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Ruweanda Swartz proudly holds the flower arrangement she made with the help of the Old Kingswoodian Club. Dee Hobson, armed with beautiful flowers donated by the Club, spent an afternoon with the children at Lebone Centre last week, helping them create lovely flower arrangements to take home to their mothers and guardians to celebrate an early Mother's Day. Photo: Dee Hobson

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Nontlahla Mbenenge was admitted to the Bar by her father, Honourable Mr Justice Selby Mbenenge along with Judge Bantubonke Tokota in the High Court in Grahamstown on Tuesday 15 May. Nontlahla said she had tried to avoid a career in law at first, but the bug had bitten during the Labour Law module of her HR degree at Rhodes University. "That was when I really understood what the law is about." She went on to complete a law degree at the University of Fort Hare in East London. Her father, who is Judge President of the Eastern Cape, is delighted at his daughter's choice. He was especially pleased that long-time friend, Judge Tokota, completed the full bench admitting her to the Bar. "He was like a second dad to her," he said. Photo: Sue MacLennan



Protest fears shut shops

By SUE MACLENNAN

Several Grahamstown shopkeepers moved the bulk of their stock to safe storage and others closed their doors on Tuesday as false rumours of a taxi protest flew around the town.

On Tuesday *Grocott's Mail* visited several spaza shops in Extensions 6 and 7 affected by looting on 24 April. That day saw civic organisations join hands with local branches of the taxi associations in a service delivery protest. While community leaders and Makana Council representatives addressed a large crowd outside the City Hall, criminals targeted immigrant-owned spaza shops, breaking into them and stealing goods. Some residents, and later on children returning from school, took advantage of the chaos to help themselves.

At the 24 April protest the Council's Petitions Committee, received a list of demands that included concerns about the state of Makana's roads, dumping, water outages and poor conditions at the taxi ranks. The combined civic grouping, signing off as the Makana Civic Movement, gave the Council 21 days to respond. Yesterday, 15 May, was that deadline and this appeared to spark the expectation that the day might see more protest action.

Both Uncedo and Border Alliance taxi associations strongly condemned and dissociated themselves from the criminal looting on 24 April, as did the civic and political organisations

who participated in the march to the City Hall.

But the perception persists among community members that the looting is done alongside actions by the taxi industry. This is because the first incident of xenophobic looting occurred on 20 October 2015, the day on which taxi drivers drove through the city to protest the poor condition of Grahamstown's roads. There have been several protests since. The 24 April 2018 protest was the first since then involving the taxi industry, and it was the first since 20 October 2015 during which looters targeted immigrant shops on the same day.

This week Uncedo Taxi Association Chairperson Monde Sandi confirmed no protest action was being planned by the taxi industry. "There is no strike," he told *Grocott's Mail* early on Tuesday 15 May.

"We [the executive leadership of the taxi associations] went to the municipality yesterday," Sandi told *Grocott's Mail*. "The meeting didn't finish and they've asked us to come back on Wednesday."

Only the executive leadership of the taxi associations would attend this, however. "It will not be a strike," he said.

Asked to comment on perceptions that the looting in October 2015 and 24 April 2018 had been associated with the taxi protest action, Monde said ahead of the April protest, shopkeepers had been advised to close their businesses for the day.

"We said they should close their shops that day," Sandi said. He said the shops that had remained open were those robbed.

The consensus is that the looting is initiated by experienced criminals, with some community members then taking advantage of the situation to raid shops further.

At a meeting of shop owners on 25 April Muhammad 'Roni' Masum called for residents to support the shopkeepers against criminals. "We cannot be defeated by a handful of tsotsis. This is a five-tsotsi zone: there are a few of them and hundreds of us!" Masum said, referring to the communities around the shops.

Uneasy

On Tuesday shopkeepers watched anxiously from behind the metal grilles of their shopfronts, the shelves behind them emptied of stock.

"Sorry, we are closed," they told residents who stopped to buy groceries or airtime.

At one shop a taxi stopped and the conductor jumped out to buy a single loose cigarette – one of the small, fast-selling items that remained in the shop.

"They are just disturbing the foreigners now and then," said Getahun Hazlu who employs a private security company to watch his back. His shop is in Sani Street close to the derelict Benjamin Mahlasela Secondary School.

"They've been saying for two days

now there will be a strike. While this is going on I just have to stand here and wait. I can't eat or anything. When is this thing going to be all right? Moosa Asbah at Gatyeni General Dealer in Extension 7 said they'd been warned to remove their stock the night before because of the strike rumours.

The police said they were aware of the rumours, but said the advice to shopkeepers to remove their stock had not come from them.

"The shop owners were uneasy [because of the rumours] but no notice was given from SAPS," police spokesperson Captain Mali Goven der said. No incidents of looting had been reported yesterday and there had also been no protest action.

Grocott's Mail called several shop owners last night who confirmed there had been no incidents.

A delegation from SAPS along with municipal officials and civic organisations met yesterday with representatives of the taxi industry including Uncedo and Border Alliance taxi associations. Uncedo chairperson Monde Sandi confirmed this was a scheduled monthly Transport Forum meeting convened by the municipality and did not relate to any past or planned protest action.

According to a source who attended the meeting, the brief agenda included road humps in M Street, the overall state of Grahamstown's roads and hitch-hiking spots in Beaufort Street and George Street.

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'Consequences' in teacher pay delay

By SUE MACLENNAN

The district head of the Department of Basic Education (DBE) says he is very sorry that Grade R teachers in Grahamstown have undergone the trauma of being paid late and says he will leave no stone unturned in seeing that the official responsible faces consequences. Meanwhile public service watchdog PSAM says the late and non-payment of Grade R teachers is a symptom of the marginalisation of early childhood development (ECD) practitioners.

Two weeks after payday, some Grade R teachers in the DBE's Grahamstown Cluster Management Centre are still waiting for their monthly stipend. Usually paid on the last day of the month, the stipend amounts to R6 300. This is topped up by school governing bodies with amounts ranging from R1 500 to R2 000.

"We asked the Department what happened and they said our new contracts hadn't been submitted by the due date," said a Grade R teacher who did not want to be identified.

The teacher said all Grade R teachers had to renew their contracts annually.

"Everyone gave in their documents but something went wrong at the Grahamstown office and they never got to Bhisho."

The teacher said they and others were experiencing problems because of the payment delay.

"We have debit orders that must go through and this makes things very difficult for us." Making things even more difficult was that there had been no communication on the matter.

"At least they could have told us there was going to be a delay, and when we can expect to be paid," the teacher said. "There was no SMS, no email from the Department, nothing."

Grahamstown Cluster Head of the DBE's Sarah Baartman District, Ray Ndabeni, confirmed the payment delay and said the situation was unacceptable. He said the delay was due to the failure of an official in the Grahamstown

office to process practitioners' contracts. Grade R teachers are not permanent employees of provincial education departments, and so they are required to have their contracts renewed every year.

Ndabeni said the official responsible for processing the Grahamstown Grade R teachers' renewal applications had been absent from work. She had delegated the task to a junior official in the office, who in turn failed to follow the correct processes.

Director of the Department's Sarah Baartman District Nicky de Bruyn confirmed Ndabeni's explanation.

"One official in the Department is supposed to supply a list for the extension of the Grade R contracts before 31 March, so that there is no lapse in payment before the new financial year. Unfortunately that person failed and that's why there has been this delay," De Bruyn told *Grocott's Mail* on Wednesday.

De Bruyn said because of the nature of the automated payroll system, these Grade R

posts were removed from the system and had to be recreated by HR.

"As soon as I became aware of the situation, I stepped in to make sure everything was captured and the posts were processed," De Bruyn said.

Asked whether the Department had made any arrangements to cover teachers for the shortfall period, De Bruyn said, "The unfortunate part is because this is a government department, there isn't a way to provide loans. That's why I put a hundred percent into rectifying the situation as quickly as possible."

"It is unacceptable that our officials get paid and our teachers don't," De Bruyn said. "This could have been prevented and there will definitely be disciplinary action taken. I am very sorry for the traumatic experience these teachers have undergone."

Grade R teachers in the Northern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal have similarly experienced delayed payment, because of failure to process applications on time, or correctly.

Late, no- and low pay an indictment on system

Research Manager at the Public Service Accountability Monitor (PSAM) Zukiswa Kota says the late and non-payment of teachers is a symptom of the way Early Childhood Development (ECD) continues to be under-prioritised by both the DBE and the Department of Social Development.

"The fact the Grade R teachers' remuneration is as low as it is an indictment on our education system as a whole," Kota said. "This is despite foundation education being touted as a priority by Cabinet – through the newly approved national ECD policy and grant."

Kota said the disarray between and within Departments in terms of supporting ECD was not

just for the District level to address, but should be a provincial concern.

"In addition to the need to ensure more efficient salary payment systems and ensure accountability... there are clear systemic governance problems that need to be addressed," Kota said. "The PSAM is alarmed by a number of issues. First, the ongoing lethargy in providing and supporting human resource capacity within the sector – this is not exclusive to Sarah Baartman."

"Second, an ECD policy that is still largely unfunded – in spite of the clear correlations between poor foundation phase education and outcomes in later years."

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT MOVES INTO TOWN

Bring back hope, trust pleads 'tired' Grahamstown

Financially viable, strategically positioned and definitely fixable, Makana is a prime candidate among the 55 dysfunctional municipalities being targeted for intervention by national government. Read more on page 4.

This time, will it work?

