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Italian volunteer lends a helping hand at the Phalaborwa Natural Heritage Foundation

An Italian volunteer, Lucrezia Santandrea is joining the Phalaborwa Natural Heritage Foundation (PNHF) as a part of the Foundation's international volunteer programme. She collected her first snares during a sweep last week. A total of 26 snares was removed. It was not long before she was alongside veterinary teams helping us assist in Tuberculosis testing on buffalo and horn maintenance of waterbuck. The team also attended a conservation talk on the work on a project of cape parrots. To get involved or to join the PNHF in a snare sweep contact Eugene Troskie on 082 614 3688.

TWELVE NABBED IN OPERATION

Police bust illegal gambling sites in the area

Orlando Chauke

Police have closed down an illegal gambling site during an operation in the Phalaborwa area with the aim to root out illegal gambling in the district.

Operation Takedown was carried out by the provincial organised crime investigation unit, and FLASH, a unit that ensures compliance and enforcement of firearm, liquor, and secondhand

goods control legislation. The Limpopo Gambling Board (LGB) was also part of the operation.

The operation came after a lengthy investigation involving the police intelligence unit and the LGB. This helped to verify if an establishment was registered with the board or not.

Two female suspects (40 and 47) were arrested for operating illegal gambling sites. In the same operation, ten more

people were also nabbed for engaging in illegal gambling activities.

The operation also saw fifty illegal gambling machines confiscated along with R3000 in cash. The suspects are expected to appear in court soon.

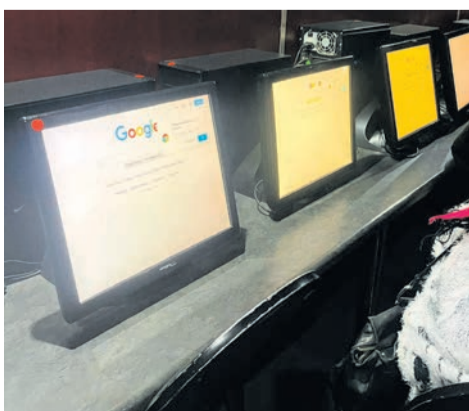
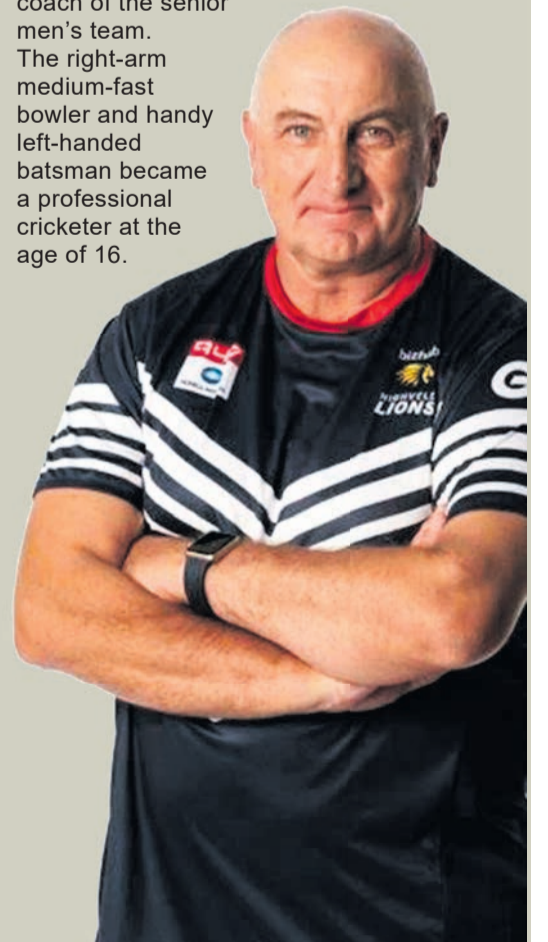
Meanwhile, the provincial commissioner, Lt Gen Thambi Hadebe, has applauded the collaborative efforts that led to the arrests and closure of a gambling site.

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Police car loaded with some of the equipment confiscated during the operation.

Wonder takes over as new president

Tintswalo Shipalana

Wonder Nkhwashu is the newly elected Phalaborwa Rotary president.

Nkhwashu says his focus in the next year will be to eradicate pit toilets at crèches and drop-in centres in Phalaborwa.

