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Vision statement

"We the Bafokeng Nation, the Supreme Council and Kgosi, are determined to develop ourselves to be a self-sufficient Nation by the second decade of the 21st century."

Mission statement

"We give our full and relentless commitment to provide our nation with all basic human needs. To provide continued promotion of respect and enhancement of our culture and economic self-sufficiency. In all these endeavours we shall not falter in holding our respect to our Kgosi and the Nation, and hold dear our land."



Dr Elmie Castleman

The RBN Project Management Office is already two years down transformation lane, which is impacting the whole RBN. The aim of the transformation is to convert RBN to a project and programme management approach that increases efficiency and effectiveness.

The RBN PMO is also aligned with the strategy of meeting the needs of *Morafe* through monitoring the progress, cost and quality of projects and programmes implemented by RBN agencies.

PMO gives the leaders, community and managers in the RBN access to various levels of project and programme information.

Since PMO inception we have gone through a steep growing curve!

The Operations Room established its own dedicated website (www.rbnoperationsroom.com) to enable users to access information easily over the internet.

PMO follows the global trend of a virtual office environment. There is also a physical Operations Room inside the Civic Centre, where managers host project related meetings with access to information on all registered projects and programmes – this ensures a paperless meeting environment.

At the end of September 2011, **54 projects** were registered and active. A total of 162 registered projects were completed.

There were also **54 programmes** registered and active. We also increased public awareness of projects through the ability to send out SMS communication to all those registered in our database.

External interest in our systems and model is on the increase, which is evident from the website visitors (currently we stand on 1738 visits per month from 46 countries) and visits to the Operation Room.

Please stay involved and help us grow our success as an organisation.

Enjoy Reading!

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Morafe o neelwa pegelo ya matlole

Ka Minah Huma

E setse e le ngwaga wa borataro ka tatelano, RBN le makalana a yona a fitlhelela pegelo ya boruni e e phepa fa e sale go tloga ka ngwaga wa 2005.

Seno se tlhageletse mo pegelong ya matlole, eo e dirilweng kwa kopanong ya kgothakgothe ya Morafe ka Lamatlhatso, 22 Diphallane, kwa Bafokeng Civic Centre.

Matlole a a runilweng a ngwaga o o fetileng, go akaretsa le dipegelo ka mananeo le diprojeke tse di weditsweng go ya ka dintlha di le robongwe tse di botlhokwa tsa Morafe, di tshagiseditswe Morafe ke Makhanselara Mathapelo Pitsoe le Papi Rangwaga.

Dintlha tsa botlhokwa tsa Morafe ke thuto, pholo le tlhabololo ya loago, Ditirelo tsa Morafe, Metshameko, tshireletsego le Pabalesego, Tlhabololo ya lkonomi, Tlhokomelo ya tikologo le tiriso ya lefatshe, Histori le Ngwao boswa ga mmogo le Tshireletso ya Dijo.

Mo pegelong ya mananeo le tiragatso ya mafapha, e e dirilweng ke Mokhanselara Papi Rangwaga, go bonagetse fa mafapha a kgonne go fitlhelela maikaelelo a ona, a go isa ditirelo kwa morafeng.

Dingwe tsa diprojeke tse di weditsweng ka katlego, di akaretsa kago ya sekolo sa Lebone, se se

jeleng dimilione di le R204.78, go wediwa ga dipaakanyo tsa dikliniki tsa Kanana le Mfidikwe ga mmogo le kago ya senthara ya ditirelo tsa pholo tsa tshoganyetso ka dimilione di le R15.264.

Mo go tsa metshameko, katlego e kgolo e nnile go tshwarwa ga metshameko ya sejana sa lefatshe sa kgwele ya dinao, kago ya tikatikwe ya metshameko, hotele ya manobonobo ya Marang, gammogo le dipaakanyo tsa setadiamo, seo se kgonneng go tshwara metshameko e le merataro ya sejana sa lefatshe.

Go ya ka tekanyetso kabo ya ngogola, dintlha tsa botlhokwa di le tharo e leng; thuto (38%), pholo le tlhabololo ya loago (13%) ga mmogo le Ditirelo tsa Morafe (12%) ke tsona tse di neng di tserere 63% ya palogotlhe ya R90.1 milione ya tekanyetso kabo ya RBN.

Go bonala kopano e fitlheetse maikaelelo a yona ka fa baagi ba itumeletse diphitlhelelo tsa mafapha le ditheo ka go farologana. Bangwe ba baagi ba kaile gore pegelo e ne e le kgotsofatsang e bile e solofetsa, segolobogolo ka tiriso ya matloe e bontsha e le phepa go ya ka baruni.

Le fa gona pegelo e amogetswe ka matsogo a mabedi, bangwe ba baagi ba kaile fa go sa ntse go nale go gontsi go go tshwanelwang ke



Clr Papi Rangwaga

go dirwa go tokafatsa maphelo a bona. Bangwe ba ne ba lela ka gore ditirelo di tshwana le mabone a mebila, ditsela, le tlhokego ya ditiro tse ba reng, e santse e le kgwetlho mo baaging.

Mme mongwe o ikuetse mo lefapheng la pholo le tlhabololo ya loago gore, ba tokafatse ditirelo tsa tlhokomelo ya bagodi go thibela go sotliwa ga bona.

Mo tsibogong ya bona, ditlhogo tsa mafapha a a farologaneng le ditheo tsa morafe di netefaditse fa di tla ela tlhoko ditshwaeleo le dingongorego tsa baagi, e le go tsweletsa go tokafatsa ditirelo tse di botlhokwa tsa morafe.

Kopano e ne e tlhologetsewe ke baagi go tswa mo metseng yotlhe ya sefokeng, bana le bagodi bao ban eng ba balelwa go dikete di feta tse tharo.

