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More houses handed over



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UITGAWE 11:

One month to go!

THE Thusong Centre in Robertson is nearing completion and the first services are set to start operating on 1 August this year!

With the completion of the R9,5 million project, several services will be offered to the residents of the Langeberg

Municipality that hasn't been available previously. This will mean that residents will not have to travel to Worcester to apply for IDs, passports, death and birth certificates or marriage certificates and other services. Services that have signed lease agreements with the Municipality and that will



The front view of the brand-new Thusong Centre in Robertson.

be moving into the Thusong Centre during the month of July, are the Department of Social Development, the Western Cape Education Department, the Department of Agriculture and



The reception area where visitors to the centre will first be welcomed.

the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC).

The Municipality is in the process of finalising lease agreements with SASSA, Cape Access and the Department of Home Affairs. The Department of Labour indicated that, at this stage, they will make use of the Thusong Centre on an ad hoc basis of six times per month to render services. The centre will also house certain functions of the Municipality's Housing and Financial Department. If all of the above-mentioned lease agreements are signed, all permanent office space will be occupied. The centre will render cost-effective, integrated, efficient and sustainable services that fulfil the needs of the community.

The community will have equitable and effective access to government information and certain services.

We're clearing the rivers

THE Langeberg Municipality has embarked on an urgent primary intervention for the clearing of the Keisie, Kingna and Cogmansklouf Rivers from sediment, debris and rock impeding free river flow. The situation was of such a nature that even with above average rainfall, thunder storms or cloud bursts, the result was that the access to and from Montagu on the R62 was cut off and road closures are imminent.

The Municipal Manager, Mr S.A. Mokweni, confirmed that the Municipality and community view the flooding of the bridge to be a major problem and wanted a solution as soon as possible. On the short to medium term, it is vital that the Keisie, Kingna and Cogmansklouf Rivers are cleared of

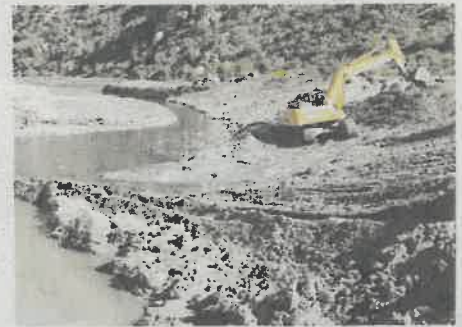
vegetation, sediment and soil deposits to ensure unimpeded flow of the river.

Approval was obtained from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and Tourism before any work could be executed on any river (Regulation R387 of 2006) as such work is deemed a listed activity in terms of regulations in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act of 1998 and also the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998.

In order to obtain the approval, a River Maintenance Management Plan (RMMP) was submitted, considered and duly approved by the the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and Tourism.

Further approval was granted in terms of the National Water Act by the accountable agency (the Breede Overberg Catchment Management Agency or BOCMA). The approval of the RMMP also means that in future clearing of the specific rivers could be executed much easier and within a shorter time span. Due to the urgency of the project and to avoid any further flooding, the Municipality deviated from the normal supply chain process and appointed Mōreson Grondverskuiwers of Robertson to assist with the project. The first phase of the project will be at a cost of R1,2 million and the total cost will amount to an estimated R3 million.

The Municipality is funding the project from reserve funds while awaiting funding from other departments.



The Keisie, Kingna and Cogmansklouf rivers are currently being cleared. On the left is Cllr Schalk van Eeden, Infrastructure development portfolio head, keeping a watchful eye.



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More residents find a home!

Residents of Zolani were in high spirits last Friday (June 22) when 18 more houses were handed over by Langeberg Executive Mayor Diana Gagiano. The houses, all part of the Zolani housing project comprising a total of 173 units, brought the number of houses completed in this project

and handed over to 154. The remaining 19 houses will also be handed over in the near future, should everything run according to plan. Here are a few snapshots of Mayor Gagiano celebrating the hand-over with the proud new home-owners.



When drama is a good thing

"A drama begins when a problem begins and ends when the problem is resolved." These words by Aristotle ring as true today as they did years ago and Carol Shore, head writer of SABC2's soapie Muvango, captivated her audience with truths such as this one at the recent Scriptwriting Workshop held in Robertson.