He says they will also be providing septic tanks where there are water challenges.

Nkhwashu joined the organisation in 2019 and says his time at Rotary has been exciting as the platform opens doors to initiate change in communities.

The organisation will also be visiting Eswatini for three days where they offer health services.

The initiative is called the Dr Basil Khosa Health Project in honour of Khosa who was the former president

of Rotary.

They will also be hosting a gala dinner at Cajori Hotel on Saturday, August 19, for stakeholders.

For more information on donations and assistance, visit www.phalaborwarotary.co.za or call Fumani Hlaisi at 083 698 6242 or 082 092 6911.

Wonder Nkhwashu, Phalaborwa Rotary's new president.



MUNICIPAL NEWS

Edwin threatens to close municipality down if Malatji is not replaced

Tintswalo Shipalana

The Ba-Phalaborwa Concerned Community Members (BCCM) group is threatening to close down the Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality's offices if the mayor, Merriam Malatji, does not step down.

This was declared by the chairperson of the group, Edwin Malatji on Wednesday, July 26, during a meeting with representatives of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (COGSTHA), the Mopani District Municipality, and the Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET).

The parties met at Sefapano Lodge to report back to the BCCM on the memorandum handed to the office of COGSTHA's MEC, Basikopo Makamu, by the BCCM during a

peaceful march in July.

The MEC'S office handed Edwin and his group a letter acknowledging that they have handed the group's demands to the "Head of Department for further handling".

"You will be informed of the outcome in due course," the letter stated.

However, Edwin is not impressed, he has given the MEC's office until Sunday, August 6, to appoint an acting mayor for the municipality.

"If the mayor does not step down, you must know that we will condemn the 2024 elections in Phalaborwa and we will start an independent party.

"There won't be any political party running the area," Malatji added.

At the time of going to press COGSTHA and the Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality could not be reached for a comment.

Juniors to help fight crime in town

Police in Phalaborwa conducted a successful junior leadership programme on Wednesday, July 26, at the Foskor Moshate Boardroom.

Learners from various schools including Frans du Toit High School, Meridian College, and Kingfisher Private School, accompanied by their teachers, participated in the programme with the head of Support Services, Lt Col Friday Baloyi,

welcoming the learners.

Learners were asked to choose a topic from three given topics and present it to an independent panel of judges from the departments of Social Development, Education and Spiritual Crime Prevention.

The outgoing junior station commander, Pieter Oosthuizen, addressed the participants and encouraged them to do well and

wished the winners success at the district and provincial competitions.

The winners were Musa Motloutsi from Kingfisher and Zune de Wet from Frans du Toit (junior station commander); Rikhotso Khenso from Frans du Toit (junior Vispol commander); Baloyi Faith Frans du Toit (junior detective commander); Matchete Kabelo from Meridian (junior head of support).

"The competition was highly contested and the judges struggled to name an overall winner, hence a tie between the two top learners were accepted by the audience.

"Winners were awarded medals, trophies and certificates as well as gift packages," said Sgt Elvis Mongwe, spokesperson.

The event was concluded by a message of support from the principal personnel officer, Joseph Mtileni.

"The fight against crime affecting young people by implementing programmes that are aimed at equipping them with knowledge to participate in the fight against crime, remains a priority in Phalaborwa," said Mongwe.



The learners receive their awards.



The 2023 Miss Teen Lulekani top three, in the middle is Neo Malatji, with Chantelle Mabunda and Keizah Banda.

Pageant paves way for girls to do charity work

Tintswalo Shipalana

Kurisani Baloyi, a 19-year-old international relations student at the University of Venda, is the 2023 Miss Lulekani. Baloyi was crowned at the Lulekani Community Hall recently.

Her first princess is Tebogo Makope and her second princess is Naledi Maake.

Baloyi told the Herald that she is pleased with her title. "I honestly did not think that I would win. I almost quit the pageant as the contestants were exceptional, I was not confident coming into the event." She said she wants to mentor aspiring models during her reign as she believes Phalaborwa has many hidden gems.

15-year-old Neo Malatji was crowned the 2023 Miss Teen

Lulekani. Her first princess is Chantelle Mabunda and her second princess is Keizah Banda. Malatji is a Grade 10 learner at Frans du Toit High School. She told the Herald that she too did not believe that she would take the crown. "Going into the pageant, I decided to just enjoy myself rather than compete." She said she will focus on donating school uniforms and sanitary pads to other teens in the area.

