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Green Scorpions Eastern Cape boss Div de Villiers (khaki shirt) and to his left, CEO of East Cape Parks and Tourism Agency Vuyani Dayimani join rangers outside the High Court in Grahamstown on Wednesday 3 April 2019 after the Ndlovu rhino-poaching gang were sentenced to an effective 25 years imprisonment each. (Other names omitted for security reasons at ECPTA's request). Photo: Sue MacLennan



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SACP whistle stop in Makana

By STEVEN LANG

The South African Communist Party has urged young people to vote for the ANC in the upcoming general elections. SACP Deputy General Secretary, Solly Mapaila, made this appeal at a rally held in Nolutshando Hall on Saturday, saying that, "if you don't vote, you have voted for someone (...else)" which is in effect a vote of no confidence.

Most of the supporters at the rally were clearly not first-time voters - underlining Mapaila's concern about motivating the younger citizens.

He pointed out that many ANC initiatives that have benefited young people "... millions of them at higher institutions of learning. We've introduced free education, even at higher level".

Mapaila added, "We are introducing feeding schemes in poor communities, in schools to make sure that children go to school with something and also extended the Social Security net".

He said that many of the progressive measures introduced by the ANC have not been achieved in many developed countries.

He warned however, that some of these successes are at risk if young people don't join the revolution because "even these victories that we have scored can be reversed".



The SACP members met at Nolutshando Hall on Saturday 30 March. They acknowledged that mistakes have been made but through introspection their alliance partner, the ANC is seeking to address them. Photo: Steven Lang

He encouraged young people to be critical, but said they should do so from within the party and contribute to the change agenda.

Mapaila said the main purpose of the SACP visit to Makana was to set up and organise a Red Brigade that will coordinate day-to-day participation in the elections campaign.

The Red Brigades will, according to the SACP plan, be central to mobilising voters on election day.

In previous general elections the ANC has always done well in the Makana area so it is not surprising that the parties have not been cam-

paigned heavily in this area. Mapaila said that in spite of this position of strength, the SACP still needs to campaign seriously for the Alliance.

He acknowledged that mistakes have been made but said that through a process of introspection, the party is seeking to address these challenges.

"That's why through the President, we have brought a massive process of rectifying things in government."

He said that through the renewal project agreed to at the ANC's NAS-REC conference in 2017, the movement is able to take measures to deal

with Eskom and the load shedding crisis as well as to intervene at the South African Revenue Services and the State Security Agency.

The SACP Deputy General Secretary wished to assure residents of Makana that government will be "setting up commissions to make sure that legally, we address all relevant matters, and rectify the mistakes in the state system".

Previous Makana Mayor, Vumile Lwana, Makana Councillor Rumsell Xonxa and Lungile Klaas were local representatives at the podium during the rally.

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DA's Bhanga speaks for turnaround

By SUE MACLENNAN

"I know what poverty is. Going into the villages of the Eastern Cape, I have seen poverty. Many South Africans in rural areas have been left behind."

DA Premiership candidate Nqaba Bhanga was speaking to supporters at a breakfast briefing in the Makhanda CBD recently. His address came at the end of four months of campaigning the length and breadth of the Eastern Cape, travelling tens of thousands of kilometres - many of them in rural areas.

"The money that is supposed to go to building services is not going where it's supposed to," Bhanga said. "Corruption steals from the poor. There is money - but it must be used for the right things."

For the past 10 years, there had been no budget in local governments for the maintenance of infrastructure, which was collapsing all over the country.

"When you're the opposition you can hold the government to account," Bhanga said. "But when you're the government, you can make change."

Grocott's Mail's Q&A with Nqaba Bhanga: What's wrong with Makana and how do you fix it?

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Makana councillor Xolani Madyo and Frontier Constituency leader Jane Cowley help DA Eastern Cape Premiership candidate Nqaba Bhanga put up a campaign poster in Church Square. Photo: Sue MacLennan

Infighting in the ANC has put us where we are. It doesn't have the quality of political leadership or the vision to turn around a collapsing municipality. This thing has been happening for years and years.

Makana has collapsed because it can't collect revenue and so it can't

deliver services. Money for services has been redirected to salaries for quite some time.

The ANC's approach is massive delivery that people can see. They don't believe that putting money into maintaining infrastructure is going to win them votes.

The problem is incompetent people are appointed because of political patronage, who don't have the capacity.

The political leadership says Makana has turned a corner? Yes Grahamstown has turned a corner - for the worse.

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high tides 05:49 18:06

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high tides 06:25 18:44

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high tides 07:09 19:33

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high tides 08:12 20:54

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Ndlovu poachers get 25 years

By SUE MACLENNAN

Close to 100 people in the gallery in the High Court in Makhandla (Grahamstown) clapped enthusiastically when the Ndlovu rhino-poaching gang were handed down sentences amounting to more than 400 years each on Wednesday 3 April 2019. Judge Jeremy Pickering ordered that the sentences run concurrently resulting in effective sentences of 25 years each for Jabulani Ndlovu, Forget Ndlovu and Sibusiso Ndlovu. A bid to appeal the conviction and sentence was dismissed.

The men were convicted on Friday 15 March for 10 rhino poaching incidents around Makhandla as well as in Jansenville, Graaff Reinet and Cradock. The incidents were among 13 originally on the charge sheet. Charges relating to incidents at Pumba and Sibuya game reserves were separated.

During the Ndlovus' three-year poaching spree, between 2013 and 2016, at least 10 rhinos died and 17 rhino horns were removed. Jabulani and Sibusiso were convicted and sentenced for all 10 incidents, Forget, for nine.

The Prosecution was led by Senior State Advocate Buks Coetzee. After changing their defence team several times, ex-

tending the trial's duration for close to three years, the Ndlovus finally hired ace defence advocate, Senior Counsel Terry Price.

Last month the men ran out of funds to pay their lawyer and Price undertook the final leg of the trial pro bono.

Led by CEO Vuyani Dayimani, a large delegation of rangers from the Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency filled the back row of the courtroom for today's sentencing. Staff from Amakhala, Pumba, Lalibela, Kariega, Camdeboo, and other private reserves were also there in their numbers.

Green Scorpions boss for the Eastern Cape, Div de Villiers, as well as a number of local and provincial environmental crime prevention officers attended the sentencing. Among them was Endangered Species Unit detective Captain Morne Viljoen, whose detailed investigative work was put under the spotlight in the witness stand.

An emotional team from Ikhala Vets were especially attentive throughout the judgment. Wildlife vet Will Fowlds, Candice Momberg and Annie Mears attended the last poaching scene the men were convicted for – the killing of the black rhino, Campbell, at Bucklands Reserve outside Makhandla in June 2016. "This

has been a journey for us," Momberg afterwards told Grocott's Mail. "It has been very emotional."

Campbell's horn, found in the men's possession at Makana Resort on the night of 17 June 2016, along with the poachers' tools of trade, proved key in linking the men to the Bucklands incident.

The detailed investigative work involved in assembling the evidence to convict the men included matching a yellow paint chip the size of a fingernail found at the Bucklands poaching scene with the gap on the yellow saw the men had with them.

In a first, ballistic testing was done on a dart gun, matching a dart found at a poaching scene to the dart gun found in the men's possession. The modus operandi (the dart gun and tranquilliser) along with cellphone, car hire and other travel records provided an important link with other poaching incidents.

Judge Pickering, in his sentence, noted the horrifically cruel way in which the poached animals had died. He quoted from Fowlds's description of Campbell in his report.

"According to his report the rhino bull was lying in a large pool of blood and blood-tainted foam. "The blood emanated

from the traumatised sinuses and airways which had been traumatically exposed when the horn was removed.

The level of the incision and damage to tissues and blood vessels was sufficient to cause substantial blood loss which, along with the amount of pain that this trauma would have caused, led to the death of the animal."

Pickering also noted that two of the dead rhino cows had been heavily pregnant.

"It is a tragedy that each of these magnificent animals had to die in such a brutal fashion in order to satisfy the demand for their horns by those who hold the utterly irrational belief that they are of medicinal value," Judge Pickering said.

Fowlds, who previously described to Grocott's Mail the experience of giving evidence on the 10 poaching incidents as "numbingly tragic" couldn't restrain his tears when the sentence was passed.

Later, when he had recovered enough to speak, Fowlds said, "This has taken three years of trial to get to, but we know from the 13 cases [in the original charge sheet] that they were poaching for four years before that. And, anecdotally, another five years before that.

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Forget, Jabulani and Sibusiso Ndlovu were sentenced on Wednesday in the High Court in Makhandla to 25 years imprisonment. Photo: Sue Maclellan



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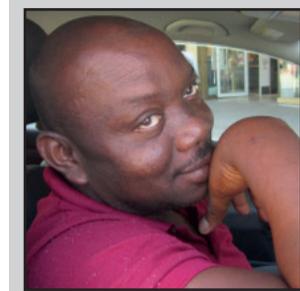


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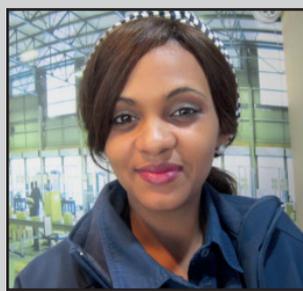
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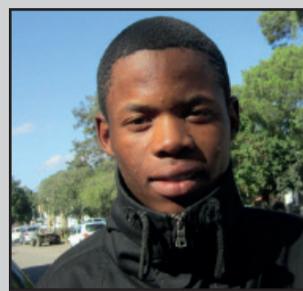
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Update on refuse removal

Dear Residents
We are very happy to announce that refuse collection has finally resumed from this week going forward. In the beginning of February 2019 municipal workers embarked on a go-slow demanding protective clothing and tools of trade.

The go-slow affected a number of municipal services, including refuse removal, resulting in the temporary suspension of refuse collection for about eight weeks. We understand the negative impact this regrettable situation has had on the town and its residents. On 29 March 2019 all municipal staff members received their protective clothing, which included overalls, boots, gloves and masks.

This means employees can now perform their duties efficiently.

We would like to thank residents and local businesses for their patience during the period when refuse was not being collected by the municipality. We understand that keeping piles of garbage in your premises or making alternative arrangements for refuse disposal is an inconvenience. We apologise sincerely to everyone who has been affected. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank local residents, businesses and civil society organisations who have contributed their time and resources to helping to keep the town clean during this period.

