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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 segoagoe@bafokeng.com, kgotsa wa di tlisa ka namana kwa Bafokeng Civic Centre.

Ditshwaelo di letleletse go fitlha labothano wa bobedi wa kgwedi ngwe le ngwe. Mokwadi o rotloediwa go kwala bokana ka mafoko a le 400, e seng go feta.

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 na le thata ya go tlopha makwalo a a siametseng go phasaladiwa.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD-SHARE YOUR VIEWS!

Segoagoe invites members of the community to forward their suggestions, comments and views about any issue that matters to them, to segoagoe@bafokeng.com or they can be hand delivered to Bafokeng Civic Center, every second Tuesday of the month.

Letters should not exceed 400 words and may be written in Setswana or English. Every letter should bear the name, telephone numbers and area of residence of the writer.

NB: The editorial team reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of articles submitted for publication.

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Kgothakgothe



With the increase in population and the growth of Rustenburg Town comes a greater demand for electricity. New residential areas as well as new businesses need electricity. This, therefore, means that ESKOM, the South African public enterprise responsible for provision of electricity, needs to widen the supply to accommodate an ever-growing requirement. This calls for, amongst others, the building of new power stations and extension of power lines to reach new developmental areas.

ESKOM requested consent to have power lines placed through some of the Bafokeng Villages. In accordance with laws and customs of the Bafokeng Nation, the duly constituted general meeting, Kgothakgothe, has to pass the resolution to allow or not allow such crucial activity to take place in the land. The Eskom request was presented during the Kgothakgothe sitting, of 9 November 2013, to the community members who gathered at the Bafokeng Civic Centre.

The ESKOM's request for servitude, as presented by Adv. Mokate to the meeting, can be summarised as follows:

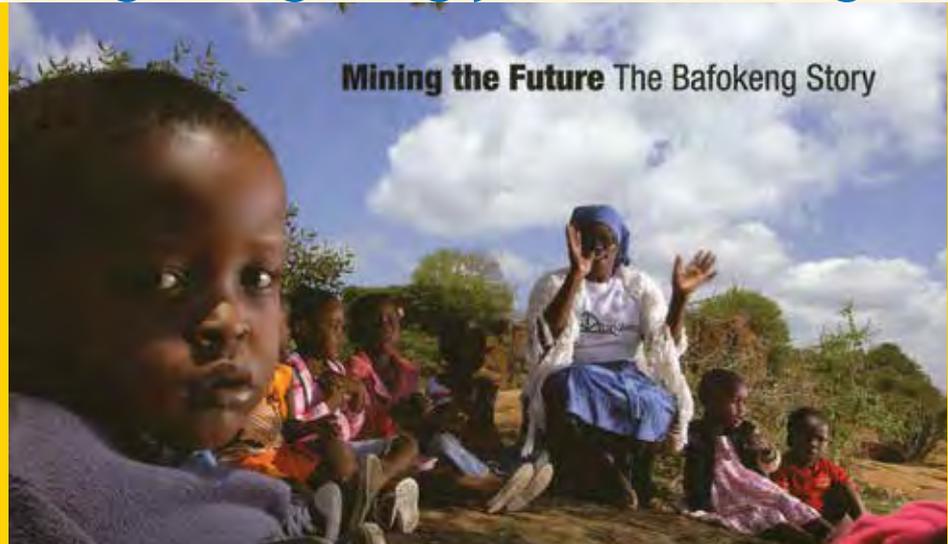
- ESKOM servitude for 3X132KV Powerlines in respect of power supply from Sun City (Ledig) to Manyane, affecting the remaining extent of Farm Styldrift 90 JQ and remaining extent of Farm Zandrif 82 JQ;

- ESKOM servitude for 3X132KV Powerlines in respect of power supply from Ngwedi Substation to SA Chrome, affecting Portion 1 of Farm Boshkoppie 104 JQ, Portion 21 of Farm Boshhoek 103 JQ and Portion 15 of Farm Frischgewaagd 96 JQ;
- ESKOM servitude 88KV Powerline in respect of power supply from Marang to Waterkloof Switching Station, affecting the Farm Turfontein 302; and
- ESKOM servitude for Bafokeng 788/33 Substation, affecting the Farm Doornspruit 106 JQ.

After a rigorous voting process by show of hand, Morafe passed a resolution to grant Eskom the permission to have power lines erected and pass through some of the Bafokeng villages. The numbers that voted in favour of Eskom's request was 771 while the number of Bafokeng that voted against was 11. Democracy dictates that majority rules and therefore Morafe gave consent for Eskom to proceed with its work for the improvement of electricity supply to South Africa.