The pageant was founded by Hlalala Hlungwana, who works with his business partner, Bongani Timane. The organisers said the event surpassed their expectations. "We would like to thank our sponsors, the contestants and the community for their support," Timane concluded.

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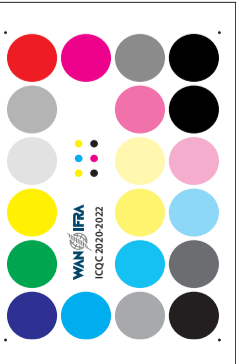
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Phalaborwa Herald



WRC seeks new ways to solve water problems

The Limpopo provincial government has taken a significant step towards addressing the water crisis in Giyani, by signing an agreement with the Water Research Commission (WRC) on Monday, July 24.

The agreement is part of the newly launched Giyani Local Scale Climate Resilience Programme (GLSCR) which aims to enhance climate resilience and water utilisation in the Giyani area.

The programme focuses on scaling and optimising multiple-use water systems, services, and alternate energy options. The GLSCR is a 3-year community-led programme scaling multiple water use systems (MUS) and solar energy to develop, research and demonstrate practical and sustainable water and climate

adaptation solutions in the area to improve water sources, utilisation, community resilience and local economic development.

The project is currently implemented in the five agricultural sites of Daniel Ravalela Farm, Dzumeri Farm, Loloka Farm, Dzumeri Farm Two and Muyexe Community Project. It is also being implemented on four community sites of Mbhedle, Mayephu, Mzilela and Matsotsosela, with a population of approximately 5 000 residents.

Walter Segooa, deputy director general for stakeholder management coordination, signed the memorandum on behalf of the provincial government. The government of Flanders has given R40 million over three years to support this initiative, with the funding set to conclude

in 2024. Afterward, the project will be expected to sustain itself. Nikolas Bosscher of Flanders highlighted the significance of this collaboration.

“The challenges faced by South Africa, particularly in Limpopo, are the semi-arid climate and water delivery or availability issues. In Giyani, these challenges are even more pronounced, especially in meeting the MDG 2026 targets.”

Dr Jennifer Molwantwa, CEO of the WRC, emphasised the importance of harnessing skills and knowledge to empower communities to manage their own environment.

“This project has laid the foundation for us to learn and do more with less. The lessons learned from this programme will serve as valuable information and



The Water Research Council representatives, signing the agreement with the Limpopo government.

knowledge for future endeavours. Indigenous knowledge, combined with scientific innovation, has been instrumental in helping communities adapt and progress.”

The provincial government invites the public to witness the positive impact of the GLSCR firsthand.

They encourage people to visit the areas in Greater Giyani Municipality to see the implementation of flushing toilets without reticulated water, showcasing the innovative solutions being developed to address the water challenges faced by the community.

SKOUNUUS

Voorwoord vir die Agri Letaba Skou 2023

Naomi Excell van die Agri Letaba Skou skryf:

Beste Tzaneeners, ons wil jul graag uitnooi na hierdie jaar se Agri Letaba Skou wat plaasvind van 9 tot 11 Augustus by die Tzaneen Skougronde.

Die Letaba Skou word aangebied deur Agri Letaba, 'n federasie van boereverenigings in die Letaba-area. Agri Letaba streef na 'n gunstige

omgewing vir landbouers en dien as 'n mondstuk vir boere op alle belange wat boere se voortbestaan beïnvloed.

Die aanbied van die Letaba Skou bied Agri Letaba die geleentheid om 'n beter diens vir sy lede en boere in die gemeenskap te lewer.

Elke jaar wil die Letaba Skou vir oud en jonk, boer en nie-boer, die geleentheid bied om weer te skou soos ouds. Ontmoet jou familie, vriende

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om die potjie-potte langs die rivier Donderdag. Soos altyd nooi die skou die kunstenaars wat op aanvraag was op ons sosialemediabladsye en almal kan uitsien na 'n lekker verskeidenheid van vermaak!

Ons wil elke borg, uitstaller, besoeker en ondersteuner bedank vir hulle hulp, bystand, lojaliteit en ondersteuning. Ons sien uit om almal by hierdie jaar se Agri Letaba Skou te verwelkom.



