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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 Kebalepile Mokgethi

As an adult, I have observed that the youth today, do not comprehend how June 16 came about and what the role of the youth was in the struggle at that time. Many young people lost their lives during the struggle against apartheid and Bantu education. But times have changed and so has the role of the youth in society. The youth have to focus on education and on acquiring knowledge that will make them competent to run our country.

In the Royal Bafokeng the youth program falls under the auspices of the Health and Social Development department. Currently the youth desk is running a project on Community Capacity Enhancement (CCE) with the aim of facilitating dialogues amongst youth to allow them to discuss issues that affect them and to help them find solutions to their own problems. The dialogues have been carried out in five villages across the five regions.

Our Youth Centre in Luka concentrates on substance abuse, currently 74 children from different schools are in the program and have already attended a camp as a form of intervention. Ground Breakers have been trained to identify substance abusers and to refer them for help.

Thirty youth members have been trained to establish vegetable gardens and have been given gardening implements. Negotiations are underway with RBED and at pension pay points to create a market for their produce. I wish to encourage youth to register Non Governmental Organizations (NGO's) and Cooperatives to be involved in all economic activities.

Wishing you a Happy Youth Month!

Enjoy Reading!

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RBED reveals its new model

The RBED revealed its new Enterprise Development model to the Royal Bafokeng Nation's business community.

On 17 to 18 May 2012, Royal Bafokeng Economic Development (RBED) held two information sessions to update RBED's clients on their new approach to enterprise development. RBED's new mandate is to:

- Focus on Enterprise Development and Business Linkages of Bafokeng SMMEs (small, medium and micro enterprises);
- Maintain the SMME database as a 'public' good service;
- Be primarily responsible for the coordination of all SMME- related activities of RBN entities; and
- Be the sole conduit for SMME relationship support with RBH corporate partners.

RBED has had its mandate changed from the narrow enterprise development to a much broader economic development.



The economic development is about ensuring that the local investment climate is functional for local businesses; supporting SMMEs; encouraging the formation of new enterprises; and attracting external investment (nationally and internationally).

It is also about investing in physical (hard) and soft infrastructure

(educational and workforce development); supporting the growth of particular clusters of businesses (i.e. Agriculture and Mining); targeting particular parts of the RBN for regeneration or growth (areas-based initiatives); supporting informal and newly emerging businesses; and targeting certain disadvantaged groups.

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Enterprise development has a model that comprises the early stage, growth stage and Platinum Club stage. The following fall under the early stage:

- Registrations of ED clients;
- Administration of client assessments;
- Client information services;
- Bookings for interventions;
- Website maintenance;
- Reporting administration i.e. collating and compilation of

information for weekly/ monthly/ quarterly reports and incidental reports;

- Arrangement of outreach sessions;
- Liaison and collecting relevant information from other RBN entities related to possible supply and linkages possibilities;
- Providing SMMEs with assistance to make contact with coaches and mentors;

- Helping with translation and interpretation services where needed;
- Information portal for SMMEs;
- Research, tenders and other opportunities;
- Support service providers;
- Networking; and
- Helping SMMEs with tender documents and basic business admin documents.

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Obakeng Khutsoane, economic development manager at RBED, said that the World Bank's view on economic development in a local community situation such as in the RBN is that, "It should build up the economic capacity of a local area to improve its economic future and the quality of life for all its residents. It is thus about communities continually improving their investment climate and business enabling environment to enhance their competitiveness, retain jobs and improve incomes."

In response to this new challenge, RBED looked at the way it has approached the element of enterprise development and decided to move away from the 'one-size-fits-all' approach that the entity has been following in the recent past. Previously it focussed on aspects such as training and other interventions that were offered to random groups of business people.

The new model is anchored on a relationship-based enterprise development. According to Khutsoane, the new approach is that every existing business that is registered on the RBED portfolio will be treated as a client and a relationship will be developed. Three enterprise development officers will have portfolios ranging between 60 and 70 SMMEs that they have to look after.

Clients are linked to opportunities and registered on the Platinum Club. Supporting the SMMEs relationship model, all SMMEs should be re-registered and a client registration form should be developed to facilitate proper categorisation of SMMEs. There will be a registration to serve as an agreement between RBED and the SMME, and clients should know who their assigned economic development officer is.



Khutsoane told business owners that RBED's effectiveness going forward will be determined by the progress in the areas of job creation and poverty alleviation.

The areas of measuring the effectiveness of the new RBED will be job creation, development of deserving entrepreneurs, exposure to supply opportunities, and identifying and implementing projects that influence economic activity.

