuals that had contact with staff members of the employer are adequately protected, it embarked on a risk assessment which made it apparent that a mandatory vaccination policy had to be imposed.'

The employee who refused to be vaccinated did not challenge

that policy, or the procedural fairness of her dismissal. But the process had not been substantially fair, she said, because alternatives to retrenchment were not properly considered.

Her company countered that it had considered letting her work from home, but she couldn't do her job without being at the office – and any other job in the company would still come with the requirement for vaccination.

An employee does not have to be offered a different post altogether before being retrenched, the CCMA said, but could by long-standing precedent be offered the same position under different conditions. In this case, it held, the company's operational circumstances changed. In response, it offered the employee her job with a change of conditions: she had to be vaccinated. She refused, without good reason. And that means she falls under retrenchment rules for those who unreasonably refuse alternative employment – and so are not entitled to severance pay. In the Baroque case, the CCMA said, it would be grossly unfair to expect it to pay severance.

DAGBOEK • DIARY is there an important event at your company or organisation in the near future? Is a well-known artist the highlight on the local social calender, or do you have a company that pro-vides fun things/activities to do? If so, then place your diary entry to inform our readers of your events/activities.

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Takealot, Pick n Pay announce **ine shopping par**

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Pick n Pay has announced a commercial agreement with Takealot that will see its food, groceries, and liquor products added to the Mr D app.

A dedicated section for Pick n Pay will be added to the Mr D app in August 2022 and will be available nationwide by the company's financial year-end. This will give Pick n Pay access to the approximately 2.5 million active customers of Mr D.

The announcement comes after Pick n Pay revealed that its on-demand grocery service, Pick n Pay 'ASAP!', grew 300% since August 2021. Pick n Pay CEO Pieter Boone explained that shoppers will have access to products offered by their local stores and will earn Smart Shopper points for their purchases. Dedicated staff will pick items in-store after customers place their orders, and Takealot's fleet will deliver them. The new feature could up the ante in the on-demand grocery delivery space in South Africa, where rival Checkers has had tremendous success with its 'Sixty60' app. The partnership was unveiled as part of a new

Dr Willem van Aswegen

Physician

BIOGRAPHY

QUALIFICATIONS

MBChB (UL), Diploma Internal Medicine (SA), FCP (SA), MMed. Internal Medicine (SMU)

SPECIAL INTERESTS His masters in medicine was focused on diabetic emergency

Dr. van Aswegen is a specialist physician with special interest in pulmonology and critical care. He is new to Rustenburg and moved here with his family in order to make a difference in the lives of residents. He completed his fellowship in the college of physicians in 2021 and developed a love for pulmonology and critical care while working in the internal medicine covid ICU and high care at Dr. George Mukhari academic hospital. He has two publications in reputable journals with one in the pipeline. He contributed to the multicenter African Covid Critical Care Outcome study (ACCCOS) in 2021.

He brings a holistic approach to disease pathology and is able to manage a wide variety of illnesses. His masters in medicine was focused on diabetic emergencies.

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the group's Boxer stores. The Project Red stores will focus on low prices and great quality, Pick n Pay said. These stores will offer a range of roughly 8,000 stock-keeping units (SKUs), emphasizing essentials, a robust fresh offer, and excellent service. Pick n Pay stores, on the other hand will cover a range of around 18,000 SKUs. PAYDAY Pick n Pay **NOW ON** Pick

strategic plan during Pick n Pay's presentation of its annual results for the financial year ended 27 February 2022. The Pick n Pay Group reported what it labelled as a "resilient performance" in a year marred by civil unrest and Covid restrictions on the sale of liquor. "Group turnover increased by 5.2%,

despite an estimated R2.7 billion in lost sales arising from the civil unrest in July 2021 (R1.8 billion) and the trading restrictions on liquor mainly in the

first half of the year (R0.9 billion)," the company stated. The retailer plans to split its stores into two types to better distinguish between its offerings to

compete across three different consumer segments. The existing brand will

compete more directly with Checkers and Woolworths in the more affluent

market. A new mid-way brand under the codename "Project Red" will cover consumers between the high-end and low-income market typically served by

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JST hospital opens new ward to ease congestion

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The ever growing population of Bojanala District, specifically Rustenburg has had a detrimental effect on the bed capacity of the Hospital. Job Shimankana Tabane hospital is a tertiary hospital which three District Hospitals refers patients to in Bojanala District. This necessitated the expansion of bed capacity to augment limited bed space within the Obstetric department, which affected JST hospital service delivery.

The opening of a 30 bedded Ward 16 is aimed at, accelerating service delivery and enhancing the provision of quality health care for pregnant mothers. Ward 16 was renovated to suite the demands of Obstetric patients and is fully equipped with state of the art equipment same standard to those of private sector, to ensure maximum care is rendered to patients.

