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Leaders in the making

Around 40 Grahamstown schoolgirls are taking part in the Grahamstown Girl's Leadership Project - an initiative by Pam Yako's Zenande Leadership Consulting. During a break in the first workshop of the programme which focuses on developing self worth, leadership skills, and entrepreneurship, they posed for a photograph with organisers and mentors. The initiative was launched in the lead-up to International Women's Day on 8 March. Story at bit.ly/GrocZenandeGirls. Photo: Sue Maclennan

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Staff at the Middle Terrace Clinic gather for a photograph with Sister Roslyn Mager, who is retiring after 40 years of nursing, 27 of those in public health. Back row from left: Gudrun Langford, Jacqueline Jantjies, Mariam Ngcangca, Bernadine Mapaling; (middle from left) Xoliswa Yapi, Matabo Booi, Felicia Rademeyer; (front from left) Lucy Sonwabe, Roslyn Mager and Nozuko Manyati. Read the story online at **bit.ly/Groc40years.** Photo: Sue Maclennan

Concerns over listeriosis continue

By KATHRYN CLEARY

Last week *Grocott's Mail* reported that one listeriosis-linked death had been confirmed by the Eastern Cape Department of Health. This information followed public news from Sarah Baartman District Municipality that stated two deaths had occurred as a result of the bacteria. The report stated that water was the potential source, but the claim was quickly refuted by Health Department Spokesperson, Sizwe Kupelo. Ongoing investigations in conjunction with the Public Service Accountability Monitoring (PSAM) have revealed new information.

According to the National Department of Health's "Clinical Guidelines on Management and Control of Foodborne Diseases" issued in 2011 an outbreak is defined as "two or more linked patients presenting with acute gastrointestinal, neurological, hepatic or hemorrhagic manifestation after having a shared/common meal/beverage during the past 72 hours."

At this time, *Grocott's Mail* cannot confirm an outbreak of listeriosis in Grahamstown.

Though the Clinical Guidelines state that two linked patients must have consumed the contaminated source within 72 hours of expressing symptoms, infections like listeriosis are exceptions.

According to sections 4(2)f, 5(2)(e) and 6(2)(e) of the Government Gazette issued 15 December of last year, the District Health Manager is responsible to designating a "focal person" to ensure the surveillance and control of notifiable conditions. The surveillance and control of notifiable conditions is part of the Health Act No. 61.

Last week, *Grocott's Mail* reported that the sub-district health manager could not be contacted for comment. At this time, no further comment has been made. In collaboration with PSAM, identification of the aforementioned "focal person" is a priority.

Nationally, provincial outbreak response teams are to be created as a way to expedite and ensure proper follow-through of procedures. PSAM nor *Grocott's Mail* found evidence to suggest the Eastern Cape had an outbreak response team.

In 2017, 557 cases were reported across all nine provinces, with 62% from Gauteng. As of 16 January, 764 cases had been reported nationally with 212 in Johannesburg. On 19 January, Joburg officials were working on inspecting strains of the bacteria that had been found at a food outlet.

Grocott's Mail spoke to three local healthcare workers confidentially and were told that informative pamphlets about listeriosis were distributed to the community within the last month by sub-district officials. One source stated that they did not believe healthcare workers at the facility had been educated about listeriosis or the correct reporting procedures. Another said that there were no posters or signs around the facility except those urging patrons to wash their hands.

The Eastern Cape Department of Health was approached regarding public awareness and education efforts but have not yet commented at this time.

The reported claim that the Grahamstown case was a result of drinking contaminated water (Sarah Baartman News) has not been confirmed.

Grocott's Mail and PSAM will continue to report on this issue to our readers.

- *Research and reporting on this important public health issue is being done in partnership with the Public Service Accountability Monitor.*

Listeriosis: what you should know

What is listeriosis?
Listeriosis is a bacterial infection caused as a result of consuming a contaminated source of food. The Centre for Disease Control (CDC) in the US reported that the bacteria was most commonly found in foods such as soft cheeses, raw (unpasteurised) milk, processed meats, and smoked fish. Risk factors outlined in the Clinical Guidelines include environmental issues such as contaminated water, "regarded as a vehicle of transmission".

Who is at risk?
Those most at risk include women who are pregnant, newborns, elderly individuals as well as those with immune deficiencies such as HIV or TB. In 2016, HeraldLIVE reported that Grahamstown had the largest percentage of people living with TB in the Eastern Cape.

What are the symptoms?
Symptoms of listeriosis infection include muscular pain, gastrointestinal distress (nausea, vomiting and diarrhea) and fever. After consuming the bacteria, victims may not display symptoms for up to 70 days. A study done in 1987 in the US declared the incubation period for the infection to be from three to 70 days. If diagnosed, the infection can be treated through antibiotics.

What should you do?
Visit your doctor, hospital or clinic.

What should your doctor do?
Once a person is diagnosed with listeriosis (or other notifiable conditions) a notification must be sent to the Department of Health within 24 hours. In Makana, this notification must go through the Sub-District Health Manager. A GW17/5 form must be filled out by the lab manager(s) and immediately submitted for the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NCID). The NCID further traces the source of infection. Failure to comply is against the Health Act No. 61.

Reduce contamination risks
- Cook thoroughly raw food from
- Wash raw vegetables and fruit thoroughly;
- Wash hands before handling food;
- Keep food preparation areas clean.

- Kathryn Cleary

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High 05:13 17:21

MONDAY
Nice with times of sun and clouds.
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High 05:44 17:53

TUESDAY
Partial sunshine with a thunderstorm
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High 06:18 18:27

WEDNESDAY
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Council zones in on water crisis

By SUE MACLENNAN

With Day Zero now estimated at 125 days, Grahamstown's looming water crisis loomed large in the City Hall this week. If Makana sticks to the budget it passed this week, Grahamstown's leaky pipes and inability to properly supply water to the eastern side of the city could finally become part of our history.

Called to approve the municipality's 2017/18 Adjustment Budget, the refurbishment and expansion of existing water bulk supply infrastructure, replacement of old pipes and the secondment of a water engineer featured in Wednesday's full sitting of Council.

Adjustments have reduced the budgets over a range of expenditure including free basic services, repairs and maintenance, bulk purchases, audit fees and salary costs.

The cuts result in savings of R32 million to be used towards paying outstanding debt, Mayor Nomhle Gaga said in her opening address.

Water featured significantly in budgets and discussion.

Treasury has approved a R22 million rollover for the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) and Makana has budgeted for the refurbishment of the Waainek Bulk Water Supply (R3 405 174.87) and the replacement of asbestos pipes in Grahamstown (R106 537.95).

From the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant, the adjusted capital budget includes expanding the James Kleynhans Water Treatment Works that serves east Grahamstown (R25 million) and water infrastructure (R10m). Another R63 748 is budgeted separately for water management.

In addition, a special item was submitted to the full sitting of Council which was for a formal approach to the Department of Water and Sanitation for a water engineer for two years.

This, acting MM Ted Pillay argued, was necessary to provide water and sanitation services for an ever increasing population, as well as conserve water in a water scarce area.

Pillay said he had informed the MEC of Cogta and DWS in the province about Makana's challenges.

"Currently the staff levels and capacity in the municipality in the Water and Sanitation division is inadequate to cope with the multiplicity of problems and challenges in the municipal area," Pillay said.

Supply

Settlers Dam is below 19% of its capacity and the last 10% cannot be extracted. Pillay said at current demand, Day Zero was now estimated at 125 days.

"We are not seeing a reduction of water consumption by consumers," Pillay said. "If anything people are disregarding the measures put in place."

The drought continued and weather predictions showed no signs of sufficient rain in the catchment to restore water supplies in Makana's dams.

The previous declaration of a state of drought has expired and Pillay said Makana would again formally gazette the state of drought in our municipal area.

Engaging the public

A critical supply water tariff was supposed to be introduced when Makana's dams dropped below a combined average of 30%; this happened midway through 2017 and tariffs remained the same. Pillay said the sliding scale of tariffs which would hit high water users hard must be implemented with immediate effect.

An intensive communication strategy was needed to persuade residents and businesses to use water sparingly, Pillay said.

Other items that came up for discussion were the urgent upgrade of Makana's roads – and money was reallocated for that.

From the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant R9 million has been allocated for the upgrade of the Belmont Valley Waste Water Treatment Works and R12m for the upgrading of the Mayfield sewage works.

R34m remains in the MIG budget for a multipurpose centre in Ward 7, and R14.5m for a gymnasium at the Indoor Sport Centre.

Ward 12 councillor Darryn Holm recorded his concern in the meeting that the budget for free basic services was being cut by R12m – "affecting the poorest of the poor"; repairs and maintenance by R14.2m and bulk purchases by R20m.

Speaker Yandiswa Vara meanwhile announced the election of Ward 2 councillor Rami Xonxa as Provincial chairperson of the National Association of Municipal Public Accounts Committees (NAMPAC).

These committees play an important role in monitoring spending and flagging issues to the local council and the NAMPAC, Xonxa told *Grocott's Mail* afterwards, aims to promote sound, accountable and transparent governance.

It should "improve the capacity of individual members of municipal public accounts committees to function more effectively and promote a culture of ethics and integrity in the financial oversight of municipalities," Xonxa said, quoting from NAMPAC documents.

Have the good rains over the past few weeks made a difference to our water supply? No, not really. The Settler's Dam Boat Club has a number of concrete mooring blocks at different heights alongside their slipway that they use for anchoring their jetty, depending on the water level. This photograph taken on Saturday 24 February shows where the jetty would be moored if the dam were full. At present, however, the water level is about 9m below this point. At last measurement, the dam was at 19% of capacity, but it may be lower: it can't be accurately measured below this point. The vegetation that has blossomed along the waterline over the past few months, however, tells the full story: the water level hasn't risen. And it won't, unless there is substantial rain in the catchment.
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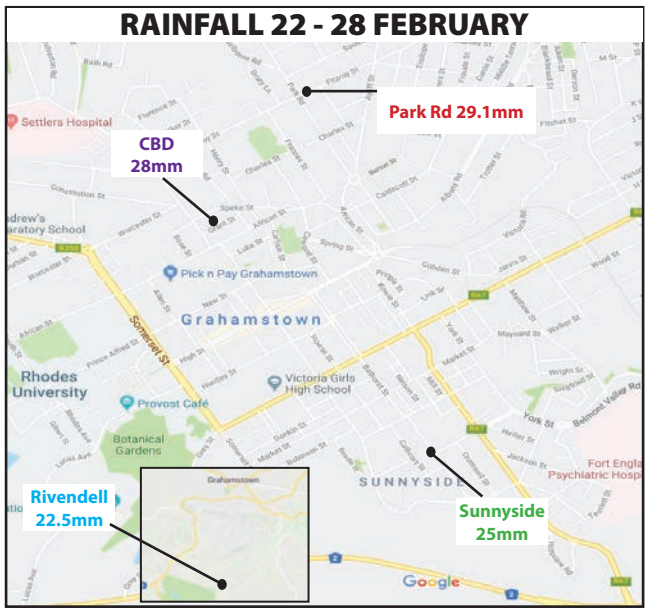

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STUDENT
It has given us chance to create medicine [and] to look outside of the earth.