Another invitee, Kabelo Ndlovu, from RBN procurement tackled topics that were sometimes tip-toed around. These included some local Bafokeng business people who allow outsiders to use them to steal from the nation. "Others allow themselves to be part of some dodgy joint ventures in companies where they practically have no say at all," he emphasised.

He also warned business people who wanted to corrupt staff in the procurement department by offering them 'forward incentives' or bribes.

Ndlovu gave a stern warning to all those who have an inclination to partake in these bribery and corrupt practices that their days were numbered, if not over already.

He promised them that in future, such individuals and companies would be named, shamed and blacklisted.

There was a general appreciation from business people who attended the session. They welcomed the idea of having their businesses being looked at as individual entities.

Economic development projects include:

1. The development of industrial parks;
2. Lefaragatlhe small industrial park (building to commence toward the end of 2012);
3. Large industrial park (market feasibility study by the end of June 2012 and business case to be ready by the end of 2012); and
4. Agriculture (turnaround of existing projects and commercial projects from the agriculture master plan).

FET to counter skills shortage

In an effort to counter the rampant skills shortage in the country, the Royal Bafokeng Institute (RBI) has established four Further Education Training (FET) colleges.

The colleges are designed to provide learning programs that empower community through training and developing essential skills needed in the economy.

According to RBI Community Empowerment cluster, most of the Bafokeng community members lack necessary skills to make them employable. This approach would ensure that community would be able to apply their acquired skills in the world of work, becoming an active contributor to the sustainable economy in the Royal Bafokeng Nation and the economy of South Africa as a whole.

According to the National Department of Higher Education many FET Colleges have a higher ratio of graduates placed directly into related employment.

School of Hospitality

The School of Hospitality caters for the training of post matric RBN youth as well as existing



practitioners who wish to improve their skill and knowledge within the field of hospitality. The programme offered is accredited with City & Guilds and is registered with SAQA.

School of Engineering

School of Engineering is a full-time educational institute offering Engineering Studies (N1-N3) Level courses. All National Certificate (Nated program) are issued by the Department of Higher Education.

The student will qualify for a Nated National certificate on completion of a minimum of 12 subjects, ranging from N1 – N3 (Four subjects per level for three months).

The administration office will assist in applying for the National Certificates (Nated) on behalf of the students.

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School of Hospitality

Admission Requirement(s)

National Senior Certificate or equivalent qualification

Recommended subject(s)

Accounting, Home Economics, Business Studies or Computer Literacy

Minimum duration of the course

2 years 6 months.

- Food and beverage services;
- Accommodation and operations services;
- Reception and operations services;
- Food preparation and culinary arts.

School of Engineering

Recommended subject(s): Physical Science, Mathematics

Minimum duration: 3 Months per certificate (One year 9 Months for the Extended Curriculum*)

Presently Course offered:

- Boiler-making N1-N3;
- Fitting and Turner N1- N3;
- Electrical N1-N3;
- Diesel Mechanic N1-N3.



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School of Construction

The Construction School is based in Maile, Diepkuil and its aim is to address the shortage of skilled men and artisans within the construction environment. All National Certificates are issued by the Department of Higher Education (SETA).

School of Nursing

To compensate for the skills shortage in the Health sector, a nursing school is established in Phokeng to produce well trained and skilled nurses. The programmes are registered with HWSETA as well as SANC.

APPRENTICES

- Apprenticeships: Maximum 3 Years
- Bricklaying
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Carpentry
- Plumbing
- Electricity
- Welding
- Boiler Making

School of Nursing

Programmes offered

Foundation Phase:

Pre-Nursing / Health Care Worker (6 months)

2nd Year:

Auxiliary Nursing (12 months)

3rd Year:

Enrolled Nursing (1- 2 years)
Admission Requirement(s):
National Senior Certificate or equivalent qualification

Admission requirements

Learners With at least Grade 11 & 12 are eligible to enrol for the Pre-Nursing programme.

Students who obtain 75% from Pre-Nursing are eligible to enrol for Auxiliary Nursing.

60% pass mark from Auxiliary Nursing allows for registration in the Enrolled Nursing Programme

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BAFOKENG STUDENT LOAN PROGRAMME

APPLY BEFORE END SEPTEMBER 2012

The Bafokeng student loan programme has funded more than 5000 students to attend tertiary institutions since 1975.

The Royal Bafokeng Institute (RBI) acts as an administrator of the Bafokeng Student loan programme.

The executive at RBI has decided to focus more on Vocational and Technical training.

Therefore the number of vocational and technical schools is included in the programme.

Community Empowerment Cluster makes available all the required forms and documents regarding student loans and will be the applicant's direct contact during the application process and subsequent years of study.