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'Bring back hope, trust'

By SUE MACLENNAN

Stability in Makana Municipality's operations and management, along with urgent attention to failing services and infrastructure, were a common call by business and civic stakeholders to a senior delegation from national government in Grahamstown earlier this month.

Anyone brought to Makana to fix the municipality should remain in place for an extended period, and needs the power to make decisions, the Grahamstown Business Forum said in a presentation by business and civic stakeholders to the high-powered Cogta delegation led by Minister Dr Zweli Mkhize on Friday 4 May. The Grahamstown Residents Association and major local employer Carara Agro Processing contributed to the presentation led by the GBF. In an earlier meeting, Rhodes University Vice Chancellor Dr Sizwe Mabizela had called for stability in Makana Municipality's operations, with permanent staff employed in critical posts.

The GBF presented an inspiring picture of Grahamstown's possibilities, a stark outline of the current situation and a stern prescription for the cure.

Financially viable, strategically positioned and definitely fixable, Makana was a strong candidate among the 55 dysfunctional municipalities being targeted for intervention by national government, GBF chairperson Richard Gaybba told Mkhize in the Monument's Olive Schreiner Hall. The media were excluded from meetings with Rhodes University and local and district municipalities.

The visit was a result of Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs Dr Zweli Mkhize's 20 March commitment to provide support to municipalities in distress and is linked to Finance Minister Nhlanelahle Nene's statement last week regarding 15 Eastern Cape municipalities targeted for intervention by National Treasury.

With only 7% of the country's municipalities classified as well-functioning, the process began with the tabling of a report on forensic and other investigations to the Cogta Parliamentary Portfolio Committee. It has been followed with ministerial visits to municipalities for on-site inspections and consultations with municipal leadership.

The Municipal Infrastructure Support Agent (MISA)

routinely provides technical support in roads and storm water drainage, energy, water and sanitation, solid waste, revenue enhancement and road construction. But more intensive and radical interventions were necessary for municipalities to manage Municipal Infrastructure Grant funds, Mkhize said in his 20 March address.

Divided and tired

Focusing on Grahamstown as Makana's entrepreneurial hub, Gaybba last week emphasised the city's current strengths and the business community's belief that it could be financially viable.

"Grahamstown is home to Rhodes University, the National Arts Festival, the High Court, churches and some of the best public and private schools on the continent, if not the world," he said. In addition it enjoyed a vibrant cultural history and was surrounded by rich natural resources.

"But this community is divided, and we're tired."

While the business community and civic organisations would willingly collaborate in solving the city's problems, previous interventions had failed to deliver results, Gayb-

ba said.

Consultant Pam Yako and Cogta EC's Jongisizwe Gomomo were appointed as Makana's administrators under Section 139 (1) (b) during successive terms, starting August 2014 and August 2015 respectively. Yako served in Makana for nine months and Gomomo for three.

"If we are going to have experts in Grahamstown, we need them here for at least 24 months, not three," Gaybba said. "We need stability."

Gaybba said a competent team led by a turnaround specialist with the authority to make changes should remain for that period, supported by national, provincial and local government as well as Makana's administrative staff.

Emergency funding for urgent repairs to roads and water leaks were essential to restore the hope and rebuild the trust of a jaded community.

During discussion afterwards, St Andrew's College Principal Alan Thompson said the sustainability of Grahamstown's excellent public and private schools was at stake. "Parents want assurance that their children are in a safe and healthy environment," he told Mkhize.

National Arts Festival CEO

Tony Lankester spoke of the frustration of tax-paying local businesses and institutions diverting resources to infrastructure and services legislated to be provided by the government. Shifting resources from these entities' core functions had a ripple-down effect. According to 2016 research by Rhodes University economists, the Festival contributes R377 million to the annual GDP of the Eastern Cape.

Earlier, Mabizela had told Mkhize of efforts to strengthen the relationship between Rhodes and Makana. "The Municipality needs to ensure stability in its operations," Mabizela said.

"There should be permanent staff employed in critical posts. Revenue collection has to be a primary concern together with ongoing improvement of data quality." These comments were reported in a media statement from the University.

Mkhize personally committed to overseeing a multi-stakeholder structure comprising national, provincial, local and Rhodes University representatives. He charged Dr Mabizela and Makana Executive Mayor Nomhle Gaga with leading this local team.

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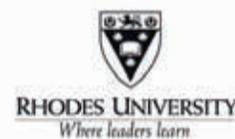
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Patient assault probe

By KATHRYN CLEARY

A Fort England patient and their family are still in the dark after laying a charge of assault against the psychiatric hospital. However, the hospital's head says they are not hiding anything and are waiting for the outcome of an internal investigation.

The family of a patient laid an internal complaint with Fort England the end of March after the patient was allegedly assaulted by nursing and security staff.

On 2 May, having heard nothing from the hospital the patient and their family laid a formal charge with SAPS, alleging a brutal and humiliating assault.

Grocott's Mail has since spoken with the family.

A few days before filing the case with SAPS, it is alleged the patient was involved in a

fight with another patient in the ward. The patient's family said their family member had a black eye, but that Fort England hadn't alerted them to the incident.

"[They're] not a saint," the family said. "But I'm not happy because nobody told us [about the incident]."

The family alleged that no staff members in the ward had intervened during the incident. "Even when [they] fought with another patient they were just looking at [them]," they said.

It is also alleged that the patient was verbally threatened by a nurse in the ward before filing the case.

The patient's family member explained, "They told me that I listen too much to the things my [sibling] says, and one thing that I must remember is that the lawyers of Fort

England are much stronger than the lawyers that we have."

On 13 May the patient's family submitted a written request to Fort England to have the patient moved to a different ward for safety purposes. At the time of publication, the patient had yet to be moved.

Fort England Acting CEO, Mbuyi Zonke said, "The matter is being handled by an outsider."

He explained that an internal investigation was currently under way by a member of the hospital review board.

"Our first priority is to get back to the family," he said. He elaborated that after the internal investigation, the family would be informed and the appropriate actions would be taken.

"We're not hiding anything," he said. "What concerns me is

the complaint of the patient and the family."

Zonke said a report on the hospital board's investigation was due to be submitted to him on Monday, 21 May. He would revert to the family after reviewing the findings.

No comment could be made on the ongoing police investigation.

SAPS Spokesperson Captain Mali Govender said no individual had been charged for common assault.

"The case is still under investigation," Govender said.

"I want to be there when SAPS investigates," said the patient's family member. "Because I don't want my [family member] to be traumatised by the nurses and those who are going to be there."

Grocott's Mail will continue to report on further developments.

Taking it to the top

As Grocott's Mail continues to follow the Eastern Cape's mental healthcare crisis, the South African Federation for Mental Health (SAFMH) is gearing up to take the country's mental health care crisis to the highest level.

"We are making a submission to the President and the Disability Rights Machinery on whether anything has

changed since Life Esidimeni," said a Federation project leader.

"The objective of this is to expose how the White Paper on the Rights of People with Disabilities is not being implemented and to address continuing challenges in the mental health care system at various levels.

"We are also going to include the

perspective of service users across the country."

The National Disability Rights Machinery is a body that serves to review the White Paper on the Rights of People with Disabilities.

Grocott's Mail is currently aiding the SAFMH in their research for the submission.

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Fear a cruel weapon

While the non-payment of Grahamstown's Grade R teachers is a miserable story to tell, we were impressed by the response of officials, who were candid in their replies to our questions, and showed their humanity in acknowledging the effect this administrative blunder has had on the lives of 63 people and their families.

When officials ignore a journalist, or in their reply deny an evident problem, it is not the journalist they are ignoring: it is the community the journalist serves that they are disrespecting. In the case of politicians, it is their own constituencies.

Fear is a powerful weapon. It kept dozens of immigrant shopkeepers out of business this week, as rumours of another protest and associated looting spread.

That didn't happen but – like terrorist threats – it had the effect of preventing people from carrying out their normal activities.

In KwaZulu-Natal this week, immigrant shop owners petitioned the provincial government for protection after local business owners gave them until yesterday to close their shops. According to Eyewitness News, some packed up their shops and left ahead of yesterday's deadline.

EWN said the North Region Business Association sent a letter to the foreign shop owners earlier in May, setting the deadline and accusing them of overlooking locals for employment and operating their businesses unfairly.

A similar letter was sent in 2015, threatening foreign nationals, and subsequent attacks left six people dead and 2000 displaced.

We have been fortunate in Grahamstown not to have experienced the terrible xenophobic violence seen in bigger centres.

But you only have to look in the eyes of people waiting in dread behind metal grilles to understand the psychological violence that continuous fear wreaks on a person.

There's a lot of good news we haven't been able to share with you in this edition.

Like the fact that plans are under way (and finance) to restore Makana's Mobile Library Service.

That Grahamstown-born political analyst, Radio 702 host and international debating coach Eusebius McKaiser was in town recently to launch a stimulating debate series organised by Rhodes University students.

And that a Grahamstown family have decided to re-open the Ethembeni Service Centre in Raglan Road, so the elderly once more will have a place to meet and share their creative skills.

