



Countdown to Orange AFCON 2013

It's all system go for the Orange Africa Cup of Nations which will take place from 19 January to 10 February next year.

The Royal Bafokeng Sports Palace which will host the group D matches is ready. This was said by MMC Cllr Mhlungu, during the recent stadium inspection.

Speaking on behalf of Executive Mayor of the Rustenburg Local Municipality Councillor Mpho Khunou, Cllr Mhlungu expressed his and Council's excitement at the state of readiness.

"As we did during the Confederations and World Cup tournaments in 2009 and 2010 respectively, we are once again ready and able to host the most successful Africa Cup of Nations" said Michael Mhlungu.

The delegation led by Local Organising Committee (LOC) CEO,



Mr Mvuso Mbebe, undertook a tour around the stadium where facilities such as dressing rooms media tribune were inspected.

Satisfied with what he saw, Mbebe, said: "The presentations by Rustenburg Local Municipality, on behalf of the City, gave us full confidence that games to be played at the Royal Bafokeng Sport Palace will definitely raise Africa to its feet".

Royal Bafokeng Sports Palace will

host the group D matches as well as host the quarter finals match between a top team in group D and the team that will occupy a second spot in group C.

Group D teams include Cote d'ivoire, Algeria, Tuinisia and Togo. South Africa is in Group A with Cape Verde, Morocco and Angola.

The other match venues are in, Johannesburg, Durban, Port-Elizabeth and Mbombela.

Tickets went on sale on September 26 and they are available at Spar and Supa Spar outlets, as well as Foro Spar, Tlhabane.

Tickets range from R60 in the group stages to R600 for the final.

For further enquiries, please contact Thapelo Matebesi on 014 592 3509 or 073 2402 679.

Group matches to be played at the Royal Bafokeng Sports Palace

| No. | Match | Group | Date | Time | Venue |
|-----|-----------|---------|------------|-------|------------|
| 7 | D1 vs. D4 | Group G | 22/01/2013 | 17H00 | Rustenburg |
| 8 | D2 vs. D3 | Group G | 22/01/2013 | 22H00 | Rustenburg |
| 15 | D1 vs. D2 | Group D | 26/01/2013 | 17H00 | Rustenburg |
| 16 | D3 vs. D4 | Group D | 26/01/2013 | 20H00 | Rustenburg |
| 22 | C4 vs. C2 | Group C | 29/01/2013 | 19H00 | Rustenburg |
| 23 | D3 vs. D1 | Group D | 30/01/2013 | 19H00 | Rustenburg |



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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."



Eno ke kgwedi e e kgethegileng ya go keteka letsatsi la lefatshe la AIDS le go wetsa letsholo la go ema kgatlhanong le tshotlakako ya basadi le bana.

Ke makgetlo a le kae re utlwa ka dipalopalo tse di golang tsa balwetse ba HIV/AIDS le tshotlakako ya basadi le bana? Fa o re o reetsa radio, o buisa kuranta kgotsa o reetsa batho ba bua, o sala o roroma go ya kwa botenngwe jwa pelo, ka botlhoko jo bo bakiwang ke bothata jo.

Ditebogo go botlhe bao ba tsayang matsapa go re lemosa ka botlhoko jo bo tliwang ke tshotlakako le bolwetse jo le go bolotsa ntwaga kgatlhanong le bothata jo.

World AIDS Day, ka di 01 Sedimonthole, e re gwetlha go tsaya karolo, go nna ngatatana e lenngwe le dimilione tsa batho ba ba phelang ka bolwetse jwa HIV/AIDS mmogo le ba malapa a bona.

Moono wa ngwaga ke "Getting to Zero" o, go ya ka ponelopele ya mokgatlo wa lefatshe wa AIDS e leng go thibela tshwaetso e ntsha, go thibela kgethololo le go thibela dintsho tsa bolwetse jo.

Letsholo la tshotlakako ya basadi le bana, le lona le tla kwa bokhutlong, ka dipego tse di bontshang gore, banna ba sa ntse ba keteka balekane ba bona, dikgetse tsa dipetelelo di a oketsega, palo ya batho ba ba tsenwang ke mogare wa HIV ka ntlha ya dipetelelo le yona e a gola. Itse fa tsotlhe tse, di le kgatlhanong le ditshwanelo tsa botho.