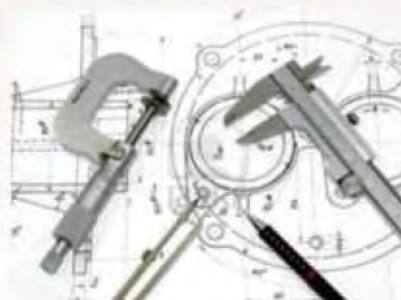
Application forms are available@ Royal Bafokeng Institute offices (Next to Legato) enquiries: 014 566 1400



The successful applicant:

- Displays potential for academic success and determination to success.
- Is a bona-fide member of the Royal Bafokeng Nation, belong to a kotle and participating at his/her kgotla, and have the knowledge of traditional structure
- Expresses intention to pursue a career of interest to the Royal Bafokeng Nation i.e. agriculture, health sciences, technical or engineering degree/ diploma

- Institutions supported by RBI Student Loan program: Degree/ Diploma Studies- VUT, NWU, UFS, UP, or and skills program- TVET
- Meets the minimum required APS Score (as per course details available)
- Provides evidence of being financially needy as per means testing.



NB All successful applicants who wish to follow University career paths, will have to join the 13th year programme at Lebone College for a period of a year.



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Recommended Programmes

Programme	Institute	Minimum Requirements
BEd (Foundation/Intermediate Phase) BEd Tech	NWU-Potchefstroom	Maths literacy 5 Maths 4
Agriculture (Crop/Plant and Animal Science)	NWU-Mahikeng	Maths 4 Physics 4
Diesel Mec, Boilermaker, Electrician, Fitting & Turner, Rigging, Instrumental, Nursing, Community building, Hospitality	Royal Bafokeng Vocational Education and Training	APS 20
Other engineering	Vaal University of Technology	Maths 5 English 5 Physics 5
Bsc Oral Hygiene	University of Pretoria	Maths 7 Physics 6 English 5 APS 36 English 4 Maths 4 Maths literacy 5 Life Science 4 APS 35
Medicine and Dental	University of Free State	Maths 7 Physics 6 Life Sciences 6

Community Empowerment Cluster

Implications

All RBI student loans are repayable and are not bursaries.

Student loan holders are expected to start with repayments immediately after they are awarded (if possible) or on completion of their studies/ when employed.

Depending on the proposed field of study, an applicant may be required to pay a commitment fee before the commencement of studies.

The student loan will be renewed annually, depending on the student's academic performance and compliance with the RBI.

Submission of the student loan application form (F211) and all other required documents to the RBI does not automatically guarantee the applicant will be awarded a student loan.

Applicants are encouraged to make application to other scholarships and/or student loans

in order to avoid disappointments should this application be unsuccessful.



The Rise and Success of a determined youth

YOUTH DAY

JOIN THE YOUTH OFFICE UNDER RBN HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES WHEN THEY COMMEMORATE YOUTH DAY

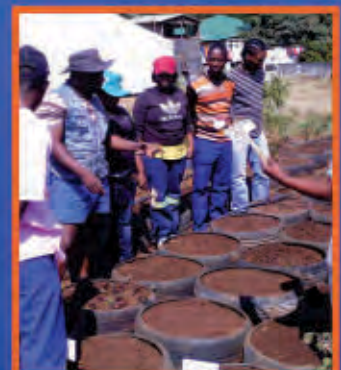
WHEN: 16 June 2012

WHERE: Kanana Stadium

TIME: 10h00

Busses have been arranged to collect youth from all the RBN villages.

For further enquiries please contact, Gabriel Lenkwe on 014 566-1200





Young, gifted and local...

A dream rooted within the desire for social justice and enthused by socio-economic struggles of young people. A dream inspired by the importance of identity and the knowledge of self. This is a dream fuelled by the passion, hard work and talent of young people. This is the birth of 'Young Phokeng' (YP), a non-profit organisation that devotedly seeks to serve the interests and aspirations of young people.

YP is a brainchild of Kabelo Collen Montsho. He is a trend-setting youth who hails from Luka, a village near Phokeng. He leads by example and holds a Bachelor's degree in Information Technology.

The aim of YP is to create a social environment that addresses issues affecting young people. With the ammunition of performing arts and sporting programmes, YP has risen to the challenge of combating root causes of HIV/AIDS, unemployment and a lack of education facing young people today.

Among other activities, YP organises annual events that take place throughout the year. This as an effort to keep the youth involved and motivated. At the end of last year, YP hosted its second annual festival. The event was hosted at Luka in association with 'Lekgotla la Mogopa Wa Dira'.

YP is managed by a group of friends who all share a common goal for social development and justice. This is a group of young



people who stand firm against all odds. Despite the harsh realities of unemployment, poverty and suppressive global economic climate, they have kept the flickering flame of their vision alive, and they continue to demonstrate to everybody that a purpose-fused ambition is important in the sustainability of any dream.