Kwa bofelong, kgotlakgolo ya RBN kgotsa Supreme Council, eo e leng yona e rweleng maikarabelo a go rulaganya le go netefatsa tlhagiso ya pegelo ya matlole ngwaga le ngwaga, e tla ya malatsing a boikhutso e kgotsofaletse tiro ya bona ya ngwaga, le gore bona mmogo le maloko a khansela ya morafe, ba dirile ka natla go netefatsa fa go latelwa melawana e e sa gobeleteng ya go tshagisa pegelo le go ela tlhoko tiro ya baruni ba legae.

RBN asset value increases, profit drops

The Royal Bafokeng Nation has accumulated assets worth R50.1billion from a mere R9.1billion in 2006.

This is according to the latest audited financial report presented to Morafe at a recent Kgothakgothe.

The report however paints a bleak picture on profits which have dropped to R4.7billion in 2010 from R6.9billion recorded in 2009. This is however a good sign of recovery from a loss of R1.4billion experienced in 2008.

The total asset value was boosted by among others, the listing of Royal Bafokeng Platinum Ltd on the JSE. In 2010 the RBN became the majority owner and operator of the Bafokeng Rasimone Platinum Mine.

RBN also increased its stake in Zurich Insurance Company from 10% to 25.1%. Zurich is the third-largest short-term insurer in South Africa.

The JSE-listed company provides short-term insurance products in both the domestic and commercial markets, transacting all classes of short-term insurance.

The RBN also acquired the 10% stake in Atterbury Investment Holdings. Atterbury focuses on two key areas, property and investment.

A 31.6% stake was acquired in the Eris Property Fund. Eris Property Group (Pty) Ltd (Eris) is also a property development and services group which provides a range of commercial property skills in the South African and sub-Saharan African markets.

RBN also acquired 5% of the Rand Merchant Bank. Rand Merchant Bank is a division of FirstRand Bank Limited, which is wholly owned by JSE-listed FirstRand Limited.

FirstRand provides banking and insurance products and services to retail, commercial, corporate and public sector customers in South Africa and several African countries. First National Bank and Wesbank are also divisions of FirstRand.

The acquisition of stakes in these significant and meaningful companies had led to a 147% increase in the consolidated revenue from R3.8b in 31 December 2006 to R9.4b in December 2010.



Clr Mmathapelo Pitsoe presented the financial report

Summary of the Audited Financial Statement

- Group **assets** increased by 46% from R34.2 billion to R50.1 billion from December 2009 to 2010;
 - This was largely caused by:
 - The control and listing of BRPM Joint venture during October 2010, and
 - The accounting value of Implats increased by about 15% when compared to same period in 2009.
- Group **reserves** (net asset value) increased by 62% from R18.4 billion to R29.8 billion in line with asset growth;
- It is worth noting further that whilst there a decline in 2008 as a result of the financial crisis, the total reserves increased by a cumulative 282% from 2006 to 2010;
- The conversion of future royalties from Implats into equity is the largest contributor to this cumulative growth.
- Revenue includes all the income generated in the ordinary course of operating a business including those of investee companies;
- The acquisition of an increased interest in BRPM contributed largely to a 15% increase in **revenue** from R8.2 billion to R9.4 billion; and
- An increase of 147% was recorded when comparing 2010 to 2006 financial years.
- There was a decline in **net profit** of about 32% from R6.9billion to R4.7billion;
- There was a significant recovery of the 2008 drop in market values by about R5.1billion in during 2009;
- This compares to a recovery of only R132 million during the 2010 financial year.

Emergency Medical and Rescue Services during the Holidays



With the festive season just around the corner, RBN's Emergency Medical and Rescue Services (EMRS) is preparing itself to meet the high demand for accident and emergency medical rescue services.

The implementation of the December readiness plan will start from the beginning of December and run through to the first two weeks in the New Year.

"That to ensure that we render a much needed service and deal with the many calls which we receive during this busiest time of the year, all operational members of the EMS will be on duty throughout the festive season" explains Michel Kops EMRS Manager.

"Our call centre receives a vast number of emergency medical calls, which are promptly despatched to the relevant Ambulances.

Emergency Vehicles:

We will be operating with four Ambulances per shift over the

**In case of an
emergency
residents can
contact us on:
014 566 7017
072 499 2839
And
112
from any cell phone**

festive season and satellite/standby points will be covered on a daily basis.

The standby points are Boshhoek and the R565 main road through Phokeng towards Sun City.

A Medical Rescue Vehicle will be roving with a full set of "Jaws Of Life" Rescue tools to be used to free anyone trapped in a vehicle at an accident scene.

The standby areas and times are as follows:

Rietvlei and Boshhoek
Morning 07h00 to 09h00
Daily for the festive season
Afternoon 15h00 to 18h30

Emergency Medical Rescue Services Satellite Stations:

Kanana Clinic
The Ambulance stationed here will be servicing the community within the surrounding villages of the Bafokeng. This Ambulance will be based at the clinic on a 24 hour basis.

Chaneng Clinic
The Ambulance stationed here will be servicing the community within the surrounding villages of Royal Bafokeng.

This Ambulance will be based at the clinic on a 24 hour basis.

"While the department is ready to handle the needs of any emergencies, we encourage the residents to take necessary precautions to avoid accidents."

Everyone is the Age of their Heart

By Patience Sikwane

The RBN Health and Social Development Services in partnership with Royal Bafokeng Sports celebrated the elderly month with our senior citizens.

The department staged a soccer tournament sponsored by Xstrata Merafe, Siyakhula Trust, Royal Marang Hotel and Platinum Stars to acknowledge the elderly for their invaluable contribution to nation building.



Tsitsing stadium was filled with the trumpeting sounds of vuvuzelas on Friday 28 October, with the elderly people showcasing their football skills.

The senior citizens were organized into four football teams, with 25 players and two technical assistants from RBS.

In addition to coordinating all the Aged soccer teams, RBS offered their expertise in terms of

technical support, coaching and training. In total there are five teams but only three comprising of women aged between 60 and 70 took part in the tournament.

The teams from Phokeng, Tsitsing, Luka and Tantanana, were on top form as they provided the spectators with entertainment and good soccer.

The teams were allocated 50 minutes a game and neither their age nor the blazing heat deterred them from playing to the end.