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LETTERS to the Editor and COLUMNS



A group of Grade 8-12 pupils from Ntsika Secondary School and Nombulelo Secondary School at the second gathering of the Grahamstown Girls' Leadership Project at the Education Centre at Thomas Baines Natures Reserve last weekend. The weekend was organised and hosted by Zenande Leadership Consulting, led by Pam Yako. The 40 girls enjoyed motivational and educational talks and outdoor activities in between leadership training workshops. A highlight was a visit and address by keynote speaker Dr Vuyo Mahlati – a member of the National Planning Commission and member of the Global Board of International Women's Forum, among her other high-powered roles. Back left to right: Linathi Simayile, Anelisiwe Mase, Sesona Potwana; Middle row left to right: Zenande Sankobe, Hlumela Hoyi, Axolile Mgwadleni, Lisakhanya Kasi, Zandi Faxi, Sisipho Fatyi. In front is Zenande Makina. Photo: Sue MacLennan

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Growth in media ethics, awareness

STAFF REPORTER

Awareness of media ethics in the South African press is growing, the Press Council of South Africa heard at its quarterly meeting this month. Executive Director Latiefa Mobarra was reporting on work for the Council in the first four months of 2018 by herself, Press Ombud Johan Retief, Public Advocate Joe Latakomo and Chair of Appeals, Judge Bernard Ngoepe.

"The office received 175 complaints during the period," Mobarra said. "Most were able to be resolved by mediation facilitated by Joe Latakomo, the Public Advocate.

He had received 100% compliance from editors enabling speedy, amicable resolution of most complaints.

"Only 23 were referred to Press Ombud, Johan Retief

and there were five appeals of Ombud rulings."

Retief said of the 23 complaints he had dismissed 10, partly or fully upheld another 10, mediated a solution to one, and dismissed two for being out of time. He said he found for the complainant in about 50% of cases. He noted that newsrooms were seeking guidance on the Press Code more than ever and that editors' co-operation with the system of self-regulation was "excellent".

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GOOD IDEA Humility isn't passivity

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They, like us, were not spectators in the equation, because they, like us, were co-heirs of the coming Kingdom. There is therefore a very assertive tone in all of Christ's engaging of people. Although in this world we will have trouble, in partnership with Jesus, we are destined to do some serious overcoming.

Now Christ did call us to do this all with humility, but humility has nothing to do with passivity. Turning the other cheek has everything

to do with fighting the right battles. We never need 'one-upmanship' over another person. Humility in its essence, is power under control. Power used to build people up, not break them down. We are those who actively play our part.

We are those who ask. Those who stop and consider the world around us, and ask Christ for grace to engage the challenges and bring restoration to the world around us.

We are those who seek. Those who pursue his strategies of bringing healing into the lives of those around us. We are those who knock. Those who get up and give it a go, even if we might fail. In this world we might have trouble, but we can take heart because he has overcome.

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Building is in their blood

Grahamstown's CM Heunis marks 80 years in the construction industry

STAFF REPORTER

From state-of-the-art Ntsika High School to the Design and Technology Centre at St Andrew's College; from the restoration of the Guy Butler Theatre at the Monument after it was gutted by fire, to Rhodes University's Eden Grove, CM Heunis construction company has done it all.

The company, founded in 1938, is in its 80th year. At a recent function to mark the occasion, its third-generation former captain, Neels Heunis, gave a hint of the fascinating social dynamics of Grahamstown while revealing just how much of the town's landscape is part of the CM Heunis legacy.

Oupa Heunis – Cornelius Marthinus Heunis – was a woodcutter in the Knysna forests, before he met Englishwoman Edith Julian and moved to Alexandria with her. Cornelius was a byworker on the farm Sans-Souci where their three boys and three girls were born.

They all attended Alexandria Secondary School, except Bobby, Neels's uncle, who left to learn the carpentry trade.

Bobby and Oupa knew how to build – but they had no administration skills, so they called on Neels's dad Cornelius Christian Heunis. It wasn't long before the two brothers realised they couldn't work with Oupa. So they set him up with a nice place at Bushman's River Mouth and a promise that they would take care of him... as long as he remained a silent partner!

Grahamstown was English, with a well established building community: the Owsley, Charlton, Mortimer and Gill families. The Heunis brothers were Afrikaans.

Their breakthrough came in 1950 when liquor retail entrepreneur Benny Goldberg hired them

to build the Graham Hotel in High Street. That year, Neels was born in the sanatorium at Rhodes University. Heunis's next big contract was Celeste Flats: by that time they had enough capital to buy a vertical hoist to lift concrete three stories high. A new block at Fort England, the municipal house next to the fire station, the old age home there and the municipal houses on Sugar Loaf Hill followed. So did PJ Olivier Primary – where they lost money because they didn't know how hard the natural stone on the site was. Jan Vogel joined them as a learner carpenter and stayed with the company for 45 years; first as Bobby's apprentice and then as Neels's business partner.

The late 1950s saw Pioneer Ford, Beaufort Service Station, Connocks Butchery, Krige's Butchery and St Mary's Primary School and Church spring up.

Work continued through the 1960s, when Somerset Heights was developed and triggered a boom in the housing market. Extensions at St Andrew's, Kingswood and Mary Waters, Settlers Museum, Rhodes University's Botany and Zoology and the four-storey Smuts House were built.

"The roaring 60s were most likely CMH's most productive years," Neels says.

During that period, CM Heunis started their own property portfolio, constructing Sans Souci flats in Huntley Street, and Edith flats in Glanville Street.

Neels learned the trade hands-on, he says.

"I can remember these years because I would join my dad on Friday afternoons when he visited all the sites to pay the workmen," Neels recalls. "When I was 13 and older, I worked as a handlanger – push-

ing wheelbarrows, mixing concrete, doing carpentry and fixing reinforcing. "It was in our blood," he says. "I was given a pay packet on a Friday afternoon, along with the other workers."

Neels counts as his mentors highly qualified artisans such as Bez Bezuidenhout, Nickey Steffens and Eric Haarhoff.

CM Heunis's policy was to train apprentices. In the evenings, they attended the Technical College – where Kingswood Music School now stands. After four years of theory and practicals, apprentices were sent to Olifantsfontein for their trade test.

"If they failed, they had to come back and try again a year later," Neels says. "They each received a training ticket and today we regard them as 'A'-rated artisans."

In the 1970s the industry went into a recession in Grahamstown.

"Everybody suffered," Neels says. CM Heunis got contracts to build Rhodes University's theatre complex, the Pharmacy building and the conversion of the former Teachers' Training College to the new Law and Education building.

Neels matriculated at PJ Olivier in 1968 and in 1970 enrolled at the University of the Free State to study Quantity Surveying. He joined his family in Grahamstown in 1979. Contracts included the first restoration of the Observatory Museum, restoration of the Old Provost, the conversion of Federated Timbers in Hill Street to Maritime Motors and the conversion of a garage building in Hill Street into The Colcade.

The construction of Somerset Place began in 1986 – with three phases completed later.

During lean periods, CM Heunis would continue doing their own developments, and Heunspan

Flats, Heunishof and Uit & Tuis were built.

"In 1985 my uncle Bobby Heunis started his own company in opposition to us: sad in a way, but in the long run, a blessing."

In 1990, the two brothers also split their property portfolio. Two of their most creatively rewarding projects were Ntsika Secondary school and the Design and Technology Centre at St Andrew's College – both of which Neels describes as state-of-the-art for their purposes.

The story of the fire at the Monument Theatre bears telling.

"On a misty Saturday in August/September 1994, we drove to PE. As we were driving past the Monument, we heard it had been gutted by fire." That evening, Neels received a call asking him if they could start cleaning up that Monday morning.

"I asked him to give me some time to think," Neels says. Three days later, they were starting the job on a cost-plus basis.

"The devastation was overwhelming – and where do you start?" But – "Ons skrik vir niks," Neels says. Their work included lifting slabs, rebuilding the roof and spray cleaning the walls, all with the aim of making it ready to accommodate the Festival by July 1995.

Another post-fire reconstruction they undertook was Oxford Furnishers.

In 1999 the company formed a new branch in Port Alfred to service the growing need for multi-million luxury homes in Kenton-on-Sea, Bushman's River area and the Port Alfred Marina development.

One of their first contracts was the construction of Guido's on the beachfront. In Kenton, CM Heunis

was involved in the construction of several luxury houses.

The SAIAB building in Somerset Street, the upgrading of hostels at St Andrew's College, residences and additions to the library at Rhodes University are among their more recent projects. "We normally pump 50 cubic metres of concrete a day," Neels says. "Here we were pumping up to 180 a day at a cost of R2000 per cubic metre."

One of the most challenging projects was the Eden Grove complex at Rhodes University, put out to tender in 1998.

"This is the most complex structure that I have been involved in to date," says Neels. "It was the first time that we worked with post tensioned concrete slabs. The roof with its wings was so complex that the architects constructed a model so we could understand the drawings."

The building was an important statement for the university at the millennium, championed by vice-principal at the time, Mike Smout.

"Grahamstown has supported us since 1940," Neels said to the gathering at the 80-year celebrations, expressing the hope that CM Heunis would survive and continue to grow with the town.

The business stayed in the family for three generations, covering a span of 79 years, until Neels decided to sell the company and begin his journey into retirement.

The business was purchased with effect on 1 September 2016 by long-serving colleagues Brian Knight and Hain Ackerman. Neels has stayed on as Financial Manager and Consultant, as well as a Non-Executive Member of the company. He will be slowly withdrawing over the next few years as he retires fully.



Light and airy, the state-of-the-art Arthur Cotton Design and Technology Centre at St Andrew's College is one of CM Heunis's more recent projects. Photo supplied



Heunishof in Somerset Street. In between contracts, CM Heunis developed their own property portfolio in the 70s and 80s – many of them flats, named with family connections.

Neels Heunis is the third generation of the family to lead Grahamstown construction company, CM Heunis. Portraits on the wall behind are (left to right) grandfather Cornelius Marthinus Heunis, dad Cornelius Christian Heunis and Cornelius 'Neels' Du Toit Heunis. Photos: Sue MacLennan



The Eden Grove complex at Rhodes was designed to make a statement for the University at the turn of the century.



