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On 9 October, community members joined The Grahamstown Project founder, Graeme Holmes, on a historical tour of St Philip's Church and Egazini Memorial in Fingo Village. The Grahamstown Project strives to highlight the positives of Makhanda (Grahamstown) and encourage tourism and economic growth. St Philip's and Egazini are only some of the community's historical gems. (Left) Chris Stainforth, Kirsten Stainforth, Eileen Shepherd, Ron Weissenberg, Graeme Holmes, Luc Marechal, Tim Bull, Donald Rogan. Photo: Kathryn Cleary

Don't panic! Check the facts

By **KATHRYN CLEARY**

In the past month, Eastern Cape media has hummed with unfounded rumours and confusing claims about alleged human trafficking, kidnappings and child abductions. Two weeks ago a concerning voicenote circulated through the Makhanda (Grahamstown) community warning of a vehicle purportedly trying to kidnap young girls. *Grocott's Mail* has closely followed these claims and social media hype to uncover the truth, bringing our readers just the facts.



The Pink Ladies uniquely 'pink' missing persons poster. The photograph, name and location of this child have been blurred. Photo: Sourced

The voicenote circulated on Whatsapp, warning parents of a suspicious vehicle that was reportedly trying to kidnap young girls. "This is the serious, I'm talking about Grahamstown," the speaker urged.

The speaker added that they were currently at the police station, and warned others to be vigilant. *Grocott's Mail* further investigated the claims made in the voicenote and confirmed that the speaker did not open a case with SAPS.

SAPS Spokesperson Captain Mali Govender said, "No criminal case has been opened for investigation. An enquiry is under way. As soon as this became known to SAPS, it was circulated."

Claims about the alleged suspects in the vehicle remain unfounded, nor is there any known information about recent cases of kidnapping, child abductions or human trafficking in Makhanda (Grahamstown).

Recent claims in regional media alluding to purported incidents in the Eastern Cape were later cor-

rected and labelled as "confused". The truth is that there are no accurate figures about human trafficking in South Africa.

In 2013 Africa Check debunked the myth that 30 000 children were 'trafficked' into the country each year, labelling the claim as "exaggerated".

In 2017 they published a factsheet about trafficking around the world. The factsheet stated: "At present there is no systematic research available that provides comprehensive insight into the prevalence or patterns of trafficking into or out of South Africa or the Southern African region."

There are no current numbers for 2018, nor do the 2017/18 national crime statistics provide information into cases of trafficking, kidnapping or abductions.

With a gap in both national and international data, the spreading of misinformation comes easy. However, the consequences faced by small communities are severe. Iain Reid, Principal Psychologist at Fort England, warns of the potential for misinformation to cause mass hysteria and panic.

"While it is a very real social concern, there have been several social media posts over the past few years exaggerating the scale of the problem.

"For example, one well circulated Facebook post claimed a child was kidnapped every 30 seconds in South Africa – that would amount to over a million child kidnappings a year,"

said Reid.

"People often forward these posts without considering their reliability." Reid stated that rumours can start in a number of ways but seem to lack the facts. He added that they are "either baseless, in relation to an unrelated incident, or over a person's temporary unknown whereabouts".

"[With] the publicised threat regarding human trafficking and lack of clear information regarding the phenomenon, the rumours may be spread rapidly via social media and thereby create general panic in communities."

What should you do if you're concerned?

Grocott's Mail did some research into what members of the public can do if they see something suspicious. First, before posting to social media, report the incident to the police. Govender said information may also be reported anonymously.

"If they see something that is suspicious they can get as much detail as possible and contact the local SAPS. The local security companies are also very helpful in this regard," said Govender.

In the case of the claim made in the Whatsapp voicenote, SAPS would have wanted some more information.

Govender stated that the vehicle's registration, colour, make, number of occupants and their description would be useful.

"Where is the vehicle parked? Give us a landmark to help us locate the vehicle.

"Please leave us a contact number if possible. You [are] under no obligation to do this, [but] we may need to contact you. We often receive hoax calls and need the caller to identify him/herself," she said.

"What do you find suspicious? Give us a reason, it helps. We will have an

emergency vehicle dispatched."

In relation to alleged claims of trafficking, kidnapping and abductions, we spoke to The Pink Ladies, an NGO that works with SAPS to locate missing persons and reunite them with their families or caregivers. Residents may recognise The Pink Ladies from their uniquely pink posters.

"Our information for the most part comes directly from parents/caregivers, which is then also reported to SAPS and verified with them," said Director Jacqui Thomas.

Thomas stated there was no 24-hour waiting time to report a missing person, as rumoured by some. "Search the immediate area where the person went missing from, then notify SAPS and obtain a case number," she said. By visiting The Pink Ladies website, members of the public can then fill out a permission form, which allows The Pink Ladies to work alongside the SAPS investigating officer.

Grocott's Mail urges residents to be vigilant and proactive in reporting information to the local police.

"These unfounded rumours/hoax claims are severely detrimental," said Thomas. "[They] take up precious resources and time, which are vital in missing persons cases.

"Forwarding unverified claims with scant information is scare-mongering and only serves to create panic among an already fearful population."

Though 2018 may be the 'age of information', it is also the age of 'misinformation' and fake news. By knowing the facts and reporting concerns, residents can work to make their communities safer and less vulnerable to rumours and unfounded claims.

For more information about topics discussed in this article please visit SAPS, The Pink Ladies and Africa Check online.

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SUNDAY
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Temperature: Min 7°C Max 18°C
Tides: Low 07:57 20:17 High 01:51 14:09

MONDAY
Sunny. Moderate easterly wind.
Temperature: Min 7°C Max 24°C
Tides: Low 08:26 20:46 High 02:22 14:37

TUESDAY
Sunny. Light WSW wind.
Temperature: Min 13°C Max 33°C
Tides: Low 08:53 21:15 High 02:51 15:05

WEDNESDAY
Partly cloudy. Light WSW wind.
Temperature: Min 14°C Max 30°C
Tides: Low 09:21 21:44 High 03:20 15:33

THURSDAY
Sunny. Moderate SSW wind.
Temperature: Min 15°C Max 30°C
Tides: Low 09:50 22:15 High 03:51 16:03

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Partly cloudy. Moderate easterly wind.
Temperature: Min 8°C Max 25°C
Tides: Low 10:21 22:48 High 04:23 16:36

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FE settlement hope

By KATHRYN CLEARY

The matter between former Fort England CEO Roger Walsh and the Eastern Cape Department of Health was postponed at the Port Elizabeth Labour Court on 18 October 2018. The respondents include Superintendent General Dr Thobile Mbengashe, former MEC for Health Dr Pumza Dyantyi and the Minister of Health.

The hearing comes following Walsh's transfer from his post as the CEO of Fort England hospital in Makhanda (Grahamstown) to a position in Bhisho late 2016. The transfer came as a result of months of turmoil between Fort England management and staff unions. Unions demanded that Walsh and other members of management be removed, and threatened to make the hospital "ungovernable".

Unrest continued, and patient care was severely compromised as a result of staff strikes and a stalemate in negotiations.

Walsh contested his transfer, as well as alternative post offers in both Bhisho and Port Elizabeth, claiming that the transfer was unlawful. The Department of Health has since transferred Walsh to

Bhisho as the director of forensic services.

The private Da Silva investigation into the friction between the hospital's management and the unions found no fault in Walsh's management style but noted that the workforce had expressed dissatisfaction that management took decisions without consulting them. The report following a subsequent investigation by the Department of Health was critical of Walsh's leadership style.

Documents submitted to the Labour Court by Walsh argued for the unlawfulness of Dr Mbengashe's decision to transfer Walsh in terms of section 158 (1)(g) of the Labour Relations Act 66 of 1995. "We submit that the decision to transfer to Dr Walsh from his position as Chief Executive Officer of Fort England Hospital is unconstitutional, unlawful and invalid," state the documents.

Documents submitted by the Department of Health insisted upon Walsh's transfer as a way to ensure that patient care remained at the highest standard.

Fort England Hospital is a level three specialised state psychiatric hospital housing 300 patients, inclusive of a

national maximum security unit. The document Walsh submitted to the court emphasised: "The national maximum security unit accommodates the most difficult and dangerous state patients in the country."

In relation to the 2016 strikes, the document states, "[Walsh] requested assistance with putting a stop to the unauthorised picketing and the continued risk to proper and optimal patient care due to the unlawful conduct of the employees who had gone on strike." The document submitted by the Department of Health argues that Mbengashe's decision was "properly made" for the best interests of the patients. The document continues: "Since his removal, labour relations have stabilised, staff are safe and service delivery continues uninterrupted. By focusing on the so called 'unlawful demand', which [Walsh] claims motivated the transfer, the applicant misconstrues the issue in a manner that is entirely self-serving."

State Attorney Luvuyo Ntinkinca, representing the first and second respondent, confirmed that the case had been postponed until 19 Novem-

ber. Ntinkinca stated that they would work to negotiate a settlement by the postponement date but could not provide details as to what the settlement would be. "That's what we are going to explore," he said.

"We hope that it will settle well in advance of that date," said Walsh's attorney Justin Powers.

Powers stated that they were looking for an alternative position for Walsh or a financial termination settlement. Details of potential positions were not yet known.

Powers stated that should the matter settle by the postponement date the lawfulness of the respondents's actions will not be debated before the court. "Unfortunately those principles will not be debated and determined," he said.

Spokesperson for the Eastern Cape Department of Health Lwandile Sicwetsha told *Grocott's Mail* that they could not comment on the matter until it was finalised in court. "The department advised Mr Walsh to report for duty in his new position in Bhisho a few months ago," said Sicwetsha.

"There is a new CEO at [Fort England] hospital now."