Matsholo a 16 days of activism le World Aids Day, a re fa tshono ya lebelela kwa morago le fa re leng teng ka seemo se, ga mmogo le go lebelela tse di tlhokagalang go fedisa bothata jo. Ka go tshegetsisa matsholo a, o tla bo o thusa go fitlhelela maitlhomano, a go aga setshaba se se phedileng sentle.

Keresemose e e monate le masego a ngwaga a masha!

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RBN buys 15% of RMBH

On 17 November 2012 Royal Bafokeng Nation held a general meeting-kgothakgothe and presented financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011 at the Royal Bafokeng Civic centre.

The main objective of the meeting was to share the impact that the global and local economic factors have on RBN's finances and how they impact on RBN's ability to spend now and into the medium term.

RBN bought a 15% interest in Rand Merchant Bank Holding (RMBH) during the 2011 financial year for about R8 billion which has a June financial year. Even though 2011 was a difficult year for the Royal Bafokeng Nation, they still managed a consolidated financial position.

RBN is faced with economic challenges in which global factors such as Europe remains to be one of SA's largest trading partners whereby their financial problems have an effect on South Africa and



therefore Bafokeng. The recent strike in the mining sector has also led to production interruptions and may lead to higher labour costs. RBN also faces electricity hikes which will have an impact on mining production costs, as well as the increased platinum price as a result of fears supply security and interest rates.

Their budget deficit is significantly improving with the lowering of social expenditure limits. The effect is that using own cash, the RBN will be able to carry on all the

social services like bulk water, maintenance, bursaries, feeding etc. (excl. building new infrastructure); and RBN will be engaging stakeholders like the mines (with RBH's support) and government (especially local government) to fund some of its social programs and capital projects.

Above all the diversification of RBN's assets portfolio remains to show good improvement.



Key facts about RMBH

- RMBH is now a focused investment company, holding a 33,9% interest in FirstRand, Southern Africa's pre-eminent banking group
- The group's entrepreneurial culture and track record for innovation contributed during the current year to a strong outcome against a challenging background, with normalised earnings increasing by 21%
- RMBH was constituted in 1987
- RMBH was listed in November 1992

source: www.rmbh.co.za

Kgosi urge Morafe to work towards self-reliance

Saturday 17 November 2012 was regarded as the most strategic day and event for the Royal Bafokeng Nation (RBN).

Like it would be expected, Bafokeng residents gathered at the Bafokeng Civic Centre for the last 2012 Kgothakgothe.

Kgothakgothe seeks to address the Royal Bafokeng Nation's (RBN) strategic objective of ensuring good governance, financial viability and optimal institutional capacity.

The session was graced by Queen Mother who urged all the Bafokeng to work together for the betterment of RBN.

The detailed financial report presentation shed light on the RBN's past expenditure and projected budgets.

During his presentation, Obakeng Phetwe, CEO of Royal Bafokeng Nation Development Trust (RBNDT) explained how a drastic decline in platinum price continued to impact

on the budget allocation for all institutions of the RBN.

The recent strikes in the platinum sector were also fingered as one of the factors affecting the change in the RBN's financial standing.

As part of promoting transparency and preventing uninformed expectations, the financial statements also projected that there might be very minimal year on year improvement for the next three financial years, although that is the status everyone, the RBN and Morafe alike, hope to see changing.

Members of the community utilised the questions and answers slot to raise critical concerns and asked clarity-seeking questions.

Despite the fact that most questions were a follow-up to the financial report, the community members also asked questions covering key focus areas such as education; infrastructure development; land, agriculture and mining; and economic development.

The meeting was graced by a high representation of RBN traditional leadership and management. Kgosi Leruo Molotlegi used the platform to introduce the last members of traditional council appointed by him. Namely: Cllr Daphney Montsho; Cllr Denk Lesomo; Cllr Gabriel Khunou; Cllr Koketso Mafoko; Cllr Mmathapelo Pitsoe; Cllr Moatlhodi Tumagole; Cllr Nkele Tsholo; Cllr Papi Rangwaga; Cllr Pinkie Ntsimane; and Cllr Steven Tsebe.

This Kgothakgothe, explained the Kgosi, is special because it is a build up to his 10th anniversary since his coronation in 2003.

"Next year marks the 10th anniversary of my leading this nation", said Kgosi Leruo Molotlegi.