After six hours of entertaining soccer games, Luka team took home the first ever cup of Bafokeng Aged soccer tournament after beating Tsitsing 5/4 in the finals. Other results, Tsitsing walloped Phokeng 6/0 and Luka beat Phokeng 2/0.

To align with National programmes for the elderly, RBA Health and Social development has developed Care for the Aged programme. Mamakie Mothiba, Manager HSDS, said the

programme was introduced to address the needs of older persons, celebrate their role in the society, and as an opportunity to lift many of them out of poverty and ensure their rights to dignified, productive, and healthy lives.

She said the tournament was a launch of South African National game and leisure (SANGALALA) a government initiative that promotes active ageing.



“Participation of our senior citizens in physical activity encourages good health, as well as bringing them together”, said Mamakie.

Mothiba appealed to the community to look out for the elderly and not isolate them from the society “Elderly people are a fountain of wisdom and we need to celebrate them for their invaluable contribution in the society”, she concluded.

Baagi ba tlhatlhelelwa ka mekgwa e e botoka ya phepo

Ka Patience Sikwane



Mekgwa e e sa siamang ya pholo le go ja dijo tse di sa lekanang di golaganngwa le mekgwa e e bokoa ya phepo.

Phepelotlase e bakiwa segolobogolo ke dijo tse di se nang dikotla ga mmogo le go tlhoka kitso le tshedimotsetso ka dijo tse di siameng le tlhalelo ya ditirelo tsa pholo.

Go samagana le bothata jo, lefapha la pholo le tlhabololo ya loago la RBN, le tlhodile lenaneo le le bidiwang HERB, (Health Education for Royal Bafokeng) go ruta baagi ka mekgwa e e botoka ya phepo. Erile fa kgwedi ya Lwetse e ne e roga, lefapha le patilwe ke baithuti

ba unibesithi ya Pretoria, ba ne ba tswetsa letsholo la bona la HERB, go ruta baagi le bana ba dikolo ka mekgwa e e siameng ya phepo.

Letsholo le simolotse kwa sekolong se se potlana sa Serutube mme la tswelela kwa dikolong tsa Vuka le Tlapa mme la wediwa kwa Tlaseng le Bobuampya.

Baagi ba ne ba itumelela dithuto tsa pholo tseo di akareditseng go simolola ditshingwana tsa merogo le melemo (*herbs*).

Baagi ba ne gape ba rotloediwa go dira ditshingwana tse mo magaeng a bona e seng fela gore di felele mo dikolong.

HERB ke lenaneo la thuto e gatelelang botlhokwa ba kitso le mekgwa ya pholo mo dikolong le mo morafeng, leo le simolotse ka 2005.

Maikaelelo magolo a lona ke go rotloetsa batho go dirisa mekgwa e e farologaneng go lwantsa tla, go thibela malwetse le go rotloetsa bophelo jo bo botoka.

Motsamaisi wa lenaneo le Mme Jeanette Sebopedi, a re dijo tse di senang dikotla di ka baka mathata a magolo a pholo mme jaaka lefapha, ba dira ka natla go thusa baagi go efoga malwetse a a bakiwang ke phepele tase le go tokafatsa mekgwa ya phepo.

Projeke e, e dirwa ka tshwaraganelo le University ya Pretoria le bookelo ba Ferncrest. Baithuti le batlhatlheledi ba arogana kitso ya bona ya tsa pholo, lefapha le netefatsa gore ditlamelo tse di jaaka lefatshe di teng, fa sepetelele sa Ferncrest sona se tlamela ka senamelwa sa go tsamaisa ba tsaya karolo.

Mme Sebopedi o rotleditse baagi go tswetsa thuto e ba e boneng, go tokafatsa maphelo a bona.

A re ba ka itumela thata go bona ntlo nngwe le nngwe, e na le tshingwana ya merogo mme baagi ba kgona go iphepa le go fepa ba bangwe.

Itse tsamaiso ya Morafe

Dibuka tsa ikwadiso tsa makgotla

Ka Kgosana Joseph Rapetsana

Kitso ka tsamaiso ya morafe e botlhokwa thata, e seng fela mo boeteleding pele, mme le mo go wena o le leloko la morafe.

Go tloga ga jaana, re tla nna re ntse re lebelela dilo tsa botlhokwa mo tsamaisong ya rona ya morafe, mme re ka rata thata fa o ka tsaya karolo ka go ikamaganya le melao le tsamaiso ya rona.

Ga jaana re tla lebelela botlhokwa ba ikwadiso le mefuta ya dibuka tseo re ikwadisang mo go tsona.

Dibukana tsa ikwadiso di botlhokwa thata mo tsamaisong ya morafe wa rona wa Bafokeng, ka di re thusa ka tshedimosetso e e tlhokegang go loga maano le go dira dithulaganyo tse di maleba tsa tsamaiso.

Mongwe le mongwe yo e leng leloko la morafe, o tshwanelwa ke go netefatsa fa a ikwadisa mo lekgotleng la gagwe.

Re na le mefuta e le mmalwa ya dibuka tse, tseo re rotloetsang botlhe go ikwadisa mo go tsona ntle le tuelo epe.

Mosola wa go ikwadisa

Dipalopalo tsotlhe tsere di kokoanyang, dibotlhokwa jaaka motswedi wa tshedimosetso o o thusang thata mo tsamaisong.

Ka tshedimosetso e, re kgona go rulaganya le go aba matlole mo dilong di tshwana le, thuto, boitekanelo, kabo ya metsi, tlhabololo ya loago le tse dingwe.



Ikwadiso e tswela le wena o le moagi mosola thata, sekai, fa go nna le ditšhono tsa go reka diabo mo dikhamphaning tsa morafe.

Bafokeng botlhe ba ba tlhagelelang mo dibukeng tsa morafe, ke bona ba fiwang tshono.

Go ya pele, bangwe ba tsoga ba tlhoka go batlisisa tshedimosetso ka bagolwagolwane ba bona e le go tlhaloganya semelo sa bona, le gore ke bomang ba tswa kae.