CM Heunis did restoration work on the badly dilapidated Old Provost in the early 1980s.

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Councillors red-flag water quality

By SUE MACLENNAN

Supplies of water purification chemicals are expected to be delivered to Makana Municipality's water treatment plants today and legislated water testing will resume soon; however, residents might be well advised to consider boiling water before drinking it, until further notice.

During Council portfolio committee meetings this week, councillors and officials expressed strong concern about the quality of the water currently coming out of Grahamstown's taps.

Infrastructure Development and Technical Services portfolio head Mabhuti Matyumza yesterday said residents would be informed of the problems with water treatment and storage that might affect quality.

Both the Social Development and Infrastructure Development and Technical Services portfolio committee meetings raised concern that potable water for residents' consumption wasn't being treated correctly and that legislated water quality testing is not being carried out. Both problems were the result of the municipality's financial constraints, officials said.

A report to the Social Development portfolio yesterday indicated that municipal testing of water samples in January had shown a coliform count of 101 at the Alicedale reservoir.

The results were forwarded to the water section, the report noted. "They had a challenge with chemicals. Necessary steps were taken and the public were informed to boil water for drinking and cook-

ing purposes."

While Alicedale's water showed acceptable levels by March, this was the month that water tested at the Joza Clinic had a total coliform count of 29 (standard is less than 10) and e.coli 2 (standard is 0).

Director of infrastructure Dali Mlenzana said this problem was not because of inadequate treatment at the plant, however, but because of contamination in the infrastructure storing and carrying that water. He said reservoirs needed to be cleaned out.

Environmental Health deputy director Johann Esterhuizen said in Wednesday's Social Development portfolio meeting that drinking water in some of Makana's supplies was currently being treated with swimming pool chemicals.

Esterhuizen said his department regularly tests water quality at the treatment works at Waainek, James Kleynhans, Alicedale and Riebeeck East and that currently it is of an acceptable standard; however, Makana had run out of the liquid chlorine required for correct water treatment and he feared the excessive e.coli levels detected recently in Alicedale's supply might return.

"What we are giving to the community is not right and we are going to have major problems," Esterhuizen said. "I would recommend something be done urgently so we know the water is fit for human consumption."

Esterhuizen described the correct process for chlorinating water, which is the feeding of a constant stream of liquid chlorine into the pipeline carrying

filtered water into the reservoir. He explained that water in the reservoirs should thus already be chlorinated.

Instead, Esterhuizen said that in Riebeeck East, untreated water was fed into the reservoir, where chlorine tablets were broken up and dropped into it. "But it's not mixed and that chlorine is meant for swimming pools."

However, he confirmed Water and Sanitation Manager Ntombi Tshicelela's statement that the results of recent quality tests had not shown any current problems.

He assured Tshicelela that her department would be immediately informed should they detect harmful levels of bacteria or minerals.

Because water is crucial to human health, the Municipal Systems Act dictates that alongside testing by the municipality, regular testing must be done by an accredited laboratory to verify compliance with the SANS 241: 2015 water regulations and standards. This testing was done through Amatola Water, who ensured this Blue Drop System requirement was complied with.

However, Makana owes Amatola R48 million, as well as a smaller amount in laboratory testing fees, and so no independent testing has been carried out recently. A set of tests costs in the region of R4 000.

Tshicelela said it had been negotiated with Amatola that the much smaller laboratory fee amount be paid while Makana continues to pay of its multimillion-rand debt to the water utility.

This meant the legislated testing would resume.

What we are giving to the community is not right and we are going to have major problems.

'Our water is safe to drink' says Director

By SARAH CONNOCK

Director of Infrastructure and Technical Services at Makana, Dali Mlenzana, is quick to quell rumours about the quality of the water in Makana. Grocott's Mail approached Makana after some members of the public said they had been advised by clinic staff that the diarrhoea they were experiencing was due to contaminated municipal water.

"At Waainek because of the issues of the supply of chlorine gas, currently we're using chlorine tablets," Mlenzana told Grocott's Mail. "This is acceptable according to the standards in the Department of Water and Sanitation. As soon as we sort out our problems with our supplier then we will stop using the chlorine

tablets," Mlenzana said.

In a Council portfolio meeting this week, Mlenzana explained that problems in the supply chain management process had delayed the supply of water treatment chemicals.

The water within the plant is tested hourly, Mlenzana said.

"We know the quantity that we are testing on a daily basis. For instance, we know at Waainek that on a 24-hour day we treat about 7 megalitres of water, so we know how much chlorine we need and we test it continuously to make sure the water is properly purified."

The water coming out of Grahamstown taps is tested at least once a month, based on the Department of Water and Sanitation standards,

Mlenzana said.

The last tests were done by the Department themselves. Based on their tests from last month, "Our water is safe to drink and no one will get sick from it," Mlenzana said.

Settlers Hospital also does its own water checks to ensure that the water meets the required standards. If the water does not meet the required standards at any hospital owned or operated by Netcare, they install a filtration system to address this problem.

"The last test [was] performed during February 2018." Said Nolene Ferreira, the Clinical Services Manager. "There has never been a need to install a filtration system at Settlers Hospital."

*One megalitre is one million litres.

Our water is safe to drink and no one will get sick from it



Some of the lions at Kwandwe Game Reserve; 6 May. Photos: Steven Lang



My Garden



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From left (sitting down): Xolani Sineke and Vumile Ndlangana. Standing: Zukisa Mpupa and Mzwandile Ralo. Transplanting cabbages.

The Community Works Programme (CWP) in conjunction with Andrew Moyakhe Public Primary School is working hand in hand to make sure local children get vegetables in their food. Xolani Sineke, caretaker of Andrew Moyakhe, is working with CWP to plant and grow vegetables for the school.

"We are helping the kids and the community as well," with the help of CWP under Supervisor Phumla Diniso.

"We appreciate helping the community because these are our kids," said Diniso.

When Grocott's visited them, they were transplanting cabbages. They have also planted spinach, beetroot, and onions. Their major challenge are animals which enter at the back and eat the vegetables. "The fence has been vandalised by community members, in the back, we don't have [anything] fancy," said Sineke. – Text and photo: Lindani Donyeli

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U3A LECTURE

10am at the Grahamstown Bowling Club. Speaker: Pauline & Leslie Mitchell. Topic: Alternatives to Violence Project. All Welcome. Charge R5. Contact Malcolm Hacksley 046 636 1762

SATURDAY 26 MAY

BARGAIN HUNTERS SALE

9am at Drill Hall, Hill Street. The Rotary club of Grahamstown will be hosting its eighth bargain hunters sale. Please clear out those unused/unwanted/surplus items at home as they need stock. Please contact to following Mike McCallum 083 651 9249, Ros Parker 082 758 4903 or Les Reynolds 082 801 1399, who will arrange to collect when convenient or you can deliver to 5 Milner Street. Please help them benefit local charities.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MINI FETE

9am at Trinity Hall, Hill Street. Stalls will include a White Elephant stall, plants and flowers, and, of course, there will be piles of exciting books to rummage through in search of bargains. Tea and cake will be served so please come and join us for a fun-filled morning. The money that we raise at the Mini Market is channeled into improving and supplementing the library services that Grahamstown Public Libraries

offer. Contact Sue Rionda 046 636 2276.

JOZA YOUTH HUB OPEN DAY

10am at the Joza Youth Hub, Ncame Street. All our partners are working together to turn this year's Open Day in to the best one ever held. There will be organised games, crowd entertainment, dance classes and a course for parents in how children can be assisted with homework. There will also be a chess competition open to ALL ages, a poetry and singing competition as well as a computer competition and a computer course for adults. All activities are free of charge and participants can win up to R100 in airtime vouchers.

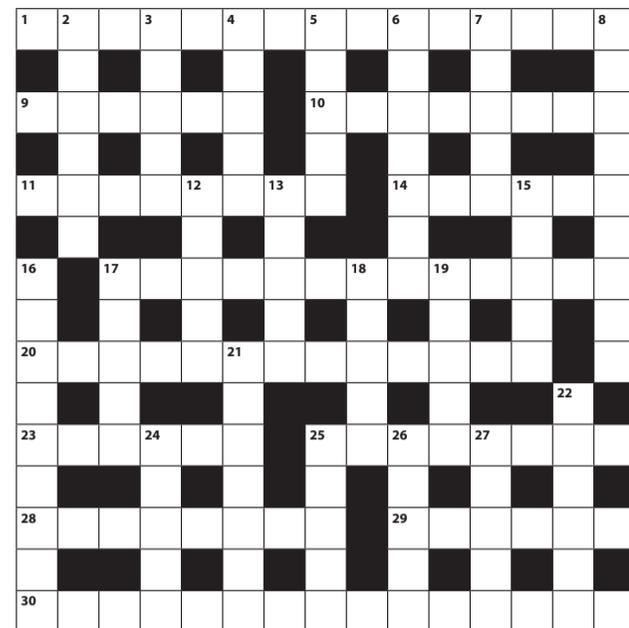
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE CONCERT

7pm at Kingswood College Chapel. This is the second Artist in Residence Concert. Caleb Vaughn-Jones (cello), Jenny Brand (clarinet) and JF Viljoen (piano) will play music by Mozart, Beethoven, Schumann, Raure and Bruch. Caleb Vaughn-Jones will present another master class on Sunday 27 May from 9.30am- 12pm in the Chapel. Tickets (available at door): Adults R80, Pensioners R40, Scholars/students R20. For more information contact Alke Bradfield a.bradfield@kingswoodcollege.com 046 603 6670