In line with the national arts and culture objectives, the Langeberg Municipality's Local Economic Development department, headed by Peter Salman, has initiated a Scriptwriting Workshop to focus on youth development within the area. "We still have many plans in the pipeline to focus on the development of our youth," Salman said.

The Scriptwriting Workshop, which took place on Tuesday, June 5, focused on young people between 18 and 22 years.

They were hand-picked to attend the workshop and have shown talent and initiative to become future scriptwriters.

"This is such a powerful medium, it can change your life," Shore said. "Stories are a non-aggressive way to release emotions. You can create order out of disorder, find your truth and get rid of feelings of helplessness while writing."

"If we can inspire only one young person, we've achieved our goal," Amanda Quwe from A.Que Management, who spearheaded this initiative, said. Quwe, who grew up in Ashton, has years of experience in television and modeling

and returned to the area to invest her time in motivating young people.

During the workshop, Shore reiterated that student should not concentrate on the fact that they are from small towns. "Do not underestimate the power of a small town she said. "It is the small towns which deliver the greatest stories.

They are universal and the cultural closeness of a small town adds to the greatness of a story," she added.

The Scriptwriting Workshop was also attended by the Langeberg Municipality's Speaker, Davin Hull, an Councillor Eva Turner.



From left are Speaker Davin Hull, Muvango's head writer, Carol Shore, Councillor Eva Turner, LED Manager Peter Salman and A.Que Management owner Amanda Quwe.

Stray animals

The Municipality regularly receives inquiries and complaints with regard to stray animals. For this reason the Municipality wants to communicate the rights and responsibilities of the owners of animals, landowners with animals and the Municipality as local authority, Section 5B of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act 108 of 1996) places the responsibility to manage a pound for stray animals on the Municipality.

Thus the responsibility to make available a pound for the temporary safe keeping of animals is the responsibility of the Municipality. It does not state that the Municipality is responsible for the transporting of stray animals to the pound. The impounding of animals is the responsibility of the landowner on which property the animal is trespassing, causing disturbance or could be a possible threat.

The landowner may claim any costs involved from the owner of the animal. It is the responsibility of the Municipality to keep the animal in safe keeping until the owner claims the animal and pays the necessary fine.

The landowner may also implement reasonable measures to prevent stray animals from trespassing on the property (example fences). The owner of the animal is responsible to see that all farm animals are marked with an approved mark and that the animals are within a controlled environment.

The owner of the animal can be held responsible for any damage that the animal has caused and could lose ownership thereof if the animal is not marked. It is the responsibility of the South African Police to enforce these laws. Animals often stray onto the side of roads and they are therefore also the responsibility of the owner of the land, which in most cases is the Provincial Road Authority.

Only house pets may be kept in backyards. No farm animals (cows, pigs, horses, donkeys, sheep, goats) may be kept in the municipal area without the consent of the Municipality. The keeping of animals in residential areas could cause possible illnesses transferred from animals to humans, damage to private property, hazards in public roads, and disturbance to other residents.

The owner of the property has the right to protection and such protection is enforced by the South African Police Service. The Municipality is not responsible for the control of animals; therefore the Municipality is not liable for any damages. Should the public experience any problems with stray animals they may contact the South African Police Service (SAPS) who will inform the Municipality should an animal need to be impounded.

Umasipala ufumana imibuzo nezikhazalo rhoqo ngenxa yeziilwanyana eziyabulayo ekuhlaleni. Ngenxa yesosizathu uMasipala ufuna ukwazisa abahlali ngokulindelekileyo kwakunye namalungelo wabantu abafuyileyo, abanini mihlaba abafuyileyo kunye noMasipala.



Izilwanyana eziyabulayo

Isoloty 5B loMgaqo Siseko wase Mzantsi Afrika, 1996 (Umgaqo 108 ka 1996) ubeka uxanduva lokulawula iintlanti zezilwanyana eziyabulayo kuMasipala.

Ngolo hlobo ke uxanduva lwezintlanti sokuvalela ngokwexeshana kwaye ngendlela ekhuselekileyo luxhomekeke kuMasipala. Eli soloty alitsho ukuba uMasipala funeka athwale uxanduva lokuthutha ezizilwanyana ukuzisa kwezintlanti.