Kebone Elias Montsho is a final-year Multimedia Design student at the University of Johannesburg. He deals with visual communication, information design and develops creative solutions for YP.

Kegomoditswe Rapoo of Bovel Beats Studios is a graduate in Logistics Management. He studied at Tshwane University of Technology. He is a talented music

producer who provides his expertise of music production to the majority of the performing artists who seek assistance from YP.

Daniel Ramaroane of Modumo Music holds a Graphic Design qualification from College Campus, he handles management and administration affairs. Nketsi Selomanane of Junxion Entertainment and Productions, Kagiso Meshoe of Purcuxion Entertainment and Rebaona Puswe all support research and development for entertainment-related programmes. Okayeng Motsi and Phemelo Makgale are in sales and administration.

The organisation is in its 3rd year of operation and it has already played an important role in the lives of many young people from Luka and surrounding villages. YP's approach of total youth development aims to blend the Bafokeng history with the many artistic talents and sporting abilities of the Nation's young people.



The Y-Centre in Luka attracts about 2000 youth every month. This makes it the most popular spot in the village.



Youth-Centre gets more visitors

The youth office under the Health and Social Development office within the RBA was started in 2009 with the aim to coordinate youth programs within the Royal Bafokeng Nation.

“A lot has been achieved through fair representation and participation of all youth in the five RBN regions,” said Gabriel Lenkwe, the Youth Co-ordinator.

Following his appointment, the Youth Coordinator visited all the 72 Makgotla, presenting the youth office and its role in the RBN. Through consultations, every village participated in the first Youth Lekgotla which was held at the Bafokeng Conference Centre. The new leadership was elected in 2010.

In 2009 the Health and Social Development Services Department (HSDS) under the RBA and LoveLife entered into a 5-year partnership to facilitate the life skills program for youth in school.

The establishment of the Bafokeng Youth Centre at Luka village is of great significance and one of the biggest achievements of the Youth



**Gabriel Lenkwe,
Youth Coordinator**

Development Program. The centre has a radio studio; a clinic where youth can consult with a nurse without fear of being stigmatized; a computer room for basic computer skills and research purposes; basketball and volley ball court and a games room.

The youth centre attracts a minimum of 2000 youth per month. Since the establishment of the Y-Centre, 285 out of school youth (Mpintshis and groundbreakers) have been trained as facilitators at different schools in the RBN schools.

Twenty Youth Clubs were formed in all RBN villages. This led to the establishment of 5 regional structures. Three representatives from youth clubs formed a

regional structure; a draft constitution was then developed during the regional consultations.

The year 2010 saw the successful co-ordination of a three-day Youth Conference at Orion Hotel in Rustenburg. A youth policy and a volunteerism policy were developed and adopted by young people themselves.

Five Regional Coordinators were appointed. Their roles are to support youth clubs, coordinate youth activities at regional level and to ensure that there is information dissemination to all structures.

Youth Day celebration which was held in Tsitsing stadium attracted 1200 youth around RBN regions.

Thirty youth have been trained on a backyard farming (food production) project. This initiative will ensure that young people participate in the mainstream economy as producers and not just as consumers. This is a poverty alleviation project that aims to reduce the rate of unemployment amongst young people.

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The Art of Philanthropy



Dineo Katane with educators at Mathware Primary School, Phokeng during the handing out of school uniform and shoes for children in need.



The act of philanthropy is one that has sustained and continues to play a pivotal role in the development of many people and communities from across the globe.

To give is to love and loving is the equal opposite of giving, this is the whole duty of man and there is no greater power than the ability to love and care for one another.

Dineo Katane is one young person who attests to this principle. Born and bred at Phokeng, Dineo is a character of great inspiration and talent which she says are two of the priceless possessions that emanate from her love of the performing arts.

Dineo's first break in the industry came in 2006 when she went for auditions at Mmabana Sports, Arts and Recreation Centre at Mahikeng.

Through a selection process, she was given an opportunity to receive further training to enhance her craft of acting, singing and dancing at the centre. She was then chosen to be one of the cast members of a musical

theatre play called "The Voice of Children". Her success with this project led to her second breakthrough when she was signed to be part of the musical play called "The Journey".

This production was a musical theatre that toured whole province of North West with the mission of developing the art of music, theatre and dance in high schools.

After her much travelling and theatrical experience, she came back to Phokeng and started her own theatrical play called "My Roots". The show made a huge impression and so convincing it was that it attracted the buy-in from the RBED, Moses Kotane Local Municipality and the Department of Arts and Culture. The show's success led to an invite for a performance at the Grahamstown Arts Festival in the Eastern Cape.