Meanwhile, the Kgothakgothe was also utilised to provide the community with financial report and projections. A detailed article on financial report will be featured in the next JQ edition of this publication.

Botshelo jo bo kgethegileng jwa Bafokeng.



Lefapha la Dipatlisiso, Research and Knowledge Management mo RBA le solofeditse go tlhagisa dikarolo go tswa mo dibukeng tse lefapha le setseng le di tlhagisitse. Mo malobeng, re le tlhagiseditse karolo go tswa mo 'People of the Dew'; mme gompiano re le tlhagitsetsa e e tswang mo 'Mining the Future. The Bafokeng story'.

"Go ne go se bonolo go somarela le go boloka lefatshe la rona. Re ne ra tshwanelwa ke go le lwela le go le direla. Mo botshelong jotlhe jwa rona, re ne ra tshwanelwa ke go kganela bathopi bao ba lekileng go re tseela lefatshe ka ditsela di le dintsi.

Mo magareng dingwaga tsa bo 1800, mongwe wa baetapele ba rona ba ba gaisang, Kgosi Mokgatle, o ne a swetsa go reka lefatshe, le fa tota e ne e setse e le la rona. O dirile se gore, lefatshe e nne la rona semolao mo mathong a Maburu a Rephaboliki ya Teransefala.

Bontsi jwa Bafokeng ba tswile ditlhabelo gore re kgone go tshola le go itumelela lefatshe la rona gompiano. Ka dingwaga tsa bo 1800, makolwane a rona a ne a ya go dira kwa meepong go duelela lefatshe la rona. Dingwaga di le dintsi morago ga foo, banna le basadi ba Bafokeng ba ne ba ema mmogo, go ema kgatlhanong le mewa ya kgathololo eo e neng ya re tsenya mo naga-legaeng ya Bophuthatswana. Re ne ra tshwanelwa ke go lwa le ba indaseteri ya meepo go tshola ditshwanelo tsa diminerale tsa lefatshe la rona. Mo go tsothle tse, re ne ra itshwarelela ka tsholofetso ya phoka.

Gompiano morafe wa Bafokeng o o itsegeng jaaka Royal Bafokeng Nation (RBN) ke beng ba lefatshe la

bogolo ba dikwere tsa dikilomitara di le 1400, mo Porofenseng ya Bokone Bophirima, magareng ga Magaliesburg Nature Reserve le Rustenburg kwa borwa, mme Sun City le Vaaljop Nature Reserve tsona di le kwa bokone. Batho ba ka nna 300 000 (sic) ba nna mo tikologong e. Go feta seripagare sa bona ke Bafokeng.

Go fetogile dilo di le dintsi mo go rona, ka e rile ka 1999, ntwaga ya dingwaga di le robongwe magareng ga Morafe wa Bafokeng (RBN) le Impala Platinum, e ne ya rarabololwa kwa ntle ga kgotlatshekelo, ka go re neela katso e e bonalang ya moputso wa polatinamo. Re dirisitse dikatso le dišere go tswa mo dikhampaning tsa polatinamo go tlhola le go laola tlhabololo le kgolo ya baagi. Morafe wa Bafokeng o netefatsa gore malapa otlhe a Bafokeng, mo metsaneng e le 29, e na le metsi, motlakase, ditsela, tlhokomelo ya boitekanelo le thuto.

Le fa polatinamo e na le dipoelo di le dintsi, rotlhe re a itse gore seo se ka fela, le gore ga re kitla re ikanya yona fela. Go botlhokwa gore re atolose ikonometri ya rona le gore, re tlamele baagi ba rona ka ditshono tsa thuto, tseo di tla ba thusang go tsena mo ikonoming ya selegae, ya bosetšhaba le ya lefatshe ka bophara."

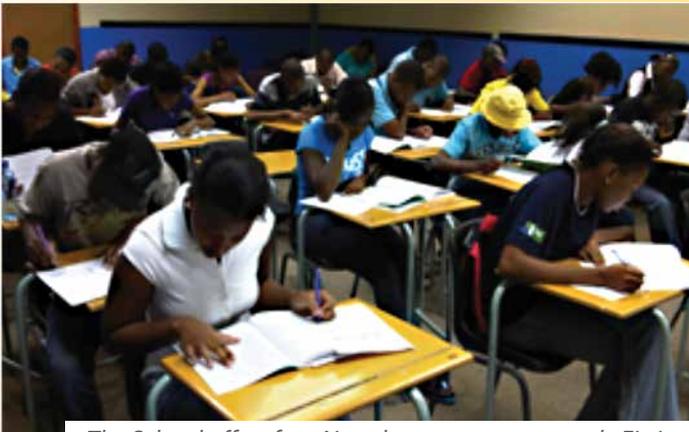
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The School offers four Nated programmes namely Fitting and Turning, Electrical, Boilermaker, and Diesel. All programmes curricula are developed and recognised by the Department of Higher Education & Training.