JDE

The Original South African

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



JDE 134

ACROSS

- 1 Drive home with limited Landy, vomiting left, right, centre - showing red flag (6,3,6)
- 9 Clubs provide zols (6)
- 10 Irritating lack-lustre initial production of gin (8)
- 11 Nut leapt over cross (8)
- 14 No longer skating for position (6)
- 17 Very carefully made Father popular holy man, a leader to disheartened laity (13)
- 20 Sadly break Aunt Lyd's place for washing (7,6)
- 23 Setter's average - time to pass on (6)
- 25 Book complete and masterly, but can be twisted (8)
- 28 A valet OK - sort of - without shoes (8)
- 29 Neighbouring dam difficult to appreciate properly at first (6)
- 30 Unpleasantness as sand flies test us miserably (15)

DOWN

- 2 Redeems area with pitches (6)
- 3 "Mourn, or leave!" - copper who is sour (5)
- 4 Dashing star a follower of Ethiopian king (5)
- 5 Musical group not having direction (5)
- 6 Small konked out old car (7)
- 7 Cape Town left provided with Muslim leader (5)
- 8 Carefully watching bird contemplate depth (5-4)
- 12 Foreign landowner died following retreat (5)
- 13 Curious about number returning very well (5)
- 15 During home-time pop off to cast metal (5)
- 16 Cavorted about or fell, finally beaten (9)
- 17 Cushy and soft and well-covered (5)
- 18 Saying that woman lifts, for example (5)
- 19 Ride around, circling entrance to Kingwilliamstown, annoyed (5)
- 21 Supplies tip-off: Lions are after deserter (7)
- 22 Defence for Eliot folds (6)
- 24 Set aside an erf over phone (5)
- 25 Man holds up paddle at swim (5)
- 26 First Prime Minister to fine-tune HR urban accommodation (5)
- 27 Cooking protection for an expert inside (5)

Compiled by George Euvrard.

Crossword Solution for last week JDE 133




Makana tourism
Leave inspired

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Grahamstown
Weekly What's On

Mondays

GRAHAMSTOWN BRIDGE

6:30pm at Grahamstown Bowling Club. Duplicate Bridge. Contact Mary Birt on 083 657 0067.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

7:30pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Learn Scottish Country Dancing in a friendly social setting. Beginners welcome. Contact Val Hodgson 046 622 2308

Tuesdays

SENIORS BRIDGE AND TEA

2pm at Christ Church Speke Street. Come and boost your weekly bridge. Join our 10 to 20 cheerful, friendly players. Cost R10 per person per week. Contact Maureen 046 622 5215.

Thursdays

GRAHAMSTOWN BRIDGE CLUB

1:30pm at Grahamstown Bowling Club. Duplicate Bridge. Contact Mary Birt 083 651 0067.

See more events on our online calendar at <http://www.grocotts.co.za/grocotts-mail-diary/>

Bridge Results

Thursday 10 May

6½ Table 28 Board Mitchell Movement

NORTH/SOUTH

- 1. Ern van Hille & Sheila Hicks 67.14%
- 2. Gus Macdonald & Ian Macdonald 56.07%
- 3. Peter Midlane & Mary Schudel 53.57%
- 4. Pair 3 41.43%
- 5. Pair 5 41.07%
- 6. Pair 2 40.71%

EAST/WEST

- 1. Frank Kroon & Jenny Kroon 56.25%
- 2. Derrick Newson & Pat Shepherd 53.75%
- 3. Margaret Banks & Maureen van Hille 52.92%
- 4. Viv Botha & Jo Fitzhenry 51.25%
- 5. Pair 12 47.08%
- 6. Pair 9 45.83%
- 7. Pair 11 42.92%

Monday 14 May

4½ Table 27 Board Howell Movement

PAIR NAMES

- 1. Ern van Hille & Maureen van Hille 66.67%
- 2. Ilva Benyon & Pat Shepherd 63.89%
- 3. Jo Fitzhenry & Viv Botha 58.33%
- 4= Frank Kroon & Jenny Kroon 53.47%
- 4= Margaret Banks & David Gain 53.47%
- 6. Peter Midlane & Mary Schudel 50.00%
- 7. Pair 1 40.97%
- 8. Pair 5 34.03%
- 9. Pair 6 29.17%

Sudoku

Complete this Sudoku correctly and drop it off at Grocott's Mail in the box at reception at AMM building, Upper Campus and stand a chance to win a **Calabash breakfast buffet voucher.**

		1		4	5			
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	4				3	5		8
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			7		8		1	3
								7
			6	2		8		

Name: _____

Contact Details: _____

The winner for 11 May is: Michael Tweedie



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Going in style, thanks to Neville

By STEVEN LANG

One of the most remarkable vehicles in all of Albany is back on the road again thanks to the skill and determination of Neville Koch.

Sourcing and fitting a new gearbox is only the latest achievement of his long and sometimes testy relationship with the beautiful, yet often troublesome black hearse belonging to the Inggs Funeral Home on Hill Street.

The 1957 Plymouth Suburban is among the most stylish means of transport for anyone's final journey. You can see your reflection in the shiny black bodywork and you need sunglasses to admire the heavily chromed front-end with double headlights, a substantial bumper and a latticed grille.

The elegant tail-fins sweep backwards under a long viewing glass toward the chrome-trimmed tail-lights.

It is an enormous vehicle that exudes power and panache from a time when car manufacturers concerned themselves with horse-power and bold impressions while nobody outside a laboratory had ever heard of 'carbon emissions'.

Koch reminisces that many years ago, the owner of the funeral home, OD Inggs used



Neville Koch works on the inside of a Morris Minor.
Photos: Steven Lang

(Right) Mary Bowker of Inggs Funeral Home with the 1957 Plymouth Suburban that is used as a hearse.



to work on the Plymouth himself, but as he got older he handed over a lot of the repairs.

One day, 'Uncle OD' as Koch fondly recalls, brought him the hearse to make an exhaust, "...but there were many bends, so I decided I'll just drive it down quickly to the exhaust people, let them bend me some pipes, and I'll fit it".

A few minutes later, an absolutely livid O.D. Inggs went storming off to the exhaust

workshop and berated the young Koch, "You do not drive a hearse around town, and if I take it to you, you will repair it. Don't take it to somebody else."

Koch said there were some surprising problems that caused him to stretch his ingenuity to find a solution.

For example, over the years, the rubber blocks that allowed the tailgate to rest horizontally against the bumper had gradually worn away. It is important for the tailgate to be

straight in order to remove caskets without any risk of slipping. His solution was to fix wooden blocks on to the rear bumper – not ideal, but it works.

The latest and one of the biggest repair jobs had to do with the gear-box. Koch said he first had problems with the gear-box some years ago when the gears started slipping. Although he admits he is no specialist, he managed an overhaul that lasted 15 years.

Then one day the current

funeral director, Mary Bowker had promised the Plymouth for an important funeral but the reverse gear broke. The car would not go backwards.

Koch explains, "It had no reverse gear. I stripped it down, found that the gear or one of the band clamps had broken, which I was not able to repair."

He said they had to make a plan so that Bowker could keep her promise. "We plotted the route so that we didn't have to have any re-

verse gear, and I drove it and it was successful. We went right through, and we had to park in front of the cathedral and it worked, that's the main thing."

After that funeral, Koch says he stripped it down and "unfortunately it took eight months to locate parts and fix it at quite a heavy price".

The Plymouth is now back on the road and with Neville Koch's loving care it will stay that way for many years to come.

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The rear tailgate open.



A front view of the Plymouth.

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2014 Fortuner 3.0 D 4x4	R396 995.00
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2011 Toyota Fortuner 3.0D-4D 4x4 Auto	R299 992.00
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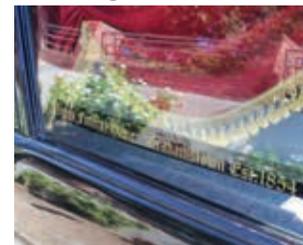
LEAD THE WAY



A view of the dashboard.



The front grille.



Custom signage on the window.



The double lights in the front.

1. PERSONAL

Funeral

Siyakubonga Funeral Services



Funerals arranged by Siyakubonga Funeral Services. 6 Cobden Street Grahamstown Tel: 087 357 7047

Please go and our facebook page, all notices available on every week.

TUTU - MAKALIMA NOMANGESI FLORENCE

uhlala kwa 5133 Extension 6, Grahamstown ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 19 May 2018.

SIKIKI WILMON uhlala kwa 330 Ndokwenza Street, Kenton on Sea ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 19 May 2018.

NGQONDOLO LINDO-KUHLE

uhlala kwa 8023 Lingelihle, Ext 6, Grahams-town ungcwatywa ngeCawa umhla we 20 May 2018.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT

Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, PROTEA GROUP. Drinking problem – get help from us! Meetings 7.30pm, Monday night at the Princess Alice Girl Guide Hall, African Street, opp BP Garage.

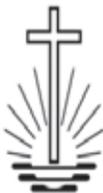
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02 JUNIE 2018
10:00
PJ OLIVIER

Frontier Auctions

Auction this Sat 19th, 10am start, The Drill hall, Hill street, Grahamstown.

Oregon Pine flooring, antique dressing tables, beds, couches, gates, fridge's, pool table, tables, desks, toilets, basins, 100s of smalls and so much more. For any info contact Craig on **0763123514**.