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The right-arm medium-fast bowler and handy left-handed batsman became a professional cricketer at the age of 16.

He played 689 first-class and list-A matches in his career between England, South Africa, and Sri Lanka.

He ended his playing career with 1165 first class and list A wickets and scored 8704 runs during these matches.

His coaching career began in 1983 when he coached Paul Roos High School until 1986. With over 30 years of coaching

experience at both first-class and international levels, some of his coaching jobs include Pakistan U19 bowling coach; head coach for Al Masafi Amo Sharks in Afghanistan, and bowling consultative and marketing of overseas sports teams for Northwest University among other positions. "I believe I do well in talent scouting and nurturing raw talent. I have produced more international bowlers than any other coach, including, but not limited to the likes of Kagiso Rabada, Christopher Morris, Marco Jansen, and Wiaan Mulder, he said.

He told the Herald that he is excited about the new appointment and is looking forward to a great journey with the team. He commenced his duties with the Limpopo team on July 1.



Gordon Parsons.



Moonira Ramathula, Prudenxe Sekgodiso, SA 800m champion; Ally Pole, Limpopo Sports Confederation President and Ria Ledwaba, Head of Women in Sport Limpopo Sports Confederation.

Nominations open for the women in sport awards

Tintswalo Shipalana

The announcement of the inaugural Limpopo Women in Sports Awards has brought excitement to the province's sports fraternity.

This comes after the Limpopo Sports Confederation, in partnership with Women in Sports Awards (a women in sport empowerment initiative by Futballing Girls NPO) announced the opening date for nominations for the inaugural event.

The awards are aimed at recognising, celebrating, honouring, and rewarding women and individuals' achievements and their efforts in growing girls' sport participation, creating

awareness as well as growing the brand of women in sports in the province.

The awards are centered around three main pillars, achievements, community development, and self-empowerment achieved between August 1, 2021, and July 31, 2023.

The nomination process opened on July 24, and will close on September 15. Sport, Arts, and Culture MEC Naledi Kekana has welcomed the initiative.

"We are proud to associate ourselves with such a progressive initiative that digs deep into transformation and gender parity, and we are looking forward to seeing our ladies being recognised for their excellence, whether individually or as a collective," the

MEC said. President of the Limpopo Sports Confederation, Ally Pole, a firm supporter of changing the narrative of women in sport not only in Limpopo but South Africa.

"The awards serve as a groundbreaking initiative long overdue to the women of this province. I really appreciate the noble decision and resolve by the confederation," said Pole.

The eight categories are sportswoman of the year, sportswoman of the year with a disability, school sports athlete of the year, coach of the year, technical official of the year, team of the year, emerging woman leader, and sports media personality of the year.