OBERT FRANCE
MOTOR MECHANIC
Without Science will never get remedies and the vision of the modern world. Without it we will never move forward.

CLEMENT SIMUJA
LECTURER
Science can produce light. That is something that inspires me.

CAROLINANNE CLARKE
LEGAL SECRETARY
Everything we eat needs science. It helps to collect information about products.

ATHENKOSI MANTOLO
STUDENT
It is interesting because science can explain things that seem supernatural.

KEABETSWE MALINGA
STUDENT
Medicine keeps on developing and science deals with issues of global warming.

Concert in the Dark

STAFF REPORTER

Kingswood College's fourth annual Concert in the Dark will take place in the Kingswood Chapel at 7.30pm on Friday 9 March.

Entry is by donation and all funds raised go to the Grahamstown St John's Eye Clinic, which facilitates quality care and treatment for people with sight disabilities.

For example, there are many people who, if they had access to cataract surgery, would be able to care for themselves – freeing carers and making it possible for them to lead more productive lives. St John's Eye Clinic links people in need of eye surgery with specialists.

The idea behind listening to music in the dark is to help the audience make an imaginative connection with those who struggle to see. Listening to music in the dark is in itself a special and evocative experience.

Teachers and pupils from the Music School take part to offer a widely varied programme to the audience.

These days the Chapel is not completely dark – as it was for the first concert. However, the atmosphere of calm, along with a lack of visual distraction, has been kept.

ONLINE ONLY THIS WEEK

Province plan misses crucial detail – The State of the Province address lacked vision and failed to align itself to the priorities identified in the State of the Nation address earlier in the week, writes local government researcher Lungile Penxa: *bit.ly/GrocSopaPSAM*

How to develop a good reader - Reading is not a natural ability: it needs to be developed through lots and lots of practice and a great deal of encouragement. Elizabeth Nadlier-Nir is a literacy specialist who runs The Reading Language Gym in Cape Town. Elizabeth is coming to Grahamstown and will be giving a course specifically for parents on how to support reluctant readers on Thursday 8 March: *bit.ly/GrocReadingBrain*

New owner for Shooting Stars Playschool

Shooting Stars Playschool in Speke Street, Grahamstown, is under new ownership.

The playschool with the stellar reputation, located in the Christ Church Hall, has been taken over by Mrs Penny Robertson from previous owner, Mrs Lana Pretorius.

The playschool, founded by Pretorius in 2010, is a feeder school for the town's independent schools and thus follows a three terms per year schedule.

Robertson, who has 10 years' experience teaching pre-school children, moved from Port Alfred a year ago after her husband, Mr Craig Robertson, took up a post at Kingswood. The couple have two boys, aged 4 and 6, who attend Kingswood Prep School.

The playschool offers structured weekly programmes to children between the ages of 18 months and 3 years old, working with different themes on a weekly basis.

The school offers two classes, splitting the younger children from the older children, with classes starting between 8am and ending latest 12.30pm.

Each class has a teacher and a teacher's aide on hand to nurture the young minds of these little ones.

"Our teachers and assistants see teaching as a calling, and not just a job," Robertson said.

"I am excited to take over from where Lana has left off, and take Shooting Stars forward as a place where children learn, where they are loved, and where they grow to love learning."

Contact **Penny Robertson** on **083 691 3276** for more information.

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Community members gathered at Sizwe Mda's home to launch a project to document KwaNdacama's history. Photo: Lindani Donyeli

Oral history aims to heal

By LINDANI DONYELI

On Friday 23 February, the day of the opening of the Eastern Cape Legislature in Bisho, representatives from the Department of Arts and Culture and archivists from Port Elizabeth, King William's Town, and the Sarah Baartman District gathered at 56 "B" Street in Grahamstown.

The gathering was to rewrite the history of what happened in KwaNdacama and question why the place has a name that means "I have given up". It was a fact-finding mission into this history.

There were about 30 people, most of whom were invited by community activists Sizwe Mda and Nomso Mda. The gathering was chaired by Manager of Cultural Affairs at the Department of Sport, Recreation Arts and Culture, Hastings Mqhayi, who said that Black History has gaps that need to be closed.

The aim is to get the original community members who know the history of KwaNdacama to talk about it and not to rely on a history largely written by white people, said Provincial Archivist, Lungiswa Mtiki. Mtiki said oral history can thus function as a healing.

The Department believes it is not the first time that such documentation of oral history has been done, but what was done was lost.

Community members put forward the names of people who are able to tell this history.

If you have a story to tell about KwaNdacama, you are invited tto come to Andrew Moyakhe Higher Primary School in "A" Street on Tuesday 6 March 2018 at 3pm. Everyone is welcome.

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Land of low expectations

One of the most innovative events to enthuse young minds is once again returning to Grahamstown. Scifest Africa was established by the Grahamstown Foundation in 1996 to promote public awareness, understanding and appreciation of science, technology and innovation in South Africa. It celebrates 22 years in 2018 and officials have once again laid out the red carpet both for some of the most innovating men and women of Science in South Africa, as well pupils who are the natural audience of Scifest Africa.

This year's speakers include Antarctica Engineer Danielle Taljaard who will speak about what it feels like to make Antarctica home (hint: she spent 15 months in those freezing conditions). There is Professor Henrietta de Kock University of Pretoria whose her research explores the look, smell, feel, taste and sound of food materials. Her presentation will chart ways through which Science can guide our sensory perception of food to discourage over-consumption of unhealthy foods on one hand, and also boost taste in foodstuffs consumed by South Africa's working class and poor, who are the majority in this country.

There are lectures on innovative organ transplants; on why certain materials are used for particular applications and how Science is manipulating them to help solve some of our environmental problems; and a possible breakthrough in the search for a biological alternative to the dreaded agricultural pesticide. There will also be a full complement of international scientists whose presentations are always interesting.

In 2017, Scifest Africa attracted more than 62 000 visitors and offered a festival programme that consisted of 58 exhibitions and 726 events, presented by 291 contributors from 75 organisations in South Africa and internationally. Over the years, it has inspired thousands of young South Africans who have gone on to do great things in science and technology. The festival has been especially successful in energising children from poor backgrounds (especially black and female) to take up science.

That is why the news that the Department of Basic Education is once again planning to lower expectations for public school pupils is heart-breaking. In 2016, the Department instructed public schools to pass any pupils in Grades 7-9 who obtained 20% in mathematics. In 2017, they dropped mathematics altogether as a compulsory subject to pass those grades.

Now, Minister Angie Motshekga has gazetted proposals that, if enacted, will lower the minimum mark required to progress in Grades 7, 8 and 9. Currently, pupils do not advance to the next grade if they score below 50% for their home language. The the Department wants this threshold reduced to 40%; and for the first time, it also wants any pupil who achieves at least 30% in three subjects in these grades to progress!

How can we expect our children to build the next Hubble Telescope or visit Antarctica for research if so little is expected of them in High School? Moreover, the the Department is lowering the pass mark just to make its figures look rosy, instead of enacting out much needed reform.

Many basic education teachers need re-training, schools need modern laboratories and equipment, and the computer must become a basic teaching tool in class.

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LETTERS to the Editor and COLUMNS

'This has completely changed my mindset. We are not pieces of furniture that can be moved around. I really want to change the mindsets of others.' The resident of an aged care facility was among around 40 participants in the Eden Alternative training course hosted by Brookshaw Home for the Aged recently. 'We need to find another word for old!' said another. Faciliated by the Cape Town based organisation's Magda Pienaar, the three-day training aimed to introduce a person-centred rather than institution-centred approach among caregivers in Grahamstown. Their literature describes their core concept as "to teach ourselves to see old age homes, care facilities and residential care homes, as communities rather than facilities for the frail and elderly'. For information about future workshops email Marian Hendry at ***hendry@imaginet.co.za*** Photo: Sue Maclennan

Council mum on name change

The issue of Grahamstown's name change has been ongoing since 2007 and it is therefore understandable that fatigue is setting in. This was reflected in the *Grocott's Mail*'s inadequate coverage of the meeting of the South African Geographic Names Council (SAGNC) that was held in Grahamstown on 15 February. The meeting was only reported online and not in last week's newspaper as expected, yet it's a matter of considerable local importance.

Grocott's Mail Online reported that according to the Chairperson of the SAGNC, Johnny Mahlaba, the SAGNC decided on 16 February to recommend to the Minister of Arts & Culture that Grahamstown's name be changed to Makhanda.

As members of Keep Grahamstown Grahamstown (KGG), we wish to bring to the attention of readers, that the SAGNC has since refused to provide written confirmation of that decision or any information relating to its deliberations on the matter from that day.

Those who were present at SAGNC's meeting with objectors on 15 February will recall that a surprising statement was made by a member of the Eastern Cape Provincial Geographic Names Committee (ECPGNC) that the previous three public consultation processes on the name issue between 2007 and 2013 had nothing to do with renaming Grahamstown but with renaming the municipality. He also claimed that the ECPGNC was not involved in those processes. The KGG delivered proof to the SAGNC before its 16 February meeting that the statement was incorrect both regarding purpose of the processes and the involvement of the ECPGNC.

Other than confirm that such information was received, the SAGNC has, however, refused "for professional reasons" to divulge whether or not the SAGNC accepted that the previous processes were to do with the name of Grahamstown and not the name of the municipality (which was Makana even before 2007) and that the ECPGNC was involved in those processes.

The KGG has now addressed correspondence directly to the Minister of Arts & Culture on this matter and also advised him about the problems experienced in attempting to communicate with the ECPGNC and the SAGNC.