The Royal Bafokeng Institute Engineering School started in May 2012 with the union of Orbit FET College in the Phokeng area, after the phasing out of the Business School. RBI Engineering School is operating with the sub-centre number of ORBIT FET College.

The School is serving the community and draws the majority of the learners from the area of Phokeng village. The remainder of the students come from the Bojanala Region. In 2012, two hundred and seven students were enrolled in Nated programmes.

The duration of each level is three months. A trimester timetable is followed, with registrations taking place in January, April and August, enabling the successful student to accumulate three National certificates during the course of one year.

The initial College staff component is one campus manager, four educators, three support staff and two auxiliary service workers.

Thulaganyo ya Mafisa



Mafisa ke thulaganyo ya Setswana e e neng e dirwa go thusana, go tihatlosana le go namolana mo leubeng. Batswana ba ne ba le keletlhoko thata go lemoga se se reng ga re lekane re se meno, matlo go ša mabapi e bile mabogo dinku a a thebana. Mafisa ke mokgwa wa go tlamelana o o neng o dirwa ka leruo le tshwana dikgomo, dipodi le dinku.

Tsamaiso ya mafisa

- Rre wa lelwapa fa a ne a lemoga gore o tlhalelwa ke leruo, segolo jang fa dikgomo tsa gagwe di ne tlhabela go dira sepene se se ka golelagng go lema tshimo, o ne a ka kopa mongwe moagisani go mo adima dikgomo tse a tla di tlhokomelang le go ithusa mo temong go jesa ba lelwapa la gagwe.
- Fa gongwe baagisani ba ne ba ka lemoga gore mongwekabone o a sokola bile bana ba gagwe ba wela mo isong ke tlaa mme ba mo thuse ka leruo go mmipa bosetlha. Leruo la go nna jalo le ne le tswa ka mafoko a mantle, a e eseng a tshotlo, motho a tewa fela gotwe "rra, ke kopa o ntshwarelele dikgomonyana kgots dipotsanyane ke tse." Go sa twe "ke bona gore o a sotlega, jaanong ke go adima leruo ke le gore o inamole tlaa." Se se ne se direlwa go dibela seriti sa yo mongwe le gore a seka a anegelwa lefatshe a tllhabisiwa ditlhong.
- Mafisa a ne a kgona go ntshiwa e le ka dinako tsa leuba. Fa morui a lemoga gore naga e kgothegile, ga go na phulo sentle, o

ne a kgona go buisana le mongwe yo o mo nageng e e botoka go isa dikgomo tsa gagwe mafisa koo. Se se direlwa gore fa leruo le ka foforwa ke leuba, a saelwe ke sengwe se a ka iphimolang dikeledi ka sona. Go ne go tlwaelesegile thata gore masaka a tswalwe ka ntlha ya leuba, go isa dikgomo mafisa jalo, e ne e le go lebelo dilo kwa pele e sere gongwe motho a tloga a itshwara molomo leruo le foforegile.

- Dikgomo tsa mafisa di ne di ka golegwa kgotsa tsa gamiwa ke yo o di tlhokometseng, fela o ne a ka se itllhabise go ja nama jaaka o ka re ke tsa gagwe.
- Motlhokomedi wa leruo o tshwanetse go nna a ikgolagantse le mong wa lone, go mo itsise ka tse di lwalang le tse di swang. Kgomo ya lefisa fa e sule nama ya yone e isiwa kwa go mong wa yone go ya go e tlhoboga. Fa a sa batle nama eo, o ka leboga fela a busa motlhokomedi ka yona go ya go ja le bana ba gagwe.
- Mong wa dikgomo o ne a lokologile go di tsaya nako nngwe le nngwe e o a di tlhokang ka yona, fela go ne go nna le therisano. Ke sone se seane sa Setswana se reng; kgomo ya mafisa re e gama re lebile tsela.
- Fa mong wa leruo a tla go le tsaya, go ne go lebane gore o ka tshwaela motlhokedi sengwe. Go tshwaela ke go fa motho botllhabongwe jwa leruo e le go mo lebogela tlhokomelo e a e supileng.