According to Sr Mpho Mabe, ward team leader, Ward 16 is a high risk antenatal patients ward, directly from Gateway Clinic and from Ward 4, for the management of pregnancy related conditions. On average Ward 16 admits, 7-10 patients daily for elective caesarean. Touring the facility recently, The Administrator for Health in Northwest, Jeanette Hunter indicated that it was an honour to have made a contribution to easing of space pressure for gynecological patients and staff who care for them.

"We must continue with our endevours of creating better working environments for staff and comfort for patients", concluded Hunter.



D day around the corner at Triple J Q4 filling station

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Prospective customers working up an "appetite" in anticipation of the opening of Rustenburg's very first Triple J Q4 filling station should take note that they have ample time to do so.

The official opening of Triple J Q4 has been rescheduled for Friday, 3 June, after a meeting with management and contractors on Monday. "We have decided that this would be best to minimize the possibility of minor hick-ups that could arise - especially since rain and freezing weather of the past weekend could have an impact on our Grand opening!', says partner Jacques Swart. During the course of last week Rustenburg Herald and Bonus visited this exciting new filling station on the corner of Oliver Tambo and Tuin Street Rustenburg for a glimpse of what is awaiting motorists and OK Express customers. There is little doubt that residents in the vicinity of the new filling station are elated by prospects of having the comfort and convenience of a brand new 24 hours filling station and convenience store around the corner.

Nonetheless, the opening of Triple J Q4 is set to be a grandiose affair with a host of entertainment, special offers

and prizes galore in addition to introducing a new brand to Rustenburg. Q4 currently has 22 retail outlets in Gauteng, North West, Limpopo, the Free State and Western Cape and delivers in excess of 45 million liters of top quality petroleum products per month. "Our fuel is drawn directly from the refineries of Sasol, Total, Engen, Shell and Chevron and delivered to clients and Q4 retail outlets with a modern fleet of 80 Mercedes Benz Actros trucks with GRW tankers which leaves no debate as to our reliability", says Donavan Johnston. Remember Friday, 3 June - you may be among the first of our new customers whom we are looking forward to meet, invites Gail du Randt of Triple J Q4. Meanwhile keep watching Rustenburg Herald and Bonus for all the latest details on an unforgettable event which is set to warm the heart during what is expected to be an ice cold winter





The Smile Bright Dental team has reason to be smiling from ear to ear. They have just moved into their brand new premises at 45 Bult Street, Rustenburg. Dr Melandie Engelbrecht (left), Dr Anel Mouton, Dr Lin-Mari Wiid and Dr Anastasiva Gutorova (front) of Smile Bright Dental are the experts that will take care of all your dental needs.





Dr Dieter Marais

Orthopedic Surgeon

QUALIFICATIONS M.B.Ch.B. (UFS) FC Orth (SA) | MMed (SMU)

SPECIAL INTERESTS Orthopaedic tumour and sepsis and WALANT hand surgery

BIOGRAPHY

Dr Marais obtained his medical degree from the University of The Free State in 2011 and completed his internship at Katutura State Hospital in Namibia in 2013. He served as a Community Service Doctor for the South African Military Health Services and in 2016. he became a Registrar in the Orthopaedic Department at Dr George Mukhari Academic Hospital and also ran the Orthopaedic Tumour and Sepsis Unit at the hospital. This is regarded as a highly evolved field within orthopaedics, spanning various sub-specialities that include arthroplasty, reconstruction, deformity corrections, limb salvage, revision surgery, primary reconstructions, muscoskeletal infection and oncology. Dr Marais joined the team of specialists at Life Peglerae Hospital in Rustenburg in 2022

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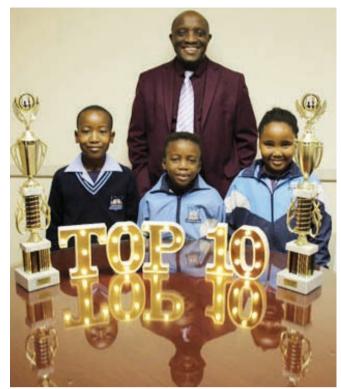


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Grade 3: Kaboentle Mathithibala, Oteng Motepe, Omolemo Molawa and Principal LI Pila.

BONUS - RUSTENBURG -Congratulations to all the Top 10 learners (Grade 1-7) of Rutanang **Primary Enrichment Centre. Pictured** here are all the Top 3 learners in each grade. Position 1 received a gold award and a voucher. Position 2 received a silver award and position 3 received a bronze award.