Readers should also be aware that even in the event that the proposed name change of Grahamstown is gazetted by the Minister of Arts & Culture, that is not the end to the matter as there would still be 30 days to formally object.

Jock McConnachie, Sigidla Ndumo
Joint Co-ordinators, KGG.

Measures to protect social grant beneficiaries from loan sharks

STAFF REPORTER

President Cyril Ramaphosa says the government will work on finalising measures to prevent loan sharks from preying on social grant beneficiaries.

The President said while land and food security will also be issues of priority in the period ahead, the government will soon consult traditional leaders over the Mining Charter to ensure that their views and concerns are considered as moves are made to finalise a reviewed charter in the next three months.

He said this shortly after traditional leaders held a debate in the Old Assembly Chamber on his address to the House on Tuesday.

After a debate that saw traditional leaders from various parts of the country raising issues that affect their communities – from education and health to land reform and lack of resources for traditional authorities – the President said he was committed to work with traditional authorities to tackle their challenges and concerns.

The President said he was prepared to work with traditional leaders on any issues they raised during the debate "without equivocation".

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Reader draw winners

STAFF REPORTER

Businesses in Grahamstown and Port Alfred came up trumps with useful prizes for readers who completed our survey questionnaire earlier this month.

Up for grabs were a top-quality drill, two metal braai stands and four meal vouchers.

Our first edition of the free Grocott's Mail went on to the streets on Friday 12 January 2018, and we asked where and how readers received their copy and what they thought of it.

Respondents' names went into a draw for a Hitachi Impact Drill from BUCO, two metal braai stands from Albany Engineering and four meal vouchers worth R150 each for venues at the Royal St Andrew's Hotel in Port Alfred (two for the Highlander Pub and two for the Paper Nautilus Deli).

Here are our winners:

Dambisa Zenani, from Grahamstown: Hitachi Impact Drill from BUCO 46 Bathurst Street.

Vuyolwethu Booi, from Grahamstown: Braai Stand from East Cape Access.

Mawethu (surname not given), Boknes: Braai Stand from East Cape Access.

Sally Terry, from Grahamstown: R150 Restaurant Voucher for the Paper Nautilus Deli at the Royal St Andrew's Hotel in Port Alfred.

Ivan Ristow, from Grahamstown: R150 Restaurant Voucher for the Paper Nautilus Deli at the Royal St Andrew's Hotel in Port Alfred.

Harry Mtambo, Boknes: R150 Restaurant Voucher for the Highlander Pub restaurant at the Royal St Andrew's Hotel in Port Alfred.

M. Fourie, Alexandria: R150 Restaurant Voucher for the Highlander Pub restaurant at the Royal St Andrew's.

Boarding school rules for pets

LIFE AT THE SPCA

Mark Thomas

Further to last week's tip of the week, regarding vaccinations, it is important to note that animals cannot be boarded at any facility without a history of their vaccinations which need to be in date, nor can puppies attend training school without this. For more information or advice, please contact Grahamstown SPCA or any of the vets in town:

Grahamstown Veterinary Practice on Fitzroy Street, Tel: 046 622 6743.

Ikhala Veterinary Practice on Strowan Road, Tel: 046 622 3261.

The State Vet on George Street, Tel: 046 622 7112

Keep in touch with all the improvements and updates on your SPCA and our work in the community by following us on Facebook.

For more information, advice or guidance, to report cruelty and or details on how you can donate to help us with the work we are doing in your community, please contact the Grahamstown SPCA on 046 622 3233 or email us at *spcaght@gmail.com*.

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Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 21A of the Municipal Systems Act, No 32 of 2000, Section 28 (2) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, No 56 of 2003 and Regulation 21 – 27 of the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations, that the Municipal Council of Makana Municipality has approved the adjustment budget for 2017/18 financial year at the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 28 February 2018.

The Adjustment Budget and Revised Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan will be available for inspection at the Municipality's offices and municipal website.

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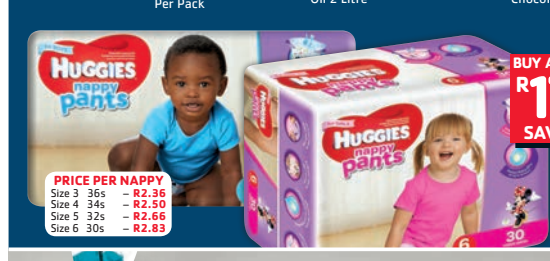

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Staff and pupils of Kingswood College, at the naming of Wesley House, the school's day girls' house. Kingswood College was established as a boys' school in 1894. The Wesleyan High School for Girls predated the establishment of Kingswood College by some years, and was so named in honour of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. Photo: Supplied

Prof. Noel Pearse (back, second right) from Rhodes University Business School was the facilitator of a PJ Olivier staff development session at the beginning of the academic year. Photo: Supplied

Advocate Nickie Turner (centre) with Kingswood College Senior School Head Paul Guthrie and Headgirl Liyema Ngcete. Turner addressed Kingswood College pupils on rape culture recently and urged rape victims to be heard. Turner has spent 20 years as a Senior State Advocate om the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for the Eastern Cape. She mainly prosecutes cases involving rape of children below the age of 12 in the Grahamstown High Court. Turner outlined the definition of rape in law and recalled cases in which she has been involved. Photo: Supplied

Checkers recently surprised Home of Joy with a cake to celebrate Valentine's Day. Margaret Ngcangca (left) Home of Joy Mother, and Yolande Jansen, Sales Manager at Checkers Grahamstown, cut the cake. Photo: Supplied

The Inkers perform during G-Town Funk 2018. Photo: Supplied

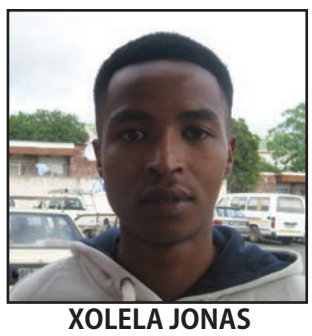
Shark attack survivor Caleb Swanepoel with St Andrew's College pupils after he gave a motivational talk to the boys. Photo: Supplied

JUST SAY IT!

What's your name for our town?

The on-off-on-off name-change debate over "Grahamstown" is on again. **Lindani Donyeli** *asked residents what they think a good name for our town would be.*

ASHLY DANIELS
UNEMPLOYED
I think the name is alright. Original should be original.



XOLELA JONAS
COPS PANGWA ASSOCIATES
I don't want it to be changed because it costs a lot of money [which] should be spent fixing pothole.

MARTA BESTER
UNEMPLOYED
They must not change the name because it's been Grahamstown for many years.

NOMBULELO MBANE
UNEMPLOYED
It must not change because that would make no difference.

NOKONWABA NGQOBOLOLO
UNEMPLOYED
It must be changed because it's the old regime name.

ROSWITHA HOBSON
PENSIONER
It must not be changed. They must spend the money to fix the roads and [on]service delivery.

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Raphael Centre staff with relatives and Nosiviwe Twani (second from left), winner of the Khanya- Be SMART draw at Khutliso Daniels. Photo: Sue Maclennan

Know-Your-Status pupil wins bicycle

By KATHRYN CLEARY

The Raphael Centre hosted an exciting 'prize giving' gig at Khutliso Daniels Secondary School on 20 February. Different from a school's typical awards days which honour academic achievements, the Raphael event encouraged pupils to know their status and get tested for HIV with those who were tested entering a raffle with a chance to win a bicycle.

The initiative is part of Khanya – Be SMART, the Raphael Centre's campaign for better living.

"Our aim for 2018 has been to test 1,150 youth and adolescents for HIV," according to a press statement from Centre. "Among them will be pupils from Mary Waters High School, Nyaluza High School, Archie Mbolekwa, Daniel Kutliso High School, Ntsika High school and C.M. Vellem P. School."

Khanya (which is gender-neutral) translates as "to reach out to more learners". "SMART stands for: Shine – Mind – Act – Raffle – Test. It closely refers to the procedure of this project where youth are motivated to take responsibility for their health and to test for HIV. Finally – as a bonus – every youth who tested for HIV can enter our bicycle raffle which takes place with each high school with who we have collaborated."

Before being tested, pupils under 16 were given a consent that a family member had to sign.

Nosiviwe Twani won the bicycle and was excited to do so. "I am very happy," she said. Campaigns like Khanya- Be SMART! are crucial in South Africa because the youth and young adults between 15 and 24 have the highest and fastest rate of growth in HIV infection.

For more information please contact the Raphael Centre, *info@raphaelcentre.co.za*

Careers Day coming up for local pupils

STAFF REPORTER

A highlight on the calendars of Grade 11 and 12 school pupils in Grahamstown and surrounding districts has, for several years, been the annual Careers Day hosted by the Diocesan School for Girls and sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

This year's Careers Day will be held on the DSG campus in Grahamstown on Wednesday 7 March.

The object of the day will be to expose pupils of Grahamstown and surrounding districts' schools to the various career and gap-year opportunities available to them once they leave school.

Grade 11 and 12 pupils are encouraged to make use of this opportunity. To this end, all relevant information has been forwarded by the organisers to Life Orientation teachers.

The number of presentations has increased markedly since the inception of Careers Day several years ago.

This year there will be presentations by representatives of more than 25 universities and other tertiary educational institutions, national companies, as well as presentations from the medical, engineering, aviation, au-pairing, physiotherapy and sports management sectors.

Among the companies making presentations will be the sponsors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, whose presentations have sparked keen interest among pupils in the past.

Universities that will be represented include Rhodes University, Stellenbosch University, Nelson Mandela University, Pretoria University and Free State University.

Other tertiary institutions attending Careers Day will be Stenden South Africa from Port Alfred, Varsity College, East Cape Midlands College, Cape Town College of Fashion & Design, CTU Training Solutions, Total Concepts Beauty Academy, Greenside Design Centre, Inscape Education Group, VEGA and AFDA.

Presentations regarding gap-year and overseas study opportunities will also be available to pupils on the day.

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Water: our actions... our lives

A special supplement in Grocott's Mail on Friday 16 March to mark National Water Week (18-24 March)

It's 125 days to Day Zero in Grahamstown at current water useage rates and we must act fast to look after our precious water supplies.

Grocott's Mail will publish a special supplement included in our Friday 16 March edition ahead of National Water Week (18-24 March). It will provide information for readers about what Makana Municipality is doing to secure a sustainable water
supply for its citizens and how residents and businesses can contribute to a water-secure community.