Ditlamorago tsa go sa ikwadise
Go ya ka tsamaiso ya rona, ga

gona setsha se se abelwang ope yo sa itsiweng mo lekgotleng.

Tota le lona lebitla, ga le epelwe ope yo lekgotla le sa mo itseng momotseng.

Pele o ka bona setsha kgotsa wa fiwa tetla ya go epelwa lebitla, o tshwanelwa ke gore o bo o tlhagelela mo dibukeng tsa rona tsa makgotla, ka jalo go sa ikwadiseng, go bakela wena mathata.

Dingwe tsa ditirelo di tshwana le dibasari, le tsona ke tseo di tlhokang gore pele o ka e abelwa, o bo o le teng mo dibukeng tsa lekgotla.

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DIKOPO TSA DITSHA

**Fa o rata go kopa setsha, ikgolaganye le lefapha ka malatsi a latelang:
Monday and Wednesday
Nako: 08h00 to 17h00**

O tlhoka eng?
Lekwalo la Kgosana
Lekwalo la tshwetso ya kgoro
Lekwalo la lenyalo (fa o nyetse)
Lekwalo itshupo (ID Document)

O duela bokae?
Madi a setsha ke R250.00
Tshedimosetso go ya pele o ka e bona mo:

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**Mefuta ya Dibuka tsa Ikwadiso
Registara e kgolo**

E ke buka e kgolo eo go kwadisiwang maloko a ntlwana ngwe le ngwe ka fa tlase ga lekgotla, ka maikaelelo a go fitlhelela palo yotlhe ya maloko a lekgotla le morafe ka kakaretso.

- Mongwe le mongwe o tshwanelwa ke go itlhagisa kwa kopanong ya lekgotla go netefatsa fa a kwadisitswe le go saenela registara ka boene.
- Bana ba ba ka fa tlase ga dingwaga di le 18 ba kwadisiwa le go saenelwa ke batsadi.
- Ga go ope yo o letleletsweng go saenela yo mongwe ntle fela le fa a le dingwaga tse di kwa tlase ga 18.
- Kwadiso e dirwa kwa lekgotleng, mme e seng kwa lapeng la kgosana kgotsa mokhudithamaga.

Buka e thusa go tlhagisa tshedimosetso ka dipalopalo tsa morafe mo metseng yotlhe ya sefokeng, gammogo le dingwaga kgotsa bona bong.

Buka ya Matsalo

Kwadiso ya matsalo ke nngwe ya dintlha tsa botlhokwa thata, eo e amogelwang mo dinageng tsotlhe.

Ka tsamaiso ya rona, buka e, e tlhagisa palo ya bana ba ba tsalwang ka ngwaga, bong jwa bona le dipalo tse di bontshang kgolo ya lekgotla le morafe ka kakaretso.

Go kwadisa o tlhoka lekwalo la matsalo mme ga o duele sepe.

Buka ya Dintsho

Fela jaaka matsalo, go botlhokwa go nna le registara ya dintsho.

Fa motho a tlhokafala, o tlogela kwa morago boswa le ba lesika.

Kwadiso ya loso e bontsha bokhutlo jwa loeto la motho mo lefatsheng mme go a tlhokega go tlhagisa rekoto ya gagwe.

Tshedimosetso ya teng e re thusa go tlhagisa sebako sa dintsho, seo e ka reng fa go tlhokega ga dirwa dithulaganyo tse di maleba tsa go samagana le sebako sa dintsho tsa mofuta oo.

E thusa gape go bontsha gore maloko a lekgotla a fokotsega ka palo e e kana kang.

Buka ya Manyalo

Kwadiso ya manyalo le yona e botlhokwa mo tsamaisong le thulaganyo ya morafe.

Ka segarona, moeng mongwe le mongwe o a begwa mo motseng, ka jalo go a tlhokega gore a itsiwe gore ke mang, o tswa kae kgotsa o

nyalwa kae.

Monna kgotsa mosadi fa nyala kgotsa a nyalwa, lekgotla le tshwanelwa ke go begelwa.

Se se thusa gape go bontsha kgolo ya maloko a morafe.

Buka ya Tlhalo

Fela jaaka manyalo a kwadisiwa, dikgetse tsa tlhalano le tsona di tshwanelwa ke go kwadisiwa go thusa ka dipalopalo, le gore fa o rata go boela mo lekgotleng la gago, o kgone go amogelwa.

Go dira se, o tlhoka go tlisa lekwalo la gago la tlhalano, leo ntle le lona, o ka se kang wa kwadisiwa mo kgotleng epe.

Jaaka moagi yo o nang le maikarabelo, tsaya karolo, o ikwadise, mmogo re netefatse tsamaiso e e maleba ya morafe le go sireletsa boswa jwa rona.



Making a Difference in Cleaning up the Environment

By Reotshepile Tlhapane

Lebogang Ramorwa won an award at TEDCOR's Annual Community Contractor's Awards, held in Sandton, Johannesburg on 16 September.

The Community Contractor's Awards recognise contractors who have achieved excellence in delivery service to their communities.

Ramorwa was awarded with a trophy for his commitment and best results achieved during the Quality Management Survey, conducted earlier this year for the Royal Bafokeng Community Contractors.

He consistently went to extraordinary lengths to ensure that the region was cleared of refuse, making it a healthier and a more aesthetic environment in which to live. He makes sure that on collection days everyone's refuse is removed and recycled quickly and efficiently. His duties span a multitude of activities that include door-to-door collection services, removal of illegal dumping, street cleaning and litter picking.

In receiving the award on behalf of the company, Ramorwa said the award is just the start of great things to come as they intend to work even harder to earn more national awards. "We've done a lot



Lucain Paulik, Muntingh Venter, Lebogang Ramorwa, Rodney Marx and Reotshepile Tlhapane

to get where we are today; we put great effort into this work.

"I've always wanted to be the best contractor and now I can see that our efforts are paying off", he said.

Ramorwa encouraged other local contractors involved in this waste management programme to pull up their socks and work harder, saying that this is the only way they can all compete in the national competitions.