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For more information and or advice on animal care, please do not hesitate to contact the Grahamstown SPCA or one of the friendly vets in town.

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Mark Thomas

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Annerie Myburgh would like to contact the person who donated this dress to the Hospice Shop in Grahamstown. All they know is that it's from a lady who was married for 50 years. She donated it about a year and a half ago and Annerie bought it last October. She wants to make contact with the former owner regarding the dress. If you know who the dress belongs to, please email Annerie at dandelionpassion@gmail.com

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Rotary leads polio awareness drive

By DEBBIE SMUTS

The Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset will join thousands of Rotary Clubs across the world to mark historic progress toward a polio-free world on World Polio Day on 24 October. The day will see millions of Rotarians reaching out to raise awareness, funds and support to end polio – a vaccine preventable disease that still threatens children in parts of the world today.

Poliomyelitis (polio) is a paralysing and potentially fatal disease. The poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours. It can strike at any age but mainly affects children under five. Polio is incurable, but completely vaccine-preventable. Since 1988, the number of polio endemic countries declined from over 125 countries to three in 2017 (Nigeria, Pakistan, Afghanistan). In 2017, 22 cases of wild poliovirus were reported from Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan compared to 74 cases in 2015.

Rotary has mobilised a legion of volunteers who are providing support during vaccination campaigns, getting their communities involved in polio eradication activities, raising funds and awareness for polio eradication, and advocating for the cause with government officials. More than one million Rotarians

worldwide have contributed toward the success of the polio eradication effort.

Since Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative 30 years ago, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350 000 cases a year to just 22 cases in 2017. To sustain this progress, and protect all children from polio, Rotary has committed to raising US\$50 million a year in support of global polio eradication efforts. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match Rotary's commitment 2:1. Without full funding and political commitment, this paralysing disease could return to previously polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk.

Izak Smuts, President of the Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset said, "We commit a donation every year from our club fundraising to Rotary's PolioPlus programme. The goal of the PolioPlus programme is the global certification of polio eradication. If polio is not eradicated, within 10 years, as many as 200 000 children could be paralysed by it each year.

"A polio-free world will be a safer world for children everywhere. The Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset is proud to be associated with the drive to eradicate this cruel disease."

A polio-free world will be a safer world for children everywhere.



The George Dickerson 7A class get ready for the start of their entrepreneurs day on Friday 14 September. Photo: Sarah Connock

Entrepreneurs in the making

By JESSICA EVANS

George Dickerson Primary School was thrumming with music overlaid with the happy yells of its learners on the morning of Friday 14 September. It was their Grade 7 annual Entrepreneur's Day.

The three Grade 7 classes organised and advertised their own stalls which contributed to the funds for their farewell and their efforts are also assessed for their Eco-

nomics Management Sciences (EMS) class. "All the grade sevens contribute," explained Lindy Knock, the Grade 7 EMS teacher.

"They bring stuff and they need to work out what profit they are going to make through selling and that coincides with the EMS subject," added Malcolm Douglas, the school's headmaster.

"They learn how to become an entrepreneur, the planning that goes around it," said

Knock, listing all of the benefits of hosting such a day.

Posters sprinkled the walls, advertising the wares of each class.

The learners got creative and offered popular snacks like apple munch, chips and vetkoek, as well as face painting.

As soon as their break began, learners from other grades flooded the quad, bunching around the stalls or waiting in lengthy lines to

get their faces painted. A few Grade 7 learners even walked around the school grounds advertising the stall and selling some of the products.

The learners' excitement was palpable and throughout the break they danced to the music emanating from the second floor but for the teachers, the best part was the formation of cohesive groups for the project.

"To see the teamwork, that's just great to see," said Knock.

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With the supply from the east already under pressure, sharing it across the city would surely mean even more outages than residents in some areas already experience.

We believe it's serious and for this reason we dedicate our editorial this week to reiterating the current water restrictions, and other information supplied by the municipality.

Howieson's Poort Dam, which supplies water to the Waainek Water Treatment Works, is critically low at 26% and some observers have warned of a possible looming Day Zero for the water supply to the west. In a media statement issued this week, Makana Municipality said MBB Consulting had been re-appointed by Makana Municipality to attend to water conservation and demand management issues. 60 litres a day per person is the daily limit under current water restrictions.

These are the water restrictions that currently apply in Makana Municipality:

- Everyone urged to only use 60 litres per day (reduced from 100 litres),
- No hosepipes, No watering gardens (unless water from non-municipal sources),
- Building Contractors must use raw water (collected from Grey Dam or Dog's Dam),
- borehole users must register with DWS,
- No automatic urinal flushing,
- Car washes to recycle 60% of water,
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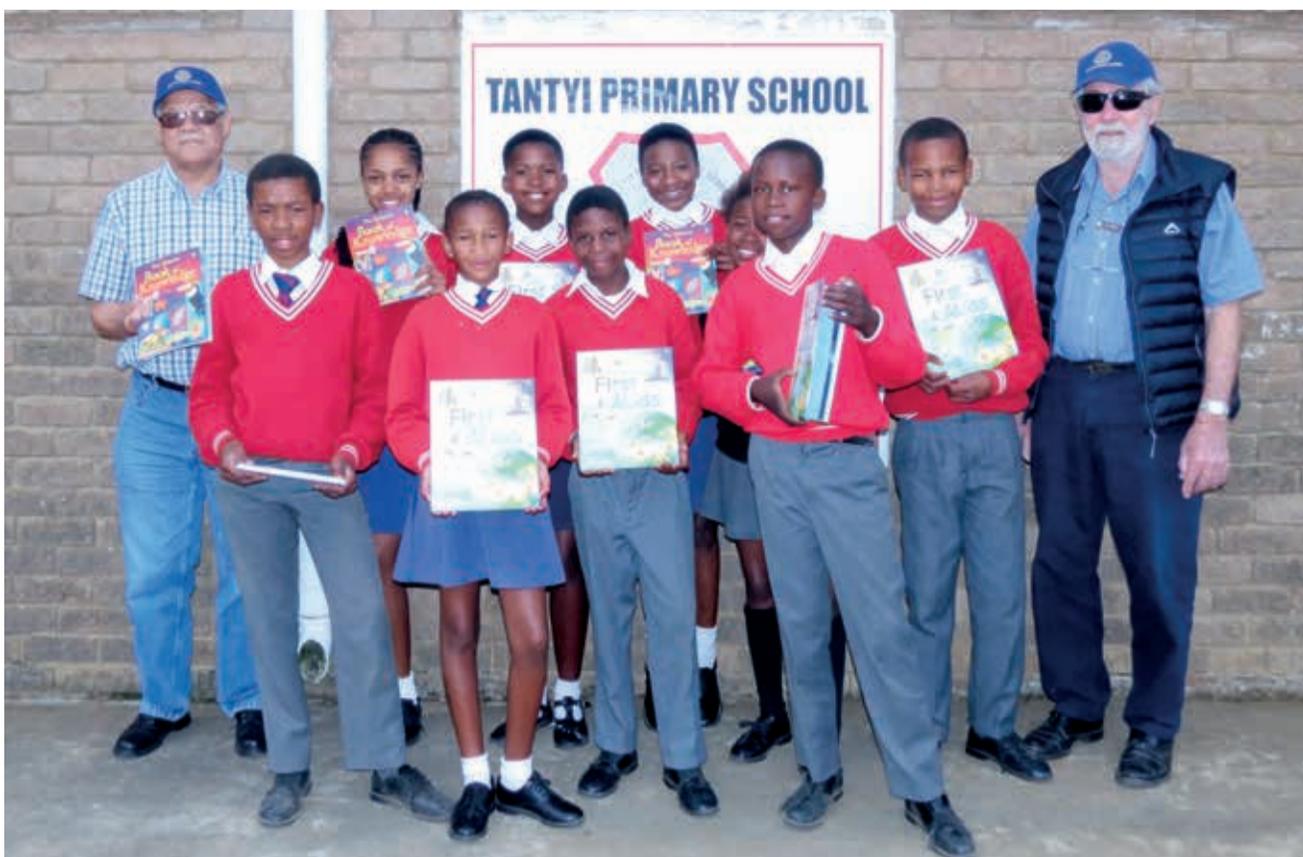
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LETTERS to the Editor and COLUMNS



The Rotary Club of Grahamstown recently donated 80 new reference books to four primary schools in Grahamstown: Tantyi Public School, Fikizolo Primary School, Grahamstown SDA School, and George Dickerson Primary. The books were generously provided by the Rotary Club of Northampton Becket in the UK. Photo supplied

Great support for Riebeeck East Bazaar

One might be forgiven for becoming used to the wonderful support for our bazaar out in Riebeeck East. But come to think of it, it takes some guts – and surely good word of mouth reports – to tackle the bumpy dusty 42km drive out there.

We believe it still is a great opportunity to go and enjoy the warm hospitality and quality stuff spread out on the tables. With it also comes a very “lekker kuier” with friends and whoever you may bump into. Our new “koster”, Gavin, took trouble to also invite guests to go and have a look at the recently painted church inside and experience the peaceful

atmosphere of the old place of worship.

We made the target and passed it with ease. So the dominee will put on his walking shoes again and take a 20km walk from the Bedford road to the Fonteinskloof church building on Saturday (20 October).

Not alone though, with some enthusiastic promises of walking comrades. Thanks again to all for hard work and great support. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

Strauss de Jager

How to stop Paradise closing down

Some years ago in the Festival there was a play entitled “Paradise is closing down”.

With the latest news of threatened power outages, combined with water shortages, damaged roads and pavements, wandering livestock and inadequate infrastructure, Paradise does seem to be closing down.

The exorbitant amount owing to Eskom is alarming and a

reflection of poor financial management by the Municipality. Perhaps GRA and Makana Revive could negotiate an administrative deal whereby citizens pay directly to Eskom.