Ukuvalelwa kwezilwanyana eziyabulayo kwezintlanti luxanduva lomni mhlaba lowo ziyabula kuwo izilwanyana eziyabulayo, ezidalala umonakalo okanye ezingabanobungozi. Umnikazi mhlaba unegunya lokubanga iindleko zakhe kumnikazi silwanyana. Luxanduva lukaMasipala ukugcina izilwanyana eziyabulayo elugcinweni olukhuselekileyo zide zibe zibangwa nginmikazi wazo, oyakuthi edliwe ngokomiselelo.

Umnikazi mhlaba naye kufuneka aqiniseke ukuba umhlaba wakhe ukhuselekile kwezilwanyana ziyabulayo, (umzekelo, wubiyele umhlaba wakho)

Umnikazi zilwanyana unoxanduva lokuqinisekisa ukuba izilwanyana zakhe ziphawulwe ngophawu olwamkelekileyo yaye izilwanyana zakhe zibiyelwe. Umnini zilwanyana uyakunyanzeleka athwale uxanduva lwawo wonke

umonakalo onokwenziwa zizilwanyana zakhe xa zibanjwe ziyabula yaye angaphulukana nezilwanyana zakhe xa zingaphawulwanga. Amapolisa(SAPS) anoxanduva lokuqinisekisa ukuba le mithetho ilandelwe. Izilwanyana ngamanye amaxesha ziyabulela endleleni xa kunjalo ke ibaluxanduva lwePhondo laseNtshona Koloni njengokuba indlela ezezePhondo.

Zizilwanyana zasekhaya(inja, kati njalo njalo) kuphela emazigcinwe ekuhlaleni. Akukho mintu uvumelekileyo ukuba agcine izilwanyana ekhaya ngaphandle kwemvume kaMasipala ezo zilwanyana ziquka yonke imfuyo eyenye ekuhlaleni (inkomo, gusha, bhokhwe, njalo). Ukugcinwa kwezilwanyana ekuhlaleni kungabangela izifo ebantwini, ukonakaliswa kwempahla, ingozi ezindloleni nophazamiseko kwabanye abantu ekuhlaleni.

Umnikazi mhlaba unelungelo lokhuseleko yaye amaPolisa ngawo anoxanduva lokugcina ucwangco. Ulawulo lwezilwanyana ayiloxanduva lukaMasipala ngako oko akanakusolwa nganto uMasipala xa izilwanyana eziyabulayo zenze umonakalo.

Abahlali xa beneengxaki yeziilwanyana eziyabulayo mabaqhakamshelane namaPolisa(SAPS), ayakuthi azise uMasipala xa kukho isidingo sokuzivalela izilwanyana ezo.

Werkers slyp hul vaardighede



Rd. Barbara Janse

DIE Graham & Rhona Beck Skills Centre het op 13 Junie 'n opleidingsprogram vir huishulpe, skoonmakers en kinderoppassers geloods. Dié geleentheid om huiswerkers met nuwe vaardighede te bemagtig, is deur werkgewers en werknemers bygewoon.

Die uitvoerende burgemeester, rdh. Diana Gagiano, was gasvrou van die geleentheid en rd. Barbara Janse het die

verwelkoming aan die teenwoordiges oorgedra. "As ek in hierdie modules kyk, vertrou ek dat die vaardighede wat tydens hierdie program opgedoen word, nie net 'n voorware toevoeging tot u huishouding sal wees nie, maar dat dit ook in dié van u huishoudster van kardinale belang kan wees."

In die boodskap is die werkgewers bedank vir die belegging wat hulle in die toekoms van hul werknemers maak. Daar is ook klem gelê daarop dat werknemers die geleentheid met albei hande moet aangryp om hulself te verryk en te bemagtig.

Die modules wat aangebied word, sluit in Kommunikasie/ Lewensvaardighede, Telefoon-etiket en Beplanning, Persoonlike Finansies, Veiligheid en Sekuriteit,

Babasorg, TB/MIV, Kinders en Roetines, Skoonmaak/ Stryk, Kosvoorbereiding, Basiese Diensvoorwaardes vir Huishulpe en Sekuriteit en Selfverdediging.