We understand the importance of an efficient and reli-

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



able waste management plan and we have taken steps to ensure that this is achieved. In response to the huge challenges of dumping and waste management the municipality has drafted an Integrated Waste Management Plan (IWMP), which is the umbrella plan as per the requirements of the National Environmental Management Waste Act 59 of 2008. The IWMP is available for public comment on our website (www.makana.gov.za) or these can be directed to the office of the Director: Public Safety and Community Services Mr Kelello Magkoka on email: kelellom@makana.gov.za. The IWMP is the roadmap to a clean and healthy environment for all the citizens of Makana Municipality.

In addition to the IWMP which is a strategic and long term planning tool, the municipality has established an interim Waste Management Committee which will serve as a platform for waste dialogue with the public and the business sector. This will allow the representatives of the committee to facilitate the development and implementation of short to medium term solutions to the current waste management problems.

The municipality's current short term solutions include: ensuring regular and uninterrupted refuse removal; availability of refuse removal vehicles; regular distribution of refuse bags to households; regular education and awareness campaigns targeting

the public and businesses on waste management.

Medium term solutions include: reviewing refuse collection and disposal tariffs; reviewing municipal by-laws on waste management; holding monthly meetings with relevant stakeholders; integrating CWP and EPWP into municipal operations; establishing community recycling projects within various communities; ensuring compliance with the requirements of waste disposal at the municipal landfill site.

Illegal dumping is a huge challenge in Makhanda, particularly in the eastern part of town. The municipality alone can never solve this problem. We are therefore encouraged by the efforts of a start-up company which seeks combat this problem through recycling.

Henta Live Trading is a small company that has been established by Thenjiwe Mdoko, Liziwe Kolisi, Noma-cebo Ncoza and Zolile Nomlomo.

Their company is situated at the illegal dumping site near Mrwetyana Secondary School in Joza. They recently secured the venue and they have already started sorting through the garbage at the site.

The company believes it will play a significant role in cleaning the town if their newly-established project gets the support it needs. We need more of this kind of activism to change people attitudes around waste management. I would like to challenge all of you to consider recycling as a worthwhile solution to the challenge of illegal dumping. I would like to warn residents that if we do not deal with the problem of illegal dumping we will face serious health hazards, such as rat infestation and other health related challenges.

Working together in unison we shall be able to make our city the cleanest in the province.

**Hon. Executive Mayor
Cllr. Mzukisi Mphahlele**

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6SAI members honoured in parade

By SUE MACLENNAN

Commander of the South African Army Infantry Formation, Major General Rudzani Maphwanya, presented medals to 6SAI members at the 20 Years Service parade at the Army base on Thursday 4 April 2019. At the parade grounds, Officer Commanding 6 South African Infantry Battalion Lieutenant-Colonel MA Saki also welcomed several other guests of honour who ranged from Mayor of Makana Municipality, Mzukisi Mpahlwa, to Makhanda boxing star, All Africa welterweight champion Mziwoxolo 'General' Ndwayana.

There were 28 recipients named for the Good Service Medal: 20 Years and 12 for the 10-year medal. Both recognise members of the full-time force who have distinguished themselves by good conduct and loyal service.

The Itshumelo Ikatelaho Medal was awarded to two soldiers: Lance-Corporal Zingisile Mkhloko and Mncediswa Yoyo. The medal is for SANDF members who distinguished themselves by rendering military service directly in support of a military operation.

Privates Axola Fundani, Silulami Gqozo and Mlungisi Ts-

hunungwa received the Mandela Medal. This, according to the citation, is for "conspicuous service while personally providing medical care and attention to former President Mandela during his final illness", or managing an aspect of the memorial service, laying in state and state funeral of the former commander in chief.

Private Mawande Ntsangani was the sole recipient of the AU Medal. This is awarded to SANDF members who have completed the requirements of eligibility and necessary period of qualifying service as a military member in the African Union Mission.

In his address, Maphwanya described the 6SAI members as a strategic asset that needed to be nurtured.

"This unique unit has always risen above expectations in their effort to deliver any task entrusted to them," Maphwanya said. "Today's parade is an acknowledgement to our members who have excelled in their sacred duty as part of the South African Army in their various working environments.

"These medals have been issued to these men and women for the great work that they've done and their commitment

to serving the people of South Africa. The medals acknowledge their individual contribution to our country and our democracy.

It is a story of selflessness and commitment to defend the lives of our people.

Maphwanya quoted the late former commander-in-chief, Nelson Mandela, saying, "Everyone can rise above their circumstances if they are dedicated and passionate about what they do."

"As the defenders of our democracy, may we continue to be inspired by Madiba's words," Maphwanya said.

Maphwanya said the future looked bright, despite the economic crunch forcing drastic reductions in SANDF budgets.

"Few have chosen this noble path," Maphwanya said. "Ours is not a job, but a calling in the service of others... You are carrying the hopes and aspirations of our people. Continue to be a beacon of hope as the last line of defence."

"These men and women have given their best without expecting anything in return. Theirs is to serve and, if need be, to die for their country."

Ndwayana received a special mention for his successful defence last weekend of his title. He and his father (who



Commander of the South African Army Infantry Formation Major General Rudzani Maphwanya presents medals to members of 6SAI Battalion at the Army base in Makhanda (Grahamstown) on Thursday 4 April 2019. Photo: Sue Macleennan

is also his manager), Bulelani Ndwayana, were among those in the VIP tent, and at a special reception afterwards.

The South African Army

Infantry Formation supervises all infantry within the South African Army. Its Commander is Major General Rudzani Maphwanya.

A wreath-laying ceremony to honour fallen soldiers is scheduled to take place on Friday 5 April at the unit cenotaph at the Army base.



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A Makana perspective from the Elections Desk

Grocott's Mail intends to increase the tempo and intensity of articles about elections 2019 as from this edition. It has already published several election related items online and in print about this important talking point, but there is plenty of scope to increase our coverage considerably.

You might well ask, "What can a small community newspaper add to the debate around national and provincial voting?" Surely well-resourced national and regional media organisations have got this covered?

It's true, the national broadcasters and print organisations are going to question and analyse almost every aspect of voting patterns, big issues and political personalities – but they won't look at these issues from a Makana perspective.

We are part of this country and just like any other South Africans, we will vote for MPs to sit in our National Assembly, so how can we be different? National concerns such as load-shedding, unemployment and corruption affect us just as they affect voters in eThekweni, Upington or Sandton.

Issues are more or less the same around the nation, but the perspectives, and hence the prioritisation is different.

Grocott's Mail will examine some of the big national issues as they affect us, but we will concentrate on the local perspectives and the local prioritisation of issues. We will also look at which issues, both local and national, are likely to cause voters to cast their ballots for one party or the other.

Let us take a look at two examples of national issues with special interest to local residents.

Makhanda is widely considered to be an 'education' town with its university, private and public schools. The fate of the town rests heavily on the success or failure of its educational institutions, and in the most recent matric exams, schools in the less privileged parts of town have done better than ever. Is this a result of well implemented, rational policies or are there other explanations?

We aim to interrogate the parties with a presence in Makhanda about their education policies.

The rapidly degrading environment is another issue that we will examine and find out which parties have relevant policies. The current water shortage and the calamitous lack of garbage collection are ravaging our natural environment so what do party policies say about plastic shopping bags blowing in the wind over dry dusty fields? How are they going to address climate change?

Education and environmental policies are only two issues that we intend to examine over the next 32 days, but of course there are many others.

If there are issues that you think we should put under the microscope, please contact me, Steven Lang the Grocott's Mail Elections Editor and raise your concerns. I cannot promise to investigate every issue put forward, but I will make every effort to cover as much as space and time will allow.

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LETTERS to the Editor and COLUMNS



Cashbuild recently donated a water tank to Khutliso Daniels Secondary School to collect and store rain water for use during water outages. During prolonged water outages earlier this year, several school were forced to shorten their school day. In the photo are (back row, from left): Sibabalwe Ndzipho, Velile Quza (maintenance committee member), Nizole Vena, Achuma Mapempeni and Vukile Mcuba (maintenance committee member). Middle row (from left): Siyazola Nikelo, Alindisiwe Mzizi (RCL member), Phakama Pikes (RCL Member), Phelisa Bekwa (LSA), Grootboom Asemahle and Sinawo Meman. (Front) Principal Radio Mcuba. Photo: Supplied

Civil society must ensure action on 'irregularities'

A look at the Auditor General's annual audit of the Makana municipality over the past few years reveals numerous defects. Ratepayers can be justifiably incensed by the misuse of the Municipal Infrastructure grant and the deflection of payments for electricity to pay accounts other than Eskom's.

Local unemployment is tragically high and in South Africa as a whole some nine million people lack paid work. Seen in this context, a municipality like ours, unionised workers included, is a salaried elite stealing from ratepayers and from the poor.

From the first of April, the Public Audit Amendment Act 5 of 2018 becomes operational.

This permits the Auditor General to do the following: to refer suspected material irregularities arising from an audit to a relevant public body for investigation; to take appropriate

remedial action; to issue a certificate of debt where an accounting officer or accounting authority failed to recover losses from a responsible person and to instruct the relevant executive authority to collect the debt.

Ratepayers and civil society activists are urged to read the next Auditor General's report, available online, and to ensure that remedial action is taken in the case of what auditors coyly refer to as 'irregularities'.

If this means that the Auditor General refers local irregularities to the Hawks, and that individual municipal employees and councilors are held personally responsible to pay for misspent funds, then so be it.

Chris Mann

Long road to universal health

In the 2019/20 Provincial budget speech, the MEC for Finance Honourable Lubabalo Oscar Mabuyane tabled a provincial budget of R83.2 billion and a health budget of R25.2 billion. In his address, the MEC placed emphasis on the need to enhance the capacity of the state to deliver services. While the allocation of funds (R 440.9 million in 2019) to provide this capacity in departments like Health and Education is encouraging – a brief review of performance to date does little to allay concerns.

During his budget speech, the MEC outlined that the provincial budget allocated seeks to continue to provide universal health care services to South Africans - an incorrect statement as it implies existing universal coverage.

The attainment of universal health coverage seeks to ensure that all people obtain the health services they need without the risk of financial hardships that come from out-of-pocket payment towards healthcare services.

This idea is one that seeks to provide equitable healthcare services which, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO) includes the promotion of health, prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and



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palliation healthcare services, coverage and financial risk prevention.

South Africa has not obtained universal health coverage and with a 5% increase in nominal terms from R24.0 billion in 2018/19 to R25.1 billion in 2019/20 in the health budget and a 3% decrease in real terms from R24.0 billion in 2018/19 to R 23.4 billion in 2019/20, the country has a long way to go before Universal health coverage is realised.