He added that waste has negative impact on the environment, whether it's in the form of unsightly litter in streets or contaminated water.

He called on community members to try and minimize the impact of waste by not throwing trash everywhere and disposing waste in correct manner. He did, however, say that he is impressed with the cooperation they have received from the community, many of whom do their best to separate waste at source.

Tedcor's executive director, Victor

Nemukula says that the success of sustainable waste management lies in reducing the amount of waste that ends up in landfills.

There are presently over 1200 such sites in the country all of which are reaching their capacity.

"Reducing the amount of waste that goes into these sites can be achieved by efficient management, waste processing and recycling. Of course, sorting at source is incumbent on communities taking responsibility for recycling their waste. Royal Bafokeng is a shining example of this and the results speak for themselves", he said.

Over the last six years, Ramorwa's company Mamorara Landscaping has steadily grown from being just landscaping and garden service provider to incorporate refuse collection within the Bafokeng and the Mining area.

His wish is for the community to start taking the responsibility of paying for the waste collection service they receive in order to sustain the service.

Waste collection helps maintain clean and healthy environment

By Minah Huma

A year has passed since Royal Bafokeng Nation started operating a waste collection and disposal system serving approximately 20 000 households in the area.

RBN invested in this waste collection programme to ensure a clean and healthy environment for the community.

The system which integrates waste reduction, collection, transport, storage, treatment and disposal or recycling was implemented and the community is starting to enjoy its benefits.

Reotshepile Tlhapane, Manager of Environment, said participation in the service has improved but they are still encouraging communities to dispose of their waste in a responsible manner.

"Avoid burning of general and garden waste as it has a negative impact on the environment. This often leads to bushfires which destroy valuable grazing for livestock", she said.

As part of its education and awareness programme, the department has distributed pamphlets that guide the communities how to sort their waste at the source to reduce the amount of waste in the landfill.

"If we recycle as much as possible we can reduce the amount of waste going into the landfill which will expand the life span of the landfill and reduce the impact on the environment".

In addition to the three trucks that are collecting waste within the villages, Tlhapane said they have added two skip trucks to collect waste from the 21 skip bins distributed around the villages in which community members can place any waste that cannot be included in their plastic bags.

She said that the types of waste that should be placed in these skips are garden waste and building rubble and that no food, or dead animals should be placed inside the bins.

She also appealed to the

members of the community not make fires in the skips as this will damage them.

To further ensure the success of the programme, the department will embark on phase II of the programme which involves training, expected to be up and running in the first quarter of 2012.

Tlhapane said since they realize the importance of community involvement, members of the community, will be invited, through *makgotla*, to take part in the training which will be conducted in conjunction with Tedcor, a Waste Management Company, contracted to assist in the collection of household waste and training of local contractors.

As Royal Bafokeng Administration is doing all that it can to keep Bafokeng villages clean, healthy and neat, it is important for every member of the community to participate by helping to keep their environment clean, concluded Tlhapane.



Royal Bafokeng Youth Choir takes its first trip outside Phokeng



The Choir which was officially launched in 2011, took its members on a successful week-long tour of the Drakensburg, giving performances in various areas and ending off the week with a team building session.

Formed by Gareth Dry of Lebone II College of the Royal Bafokeng, and Unathi Mtirara of Opera South Africa, the choir left Phokeng on Monday 26 September and headed straight for the "BURG" as people affectionately call it.

Their first stop was at the Drakensburg Boys Choir School where Gareth Dry, Lebone Choir Master, was a former student.

"We felt that this could be the best place to take the choir and expose them to what is known to be the best of choral singing not only in South Africa but the world.

The Drakensburg Boys Choir is known for their excellence in

teaching and singing and when we made a call to them and expressed our wish to visit the area, they opened their doors for us with happiness and allowed us to make use of their facilities", said Unathi Mtirara.

The first performance was at Monk's Cowl Country Club where the choir was greeted by a smallish number of people in the auditorium.

Mtirara said this was not a surprise as they were an unknown choir compared to the popular sounds of the mighty Drakensburg Boys choir that people know and love.

This however, did not discourage the choir and they gave an outstanding performance.

Having given such an impressive performance, the subsequent scheduled concerts attracted even more people.

"Surely the people who attended

the first performance called the rest of the village because we saw the next performance at Drakensburg Sun filling up with people who were at the first concert and they brought along family members to listen to this choir from Phokeng, the same with the third and fourth performance". Mtirara said.

It looks like the local people couldn't get enough of the choir's performance as another request came for the choir to perform at one of the local schools, Meadowsweet Combined School.

The tour ended with a master class conducted by Maestro Bunny Ashley-Botha, who focused on the dynamics of singing and took the choir through vocal exercises, techniques of warming up before performing and many more music related tricks.

The choir returned home after an unforgettable experience and it's all thanks to the generous sponsorship from Royal Bafokeng Holdings.

TSHWARELO



Mo kgatisong e e fetileng re dirile phoso ka gore Mme yo ke Mme Mapule Mokue, fela leina la gagwe tota ke **Mme Dorothy Segoe**.
Tshwarelo Mma.

Sharing skills, talent and love of dance with others

By *Patience Sikwane*



Arts and cultural activities are critical in the pursuit of local and economic development of communities.

Many people find employment in the creation, production marketing and teaching of arts.

Lameck Ratsie, who hails from Dithabaneng section of Phokeng, is one of many artist, involved in talent development in Bafokeng.

Ratsie has a history in the professional performing industry as a dancer, choreographer and a coach. His work involves talent scouting.

He is always in search of individuals who are talented in a variety of fields which include dancing, modeling, acting, singing, and others.

His company, Countless Production CC offers practical training in dance, music, acting and presenting in partnership with an accredited institution in the field, Ekasitainment.

When asked about the arts in the country he said, "The arts industry is not an easy one to penetrate but through my contacts across the country I'm able to place my students in related jobs".

"I wish arts could be given priority like sports in our nation. I have realized that we can make a difference in our community and in our lives if we can be given a chance like other codes and sectors. There is talent in our nation and it can rock the world so

hard, I am saying this from experience. Only a few locals know that , countries like China, England, Brazil, Britain, Europe, Belgium, Switzerland and Austria know and have witnessed what I am taking about".