Bokao jwa mafisa

- Mafisa a ne a supa popagano le lerato le Batswana ba neng ba tsholane ka lona.
- Ka mafisa re lemoga gore Batswana ba ne ba bipana lehuma mme ba tshegetsana ka dinako tse di thata.
- Mafisa a supa mowa wa bojammogo o Batswana ba pele ba neng ba na le ona. Batho e ne e se bomoemanosi, ba ne ba tlhaloganya gore motho ke motho ka batho ba bagwe.
- Mafisa a re kaela gore seriti sa mongwe mongwe se tshwanetse go dibelwa le go tlamelwa. Batho ba pele ba ne ba tlhaloganya gore motho, go sa kgathalesege maemo a gagwe mo setšhabeng, o tshwanetse go tlotliwa.
- Batswana ba tswa kgakala ba na le tebelopele ya go aga Khumo le go tshegetsana, se se itshupa sentle ka thulaganyo e ya mafisa. Ba bantsi batho ba ba kgonneg go felela e le bahumi ba dikgomo, mme ba simolotse fela ka mafisa.

Diphetogo

- Batho ba setse ba tsenwe ke mowa wa boferefere, ka jalo ga go sa tlhole go tshepanwa mo motho a ka neelang yo mongwe leruo la gagwe.
- Go na le mowa o montsi wa kgaisano, mo e reng le motho a le kwa godimo a bo a nna a batla go palamela fela a sa lebe le go thusa ba ba kwa tlase.
- Batho ga ba sa tlhole ba na le mowa wa popagano le bojammogo, e bile ba gopola gore bao ba ba tlhokang ke morwalo le mathata a puso bone ga go na fa ba tsenang tseng.
- Batho ka bontsi ba fetogile makobampa mo e leng gore fa ba ka lemoga gore go na le kwa ba boneng sengwe sa botshelo teng ga ba bolelele ba bangwe.

Mokwadi: Kehumile Nkabina Masala
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RBN Heritage Route *(Phase 1)*



The goal of the RBN Heritage Route (Phase 1) project is to produce a comprehensive heritage route map of all the heritage sites in the Phokeng area and to preserve the cultural and environmental heritage of the Royal Bafokeng Nation.

The Royal Bafokeng Administration's Research and Knowledge Management department is embarking on a project to facilitate the preservation of heritage sites in and around the Phokeng village. The realisation that there are a vast number of heritage sites (cultural, natural and politically-inspired) in the area that are at risk of destruction motivated the conceptualisation of this project. The project started on the 2nd of May 2013 and is expected to end on the 18th of November 2013.

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Site surveys and analyses will be conducted and site profiles will be created for each of the identified sites. Furthermore, visiting similar projects in and

around South Africa, such as the Freedom Park, Mantsopa's Grave, and the Panorama Route forms part of the project activities – culminating in the production of the maps.

The maps will be available in two formats; an online application as well as a physical illustrated map. The maps will provide background information about each site, indicate routes and distances from one site to the next, and indicate the locations of public facilities, such as police stations, clinics, shopping centres, etc. that tourists and the general public might need to make use of.

Phase 1 of the project includes the map being distributed to schools and tourist information centres. The online application will be made available on Bafokeng.com website, the official RBN website. The map will be compiled in user-friendly, easy-navigation formats. Phase 2 will be rolled out in 2014 and will expand the map to all RBN regions.



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Mokhotlong a Mphahlele e qo
Mphahlele ya 'Mphahlele a phahlele
me fela hna hane ke se
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ka Kgale.
Mphahlele hae a phahlele
ya ke seke ka bonala me
Mphahlele ka Mphahlele.*



Handwritten letter on stationery with a stamp. The text includes 'Mphahlele' and 'Mphahlele'.

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Seated: Kabelo Dambe; Thabiso Semanya; Patrick Malokase; Robert Ng'ambi; Willem Jackson (Ass Coach); Allan Freese (Head Coach); Stephan Ekakala (Goal Keeper)
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Tshepiso wa dingwaga di le 17, ke moagi wa Kanana mme e bile ke moithuti wa sekolo se segolo sa Sekete. Ke leloko la setlhopha sa Rebokamoso Cultural Group, seo se neng se mo felegeditse go ya kwa kgaisanong. Go ya ka moeteledipele wa setlhopha se, Michael Modimokwane, ba motlotlo thata ka katlego ya leloko la bona mme bona jaaka setlhopha, ba ikaeletse thata go godisa kitso, ngwao le setso sa Batswana.