Among other things, she has produced a demo tape where she featured a young talent by the name of Aubrey Boikanyo from Lenatong section of Phokeng. Their hard work collaboration paid

off when they were given a chance to perform at all fan parks in the Bojanala District during the FIFA 2010 World Cup event.

Dineo is currently working on a project as a songwriter and artist. She is working with Letlhogonolo Makgaka who is both her music producer and manager. Besides her commendable success and relentless determination, Dineo's benevolent spirit of giving has always remained central to who she is.

Dineo stirred the hearts of the community when she recently held a fund raising musical event to raise funds for less privileged children from Mathware Primary School at Phokeng. The event went fairly well and led to the purchasing of school uniform and shoes for children in need. The school uniform was donated to the school on the 8 May 2012 during an event held at the school.

"It's a long journey to get to where you want to be in life. With the support from my family and God as my chauffeur, I have managed to get this far," she said.

Learners reach out to the Orphaned and Vulnerable Children

Our community, like the rest of the country is in need of people to volunteer and help the impoverished families in our areas. Not only does this kind of effort help uplift the lives of the children and their families but also teaches them self sufficiency.

As part of its community work, Lebone II College learners in partnership with the RBN Health and Social Department Services spend a day working and having fun with the children of the Masosobane OVC (Orphaned and Vulnerable Children) Centre in Phokeng recently.

The learners showed off their artistic skills in painting and decorating walls with more warm and welcoming drawings which were also visually interesting to the children. They created book shelves and arranged books properly in a manner that children can utilize them more effectively.

Asked as to why the learners chose to get involved in community work, Arthur Nkwana, a Project Coordinator from Lebone College said their main objective way to show that they care about their



own community.

vegetable garden to help put food on the table for the children.

“We are extremely grateful that after doing our bit, the centre now looks more children friendly and we hope to maintain this relationship with the children of the centre” said Nkwana.

Captain of Tumagole House at Lebone College, Adelah Alli, was proud of what he and other learners did for the centre.

While some learners were doing their magic on the walls with the paint, others jointly with the guardians, members of the community, teachers, children and care workers of Godisanang OVC program were sweating outside digging and preparing the soil for a

“Community service is close to my heart, so it is wonderful interacting with the kids and parents around the community. It is a special family day to me because I feel that we are one big family despite the challenges”, said Alli.

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Kids at the centre had fun with their visitors



Another learner Pheny Montsho also shared the same sentiments. "I grew up in the Bafokeng community so I really feel good helping my brothers and sisters in the community, we painted and ate together with laughter and that was my great moments. After the event we played soccer together, I really enjoyed doing community service," said Pheny.

Lebone students are involved in many community projects including serving soup to the pensioners every month at Phokeng post office, visiting Kutlwanong old age home, helping Vuka primary school learners with Maths, English and reading, donating clothes to various orphanages, raising funds to help the disabled people and visiting OVC centres to help with homework among others.

Serving more than seventy children, the centre is one of the seven OVC centres in the Bafokeng dedicated to making a difference in the lives on many needy children and their families. The centres provide children with after school care, psycho social support and meals.

The beneficiaries of the centre were extremely grateful for what Lebone learners did for them. One of them said he feels happy to see people at the centre where he thought only orphans go. "I enjoyed spending the day with everyone because at least no one asked me about my living status, but were only interested in making our centre look good. I also got a chance to show my skills in painting".



Fifteen year old learner from Bafokeng High School who has been at the centre for the past year was also happy that her talent in art was exposed. "I'm happy to see my drawings on the wall where I spend most of my time".

Another ten year old child expressed joy for having been part of the day's activities saying her best moment was when she was doing hand prints on the wall.

Just as the kids were happy with the life changing experience, so was the OVC Facilitator, Lerato Makgala. "My biggest achievement of the day is putting smiles on children's faces and seeing members of Masosobane community coming in great numbers to show their support. With this kind of support, I really hope that we can end the stigma and discrimination against many of the orphaned children in our community," she said.

Through the support of the department, the child care workers and coordinators including forum members will together maintain the garden for the kids to continue to enjoy the fresh vegetables at the centre and at home.



Tshekatsheko ya Motse wa Mogono



Mo kgaolong ya Bokone, dikilomitara di le mmalwa fela go tswa mo Phokeng, o fitlhela motse wa Mogono o o ikadileng mo lefatseng la dihektara di feta makgolo a mararo. Motse o, ga se legae fela go baagi ba le bantsi, mme ke legae gape la meepo ya Impala.

Tsamaiso ya Morafe

Tsamaiso ya morafe o, e ka fa tlase ga Kgosana Mojalefa Mogono, fa kgaolo ya Ratshwene e wela ka fa tlase ga Kgosana Peter Rankoko. Dikutle tse di fitlhelwang mo motseng o, di akaretsa kutle ya Mogono, Mputle, Rapoo, Mokakane le Ratshwene.