In that way the money for electricity would go directly to Eskom and not be used for an inflated municipal salary bill.

Rosemary Smith

Proudly Grahamstown until I die

If I am asked at some time during the few years that I have to live: “Where do you live?” I will proudly reply: “In Grahamstown.”

But if in the future a child or grandchild of mine who is left in this country is asked: “Where on the earth is Makhandia?” I would suggest the following reply: “It is where a city was founded some 200 years ago, and developed and administered by some settlers from Britain.”

“During that time these settlers started educational institutions called Training College, St Andrew's, St Aidan's, DSG, Kingswood, Graeme and Victoria. Some of those have not survived and I have no idea what the others are now called. Out of St Andrew's grew a university which was once called Rhodes which was once of international standing.

“The settlers also started an Arts Festival. The names of both these institutions were later said to be Eurocentric and inappropriate in the new South Africa, or was it Azania? And now nobody knows what they are called.”

Is it true that you will now throw the power of your mighty journal (which was also started by one of those settlers) behind the protest movement to change the name of London (Londinium)? That name is surely wholly unacceptable. It was given to the capital of the country from which those settlers came, so I am told, by a cruel and ruthless Imperial power called Rome which slaughtered the native Britons by the thousand after the Britons had set fire to it.

Andrew Lang

Join the Rapportryers, PJ Olivier Fun Run

The local Rapportryers' Club in conjunction with Hoërskool PJ Olivier organises and hosts an annual 5km fun run with a local charity as beneficiary. The aim of the project has always been to involve the entire Grahamstown community. This year all funds generated will be used to support the Grahamstown SPCA with the wonderful work they do. Members of the public are invited to participate in this event as sponsors, runners or walkers.

Sponsorships for achievements in the fun run and prizes for lucky draw participants ensure large entry numbers. Businesses and individuals are invited to sponsor prizes that in turn will bring in the numbers we need to raise fund for this worthwhile cause.

All school-goers and adults are invited to enter and so the entry fee is kept at an affordable R15 per scholar and R20 per adult. Last year the fun run attracted 450 entrants.

Over the past few years, the following institutions have been beneficiaries:

| YEAR | RECIPIENT | AMOUNT |
|------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 2014 | Somerset Place | R10 000.00 |
| 2015 | Settlers Close | R10 000.00 |
| 2016 | Heart Matters Pregnancy Centre | R 10 000.00 |
| 2017 | Ght Residents Association | R 10 000.00 |
| 2018 | Grahamstown SPCA | |

Any queries can be directed to Mr Joubert Retief, Chairperson of the Grahamstown Rapportryers at 082 829 8409 or Strauss de Jager at 083 633 0881. Banking details for direct deposits: Rapportryers Grahamstad, ABSA, Grahamstown, 10-1872-1151.

Joubert Retief, Organiser

TRIBUTE: Lindsay Abrahams

Mrs A inspired so much in so many

Mrs Lindsay Abrahams (nee Murray) matriculated from St Mary's Diocesan School for Girls in Pretoria. She trained as a teacher specialising in Mathematics and Music. She commenced her teaching career at Waterkloof Primary followed by Tamboerskloof Primary. During this time she completed a BA Law degree at the University of Pretoria.

After Mrs Abrahams married she took time off to devote to her children, Philip and Kathryn. She moved to Grahamstown to be closer to her family and it was then that she started teaching at Victoria Primary, in 1992. Over the years she taught a number of grades, she was instrumental in expanding the school

library and developing the school computer laboratory. Mrs Abrahams fostered a love of learning and she was passionate about encouraging children to enjoy reading. She shared her incredible love for the arts and directed many school productions over the years. These are the memories so many of the Victoria Primary School girls hold dear.

In 2010 she was promoted to principal of the school and under her leadership the school continued to grow and flourish. Following her retirement at the end of 2014 she moved back to her favourite place in the school, the school library and the classroom where she continued to teach Grade 7 English.

It was in the library that

many girls spent hours with this special lady. She was a wonderful listener and she guided many girls through personal trials and tribulations. So many Victoria Primary girls and old girls have a special story to tell about how she helped them through difficult situations and became their favourite teacher.

In the words of one of our old girls, Hannah de Wet, "Mrs A inspired so much in so many!" As a colleague she was interested in each member of staff and took a keen interest in their aspirations and their family members. Every new baby which was born into the Victoria Primary family was welcomed with one of her special hand-crocheted cot blankets.

Her ministry of music was also shared with the congregation of Christ Church where she played the organ most Sundays. Mrs A, as she was affectionately known, touched so many lives with her generosity of spirit and love.

She leaves her husband, Don and her children, Philip and Kathryn, both successful attorneys, and their spouses Mica and Shawn. Her intention was to move to Johannesburg at the end of the year to be closer to her children and she had plans to be in England in January to welcome her first grandchild. Her legacy lives on in the many lives she touched.

• *Written by Colette Kaiser, Principal of Victoria Primary School.*



Lindsay Abrahams's funeral will be held at Christ Church at 10am on Friday 19 October and then there will be a memorial service at Victoria Primary School's Garden of Remembrance at 12.30pm.

Donate to the Christmas Cheer fund for the kids

STAFF REPORTER

Once again we are dedicating the Grocott's Mail Christmas Cheer Fund to Child Welfare which will be put the money to good use at Ikhaya Losizo Cluster Foster Home in Joza.

The centre is home to around

20 vulnerable and orphaned children, and provides daytime care for around another 60.

Funds raised through the Christmas Cheer Fund will be used to by uniforms and other school necessities for the children in the new school year. Any

surplus will go towards a fence to prevent residents dumping rubbish in the adjacent thoroughfare. As usual, a highlight of the fundraising drive – and of the festive season buildup in Makhanda (Grahamstown) will be the Pro Carmine Choir's annual Christmas Cheer Concert.

The concert date is Friday 30 November.

All proceeds from this wonderful community event will be added to the Grocott's Mail Christmas Cheer Fund for Child Welfare.

HOW TO DONATE TO THE CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND

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Work or rest, insulation's best

STAFF REPORTER

In Makhanda (Grahamstown) you can

leave home in the morning dressed for a scarf-hugging 9C and walk home in the afternoon shedding layers under a hot summer sun that's baked the roads hot enough to melt the tar around the edge of the potholes.

In winter, most household electricity bills surge by 30-40% as heaters get turned on for comfort on cold nights, and in summer the air buzzes with fans and aircons.

With Eskom getting Nersa's blessing to increase tariffs an average of 5.23% for direct customers and 7.32% for municipalities (who add their commission to that) it's time to look at other ways of keeping your home warm in winter and cool in summer.

Here are three key areas of your home worth spending time and money on.

ROOF

Proper insulation is a legal requirement in terms of the Sans 10400-xa building regulations for any new building, varying in specification across South Africa's six climatic zones. Makhanda (Grahamstown) is in Region 4, which is Tem-



Knauf, like other roof insulators, comes in different thicknesses, providing different R-values. Photo: Swartland

perate coastal. The requirements are based on maximum energy demand per unit area (kVA/m²) and maximum energy consumption.

The measure is called the R-value and means thermal resistance. In Makhanda, the minimum required total R-value (m²/kW) of your entire roof is 3.70. Different insulating products (e.g. Knauf, Thermolite, Isotherm etc) have different R-values. Within each product, different thicknesses produce different R-values. The following excellent website provides information on options and their specifications: <https://www.homeinsulations.co.za/sans-10400-xa/>

Speak to BUCO hardware store about what options are available locally.

YOUR WINDOWS

Thick curtains are the first step to retaining heat inside when it's cold, and keeping it out when it's hot. Close them when you leave on a morning that you know will turn into a stinker and you'll return home to a house as cool as a cathedral.

Many older Makhanda

(Grahamstown) houses have fireplaces. In winter, you should fit these with a cover if you're not making a fire, to prevent the chimney channeling cold draughts into your living space.

Finally, PG Glass supplies and fits a product called SmartGlass. Either single- or double-glazed, it comes with various coatings to filter out direct sunlight, retain warmth and, as a bonus, reduce noise.

FLOORS

Many older Makhanda (Grahamstown) houses have wooden floors: if you've got them, keep them, is the advice of local property experts. Throw a rug or carpet over a wooden floor for comfort.

But if you have tiles, consider a change for your next home makeover.

Tiled floors may be great for the dog to sprawl across to recover from the summer heat – but in winter, they're unforgiving.

Laminate and vinyl floors are poor heat conductors, and so provide around 5% better insulation, Derick Kleynhans, owner of Top Carpets in Grahamstown and Port Alfred, advises.

"If you buy a quality product you'll have a decent looking floor for 10 years-plus," Kleynhans says. "Technology has improved so much in the flooring trade."



NELM was built according to environmentally friendly and energy saving principles. Not everyone can have a garden on their roof (here Basil Mills was introducing it, shortly after the building was opened), but there are other ways you can insulate your home and save energy for heating or cooling. File photo: Sue MacLennan

It's going to get hotter... plant spekboom!



Spekboom (*Portulacaria afra*) is versatile in the veld and in your garden and is a valuable contribution to mitigating the effects of climate change. Photo: Bernard Dupont/ Creative Commons

STAFF REPORTER

Longer, more intense heat waves are one of the effects of climate change that are now occurring and experts predict that global temperatures will continue to rise over the next few decades, mostly because of greenhouse gases produced by human activities.

The next century could see a rise in global temperatures of between 1.8C and 4C.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which comprises more than 1 300 scientists from across the world, says the impact will vary on individual regions.

Here in South Africa, a 2015 study published by the Department of Environmental Affairs published a report on the most significant potential climate change risks and vulnerabilities for each of our nine biomes – and what would help protect them.

Biodiversity is one of the early casualties of climate change.