This budget is a clear indication there will be even further strides needed to be taken by the Eastern Cape Department of Health (EC-DoH) in its attempt to attain the universal health coverage mentioned by the MEC during his budget speech.

The Public Service Accountability Monitor (PSAM) is alarmed by the burgeoning costs of medical malpractice. In the Eastern Cape alone the total payments facing the de-

partment amount to an estimated R23 billion, according to a recent report by Medical Brief. Medico-legal claims are claims that are brought by patients against doctors, surgeons and hospitals in South Africa for medical errors.

The cost of medico-legal claims on the equitable share allocation must be considered to determine budget trade-offs in the delivery of healthcare services.

In the current state of healthcare, the issue of lack of adequate access to healthcare facilities due to the poor distribution of clinics and hospitals in the Eastern Cape, the shortages in human resources for health and the shortages in medicines means that those most vulnerable who are affected by lack of access to equitable and universal healthcare will continue to be affected.

At the heart of the medico-legal claims, there is an issue of human error - the basis of which is the practitioners liable for the claim and the problems in the healthcare sector shortages of doctors, nurses, delays in ambulance arrival time, lack of enough machinery and equipment which in

turn exacerbates the crisis. In the budget speech, the MEC for Finance outlined the department's commitment to capacitate health facilities with human resources and modern ICT equipment so that healthcare professionals can provide healthcare with diligence, care and avoid conduct that leads to medico-legal claims. Later this month, the MEC for Health is expected to table the Health Budget and Policy Speech.

It will be imperative for the MEC to clearly outline the strategies to strengthen accountability and improve provincial health services to combat malpractice.

The Health Science and Training programme, responsible for training and development opportunities for actual and potential employees of the department was allocated an amount of R929.8 million in the 2019/20 financial year, the third lowest programme allocation.

The programme experienced a 6% increase in nominal terms from R880.5 million in 2018 to R929.9 million in 2019 and a decrease of -2% in real terms from R880.5 million in 2018 to R861.5 million in 2019.

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Securing justice for future

STAFF REPORTER

The annual Neil Aggett Memorial Lecture recently took place at Kingswood College. The lecture takes place each year to celebrate the life of Neil Aggett and to honour his legacy.

This year, Kingswood College welcomed Dr Gavin Andersson, friend of the late Neil Aggett, former trade unionist and apartheid activist, prominent scholar in the field of race relations, business man and entrepreneur as the guest speaker at the 13th instalment of the series.

Using the theme "standing up against injustice" as a departure point for his talk, Andersson delivered a powerful address to the pupils, staff and guests in attendance. He regaled some of his memories of Aggett, but later turned to looking at the concept of injustice and what injustice is, and how we, as a society, face more injustices than ever before.

From gender based injustices to climate change, Andersson highlighted the predicament we find ourselves in, and how younger generations will need to find ways not only to acknowledge these problems, but also, more importantly find ways of effecting change for future generations.

Aggett attended Kingswood College from 1964-1970. He graduated as a doctor from the University of Cape Town and went on to work in a hospital in the Transkei and later at Baragwanath Hospital. He was deeply concerned with the hardships endured by black South Africans under



At the lecture were from left Mavis Aggett (Neil Aggett's sister-in-law), Dr Gavin Andersson, Siyamthanda Nomoyi and Jill Burger (Neil Aggett's sister). Photo: Supplied

the apartheid regime and left his medical career to become involved in the black trade union movement. In late 1981 he was detained for "interrogation" by the Security Police and was found hanging in his cell at John Vorster Square in February 1982.

The prestigious Neil Aggett award was founded by members of his Class of 1970 to foster a spirit of 'individual service above self' in young men and women of Kingswood College. It pays tribute to the recipient's true commitment to a wider social responsibility within the College, as well as to the greater community of Grahamstown and South Africa.

The recipient of this year's award was Siyamthanda (Siya) Nomoyi, 2019 Head-

girl at Kingswood College. Nomoyi has a deep respect for her fellow man and demonstrates an inner courage to fight for the human dignity of those who are unable to stand up for themselves. She takes initiative in planning and implementing projects and has shown leadership when involved in community work.

She has pioneered the #YouB4Me project with three fellow pupils, and has, more recently merged this programme with the #Sizimbokodo initiative which looks specifically at women empowerment.

Nomoyi co-founded this women empowerment initiative which seeks to reach out to young girls in the community and she is hoping to soon make it an official Non-Profit

Organisation. She has through her many endeavours shown a commitment to give, not only to her school, but the wider community around her in order to improve the lives of others.

Dr Amitabh Mitra, was a special guest at this year's lecture as he presented the school with a charcoal drawing that he drew of Aggett. This drawing is one very few visual representations of Aggett and will be displayed in the Kingswood College Museum.

Andersson concluded his talk by calling on the youth to take on the responsibility becoming leaders of social change and that with determination, firmness and that with the mere act of trying, one can make a difference in the world we live in.

More than doctors needed

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R1.6 billion was allocated to provinces for the hiring of health professionals in the MTEF period. While this is a positive step towards dealing with the shortage of health human resources, the allocations use was mentioned as having gone towards a growth in compensation of employees under the District Health Service programme and not towards the appointment or training of health professionals.

Without the conditions of the grant to clearly outline whether this grant is intended to be used for the hiring of health professionals or if it can be used to subsidise the payment of employees in the 2019 Division of Revenue Bill, oversight will be a difficult.

During the period 1 April 2017- 31 March 2018, the ECDoH employed 39 365 people and of those, it appointed 4770 and terminated 3721 employees. At the beginning of the period, 1577 permanent medical practitioners were employed, of those, 607 were appointed, 435 were terminated resulting in a termination rate of 28. The highest

number of terminations were due to resignations, the second highest, the expiry of contracts. A comprehensive plan is needed for the health workforce along with an evaluation of the working conditions of the health personnel to find better ways to retain staff.

The condition of health facilities impacts heavily on the level of access. If there is no clinic in a rural area and instead a community hall or house must be used, this impacts on the type of services that can be offered in this facility.

If a facility is dilapidated, does not have access to water and sanitation or if there are inadequate beds or linen, this impacts on the level of services that can be offered and in some instances the health of those admitted.

The Health Facilities Management programme had a 16% increase in nominal terms from R 1.2 billion in 2018 to R 1.4 billion in 2019 and an 8% increase in real terms from R 1.2 billion in 2018 to R1.3 billion in 2019. The programme is estimated to decrease by -4% in nominal terms and -3% in real terms over the MTEF period. This is significant

because the programme is tasked with providing access to health care through the provision of new facilities, upgrading and revitalisation. It is also tasked with the maintenance of existing facilities. The programme's budget allocation grows between 2018 and 2019 but it decreases on the MTEF period, this indicates that the province is not investing in the infrastructure development as mentioned in the budget speech.

To continue with the renovations of hospitals and clinics in the Eastern Cape as outlined by the MEC during his budget speech, will the funds come from the R19.2 billion allocated to the health facilities revitalisation grant or the R 4.3 billion allocated to the health facilities component of the NHI indirect grant?

The two grants have certain conditions that must be met for their use, if the department is not able to use these grants, they cannot be shifted elsewhere, and this may impact the amount allocated to the grants in the future and most importantly, service delivery.

Considering the health budget tabled, there is no

indication that the current problems faced by the health department will be sufficiently dealt with anytime soon. This places the ECDoH further away from its goal of establishing Universal healthcare for its population, ultimately, those who will suffer will be the most vulnerable. Due to the increase in unemployment, more strain will be placed on public healthcare and this needs to be addressed urgently to avoid continued human right abuses.

Before Universal healthcare can become a reality, the current conditions of health facilities must be addressed, more so in the rural areas of South Africa. A comprehensive human resource plan is needed to determine the extent of the staff shortages, the extent that they can be filled and the costs of ensuring that they are filled and retained so ensure service delivery. The rising problem of medico-legal claims must be addressed, and an investigation conducted into the causes of the claims over and above the unscrupulous lawyers who collude with clients to fabricate claims. It is clear that the problem runs deeper than that.

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OVERSIGHT REPORT: ANNUAL REPORT OF SARAH BAARTMAN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY - 2017/2018

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 129 (3) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003) and Section 21 A of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000) that the Council of Sarah Baartman District Municipality at its meeting held on 27 March 2019 adopted an Oversight Report with regard to the Annual Report of the Sarah Baartman District Municipality for the period 01 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

The Oversight Report can be viewed on the SBDM's website:
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1. DRAFT REVIEWED INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR

2. DRAFT CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Local Government: Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations (2001), the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000) and the Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003), that the above mentioned plans for the Sarah Baartman District Municipality are available to all stakeholders and the general public for inspection and comments.

All documents are available for inspection during office hours from 08h00 - 16h30 at the following locations:

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The closing date for comments is 21 days after the publication of this notice.

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The Battle of Graham's Town – 22 April 1819

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By PAT IRWIN

The lead-up to the battle
The 22nd April 2019 is the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Graham's Town, then a small hamlet of probably no more than 30 simple buildings. In the major encounter of the Fifth Frontier War, a small British force defended themselves against an army of the amaNdlambe clan and some minor allies, 18 times its size. This was arguably one of the most decisive battles in South African history, along with Blaauwberg and Blood River/Ncome, as it altered the course of events and political geography during the 19th century.

The sources

Two major factors impinge on any description and understanding of this battle: the paucity of reliable source material, particularly primary sources; and the considerable amount of writing (over 40 publications) which constitutes the secondary sources available. Much of the latter is contradictory, over-imaginative, or very close to fiction. This account of the battle has accordingly drawn only on primary or substantiated secondary sources. Strictly speaking there are only two primary sources on the battle itself, both written by the British commanding officer Lt.Col.

Thomas Willshire viz. his 1819 despatch to the Governor, Lord Charles Somerset, and his 1846 article in the Graham's Town Journal, which are virtually identical.

The much-used and quoted 1876 article by Charles Lennox Stretch is neither a primary source nor always reliable. He relied on the hearsay of others, some of which was false information. He was neither present at the battle nor ever personally claimed he

was, although he was in Graham's Town a few days later. Thus, despite Willshire's laconic style and paucity of detail, this article places greatest value on his account. It is backed up by a letter, a hybrid yet authentic source, written by Major George Fraser to Colonel John Graham the day after the battle. All quotations are from Willshire's 1846 article, page 2, unless stated otherwise.