Kgothakgothe is normally a general meeting that attracts the Bafokeng people of all ages. The overall attendance at this Kgothakgothe, according to a register, was 2877 with Capital Region boasting the highest number of attendees at 945.



Mmemogolo Semane Molotlegi



EMRS on alert during the festive

The holiday season does not only bring with it enjoyable time with family but an increase in countless traffic accidents too.

- The RBN Emergency and Medical Rescue Services (EMRS) will be on alert to provide emergency cover in various areas aimed at keeping the community safe during the holidays.
- An ambulance will be on standby on the turn off road R565 from Rustenburg, Phokeng (Rietvlei

–Swartruggens road);

- The Kanana Satellite will be operational 24/7. There will be an ambulance with a full crew to cover/cut across all areas of the North East, Central and South East regions;
- The Chaneng Satellite will cover both North and South Regions;
- The Satellite at Boshhoek will serve as a backup of all the emergency calls from the medical facilities as well as all road accidents;

- The ambulance stationed at the Bafokeng Health Centre (BHC) will be on standby for all the medical casualties/patients that need emergency treatment and transportation from BHC to any medical facilities;
- There will be a full complement of fire fighters on standby at the Phokeng EMRS Base;

When calling for help, remember to provide information on the exact location of your emergency and the type of emergency.

Important 24hr Emergency Numbers



**014-566 7017 or
072 499 2839 or
112 from any cellphone**

Substance abuse outpatient clinic open in Luka

Royal Bafokeng Health and Social Development Services (RBHSDS) is expanding its reach in the mental health community by offering a substance abuse outpatient clinic.

The new clinic, launched on Friday, 22 November, at the Youth Centre in Luka, will provide a much needed service for clients who have substance abuse problems.

Mamakie Mothiba, Community Development Manager, officially opened the clinic on behalf of Dr Keba Mokgethi, CEO, Royal Bafokeng Health and Social Development Services.

In her speech, Mothiba said the clinic has come at the right time, to help deal with the number of drug users which seems to be growing at an alarming rate especially among youth. "We are giving you this clinic, to provide you with all the necessary services, use it and together let's

fight this problem which is threatening the future of our youth", she said.

According to Motlalepule Moroeng, the Psychological Services Manager in the department, this new outpatient clinic will not only provide individual but group services as well. "These services will focus on both young and old patients needing treatment for substance abuse.

We will also provide psychotherapy, medication, referrals to rehabilitation centers, support to the abusers in the form of support groups, after-care services and assistance with re-integration into the community".

With this kind of facility up and running, Moroeng is confident that patients will now be able to pay more attention to the treatment regime as the service is now more accessible.

"We also educate family members to help them to deal with the problem of substance abuse, help them understand that this is an illness and that their loved one needs their support", she said.

Speaking about drugs, Joseph Marumong, Narcotics Commander in Royal Bafokeng Nation (RBN) Safety and Security department said surveys show that there is an increase in the number of drug addicts and that drug abusers start early in their lives.

He talked at length about various drugs, the effects of, and dangers of abusing drugs. "The clinic does not encourage you to experiment with drugs, but to help those who are already into drugs and educate you about the dangers of using drugs", he said.

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Mamakie Mothiba officially opening the outpatient clinic

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Karabo Motuku gave a touching testimony when he told the people the heart breaking story of a life of a drug addict and life in prison.

Speaking from experience, Motuku did not only use the opportunity to advise young people about the dangers of drugs but also appealed to parents to take care of their children, saying sometimes the way parents treat their children leads them to using drugs.

Motuku is a member of Refetogile group, an NGO forum based in Luka, made up of former drug addicts whose aim is to teach young people about the dangers of using drugs.

The group visits various schools to educate and warn young people about the use of drugs.

Motuku and his friends, Karabo Mosotho and Bakang Mejelo, also members of Refetogile, all agree on one thing; that drugs cost money,

and thus create financial difficulties that may force the addict to turn to crime to support his/her habit.

They encouraged the learners to focus on their studies and make their parents their friends because they won't mislead them.

At the same event, Lawrence Moku, Trauma Centre Manager launched the 16 days of activism campaign which runs from 25 November to 10 December to make people aware of the negative impact of violence on women and children and to act against abuse.

Moku used the opportunity to highlight the types of services they provide at the centre and also appealed to the community to report cases of abuse, saying it is a perfect way to show support and to stop the abuse.