Ratsie started his small dance group in 2002 by developing some young, potential artists. He has inspired them to sustain their talents in dance, music and acting; he identified lots of community talents and opened opportunities in showbiz industry.

Locally, Ratsie has developed 15 youth who are involved in international programmes and already participated in dance and drama at the world Gymnaestrada in Austria and Switzerland.

His dancers did a music video with Sabina from United Kingdom as well as other well known local musicians.

Ratsie has worked with many local stars and professionals in the arts industry.

He was also nominated to choreograph the North West Team which participated in the International gymnestrada festival in July this year.

Despite the difficulty in entering the arts industry, Ratsie is determined to continue sharing his skills, talent and love for dance.

His wealth of experience will hopefully become an inspiration to many young people.

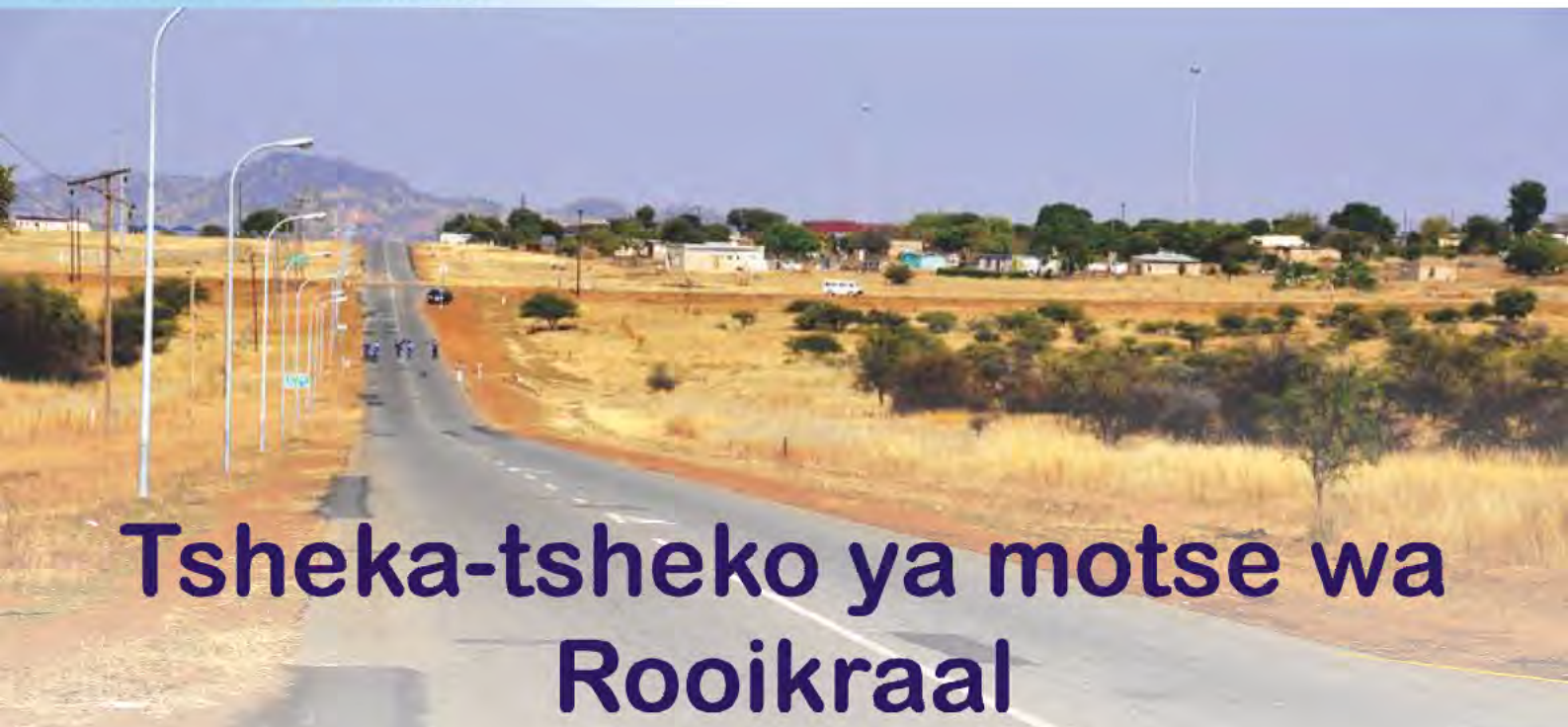
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Ka Mercy Mokgatle

Rooikraal kwa Maile ke motse o o fitlhelwang dikilometara di le 21 go ya kwa botlhaba jwa Phokeng, mme o ikadile mo lefelong la dihektara di le 21.

Go ya ka dipego, lefelo leno le bone leina la lona go tswa mo nokeng e e neng e bidiwa Roetekraal e e tswang kwa Diepkuil.

Bagolwagolwane ba baagi ba lefelo leno, e ne e le badiri kwa meepong, mme ba tswa kwa Tweerivier. Ba iteleketse kwa tulong ya Rooikraal ka dingwaga tsa bo 1924.

Kgosana le Dikutle:

Kgosana Thabo Mosito o eteletse pele baagi ba Rooikraal ka fa tlase ga dikutle di le thataro, e eleng baaMosito, Nkotsi wa ntlha le wa bobedi, baaKgeme, Tshoma le Kwele.

Ditirelo:

Ka kwantle ga motse o, go na le tsela kgolo e e golaganyang lefelo leno le mafelo a mangwe. Le fa go ntse jalo go lebega fa go santse go

tlhokega ditsela tse dingwe mo gare ga motse le dipone tsa mo mebileng. Ntlha e e leng ya botlhokwa kwa lefelong le, ke tlhokego ya dipeipi tsa kgelelo ya leswe.

Ditirelo tse di tsenyang letseno:

Bontsi jwa baagi bo na le tseno ka go dira kwa meepong, Sun City, Rustenburg, Monakato le Mogwase.