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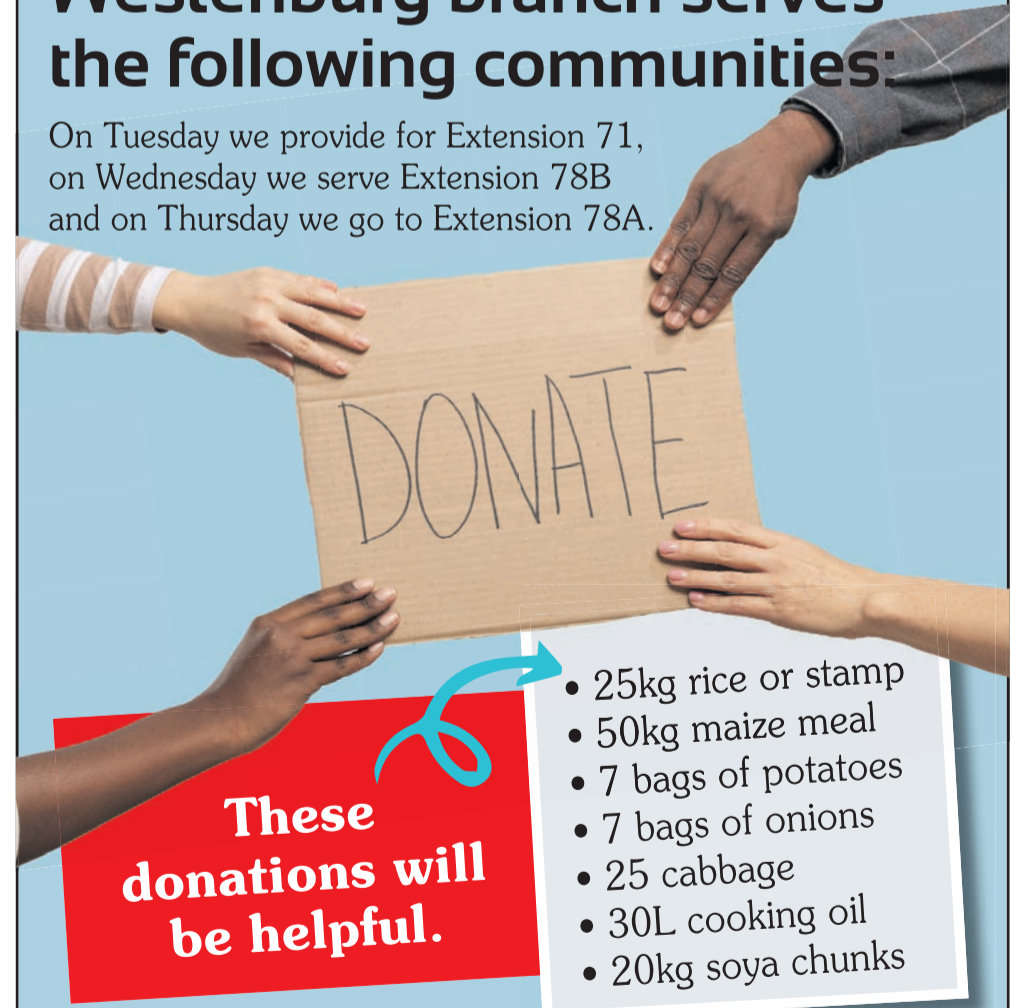
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17 AUGUST - 101 ADOPTABLE DOGS

Performed by dancers from Papillion Dance School in Hoedspruit. The show will take place at Drakensig

Primary School Hall in Hoedspruit in aid of PAWS at 18:00. Get tickets from Eva at 082 529 3876.

18 AUGUSTUS

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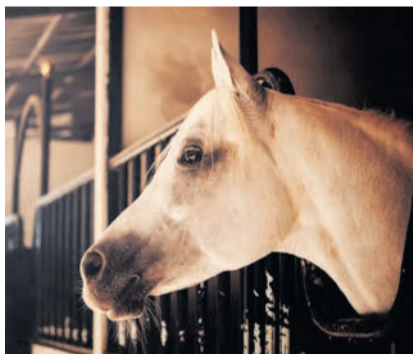
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19-20 AUGUST

NBHA SA 3D Barrel race

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25-26 AUGUST

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Round 5 and 6 of the South African National Rally Championship taking place in Tzaneen. Go to www.nrcsa.co.za. For more information contact 072 183 0744 or email william@nrcsa.co.za.



EDITOR'S CHOICE



Time for family, friends and fun at the Show

The annual Letaba Show will open its gates at 09:00 on Wednesday, August 9 for visitors and once again promises to be a premier event not to be missed.

Presented by Agri Letaba at the Tzaneen Showgrounds, the show includes not only entertainment but a range of interesting agricultural events such as a livestock show and auction, prize goats, miniature horses, and a youth show.

Exhibitors from the agricultural industry will show their latest offerings such as the latest tractors, bakkies and anything mechanical that can be used on a farm (or at home).

For the adventurous visitor, an extreme motorcycle show will thrill audiences and the SANDF and SAPS will be in attendance to show to demonstrate to visitors its capabilities.

Wrestling, a merry-go-round, a beer garden, and food for every taste, will make it worth the visit. Performers that will grace the stage include Jan Rhaap and Eloff on Wednesday night, Brendan Peyper on Thursday night at 19:30, with Georgetown & The Moonies and DJ Dalootz closing the show on Friday night.

Tickets are R120 per adult and R50 per child. Call 015 307 2725 or email info@letabashow.co.za for more details.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVERY SATURDAY

Parkrun in Tzaneen and Hoedspruit at 08:00. Go to parkrun.co.za. Magoebaskloof Farm Run held at Blueberry Cafe. Call 071 540 3800.

4 AUGUST - RAAF SHOW

Live at the Old Packhouse Distillery from 20:00 at R180 pp. Contact Monique at 082 811 9817.