The Youth Centre, located in Luka village has been serving clients since



Mr. Marumong

2009. To schedule an appointment with a nurse or learn more about the facility, you may contact the Centre on 014 566 1334



Members of the community pledging to say No to alcohol and substance abuse at the launch of the campaign in Luka

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Royal Bafokeng Enterprise Development



**My Future
My Business**

The 'My Future My Business' competition draws to a close

The imperative need to develop small business lies at the center of the economic development mandate of the Royal Bafokeng Economic Development (RBED). We now know that small business and entrepreneurship development is vital to economic development. The ability of small and medium sized business to create employment becomes more eminent as we venture further into the new age economy.

These may not always be the best jobs in terms of salary and job security, but their ability to provide some form of decent living income should not be overlooked.

The 'My Future My Business' (MFMB) small business competition not only provide small business owners and aspirant entrepreneurs with the opportunity to competently present their current business or business idea in a professionally designed competition entry form but it also gives them a platform to either grow their current businesses or transform their business ideas into tangible successful businesses.

According to the organisers the campaign has received a lot of support from the community. Young people in particular have shown a lot of interest. With the competition closing in December, the organisers are encouraging interested community members who have not yet made their submissions to submit their entry forms to a field worker in their respective villages.

Participants can also personally hand deliver their entry forms to the RBED offices at the Bafokeng Plaza during office hours.

The RBED would like to thank everyone who took part in the competition. Winners will be announced at the beginning of next year, 2013.

Pay for Your Services!

Water Meter Readings

Water meters are read from the 25th to the 30th of each month but the billing for that month is only distributed the following month. If you do not receive your bill, which is distributed every month when meters are read, please contact the Rates Office at Bafokeng Plaza.

How to pay your bill

Non-payment of bills is taken very seriously. If you are having difficulty paying your bill, please speak to us as soon as possible as we may be able to help.

- All payments are made at the RBA Rates Office at Bafokeng Plaza.
- Cash payments or bank guaranteed cheques are welcome.

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17h00.**

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Moletlo wa go tlotla batho ba ba nang le bogole

Phokeng in Education, sekolo sa dithuto tsa puo ya diatla le mokwalo wa boreile, se ne sa keteka letsatsi la boditšhaba la batho ba ba nang le bogole. Moletlo o ne o tshwerwe ka 20 Ngwanatsele kwa Phokeng, go tlotla baagi ba ba kgethegileng ba.

Jaaka e ketikiwa lefatshe ka bophara, kgwedi ya Ngwanatsele e kaiwa jaaka kgwedi ya go tlotla batho ba nang le bogole, fa letsatsi la teng le le kgethegileng, le ketekiwa ngwaga le ngwaga ka di 3 Sedimonthole.

Monogwaga letsatsi le, le ketikiwa ka fa tlase ga moonono o reng: "Go tlosa dikgoreletsi go bopa setšhaba se se amogelang le go fitlhelelwa ke batho botlhe".

Fa a ne a neelana ka puo, Kabelo Godfrey Bobe, mogokaganyi wa South African Sign Language in Phokeng in Education, e bile gape e le tlhogo ya South African Sign Language Department (SASL) in School of Sign Language (SSL), o gateletse thata botlhokwa jwa thuto.

A re tshwanelo ya thuto mo bathong ba ba nang le bogole e kaya gore, thuto e tshwanelwa ke go nna teng, e fitlhelege bonolo, e amogesege le gore e kgone go fetoga go fitlhelela ditlhokego tsa bona le go nna le seabe mo go fediseng go tlhoka tekatekano le kgethololo ya batho ba ba nang le bogole.

Rre Bobe o tswelletse ka go rotloetsa barutabana go dira



Godfrey Bobe

m m o g o , g o a r o g a n a tshedimosetso le kitso. Fa e le batsadi bona, o kaile fa ba le botlhokwa thata mo kgolong ya bana ba bona, le gore ba tshwanelwa ke go dira ka natla, go bona fa bana ba bona ba amogela tshegetso e e maleba.

Mongwe wa baithuti e bile a nale bogole, Lucky, ene o buile go tlaa seatla ka dikgwetlho tse ba kopanang natso.

A re bona jaaka batho ba banang le bogole, seemo sa bona sa thuto ke sa maemo a a kwa tlase fa se bapisiwa le sa batho ba botlhe, barutabana ga ba na bokgoni jwa go ruta le go fitlhelela ditlhokego tsa bona, dikolo le tsona di a tlaela.