Motse ono o ipela ka ntlo lehalahala eo e dirisediwang ditiro di le dintsi tsa morafe, tse di jaaka; dikopano tsa morafe, manyalo le tse dingwe. Ka lesego baagi ba motse o, ba na gape le tlamelo ya motlakase, metsi le ditsela. Ditirelo tsa thuto tsona di akaretsa khereche le sekolo se se potlana.

Tsa Ikonomi

Motse ono, jaaka metse e mengwe ke legae la meepo, ka go rialo, baagi ba le bantsi ba ikaegile ka meepo e go bona ditiro. Ntle le fao, baagi ba ikaegile gape ka lotseno leo ba lo bonang mo go hiriseng bonno go badiri ba meepo ba ba tswang kwa ntle. Ga o fete mo motseng ono o sa bone metseletsele ya mekhukhu kgotsa dikamore tsa kwa ntle mo digotlong tsa baagi.

Ka fa motse o, o ikadile mo mmung wa seloko, bangwe ba baagi ba bone mosola wa go lema, go itshedisa gammogo le ka leruo.

Bangwe ba baagi ba tlhamile mekgatlho e tiro ya yona e leng go tlihabolola matshelo a bona ka tshwaragano le lefapha la pholo le tlihabololo ya loago la RBN. Fa ke foo o fitlhelang mekgatlho e e seng ya puso, e mengwe ya yona e kgona go itirela lotseno ka go rekisa dilwana tseo ba di dirang. Gareng ga yona go na le Itireleng Poultry eo e rekisang dikgogo,

Dreamland eo e dirang ka go roka, go gatisa le go loga, fa Unique Glass Beads yona e tthagisa dibenya go tswa mo digalaseng tseo di dirisitsweng.

Dikgwetlho

Dipalopalo tsa lefapha la Tshireletso le Pabalesego la RBN, di bontsha fa botlhokatshebe bo le kwa godimo, segolobogolo ba dintwa tsa malapa, bo latelwe ke bosenyi jwa go thuba mo malapeng. Tseno ke tsona dikgwetlho dikgolo tsa baagi ba motse ono.

Ntle le fao, baagi segolobogolo basha, ba ngongorega thata ka botlhoka tiro, e leng sona selelo sa mo metseng e mengwe. Le fa gona go na le konteraka eo e selang matlakala mo motseng, baagi ba kaya fa kgotlhelego ya tikologo e sa ntse e le kgwetlho go bona. Se e le ka ntlha ya meepo mo tikologong ya bona.

Agricultural Master Plan for the Royal Bafokeng Nation

A synopsis of what the AMP is about

Work on the Bafokeng Agriculture Masterplan being done by experts at the North West University is proceeding well, with the first draft of business plans expected in June.

The Agriculture Masterplan will include plans for three main areas of local agricultural production:

- Commercial farming (crop and livestock)
- Communal farming (mostly livestock)
- Backyard gardening (small stock, vegetable gardens and fruit trees)

Plans for all three kinds of farming will utilise research conducted on local soils, water and precipitation, climate and market conditions while waiting for the final plan to be approved, the Land Agriculture and Environment Department, headed by Advocate Modisaotsile Mokate, developed an Agricultural division within Royal Bafokeng Administration (RBA) which will strive to create an enabling environment for communal farmers, including crush pens for cattle and a mechanization pool for crop farmers.

Fire breaks throughout the farms are in progress, and a series of "Farmers' Day" events is scheduled for the second half of 2012.



A natural resources audit which included an assessment of the soils, vegetation, water, and climate in the RBN soil analyses was done per region, from that information conclusions or discoveries were made on land suitability, crop potential, stock grazing and browsing capacity.

At the same time, Royal Bafokeng Enterprise Development (RBED) is working hard to upgrade existing commercial farming ventures, for example Dirang Ka Natla and Macharora vegetable farms to ensure their profitability and sustainability.

Different stakeholders interested in farming are being approached for insight into local agricultural development issues. Their views, needs, and aspirations will assist in the identification of potential agricultural opportunities in the RBN.

Agriculture Development Manager Casey Last says "we look forward to improving the farming conditions for those who keep cattle and grow crops, and hope to create many new opportunities for those who wish to go into farming as a business."

For more information on the Agricultural Masterplan projects or progress please contact

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Go tokafatsa seemo sa maphelo a bagodi ke tiro ya botlhe

Bagodi ba le ba ntsi ba ikutiwa ba ikgatholositse ke setšhaba, le fa gona ba dirile ka thata go godisa le go tokafatsa maphelo a ba malapa a bona. Gompiano bontsi jwa bona bo na le mathata a go tlhokomela bana ba bona, ditlogolo, bokoa mo mmeleng le go nna ba le nosi, e leng tseo di etegetsang matsapa a bona a bogodi.