Circumstances leading to the battle

The detailed reasons for the amaNdlambe attack on the British military headquarters at Graham's Town are beyond the scope of this article, but they boil down to long-simmering tensions on the eastern Cape frontier (Cory, 1910; Scott, 1973; Milton 1983; Peires, 2001). These involved extensive cattle theft, raids and counter raids across the border, at that time the Great Fish River, as well as inter-tribe struggles within the amaXhosa polity.

This animosity was primarily between Ngqika, the young senior chief of the amaRharabe (a major branch of the amaXhosa people) and his aged uncle, Ndlambe, who had acted as regent until Ngqika became of age.

The antagonism between them was both political and personal, involving power and jealousy. While the majority of the clan appears to have supported Ndlambe, the governor, Lord Charles Somerset, had, short-sightedly in retrospect, allied the British with Ngqika.

After a major battle at Amalinde in October 1818, when Ngqika's forces had suffered a major military defeat at the hands of Ndlambe (Herbst & Kopke, 2006), Ngqika appealed to his British allies for help. This was forthcoming in



Makhanda and Lt Col Thomas Wilshire

the form of a major British-amaNgqika raid into amaNdlambe territory in early December 1818, which left many of the amaXhosa east of the Fish River impoverished.

The amaNdlambe were quick to retaliate and invaded the colony in late December 1818. This precipitated the Fifth Frontier War, resulting in widespread destruction of property and loss of life. The British and colonial authorities then began to build up forces for a major punitive expedition, a point not lost on the amaNdlambe.

Implicated in all this was a politically astute mystic, Nxele, also known as Makana. Although a commoner, he had a wide following and was an influential councillor to Ndlambe. He was also well known to both missionaries and the military, among whom his agile mind and debating skills were recognised. The details of his involvement and the role he played in planning the attack on Graham's Town are not clear although, as a war doctor and mystic,

it would probably have been significant. Most writers, and certainly the British, believed he was the mastermind behind the attack and had orchestrated both it and the and the general invasion which preceded it.

Prelude to the battle

The attack on Graham's Town began to take form at mid-morning on 22nd April 1819. The amaNdlambe had in the preceding days managed to assemble an army of several thousands of warriors within 10km of the settlement without the British being aware of it. At about 10h30 Lt.Col. Willshire, newly arrived on the frontier, was inspecting the Cape Regiment (CR) troop of mounted infantry when he received a report of cattle being taken nearby.

Accompanied by 25 members of the troop, he went to investigate, pursuing the perpetrators some distance before coming across a body of 200-300 warriors who then retreated. Following them, he realised that they

were attempting to lead him into a trap and surround him. Willshire attempted to retreat, but was surprised to come upon the entire amaNdlambe army which he estimated at 6 000. He concluded that they intended to attack Graham's Town, and after sending a message to his second-in-command, Capt. Trappes, warning him of an impending attack, he and his party tried unsuccessfully to delay the advancing force as they made their escape.

As Willshire reached the town at about 11h45, the amaNdlambe army appeared on the hills and ridges to the east of it, about 2km distant. Although they may have had the opportunity of immediately surprising and overwhelming the town, the attack was delayed for nearly two hours while, according to tradition, various rituals were conducted and final arrangements made.

This delay allowed the defenders time to deploy their forces and prepare for the attack.

STAFF REPORTER

The South African Library for the Blind, the only Library servicing blind persons in Southern Africa, celebrated 100 years in operation on Thursday, 28 March 2019.

The day kicked off with a book launch of the book titled South African Library for the Blind – A Diary of the Library. The book is the library's first internal publication and it seeks to commemorate and celebrate the history of the library since inception. The day culminated in a gala dinner hosted in Makhanda to commemorate this milestone.

The library was founded during the height of the 1918 global Influenza pandemic by a local nurse, Josephine (Josie) Wood, established a small library in a little room in her house in 1919.

"The growth since then has been tremendous. We currently have mini-libraries in each province to service the

local communities, with our primary focus being on providing equal access to information in accessible formats that improves the quality of life of blind and visually impaired people, at absolutely no cost to the user," said Francois Hendrikz, Director, South African Library for the Blind.

"The library is an entity of the Department of Arts and Culture and we would like to acknowledge the impact that the department has made on the lives of blind people.

"We further extend heartfelt gratitude to our keynote speaker, the honorable Advocate Tshililo Michael Masutha (MP), Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, who promises to further advocate for the rights of blind people," he said.

Dr Rowland said the book launched by the library made history as it was launched in braille, audio and electronic format simultaneously. "As a

member myself, having joined when I was 8, I can speak on behalf of fellow blind people and say the Library has been active in making true the following words by Helen Keller, who said that the wonder of Braille is to touch words and to be touched back by them."

Bele Netshineni, who has been a member of the library since 2014, says the library has had a huge positive impact on her life.

"I was not born blind. I was a teacher for 22 years prior to becoming blind five years ago. I suddenly felt stuck. I felt my life was over as I could no longer carry on with my life as per the norm.

I soon realised I needed to redesign my life. The Library has gone above my expectations in that it is currently assisting me with my studies. I am studying towards my Masters, which I thought was a dream that would probably never come true for me," said

Netshineni.

"I am very grateful for the library staff who have been patient with me before I re-learned how to use a computer, for example. I never for a second thought I could be normal again. Due to the hard work the Library has put into making access to information an ease for me, I can now grow to bigger heights. May the library continue making other lives as meaningful as they have made mine," she said.

Audio narrators, transcribers, copy typists and proof-readers who volunteer their time at the Library were honored at the gala dinner. "Without the volunteers we would not have over 42 365 audio titles (8 473 unique titles) and 26 164 Braille titles (4 314 unique titles). It is truly an honour to work with the team of people who assist us to service our members," said Hendrikz.



Dr William Rowland, the Chair of the SALB Board handing over a copy of the book to the honorable Adv Tshililo Michael Masutha (MP), Minister of Justice and Correctional Services. Photo: Supplied

The Observatory Museum to re-open soon!



Before



After

By LINDA DYANI

Finally, after a long period of closure due to renovations, the Observatory Museum is set to re-open again. The restoration project focused on a complete restoration of the building in its entirety including the roof, fencing, floors and walls.

The exterior paint has been changed to the original colours (buttercream and green), the ablution facilities have been renovated and a wheel chair ramp fitted in the paraplegic ablution facility.

This has been a successful project and has been completed. The Museum will be reopened to the public again before the Arts Festival this year.

Albany Museum wishes to extend a word of gratitude

to the Provincial Department of Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture (DSRAC) for the funding of a total sum of R2 884 141.73 which made the restoration project possible, and to the Department of Public Works for managing the renovations.

Keys have been handed back to the Albany Museum and the mammoth task of putting back the items has started.

The whole team of Exhibitions, Communications, Technical Services, Conservator and the Curator are now rolling up their sleeves to ensure that all items are put back in time and in perfect condition for the re-opening of the building which is set to take place in June.

The Observatory Museum

which accommodates the only Victorian camera obscura in the Southern Hemisphere was originally a shop and home to the watchmaker and jeweller, Henry Galpin, who lived in Grahamstown between 1850 and 1886. The rooms are filled with antique furniture, bric-a-brac and various scientific surprises. There is also a fascinating meridian room on the top floor where Galpin worked out Grahamstown time, resetting the clock in the turret each day.

This Museum is extremely popular with tourists and has become the icon of Grahamstown.

• Rev Linda Snam-Dyani works in the Communications and Marketing Department of Albany Museum

Lobengula Museum launches in Fingo Village

STAFF REPORTER

The Mayor and other distinguished guests were entertained with dance and music from Future Stars at the launch of the Princess Zila Lobengula Museum in Fingo Village recently. According to founder and owner Sizwe Mda, the Museum is intended to help the township acquire information and literature written in indigenous languages.

"The Museum would not only attract locals to its premises but tourists as well in this poor and neglected neighbourhood," Mda said. "Tourism in Makhanda had previously sidelined the tangible heritage that is abundant in Fingo Village."

Mda said the Museum forms part of the envisaged development plan of a Cultural Village, that is meant to promote tourism in the township. It was hoped that the cultural village would attract scholars and tourists from all over the world.

"The Princess Zila Lobengula Museum is open for artists who want to have an exhibition in order to raise funds for the Princess Zila Lobengula Cultural Village," Mda said. "Any person who wants to assist the organisation to fundraise or is interested in investing in this distinguished venture is welcomed."



Above: Future Stars entertained the guests who attended the launch of the Princess Zila Lobengula Museum in Fingo Village (right).



The forces which Willshire had available to him are shown in Table 1.

Table 1 Forces defending Grahamstown: 22nd April 1819

Royal African Corps *	135
Cape Regiment **	121
38th Regt of Foot – Light Company †	45
Armed men unattached §	32
TOTAL	333‡

(after Somerset, 1819: Official report)

*The Royal African Corps was a 'Condemned' or 'Penal' regiment composed of generally hardened criminals under a severe disciplinary regime. It reportedly fought with distinction in the battle. Its commanding officer in Graham's Town was Lieutenant Cartwright.

**The Cape Regiment, was a Khoi unit of light infantry incorporated into the British Army after 1806 because of their skill as soldiers.

They were renowned as good shots and 39 of the 121 were mounted infantry. The unit was often incorrectly re-

ferred to as the 'Cape Corps', the 'Cape Light Infantry' and the 'Cape Cavalry'.

Their barracks in Graham's Town, where many also had their families were known as

the East Barracks or Witrug-kamp. It was one of the two major centres of fighting during the battle. Its commanding officer was Major Fraser.

† The 38th Regiment of Foot

were regular infantry of the line with a good reputation. Col. Willshire was their Commanding officer.

These are variously described as civilians and arti-

cers. Presumably there were gunners among them.

‡ In addition there were also an unknown number of women and children in the village (Malherbe, 2012, p83).

ISIXHOSA SIYAVUTHA DUMISA MPUPHA

Under the auspices of the NRF SARCHI chair in The Intellectualisation of African Languages, Multilingualism & Education.



Ngumtswana wenu mawethu. The imbongi is complaining about the lack of support among the people. He can't see kindness, love and peace. He encouraging people to bring back what is lost, that is to look at each other as brothers and sisters.