Ga se thuto fela, a re le fa go tla mo ditirong, ga ba fiwe ditshono tse lekaneng. Go tshwana fela le mafelo a botlhe jaaka maokelo,

diteishene tsa maphodisa, mafelo a metshameko, ga ba kgone go fitlhelela ditirelo tsa teng bonolo.

A re tharabololo e nngwe fela, ke go fetola seemo, go tlosa dikgoreletsi tsothe tse, go simolola go akaretsa batho botlhe kagolekana.

Batho ba ba nang le bogole ba akaretsa botlhe ba ba golofetseng mo mmeleng go akaretsa le ba thaloganyo boo bo ba kgoreletsang go tsaya karolo ka botlalo le ka go lekana le batho botlhe.

Ka jalo kgwedi e tshwana le e, e neela batho tšhono ya go tlosa dikgoreletsi tse, go lemosa botlhe ka botlhokwa jwa go dirisana le batho ba ba nang le bogole le go tokafatsa seemo sa bona sa bophelo.

Godimo ga moo, batho ba ba nang le bogole le bona, ba bona tšhono ya go bua ka phuthologo, go lemosa batho ka dikgwetlho tse ba kopanang natso.

Moletlo o simolotse fela ka dipuisano ka bona baithuti, wa natefisiwa gape ka mmimo o o neng o tlhagisiwa ke bona baithuti.

Kwa bofelong, botlhe ba tsamaile ba humile ka kitso le tshedimosetso ya thusana le batho ba ba nang le bogole, go netefatsa fa ba thusa go tlosa dikgoreletsi go tokafatsa seemo sa bona sa bophelo.



Phokeng in Education joins hands in celebrating World Disability month



Sibusiso Tshabalala

November is celebrated globally as Disability Awareness Month with a day commemorated on 3 December every year. In line with the theme: "removing barriers to create an inclusive and accessible society for all", Phokeng in Education, the school of excellence for Braille Studies and Sign Language, joined by parents, teachers and community members celebrated this special day on 20 November at Bafokeng Plaza, Phokeng.

The school was established in 2003, focuses on the educational, training and development of people living with disabilities and offers services such as IT training, Braille studies and printing services; sign language training; interpreter services; orientation and mobility training among others. Contact them on: 014 566 4043 or services@phie.co.za or visit them at suite 78 Bafokeng Plaza, Phokeng or www.phie.co.za



Thapelo Seabelo

Lamatlhatso, 17 Ngwanatsele, Bafokeng Civic Centre e ne e thanasela ka baagi bao ba akaretsang bagolo, basha, bana le bona badiri bao ba neng ba thologile ka bontsi go tla go tsenela kopano ya bofelo ya ngwaga ya kgothakgothe. Morafe o amogetse pegelo le seemo sa matlole sa Royal Bafokeng Nation, mme morago Kgosi Leruo Molotlegi a neelana ka puo ya bofelo ya go tswala ngwaga. Batla pitsong ba nnile le tshono ya go amogela maloko a le somenngwe a a tlhophilweng ke Kgosi a khansela ya setso. Maloko ano a tlaletsa a le tupa ao a tlhophilweng ke morafe mme a ikanisitswe mo kgweding ya Phatwe monongwaga.



Kids who attended were entertained



Bafokeng Youth Choir performing at the Kgothakgothe



16 Days of no violence against women and children

Royal Bafokeng Health and Social Development Services (RBHSDS) commemorated 16 days of no violence against women, children and people with disabilities.

The event held at the Youth Centre in Luka on 23 November, was aimed at making people aware of the negative impact of violence on women and children,

challenge perpetrators of these offences to change their behaviour and also to encourage people to take a stand against abuse.

At the same event, RBHSDS also launched the substance abuse outpatient clinic which will see more people getting necessary assistance in the treatment of substance abuse and other mental illnesses.



“Say No to violence against women and children”

Molteno Award Ceremony



120 Foundation Phase Educators received certificate for completing their Breakthrough to Literacy (BTL) training course from Molteno.

Molteno Project is a unique mother tongue literacy course for primary schools based on learner-centered and language experience approach.