5 AUGUST - THE MARKET AT HIGHGROVE

Hosted at Highgrove Lodge in Tzaneen from 09:00 to 15:00. Contact Paula on 082 258 4596.

10 AUGUST - BOOK TALK EVENT

Held at the Haenertsburg Library. Call Victoria at 078 703 7899 to book your spot.

18 AUGUSTUS - GRACIOUS LIVING CONCERT

Gospel duo Leon and Rietha Goosen will be performing at Gracious Living Retirement Haven at 97 Jakkals Street in Hoedspruit from 10:00. Call 076 526 3532.

26 AUGUSTUS - MULTIMEDIA WORKSHOP

Aangebied by Paint Pot Arts & Crafts op Tzaneen vanaf 09:00 tot 12:00 teen R800 pp. Vir meer inligting skakel 079 099 7054.

26 AUGUST - PAWS DOG SHOW

Hosted at Groenskool rugby field from 08:00 to 11:00 at R50 per dog. Contact Mary on 076 509 6146 or Andie on 072 018 2258.

26 AUGUSTUS - GOD IS GROOT

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25-26 AUGUSTUS - BOSVELD MARKDAG

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25 & 26 AUGUST - MAGOEBA TREK

MTB stage race held in Magoebaskloof. Enter on entryninja.com or call Marc None at 083 453 1514.

26 AUGUSTUS - LEMOENFEES

Aangebied by Laerskool Dr Annecke op Letsitele. Vir meer inligting skakel Paula by 082 258 4596.

26 AUGUST - WILDLIFE ESTATE SERIES

Trail running at Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate. Enter for 5km, 10km or 20km. Go to lowveldtrailrunning.co.za or information and to enter.

27 AUGUST - MINA'S NEIGHBOURHOOD MARKET

Held at Zwakala in Magoebaskloof. Call 083 980 8433 for more information.

2 SEPTEMBER - MONATE SOCIAL MARKET

Held at the Hlolwa Lodge from 10:00 at R50.00 pp. For more information contact 072 509 3936.

2 SEPTEMBER - SEPTEMBER FEST

Gehou op die Bosbok Bar by die Skougronde op Tzaneen vanaf 09:00 teen R200 pp met kosstalletjies, Piet Pompies en Biker Angel, Anton Myburgh. Vir meer inligting skakel 079 482 2942 of 071 458 8850.

8-9 SEPTEMBER - PIESANG FEES

Gehou by die Nederduitsch Gereformeerde Kerk Tzaneen. Skakel 015 307 6865.

16 SEPTEMBER - WILDLIFE ESTATE SERIES

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16 SEPTEMBER - POTJIEKOSKOMPETISIE

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Groenskool se langasems vaar goed in landloop

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Groenskool se atlete het Saterdag by Laerskool Mariepskop aan die 'n landloopbyeenkoms deelgeneem.

In die o6-seunswedloop behaal Nathan Sithole derdeplek en Leiliah Bendeman behaal vierdeplek.

Amoré van der Linde is negende in die o8-meisieswedloop. Thahlilia Mhangwane vat sewendeplek en Leah Victor behaal negendeplek

in die o9-meisieswedloop. Desiré van Zyl is derde in die o10-meisieswedloop.

In die o9-seunswedloop is Duan Fourie agtste en Kaleb du Toit vat tiendeplek. Neo Mafologe is tiende in die o10-seunswedloop.

Omphile Mahlangu vat derdeplek in die o11-meisieswedloop en Kensile Mngoni is agtste.

Haydin Victor vat negendeplek in die o11-seunswedloop.

In die o12-meisieswedloop vat Chané Fourie derdeplek, Miané Paulse vat vierdeplek en Elana van der Walt vat vyfdeplek. Hulle wen ook die spankompetiese.

Curtis Speelman vat vierdeplek in die o12-seunswedloop, Fumani Nkuna vat sewendeplek en Kiano Govender vat negendeplek. FC van der Merwe behaal agtsteplek in die o13-seunswedloop en Delarey van der Linde behaal negendeplek.



Groenskool se landloopatlete was die naweek in aksie in Hoedspruit by Laerskool Mariepskop.



Fransie-bergfietsryer geniet skolereeks

Marc-Ethan Flores het Saterdag aan die eerste been van die Limpopo-bergfietskolereeks by Merensky Landbou Akademie deelgeneem. Hy behaal 'n 22ste plek in die junior seunsaafdeling.