Konakele phi nto zakowethu? Kwaphela phi na? kwaphela phi na? besikade sibambisana ngoxolo nothando Sisakhana ngentlonipho nobubele kodwa ngoku siyaphalazana

Sisithi umntu ngumntu ngabantu buyaphi ubuntu bethu? Siphathisana ngembeko sisithi hlonipha uyihlo nonyoko ukuze uphile ubomi obude Kodwa namhlanje siwele iinduli sacanda namathafa sawela into zasemzini

Sasizibiza ngamaRharhabe, amaGcaleka, amaMfengu kunye nabaThembu

kodwa sonke siphuma kwiNkosi uXhosa Masambeni nto zobawo sibuyeleni ekhaya kwaXhosa ukuze kuphile iNkosi neNkosazana zikaXhosa Kuphile iikumkani neKumkani zikaPhalo masambeni sibuyeleni ekhaya eMbo

Ngq: Chumani Gocini uBhejula isiduko

Water throttling goes ahead

STAFF REPORTER

Settlers Dam supplying west Makhanda (Grahamstown) is down to 7.7%. Water can only be pumped until the dam level reaches the 7.4% mark, which is anticipated to be by mid-April. This news comes as neighbouring Adelaide has less than a week's supply.

James Kleyhans in Makana is operating at full capacity plus 20% treating 10 Megalitres a day. Waainek is currently only running at 50% due to the low water levels in Settler's Dam.

In Makana, the pump station which will run water from the East to the West side of town will be ready by the end of the week. Intermittent water flow and supply will continue, as throttling is being done to ensure high-lying areas also receive enough water.

Makana Municipality is developing a borehole strategy in light of all the boreholes been drilled since the previous water disaster plan.

* Additional source: Rhodes University Weekly Water Update

ISIXHOSA SIYAVUTHA DUMISA MPUPHA

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The poem is just about unbearable smells people experience in every street due to the heat waves from the sun. Umphutha is not a comfortable word to translate. Kwanga thina bahlali singakhe sikhathalele iindawo esihlala kuzo, sitshise inkukuma kungenjalo siyigrumbele kwakunye nezilwanyana zaze khaya xa ziye zafa. How can we celebrate human rights in these conditions?

Ezweni lokuzalwa kwethu
Kungumvimbo ukusoloko usendleleni
Ukuhlala endlwini kuyingxotha
Ukuba lundwendwe kuzintloni
Nokutya kommelwane akusa thembakali
Kuba ivumba elinyekeneyeke liya chekra

Kusuke kwathi nkxwee kwizitalato zethu
Livumba elingxolayo
Elikwenza unge uza kuwa isiduli
Kunqongophele imvula yona
Okoko sesikuxolele kungaphaya kwethu

Ivumba kumantloko endlela
Livumba lomphutha likhathshwa ziimpukane
Usothuswe lelo vumba
Emantloko kuvakala elenja efileyo
Sakutsho ke kuba singazi

Izigcini mphutha ziyankcenkceza
Kuyimisi nezaqhwithi zomoya
ziphephethekisa iitoti namaphepha

Sesifane sithi kuya lunga
Kuba nali ithontsi lemvula
Kunzima nokubulisa uKwindla

Kusekhona kodwa ithemba kuwe Makhanda?

NguDumisa Mpupha



Bid callers stand out in front of the crowd and shout out when a bidder has increased his or her bid. This helps the auctioneer who cannot see all parts of the audience in the large marquee. The shouts also charge the atmosphere and make sure the adrenaline keeps pumping. Photo: Steven Lang

More modest game auction

By STEVEN LANG

One are the heady days of 2016 and 2017 when sales at game auctions were burgeoning all over the country and the annual events at Kwandwe topped R56 and R61 million respectively. This year a far more sedate affair netted a relatively meagre R22 641 000.

The 2019 Wildswinkel game auction, hosted by Kwandwe, took place on Saturday in a more modest sized marquee than previous years, but there were still plenty of high-end bakkies and SUVs filling the parking field. The obvious belt-tightening did not however dampen the festive atmosphere and the rowdy bidding.

There were 73 lots of game on offer at the live auction – 25 lots were buffaloes, a single family of giraffes – and

almost all of the rest were antelopes including: oryx (gemsbok), springbok, mountain reedbuck, bushbuck, roan, steenbok, eland, sable, nyala, kudu, waterbuck, and impala (including black impala). Notably absent were the rhinos that usually compete with buffaloes for top bids.

On a positive note, sales did increase in the timed auction, held only for the second time this year. Bidders increased the online sales from R2 463 600 in 2018 to R2 923 950 this year, but the big-ticket animals were sold at the live auction.

Buffaloes, the only individual animals going for seven figures each, once again dominated sales with horn size and genetics determining the final bid. The really astronomical prices tended to go for buffalo cows that had either just given

birth to, or were about to give birth to, calves sired by bulls with enormous horns.

A top price of R4 000 000 was bid for a buffalo named Anien with her calf sired by Mkhulu. A buffalo cow called Samara and carrying a calf sired by Zeus went for R2 050 000.

The only other individual animals that were sold for more than R100 000 were a few sables, roan antelopes and a single black impala with long horns that fetched R105 000.

In previous years, the Kwandwe management had shown a video at the start of the auction to set the mood. This year the Victoria Girls' High School choir began proceedings with choirmaster Sibhu Mkhize singing and directing the girls in a range of rousing songs.

My Garden



Lukhanyo Mqoki in his garden

Lukhanyo Maqoki started planting in 2018. Without much money to buy food, Maqoki plants vegetables to feed himself. He also believes that vegetables are a major source of food that is needed everyday. He takes what is in the garden and mixes it with other food in order to make up his meals. Maqoki saves water in two-litre bottles for the days that there is no water for his garden.

He has planted spinach, beetroot, green paper, onions, and peas. Maqoki would be grateful for seeds to continue planting.

– Text and photo: Lindani Donyeli

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Notice is hereby given that the following documentation was tabled to Council for adoption on Thursday 28 March 2019.

The aforementioned documents are now open for public comment and inspection:

- Municipal Draft Budget
- Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP)

Copies of these documents can be attained from the following offices:

- Finance Department, Corporate Services and the libraries
- Municipal Website: www.makana.gov.za

Written comments can be submitted to the Municipal manager on or before 8 May 2019.

NB: After the tabling of the adjusted budget on the 28 February 2019, Service Delivery & Budget Implementation Plan was adjusted, this document is also available for your information.

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MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Distell playwright winner announced

STAFF REPORTER

Poet and theatre practitioner, Koleka Putuma was recently named the winner of the Distell National Playwright Competition. Putuma wins R25 000 in prize money as well as the opportunity to take her winning play *No Easter For Queers* into full production to be staged as part of the main programme at the National Arts Festival in Makhanda, from 27 June to 7 July.

By joining forces, the National Arts Festival and Distell, and their various stakeholders made it their mission to celebrate rising storytellers. The Distell National Playwright Competition is an opportunity for debut playwrights to showcase their work at the main stage of the lauded National Arts Festival in Makhanda.

This year, the competition received a record-breaking number of entries – with an abundant 164 powerful stories that promote inclusivity and diversity. All 11 official languages were represented – allowing narratives to be told with the kind of authenticity that only a mother tongue allows.

The Playwright Evening, where the winner of the Distell National Playwright Competition was announced, was hosted by Simoné Benjamin, who led the panel discussion with competition judge Malika Ndlovu, Nobesuthu Rayi from the National Arts Festival and finalists Bongumusa Mnisi, Morapeleng Molekoa, Koleka Putuma and Kelly-Eve Koopman.

Guests were treated to poetry by Kirsten Deane – a skilled orator who improvises stanzas on a whim.

When it comes down to it,

with all its bells and whistles, a full-scale production is most often produced in solitude. Writers nurture and craft content before it comes to life. The power of a narrative is born out of silence and a composition of thoughts. Judging a competition of this nature can be likened to casting a wide net.

It isn't as simple as or as quantifiable as numbers, and the winning play was determined through lengthy discussions and debates. We live in a time where the stories we tell have a lot to answer to. Who is this made for and who are you telling this story to?

The 2019 Distell National Playwright Competition winner is the award-winning poet and theatre practitioner, Koleka Putuma who took the South African literary scene by storm with her debut collection of poems, called *Collective Amnesia*, in April 2017. Among all the words of celebration and elation, Arts and Culture Minister Nathi Mthethwa took to Twitter to congratulate the award-winning creative.

On winning the award, Putuma says, "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to share this work on such a huge platform, and to be backed by Distell and the National Arts Festival means a great deal. I have never showcased my own work at the National Arts Festival, let alone on the main stage.

"So the idea of that makes me want scream. I am nervous and excited at the same. This story is important to me, and I feel incredibly privileged that the adjudication panel felt that it was important to share this story with others and to give it life beyond the page."



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THURSDAY 11 APRIL

U3A LECTURE

10am at the Grahamstown Bowling Club. Speaker : Paul Hjul Topic: Artificial Intelligence and the threat to the legal profession: "The first thing we do is kill all the lawyers". All welcome Charge R5 Contact Malcolm Hacksley 046 636 1762

FRIDAY 12 APRIL

SHACKLES AND BONES CONCENTRATION HOLIDAY TOUR

From 9pm onwards at Slipstream Sports Bar. This will also feature Down Division. Tickets cost R20.

SATURDAY 13 APRIL

RECITAL - DAVID BESTER AND JF VILJOEN

6.30pm at the Beethoven Room, RU Music Dept. David and JF will present Grahamstown audiences with an exciting programme of Romantic favourites. The recital will be David Bester's chamber music debut performance in Grahamstown. This recital also forms part of JF Viljoen's PhD (Music) components. Entrance is free.

THE REUNION

From 8pm onwards at 37 on New. Black Box Sound is a movement which highlights the freedom to express yourself in anyway you see fit. The most important aspect is the experience, for many graduates this will be the last time they'll be able to share some close memories with their friends. We suggest that you come very thirsty as we'll have some amazing drink specials! Join us for a social celebration with some talented local artists. Tickets cost R20.

TUESDAY 16 APRIL

BUCKFEVER UNDERGROUND LAASTE DAE-TOER

7pm at the Provost Cafe. Make advance reservations at shimri@theprovoestcafe.co.za

FRIDAY 19 APRIL

MOUNT ZION 2019 PILGRIMAGE

9.30am. Route: It will start at St Peter Claver Catholic Church in Raglan Road and walk to Mount Zion, Makana's Kop. The walk will begin at 10:00. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes for hiking, bring a hat and bottled water to drink on the way. Contact: Sizwe 073 664 9849 or 063 188 8082. Email: czoemda61@gmail.com

TUESDAY 23 APRIL

GUY BUTTERY TOUR

6pm at the Fountain Foyer in the Monument. Guy Buttery returns home for his first nationwide solo tour of South Africa in over four years. The Intramural Encounters Tour includes stops in every major city in SA, including Makhanda, covering a distance of over 5000km's with a run of 15 concerts lined up around the country. R100 general / R70 concession Contact: Kate – kate@nationalartsfestival.co.za / 046 603 1103.