BTL provides ideal foundation upon which English or any other additional language skills can be built. The project was introduced by Royal Bafokeng Institute in 2010. 29 Bafokeng primary schools and 100 Educators including the foundation phase are the beneficiaries of this project.



Thuto ka puo ya fa gae e bona maungo

Mokgwa o mošha wa go ruta bana ka puo ya fa gae mo mephatong e e kwa tlase, o ne wa tlotlomadiwa thata ka katlego ya ona.

Seno se dirilwe kwa moletlong wa go abela barutabana ditifikeiti tsa go wetsa lenaneo la Breakthrough to Literacy le le tsamaisiwang ke ba setheo sa Molteno kwa Bafokeng Conference Centre ka Labotlhano, 23 Ngwanatsele.

Fa a ne a bua le batlamoletlong, mogokgo wa sekolo se se potlana sa Mfidikwe, Rre Lefty Modise, o buile ka boipelo ka lenaneo le, le go akgola ba Royal Bafokeng Institute (RBI) gammogo le bona ba setheo sa Molteno.

A re le fa a ne a na le dipelaelo kwa tshimologong, gompiano o motlotlo thata ka lenaneo le, segolobogolo ka mongwe wa baithuti ba sekolo sa gagwe, e le mongwe wa bao ba gaisang thata mo porofenseng, ka ntlha ya lenaneo le.

“Motheo o o tiileng go tswa kwa poraemari o lebisa kwa katlegong mo dithutong tse di kwa godimo”. Rre Modise o tswelletse ka go re, o eletsa fa lenaneo le, le ka atisediwa kwa dikolong tse dingwe mo kgaolong ya Bojanala le porofense ka bophara.

Mokhuduthamagamogolo wa Molteno, Rre Masennya Dikotla, ene o itumeletse tirisano mmogo ya barutabana a ba a gatelela botlhokwa jwa tirisano ya puo ya fa gae. “Ga gona phoso go bua puo ya

gaeno, fa re ruta ka Setswana, ga se gore re tlogela kwa ntle puo ya sekgoa”. Fa a bua ka katlego ya lenaneo le, o rile Bafokeng ba na le tšhono ya go nna sekai se sentle mo nageng. O netefaleditse barutabana gore bona jaaka Molteno, ba tla tswelela go ba tshegetsatsa.

Projeke ya Molteno, eo e simolotseng ka 2010, e rotloetsa thuto ka puo ya fa gae mo mephatong e kwa tlase.

Breakthrough to literacy kgotsa BTL jaaka e itsege, ga e ganetse tirisano le thuto ya dipuo tse dingwe, mme fela e bopa motheo o mo go ona dipuo tse dingwe jaaka sekgoa di ka agelwang mogo ona.

Mme Lebo Molate, mosimolodi le motsamaisi wa lenaneo le mo dikolong, a re, go buisa le go kwala e ntse e le kgwetlho e tona thata mo baithutong go tloga ka mophato wa ntlha go ya go wa matiriki, fela go barutabana ba dikolo tse di mo kgaolong ya Bafokeng, se ke puo ya maloba.

“Dipholo tsa diteko tse di diriwang ngwaga le ngwaga di bontsha tokafalo e kgolo thata mo baithutong. Tsotlhe tse e le ka ditebogo go lenaneo la Molteno la Breakthrough to Literacy”.

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Masennya Dikotla



Advocate Mohale Maluleke handing out certificate to Johannah Mahuma



Lebo Molotsi-Molate



Barutabana W. Diremela le Viva Seome

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Dikolo di le 29 tse di potlana mo Bafokeng le barutabana ba feta lekgolo, ba ntse ba amogela thupelelo ka tiriso ya puo ya fa gae.

Bana ba mephato ya ntlha go ya go ya boraro, go begwa jaanong seemo sa bona sa go buisa le go kwala se tokafetse thata, e bile se lekangwa le sa baithuti ba mophato wa bone le go feta.

Se go begwa se itumedisitse barutabana thata ka jaanong matsapa a bona a go ruta a fokotsegile. Moletlo o ne wa natefisiwa ke

baithuti ka poko, mmimo le yona tlhagiso ya mainane a Setswana. Moithuti wa mophato wa boraro wa sekolo se se potlana sa Lefaragatlha, Malefa Matata (10yrs), o ne a emisa batlamoletlong ka maoto, ka tlhagiso ya gagwe ya leinane la phiri le phokoje.