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 (squatting)
- Storms
- Veld fires
- Emergencies at schools

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The Royal Bafokeng Nation has identified resources far more valuable than Platinum, and that is its people

A profile of Kenalemang Kgoroadira “Mama Kena”



Thojane Organic Farming started in 2009 with the main aim of training women and youth within Phokeng with their backyard gardens, so that their families could have access to and eat healthy home grown food using permaculture systems. This however never materialised and Mama Kena and Tommy (her husband and supporting half) had to venture into small-scale agriculture on their own.

A 10Ha derelict plot was afforded to them with a lease agreement from RBN. They had to start paying monthly rentals for the plot even before production had commenced. What is even more remarkable is that Mama Kena and Tommy had to use their own savings and pension funds, to remove all the old avocado trees, they also had to erect their own fence, acquire a tractor and implements, after which they had to prepare the ground and start producing using their own labour. In this way they provided employment for an additional five people.

Within four years Thojane managed to grow tomatoes, onions, brinjal (aubergine), butternut, calabash, merogo (sorghum), and herbs such as verbena, lemon grass, lavender, rose geranium, lerumo la madi and tlhonya.

Marketing all her produce locally she has not as yet experienced any challenges which she could not overcome. With the financial assistance of Rustenburg Local Municipality, DTI and Eskom, she has expanded her operation to increase the original 3 Ha under irrigation to potentially 7 Ha. A cold room and packaging facilities have been erected and at present there is a small tunnel.

The challenges facing this and other small-scale farmers are similar, but Thojane at present are experiencing the theft of their transformer, cabling and pump which is a major set-back. They are hopeful that the relevant bodies will soon help them to have all this replaced, as their current insurance policies do not cover this at all. The second and most probably the most important challenge experienced at Thojane is labour. Very few local people are interested in the labour intensive production of vegetables, and even if some show interest they leave for greener pastures once they have received the appropriate training. Identifying and employing reliable people to manage the operation while Mama Kena and Tommy are out delivering produce and or negotiating new markets are also areas of concern. Finally getting access to credit for small-scale farming operations remains a challenge, and the provision of amenities for labourers such as accommodation, toilets and electricity are an added burden.

But all of these challenges have not fazed Mama Kena, Tommy and the family, they still see vast opportunities, and are looking to diversify into agro-processing, organic mutton, broilers and egg production while also looking at improving their present honey production.

In conclusion Kenalemang Olga Kgoroadira won the 2013 BEST SUBSISTENCE PRODUCER in the emerging sector at the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Female Entrepreneur awards on the 23rd August 2013 held at the St George's Hotel in Pretoria.

On behalf of the Royal Bafokeng Nation; “We salute you and congratulate you on your well-deserved award” You are most certainly another asset/resource that the nation has gained.



History and Heritage

Letters

Thank You

A huge accolade is due to Shirley Mosete and Christine Boxall of Lebone II College of the Royal Bafokeng. These ladies had started collecting items such as toners which they knew would leak pollutants into the ground and water thereby threatening the health of communities and cleanliness of the environment. They also identified many old computers and printers, that were not economically efficient to run or broken, at numerous Bafokeng schools.

Through the WESSA Eco-Schools programme of which Lebone II has participated for two years, stock piles of electronic waste known as e-waste were identified at Fields College, Hoërskool Rustenburg and the Deutsche Schule Kroondal. The total e-waste was enough to make it worthwhile for Effortless Recycling in Johannesburg to come and collect the items free of charge.

Heavy metals such as mercury, lead, zinc and cadmium will be recovered from this e-waste and used to make new items. Without this company's intervention the redundant electronic equipment would have ended up in a landfill or worse yet dumped in undeveloped areas. Either way a pollution risk would follow as the substances of which the e-waste is composed of reacted to falling rain or oxygen and started to decompose. By ensuring the e-waste ends up in the correct place the Green Economy of South Africa is being promoted and a shining example has been set for all.

For more information see <http://www.erecycling.co.za/> or wessa.org.za

Best Regards

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New gang around RBN



A new gang known as "CLC" [Cruel Liquors Club] has been identified. The members are said to be currently recruiting new participants who are mainly school children or unemployed teenagers. Meetings are held on a weekly basis at a place behind the shop in Sarone, where plans for the weekend are discussed.