Ka maiteko a go tlabolola matshelo a bagodi le ba ba nang le bogole, le go fedisa tlala mo magaeng a bona, lefapha la pholo le tlabolola ya loago la RBN, le ne mo malobeng la bolotsa letsema go leba kwa motseng wa Mogajana kwa kgaolong ya Bokone-Botlhaba.

Malapa a le matlhano a ungwetswe mo letsatsing leo, fa setlhopha sa badiri ba lefapha se se neng se eteletswe pele ke tlhogo ya lefapha Ngaka Keba Mokgethi go akaretsa le bona badiredi loago, baoki le wa fisiotheraphi ba ikgorosa mo malapeng ao.

Lelapa leo le itumetseng thata e nnile la ga Mogomotsi, leo le diretsweng tshingwana ya merogo le go pentelwa ntlo. Rre (69) le mme (67) Mogomotsi ba nna le ngwana wa bona gammogo le bana ba le bane ba dikhutsana mme ba phela ka madi a bogodi le a dikhutsana.

Rre Mogomotsi o tsamaya ka wheel chair morago ga go kgaolwa maoto ka ntlha ya bolwetsi jwa sukiri. E rile fa a leboga, a kopa lefapha le borre ba lekgotla le ba mokgatlho wa bagodi go tswelletsa tiro e ntle e mo



malapeng a mangwe. “Ke eletsa fa thuso ya mofuta o, e ka fiwa ba bangwe gape ba ba tshwanang le nna gore le bona ba bone tokafalo mo maphelong a bona. Ntlo ya rona e ntšhafetse jaanong le merogo re tla ja mo tshingwaneng”.

Baša le bona ba nnile le seabe mo letsatsing leo, fa ba ne ba bontsha tshegetso ka go tlhoma ditshingwana tsa merogo mo malapeng a bagodi. Go ya ka mogokaganyi wa baša, Gabel Lenkwe, ditshingwana ke tsela ya go fedisa tlala mo malapeng, e leng ona maikaelelo a magolo a lefapha. A re ka tsona ga ba thuse fela go tliša dijo mo malapeng mme ba ruta baša segolobogolo, go iphedisa le ba malapa a bona.

Motsamaisi wa lenaneo la bagodi Mme Mamakie Mothiba, ene o itumeletse thata phitlhelelo ya bona ya letsatsi e leng ya go ruta baagi ka mosola wa go neelana ka nako ya bona go ithaopa go direla setšhaba le go ithuta go etelana le go lekolana. “Letsema la gompiano e nnile le le atlegileng thata gonne re tlogetse motlhala o o bonalang. Re motlotlo gonne re kgonne go fitlhelela ditlhokego tsa malapa a bagodi; re pentile ntlo re tlogetse ditshingwana tsa merogo, tsotlhe tse di tla tswela malapa mosola thata. Re ba diritse tseo ba neng ba sa kgone go itirela tsona”.

O tswelletswe ka gore ka lenaneo la bona la “Passing on the Gift” ba solofela go bona botlhe ba neelana go fetola matshelo a baagisani ba bona. “Jaaka lefapha, re rata go bona ditshingwana di atile mo motseng, ntlo nngwe le nngwe e na le tshingwana, mme go sena tlala mo malapeng”.

Baamogedi ba bangwe ba dithuso e nnile malapa a bagodi le ba ba nang le bogole mme ba abelwa diwheel chair, dithobane tsa go thusa go tsamaya, diphuthelwana tsa dijo fa ba bangwe ba ne ba thusiwa ka go phepafaletswa dintlo.

Go ne go itumedisa go bona baagi ba tsibogetswe letsema ba eteletswe pele ke Kgosana Peter Mahuma, borre ba lekgotla le maloko a mokgatlho wa bagodi wa Manngofu. Tiro e kgonegile ka ntlha ya fa matsogo a le mantsi a dira tiro botlhofo.

Save Water campaign

Water security implies that consistent and affordable access to unpolluted freshwater be made available for all people at a reasonable price.

The RBN through its 'Tshomarelo ya metsi ke bophelo' campaign is attempting to bring to its community the imperative need to start saving and using water wisely.

The aim of the campaign is to bring awareness and create a conducive environment whereby the RBN has already started engaging with *Morafe* on matters pertaining to water payment and security.

The campaign roll-out has been met with a lot of anticipation from the community members. It has however been met with mixed emotions.

People raised their concerns on issues like the water administration's faulty billing system that reflected erroneous figures on their invoices.