Matsetseleko a gagwe a ne a se mo puong e e tlhapileng ya Setswana fela, o ne ikakga, a tloatlola go bontsha se a buang ka sona. Le fa puo ya gagwe go tswa kwa Foreisetata e le Sesotho, fela o tllhabile leinane la gagwe ka

Setswana se sentle, se se sa pekangwang, go kgatlha segolobogolo barutabana ba gagwe.

Mme Lebo Molotsi-Molate o weditse ka gore, ka lenaneo le, puo ya Setswana e a gola e bile e sireletsegile.

Bana jaanong ba ithuta le go tlhaloganya bonolo dithuto tse dingwe ka ba buisiwa le go rutiwa ka puo ya bona e ba e tlhaloganyangsentle.



Lefty Modise



Malefa Matata

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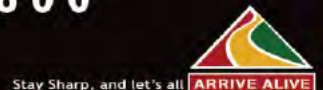
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Agriculture is a weapon against poverty

Farmers play an important role in our country. With their passion for farming, they are making a huge contribution towards food security, job creation, economic growth and poverty alleviation within their communities. Proof of this can be seen in the exceptional female farmer, **Mme Nteseng Mogotsi**.

She is a wife and mother of five from Mabitse village. She is a teacher by profession and holds a Master's Degree in Education.

She did not pursue the career of teaching but worked at the University of the North (now referred to as University of Limpopo) from 1975 till 2008.

She worked in various departments including the Faculty of Science and Agriculture as Assistant Registrar until her retirement. We asked this

phenomenal woman about her passion for farming

What persuaded you to join this profession?

I developed this passion at a tender age when I was growing up in the township. Even though we only had a small backyard, my father made sure that we had a vegetable garden. Even after I moved into my own home, I continued with vegetable gardening. My love for reading agriculture material also persuaded me.

What kind of projects are you involved in at the moment?

I never run out of seedlings in my garden. I make sure that as I harvest, I am also ready to plant new seedlings. As people come to buy vegetables, I am also able to give them free seedlings to plant in their own

backyards.

I am also a member of the Bafokeng Women's Club.

I am a leader of the sub-committee for agriculture through which we have started an agricultural cooperative of five women.

We recently acquired some land on which we will be empowering other women and youth through the planting of vegetables.

“Without agriculture there won't be life. A healthy nation is a productive nation.”
- Nteseng Mogotsi

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Do you think there are enough women involved in farming?

There are various categories in farming such as livestock-, vegetable-, large crop- farming, Horticulture, Poultry, fishery, forestry etc. From my observations most female farmers are involved with small scale Vegetable farming and Horticulture, whilst the men are predominantly in crop farming and livestock farming.

This could be attributed to the fact that livestock farming and crop farming is traditionally regarded as something that is for men.

Agriculture, in the main is dominated by men, although there are successful female farmers in many of the agricultural sectors. These assumptions are made from my own observations of the women that I meet and the farmers that I visit around the Brits and Rustenburg areas.

Most women are not going commercial because of lack of relevant infrastructure, proper facilities and relevant skills.

Who do you supply with vegetables?

I supply Foro Spar in Tlhabane, some local schools around Mabitse and the Bafokeng Feeding Scheme. The local community also benefits from this.

Please tell us about the Award you received

In 2009 I won two awards through the Department of Agriculture. I was the overall winner of "Female Farmer of the Year" in the North West Province. I also won the "Top Producer Award" in the category of backyard gardens. I was also in the Top 3 nationally in the backyard category in the Awards which were held in Bloemfontein.

Any advice to women and youth?

I wish to encourage and motivate women to believe in themselves, and to start their own agricultural projects for the purposes of food security, poverty alleviation and job creation.

The market potential is vast if you take into consideration that as farmers we have to feed the Nation. Another point is - everything that we eat daily comes from agriculture,

even some the clothes and shoes we wear. Without agriculture there won't be life. 'A healthy nation is a productive nation.

Let us dirty our hands to feed the Nation (Mmangwana o tshwara thipa ka fa bogaleng)'. There is a lot of assistance out there in terms of funding, skills development and mentoring.

Emerging farmers should strive to become commercial, since we cannot remain emerging farmers forever.

I also wish to encourage the youth to consider taking farming (Agriculture) as a career.

There are different sectors in agriculture with vast opportunities. There are also various institutions and colleges that offers various programmes in Agriculture.