"South Africa's rich diversity of plants and animals and its high levels of endemism are critical to our national heritage and supports livelihoods and economic development," says the Department in its report.

Albany Thicket is the dominant biome around Makhanda (Grahamstown) and regional climate for this biome is projected to become 2-4°C hotter by the end of the 21st century.

What you can do to help on Gardening Day this Sunday, 21 October

Invasive alien species are a major threat to South Africa's endemic biodiversity and water supplies. In your garden, gradually remove water-guzzling or forest-choking aliens and replace them with the thousands of indigenous plants that will help grow a

network of biodiversity corridors within the city. Check out Some Mgcwuwa's 'Local and Lovely' columns on our website for ideas.

The Department has identified degraded Albany Thicket as a location for climate mitigation through carbon storage and the Fish River reserve is one area where spekboom has been planted extensively and intensively for this purpose. You can plant *Portulacaria afra* in your garden, as a hedge, groundcover, in a rock garden – or even as a small tree. Oh – and you can eat it: the Vitamin C-rich leaves are edible.

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Early detection may save lives

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Health Department says breast cancer is one of the most common cancers among women in South Africa, crossing race and class. This month, Survivor Judith Reynolds shares with Grocott's Mail readers the life-changing experience of diagnosis, treatment and recovery. This is the third in her four-part story.

The usual rallying cry during Breast Cancer awareness month is that 'early detection saves lives'. Early detection would usually mean stage 1 or 2.

Doctors describe people as being stage 1, 2, 3 or 4 when they are diagnosed. And some of these stages are further subdivided. For breast cancer, the stages depend on the size of the tumour and whether any of the lymph nodes near the breast are found to have cancer in them. If there is cancer anywhere else in the body apart from the lymph nodes, and if that cancer has come from the breast, then the di-

agnosis is stage 4. At stage 4 there are treatments but currently no real possibility of cure.

I was diagnosed as stage 3A. I had a relatively small tumour but I had cancer in 8 lymph nodes. If I'd had cancer in one more lymph node, I'd have been diagnosed as stage 3B. Not exactly an early detection.

I do wish I had started having annual mammograms at 40 instead of only having one after I had symptoms of breast cancer. If I had caught the cancer earlier I might not have needed surgery AND chemotherapy AND radiotherapy. But even if I had caught the cancer

earlier that wouldn't necessarily have meant that I was 'safe' or that my life had been saved.

My oncologists haven't told me I'm 'cured'. The usual term is 'no evidence of disease' or NED. That doesn't mean that there isn't any disease/ cancer. It just means they can't find any at the moment. My oncologists haven't used the term 'no evidence of disease' with me either. They've said things like 'you seem fine.'

Breast cancer is sneaky. With some cancers if there is no recurrence after five years the person is considered cured. With breast cancer there can be a recurrence five or 10 or

15 years later. Olivia Newton John was diagnosed with cancer in her back, 25 years after her original breast cancer diagnosis. That happened while I was having treatment and I had a big meltdown. It made me realise that I'd be checking for cancer for the rest of my life.

There isn't any proper record keeping for how many women are diagnosed as stage 1, 2 or 3 and then later diagnosed as stage 4. But there are estimates that 20 to 30% of women who are originally diagnosed as early stage, later find that they have metastatic cancer.



Judith Reynolds. Photo: Megan Kelly



As a friend who has also had breast cancer said to me 'You don't get off this bus.'

The greatest danger of the 'early detection saves lives' narrative is that women who

die of metastatic breast cancer could be blamed for their own deaths. The reality is that early detection does save lives. Sometimes. And sometimes it doesn't.

Health: join the debate on 24 October

STAFF REPORTER

Health Superintendent General for the Eastern Cape Dr Thobile Mbengashe will be on the panel in the next edition of #TheDebate2019 in BB Zondani Hall on Wednesday 24 October at 6pm. How do young people in Makana experience public health? is the question we're asking under the topic, 'Health: youth and wellness'.

Talking about their experience of working with young people and their well-being in our town will be representatives from NGO Raphael Centre and health practitioners. UPSTART Youth and others will be there to ask tough questions. There to answer them, along with the other panellists, will be Health Superintendent General for the Eastern Cape Dr Thobile Mbengashe.

Dr Mbengashe will also be meeting in a roundtable discussion earlier with representatives from Makhanda (Grahamstown) NGOs working with youth and children. Some of the issues that will be highlighted in both events are:
* Youth lifestyles and social support structures
* Access to mental health care services for young people

#TheDebate2019 is a series of six public events, once a month, that aim to both educate voters (with input from the IEC), as well as air the big national issues in the local space. These include Land;

Education; Economy; Health; Safety and security; Governance and IGR. The intention is to encourage informed participation by Makana residents in the 2019 national election. We are using a different community hall for each event, taking it across the city and the municipality.

Grocott's Mail is a partner in this media project with Radio Grahamstown, Rhodes Music Radio (RMR), Rhodes School of Journalism and Media Studies and the Rhodes Department of Politics and International Studies. This collective hosted debates in Makana leading up to the 2016 local government elections.

We launched the series with a debate on Wednesday 19 September on Governance and IGR, using the call by a very vocal group of Grahamstown (Makhanda) residents for a rates boycott to start discussion on the Constitutional responsibilities of state and citizens, and what recourse citizens have when they're unhappy with service delivery. Our panellists were Makana Mayor Nomhle Gaga, the Public Service Accountability Monitor and the Grahamstown Residents Association.

#TheDebate2019 series is recorded, and edited before being broadcast on RMR and Radio Grahamstown. The final two events, in March and April 2019, will be broadcast live.



BID NOTICE/ADVERT

Makana Local Municipality invites all experienced and competent suitable service-providers that are fully equipped for Supply and Delivery of the following project.

Project Name: Supply and Delivery of Chemicals
Tender No: MLM/2018-19/INFA/002
Preference Points System: 80/20
NB: Tender will be two envelope system
Date Advertised: 19 October 2018
Closing Date and Time: 19 November 2018

Bidders are required to submit the **following mandatory documents:**

- Bidders must submit a valide SARS Tax Status report Issued with a Pin
- Completed and signed declaration of interest MBD4, MBD 6.1, MBD 6.2, MBD 8 & MBD 9, failure to submit will result in disqualification.
- Billing clearance certificate/ lease agreement signed by both parties the lessor and the lessee, if expired extension of the lease must be attached or statement of municipal accounts not more than 3 months old must be attached to and be returned with the Tender documents, failure to submit will result in disqualification.
- Tenderers must be registered as a supplier/service provider on Makana Local Municipality supplier/service provider database and Central Supplier Database (CSD) proof of registration (Makana Database Confirmation Letter; CSD Registration report) on both databases must be submitted.
- RFQ which are late, incomplete, unsigned or submitted by facsimile or electronically, will not be accepted.
- Documents to be filled with black ink.
- Tender submitted are to hold good for a period of 90 days.
- CK / Company Registration Certificate or certified copy must be submitted, if a Sole Proprietor provide affidavit confirming ownership and failure will result in disqualification.
- BBBEE Certificate to be submitted or certified copy
- Certified copy of directors ID's
- MFMA circular 90 will be applied

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- Stage 1 – Functionality
 - Stage 2 – Price and Preferential Points
- A bidder that scores less than 70 points out of 100 in respect of "functionality" will be regarded as

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EVALUATION FOR FUNCTIONALITY
Functionality will be evaluated as shown in the table below:

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
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| 1-2 year | 30 points |
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| Proof of Quality (Sample picture or brand product) | 10 |
| Total | 100 |

Safety Requirements

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- Service provider to submit the vehicle certificate for authorization to carry such chemicals.
- To provide a certificate of the personnel to handle the chemical.

LOCAL CONTENT is applicable, minimum threshold is 100%

Closing Date: Completed bid documents in sealed envelopes, clearly marked "MLM/2018-19/INFA/002" should be deposited in the **Tender BOX** situated at **GROUND FLOOR** Makana Local Municipality: Finance Department at 86 High Street GRAHAMSTOWN not later than **19 November 2018 @ 12H00** where they will be opened in public- names of the bidders will be called out

Makana Local Municipality does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid and reserves the right to accept the whole or part of the bid. All Enquiries are to be directed to Project Manager-Mr. B. Soyizwapi Tel 046 603 6068; bsoyizwapi@makana.gov.za and all SCM queries are to be directed to Ms. T. Mvane 046 603 6222.

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River health checks

STAFF REPORTER

Rapid biomonitoring protocols, using biotic indices based on macro invertebrate diversity to assess river ecosystem health, are widely used globally. In South Africa, the so called SASS5 (South African Scoring System, version 5) is used.

SASS5 training and accreditation took place at the Albany Museum during the first week of October, with delegates from around the country, and Lesotho. This was a combined effort between the Department of Freshwater Invertebrates and GroundTruth Consultants, Hilton.

Juan Tedder of GroundTruth Consultants, with Dr Helen James, Eastern Cape SASS5 accreditator since 2005, and Dr Alex Holland, herself accredited for the past eight years, worked together to teach the delegates all about this process.

PhD student, Ina Ferreira, assisted with the microscope training section. Four days of intensive lecturing, interspersed with trips in the field, ended with the accreditation of a few of the delegates on Friday.

The accreditation aims at



Juan Tedder from GroundTruth instructs delegates at the river side. Photo: Supplied

standardising SASS5 results around the country by ensuring that all practitioners use the correct protocol, thus

minimising variation in results between individuals. The results are sent to the Department of Water and Sanitation,

and successful delegates are awarded a SASS5 accreditation certificate which is valid for three years.