Socio-economic challenges like unemployment and poverty were also raised as some of the major factors burdening the disposable income of many households within our communities.

Councilor Papi Rangwaga emphasized the importance of water education.

"It is essential and upon all of us to acknowledge and come to an understanding of why it is important to start paying for the supply of our water services.



RBN Leadership making their point during the 'Save Water' campaign held recently

Production costs (maintenance) and capital costs (Lefaragatlhe Reservoir Project) all constitute the overhead statement that enables clean water supply to every household within the RBN," he explained.

The RBN purchases water from Rand Water and Magalies Water. Rand Water draws raw water for purification from the Vaal Dam using an intake tower. The water is then transported via pipelines to Rand Water's two purification stations in Vereeniging. This is where the water gets subjected to the many specialized purification processes before it is supplied to our taps.

As the Royal Bafokeng Nation we are no less different to the rest of South Africa. We should thus take heed that we don't stand to reap from the same ramifications that shall befall all those who continue not to pay and use water wisely, advised Rangwaga.



Never too late to learn the art - Karate

Kgotso Mohube started learning karate just nearly two years ago. He was inspired by his younger brother and his friends whom he used to watch training at home. He eventually joined them at the age of eighteen and has not looked back since.

Within two years after he started training, Kgotso achieved much more, thanks to his belief that hard work and dedication are important keys to opening the doors of success. At present this unemployed young person has devoted his time to volunteering his services at Royal Bafokeng Sports. He spoke to us about his achievement in karate..

You just returned from a competition in Johannesburg, how did it go?

I was very nervous and everything seemed to be so confusing: the crowd, the competitor looked so big and I was unfamiliar with the language. However it ended well as I was awarded a bronze medal for Kumite (fight) and a gold medal for Kata(demonstration).

Who was your toughest opponent?

Well, there was quite a number of



fighters, many of which are champions at their respective provinces. My challenge came from the competitor I went to the finals with, he seemed to read my mind all the time and he was very fast on the legs.

How do you describe your fighting style?

I like to be the first to attack, my favorite technique is a front Ura Mawashi Geri (crescent kick) and I have a defensive Gyakhu Zuki (reverse punch)

Do you think it is important for people to learn martial arts?

Other than teaching yourself defense, karate is also a discipline sport. It also makes one mentally strong.

What kind of support does one need to succeed?

Family is of course very important. In my case all my family members support me, especially my mother. My friends are also showing lots of interest. But I am still trying to convince them to join.

What advice can you give anyone who wants to pursue their interest in martial arts?

Train very hard, and always ask questions when you don't understand.

Any merits?

- (Kumite Bronze medalist) and (Kata gold medalist) for the white to green belt division – year 2010
- Grand champion for the U/21 male purple to brown belt division – year 2011
- Grand champion for the U/21 male purple to brown belt division – year 2012

RBA CALL CENTRE

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

- Water pipe bursts
- Sewer blockages
- Electricity faults
- Damage to the road infrastructure (hazardous to traffic)
- Traffic accidents
- Fire to buildings
- Crime
- Land invasion (squating)
- Storms
- Veld fires
- Emergencies at schools

Should you experience any of the above, please call:
Toll-free number: 0800 56 2020 or
e-mail: callcentre@bafokeng.com



Bafokeng Dojo defends SA JKA Championships title



The Royal Bafokeng Karate team defended its title as a number one Dojo for the fourth year in succession. Held at the Standard bank Arena, Johannesburg in May, the 2012 SA JKA Karate Championships attracted a lot of interest from many karatekas all over the country.

A total of 78 participants of various colour belts and age groups brought home 34 gold medals, 30 silver medals and 22 bronze medals.

Head Coach, Isaac Nkomo, is excited with the team's performance. "Defending our title for the fourth time means a lot to us. It shows that the team is growing from strength to strength and we can now look to pursue a title at the all style karate. I also wish to extend my gratitude to the Seabelo brothers, Chris, Ezzy and Amandus for being great role models and our number one supporter Mmemogolo Semane Molotlegi for her continued support".

Nkomo also highlighted the value that karate always bring saying that it should form part of everyone's life and be practiced in all primary schools as it instills discipline, respect and self defense.

58 participants ranging between White to 3rd Kyu Brown belts scooped 70 medals in their respective divisions while the other 20 participants who are mainly 2nd Kyu Brown Belts and Elite Senior Black Belts including coaches scooped 10 medals.

Eight qualified Black belts from the team took part as tournament officials occupying roles such as table official, referee and judging.

The 2nd place went to Roodepoort Karate Centre with 64 medals; 3rd place went to Stellaland Karate Centre with 58 medals while Karate Syndicate with 52 medals managed 4th place.