Practical information for households and businesses will include:
- How to harvest rainwater
- The practicalities of and regulations about drilling a borehole
- How the new stepped water tariffs will affect households
- Tips for saving water (and cash!)
- What water restrictions are in force
- How to install and use a grey water system

We'll be looking at predictions for Makana's water future based on climate and climate change, weather patterns and projected population growth – and what scientists can do to help save the day.

Getting the message out

All eyes are on the water crisis and this information package will be a guide which will be kept and used in homes, businesses and classroom across the city and beyond and we're boosting our print run for this edition to make sure the essential information is available as widely as possible.

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Please do try this at home!

Children conduct an experiment at the BASF Kids Lab at Scifest 2016. Here are some experiments your kids can try at home! Photo: Sue Maclennan

By KATHRYN CLEARY

With SciFest coming up next week, *Grocott's Mail* has put together this quick list of easy, kid-safe and home friendly science experiments to try with the whole family. Learning about science does not stop outside of the classroom: try these fun experiments that are sure to put a smile on your smart young scientist's face.

Build your own mini-volcano right here in Grahamstown!

Ever wonder how a volcano works? This three-ingredient recipe will give kids all of the wonder, without the fire and brimstone.

What you will need:

- 4 tablespoons bicarbonate of soda
- 1/2 cup white vinegar
- Red or orange food colouring
- Large cup or bucket
- Newspapers or old sheet (this will get messy, make sure it's nothing new!)
- A positive attitude

Instructions:

Find a space (preferably outside) and lay out your old newspaper or sheet, which will catch the spill of the 'lava'. Place the cup or bucket in the middle of the protected area and add 4 tablespoons of bicarb to the bottom, add a few drops of food colouring to the mix. After adding the food colouring, slowly pour in 1/2 cup of vinegar and watch your mini-volcano erupt! This reaction is a result of an acid (vinegar) mixing with a base (bicarb). The base will seek to neutralise (or put out) the acid, causing a release of carbon dioxide. This similar reaction occurs when we experience indigestion after a large greasy, or spicy meal. After taking an antacid tablet or drinking milk, the acid is reduced in our stomachs, causing a relief of symptoms.

Pro-tip: Add more vinegar for faster running lava

Pro-fun: Have the kids build a base for the volcano out of paper mache and washable paint!

Make your own butter!

You can save yourself a trip to the shop with this easy home trick. Perfect for toasted sandwiches, cooking or baking!

What you will need:

- Heavy whipping cream (room temperature)
- Airtight container (think of an old jam or pickle jar)
- Salt to taste
- All hands on deck!

Instructions:

Add the heavy whipping cream and a pinch of salt to the airtight container and seal tightly, make sure about half of the container is full. Now begins the fun part! Start shaking the container as much as possible! Pass the container around to all members of the family for a turn at 'churning the butter'.

You will start to feel the cream thicken which means the butter is almost done! Keep shaking until the 'sloshing' sound begins to turn more solid. Open the container carefully and pour out the remaining liquid (buttermilk) to use in other recipes (try pancakes the next morning). What is left in the container is your freshly prepared butter. The shaking process separates the milk in the cream from the fat. The remaining fat is what creates butter.

Pro-tip: Have some freshly toasted bread nearby to try out your delicious experiment.

Get slimy!

Tired of spending money on new toys? Kids are sure to be entertained for hours with this ooey gooey slime!

What you will need:

- 2 bottles of washable school glue (clear is recommended but white is ok)
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 2 to 3 tablespoons of liquid saline (contact lens) solution, this can be found at Wallace's or Clicks
- OPTIONAL: A few drops of food colouring of choice
- OPTIONAL: 1/4 cup of glitter

Instructions:

In a mixing bowl combine glue and food colouring (and glitter if wanted).

Add in the bicarb and mix until smooth. Slowly add in the saline solution one tablespoon at a time until mixture becomes stringy, then begin to knead the mixture by hand until a ball forms.

If the slime is too slimy, add in a few more drops of saline solution until desired consistency is reached. Store in an airtight container after playtime!

Pro-fun: Glitter glue is an easy way to speed up the recipe!

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BID NOTICE

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Project Name	Tender No	Preference Points System	CIDB Grading	Closing Date & Time	Date Advertised
Alicedale, Transrivier and Mandela Park: for Concrete block paving Phase 2.	MLM/2016-17/IN-FRA/002	80/20	CIDB: GRADING (1-3) CE	16 March 2018 @ 12h00	2 March 2017

First preference will be given to Alicedale SMME contractors and Female Contractors.

Only SMME contractors locally based within the Makana Municipality Jurisdiction and with CIDB grading of (1 – 3) CE are eligible for this contract.

A compulsory Site Clarification meeting will be held at the offices of The Consortium: 02 Main Street, Alicedale, on the 08 th March 2018 at 10:00 am.

A set of a bid document containing the scope of works, conditions of tender and the Bill of Quantities (BoQ) will be issued to each contractor at NO COST to the contractors.

In order to be considered, prospective SMME contractors will be required to provide the following documents to Finance Department, failing which they will be disqualified:

A. Original Certified copy/ies of Identity Document/s of Directors,
B. Company composition documents e.g. CK1, CK2, Trustee, etc. CIDB grading for (1-3) CE
C. CV's of core people
D. References of previous paving contracts
E. Tax Compliance Status Issued with a Pin
F. Proof of registration on Makana Supply Database and Central Supplier Database (CSD)
G. Proof of registration on Makana SMME database
H. Proof of residency within Makana Municipality Area of Jurisdiction such as telephone account / bank statement.
I. Completed and signed declaration of interest MBD 4, MBD 6.1, MBD 6.2, MBD 8 and MBD 9
J. Original Certified B-BBEE Certificate
K. Billing clearance certificate/ lease agreement/ statement of municipal accounts must be attached.
L. Completed BOQ with rates for labour, tools and equipment, compliance to OHS/EMP requirements, any other costs involving TAX, Transport, mark-up etc.

NOTE: ONLY 4 SMME CONTRACTORS WILL BE CONTRACTED

Completed bid documents in sealed envelopes, clearly marked **MLM/2016-2017/INFRA002: CONSTRUCTION OF ALICEDALE ROADS AND STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS IN TRANSRIVIER AND MANDELA PARK PHASE 2** should be deposited in the tender box, situated at Makana Municipality Offices: at 1003 Main Street Alicedale, not later than 16 March 2018 @ 12H00 where envelopes will be opened in public.

Late bids will not be accepted.
The evaluation criterion is 80:20,

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All systems go for SGB elections

STAFF REPORTER

The Department of Basic Education has assured parents and communities that it is all systems go for School Governing Body (SGB) elections, which are taking place from 1 to 31 March 2018.

"SGB task teams have been set up at both national and provincial levels. Election guidelines have been established and training manuals for election officers have been developed. Election dates have been set, provincial and district electoral officers have been appointed and circulars have been sent out to schools," said Basic Education Minister Angie Motshekga.

The department, led by the Minister, Deputy Minister Enver Surty and Director-General Mathanzima Mweli made the announcement when it briefed Parliament's Portfolio Committee for Basic Education on its state of readiness.

The SGB elections, which began this week, are the largest election process outside of the Local Government Elections and take place in over 25 000 public schools.

SGBs serve their schools for a three-year cycle wherein they make important decisions regarding issues around discipline in schools and codes of conduct, to language and admissions policies at a school level.

"The performance of schools tends to improve when parents are actively involved and take an interest in the affairs of the school," Motshekga said.

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Three questions to tantalise...

By STEVEN LANG

Science might not have all the answers but it surely has some interesting brainteasers. Here are some of the most thought-provoking questions that will be posed and maybe answered in next week's Scifest Africa lecture programme.

Can tiny thread worms be used instead of chemical pesticides to control insects that ruthlessly damage our crops? It sounds unlikely because after all, are we not replacing one bug with another?

Dr Tiisetso Lephoto believes that specific types of worms known as nematodes are capable of revolutionising the agriculture sector. The tiny worm carries a bacteria that just happens to be lethal to certain types of insect, so Lephoto is studying their DNA to better understand how they can be used to control insects without using harmful chemicals.

Lephoto, a young post-doctoral researcher from Wits University will explain, how the process works in her lecture at the opening ceremony of Scifest next Friday evening.

The next question is something completely different. What does a well-known type of biscuit have to do with the math behind every bit of digital technology that we so love?

Although this is a spoiler, it will really just tantalise you into finding out more about this fascinating story. Leibniz is the name of a delicious biscuit produced in Hanover, Germany. Coincidentally, Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, a polymath who refined the binary system of ones and zeros also lived in Hanover.

Theda Minthe representing the City of Hanover will talk about the renowned biscuit, but she will also talk about Leibniz the mathematician and Leibniz the philosopher. She will describe how this all matured into a city that today has nine universities and 48,000 students and where the Hanover Science Initiative is an amazing enterprise of international science brilliance.

The next question takes us to the other end of the world – to Antarctica, to be specific and into outer space if you want to take matters a little further. Why would anyone go to Antarctica, one of the most inhospitable places on earth, to do serious astronomy?

Antarctica engineer at the South African Space Agency, Danielle Taljaard, recently spent 15 months traipsing around a wide suite of specialised instruments at the South African base on one of the biggest chunks of ice on this planet.

It might be freezing cold there – sometimes temperatures drop to minus 50 centigrade – but the clear skies and dry air make it among the best places for a clear view of the planets and stars above.

Not only astronomy, but all types of science are booming in Antarctica. There are up to 45 research stations operating throughout the year scattered widely across the continent, with 30 additional field camps only active during the summer period.

Taljaard will share her experiences of living in an elite circle of those who call Antarctica their home. She will talk about the rich culture, raw beauty and critical research that is developing in one of South Africa's remotest outposts.

These three questions represent only a tempting sample of questions designed to whet the curiosity of your synapses.

Make sure to be in Grahamstown from 7-13 March 2018 to join in on celebrations that will have visitors running through the streets of Grahamstown during the day and relaxing with good food and esteemed scientific company in the evening.

An electronic programme is available at *http://www.scifest.org.za/*

Help your child develop a 'reading brain'

STAFF REPORTER

Reading is not a natural ability – it needs to be developed through lots and lots of practice and a great deal of encouragement. For many this process is painless, but for others, it is fraught with difficulty and struggles.

In fact, acquiring this essential skill can be an incredibly frustrating experience for some. Education experts do not all agree about what percentage of the population has a diagnosable reading disorder such as dyslexia, but it is very clear that while kids all read at different ages and stages, some otherwise average intelligence people find reading an unusually hard slog.