2019 ANNUAL SHAKESPEARE BIRTHDAY LECTURE

7.30pm at Eden Grove Blue. Dr Rohan Quince will deliver a talk entitled: "I speak of Africa and golden joys:" Shakespeare on our Stages Refreshments will be served after the lecture. Entry by Donation. Society subscriptions will also be payable (R60)

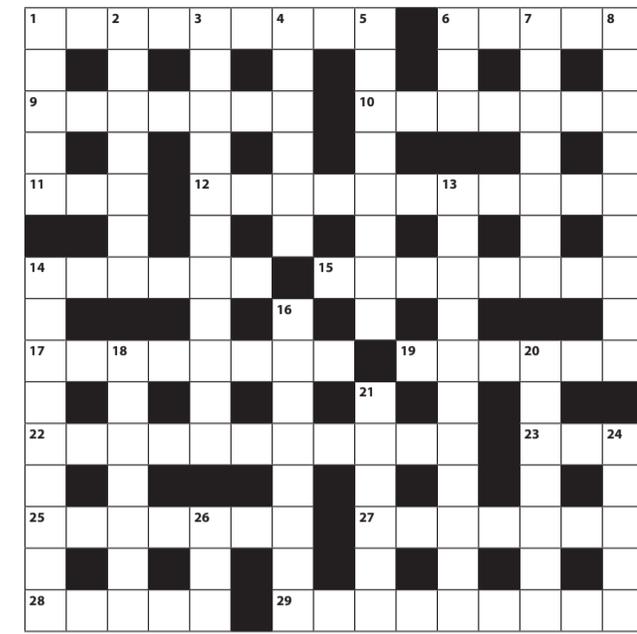
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Sudoku

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JDE

The Original South African
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



JDE 177

Across

- 1 Live primarily austere and shrug off big squeezes (4,4)
- 5 Appropriate and almost complete, but irregular (6)
- 10 Home carbon monoxide good trip into unknown (9)
- 11 Principle of X - energy + temperature (5)
- 12 A new cloak for myself? Let it be so (4)
- 13 Small adolescent supports fish (9)
- 15 Back-mountains and vleis surrounds reserved for musical festival (7,3)
- 17 Leap about, let the peel out, turn pale, quietly hand out ale - just get the lawsuit! (4)
- 19 When in outskirts of Elliot, orient (4)
- 20 A good relative unfortunately dies to exaggerate (10)
- 22 Quips abound after mother had book flop (4,5)
- 24 Eye bounce of pitch (4)
- 26 "Never again! No, never again ...!" starts granny (5)
- 27 Unsure, I'd sent back craft first which had passed through (9)
- 28 Lackeys are males on the tails of lively female bosses (3-3)
- 29 Signs for far targets (8)

Down

- 1 Degree in computer use is an attraction (4)
- 2 Account has congratulations about quiet deeds (15)
- 3 Enormity of circling sun - geesh! (8)
- 4 Rings around beams (5)
- 6 Engrossed in snare coming up on time (6)
- 7 She undertakes to play Lear unorthodoxly and is supported by manager (7,8)
- 8 Dreamer gets fortune to employ at any rate (5-5)
- 9 Prophet gives warning on heartless tailor (8)
- 14 Edge a lawyer to destroy party at beginning of year (10)
- 16 Young 'un disappears with pains from dairy products (8)
- 18 Nam's clue about America (5,3)
- 21 Even seasick monkey gets bunk (6)
- 23 Write inside, 'Lamb halaal' (5)
- 25 No-frills CODESA produced some creative works (4)

Compiled by George Euvrard

Crossword Solution for last week JDE 176

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Bridge Results

Grahamstown Bridge Club Monday Pairs 01 April 2019
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Pair Names	Percentage
1 Maureen van Hille & Ernie van Hille	69.05%
2= Dave Gain & Margaret Banks	57.94%
2= Val Buchner & Jenny Haswell	57.94%
4 Jenny Kroon & Frank Kroon	55.56%
5 Shirley Shaw & Merle Murray	50.79%
6 Pair 3	41.27%
7 Pair 7	36.51%
8 Pair 4	30.95%

For more information
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Battle for the car park continues

STAFF REPORTER

Recent commentary on the proposed Automotive Code of Conduct has seen the car park getting spliced into in-warranty and out-of-warranty cars, those that can be serviced versus those that can't and who should be allowed to service which vehicles.

Representatives of dealerships are leading the public to believe that only around 20% of the entire car park in South Africa consists of in-warranty vehicles and it's this small portion that the Code is addressing. "That is incorrect," says Gunther Schmitz, Chairman of Right to Repair South Africa (R2RSA). "The code is addressing 100% of vehicles, in- and out-of-warranty, not just vehicles under warranty. The section in the Code about not voiding the warranty when a vehicle is serviced by an independent repairer makes up less than 20% of the Code."

transport is not well developed in South Africa, consumers need affordable repairs. Right now, many people can't afford repairs because of the cost. Resulting in more unroadworthy vehicles on our roads. It is a fact that greater competition drops prices. We need this to happen in our country," says Schmitz.

Schmitz says we need the Code to bring about change because consumers should have the right to choose what happens with their vehicles and the industry needs to be sustained.

"What we do now will directly affect the sustainability of the SME portion of this sector as well as new empowerment businesses opening their doors in the years to come," he says.

"All vehicles need to be serviced and no entity should be denying consumers their right to have their car serviced at a workshop of their choice," Schmitz concludes.

"Given that our public

What we do now will directly affect the sustainability of the SME portion of this sector as well as new empowerment businesses opening their doors in the years to come.

Guy Buttery in concert

STAFF REPORTER

Kicking off 2019 with concerts throughout the US and Brazil, multi-award winning artist Guy Buttery returns home for his first nationwide solo tour of South Africa in over four years.

The Intramural Encounters Tour includes stops in every major city in SA, including Makhanda (Grahamstown), covering a distance of over 5000km with a run of 15 concerts lined up around the country.

Following last year's successful performance in Makhanda, Guy will play in the Fountain Foyer at the Monument on the evening of Tuesday 23 April. Tickets are R100 for adults with concession tickets for student, pensioners and children at R70. Bookings can be made online at www.tickethut.co.za or by calling 046 603 1163.

Buttery has propelled his career far beyond the borders of his beloved South Africa. As an internationally recognized musician, this multi-instrumentalist enjoys invitations to play sell-out performances all over the globe. The USA, UK, Australia, France, Brazil, and Italy have all welcomed him back year after year. However,



Standard Bank Young Artist winner Guy Buttery will perform in Makhanda (Grahamstown) on 23 April. Photo: Jacki Bruniquel

to brand Buttery as one of South Africa's musical phenoms would be an injustice. He has grown into so much more. His international role has surpassed merely playing shows to foreign audiences.

It has evolved into one as an ambassador of South African music, inspiring people across the world with our homegrown style at the very heart of his talent and tenacity. Buttery is our musical advocate for everything positive and beautiful about the place we call home.

Last year Buttery received the highest accolade for a musician in South Africa and was awarded the Standard Bank Young Artist Award. In almost four decades of honouring artists throughout the country, this was the first time since

its inception that the award was presented to a musician outside of the classical music realm.

Buttery's debut album in 2002, "When I Grow Up..." was nominated for 'Best Instrumental' and 'Best Newcomer' at the South African Music Awards (SAMA's) making him the youngest nominee in the history of the event.

He then went on to win a SAMA in 2010, for his album "Fox Hill Lane" and again in 2014, for his first live concert recording, "Live in KwaZulu". He has also received other major National accolades including the The Ovation Award in 2010, 2012 and again 2014 for his performances at the National Arts Festival.

Buttery has then invited to perform his works with the

52-piece KZN Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as with the Eastern Cape Philharmonic and had his solo performances voted the "Top Live Show" by The Cape Times. The media cited him "as one of South Africa's finest exponents of the acoustic guitar".

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Memorial Service



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2. ANNOUNCEMENT

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In terms of Section 35(5) of Act No 66 of 1965 notice is hereby given that copies of the First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the abovementioned Estate are lying open for inspection of all persons interested therein for a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of publication hereof, at the offices of the Magistrate Grahamstown and the Master of the High Court, Port Elizabeth

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CLASSIFIED DEADLINE: Wednesday @ 4pm

Win for SA rhinos

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"Nine years in the process and the sentence issued today sends out a very powerful message to the public that we do take rhino poaching very seriously in this country. Sometimes the wheels of justice turn very slowly, but we are extremely pleased with this sentence.

"Our thoughts go out to all the rhino that are not part of this conviction today. We know there are many," he told Grocott's Mail in an interview soon after sentencing.

"It's significant that there's not been a single rhino that's been darted [in a poaching incident] since their arrest. That speaks volumes for the impact that this gang has made on the deaths of our rhino in this country."

The gang's modus operandi featured the use of a dart gun and tranquillisers.

Judge Pickering, in explaining the severity of the sentence, said over the three years in which the 10 incidents had occurred, the men had had plenty of time to reflect on their actions and stop.

"Despite all of them being self supporting, they did not do so," Judge Pickering said. "They were clearly motivated by greed and financial gain." Pickering viewed it as particularly aggravating that Forget was a qualified field guide. He had participated in committing the offences, while professing to love wildlife, the Judge said.

In a section of a judgment whose wording matched the weight of the killings, the only light relief was in determining the length of the sentence. Judge Pickering noted that the aggregate penalty for all the counts the Ndlovus were convicted on was more than 400 years. Quoting from another judgment, he described it as a Methuselah sentence and said, "As a matter of interest, Methuselah's biblical age was 969 years."

It was this that Price seized on in appealing the sentence, calling it cruel and unusual and accusing Judge Pickering of employing the "sledgemoor" approach.

"A human being was not killed; a young girl was not raped," Price said in his appeal. "These rhinos are precious and magnificent, but they are animals, not human beings."

Price held that it had been incorrect for the men to be charged with theft. He said the only charges should have been in terms of Section 57(1) of NEMBA – the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act and effectively argued that the other four counts in each incident were the tools of trade for the poachers.