My Garden



Beads and my patch of earth

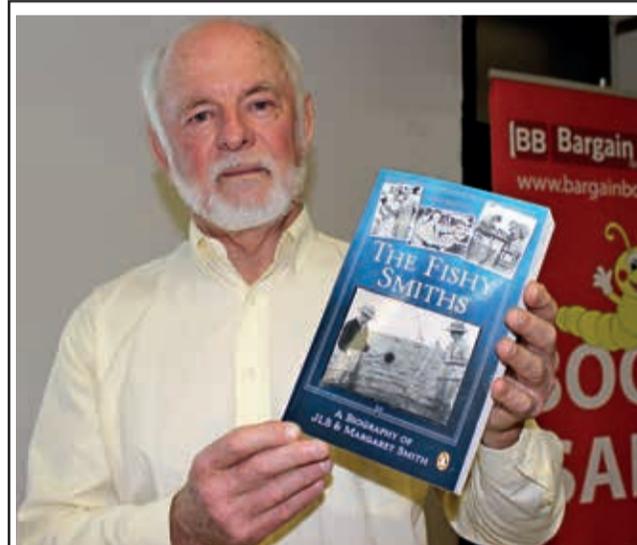


Above: Zingisa Budaza harvests a healthy crop of spinach from her garden. Right: Budaza holds up an example of the beadwork she does when she is not in the garden.

Zingisa Budaza is always busy. She's been growing things for most of her life – and when she's not in her garden, she's doing beadwork. When *Grocott's* visited her she was in her Extension 6 garden, pulling out weeds. "You can't plant on top of the weeds," she said. She was also harvesting a fine spinach crop and preparing to plant more.

Budaza also does a variety of beadwork. The kind of support she'd like is for community members to buy her beadwork and put in orders. She'd also appreciate seeds so she can continue planting. If you'd like to help, please contact Lindani Donyeli at 046 603 7111 or 063 423 0655.

– Text and photo by Lindani Donyeli.



Prof Mike Bruton launched his latest book, *The Fishy Smiths*, at the South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (SAIAB). The book is a biography of Professor JLB and his wife Margaret Smith, the 'first couple' of ichthyology in South Africa. Bruton, a former director of SAIAB, said that Professor Smith was a frequent contributor to *Grocott's Mail* and always made sure the newspaper had access to his most recent discoveries. Photo: Steven Lang

Turning over new leaves

By LINDANI DONYELI

Members of the Masikhulisane Multipurpose Co-operative recently received certificates from Umthathi Training Project at a certificate ceremony in Extension 10 for their participation in a two-week course about healthy living.

The course teaches participants to grow vegetables for

home use, as well as selling to the community, in a back-yard garden they can start from scratch.

The course encourages organic planting and participants were given seeds to plant in their gardens, along with garden tools from Umthathi Project.

Co-op secretary Sinawe

Tsotsa said the aim of that project is to help the youth and give them hope that they can do it if they really want (vukuzenzele).

She thanked Umthathi Project for what they did for them. If you would like to assist the co-op or find out more about it, call Tsotsa at 073 561 2695.



Masikhulisane veg and Multipurpose co-op, holding their certificates Photo: Lindani Donyeli



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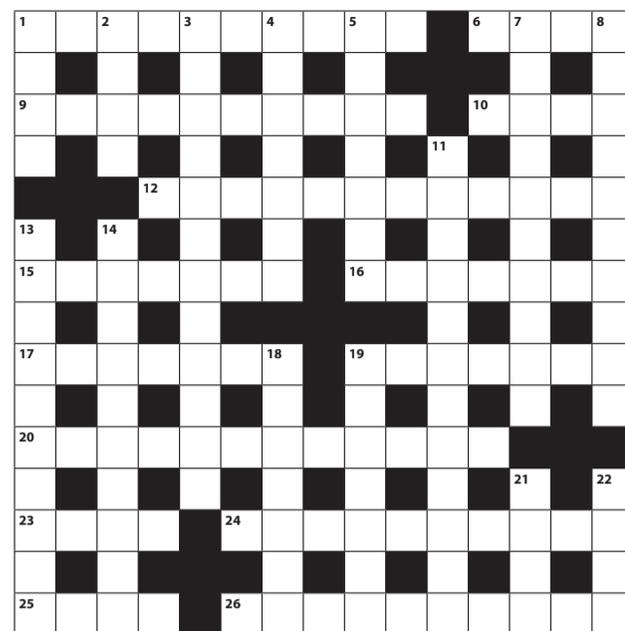
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JDE

The Original South African **CRYPTIC CROSSWORD**



JDE 156

ACROSS

- 1 Part of a braai is a tipsy bore with limitless lies (6)
- 4 Fur flies between you and me, and the University of Cape Town regarding lifelong access and use of facilities (8)
- 9 Take a small amount of energy to exercise (6)
- 10 Spread too much grey (8)
- 12 Martin's joint becomes office of university leader (8)
- 13 Cry loudly at hobo going off with specs (6)
- 15 Easy - victims are brooding shirks (7,5)
- 18 Delivery date to be convenient for nudist's cozzie (8,4)
- 21 Unrefined crust I take cold to the end (6)
- 22 Moeruva klap from bloody brawl in outskirts of Bedfordview (4,4)
- 24 Travel until Aus to find mollusc (8)
- 25 I've almost restrained a very good deed (6)
- 26 Instruments make us silent (8)
- 27 A way everyone's roses symbolise foremost flowers (6)

DOWN

- 1 Marque is hot exhibit (8)
- 2 Delights when bankie loses black insects (8)
- 3 They don't happen to mobilise ISIS tip-off (15)
- 5 Preserve small road ... (4)
- 6 ... over a long time, in favour of animals' ages (3,7,5)
- 7 States hop around the family (6)
- 8 Drumming in design that will never leave you (6)
- 11 Squirms about 'gifted student' at first (7)
- 14 Sweet dorp shaken after getting stick (7)
- 16 Entire drill goes flat out (4-4)
- 17 Caretakers cook a radish oddly (8)
- 19 Did Keating run Australia confined in this little town in Namibia? (6)
- 20 Shrewd when trading original New Zealand bakkie (6)
- 23 Launch hotel website address (4)

Compiled by George Euvrard.

Crossword Solution for last week JDE 155



FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER

BOOK LAUNCH
6pm at the Ploughman Pub at the Bathurst Showgrounds. *LA Lore II* by Quentin Hogge and Bugs Wilmot, illustrated by Basil Mills. *LA Lore* was published 25 years ago and was the product of Bugs's febrile brain and Gerard Marx's glorious cartoons. 25 years is a long time to wait for a sequel, but as Judge Eric Leach notes in his introduction to *LA Lore II*, 'Things move S-L-O-W-L-Y in the Lower Albany, but the wait has been worth it'.

SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER

MOVIES AT THE MONUMENT
5pm at the Olive Schreiner Theatre, Monument. 5pm: *Spiderman: Homecoming*. 7.30pm *Moonlight*. Contact movies@nationalartsfestival.co.za or call Kate or Akhona on 046 603 1103

ROUND TABLE GREAT GATSBY 101 DANCE

7pm at the Drill Hall. Cost: R280pp includes 2 course dinner. Cash bar available. Dress: 1920s-style. Contact Lara 083 419 3821.

MONDAY 22 OCTOBER

PIANO RECITAL BY MEGAN GEOFFRAY PRINS
7.30pm at the Beethoven Room, Dept of Music and Musicology. Ticket prices: R90, R70 (pensioners), R50 (students in tertiary institutions); no charge for Music Society members or schoolgoers.

TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL BIRTHDAY AND PRINCIPAL INSTALLATION
11am at the Cathedral. All parents, friends and supporters are invited. There will be an opportunity to make a donation towards the School 'Go Green' Fund. We would like to green the GrR play-area, plant more indigenous succulents and keep the vegetable garden producing vegetables for the School Feeding Scheme. Donations towards 'Go Green': Good Shepherd Trust, Standard Bank, Account No: 081976410, Reference: Green, Surname & Cell No.

WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER

FEATHERSTONE BREWERY FULL MOON RUN
5.30pm at Grey Dam. Moonlight trail run from Grey Dam to Featherstone Brewery. Bar opens at 5.30pm for non-runners. Transport back to town on offer for runners. www.featherstonebrewery.co.za

THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER

ALZHEIMER EASTERN CAPE REGION SUPPORT GROUP
3pm at Brookshaw Home. This is a support group for family, friends and caregivers of those with Alzheimer's Disease or any form of dementia and cognitive decline. Speaker: Professor Santy Daya will discuss changes in brain function and how this may be impacted both by drugs and behaviour choices we

ordinarily make in our daily activities. Contact Dr Heather Rauch 081 350 8079

RAPPORTRYERS-PJ OLIVIER FUN RUN

5.30pm at PJ Olivier. All funds generated will be used to support the Grahamstown SPCA with the wonderful work they do. R15 per scholar and R20 per adult. Medals for the first 100 participants as well as a cash prize of R500 (1st male and female athlete); R200 for 2nd male and female athlete and R150 for the third positions.

SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER

MOVIES AT THE MONUMENT
5pm at the Olive Schreiner Theatre, Monument. 5pm: Disney's *Cinderella*. 7.30pm *Call Me By Your Name*. Contact movies@nationalartsfestival.co.za or call Kate or Akhona on 046 603 1103

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER

ST GEORGE'S FAIR
9am at St George's Hall. Bookstall, tombola, tea garden, knife/scissor sharpening, plants, sewing and knitting, white elephant, Indian delights, boerewors rolls, pancakes, fresh produce (fruit & veg), pictures and cards, cakes and lots of yummy treats and more. For any donations towards the Fair, please contact Chantel at 046 622 2445 or office@grahamstowncathedral.org



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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 voucher**.

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Name: _____

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Winner for 12 October is Paul Kucus.