New technologies are revolutionising education for those who struggle with the written word, whether this is reading it, writing it or organising thoughts into a coherent and logical sequence — they are all connected. These technologies are widely available and often inexpensive. Most people have access to these tools, known as assistive technologies, on their smartphones or computers, without even being aware of it.

Because reading is at the very core of your child's learning experience and academic progress. Intervention must, in fact be intensive to develop what Norton and Wolf (2012) refers to as "the reading circuit" of the brain. The ability to read fluently with good comprehension, at an appropriate level, creates more connections in the language centres of the brain and so a lot of reading at an appropriate level will yield the best results.

But how best can you help if you have a child who is struggling with reading?

One of the first things you should think about is getting your child a tablet or access to a computer. This sounds counterproductive — you would probably be thinking that you should really get your child a heap of books and take away all his electronics. But the reverse is true for children who have fallen behind in learning to read.

Children love technology and for the delayed reader technology can help them immensely. Our children are "digital natives" — technology is part of their everyday lives and many are very adept at working at the keyboard, word processing, researching on the Internet, multimedia production, social sharing and navigating interactive e-books.

Elizabeth Nadlier-Nir is a literacy specialist who runs The Reading Language Gym in Cape Town. She is also the creator of the Virtual Reading Gym – an online tool she has developed to help struggling readers – visit www.virtual-readinggym.co.za.

Nadler-Nir is coming to Grahamstown and will be teaching a course specifically for parents on how to support reluctant readers on Thursday 8 March at Kingswood Junior School. Contact *info@virtual-readinggym.co.za* to book.

The course will be followed by a demonstration of the Virtual Reading Gym.

Have a news story or photo?
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Some pupils in the Grade 9 Environmental Group picking up litter outside the Kingswood College campus and around the old cemetery during their enrichment session this week Photo: Supplied

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My Garden

Thembile between his millies. Photo: Lindani Donyeli

Thembile Tase has been interested in gardening since he was a little boy and started his patch in 2013 in Vukani. He planted spinach, millies, tomatoes and onions. He also has a large Peach tree whose fruit he gives to neighbourhood children when they are ripe.

Unfortunately, Tase does not have enough space to grow his garden because he has no job. He hopes to produce more veggies for sale in Vukani.

By Lindani Donyeli

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Great Big G'town Week

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For church notices turn to page 14

FRIDAY 2 MARCH
WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
5.30pm at the Commemoration Methodist Church. All women are invited to join this world-wide annual service of prayer for our world and its countries. For more information contact Marj Forsyth 046 622 3985

MONDAY 5 MARCH
SHOWVILLE AUDITIONS
12pm at Makana Recreational Hall. Showville will be having auditions in Grahamstown. Visit www.showville.co.za for more information.

WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH
EAST CAPE WATERCOLOUR ASSOCIATION
9.30am The East Cape Watercolour Association are pleased to host a "Drop andSpritz" workshop by Jo Daniels, reknowned Kenton on Sea artist. Nonmembers welcome to contact Sheree Young on 083 397 5410 for furtherdetails.

THURSDAY 8 MARCH
U3A LECTURE
10am TSpeaker: Brian Wilmot. Topic: A tour of the Lingelihle township, Cradock: "In the footsteps of James Calata and Matthew Goniwe". Charge R5. All welcome. Contact Malcolm Hacksley 046 636 1762.

FRIDAY 9 MARCH
SOMERSET PLACE FUN EVENING
6pm at the Grahamstown Bowling Club. Sing-song, quizzes, noot-vir-noot, a special guest appearance by Grahamstown's Opera Soprano, Emma Farquharson, Lorraine at piano once again. Please bring a small plate of finger food. Open bar. Cold drinks will be provided. Cost is R25 for residents and R40 for non-residents. Phone for reservations or tickets: Jenny Haswell 073 945 9302

SUNDAY 11 MARCH
Oldenburgia Hiking Club
ALL DAY Day hike to Groendal

WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH
EAST CAPE WATERCOLOUR ASSOCIATION
9.30am The East Cape Watercolour Association (friendly, non-professionalhobbiests) will be enjoying a "Paint as you Please" session. Visitorswelcome. Supplies available for visitors to try your hand. An extensivelibrary of DVDs/books available. Tea/coffee thereafter. Contact Shereeon 083 397 5410 or Les on 078 161 0719 for further details .

Please email your events to community@grocotts.co.za

Fevered dreams and subversion

Don't miss tonight's launch at Phoenix Bar of Unathi Slasha's first novella, Jah Hills, published this month by Black Ghost Books.

The work has been described as "a dizzying investigation of life, death and those of us who will never die, a fever dream, and a sprawling inquiry into belief and resistance that re-imagines and subverts Nguni folklore" to write what he refers to as the "Unlanguaged World that is South Africa today".

Read the interview with Slasha at bit.ly/GrocUnathi

The launch is tonight at 7pm at Phoenix Bar in Dundas Street.

Sudoku

Complete this Sudoku correctly and drop it off at Grocott's Mail in the box at reception at AMM building, Upper Campus, and win a **R50 meal voucher.**

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Grahamstown Weekly What's On
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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.

Bridge Results

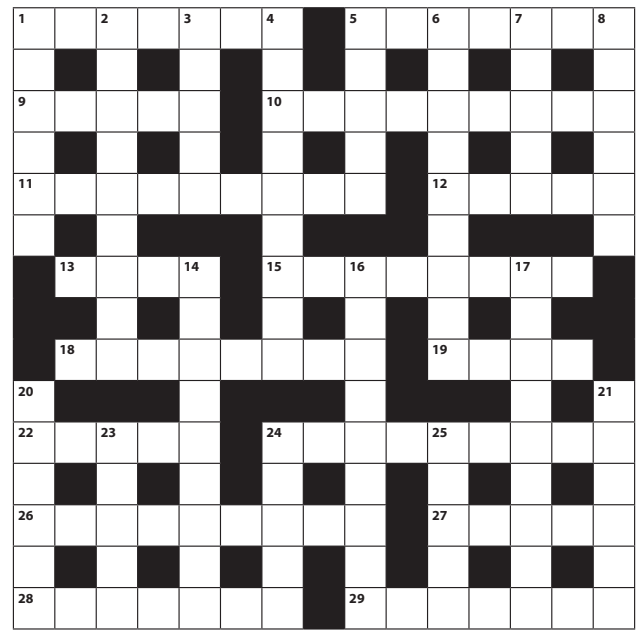
12 February 2018
5½ Table 27 Board Howell Movement
Pair Names

1 Torquil Paterson & Peter Midlane	65.63%
2 Val Buchner & Jenny Haswell	61.46%
3 Pat Shepherd & Ilva Benyon	59.38%
4 Margaret Banks & Maureen van Hille	53.13%
5 Mary Schudel & Jo Fitzhenry	52.60%
6 Jenny Emslie & Sally Moss	50.93%
7 Pair 7	47.92%
8 Pair 10	46.30%
9 Pair 6	39.58%
10 Pair 3	37.50%
11 Pair 4	35.94%

Bridge 8 February 2018
5 Table 27 Board Howell Movement
Pair Names

1 Ern van Hille & Maureen van Hille	67.59%
2 Jo Fitzhenry & Torquil Paterson	60.65%
3 Val Buchner & Jenny Haswell	56.94%
4 Joy Faulkner & Pat Shepherd	50.00%
5 Pair 6	49.07%

The Original South African
JDE CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



JDE 123

ACROSS
1 The first Scotsman used to construct roads (7)
5 Advertised her wares as husband ran about (7)
9 Sounds like the Caribbean male is an imp? (5)
10 Video for each v d Merwe in the holiday home (6,3)
11 Chop companion who wore robes all over the place (9)
12 Is returning with replaced ligament (5)
13 Cry for the old vinyl (4)
15 Quits a degree and throws dons into a panic (8)
18 Maybe the real inside is spiritual (8)
19 Proverb not initially cut (4)
22 Garden incorporates a time in great suspense (5)
24 Small conflict on television ends with lie about Garden Route water (9)
26 Group I place around unusually green park (9)
27 Go off about when to braai (5)
28 Padre, America imprisoned someone like Martin Luther King (7)
29 Unbeatable opponent seems in form (7)

DOWN
1 I am bad? Possibly our best example of the opposite! (6)
2 Enter match not extremely able (9)
3 Poet utterly accomplished (5)
4 Tiny friendly gesture can heat things up (9)
5 Gets very angry about air pollution (5)
6 Dislikes a certain interpretation on the opening of SONA (9)
7 Own northern retreat (5)
8 Tired but with return victory in the end (6)
14 'Spud' - my one abandoned alias (9)
16 The kind of army that brings liberation? (9)
17 Criticize stacks of email attachments (9)
20 Badly treated, we retire together (6)
21 Views permits to hold back payment (6)
23 Short tangled trees (5)
24 Quiet attention given to clip (5)
25 Constant hum from the endless spirit (5)

Compiled by George Euvrard.

Crossword Solution for last week JDE 122

1. PERSONAL

Funeral

Siyakubonga Funeral

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

GAYBBA BRIAN PATRICK uhlala kwa 25 Somerset Street, Grahamstown ungcwatywa ngoLwesine umhla we 01 March 2018. (Service at St Patrick, Catholic Church, Hill Str)

NAYIKA MANDLENKOSI uhlala kwa 26 Royi Street, Xolani Loc, Grahamstown ungcwatywa ngoLwesihlanu umhla we 02 March 2018.

TYOBEKA ALFRED HAMBILE uhlala kwa 161 Glenmore Loc, Glenmore ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 03 March 2018.

MKHONTWANA THEMBELANI uhlala eMartindale Farm, Bathurst ungcwatywa ngeCawa umhla we 04 March 2018.

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LILY TROMPETTER
Uhlala kwa 8 third Avenue Hooggenoeg Grahamstown, ungcwatywa ngomgqibelo umhla we 3 MArch 2018. Funeral will be Conducted at 8 third Avenue Hooggenoeg.

ABEDNIGO JONAS
Uhlala kwa 70 Kotana Stree kwaDwesi Port Elizabeth, ungcwatya ngomgqibelo umhla we 03 March 2018. Funeral will be conducted at Port Elizabeth

FUNERAL SERVICE ARRANGED BY TITI FUNERALS 083 511 2193 046 622 9739

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Death

PALMER ANN VIRGINIA (nee PITCHFORD) 5 /08/1919 to 27/02/ 2018.