Each incident carried five counts – which was how the men ended up being convicted on 50 counts each (Forget on 45). These were theft or malicious injury to property; NEMBA (committing a restricted activity involving a protected species without a permit); Section 29 of the Cape Ordinance on Nature and Environmental Conservation (illegal hunting of wild animal by means of a device injecting intoxicating or narcotic agent); contravening the Medicines and related Substances Act; and contravening Section 90 of the Firearms Control Act (unlawful possession of ammunition).

"They should only have been charged with NEMBA," Price said. The dart guns and tranquilliser had been the means for the poachers to carry out their crime, and so should not have comprised separate charges, Price held. He argued removal of the horns fell under NEMBA and should not have been constituted as a separate theft charge.

Pickering dismissed the application for leave to appeal the conviction and sentence.

Dayimani said it was a great day for the environmental conservation sector, especially after all the political support they had received from Tourism and Economic Development MEC Oscar Mabuyane.

"The sentence was retributive and a deterrent," Dayimani said. "For all those men and women in green, for all the communities surround the reserves – this is a protected area. This is a massive victory for all of us."

How many years in jail?

Accused number 2, Forget Ndlovu, was sentenced to 450 years imprisonment for 45 counts in nine incidents. Jabulani Ndlovu and Sibusiso Ndlovu were sentenced to an additional 42 years each for an additional five counts in another incident. Their 50 counts bring their total sentence to 492 years.

Judge Pickering ordered that all the 15-year sentences for counts of theft would run concurrently. All the other sentences would run concurrently with the 10-years imprisonment for count 2 (the National Environmental Management, Biodiversity Act).

This means all three men have been ordered to serve a 25-year prison term.

LFA action thrills Dlepu crowd

By CHRIS TOTOBELA

On Saturday 30 March, gathered spectators at JD Dlepu Stadium saw the kick-off of the Makana LFA first division. The day started with some under 17 league matches, before the main matches of the day kicked off. In the first game Sophia Stars U17 demolished XI Attackers by six goals to nil and Jacaranda defeated Young Neighbours by the same score while Golden brothers and Makana Pillars drew 2-2.

In the first game of the first division, New Year's Cup winners Grahamstown United and Fingo United played a goalless draw. Six South African Infantry (6 SAI) Army Base defeated Golden brothers by 8-1. Rhodes University beat Mighty chiefs by 3-1.

After their continued disagreements with the Makana LFA members and Sakhulutsha, Sakhulutsha did not honour their fixture against Young Neighbours. Makana LFA's Akhona Heshu has told *Grocott's Mail* that there will be a meeting on 7 April with Sakhulutsha officials and their representatives, Makana LFA executive and Saha Sarah Baartman officials where the Sakhulutsha case will be on top of their agenda.

In the main game of the day, local side City Pirates hosted Golden Chiefs from Alexandria in their SAB encounter. The game started with both teams weighing each other and the local side did not take long to stamp their authority in the game. It was not a surprise to see the home side taking the lead after a well taken free kick just outside the visitors' box by Siphosethu Kondile.

The Golden Chiefs players

seemed to be shaken by the goal they conceded and struggled to put their feet on the ball, hardly managing to put three to four passes together. The lack of communication between the goalkeeper and his defender led to a second goal by Sibusiso Mabena who got between them and just steered the ball past the keeper.

The visitors made some changes and started looking more like a team. Chiefs tried to build from the back and got caught in possession by Mandilakhe Ntsendwana who took a long range shot that left the keeper for dead and increased the home side's lead to three goals. Pirates went to the half-time break leading by 3-0.

The visitors started the second half like a house on fire and soon reduced the deficit when one of their strikers out sprinted Pirates' defence and blasted the ball past the keeper. Chiefs threw everything to Pirates and kept their defenders busy until they conceded another goal after a good cross from the left wing found an unmarked Chiefs' striker who made no mistake and tapped the ball home from close range.

The game came to life and the fans' cheers got even louder as both teams were now dishing out good football. Pirates started a good move from the middle of the park which was finished off by Mandilakhe Ntsendwana with a cracker just outside the penalty area and the keeper just watched as the ball flew over his head and rattled the net. The referee blew the final whistle soon after, with Pirates walking away with maximum points as they beat Chiefs by 4-2 in a thrilling match.



All smiles, one of the boys from Home of Joy looks balanced in the beanbag race as part of the Fun Day hosted by LIV Lukhanyiso. Photo: Stephen Kisbey-Green

Fun day for Home of Joy children

By KATHRYN CLEARY

Tuesday 26 March saw over 20 children from Home of Joy enjoy a Fun Day at the Fairewood Nature Reserve in Makhanda (Grahamstown). The Fun Day was organised by LIV Lukhanyiso Grahamstown.

Lukhanyiso partnered with Home of Joy and Karoo Catch to provide an exciting afternoon of outdoor games and activities for the children.

Mama Margaret Ngcanga

has been running Home of Joy for 24 years, and provides love and care for orphaned and vulnerable children of all ages. Home is Joy is fully supported by the community. Ngcanga said that Lukhanyiso often donated clothing and supplies for the children, as well as volunteered their time to play. The children were ear to ear in smiles and laughter at Fairewood, and competed against each other during relay and

bean bag races as well as other games. For lunch, Karoo Catch, a Graaff Reinnet based community business, graciously donated fish wors for the children, a sausage-like product made from fish. Ken Light, Managing Director of Karoo Catch, said the business was pleased to participate in fun day.

"We are a profit for purpose business focusing on employment, grass roots ownership and food security. Home of

Joy's ethos and values fit with Karoo Catch's, so sponsoring the event was a natural fit for us," he said.

"Our food is filled with omega oils, exactly what young developing brains need. We were grateful for the opportunity," said Light.

The fun day was a success, and the partnership between LIV Lukhanyiso, Home of Joy and Karoo Catch will continue to grow.

Support for Sophia Stars achievers

By LINDANI DONYELI

On Saturday 29 March, local football club, the Sophia Stars Football Club, which is based in Extension Seven, hosted its annual prize giving. The club, which started in 2011 as a way to get the youth off the streets and playing soccer, has grown into a place where youngsters can grow and learn football.

Lindisiwe Swartbooi, a member of Sophia Stars, stat-

ed that in order to get the children involved in the club, they have to give them the tools that they need and want, over and above simply providing them with soccer skills. This is why, in 2014 they set up an opportunity for the youth to study, by getting involved with Rhodes University students. On a weekly basis, students from Rhodes come and assist the Sophia kids with their

studies. They also take part in the events and activities that happen on national and public holidays, such as Mandela Day.

Pick n Pay Manager, Nico Olivier, was also present to give his support and he spoke words of encouragement to the youth and parents of the club. He promised to continue to support the Sophia Stars for future seasons.

The prize giving saw the club give awards to the boys starting from under 11, under 13 and under 15. Chairman of the club Lindisiwe Swartbooi thanked the following people for their contribution to the Club: Pick n Pay, ABM, Albany Jewellery and Grahamstown Pharmacy. In between the ceremony there was Makhanda Marimba Band to entertain the parents and the youth.

Jeffreys Bay to host first Beach Netball

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

Easter weekend of 2019 will see Jeffreys Bay host the first ever South African Beach Netball Tournament, from 19-20 April. Beach netball combines the sport of netball with the fun and family atmosphere of the beach in an exciting and entertaining sport that has taken off across the globe.

The Sarah Baartman Dis-

trict will host this South African first, with Jeffrey's Bay being seen as the ideal place for such a tournament to take place. Anina Vlok, Chairperson of the Sarah Baartman Netball Association, is excited to introduce beach netball to the country. "Netball will be taken to new heights when beach netball is introduced to the nation with yearly tourna-

ments in JBAY," said Vlok.

"The mecca of surfing is now be remembered for its yearly beach netball tournaments. Players and teams from all over South Africa will be invited to participate," said Vlok. "It's netball, but not as we know it."

The tournament will consist of four categories; including the Senior Ladies, Senior

Mixed, Junior Mixed and Junior Girls categories. Each category will have a number of prizes on offer for teams, with the Senior teams all playing for R5 000 as well as a trophy and medals, while the Junior teams will play for R3 000, a trophy and medals. Prizes and medals will also be given to second and third placed teams.



Jessica Smailes, a student at Diocesan School for Girls (DSG), recently took part in the South African Biathlon Championships on 29 and 30 March, where she was selected into the Eastern Province (EP) Biathlon A Team.

Photo: Supplied



Taryn-Maie Wille will once again represent South Africa at the U23 ITU World Championships for Cross-Triathlon, this time in Spain at the end of April. Most comfortable on the bike, Wille hopes that her mountain bike training in Stellenbosch will see her with an advantage over her competition. Photo: Robyn Oosthuysen. Copyrighted Robs Oosthuysen Images

Wille for third ITU worlds

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

Taryn-Maie Wille, an old-Kingswoodian currently studying in Stellenbosch University, will once again showcase her talent on the world stage in the Elite Cross-Triathlon World Championships in Spain at the end of April. While the ITU Championships will take place in Pontevedra, Spain, from 26 April to 4 May, Wille's event, the Elite Cross-Triathlon, will take place on Tuesday 30 April.

In her third year studying a BSc in Conservation Ecology, Wille will be looking to take home the gold in the U23 category, as she did in Canada two years ago.

In 2018, Wille took part in her second consecutive Worlds competition, this time finishing fourth after a stumble on the bike saw her missing the podium by the nearest of margins. This year, howev-

er, Wille is confident that she will be able to finish in the top three.

"I was very happy with fourth; I was happy just to have finished [after falling off the bike in 2018]," said Wille.

"After I got back from Denmark last year I got a proper coach, his name is Conrad Salt, he used to be a pro triathlete, so he is pretty up there and has helped me out a lot."

Growing up in Makhanda (Grahamstown), Wille took part in a number of fitness activities including track and cross country running at school, mountain biking with her dad, and swimming at school.

The combination of trail cycling and running appealed to her the most, and she became more and more interested in the idea of Cross-Triathlons.

"I was always more into the

mountain biking," said Wille. "Then I discovered XTERRA, which is like a brand of off road triathlons, that have events all over the world. I did my first one in first year, and then I decided that 'this is for me'."

In preparation for her return to the World Champs, Wille has been training round the clock, with her coach providing her with a highly specific training schedules based on heart rate goals and race pace sessions.

"We don't train fast pace all year round because otherwise you can end up getting injured or just over it," Wille said.

Wille has also been taking part in various triathlon and other events as practice and training for the upcoming world champs.