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

Bridge Results

Thursday 11th October 2018
6½ Table 24 Board Howell Movement

PAIR NAMES

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|------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Angie Thomson & Mary Godlonton | 61.43% |
| 2. Mary Birt & Maureen van Hille | 59.58% |
| 3. Val Buchner & Dave Gain | 57.92% |
| 4. Allon Poole & Pauline Henson | 57.14% |
| 5. Pip Townshend & Merle Murray | 55.83% |
| 6. Ingeborg Jensch & Albert Jensch | 52.86% |
| 7. Heather Inge & Naomi Dower | 51.67% |
| 8. Maureen Clayton & Ilva Benyon | 50.95% |
| 9. Mike Dacombe & Shirley Shaw | 45.83% |
| 10= Pair 7 | 44.29% |
| 10= Pair 10 | 44.29% |
| 12. Pair 14 | 34.29% |
| 13. Pair 12 | 30.95% |

Monday 15th October 2018
4½ Table 24 Board Howell Movement

PAIR NAMES

| | |
|----------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Ernie van Hille & Maureen van Hille | 63.49% |
| 2. Pat Shepherd & Derrick Newson | 63.19% |
| 3. Mary Schudel & Peter Midlane | 54.76% |
| 4. Pair 4 | 49.21% |
| 5. Pair 2 | 48.41% |
| 6. Pair 3 | 47.62% |
| 7. Pair 6 | 46.03% |
| 8. Pair 1 | 38.10% |
| 9. Pair 7 | 37.30% |



The new Jeep Wrangler has two advanced four-wheel drive systems – Command-Trac and Rock-Trac, Tru-Lock electric front and rear-axle lockers, Trac-Lok limited-slip differential and electronic front sway-bar disconnect. The engine range of the new Wrangler has been renewed with the introduction of a 2.2-litre turbo diesel and a 2.0-litre petrol engine. Both new engines are paired with the eight-speed automatic transmission, a first for Wrangler. To celebrate the introduction of the all-new fourth generation, the iconic Jeep Wrangler was recently put to the test on the challenging Rubicon Trail in the mountains between California and Nevada, USA. A convoy of Wrangler vehicles, all in the off-road specialist Rubicon trim, the most capable for off-road driving, set off on the legendary track west of Lake Tahoe. The extremely hard trail winds up rocks, slopes and plateaus, climbing over natural obstacles. Photo: Quick Pic



Basil Mills, Lantis van Boom and Ben Coetzee with replicas they have made of guns used during the South African War. Photo: Sue MacLennan

War-time giants are back to life

By SUE MACLENNAN

Through a rusty gate somewhere outside Makhanda, a narrow and winding dirt road watched over by an army of trees leads you to a stone barn. Light filters through decorated window arches to reveal two monsters of the like that struck terror into the hearts of British soldiers.

One, the French-origin 155 mm Creusot Long Tom with its 10km firing range was so lethal that in conceding positions during the South African War of 1899-1902, the Boers destroyed the only four brought into the country rather than have them fall into the hands of the enemy. Its total weight is around 6 500kg and the barrel alone is 4.2 metres long.

Its more modest companion has a barrel weighing a mere ton (roughly) – that's without the platform and wheels. The near identical replica of a 6.3-inch rifled muzzle loading howitzer is modelled on a pair on display outside the town hall in Ladysmith, KZN.

Castor and Pollux, named after the twin sons of the god Zeus of Greek myth, were shipped to Port Elizabeth and sent to Ladysmith ahead of the famous siege. One of them damaged a Boer Long Tom and a few weeks later, in revenge, the Long Tom severely damaged Castor.

While Wikipedia still records the guns standing outside the Ladysmith Town Hall as the 'Castor and Pollux' that served the British army during the Siege of Ladysmith, South African history researcher MC Heunis discovered through checking the serial numbers that only one was a British weapon. The other was in fact an identical gun used by the Boers during the same war. He writes at the end of his article documenting the dis-

covery, "Once sworn enemies, today the two old veterans are resting in peace, side by side." When here in Makhanda (Grahamstown) Basil Mills was asked to make up replicas of survivor Pollux and the Long Tom that got its twin, he jumped at the challenge.

"It took us four months to build these," said the founder of SABRE, the South African Battle Re-enactment Society, as he and co-creators Ben Coetzee and Lantis van Boom ('Boom') strained to roll the giants out into the light for a photograph.

Mills operates a traditional metalwork forge and that's where these extraordinary monuments to history were welded and moulded. The guns are definitely not operational.

"The barrels are made of 4mm iron for a start," Mills said. "You could never fire anything from that."

The 7.5-metre Long Tom weighed more than 6 tons but the replica is just on three. The Howitzer replica weighs just on one tone and the original is just short of two.

The original Long Tom is a breech loader (you put the gunpowder in from the back); the RML (rifled muzzle-loading) howitzer was loaded through the muzzle, or front of the barrel.

The cannons are made to scale.

"We used a combination of old photographs and some rather vague old imperial plans to get the proportions right," Mills said.

The team made the wheels themselves using the old craft of blacksmithing and welding.

"There was lots of forge work using old wagon parts," Mills said.

Basil did the planning and shaping; Boom did the welding and Ben was the helpful handlinger.

"One of the purposes of SABRE is to teach skills through apprenticeship," Mills said.

Seeing and touching the machines – even in replica – makes one realise the scale of the equipment, supplies and logistics of some of the early battles fought over South African resources.

"It's the opportunity to 'see' that history that puts places on the map for people interested in military history," Mills said. "The fact that this was a garrison town is part of its history."

Next year is the centenary of the Battle of Egazini.

"The Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal get a lot of exposure and tourism from their battlefields tours," Mills said. "It's a huge industry there."

"Yet here we have everything that those tourists could want to see. They can visit our museums, the old signal forts – all of that is still here."

Mills said he planned to take part in events to commemorate the Battle of Egazini. The 200-year anniversary is on 22 April 2019. If nothing else, he will symbolically fire the original half-pounder and 4-pounder cannons that he brings out for special occasions.

- More about the Long Tom here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/155_mm_Creusot_Long_Tom

- More about the RML 6.3-inch howitzer here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RML_6.3-inch_howitzer

- Semi-random fact: The Cape Town based Cannon Association of South Africa plan to help the SA Navy fire a massive 12-ton 9-inch Rifled Muzzle Loader (RML) cannon two more times in 2018: The most recent was Heritage Day (24 September). Coming up are Armistice Day (11 November) and the Day of Reconciliation (16 December).



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1. PERSONAL

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BAARTMAN JOHN

ANTHONY residing at no 12 Nelson Road, Port Alfred will be buried on Saturday the 20th October 2018.

JOHANNES VUYELWA

GLADYS uhlala kwa 656 Makhenke Street, Marselle ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 20 October 2018.

BILI PINDANI uhlala kwa 333 Maldaki Street, Marselle ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 20 October 2018.

KAWE THENJIWE uhlala kwa 1130 New Rest, Marselle ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 20 October 2018.

Death

In loving memory of **Thanduxolo " Tsiritso" July-20/10/2018** Ukufika komzimba: 7h30 at home. Recreation Hall: 10h00 New Cemetery: 12h00

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DE KOCK, MAGDA NÉE BOSCH

Sadly passed away on the 8th September 2018 at the age of 68 years in Pretoria. Only daughter of the late Marthinus and Johanna Bosch of then Koppie Alleen, Alexandria. Our deepest sympathy to Harry and family from her school friends, neighbours and friends from Alexandria, Seven Fountains and Grahamstown.

Birthday



MPUMIE MASIZA

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2. ANNOUNCEMENT

Notices

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1. Child Welfare Grahamstown is looking for the biological father of **Siphosethu Dyantyi**, Born, 13/11/2002.

The mother of the above mentioned child, Phumeza Dyantyi, is deceased.

Please could anyone with the information contact Nasiphi Matshaya, Social worker from Grahamstown Child Welfare on 046-636-1355.

2. Child Welfare Grahamstown is looking for **Mr Simphiwe Cagwe**, who is the alleged father of **Portia Fourie (Boma)**, born 18-12-2006.

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3. Social worker from Social Development is looking for the biological father of Yonele Zuzani, if you have any information please contact: **Mrs N.C. Plaatjie at Social Development, Grahamstown at 046 602 3305.**

4. Social worker from Social Development is looking for the biological father of Zukiswa Teki. The biological father is Mongezi Same. If you have any information please contact: **Mrs. N.C. Plaatjie at Social Development, Grahamstown at 046 602 3305.**

5. Social worker from Social Development is looking for the biological father of Ambesa Tata, if you have any information please contact: **Mrs N.C. Plaatjie at Social Development, Grahamstown at 046 602 3305.**

6. Social worker from Social Development is looking for the biological father of Siyamthanda Madyo, if you have any information please contact: **Ms P.V. Mjuza at Social Development, Grahamstown at 046 602 3305.**

7. Social Worker from Social Development is looking for the biological father of Linda and Sinovuyo Onceya, if you have any information please contact **Ms P.V.Mjuza at Grahamstown Social Development, at 046 602 3305..**

8. Social Worker from Social Development is looking for the biological father of Sibulele Sola, if you have any information please contact **Ms P.V.Mjuza at Social Development, Grahamstown at 046 602 3305**

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9. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of Anam, Khanyile and Akhanya Manzana, if you have any information please contact **Ms P.V.Mjuza at Social Development, at 046 602 3305.**

10. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of Mhlahli Breakfast, if you have any information please contact Ms P.V.Mjuza at Grahams-town Social Development at 046 602 3305.

11. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of Bokoyi Zubenathi, if you have any information please contact **Ms P.V.Mjuza at Grahamstown Social Development at 046 602 3305**

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14. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of Jayden Zhivago Shavens. If you have any information please contact: **Ms Z. Makeleni Social Development Grahamstown at 0466023300**

15. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of Sinesipho Wayi. If you have any information please contact: **Ms Z. Makeleni Social Development Grahams-town at 0466023300**

16. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of Lindokuhle and Misokuhle Beni. The biological father is Siphon Maloni and he is alleged to be in Alice. If you have any information please contact: **Ms. N. Solani at Social Development Office, Grahamstown on 046 602 3300.**

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17. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of Xolani Temele. If you have any information please contact: **Mrs L.C Pakati Social Development Grahamstown at 046 602 3310**

18. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father and mother of Lisoletu Gabayi. If you have any information please contact: **Mrs L.C Pakati at Social Development, Makana Service Office, Grahams-town on 046 602 3310**

19. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of Sinoxolo Zikhona Dyantyi, her name is Nosipho Zuzani. If you have any information please contact: **Mrs L.C Pakati at Social Development, Makana Service Office, Grahams-town on 046 602 3305.**

20. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of Ritshiditswe Lesoro. If you have any information please contact: **Mrs L.C Pakati at Social Development, Makana Service Office, Grahamstown on 046 602 3310.**

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Cat of the week Hi.... My name is Yin, I am a super playful and adorable black and white kitten. I do not like dogs however, but am looking for a loving family to call my own. I am very, very affectionate and would be your friend for life. Please visit me and all the other cats looking for a home at the Grahamstown SPCA or call 046 622 3233 for more information.



Dog of the week: Hi..... My name is Espresso and I am a very playful and full of energy border collie. I love nothing more than long walks in the countryside and lots and lots of playtime. I would love to get to know you and meet my forever family. Please come visit me at the Grahamstown SPCA or call 046 622 3233 for more information about me and my friends.

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. Thank you to Ikhalu Vets and Grahamstown 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 continue to support us by buying 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.

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In the Estate of the Late **BRIAN PATRICK GAYBBA**, Identity No:391031 5023 082 born 31 October 1939, who died on 25 February 2018, of Brookshaw Home, Donkin Street, Grahamstown, 6139. Married out of community of property.

Estate No: 000843/2018

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, for a period of twenty-one (21) days from 19 October 2018.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN DECEASED ESTATE

Estate No: 1848/2016
Master's Office:
Grahamstown

In the Estate of the late **Mazamisa Bathande**,
Date of Birth: 01/07/1975,
ID No: 7507015319087
Last address: 141 Extension 4
Grahamstown 6139
Date of Death: 02 May 2016

All persons having claims against the above mentioned estate must lodge it with the Executor concerned within 30 days (or as indicated) from date of publication hereof.

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ESTATE LATE

In the Estate of the late **MARGARET JANE ROBINSON**, Identity No: 241015 0078 086, of 2 Leicester Street, Grahamstown, 6139, who died on the 6th January 2016.

ESTATE NO: 275/2018

All persons having claims against the above Estate are required to lodge such claims with the Executor named hereunder within thirty days from date of publication hereof.

Dated at Grahamstown this 19th September 2018.

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'Born Fighter' knocked out in EL

By CHRIS TOTOBELA

On Friday 12 October, Makhanda's (Grahamstown's) own professional boxer Sonwabo "Born Fighter" Thwathwa took part in the tournament in East London. Thwathwa exchanged blows with Sinethemba "Dictator" Kotana in a flyweight bout organised by Xaba boxing promotions, inside the Mdantsane Indoor Sports Centre in a bout that was scheduled for six rounds.

Thwathwa started the fight slowly and he looked like he was in good shape, but barely threw a decent punch in the early exchanges. Before he could react, he was caught by a solid straight punch by Kotana and he went down to the mat, but he managed to beat the referee's eight count. He got up, dusted himself off, and

continued the fight.

He tried to fight back, but Kotana proved to be too strong for the local boxer as he caught him with a powerful left hook that made Thwathwa kiss the canvas. The referee quickly stepped in and stopped the fight, in only three minutes and 14 seconds. Kotana was declared the winner in a technical knockout.

Thwathwa, a proud father of two children, came to the fight with fourteen professional fights under his belt winning eight (seven by knockout), losing five and drawing one.

The "Born Fighter" was confident running into the bout. "I trained very hard for the fight and was fully prepared," said Thwathwa. "My opponent struggled to make the required weight at the

weigh-in and had to run to reduce some kilos."

Thwathwa was understandably disappointed with the result of the fight, although he vowed to bounce back for his supporters.

"I don't know what really went wrong during the fight but he caught me with some powerful punches. I would like to thank the people of Makhanda for their support and want to assure them that I am going to bounce back soon," said Thwathwa.

"I would also like to appeal to the business people out there to come on board as I always have to hitch hike to my fights. There is a lot that I need help with. My supporters must not give up on me as I am hard at training preparing for my next fight which might be in a few months time."

Locals swimming in Aquabear

STAFF REPORTER

The Annual Aquabear gala took place over four days in Port Elizabeth over the past weekend. There were 25 local swimmers from Diocesan School for Girls (DSG), St Andrew's College Prep (SAC), Kingswood College and Graeme College participating.

While most of the swimmers were swimming out of their age groups, they swam unbelievable times, with some managing SA qualification standards.

A total of five gold, three silver and six bronze individual medals were won, with some

silver and bronze relay medals from various relays also being won by local swimmers.

Toni Rafferty set three new Eastern Province records in the girls Under 17 50m freestyle (27.38) and 50m butterfly (28.87) and 100m freestyle (58.86), while Martin Wolmarans set an Eastern Province record in the 50m freestyle with a time of 24.17.

Rafferty, Emma Podesta, Wolmarans and Oliva Lange swam Junior National Age group qualification times with Wolmarans and Podesta qualifying for the South African

Youth side and, Rafferty qualifying for SA Seniors, over and above their age group qualifying times.

Catherine Williamson won two bronze medals in the 50m and 100m breaststroke and Courtney Repinz added another bronze to the tally in the 200m freestyle.

Qualifiers for level three, which is just as prestigious, were plentiful, with a few Senior and Junior swimmers just missing the mark for qualifying times for SA. However, they still have the whole season ahead to do so.

Greek Soc Glow Run

By MZWANELE SIBANDA

The Rhodes University Hellenic Society, otherwise known as Greek Soc, hosted their first Glow Run on Saturday 13 October, in collaboration with the Rhodes Athletics Society. The event contained a 3.5km run around the Rhodes University Astro Turf, with a goal of raising donations of various goods for those in need.

Chanelle Descroizilles, the President of the Rhodes Hellenic Society and Vice President of The National Association of the Hellenic Youth Students of South Africa, expressed that the purpose of the Glow Run was to receive any donations from the public and to create an inclusive event for the Makhanda (Grahamstown) community.

"There is no entrance fee. We asked people who were able to donate toiletries, pads, tampons, dog food, anything that they wanted to donate and we would get it to the right people," said Descroizilles. "So that it did not exclude anyone that wanted to do [the run]."

The donations received are to be distributed to those in need and other organisations such as the Give 5 campaign, SPCA and Rhodes societies that can aid in the distribu-



Tayla Mackintosh (left) and Teri Gwilliam took on the challenge of the Glow Run on Saturday 13 October as part of the Rhodes Hellenic Society's collaboration with the Rhodes Athletics society. Photo: Mzwanaele Sibanda

tion of the various donations that were received from the Makhanda (Grahamstown) community. Descroizilles wanted to work alongside one of the sports clubs to allow students to get some fresh air and exercise ahead of exams, while still providing to a good cause.

The Rhodes Hellenic Society has been focused on collecting the same types of donations throughout the year, with their annual Greek Ball also taking donations of tampons and pads for those in need, with a view to distribute them in the near future.

EC medals for Kuyasa

By LINDANI DONYELI

Kuyasa Special School travelled to Durban over the weekend of 12-14 October to represent the Eastern Cape Schools in the Intellectual Games. They were there to take part in various sporting codes, including soccer, athletics and netball. The Eastern Cape team took home 38 medals in all, with the soccer team securing gold alongside the netball team.

Kuyasa was represented in

the Eastern Cape side by five pupils, namely Dervenito du Plessis, Nomahlubi Hlasela, Lucky Ncudu, and Siyanda Songongo.

Du Plessis took part in the athletics portion of the tournament, running the 1500 meters, while Hlasela was one of the gold medallists in the netball side.

Ncudu took home two gold medals, both in the 200m sprint, and the soccer team. Songongo ran in two dis-

stances, taking some a bronze medal for the 800m and a gold medal in the 400m sprints.

Kuyasa not only participates in these sporting codes, but also has active participants in basketball, cricket and cross country. Despite their success over the past weekend, the school is currently in desperate need of equipment and will welcome any donations that could be used for tracksuits and other sporting equipment.

KNOW THE SCORE

GCB League logs

The Grahamstown Cricket Board (GCB) league has been underway for a number of weeks. Here is how the teams currently stand in their respective logs as they were on Sunday 14 October:

GCB 1st League Log

- Southwell 16 (4)
- Willows 14 (3)
- Salem 13 (3)
- Sidbury 5 (2)
- Port Alfred 4 (2)
- Cuylerville 2 (3)
- Makana Sona 1 (3)
- Manley Flats 0 (2)

Bathurst 1st League Log

- Southwell 10 (2)
- Rhodes 5 (1)
- Port Alfred 4 (3)
- Cuylerville 1 (1)
- Manley Flats 0 (1)

Central Albany 1st League

- Salem 13 (3)
- Rhodes 7 (3)
- Willows 4 (1)
- Sidbury 3 (2)
- Makana Sona 2 (3)

GCB 2nd League Log

- Shrews 21 (8)
- Rainbows 5 (1)
- Sidbury 5 (1)
- Station Hill 5 (1)
- Port Alfred 5 (1)
- Tiger Titans 4 (1)
- Cuylerville 0 (0)
- Early Birds 0 (1)
- Kenton 0 (1)
- Southwell 0 (1)
- Manley Flats 0 (2)

Bathurst 2nd League Log

- Tiger Titans 10 (2)
- Rainbows 5 (1)
- Station Hill 5 (1)
- Port Alfred 0 (1)
- Early Birds 0 (2)

Central Albany 2nd League Log

- Sidbury 8 (2)
- Salem 8 (3)
- Cuylerville 6 (2)
- Kenton 5 (2)
- Southwell 3 (2)
- Manley Flats 1 (1)



The boxers at the Mfuzo Boxing Camp year end event received their medals on the day. Photo: Lindani Donyeli.