Passed away peacefully on 27 February. Beloved mother to Mike & Lydia, Maryann &Pete, Dick & Cindy&Robert & Guida. Grandmother to eight and Great-Grandmother to twelve. For 98 years she touched the lives of many. A sore loss, but a wonderful memory to all. A Memorial Service will be held in the Cathedral at 11h00 on **Wednesday 7 March.**

In Memoriam

WESSELS ALLISON 29/2/2012
Thank you for the years we shared. Thank you for the way you cared. We loved you then and we love you still. Forget you not, we never will.

The Middleton & Burger FamilieS

RONALD GEORGE BURGER 03 MARCH 2016
It`s been 2 years now but we still miss you every day. Sometimes it still feels so unreal. Love: Reona, Recania, Adrian, Ronaldo, Micheele, Elsworth, Caville, Wilbur, Shereen and all the grandchildren

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.

CHILD WELFARE SOUTH AFRICA

Child Welfare Grahamstown is looking for the biological father of **Sokhana Vena, born: 10/06/2009**.The biological mother of the child is **Lerato Vena**. Please could anyone with information contact **Asisipho Ginya at Child Welfare Grahamstown on 046-6361355.**

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3. SALES & SERVICES

Furnisher

2ND HAND HOUSE. High Street. Buyers & Sellers. Quality furniture, antiques, removals. 073 470 6105

Home Maintenance

Marius Barnard Plumbing for bathroom installations, water tanks, pressure pumps& waterproofing.
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Carpets/Upholstery/Windows
Household/Office Cleaning
Chris & Tessa Loock
Cell: 073 217 8258
Email: e.m.cloock@imaginet.co.za

Miscellaneous Wanted

Cars and Bakkies wanted in any condition, old models welcome too. Please contact **HIMAT ON 082 722 6183**

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4. EMPLOYMENT

Employment Offered

GRADE R- TEMPORAL POST
Requirments:1. Diploma 2.B.Ed in Foundation Phase. Closing Date:06/03/2018. Send Application to: **Manley Flats Farm, PO Manley Flats Grahamstown,6145**

Grade R Practioner :
Medium of instruction: English. Subject. All subjects Please apply on official ECDE/Personel/02 form. All criteria on form must be adhered to. Closing date: Friday **09 March 2018 at 12 noon**. No late applications will be accepted. Please hand deliver applications to: **The Principal, Ntaba Maria School, 24 Raglan Road/Jacob Zuma Drive, Grahamstown.**

Employment Wanted

I am looking for a job as a cleaner or any related to babysitting. I am honest, hard working domestic worker and dedicated lady. I am very dependable and care giver. Contact:**072 724 6568.** Reference: **072 766 1921**

A young lady is looking for employment any kind of job that is available e.g. cleaning and baby sitting. Contact: **078 713 8569**

A young man is seeking employment as a driver or any kind of job. He has Code 10 drivers licence and a PDP. Contact: **071 809 8690**

I am a matured lady looking for a job as a domestic worker and a nanny. Contact: **078 349 4117**

I am Lungi and I am looking for a job. I am honest and I do not drink or smoke. I am saved and I am the child of God. Contact:**0738576084**

I am looking for any kind of job available. I am good at cooking and baby sitting . I am a fast learner. Contact:**078 349 4117**

I am looking for a job for 3 days or 5 days. I am good at cleaning and baby sitting. Contact: **083 679 9690**

Call our mobile number 076 733 1770

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE: Wednesday @ 4pm 046-603 7111

Pets

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Cell: 082 552 3829
Cell: 046 622 3527
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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

We are running very short on food supplies and have received into our care an exceptionally high number of dogs, puppies, cats and kittens who desperately need our help, please help us with any food donations. These can be dropped either to the SPCA directly or to Madhatters Coffee Shop, Blu Robin and Pam Golding.

Cats and Dogs: We have a wide selection of Kittens and Cats, Dogs 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 **Mistletoe** and I am a very loving cat who adores nothing more than to be cuddled and given lots of affection, I am looking for the ultimate loving and caring family to call my own. To meet me, please visit the Grahamstown SPCA or for more information call 046 622 3233.

Dog of the week: Hi, my name is **Daisy** and I am a very loving and friendly Chihuahua Cross. I love exercising and really enjoy going out for nice walks. I am very affectionate and need an owner who will give me plenty of attention and love, I need to be an only dog and am looking for an owner who can give me all the attention I need. I come from a troubled background and need to learn to be able to trust again. 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 aspet-food drop off points.
Kennel Sponsorships are still available for only R850 for a year!!
Thank you to Grahamstown Vets and Ikhala 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 DSG girls for coming up to the SPCA, walking and socialising the animals and for helping with dog dipping.
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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5. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Offered

Comfortable family home in Cradock Heights.
Secure 3 Bedroomed house with 2 bathrooms, single garage. Water tank with pump. Modern kitchen with BIC throughout.
Contact **Ethne 0721305250** to arrange a viewing.

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Newly renovated three bedroom apartment in secure complex. Swimming pool set in large grounds. laundry facilities on the property, plenty of off street parking. Contact **Sharon** on **0828252677** for a viewing.

8. LEGALS

ESTATE LATE

In the estate of the late **Eileen Joyce Frier, Identity number: 4711120032089** Date of death: 06 November 2014, marital status , unmarried. Last address: **75 A Hill Street, Grahamstown.**

Estate number: 22351/2014

The First and Final and Distribution Account in the above-named estate will lie for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court, Grahamstown, for a period of 21 days from the date of the publication hereof.

Name and address of the executor or agent of the executor:

Ilze Pienaar
Netteltons Attorneys
PO Box 449
Grahamstown,6140
Tel: 046 622 7149
Fax: 046 622 5080

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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 Mngcongo 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 Service
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
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 MINISTERIES - 8073 Lingelihle Loc Ext 6 Joza
10am Morning Service
Pastor TP Dube Ngcayisa 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, aand selgemeentes 046 622 4598
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 Matepo. 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 Dr John Westwood
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 Veleleni 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)
10am Every 1st Sunday.
R Hart 042 235 1250 or Rev Isaias Chachine 071 005 0185

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION OF AFRICA (Z Street, Joza)
10am Sunday School,
11am Service
Rev KA Ndaleni
THE ROCK FAMILY CHURCH (1 Dundas Street)
8.30am - Sunday Services
Makana Library
Shaun Brandon 073 227 9143
THE OLD APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION OF SA (behind Benjamin Mahlasela High) - **11am** Sunday Service, **6pm** Wednesday service
Archbishop NT Chrisjan 083 363 1073
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER–DAY SAINTS (6 Bennett Str)
9am Sundays 046 622 5705

THE UPPER ROOM, W.O.W MINISTRIES
7pm Monday: Bible Study - 19 Frere Street,
7pm Thursday: Holy Spirit Evening - Antics Centre, Albany Road
5.30pm Sunday: Evening Service - Antics Centre, Albany Road
Ev. Jenfred Engelbrecht 083 204 4456

TIBETAN BUDDHIST MEDITATION CENTRE - 19 West Street
Tuesdays 6pm - 7pm Meditation
Sundays: 9am - 10am Green Tara
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Hill Street) **9.30am** Morning Worship and Sunday School
6.30pm Evening Service
Church Office: 046 622 4254
Rev Boitumelo Gaborone 081 554 5485

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (Albany Road)
9am Sunday School, **10am** Morning Service, **6pm** Evening Service
UNIVERSAL CHURCH OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD (UCKG) 33 Beaufort Street
Week: 6am, 7am, 10am, 3pm, 5pm
Sat: 7am, 10am
Sun: 8am, 10am, 1pm

WAY OF GOD MINISTRIES (Ext 6, next to Joza Indoor Sports Centre)
10am Sunday Service 6pm. Apostle PS Ngqezana 084 824 2363

Southwell crowned GCB 1sts champions

By CHESLEY DANIELS

The past weekend saw the end of another Grahamstown Cricket Board (GCB) league season. Southwell 1st and Station Hill 2nds were crowned the new Grahamstown Cricket Board (GCB) 1st and 2nd league Champs respectively.

Southwell beat Cuylerville by 8 wickets & with a bonus point to clinch their second title of the season, along with the Bathurst 1st league they won last week.

Station Hill also clinched a 3 wicket bonus point win over Shrews to be crowned as 2nd league Champs. Southwell were unbeaten in both the GCB 1st and Bathurst leagues this season and played outstanding cricket.

Southwell vs Cuylerville
In the final GCB 1st league fixture at Southwell, the home side impressed with a fantastic all round performance to add another trophy to their season's cabinet. Cuylerville batted first and were bowled out for 151 (39.2 overs), due to discipline and accurate bowling by the home side's bowlers.

Wickets tumbled in quick concession as Southwell took full control of affairs. It was only the tale ender, Richard Beydeveld, who came in terms with the pitch and the deadly bowlers of Southwell, top scoring with a fantastic hurricane 83 runs (9x6, 3x4) batting at number 10. Jason Renton and Jamie Bessinger both contributed 12 runs.

Veterans Andrew Bowker 3/32 (10) and Jeff Tarr 3/22 (10), were the pick of the bowlers and the destroyers-in-chief for Southwell. Murray Hobson 2/37 (10) and Johan Du Preez 1/32 (10), also bowled beautiful spells. Southwell came out firing in their run chase with only one thing on their minds; to win the game and the league.

They eventually did so in fine style. Despite losing two quick wickets, captain James Stirk (56*), Kevin Bennett (52*) and Daine Kruger (23), did enough damaged to ensure their side knocked the target off in just 32.2 overs.

Southwell won by 8 wickets and scored a bonus point.

Station Hill vs Shrews
On the Hilpert Field in Port Alfred on Saturday, Station Hill put up a sterling performance to beat Shrews to clinch the GCB 2nd league title and be crowned as deserving champs. Shrews batted first and scored 106 all out.

Langa (32) and Ali (24) made the runs for their side. Veteran Nathan Hilpert 4/39 (9) was the pick of the home side's bowlers and received excellent support from Riaan Jacobs 2/13 (3), Alvin Marney 2/19 (8) and Franklin Jacobs 1/20 (10).

Station Hill got off to a slower start, losing four quick wickets, but Keanen Arends (25), Alvin Marney (25) and Sipho Saki (13), came to their side's rescue and took their side safely home.