Vir verdere inligting oor die program, bel Mullen Jones by ☎ 023 626 1833 of stuur e-pos na training@skillscentre.co.za.



Die uitvoerende burgemeester rdh. Diana Gagiano, saam met teenwoordiges.

Let's get juicy!

Local children were treated to a sweet but healthy drink recently when the organisers of the 2012 ABSA Cape Epic made available 20 cases of six two-litre boxes of fruit juice each, to be distributed in the Langeberg area.

It was decided to divide the fruit juice between five rural schools one per town according to the number of learners.

In Bonnievale, Maraisdal received 17 litres from Councillor S.W. van Eeden.

In Robertson, Riverside received 12 litres from hton,

Prospect received 47 litres from Councillor J.D.F. van Zyl. In Montagu, Rietvlei 1 received 22 litres from Councillor J. Kriel. And in McGregor, Le Chasseur and Willem Buccholz received 22 litres from Councillor D.A. Hull.



'n Dag op die sportveld

'n Fantastiese gees het verlede Saterdag (23 Junie) by die Callie de Wet-sportstadion geheers toe die departement van kultuursake en sport se jaarlikse provinsiale plaaswerkersportdag met groot opwinding gehou is.

Deelnemers van Eden, die Sentraal-Karoo, Overberg, Kaapse Wynland 1 (Stellenbosch en die Paarl), Kaapse Wynland 2 (Langeberg, Breedevallei en Witzenberg), Onder-Weskus en Bo-Weskus het hier saamgetrek om in rugby, netbal, sokker, domino's en tontrek deel te neem.

Om gees te bou vir die Olimpiese Spele, wat oor 'n

bieljie minder as 'n maand afskop, het 9- tot 14-jarige kinders van Robertsonse plaasskole ook aan 'n pretdraf deelgeneem.

Die opening en verwelkoming is waargeneem deur die speaker van die Langeberg Munisipaliteit, rdl. D. Hull, en dr. Ivan Meyer, Wes-Kaapse minister van kultuursake en sport, het as gasspreker opgetree.

Die fantastiese gees wat geheers het, het bygedra tot die sukses van die dag en die raadslede en amptenare wat die verrigtinge bygewoon het, word bedank vir hul belangstelling en ondersteuning.



Sportdag kinders: Kinders van Robertsonse plaasskole het met 'n pretdrafgees gevang vir die Olimpiese Spele.



Sportdag wynland: Die Kaapse Wynland 2-span, wat die Langeberg, Breedevallei en Witzenberg verteenwoordig het.

Do you know enough?

Do you know enough about TB to help prevent it from spreading? Test yourself with these questions:

True or false?

1. Death rates from TB in the world has remained so high that it has been declared a global health emergency.
2. TB is extremely infectious and can be spread by touching countertops where people with TB have been coughing.
3. The TB disease usually occurs in the lungs, but can occur in any organ in the body.
4. TB can be cured.
5. If you touch the spit on the pavement you may get TB.
6. You can get TB from smoking.
7. About 50% of South African TB patients are co-infected with HIV.
8. Dangerous drug-resistant TB has emerged as a result of non-adherence to treatment.
9. Good ventilation and coughing into your elbow are some of the things one can do to prevent the TB germ from being passed on to others.
10. To be able to cure TB, all patients have to take their treatment for at least six months.



Answers:

1. True. In 2009 there were 9 million new cases and approximately 1,7 million deaths from TB in the world. The World Health Organisation estimates that there are 14 million people living with TB.
2. False. TB is extremely infectious, but is an airborne germ and can only be spread by inhaling the TB germ where someone with TB has coughed.
3. True
4. True
5. False. TB is only spread by inhalation of the droplets containing the TB germ.
6. False. Smoking can make it easier for a person to get TB, though.
7. False. About 70% of South African TB patients are co-infected with HIV. HIV, by suppressing the immune system, is the single most important factor in the rising incidence of TB in Africa.
8. True. If treatment is not taken on a regular basis until completion, the TB germ becomes "clever" and the treatment has no effect and MDR (multi-drug resistant) TB becomes very difficult to treat.
9. True
10. True. Patients who are being treated for the second time will have to take their treatment for eight months and MDR TB patients for longer, but all first-time TB patients will have to take it for at least six months.

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