SHA THE CREMATION SERVICE OF THE LATE HUSSEIN AGE 77 YEARS WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 19-05-2018 AT 10am FROM THE NEW APOSTOLIC CHURCH ALBANY ROAD GRAHAMSTOWN. VIEWING AT 9.00am DEEPLY MOURNED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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SPCA GRAHAMSTOWN
046 622 3233
spcaght@gmail.com

Please visit our facebook page (SPCA Grahamstown) for full write-ups about all our animals looking for homes – including pictures. (Photo albums: Dogs/ Cats ready for adoption).

Contact information: phone: 046 6223233 – call this number for all emergencies too, a voice message will give you the on call number; email: spcaght@gmail.com

Thank you so very much to everyone who continues to support us with generous food donations and supporting us at our fundraising events, we will be fundraising this weekend at the Horse Trials and at Rustic Route and our next Tin collection will be on Friday the 25th May. From all the animals here at the SPCA and those we have yet to help and assist thank you so very much for caring.

Cats and Dogs: We have a large selection of Cats, kittens, Dogs and a couple of Puppies to adopt please visit the Grahamstown SPCA to meet them and for more information.

Cat of the week Hi...My name is **Tina**. I am a playful female tabby cat. I am very, very friendly and have lots of love to give. I enjoy lots of playing and being cuddled and am looking for a loving family for my forever home. To meet me, please visit the Grahamstown SPCA or for more information call 046 622 3233.

Dog of the week: Hi..... My name is **Snowy**. I am a very affectionate female white wire terrier cross. I am very playful and very affectionate, I love kids and would be a great family addition. I am still young, am very friendly and love being out. Please visit me at the Grahamstown SPCA or for more information call 046 622 3233.

Thank you very much to the Grahamstown community for your continued food donations. Blu Robin, Madhatter's Coffee Shop and Pam Golding Grahamstown are very kindly acting as pet-food drop off points.

Kennel Sponsorships are still available for only R850 for a year!! Thank you to Grahamstown Vets and Ikhalha Vets for your continued support. We are very pleased with all the young people becoming involved with the Grahamstown SPCA, thank you all for all the help you give us and the time you spend with the animals. Thank you to all the volunteers for coming up to the SPCA, walking and socialising the animals.

Please come and visit our thrift shop and you can also buy books in aid of the SPCA from Madhatters Coffee Shop in town and Noom Coffee Shop in the industrial area. Look in our facebook 'Adoptions' photo albums, to see who has found their forever home. Visit our SPCA shop on site! **All books only R20!** Boarding fees : Dogs- XL R55; L R53; M R47; S R42; Puppy or Cats R39. **We desperately need fundraising ideas.** Please call 046 622 3233.

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4. EMPLOYMENT

Employment Offered

A driver with drivers licence C1 with PDP is looking for employment. Contact: **078 535 1106**

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE: Wednesday @ 4pm



Have a news story or photograph? *WhatsApp us on 076 733 1770*

8. LEGALS

ESTATE LATE

In the Estate of the late **CECILE ANN EDWARDS** Identity number **341212 0005 08 1**, unmarried and retired of **S11 Woodholme Retirement Centre, East London**, who died at Grahamstown on the 12th April 2017.

Estate No. **001423/2017**

The First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie for inspection at the Office of the Master of the High Court, Grahamstown, and the office of the Magistrate & Court, East London, for a period of three weeks reckoned from the 18th May 2018.

KAREN ADELE LEWIS
Executrix
122 High Street GRAHAMSTOWN

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www.ru.ac.za/jobs

CHURCH SERVICES

ABUNDANT LIFE WORSHIP CENTRE

- Kuyasa School Hall
10.30am Morning Service - Pastor NC Julius 079 496 4256

AFM OF SA - God's Glory Assembly

- Indoor Sports Centre - Ext 6
9am Youth and Sunday School Services **10am** Morning Service
 Pastor B.L. Kutu 082 828 6194

AGS/AFM EL SHADDAI (Former AOG Church, Blackbeard Street)

10am Morning Service
 Pastor Pieter Swartz 082 414 7711
 Elders: Dennis Goliath 073 272 8112
 Ronnie Scheepers 083 610 2926

BODY OF CHRIST INTERNATIONAL RAINBOW MINISTRIES - Makana Hall

9am Children Ministries
9.30am Intercession
10am Sunday Service
 Apostolic MM Mngcongco 071 906 4286

BOWKER STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

10am: Sunday Service - Pastor: Eugino Nel

CATHEDRAL OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

7.30am Holy Eucharist (SAPB)
9.30am Sung Eucharist (AAPB)
6.30pm Student Eucharist

CHRIST CHURCH - Speke Street

8.30am Sunday: Holy Eucharist with Hymns (APB 1989)

9am Wednesday: Holy Communion
 Vic Graham 076 098 5763

CHRIST EMBASSY CHURCH - 19 African Street in Princess Alice Hall

9am Morning Service
 Pastor Stewart 078 875 0319

CONQUERORS COVENANT CHURCH - Nombulelo Hall, Joza

10am - 12pm Sunday
 Nceba Ngeju 073 653 2655

EMMANUEL ASSEMBLY - 12 Paton Place, Vergenoeg

10.30am Morning Service
5.30pm Evening Service
 Pastor Apost NJL Williams 084 226 2457

EVERY NATION CHRISTIAN CHURCH - VGHS Hall, Beaufort Str

9.30am Morning Service
12.30pm isiXhosa Service
6.30pm Evening Service
 046 622 3426

FAITH ALIVE BIBLE CHURCH - 276 Ext 4, Joza

9.30am Morning Service
 Pastors Xolisile & Xoliswa Panti 083 922 9379/071 794 0331

FRONTIERS CHURCH INT - VP School Hall, Beaufort Street

9.30am Dave Koch 084 470 2095 or 046 636 7815

FULL GOSPEL CHURCH OF GOD - 11 Caldecott Street

9am Morning Service and Promised land (Sunday School)
6.30pm Evening Service
 Pastor JJ Botha, 046 622 5949 or Email: fullgospelchurch@telkomsa.net

SHALOM REVIVAL MINISTRIES - 8073 Lingelihle Loc Ext 6 Joza

10am Morning Service
 Pastor TP Dube Ngayisa 083 671 9686

GRAHAMSTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH - Bathurst Street

9.30am Morning Worship and Sunday School Every 1st Sunday
 Communion
6.30pm Evening Service every 3rd Sunday
 Communion

11.30am

Kariega Church 4th Sunday only

GRAHAMSTOWN CHRISTIAN CENTRE - Lucas Meyer Ave

9am Sunday Worship
 Pastor D Hagemann 046 622 3309

GOD'S KINGDOM INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP - 8 Frere Street

7pm Wednesday **10am** Sunday
 Mrs Mildred Oosthuizen
 046 622 6655 or 079 475 0868

JABEZ HOUSE ASSEMBLY - Sun City community creche

10am Morning Service **6pm** Evening Service
 Pastor T Smit 079 622 9812

MARIYA uMAMA weTHEMBA MONASTERY - Highlands Road - Holy Cross Benedictine Monks

9am Holy Eucharist
 046 622 8111

METHODIST CHURCH OF SA

Commem 9am English Service
Wesley 9am English Service
Sole Memorial 10am Afrikaans Service

St. Mark's 11am Afrikaans Service

St. Mark's 6pm Afrikaans Service
NEDERDUITSE GEREFORMEERDE KERK - 38 Market St

9am Erediens, aandelgemeentes

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NEDERDUITSCH HERVORMDE KERK

9am Every Sunday erediens - Port Alfred 2nd and 4th Sundays
11am Eredienste Cannon Rocks
 Prof John Gericke 046 624 9025

PEACE OF CHRIST MINISTRIES AND PRAISE - Nduna 1, Ext 1, Joza

9am Kidz Church **9.30am**

Intercession **10am** Sunday Service
 Pastor PP Pango 082 662 9422

PINKSTER PROTESTANTE KERK

- Brushwood Farm, industrial area, behind Ght Prison
9am Sondagskool **10am** Oggenddiens **7pm** Aanddiens
 Shawn Warren 082 808 6136

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS) 622 3382 or 622 3076

RIVER OF LIFE - Assembly of God
 cnr Hill and Huntley St
8.30am MORNING ALIVE (Worship service & Kidz Church)
10am Worship Service & Kidz Church
6pm Dynamic Evening Service
 Pastors Innocent and Milcah Matepe. 046 622 3626

ROCK OF AGES CHRISTIAN CHURCH INTERNATIONAL - Duna Library - Joza

10am: Sunday Service
 Past FW Arendse 072 118 9049

SALEM CHURCH

8.30am Rev Rod Burton
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
 -next to Pick n Pay
9.30am Sabbath School (Saturday)
11am Worship Service
ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH
9.30 am Sunday Service
ST BARNABAS (Alicedale)
10am Xhosa service on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month and the English service on the 3rd.
 J Olckers 082 601 9665

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH (Market Street)

9am Eucharist with hymns - APB1989
 Fr Eric Kelly 046 622 4552

ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH - (top end of High Street, next to Railway Station)

9am - Holy Eucharist
ST CYPRIAN'S - (Highlands)
10am Second Sunday of month.
 Contact R Wilmot 0825796886 or P Rose 082 801 1353

ST MOSES CHURCH OF CHRIST IN ZION OF RSA - (9772 Manka Veleleli Street, Vukani Location)

Sunday 11am to 1.30pm
Wednesday 6pm to 7.30pm
 Siyabulela Mnyakama 073 961 7839

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Joza)

8am Mass
ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Albany Road)
10am Sunday Mass
6pm Tuesday service
ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (47 Hill Street)
8am Sunday Mass. -046 622 2808
ST PETER CLAVER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Raglan Road)
11am Mass
ST PETER'S (Sidbury)
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The St Andrew's College Chapel choir with Bishop Ebenezer Ntlali. Photo: Supplied

Choir swings in Bathurst

STAFF REPORTER

The St Andrew's College Chapel Choir sang at the 180th anniversary of St John's Anglican Church in Bathurst this past Sunday, 13 May.