Tyler 3/26 (6.1) took wickets for Shrews. Station Hill made 107/7 (21.3), winning with 3 wickets and a bonus point.

Rhodes University vs Salem
Salem traveled to Grahamstown, to Rhodes' Prospect field on Sunday to ultimately win by 47 runs and receive a bonus point.

Salem batted first and were bowled out for 139 runs. Buster Brotherton (41), Ivan Marais (29), Chris Van der Meulen (18) and Rob Van der Merwe (20), all contributed with the bat.

Sean Mcqullan 3/23 (7), Graig Parrymore 2/16 (7) and Tyler Miller 2/23 (5) took wickets for Rhodes. Rhodes lost wickets at regular intervals due to economical and accurate bowling by Salem's bowlers. Rhodes were bowled out for 92 runs.

David Blenkinsop 27, Matthew Menaar 22 and William Samson 21, were amongst the run scorers for Rhodes. Brotherton 5/16 (4), Marais 2/12 (5), Devon Sykes 1/18 (7), Matthew Liebenberg 1/8 (4) and Brad Wilmot 1/11 (5), took wickets for Salem.

The other results of the weekend were as follows:

Cuylerville 2nds vs Manleys Flats

Cuylerville 189
–Simon Du Plessis 77*, Cliff Dell 61
• Lester Isaacs 3/32, Gareth 2/18, Graig Fourie 1/31

Manleys 158
– Chad 28, Fourie 18, Joe 22, Marney 18
• Morne Van Wyk 4/37, Cyril Tyson 2/20, Chris Japp 1/29, Allister Mccerrow 2/46.
Cuylerville won by 31 runs.

Salem 2nds vs Rainbows

Salem 180
– Rob Van Der Merwe 51, Matt Liesenberg 32, Lorrimer Pittaway 26
• T Shotana 3/22, A Tabasha 3/42, L Menge 2/8

Rainbows 127
– Shotana 40, T Mlonyeni 28
• Brad Wilmot 4/12, Ross Pittaway 1/10, Matt Liesenberg 2/20, Mike Mattison 2/23
Salem won by 53 runs and bonus point

Botanical run and clean up

From left to right: Janet Leslie, Benjamin Holder and Ruth Woudstra, all ready to clean up the Botanical Gardens. Photos: Lindani Donyeli

A volunteer marshall directs parkrun participants.

By LINDANI DONYELI

The Botanical Gardens were full environmental enthusiasts and runners for a Park-Run and clean-up exercise on Saturday 24 February.

During the Park run and after, volunteers carried black plastic bags in which they put the paper and plastic from the runners. As usual, the fun run began at 8am, and went over a five-kilometre route that starts and ends at the Botanical Garden entrance. The local run started on 27 September 2014 and is free to anyone who registers to run, walk or walk with a dog on a leash.

The event originated from England; and is now ubiquitous in many parts of the world (with 130 in South Africa alone!) Here in Grahamstown, the fun run depends on volunteers who check off the times and monitor the route for an average of 110 participants every week.

The Park Run is sponsored by Discovery Vitality, Mr. Price Sports and Dischem Pharmacy. You can become a volunteer if you show up at around 7am at the Botanical Gardens on Saturday.

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Sakhulutsha defender attempting to block a pass between two XI Attackers.
Photo: Xolisa Jodwana

Attackers tame Sakhulutsha

By CHRIS TOTOBELA

On Saturday 24 February, Sakhulutsha hosted XI Attackers in the SAB regional league encounter. The scorching hot conditions complemented the hot action ahead. Both teams started cautiously, keeping things nice and tight.

Midway through the first half, however, Sakhulutsha started putting more pressure on their opponents forcing them to defend deep in their half. Sakhulutsha created a lot of scoring chances but failed to make them count.

Attackers barely troubled their opponents' defence, but with only three minutes from halftime, a Sakhulutsha defender handled the ball inside the box.

The Sakhulutsha goalkeeper came up with a brilliant one-handed save to keep his team in the game. The score at halftime remained 0-0.

In the second half, Sakhulutsha came out firing and kept Attackers on the back foot. However, they still failed to convert a number of good chances.

Meanwhile, Attackers launched a good counter attack, which resulted in another penalty when one of their players was fouled inside the box. Siyathemba Melitafa calmly slotted the ball home for a 1-0 lead.

This seemed to spur Sakhulutsha on, as they continued to dish out some good football. They were however, still unable to break Attackers defence. In the dying minutes, Attackers goalkeeper came up with a match winning save when he pushed the ball over the crossbar after a well-taken free kick just outside the box.

Sakhulutsha threw everything at their opponents in search of an equaliser but Attackers stood firm and were very happy to hear the sound of the final whistle.

All set for PnP Night Bowls finals

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

The 24th Pick n Pay Night Bowls tournament is nearing its end with only the final left to be played.

With 40 teams participating throughout the tournament today (Friday 2 March) will see the top two teams in the main and plate events respectively facing off in the finals at the Grahamstown Bowls Club.

The knockout stages of this year's competition commenced on 26 February, with 16 teams in each event. In the main event, Buco 46 defeated 3/4 Black 19-8, Videotronic toppled Toppies 23-5, Bad Boys pipped Pheasant Pluckers 22-10, and Albany Vikings saw off East Cape Electrical 15-11.

The Operational Rats also saw off Angels Forever 19-11, 9 3/4 CC took down Geenet 22-9, Taps Inc slaughtered Settlers 31-3, and, in the last main event quarter-final, IT Hard Drivers downed the Barbarians I 18-3.

After this round Buco 46, Videotronic, Bad Boys, Albany Vikings, Operational Rats, 9 3/4 CC, Taps Inc and IT Hard Drivers had qualified for the quarter-finals on Tuesday.

The Round of 16 matches for the plate teams also took place on Monday, with eight teams advancing to the quarters on Tuesday - Pick n Pay defeated GBS Mutual Bank I 18-14; Settler City Automark 16-9 Fizixs; Four Seasons 18-15 Kenrich; Knock Shop 18-11 St Johns First IV; Makana Brick B 17-13 Makana Brick; and Pam Golding Properties 12-11 Extreme.

The Barbarians II drew against Imaginet but went through on points, and HKE Strikers were washed out against Settler City New Cars but went through on points.

There was more great bowling action in the 27 March quarter-finals with Buco 46 booking a place in the semis of the main event, with a 26-9 defeat of Videotronic.

Bad Boys saw off Albany Vikings 20-3; Operational Rats had a hard-fought 14-13 victory over 9 3/4 CC; and Taps Inc set up their semi final spot with a 24-7 win over IT Hard Drivers. The plate event quarters were just as exciting, as all eight teams looked to secure a spot in Wednesday night's semis.

Again, Pick n Pay showed their class in seeing off Settler City Automark 21-12; Knock Shop booked their place with a 17-8 win over Four Seasons; Makana Brick B scraped past HKE Strikers 19-14; and Pam Golding Properties sent The Barbarians home empty handed 20-7.

In the tension-filled semi-finals all four teams in each event could potentially win it all. Buco 46 beat Bad Boys 16-9 in the first main event semi-final, while Taps Inc won 19-12 over Operational Rats would battle in a slightly more high scoring affair.

Taps Inc. will play Buco 46 in the final, with their semi-final opponents squaring off for third place. In the plate event, Pick n Pay were ousted 1809 by Knock Shop while Pam Golding Properties take down Makana Brick B 16-9, in a tough match.

The Knock Shop vs Pam Golding Properties plate final will also be in Friday, while Pick n Pay and Makana Brick B duel for third place. Pick n pay are sending a butcher with prime steaks at a very special price which will be on sale per the "weigh n pay" method.

These will be cooked to perfection while fans wait. All night bowls players are urged to attend as there will be plenty of prizes on offer. "The steak braai is open to the public and we would love to see as many people as possible on the evening," said a spokesman for the club.

KNOW THE SCORE

Graeme College Senior Cricket
Graeme 2nd XI vs St Andrews
SAC 198/7 after 30 overs (reduced)
Dylan Riley 3 for 39
Intle Mancoko 4 for 42
Graeme 101 all out.
Raven Bush 37
SAC won by 97 runs.

Graeme u14B vs St Andrews
SAC 188 after 20 overs.
Graeme 126 all out.
SAC won by 62 runs.

Graeme College Junior Cricket
Graeme College u9 vs Clarendon
Clarendon 100 all out
E Oerson 2 for 7
Graeme 55 all out.
Clarendon won by 45 runs.

Graeme College u11B vs Clarendon
Clarendon 142 al out.
Greme 117 all out.
Clarendon won by 25 runs.

Graeme College u13B vs Clarendon
Clarendon 98 all out.
Graeme 52 all out.
Clarendon won by 46 runs.

Graeme College Water Polo
Graeme beat Dale in their final game of the St Andrews Shield & Plate tournament, 7 - 6.

Squash (Boys)
Dave Hodgson Festival
Kingswood College 2-4 Grey High
Kingswood College 1-5 Selborne
Kingswood College 3-3 Stirling
Kingswood College 6-0 SAC

Squash (Girls)
Dave Hodgson Festival:
Kingswood College 0-6 Clarendon lost
Kingswood College 6-0 Grahamstown Invitation
Kingswood College 6-0 Collegiate
Kingswood College 0-6 GHS
Kingswood College 5-1 DSG

Tennis (Boys)
Kingswood College 2nd 2-0 SAC 3rd (Doubles)

Tennis (Girls)
Kingswood College U15A 16-6 PAHS (Doubles)
Kingswood College U15A 32-12 PAHS (Singles)
Kingswood College U15A 1-8 Clarendon

Golf
Kingswood College placed 3rd in the Port Alfred Golf Festival

Harcourts

HERO OF THE WEEK

SAC Water Polo

Coach David Mackenzie (middle row, centre) with the St Andrew's College 1st water polo team that won the Vides tournament. Photo: Supplied

For the fifth time in its long and prestigious history, the St Andrew's College first team took home first place in the 2018 edition of the Vides Water Polo Tournament. This achievement is notable considering that the side had no less that seven Grade 10 pupils in the starting lineup.

Tracing its inception back to 1982, the Vides tournament is the oldest water polo tournament in South Africa. With teams such as Paul Roos, Grey College Bloemfontein and Grey High School participating, the tournament has never been short of big names.

After winning the tournament, SAC captain Andrew Ramsden said, "winning the Vides tournament in my matric year was always one of my biggest schoolboy aspirations".