Mfuzo Boxing celebrations

By LINDANI DONYELI

On Saturday 13 October, Mfuzo Boxing Club celebrated their 23rd anniversary, as well as the end of the year, by hosting a Boxing Tournament event in B.B Zondani Hall.

The event consisted of local clubs and non local clubs from different areas from Buffalo City, Kenton On Sea, Peddie, Adelaide, Thubalethu from Uitenhage, Buffalo, and Seamore.

Boxers from different age categories came together to compete on the day, with competitors participating in bouts for fighters aged 12 to 14 youth, 15 to 16, 17 to 18, and

the Elite 19-40 years.

The tournament started at 1pm, with the juniors being the first to take to the squared circle. The first fair ten bouts were awarded medals by Wandisile Che, a member from Makana Brick.

The crowd was spoilt with a large number of good quality boxing matches, and could not contain their excitement. Cheers of "Jep Jep. Betha, Betha. Yha, Yha. Sondela, Sondela. uve kwenye ikona esithi?" Iyabethwa ibodi, Upercut, Isu-su," were heard from all corners of the building. Mfuzo Dyira thanked all the clubs who made it to the

tournament. He also thanked the sponsors who made the event possible, starting from Makana Brick who was the major sponsor with 40 gold medals and 40 silver medals, as well as six trophies.

The trophies were split between three different categories and awarded to the deserving clubs.

The Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture (DSRAC) had also sponsored 40 medals. Beer Properties had also provided assistance with the promotion of the tournament, as well as providing the officials with refreshments on the day.

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SPORTS
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WEEK

David Blenkinsop

After the Rhodes Internal Premier League (RIPL) Cricket tournament drew to a close on Friday 28 September, David Blenkinsop was named best shot of the tournament, best newcomer of the tournament, as well as best player in his side, the Hill Challengers. However, this outstanding performance throughout the Rhodes Premier League is just the tip of the iceberg.

Blenkinsop started playing cricket before he started primary school, always encouraged by his cricket-crazy family to pursue the sport. Growing in the sport throughout his time at school, Blenkinsop has played in a number of provincial sides, including being named in the Mpumalanga U19A Coke Week side.

However, Blenkinsop is not only a gifted cricket player. He has been involved in squash and rugby throughout his high school career, and has continued to play social squash while at Rhodes. The first-year BSc student hopes to be selected for the Rhodes first-team squash side in the near future, while continuing to contribute on the cricket pitch for Rhodes firsts.



David Blenkinsop (left) with Simon Webster at the Sarah Baartman match, where Blenkinsop was called into the District squad. Photo: Supplied

"Sport will always be an important aspect of my life and I will continue to play as long as I can," said Blenkinsop. "I also have the intention to give back to Rhodes cricket and have a position on the cricket board

within the next couple of years." However, Blenkinsop also has goals off the field. "Aside from sport I hope to one day own and run a fish farm on the Okavango river in Botswana," said Blenkinsop.

Can the sports hero please come and collect his prize from the Grocott's Mail offices situated at the School of Journalism and Media Studies, AMM Building, Prince Alfred Street. Call 046 603 7111

Women's Rugby

Port Elizabeth's Kwaru Rugby Club were crowned the Women's club champions in Cape Town on Sunday 14 October, after defeating Fort Hare 19-7 at Langa Sports Grounds in the fifth edition of the tournament. The tournament, which featured the best nine clubs from across the country, battled it out in the two-day tournament on Saturday and Sunday, which culminated in the respective finals.

Proteas

Standard Bank Proteas all-rounder, JP Duminy, will undergo surgery on an injury to his right shoulder which rules him out of the upcoming limited-overs tour to Australia and the Mzansi Super League (MSL). Duminy was announced as the marquee player for the Cape Town Blitz, and will be replaced by Quinton de Kock.

Currie Cup

The DHL Western Province and Cell C Sharks will host the Vodacom Blue Bulls and Xerox Golden Lions respectively on Saturday in the semifinals of the Currie Cup Premier Division. The matches, to be played in Cape Town and Durban, will extend an amazing season of breath-taking action in the country's premier domestic rugby competition and are just reward for the two sides, who produced the most consistent performances during the season.

Open-water swimming

The Nelson Mandela Bay Aquatics (NMBA) open-water swimming season kicked off on the morning of Sunday 14 October, with the first round of the provincial Swim Series taking place at the pristine Marina Martinique, home of the SA Open Water Swimming National Championships in 2019. Over 100 swimmers from around the Eastern Cape took full advantage of the opportunity to secure early qualification times for the season.

Under 18 Sevens

The South African Under 18 sevens team will take some valuable lessons away from their disappointing showing in the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires. Team SA went down to Japan in a shock 14-12 defeat on Saturday 13 October, before losing out to France, and Argentina throughout the weekend. They managed a 19-12 victory over the USA, but once again fell to Japan in the bronze playoff match on Monday 15 October.



Kuyasa Special School was well represented in the Intellectually Impaired National Development Games in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal over the weekend of 12-14 October. With five athletes winning a number of medals, the school can be proud of their sporting achievements. From left to right, the Kuyasa contingent in the Eastern Cape team were: Dervenito Du Plessis, Nomahlubi Hlasela, Xolisani Mbaleki, Lucky Ncudu, and Siyanda Songongo. With them is coach Khuthala Matyumza. Photo: Lindani Donyeli

EP Rural winning start

By CHESLEY DANIELS

The Eastern Province (EP) Rural cricket side got off to a winning note in the Cricket South Africa (CSA) Rural Competition on Saturday 13 October in King Williams Town. EP narrowly defeated Border by one wicket in a closely contested affair.

The CSA South Section consist of the EP Rural, EP Midlands, Kei, Border Country, Border Aloes, Border Villages and Boland cricket teams.

Despite losing a lot of key players that withdrew at the eleventh hour, EP still managed to field a decent

side. The home side batted first and were bowled out for 155 runs in 42.2 overs. EP's bowlers bowled with great control and discipline, and took their chances in the field. Border lost wickets at regular intervals due to a number of bad shot selections.

It was only Siya Mlonyeni (41) who stood firm to add a decent score for his side. Debutant Alvin Marney, who previously played in the second league for Station Hill, was the stand out bowler for EP.

He took 5/16 (4.2) with his away swing and couldn't have asked for a

better debut. He was well supported by Grant Stone 1/29 (9), Cole Wessels 1/31 (7), Thando Ngeete 1/37 (9) and Taylor Ntukela 1/39 (6).

After they were put in to bat, EP lost wickets at regular intervals as their batting line up collapsed.

It was left to the experience of Carl Van Niekerk (61*) who came to the rescue with his patient approach at the crease. He and number eleven batsman, Cole Wessels (21*), stood firm and shared a last wicket stand of 74 runs. Athi Kotta 3/34 (9) and Aya Snoka 3/40 (9), were the best bowl-

ers for Border.

"It was a very closely contested affair but I'm happy to take the win at any given day. It was a very stressful week with a lot of players pulling out of the team and we have to adjust the side as management. But I'm just glad we could field a decent side at the end of the day that brought us a win today," said Melville Daniels, EP Manager. From here, the EP Rural side will face Border Country on 3 November, while Kei take on Boland, and the EP Midlands clash with Border Villages on the same day.

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FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER
CRICKET
• Graeme College: First team vs Union (Asante Sana)

TENNIS
• St Andrew's College: Second team vs PJ Olivier and Port Alfred High School (SAC)

WATER POLO
St Andrew's College: U18 A vs St Abans College (Pretoria), Reddam House Constantia (Tokai), and Clifton School; U17 A vs Clifton School - Neutral venue.

SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER
CRICKET
St Andrew's College: 1st XI v Grey High School (Away); 09:30 - 2nd XI v Grey High School (Home); 09:30

- 3rd XI v Grey High School (Home); 09:30 - 4th XI v Grey High School (Home); 09:30 - 5th XI v Grey High School (tbc); 09:30 - Boys-U15A v Grey High School (Away); 09:30 - Boys-U15B v Grey High School (tbc); 09:30 - Boys-U14A v Grey High School (Away); 09:30 - Boys-U14B v Grey High School (tbc)
• Graeme College: First team vs Alex (Asante Sana), U15 A vs Alex (Away), Second team vs Alex (Home) and U14 A vs Alex (Home)

WATER POLO
St Andrew's College: Second Team, Third Team, Fourth Team, U15 A, U15 B and U14 B vs Oakhill School - Neutral venue.

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER
TENNIS
St Andrew's College vs Kingswood College: Second Team.

WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER
WATER POLO
Graeme College: First Team and U15s in the Wednesday League

THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER
FUN RUN/WALK
PJ Olivier: The Rapportryers-PJ Olivier annual Fun Run and Walk with proceeds going to the Grahamstown (Makhanda) SPCA - U11 and younger 2,5km, with the rest of the participants set for 5km. R15 per scholar, R20 per adult - First 100 finishes receive medals, with cash prizes going to the top three male and female finishers. (17:30)

View the updated Sports Diary: <http://bit.ly/2ljw7PA>