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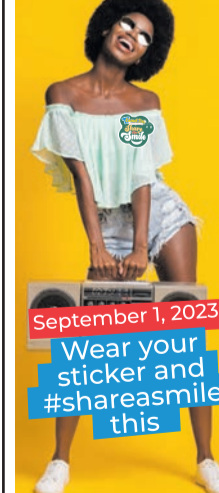
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RECORD NEARLY BROKEN

Tintswalo Shiplana

Glenrose Xaba from Mpumalanga missed the Foskor Half Marathon women's 21km record by 12 seconds on Saturday afternoon.

This comes after Xaba won the women's race in a time of 1:12:32.

As she ran to the finish line the crowd cheered her on, hoping she would be able to break the record of 1:12:19 set by Elana Meyer in 1999 and with it pocket the R50 000 reward for breaking the record.

Although she was disappointed that she was not able to break the record, she was still excited that she managed to defend her title and take home R50 000 in prize money.

She was followed by Rutendo Nyahora from Zimbabwe and Blandina Maka from Lesotho in times of 1:17:43 and 1:18:56 respectively. Matthews Leeto (33) of the Hollywood Athletics Club in the North-West province won the men's race with a time of 1:03:44.

Leeto told the Herald that he was disappointed that he missed the record set by Ezael Thlobo in 1997 with just more than two minutes. He was emotional after he crossed the finish line. "It was tears of joy, I was dizzy before the race and I think the heat got the better of me, I was not sure if I would make it. This is my first big 21km title, as I specialise in 10km races.

"However, I'm really happy that I managed to win the race, the money will assist me with preparing for upcoming races.

"The prize money will also help put food on the table at home, as I'm currently the breadwinner," he said.

Glenrose Xaba, winner of the women's 21.1km race crosses the finish line.

Leeto was followed by Namakoe Nkhasi of Nedbank Athletics Club and Elijah Mabhuu with 1:03:58 and 1:04:18 on the clock.

Both the women's and men's races received the same prize money of R50 000 for the winners, R25 000 for second position, R18 000 for third, R15 000 for fourth, R10 000 for fifth, and R2000 up to tenth position.

In both categories in the 10km race, the top 10 runners were all South Africans.

The men's 10km winner was Sibonginkosi Maseko with the time of 00:31:04, followed by Prince Ndlovu and Mangena Samuel with times of 00:32:15 and 00: 33:50 respectively.

Thembi Thembi won the women's race in a time of 00:46:46, she was followed by Rosinah Molato and Merriam Bopape with 00:48:08 and 00: 49:30 on the clock.

There was an extra R50 000 prize money for the record breaker, which unfortunately no one won.

Foskor CEO, Julian Palliam, said the marathon was their biggest event yet with 1300 runners only in the 21km race.

He said he believes it to be one the richest marathons in the country with over R400 000 in prize money.

"It was a wonderful day with the community attending in great numbers to cheer on the runners and participate in the activities at the stadium."



Players and supporters at the cricket games.

Cricket in rural areas gains momentum

Tintswalo Shiplana

The Cow Corner Cricket Academy hosted two forty-over maxi cricket matches at the Lulekani Far East Soccer Field recently.

The players were a mixed group from the local townships and villages.

"The aim of the event was to promote cricket in the rural areas and give an opportunity to aspiring cricket stars to compete," Sono said.

"We are taking the sport to the villages to show that they too can excel in cricket," explained Ntsako Sono, the Cow Corner Cricket Academy founder. Sono said the successful event attracted a huge number of spectators and they will be hosting another event, a T20 game, on Sunday, August 13 on the same field.

Sono was Limpopo Impala Cricket U19 framework head coach as well as the U15 coach at Ben Vorster High School in the Finsbury League this year.

He recently established his academy which aims to grow the sport in the region. Sono got his lucky break in 2005 when he was spotted playing for Frans du Toit High School during the U19 Khaya Majola competition. He attended the Limpopo Impala Academy the following year.

Sono is appealing to businesses and the community to help sponsor the events, as he aims to go expand the initiative to more areas.

He concluded by thanking Richline Construction for sponsoring the event.

For more information on the games and for sponsorship opportunities, contact Ntsako at 078 711 6382.