Le fa gontse jalo go basha ba ba itirelang kgwebo ya go duba marotho, go dira ditena le go roka. Kgwebo eno e leng Mphe Bophelo, e thusa basha bano ka letseno le ba ka iphedisang ka lona, le malapa a bona.

Thuto:

Go sekolo potlana se le sengwe fela kwa lefelong le, Mmorogong, moo bana ba kwa motseng ono ba iponelang thuto teng. Dikolo tsa mephato e e mo magareng le e e kwa godingwana di bonwa kwa Tsitsing.

Tsa Pholo le Boitekanelo:

Baagi ba motse o, ba bona

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Tshireletsego:

Botlhoko-tsebe bo bo diragalang ka bontsi kwa motseng wa Rooikraal ke bogodu jwa leruo, leo ka dinako di le dintsi, le sa boeleng kwa moruing wa lona.

Mofuta o mongwe wa botlhoko-tsebe o o tshwentseng baagi ke bogodu jwa ditshipi tse di sireletsang mabitla a baswi.

Fela jaaka kwa mafelong a mangwe *domestic violence* le yona e ntse tlhagelela kwa godimo ga matsapa otlhe a botlhoko-tsebe.

Bolemi:

Bontlha-bongwe jwa baagi bo iphedisa ka go jala merogo le maungo mo malapeng mme seno se thusa malapa ano go fokotsa tlhokego ya go reka dijo tseno kwa marekelong.



LEBONE II

College of the Royal Bafokeng

LEBONE II – COLLEGE OF THE ROYAL BAFOKENG PRESENTS THE LEBONE II SPRING MUSIC PICNIC

Bring your family, friends and a picnic basket and join us for a wonderful evening's entertainment in the magnificent Lebone II Amphitheatre. Be entertained by the Lebone II College Choir, The Royal Bafokeng Youth Choir, The Hoërskool Rustenburg Choir, The Rustenburg Noord Choir as well as the Lebone II Junior Choirs, Marimba Band, Junior Orchestra, Senior Band, Dancers as well as various instrumental and vocal soloists.
Proceeds go to the Rustenburg SPCA.

DATE: Friday 11th November

TIME: 6pm (Gates open at 5pm)

VENUE: Lebone II – College of the Royal Bafokeng Amphitheatre

TICKETS: R50 adults; R30 children under 18;

Children under 3 are free. No pre-bookings.

All tickets sold on the night.

CATERING: You are welcome to bring your own picnic baskets

(Strictly no alcohol, please! Lebone II reserves the right to search patrons on entrance.)

Picnic hampers will be sold at the school and prices range from R30 to R80. The hampers will be limited so it will work on a first come, first serve basis. A tuck shop will also be available.

BONUS! Apart from the above-mentioned entertainment, your ticket also gets you automatic entrance into various lucky draws during the evening. The main prizes of the lucky draw are 2 nights at the 5 star Royal Marang Hotel or 2 nights at the 4 star Feathered Nest Guest Lodge.

For more information email Mr Gareth Dry at GARETHDRY@LEBONECOLLEGE.CO.ZA

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The Royal Bafokeng Administration has set up a Call Centre to receive the emergency reports on the following:

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- Electricity faults
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- Fire to buildings
- Crime
- Land invasion (squatting)
- Storms
- Veld fires
- Emergencies at schools

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The world in a State of an Economic Revolution

By Brian Paseka Phiri

The world in a state of an economic revolution, I can't help but wonder how we are ever going to overcome the contagious current economic decline that seems to be plaguing the economies of the world.

In this last month we saw a big march of young people to the chamber of mines, the Johannesburg stock exchange and the Union buildings.

This was an effort on the part of young people to voice their discontent at the nation's current socio-economic imbalance and escalating youth unemployment figures.

Politics aside, I believe this was a genuine march by young people to address issues concerning young people and this does not necessarily mean that they affiliate with the political party at the fore of the demonstrations.

I am of course taking into account that this is a global/world economic uprising that has largely

been fuelled by the Wall Street protests.

The revolution is arguably said to have started right here in Africa (Egypt), gained momentum and then spread out to the rest of the world.

Crashing world markets and the depreciation of currencies resulting in people losing their life's savings, jobs and homes, are a clear indication that this unrest was bound to happen.

Vast accumulations of wealth by private corporations and the retrenchment of workers are also some of the reasons that have led to these global mass actions.

CEOs and shareholders are cashing in on good returns and bonuses; workers' wages on the other hand have either remained unchanged or dropped significantly.

I believe this is the widening gap between the rich and poor that is often referred to by analysts.

The Textile workers union's

(SACTWU) new minimum wage deal with the textiles industry is justified by its endorsers as saying it will reduce further job losses and lower the cost of hiring new workers.

- To who's benefit if I may ask?
- What happened to "decent job creation for all?"

The platform is now set for us young people to start engaging on matters concerning the future of our economic well-being and that of our beloved nation.

Words like economic / monetary / fiscal policy, inflation, CPI, PPI etc should be part of our everyday dialogue.

For example we should fully understand what monetary tools are at the disposal of non governmental institutions like the Reserve Bank, who are in charge of the issuing of our currency (money) and the control thereof.

Paseka is an unemployed B Tech Marketing Graduate

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Season ends for the Platinum Leopards



By Anemie Bester

On Friday 14 October 2011 the Platinum Leopards' Currie Cup season came to an end, and what a dramatic end!

They lost to the Blue Bulls at Loftus Versfeld in Pretoria by the biggest points margin ever achieved against the men from Potchefstroom.

At the start of 2011 the Leopards were looking forward to another difficult season in the Currie Cup A Division, but they did so with much confidence in themselves and their new coach Leon Boshoff.

The Leopards were upbeat about their chances of barking with the big dogs in the Currie Cup but their

high hopes were snuffed out when they travelled to Bloemfontein to take on the Cheetahs in high spirits but returned home forlorn, having lost 40-12.

This was to be the story of their season. Team selection varied from week to week and captains also changed almost just as regularly with all of six different captains leading teams out onto the field during 2011.