She had completed a 3,8km Ironman distance open-water swim earlier this year, and

came fourth in the recent Grabouw XTERRA, which is the qualifying race for South Africans for Worlds, which she used as a training race.

Eventually Wille suggested that she would like to get more involved with the longer Ironman distances, however said that for now she is more interested in the faster-paced, shorter distances.

With that said, however, she would be very interested in taking part in the 2019 GBS Mutual Bank Mountain Drive Half Marathon in August.

Despite her major success on the international stage, Wille maintains committed to her academic career as well. After she finishes her undergraduate degree, Wille has said that she would look to earn a scholarship to an overseas university, where they value highly the type of athlete that she is.

Winner and still champion

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

After a tough fight against fista opposition, Makhanda's (Grahamstown's) local boxing champion came out of his South African Welterweight Championship defence on Sunday 31 March as the deserved champion. Mziwoxolo Ndwayana successfully defended his SA Welterweight Championship against Odwa Gaxa at a packed Uitenhage Indoor Sports Centre, with a knock out in the seventh round.

The fight was not an easy one for the champ, as he was not expecting Gaxa, who's previous match on 29 April 2018 ended in the second round with Gaxa winning via a Technical Knockout, to be a credible threat to his title. He found out in the third round, however, that Gaxa would not go down without a fight when the challenger caught the champ with a hard right hand that sent Ndwayana to the floor to a count of eight.

From there, however, the Champ took over proceedings, and won a number of rounds in succession before ultimately claiming the victory in the seventh of their 12 round fight. It was the massive right hand of Ndwayana that put Gaxa down for the ten-count, and saw Ndwayana retain in his first title defence.

"The fight went very well, and I managed to control it," said Ndwayana after his first successful title defence. "It was not that tough and I man-

aged to knock that guy out in round seven."

The champ did admit that he was caught slightly off guard by the hit in the third round. "He just caught me with a left jab and I just fell down. I was shocked. I just told myself that 'I'm going to get up and knock him out'."

"When you get out and see the crowd shouting at you, you get that pressure," he said. "I try to release that pressure, but it was too much because everyone said 'no champ, you have to win this fight', which put a lot of pressure on me."

"Gaxa was fully prepared for that fight and he came into the fight wanting to win that belt, but I just had to tell myself that that belt is mine."

Ndwayana will be looking to fight at the newly formed Legend Boxing Federation (LBF), which is based in Port Elizabeth, where there is a possibility for him to fight an unknown German boxer for the vacant LBF title.

Ndwayana's manager is also his very proud father, Bulelani Ndwayana, who was also a professional boxer boxing in the junior lightweight division. "I encouraged my son to follow my footsteps to be a boxer, because I knew... he will be a champion. I am very proud," said Ndwayana Snr. He also admitted that they are in desperate need of local sponsors to help the champ continue his rise to the top of the boxing world.



Mziwoxolo Ndwayana celebrated his victory on Sunday 31 March with the boxers at the Six SAI Military Base, as they have helped him with providing accommodation, as well as other support throughout his career. Pictured: (Back) Lwandile Madikane (welterweight), Mziwoxolo Ndwayana, Lungelo Dube (middleweight); (middle) Thembelani Khwebulana, Sibusiso Ngubo, Sergeant Mcebisi Hoya (6 SAI Boxing trainer); (front) Bulelani Ndwayana (Mziwoxolo's manager and dad), Thandisile Poltini (6SAI Boxing trainer and coach). Photo: Sue MacLennan

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Parkrun #236

On Saturday 30 March 171 people took part in the 236th edition of the Makhanda (Grahamstown) Parkrun. Out of these runners, the following were among the fastest:

1. Samora Mzalazala - 21:33 (M)
2. Unknown - information not provided
3. Siviwe Moyake - 24:15 (M)

4. Thobela Sambane - 24:17 (M)
5. Unknown - information not provided
6. Unknown - information not provided
7. Cole Youthed - 26:05 (M)
8. Unknown - information not provided
9. Andrew Jelley - 26:12 (M)
10. Nkgodi Obed - 26:50 (M)



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Army fighters go professional

Boxing trainer and coach at 6SAI Battalion Thandisile Poltini says there are currently 18 boxers training at 6SAI – three of whom recently joined the professional ranks.

Middleweight Lungelo Dube last week in New Brighton won only his second professional fight on points. He won his first professional fight in Port Alfred in 2018, knocking out his opponent in the second round.

Welterweight Lwandile Madikane and Thembelani Khwebulana have yet to secure their first fights.

Right now, Poltini is still glowing with pride. He was in Ndwayana's corner when he defended his title last weekend, having recently been accredited as a professional coach.

Chippa United
Chippa United booked their place in the Nedbank Cup Semi Finals on Saturday when they defeated Bidvest Wits 5-3 on penalties, after being level at 4-4 at full time. They will turn their attention back to the PSL on Saturday 6 April when they take on AmaZulu at the King Zwelithini Stadium. In Chippa's last PSL match, they drew 1-1 against Highlands Park, and will be hoping to improve on their current 14th place on the PSL table.

Pro14
European rugby will return to South African shores this weekend, with both the Isuzu Southern Kings and Toyota Cheetahs playing host to their European counterparts. The Cheetahs will open the weekend on Saturday, taking on the Ospreys, from Wales, in Bloemfontein. The Kings will have to wait until Sunday before they can take the field at the Nelson Mandela University Madibaz Stadium, as they will take on the Dragons, also from Wales, in their round 19 clash.

WSL
Jordy Maree (Kalk Bay) posted the best result by a member of the South African contingent in the inaugural Senegal Pro presented by BKS when he placed third in the historic first World Surf League (WSL) Qualifying Series (QS) event to be staged in West Africa. A QS1,500 rated event for men and women, the Senegal Pro attracted nearly 70 international competitors with Timothee Bisso (FRA) and Nadia Erostarbe (EUK) claiming commanding victories in the finals against Aboubakar Bouaouda (MAR) and Emily Nishimoto (JPN) respectively in one metre waves at Surfer Paradise in Dakar.

Deaf Rugby
Some of the top deaf rugby players in South Africa will look to stamp their authority and play their way into contention for the SA Deaf Rugby national squad over the next week as they battle it out in the inaugural Stones Cup in Bloemfontein. The tournament, which features the Blue Bulls Deaf team, Western Province Thunder Deaf, SA Deaf Invitational XV and the Western Province Cyclones Deaf, will go head-to-head over four match days, which started on Saturday 30 March, ending on Saturday 6 April. The team that finishes at the top of the log after their three matches will be crowned the Stones Cup champions.



Paralympic Dressage rider, Tamsin "Tammy" Mbatsha Bouwer, demonstrates a dressage test on Spirit, at the Grahamstown Riding Club.
Photo: Stephen Kisbey-Green

Healing through horses

By KATHRYN CLEARY
The Healing Horses Therapeutic Riding Centre, tucked along the coast in Kleinemonde at Three Sisters Horse Trails, offers much more to riders and horse lovers than meets the eye. At Healing Horses, loveable equines are the therapists, the volunteers like nursing sisters, and the riders are the patients.
The Centre uses RDA (Riding Develops Abilities) therapy to heal and inspire differently-abled adults and children from the greater Port Alfred area. Working with an RDA coach; riding lessons work to improve riders' fine motor skills, core strength, flex-

ibility, social skills and confidence.
On Saturday 30 March, Healing Horses hosted a fundraising event at the Grahamstown Riding Club to raise awareness about the Centre and highlight the successes of RDA therapy. Healing Horses Founder, Jan Webb, and certified level 2 RDA coach, Sheena Ferguson, work alongside volunteers to provide riding lessons to eight clients, so far, at the Centre. Lessons are on Monday and Wednesday mornings and include interactive games and a trail ride on one of three trained RDA horses.
Webb says the riding lessons have received positive feedback from both

clients, volunteers and the community. The Healing Horses team hopes to expand their services in the future, by providing more lessons per week to a wider array of clients. Plans are also in the works to improve the Centre's facilities. Webb and her team encouraged community members to assist in anyway they can; from helping to build and renovate the riding arena, to volunteering with clients or horses.
One of the Centre's many inspirations comes from 20-year-old Paralympic Dressage rider, Tamsin "Tammy" Mbatsha Bouwer. In 2016, Bouwer was selected as a reserve rider for the South African Paralympic

Equestrian Team in Rio de Janeiro.
Despite being born with Cerebral Palsy, Bouwer learned to ride before she could walk and seems more at home on the back of a horse than on the ground, a feeling most riders can agree with (except falling off, another part of riding that Bouwer is very familiar with!).
Bouwer's success as a rider is only one example of the many ways horses have helped to heal and inspire humans, and Healing Horses hopes to offer this gift to many more riders. For more information, readers can visit Healing Horses' Facebook page.



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SPORTS DIARY

FRIDAY 5 APRIL HOCKEY
St Andrew's College: First team, Second team, U16 A, U16 B, U14 A, U14 B and U14 C vs Grey High School (SAC)

Diocesan School for Girls at All Girls Festival

NETBALL
Diocesan School for Girls at All Girls Festival

SQUASH
Diocesan School for Girls at All Girls Festival

TENNIS
Diocesan School for Girls at All Girls Festival

SATURDAY 6 APRIL HOCKEY
St Andrew's College: Third team, U16 C and U16 D vs Grey High School (SAC)

Diocesan School for Girls: Second team, Third team, U16 A, U16 B, U16 C, U16 D, U16 E, U15 C, U14 A, U14 B and U14 C vs Collegiate Girls' High School - all fixtures at DSG

NETBALL
Diocesan School for Girls: Second team, Third team, Fourth team, U16 A, U16 B, U15 A, U15 B, U14 A, U14 B, U14 C and U14 D vs Collegiate Girls' High School - all fixtures at DSG

RUGBY
Graeme College: Senior Teams vs Gill College

St Andrew's College: First team, Second team, Third team, Fourth team, Fifth team, Sixth team, U16 A, U16 B, U16 C, U15 A, U15 B, U15 C, U14 A, U14 B and U14 C vs Grey High School - All fixtures at St Andrew's College.

EPRU Super League: Grahamstown Brumbies vs Star of Hope (Uitenhage) at the Grahamstown Oval.

Kingswood College: First team vs Kearsney College (KC) - 17:30

SOCCER
Makana LFA First and Premier division matches - At JD Dlepu Stadium

SAB Regional League - Matches at JD Dlepu Stadium

SUNDAY 7 APRIL SOCCER
Makana LFA First and Premier division matches - At JD Dlepu Stadium