Mme Nteseng Mogotsi explains that despite the challenges that she faces, her passion for developing people and promoting healthy eating keep her going. Hopefully her story will encourage more young people to turn to agriculture and choose it as a career.



Dikwena are safe under the watchful eye of 'Tiger'



Motsisi 'Tiger' Magano is the head of security for Platinum Stars Football Club, who does not take a no from players.

Born in Phokeng, Tiger, as he is affectionately known, is warm at heart character that is always laughing with his colleagues.

His love for soccer comes from way back when he used to play for community football clubs. When the time came for him to look for a job, he opted for a career in football.

Tiger worked for the same team before it came to Phokeng, under the directorship of Larry Brookstone and the late Joe Mafulgasha.

Q: What does your job entail?

M.M: As head of security, my daily duties include making sure that the boys are safe during home, and away games. I also make a priority of monitoring their behaviour and aggressive media crews. During camps, I always make sure that they follow the programme given by the coach and get plenty of sleep as per their schedule.

Q. What is the most interesting thing about your job?

M.M: Because on match days, I camp with the team to make sure that there is no interference by media people or visitors, and that all players are at camp and they obey their curfew, the most interesting part of my job is working with different characters every day and getting to meet some funny ones.

You draw inspiration from all the characters just by seeing how different these young boys are. I could not have asked for a better job, I tell you.

Working for Platinum Stars has given me a platform to learn so many new things and I am grateful for that.

Q: What did you do before you joined Platinum Stars?

MM: I started as a taxi driver, trying to make ends meet, though I knew my destiny. I gained experience while working for Jomo Cosmos, where I learnt all the ropes - the do's and don'ts of the soccer industry. Today, I'm proud to be protecting the Bafokeng team.

Q: Are there challenges you face as a head of security for a professional team?

MM: People must understand that we deal with different types of players. Some are disciplined, and

others are still maturing and therefore one needs to have a lot of patience.

You have to play the Daddy role to make sure that everyone feels welcome, and that their safety is considered.

Players are different, some are stubborn, some understand but I manage to work well with them. One big challenge is that players do not last in teams, so one is always faced with a challenge of having to meet new players every year. Getting to know the personality of a player can be a challenge.

Q: What is the one thing you love most about being part of the team?

MM: It gives me great pride knowing that I go out of my way to protect a professional team, our own team that is part of the Premier Soccer League (PSL).

I'm also proud to have worked with George Khunou, and I am currently working with Floyd Mbele.

I must say that the experience I have drawn from the two gentlemen is extensive. I am so proud to be a member of the Dikwena family, and I could not have asked for a better job.

FOLLOW PLATINUM STARS FC ON TWITTER

The club's Twitter page can be found at www.twitter.com/platinumstarsfc where you can ask us questions and find out the latest match information from the team.

But there are other ways to keep in contact with us too. The club's official website offers you daily news, player interviews, match previews and reports, as well as all the key statistics and ticket information around Dikwena matches.

You can also leave the players and club messages with our comment section on the website. But you can also 'like' our official Facebook page at www.facebook.com/platinumstarsfc.

You can chat with other Dikwena fans, tell us your views on the club and get the latest game information for the 2012/13 Premier Soccer League season and check out our great photos from games. We look forward to hearing from you soon!



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Lebone II College sports making waves!

On the 8 November 2012, Lebone II- College of the Royal Bafokeng held their first Sports awards event.

Sport is all forms of competitive physical activity which through casual or organised participation aim to use, maintain or improve physical ability and provide entertainment to participants.

Sport is generally recognised as activities which are based in physical athleticism or physical dexterity. Lebone College is growing and reaching new heights.

The sports awards event was held to celebrate those athletes who competed and excelled in sports for the year 2012.

Amongst the dignitaries present was Cavin Johnson, Head Coach of Platinum Stars, Jobi Wright, NBA and Simon Magakwe, South African 100m and 200m sprinter.

Guests were welcomed with sweet sounds of marimba creating the perfect atmosphere for the evening.

Indeed this was a special night and a great success.



The most prestigious awards went to:

Kgaugelo Pholoba (Junior sportswoman of the year)

Hlolelo Rampete (Junior sportsman of the year)

Juliette Fourie (Senior sportswoman of the year)

Thabo Nkomo (Senior sportsman of the year)

Michael Mabule & Neo Tumagole



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