Head coach David Mackenzie said the victory "was a very significant for this specific team.

They have worked exceedingly hard to work their way into a position to compete at the highest school boy water polo level."

Despite the massive win, the team continues to train hard; putting their all into every drill. With only 10 matches left in their season, the SAC first team are confident they can will least nine of them.

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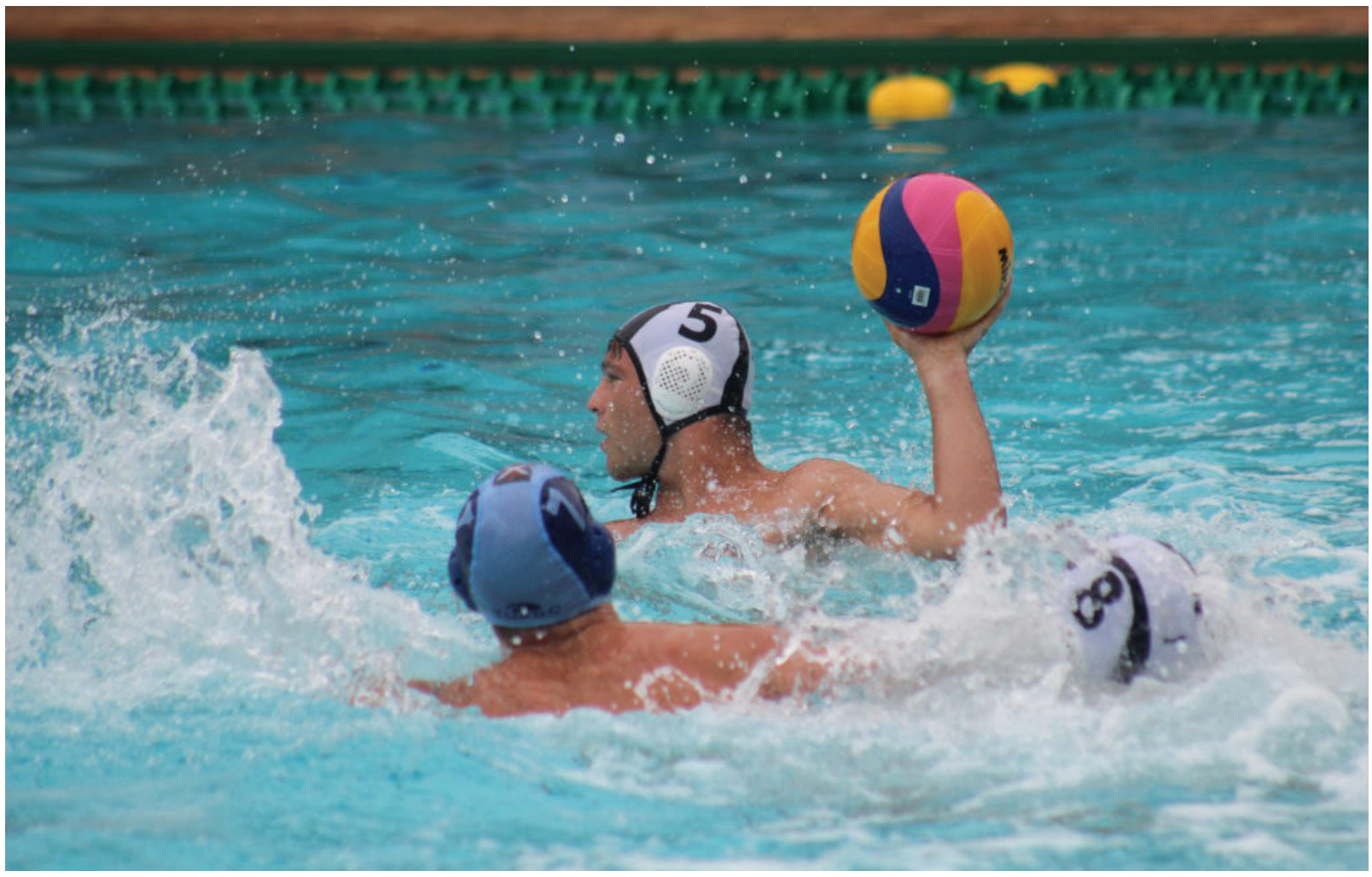

St Andrews looked strong in their victory over Selborne College during the SAC Shield tournament. Photo: Joseph Baker

Grey triumph at SAC Shield tournament

By JESSICA FELDTMAN

The loud cheers of the St Andrew's College supporters could be heard throughout the neighborhood from 23-25 February as the school hosted their annual Shield Water Polo tournament.

Eight talented boys' schools from across South Africa travelled to Grahamstown to compete for 'ultimate bragging rights'.

Despite the gloomy weather, the tournament started off with grueling matches between the eight schools. Grey College, SAC and Pearson dominated the first day, winning all their games. Bishops, Selborne, and Kingswood competed fiercely to qualify for the next round. In the last game of the day, Sterling won 9-8 leaving Michaelhouse in last position.

Day two held many nail-biting matches as the remaining six schools battled for a spot in the quarter-finals. The home team felt no lack of support, with the massive pack of SAC boys cheering them on beside the pool.

When asked about the team, the SAC principal, Allan Thompson, displayed his pride for the young team, and said; "they're a very young team and they are surprising a lot of people … as a unit they have a good couple of years ahead for themselves." In an intense round of matches, SAC, Selborne, Grey and Pearson battled their way into the semi-finals, with Bishops succeeding over Kingswood 10-4 in the 5/6 place playoff.

The semi-finals were filled with an incredible team effort by the four remaining teams. SAC had a re-match against Selborne and with their impressive defense, SAC earned their spot in the final after a hard-fought 8-3 win. The crowd was anxious to see who the SAC final competitor would be as Grey and Pearson fought for a position in the final round. After an impressive display of determination, Grey emerged triumphant with a 7-4 win.

Despite fatigue SAC and Grey played their hearts out and showed remarkable displays of effort in the final. By the end Grey had won the title of champions after a 7-5 win against SAC.

All-in-all it was a successful weekend filled with thrilling play and lots of talent on show. The Shield tournament should continue to build skill and camaraderie among the youth of South Africa.

HIGHLIGHTS

SAC Shooting
The St Andrew's College shooting team took part in the North West Open, held in Klerksdorp last weekend. The St Andrew's team had Alexander Gess, Liam Nisbet, Richard Dorrington and Matthew Grunewald. This competition was a learning curve for the team. In the end, SAC brought home one medal with Richard Dorrington's Bronze in the U16 10m Olympic event.

Morkel to retire
Morne Morkel has announced that he will retire from all forms of international cricket at the conclusion of the four-match Sunfoil Test series against Australia starting in Durban on Thursday. The 33-year-old has played 83 Tests, 117 ODI's and 44 T20 Internationals in his 12-year career. He has taken 294 Test wickets – 529 across the three formats - and is currently the fifth highest all-time wicket-taker for SA in Test matches.

Blitzbokke bet big
The South Africa Sevens team will be in Las Vegas this weekend for the start of the Northern Hemisphere leg of the HSBC Sevens World Series. The SA 7s won the Las Vegas leg of the series in 2017, and have always seemed to enjoy their time in the gambling capital of the world. The Blitzbokke are currently sitting atop the World Series table, and will be looking to continue their good form in the American tournament.

Kingswood Ballers
Kingswood College held their third basketball championships on 24 February with seven teams from four schools participating. Kingswood College were joined by DSG, Nombulelo and Lawson Brown. The hosts' 1st team defeated each of their opponents in the tournament: DSG (21-12), Lawson Brown (50-2) and Nombulelo (36-18).

Kings back in PE
The Southern Kings return home today Friday 2 March after a loss in the Pro14 against Leinster last week. The Irish side took advantage of home conditions and ran out massive 64-7 victors in that match. The Kings move into this week's fixtures still in search of their first win in the Pro14. They welcome the Dragons from Wales in their first home match since mid-January in 2018.

Hi-Q SPORTS DIARY

FRIDAY 2 MARCH
Bowls:
Pick n Pay night bowls finals - 18:00

Water Polo:
•DSG: 1st team vs Clarendon High School, Springfield and Durban Girls College. U15A vs St Mary's School Waverley, and Durban Girls' College.
•1st Team St Peter's Water Polo Tournament (JHB) (Girls): Kingswood College vs St Dominic's (Wahoo Aquatic Centre - St Peter's College) 08:30; Kingswood College vs Collegiate (Wahoo Aquatic Centre - St Peter's College) 14:00; Kingswood College vs Pearson (Wahoo Aquatic Centre - St Peter's College) 16:00; Kingswood College vs Roedean (Wahoo Aquatic Centre - St Peter's College) 19:30
•U15 Shaun Fuchs Water Polo Tournament (JHB) (Girls): Kingswood College vs St Stithian's (Crawford Lonehill) 11:30; Kingswood College vs Pearson (Crawford Lonehill) 17:30

Cricket:
•St Andrews vs Michealhouse 2 day fixture (day 2).
•Kingswood College: 1st XI Independent School's Festival (St Alban's, Pretoria) - KC vs Uplands – Two-Day Match (St Alban's) (day 2) 09:00

Squash:
•Bloemfontein Open SA Schools' Qualifier

SATURDAY 3 MARCH

Water Polo:
•DSG: 1st team vs St Peter's College and Somerset College. U15A vs Pretoria High School for Girls and Stirling High School (EL).
•1st Team St Peter's Water Polo Tournament (JHB) (Girls): Kingswood College vs Hudson Park (St Peter's Girls' Preparatory) 09:00; Play-offs
•U15 Shaun Fuchs Water Polo Tournament (JHB) (Girls): Kingswood College vs St Dominic's (Crawford Lonehill) 07:00; Kingswood College vs St Peter's College (Crawford Lonehill) 13:00

Cricket:
•St Andrews: 1st team vs St David's Marist Inanda (Away).
•Kingswood College: 1st XI Independent School's Festival: Kingswood College vs St John's (St John's) 09:00

Squash
•Bloemfontein Open SA Schools' Qualifier

Basketball:
•St Andrews 1st team vs Michealhouse (Away) - 12:00

SUNDAY 4 MARCH

Cricket:
•St Andrews: 1st team vs St John's College (Away)

Water Polo:
•1st Team St Peter's Water Polo Tournament (JHB) (Girls): Play-offs
•U15 Shaun Fuchs Water Polo Tournament (JHB) (Girls): Play-offs

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