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Dr Lindiwe Sidali

Cardio Thoracic Surgeon

MD, FC Cardio (SA), MMed CTS (UKZN) QUALIFICATIONS

SPECIAL INTERESTS Coronary artery, aortic and valve surgery

BIOGRAPHY

Dr Lindiwe Sidali completed her undergraduate medical degree at University of Medical Sciences in Villa Clara, Cuba in 2008. She completed her medical internship in Vryburg Hospital and then served as a Community Service Doctor at Mafikeng Provincial Hospital. She obtained her qualification as a Cardiothoracic Surgeon through a Fellowship of the College of Cardiothoracic Surgeons of South Africa (FC Cardio (SA)) and Master of Medicine (Cardiothoracic Surgery) (MMed) at the University of Kwa-Zulu

Her core competencies and areas of expertise include coronary artery, aortic and valve surgery as well as thoracic oncology, treatment of pulmonary complications of Tuberculosis and chest trauma.

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enyo crushes field

Daniel Simiu Ebenyo successfully defends his title at the 2022 Absa Run Your City Cape Town 10K in a lightning fast time of 27:34. (Photo: Mark Sampson)



BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Kenya's Daniel Simiu Ebenyo lived up to the billing as race favourite while Uganda's Stella Chesang moved into new territory as she dragged compatriot, Jesca Chelangat to a sub 31min finish in the 2022 Absa Run Your City Cape Town 10K on Sunday 15 May.

racing as a fast route, near perfect weather conditions and arguably the best field ever assembled on South African soil lined up at Woodbridge Island in Milnerton for the start of the seventh annual Absa Run Your City Cape Town 10K. Clear skies greeted the 10 000 runners as they wound there way from Milnerton to the CBD of Cape Town to finish outside the Absa building at the bottom of Long Street.

As expected, defending champion, Daniel Simiu Ebenyo was aggressive from the start. In typical Ebenyo fashion, the 26-year-old took control of the race from the gun – even earlier than in 2021. Whereas in 2021, Ebenyo flew away from the field after 3km, in this year's edition, he broke away from the bunch within the first kilometre. At the 8km mark it appeared as if last

All ingredients were in place for fast times and exhilarating year's runner-up, Isaac Kipkemboi, was beginning to close the gap. But any thoughts of a possible late charge were quickly put to bed as Ebenyo hit the final kilometre in Long Street and opened the afterburners to fly across the line in 27:34. Only Joshua Cheptegei has gone faster on South African soil with his All-Comers record of 27:16, clocked in Durban in 2018.

"Congratulations and a big thank you to everyone who participated in the race, including all the Team Absa members who joined us on Strava - Our goal is to donate R1 for every km run by Team Absa members on Strava. We look forward to the next race in Kwa-Zulu Natal and hope to see colleagues, customers and community members joining us in July." says Absa Managing Executive, Geoff Lee.

For further information please visit https://runyourcityseries.com/.

2022 Rally-Raid Championship to continue

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The 2022 South African Rally-Raid Championship got underway on a high, although not so dry, note with the Mpumalanga 400 taking place in and around a wet Dullstroom, towards the end of March.

Severe weather, and unprecedented flooding during April caused massive humanitarian devastation only three weeks before the planned #TeamHilux Sugarbelt 400, and the subsequent announcement by President Cyril Ramaphosa to declare KwaZulu-Natal a national state of disaster, forced the SA Rally-Raid Exco to postpone the event.

the proposed route were impassable with the conditions not allowing for alternative routes to be identified.

Given the current circumstances and the effects of trying to reshuffle the calendar, the decision was made to cancel the 2022 #TeamHilux Sugarbelt 400 for the 2022 season. This, however, does not mean the event is lost to competitors or the area and the SA Rally-Raid Exco has assured the Beaumont Farmer's Association, landowners and involved parties of their commitment for the 2023 season.

The food donation initiative sponsored by Malalane Toyota, a member of the #TeamHilux Rally-Raid squad, that was scheduled to take place during the event, will still go ahead with 1000 learners from six schools in the Eston/Mid-Illovo

area benefitting from this gesture.

"The traditional Sugarbelt 400 has a proud history and regarded by many as a true cross-country event, and we have every intention of returning to the Eston/Mid Illovo area next year," said SA Rally-Raid CEO Archie Rutherford.

The rest of the season will consist of four challenging events. The flooding impacted landowners and many areas of Next up will be the Toyota Gazoo Racing SA (TGRSA) 1000 Desert Race which will take place over three days on 24, 25 and 26 June over a thousand kilometres in the Upington area of the Northern Cape. Competitors will just have enough time to catch their breath and recover from the testing marathon race before travelling to Bronkhorstspruit for the halfway mark event of the season on 19 and 20 August.

> From there the popular Nampo 400 will be next on the calendar when teams will return to the Bothaville area in the Free State to compete on 30 September and 1 October before rounding off the season with the Parys 400 on 12 November. The SA Rally-Raid Exco, in collaboration with the landowners, are investigating the possibilities of staging the Parys 400 as a double-header on 11 and 12 November, featuring two one-day events.