The service was presided over by Bishop Ebenezer, the

Bishop of Grahamstown. The Archdeacon of Albany and Dean of the Cathedral were also at the celebration of this beautiful Romanesque building (which is unaltered) and its active and devout congregation.

The College choir had the

opportunity to step back in time being accompanied on an old pump organ from the 1800s. This special service was enhanced by the singing of the mass and a rousing upbeat jazzy anthem, *Swingin' with the Saints*, culminated in a well-deserved ap-

plause from the appreciative congregation. Even the Bishop joined in on the applause!

College presented St John's with a gift to mark this momentous occasion and the Bishop thanked the boys for enhancing the worship at this very special service.

Special screening of Royal Ballet live performance

STAFF REPORTER

The National Arts Festival has announced the screening of the Royal Ballet's performance of the Centennial Celebrations Of Leonard Bernstein, courtesy of Nebula Productions. The screening will take place in the Olive Schreiner Hall at the Monument on Friday 18 May at 7pm. Three Royal Ballet choreographers honour the creative genius of Leonard Bernstein as part of the special worldwide centennial celebration of works created in response to his music.

The programme includes two world premieres by Wayne McGregor and Christopher Wheeldon, as well as the first revival of Liam Scarlett's *The Age of Anxiety* set to Bernstein's Symphony No 2.

Continuing his distinctive

creative collaborations beyond the world of dance, Wayne McGregor's new ballet incorporates designs by artist Edmund de Waal, and is set to Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*. Christopher Wheeldon collaborates with award-winning fashion designer Erdem Moralioglu to create the costumes for his piece. This is a screening of the live ballet performance at The Royal Opera House in London. It is nearly three hours long with two intervals.

Tickets are R100 for adults and R90 for students, pensioners and children. The tuck shop and bar will be open through both intervals – and soup and rolls will be added to their normal fare. For more info, contact Kate on 046 603 1163 or email kate@nationalartsfestival.co.za.

The Poet's Duty

(For South African workers who drowned in a bus accident in 2003)

The poet is a haunted soul
 from her words wounds cry for a healing massage
 how can she go for a swim as if all this was just a picnic?
 no!

the poet cannot be at peace till
 she has sung elegies for the departed
 no!

peace is not hers till the dust has settled
 she is the principal mourner
 She has to cover herself with the mourning blanket
 she must warmly flank the dead
 she must lead the throwing of dust
 and observe solemn farewell rites.

Her shovel is the first and the last to make the warm bed for our fallen
 she leads the farewell hymn and the washing of hands
 she is the first to put on the black rags of loss
 to carry grief in her shoulders.

In her eyes, tears tell of the perennial pain
 of death by water on a cruel road
 she hides the grief in poetry
 to wipe the tears of the bereaved
 she leads the red songs for which they shed blood.

Sandile Ngidi

* Ngidi is a poet, literary translator, art critic and freelance writer.

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Ukudela Umzi Ongena Nja

The direct translation of this is that "to disrespect the home that has no a dog". The meaning is that people say whatever they want if there are no consequences and mostly refers to bullies. Please stop bullying

Kuye kutshiwo xa umntu kubonakala ukuba yena usoloko elungile nokuba iimeko azimvumeli ukuba makabe njalo. Ezikolweni esifunda kuzo nezo sasi funda kuzo kukho abanye abantwana abadelela abanye kuba bebona ukuba kunzima nokundwendwela komzali esikolweni noko nje ebiziwe. Beve xa bethetha ngaye lowo uli lunga phofu engayanganga kukha mboty, esiva. Naye ke esoloko engafuni nokuphendula kuba oko kungamzela nento eninzi yokuthetha ze kuthi xa kwenzekile abafundisi ntsapho bathe bafuna ukuyi qonda le meko, iphume naye kungenjalo kufuneka ukuba aye kubiza kwa lo mzali wakhe.

Noko nje le meko yokudelelana kwabantwana nokuba kuse sikolweni okanye apho bahlanganela khona njenga bantwana ikho kwiintlanga zonk, akukho luhlanga lubonakalisa ukuyikhuthaza. Ngenxa yokulunga komntwana kakhulu asuke abe lilolo nto leyo engathandekiyo kuye uphela engena amaqumru olahlekiso anjengawe ziyobiso kodwa abanye basuke bomelele bafunde iincwadi kakhulu baze bapase emagqabini, nto leyo endingayi khuthazayo mna.

Kusithiwa nje ungumzi ongena nja kukuba akana zihlobo zino kumthethelela xa abanye bemgezela. Aya kuyazi amaXhosa intetho ethi ithafa elingena ngxangxosi liba sisisulu seenyoka. Iingxangxosi ziintaka ezitya iinyoka zona. Izinja ngabakhuseli bekhaya iingxangxosi zikhusela ithafa

D.J.Mpupha





Taryn-Maie Wille mountain-biking as part of her training for the Cross-Triathlon world champs. Photo: Supplied

Gtown athlete in ITU Worlds

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

Former Grahamstown resident and old-Kingswoodian, Taryn-Maie Wille, has been chosen to represent the Springbok side in the Elite U23 Cross-Triathlon World Championships in July of 2018. The Champs, which are being held in Denmark on 10 July, are one of five World Champs which will be taking place in the Fyn 2018 ITU Multi-sport World Championships Festival.

Over the course of 5-14 July, the Danish island of Fyn will host five events in Duathlon, Aquathlon, Aqua Bike, Cross Triathlon and Long Distance Triathlon disciplines. Most of the events will take

place in Odense, Denmark. However, Wille will have to travel to Svendborg on 10 July to compete in her Cross-Triathlon event.

Although she has been participating in triathlons for six years, Wille has only been racing in the Cross-triathlon code for the past three years. She is coming off the back of a stellar performance in the U23 Worlds in Canada in 2017, where she was the first U23 woman in the competition.

Currently in her second year at Stellenbosch University (reading towards a BSc in Conservation Ecology), the 21-year-old is not letting her training interfere with her studies. Instead, she sees her

training and her studies as complementary aspects of her life. "I get my sessions done before and after lectures and in-between if I have time, otherwise on the weekends," said Wille on her training schedule.

"I am extremely lucky and so excited to have the opportunity to race at an international level," said Wille.

"It is a huge honour to have been selected to represent South Africa internationally and be recognised as a Springbok for a non-mainstream sport. Hopefully I can get more South Africans trying out Cross-Triathlons and having a go at racing professional level."

KNOW THE SCORE

Park Run #190

The 190th edition of the Grahamstown Park Run took place on Saturday 12 May. Here are the top places from this Saturday's race:

1. Tony Rubombora - 19:19 (M)
2. Unknown - information not registered with officials
3. Kendal Rose - 21:23 (F)
4. Daniel Erasmus - 21:45 (M)
5. Enock Mukwekwe - 22:20 (M)
6. Vusumzi Mafu - 22:50 (M)
7. Richard Alexander - 23:00 (M)
8. Ryan Bruton - 23:08 (M)
9. Unknown - information not registered with

officials

10. Unknown - information not registered with officials
11. Orrin Snelgar - 23:52 (M)
12. Jacob Erasmus - 23:58 (M)
13. Unknown - information not registered with officials
14. Thobela Sambane - 24:30 (M)
15. Mhlahi Mpendu - 24:49 (M)
16. Carl Wurz - 24:50 (M)
17. Siviwe Moyake - 25:44 (M)
18. Robert Kirkpatrick - 25:55 (M)
19. Charlotte Abraham - 26:01 (F)
20. Neil Kirkpatrick - 26:07 (M)

DSG hockey host Clarendon

By: JESSICA FELDTMAN

The pleasant weather of Saturday 12 May witnessed many enthusiastic parents at the Webster astro and netball courts. Diocesan School for Girls (DSG) Junior hosted Clarendon Park for various netball and hockey matches throughout the morning.

The U13 A teams were the highlight of the day. Both U13 A netball teams looked confident as they walked onto the court.

The match began with both young teams displaying great team work and effort. DSG started off strong but they were put under immense

pressure by Clarendon during the second half. The hosts, however, remained focused resulting in their 9-7 win. DSG coach Rene Barnard displayed her pride for the team. "Overall, I think they did really well, considering that it's still early in the season and they are still finding their feet as a new team."

The last match for the day saw the U13 A hockey team take on their counterparts from Clarendon. During the first half both teams expressed great determination. Clarendon dominated during the first half but DSG continued to work hard as a team. It

was a nail-biting match which ended with a 0-0 draw. "My u13s played really well it was a good starting point for the upcoming season," said Cathy Munro, the DSG head coach. "They played well as a team and fought hard until the very end but need to work on their passing and tackling skills. The team can only get better and stronger from here."

Overall, it was an enjoyable morning filled with exciting matches for the young girl teams.

Junior school sports should encourage children to increase their passion for sport while developing their skills.

GBS Mutual Bank event gets its logo-legs!

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

The GBS Mutual Bank Mountain Drive Half Marathon was announced last month as an all-Grahamstown affair, with GBS Mutual Bank being named as the sponsor, and has just released their official event logo and branding.