The Leopards were to record only one victory all season – at home against the Pumas, beating the team, who call Witbank home, convincingly 27-15.

Although they were always competitive and sometimes made

the bigger teams work hard for a win, they never quite looked like an outfit that can convincingly put them away.

In their very last Currie Cup match of the season the Leopards were cannon fodder to a determined Blue Bulls side, which were in a desperate last minute fight to secure a place in the semi-finals. The Bulls went on to record the biggest victory, in the Currie Cup, over the Leopards when they beat them 92-21.

Scoring a mammoth 13 tries plus a penalty try in this try fest, they underlined the big divide between unions with a huge sponsorship and those without.

RBS appoints new netball coach

By Malebo Mogomotsi

Netball maybe viewed as a female oriented sport, but for a newly appointed Royal Bafokeng Sports coach, Letlhogonolo Selebogo (23) from Luka Village, it is all about passion for sports.

Selebogo is one of the current core coaches working under Mpho Sello the headcoach for Royal Bafokeng Sports Netball. Netball has traditionally not seen males in coaching roles, and it would be fair to say that Selebogo has faced great difficulty to establish himself in the sport.

He has been playing netball over ten years and his love for netball started while he was still a scholar at Batswana High School in Mafikeng.

Selebogo was a soccer player until the male netball team was established. He decided to drop soccer and join the netball team, the only male team in Mafikeng.

"There was so much criticism at school and some of the boys used to tease us that netball was only for ladies, but my team decided to ignore all of those criticisms and focus on what we enjoyed" said Selebogo

Selebogo among others worked as a volunteer coach at Ngaka Modiri Molema Municipality and his team took part in the Provincial Championships.

His aim is to introduce male netball teams to the all the schools in the Bafokeng Region.

"I would like to change the perception that netball is only for girls or women.

We are living in the 20th century where both males and females should go 50/50 and sport is after all" added Selebogo.

I consider myself very lucky to have a job that I love, and the opportunity I get to do what I love every day.



“I would like to develop male netball in schools and teach all interested parties the basics of netball.”

His message to all the men and boys who would like to play netball is; focus on the game of netball and ignore what other people say or think.

3-on-3 Basketball challenge



By: *Malebo Mogomotsi*

Royal Bafokeng Sports staged a successful 3 on 3 basketball challenge for all the teams in their Basketball Project in Phokeng last month.

Twenty teams of four players took part in the games – 11 boys' and 9 girls' teams.

According to Frank Traore, one of the RBS Basketball coaches, 3-on-3 is a good initiative which is also important to beginners because it gives them better opportunity to explore their talents than the standard 10 in the field game.

He said it is also easier for children to watch and analyse all the basketball moves, whether dribbling, passing the ball or scoring.

The game allowed the teams to put into practice the technical and

sportsmanship skills they have learned through RBS basketball program and the senior teams had fun demonstrating some of their moves to the young players.

In addition to displaying great basketball, the teams also displayed inspiring teamwork.

Launched early this year, the game of basketball is becoming popular in the community, enjoyed by both boys and girls in schools. This school-based basketball development program focuses on developing the game among the youth of the Royal Bafokeng Nation and promotes both basketball and life skills.

It also emphasizes the value of physical education and sports as part of a holistic approach to education.

Like all other competitions there

had to be winners in the end.

In the girls' finals, the Hoop Vibes played against Chakalaka and with a final score of 7 - 2 Chakalaka scooped gold medals and a trophy. On the boys' side Levis who played Tigers in the finals won by 5 against the 2 of the Tigers. All the runners-up went home with silver medals.

Meanwhile, Basketball coaches attended the NWBA Provincial Senior Men and Women Selections that were held at University of North West Sports Fields in Mafikeng.

Five players from Royal Bafokeng Basketball were selected and made it to the top 20 provincial team.

The selected team will attend the NWBA senior training camp where the final 12 will be selected to represent NWBA at the Basketball South Africa National Senior Championships next month.

A Lentswe la Gago le Utlwale!

Lekwalo dikgang la gago; Segoagoe le go laletsa go romela dikakanyo le ditshwaelo dingwe le dingwe tse o ka tswang o na le tsona go makeitnews@bafokeng.com, kgotsa wa di tliša ka namana kwa Bafokeng Civic Centre.

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Ditshwaelo ka puo ya Setswana le ya Sekgoa di amogelesegile. O gakololwa go akaretsa leina la gago, dinomoro tsa mogala, le lefelo la bonno mo lekwalong la gago.

ELA TLHOKO: Botsamaisi bo nale thata ya go tlhopha makwalo a a siametseng go phasaladiwa.

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Dikwena fund-raise for NGOs

By Malebo Mogomotsi



Following the huge success of the car wash and the corporate netball and soccer tournament through which funds were raised for Tlhokomelo Health Centre and Ntlhokomele Mo Africa centre for Orphans and Vulnerable Children, staff members from Platinum Stars, ABSA Bank and North West FM held another car wash at Moruleng, Bakgatla Car wash on Saturday 8 October.

The community of Moruleng was most impressed to have Platinum Stars players and North West FM presenters washing their cars.

The funds raised on the day will be donated to Lesedi Edu-Care, a home-based care centre in Moruleng.

Apart from the fund raising drive, it was an opportunity for the Club to engage with the community. And the community to get to know their club players in person.

"We have been buoyed by the success of our previous initiatives to raise funds for worthy causes and we will continue to promote our social responsibility programmes in the community. At Platinum Stars we are committed to making a difference where we can," says Platinum Stars Supporters' Co-ordinator & Media Relations head Aubrey Molobi.



Upcoming Events - Platinum Stars League Fixtures for October

PS v/s Free State Stars, Goble Park	15:30 19/11/11
PS v/s Amazulu, Royal Bafokeng Sports	19:30 30/11/11
PS v/s Jomo Cosmos, Makhulong Stadium	18:00 03/12/11
PS v/s Moroka Swallows, Royal Bafokeng Stadium	15:30 17/12/11
PS v/s Bidvest Wits, Bidvest Stadium	19:30 21/12/11