The race, which is set to take place on August 25, is being hosted this year by the Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset, and looks to bring athletes back to Grahamstown in what is a family-orientated fun day.

The Saints & Sinners Multisport Club are going to be providing technical expertise and using its national network to bring runners back to the city with a vibrant, professionally run race. Local service and networking organisations will be approached to support and assist with the event.

Schools are also being approached to assist, with Graeme College providing the start-finish venue.

As community media partner, *Grocott's Mail* will keep our readers updated on the

event both in our print edition and our digital platforms. Look out for *Grocott's Sport's* special three-month training programme, starting from next week in our print edition, to get you to the finish to the best of your ability.

This training programme will be an intensive twelve-week programme, designed to train runners of all differing abilities to be able to run the 21km GBS Mutual Bank Mountain Drive Half Marathon and feel healthy and strong in the process.

Anele Yoli

Anele Yoli, a Grade 12 learner at Ntsika Secondary School, is not the typical Sports Hero with a string of outstanding sporting achievements under the belt, nor has he shown remarkable progress in any particular sport. However, to the staff and learners of Ntsika he is a hero.

Yoli, better known as Jolly Yoli, loves soccer and is a dedicated left-back defender for the senior Ntsika team and for Jacaranda Aces, a local football club. He plays a strong, disciplined game, but it is his commitment to assisting in creating a sporting environment for others that has earned him the accolades at the school. Ntsika's Head of Sport, Fundisile Mgoqi, points out, "Whenever we have a sports event, Anele is the first learner I call upon for assistance."

He is a down-to-earth, trustworthy person who will give of his very best, often behind the scenes."

For two years running, Yoli was also in charge of the bicycle programme at Ntsika. The bicycles were donated by Rotary and are used by learners for academic purposes, e.g. attending Ikamva tutoring at Nombulelo. The programme includes training learners in the basics, from road safety rules to learning to



cycle. Yoli and his team ably administered the programme and did basic maintenance with much creativity and few tools.

Yoli is Ntsika's Sport Hero, because he embodies what sport should be about: discipline, commitment, and above all, enabling not only oneself, but also others, to shine.

Please could the sports hero please come and collect their prize from the Grocott's Mail offices situated at the School of Journalism and Media Studies, AMM Building, Prince Alfred Street.

Super Rugby

Round 14 of Super Rugby kicks off this Saturday with the Stormers starting off the morning against the Sunwolves in Hong Kong. The Sharks are next up, hosting the Chiefs, before the Lions host the Brumbies in Johannesburg. The last match of the weekend sees the Bulls travel to Buenos Aires to take on the Jaguares.

Protea Women

A great all-round performance by the bowlers and batters led by Laura Wolvaardt (70*) saw the Momentum Proteas beat Bangladesh by six wickets and achieve their Cricket South Africa (CSA) Women's ODI series whitewash target when they met at Mangaung Oval on Monday. It is the first time that the hosts have accomplished such a feat in a five-match series.

Kingswood's Olympian?

Kingswood College's Taya Trivella has been selected to represent the Zimbabwean Ladies Youth Olympic Hockey Team at the African Youth Games, which will serve as Olympic Qualifiers in July. The qualifiers will take place in Algiers, Algeria between 14 July and 1 August.

SA Ref for Pro14

South Africa's Stuart Berry has been appointed to referee the all-Ireland Guinness PRO14 semi-final between Leinster and Munster in Dublin on Saturday 19 May. Berry will become the first South African match official to be involved in a major play-off match in Northern Hemisphere club rugby.

Coastal Hockey

Hudson Park reclaimed the title in the East London Coastal tournament of the SPAR Eastern Cape Schoolgirls Hockey Challenge in a thrilling final against Clarendon in East London on 13 May. Hosted by Stirling, the third edition of this competition produced another exciting day of hockey. The remaining regional tournaments will be played in King William's Town on 20 May, and in George the following weekend.



An instructor shows the students what to do in the exercise as part of the fun sports day. Photo: Sarah Connock

Primary schools at play

By SARAH CONNOCK

On Thursday 10 May, George Dickerson was visited by Active Education and the Let's Play Initiative who set up an obstacle course for the learners, challenging them to see how many of them could complete the course in the space of half an hour.

The field was filled with laughter and cheering. The excitement of the event fueled the children to push themselves as they ran, shuffled, tested their hand-eye coordination, and

made their way through the course. Those waiting on the side danced to the energising music as they cheered on their classmates, the excitement so contagious that some of their teachers joined in with the dancing too.

In 2015, the Let's Play Physical Education Challenge was launched with the aim of promoting physical activity in primary schools. They have paired up with the Department of Basic Education, Sport and Recreation South Africa, the Physical

Education Institute of South Africa, UNICEF and Active Education to try and reach as many schools and as many learners as possible.

The staff at Active Education are passionate about their job, ensuring that the learners understood what to do and cheering them on as they made their way through the course. When some children got stuck, they not only explained, but also demonstrated what to do, and then completed that section with the student, finishing off with a cheer and a high-five.

"The fittest primary school in each province will compete for the title with the grand prize being a R1.3 million multi-purpose sport court, sponsored by the Sports Trust, to be built at the winning school."

For a school such as George Dickerson, winning would be life changing, and the learners clearly gave their all as they raced around the obstacle course.

For more details about this challenge, please visit: <http://activeeducation.co.za/lets-play-challenge/>

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FRIDAY 18 MAY

HOCKEY

- St Andrew's College: 18:00 1st XI v Cambridge High School; 17:00 2nd XI v Cambridge High School; 15:00 3rd XI v Cambridge High School; 4pm Boys-U16A v Cambridge High School; 2pm Boys-U16B v Cambridge High School; 3pm Boys-U16C v Cambridge High School; 1pm Boys-U14A v Cambridge High School; 2pm Boys-U14B v Cambridge High School
- DSG: 5:30pm 1st Team Hockey v Stirling High School, East London; 4:30pm Girls-U16A v Stirling High School, East London; 3:30pm Girls-U14A v Stirling High School, East London. Albany Hockey League - 3pm Girls-U13C v Oatlands College U13C (Mixed); 3:15pm DSG Girls-U13E v DSG Girls-U14D; 2pm Girls-U11B v Oatlands College U11C (Mixed)
- Kingswood College (Boys): U16C vs SAC U14C (City Lords Astro) 4pm; U13C vs Oatlands U13B (City Lords Astro) 2pm; U13D vs SAP 3rd (Away) TBC 2pm; U13 Mixed vs VP U13C (Gane) 3pm; U11C vs Oatlands U11B (City Lords Astro) 3pm

NETBALL

- DSG: 4pm 1st Team Netball v Stirling High School, East London; 3:15pm Girls-U16A v Stirling High School, East London; 3:15pm Girls-U15A v Stirling High School, East London; 2:30pm Girls-U14A v Stirling High School, East London
- Kingswood College: 1st Team, 2nd Team, 3rd Team, 4th Team, U16A, U16B, U16C, U16D, U15A, U15B, U15C, U15D, U14A, U14B, and U14C vs Clarendon

SATURDAY 19 MAY

RUGBY

- Grand Challenge Cup Qualifier: Brumbies vs Suburban - 2nds, 1st reserves and 1sts - 1pm-3:30pm (Grahamstown Oval)
- Graeme College: Junior vs Laerskool Lorraine Primary School (Away); Senior in Meyer Sauermaan Trials
- St Andrew's College: 1st Team, 2nd Team, 3rd Team, 4th Team, 5th Team, 6th Team, Boys-U16A, Boys-U16B, Boys-U15A, Boys-U15B, Boys-U15C, Boys-U14A, and Boys-U14B v Cambridge High School
- Kingswood College: 1st XV vs Port Rex 1st XV 1:45pm; 2nd XV vs Lilyfontein 1st XV 12:40pm; 3rd XV vs Port Rex 2nd XV 11:35am; 4th XV vs Port Rex 3rd XV 10:20am; U16A vs Port Rex U16A 10:30am; U15A vs Port Rex U15A 9:30am; U15B vs Lilyfontein U15A 8:30am; U14A vs Port Rex U14A 9:20am; U14B vs Port Rex U14B 11:30am (Away)

NETBALL

- DSG: 1st Team, 2nd Team, 3rd Team, 4th Team, Girls-U16A, Girls-U16B, Girls-U16C, Girls-U16D, Girls-U15A, Girls-U15B, Girls-U15C, Girls-U15D, Girls-U14A, Girls-U14B, Girls-U14C, and Girls-U14D v Cambridge High School (Away)

HOCKEY

- DSG: 1st Team, 2nd Team, 3rd Team, 4th Team, Girls-U16A, Girls-U16B, Girls-U16C, Girls-U16D, Girls-U14A, Girls-U14B, and Girls-U14C v Cambridge High School (Away); Girls-U13A, Girls-U13B, Girls-U13C, Girls-U13D, Girls-U11A, Girls-U11B, Girls-U11C, Girls-U10A, Girls-U10B, and Girls-U10C v Erica & VP Derby Day
- Kingswood College (Girls): 1sts, 2nds, 3rds, U16A, U16B, U16C, U16D, U14A, U14B, U13A, U11A, U11B, U10A, U10B, U9A, and U9B vs Clarendon

SATURDAY 26 MAY

RUGBY

- PJ Olivier vs West Bank, East London (Away)

HOCKEY

- PJ Olivier vs West Bank, East London (Away)

NETBALL

- PJ Olivier vs West Bank, East London (Away)

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