The group consists of nine identified members from Phokeng who are mostly learners from Keledi and Bafokeng High School. Their ages range from 16 years to 22 years with a tattoo bearing the mark "CLC", on the upper arm. They use knives and pangas to rob people around Tshwara for money and cellphones, which they then utilise to buy liquor at local taverns.

Bankcard Syndicate in action

The syndicate operates at the Bafokeng Plaza and Andrews Garage at Kgale. The group uses a scamming device, camera and several fraudulent bank cards, which they attach to the ATM in order to obtain the each victim's pin number. These bank cards are then used for shopping at a variety of shopping outlets.

Following an operation, conducted jointly with the SAPS, a suspect was found in possession of a scamming device, cameras and seventeen bank cards, with pin numbers written on the cards and an amount of R5000.00 cash.

Drugs in our streets

The drug problem is increasing among youngsters. Drug users and suppliers increasingly use Heroin

("Nyaope") and crack cocaine because of its affordability estimated at R40.00 per "fix."



Drug addicts were interviewed and referred to social workers for further assessment. Sources of supply of drugs were revealed and arrests made. One suspect was found in possession of dagga weighing 53 grams, while a 25 year-old woman was also found in possession of dagga weighing 14g. Both were arrested and later fined. A case was opened at Phokeng SAPS.

Another joint operation, with the SAPS Boitekong, led to the arrest of a female Swazi national for possession of dagga. More than 90 kg of dagga, packed and bound in bags, valued at more than R20 000.00, was confiscated.

The suspect is a supplier around the Bafokeng area in villages including Mosonthwane, Kanana, Lefaragatlhe and Phokeng.

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After snatching MTN 8, Stars eager to Rringa mo'

It is Rringa mo'diski time and Platinum Stars will be travelling to meet Kaizer Chiefs in the semifinals of the Telkom Knockout this weekend! The game will be played at the FNB Stadium on Saturday, November 23 and Dikwena will definitely be hunting down a second piece of silverware this season following their victory in the MTN8 finals in September.

Platinum Stars have made travel arrangements for supporters who want to attend the game in Soweto and cheer up the pride of North West province. Supporters can pay just R150 for return transport to the stadium including a match ticket.

Interested supporters may contact the following coordinators to book their seat:

Lefaragatlha via Tlhabane:	Kabelo 0760157655;	Ernest 0795884497
Phokeng:	Tshiamiso 0828499056;	Itu 0823468626
Luka:	Monsto 0787164877;	Tumelo 0833922250
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Tsitsing:	Titus 0797220451;	Bafedile 0767546789
Macharora:	Thato 0834353479; S	ekano 0828052864
Photsaneng:	Dupa 0828745102;	Makie 0736901155.

Meanwhile, supporters wishing to watch the game in style can also purchase a VIP ticket. This includes a suite ticket, buffet meal, premium complimentary bar, parking and personal service from expert staff throughout. Tickets for this VIP hospitality are priced at R1350.00, To book yours call 082 560 8993.

Book early to avoid disappointment. Victory! We Resume.

Lebone II College Annual Awards



From left to right. Thebe Morake, Pleasure Cumming, Mahlatshe Makudubela, Desmond Sibiya, Ratanang Nke, Patric Malokase, Ofentse Mogawane, Judith Treloa



From left to right. Boitshoko Kau, Desmond Sibiya and Regomoditse Pilane

17th October 2013 saw the second annual Lebone II – College of the Royal bafokeng sports award. This event was to celebrate those athletes who competed and excelled in sports for the year 2013. Guests were welcomed with the sweet sounds of marimbas, creating the perfect atmosphere for the evening.

Amongst the dignitaries was Mr. Ratanang Nke (Chairman of Platinum Stars FC), Ofentse Mogawane (2010 SA 400m champion), Mr. Frank Traore (NBA Africa), Patric Malokase (Platinum Stars FC).

The big winners on the night were:

- Hanna Dryer (Junior sportswoman of the year)
- Keagan Labuschagne (Junior sportsman of the year)
- Olebogeng More (Senior sportswoman of the year)
- Joshua Groenewald (Senior sportsman of the year)



From left to right. Desmond Sibiya, Olebogeng More, Hannah Dwyer, Keagan Labuschagne

Platinum Stars fixture list for the 2013/14 PSL season

DATE	COMP	KO	VS	VENUE
05/11/13	League	19:30	SuperSport United	Royal Bafokeng Stadium
08/11/13	League	20:00	Maritzburg United	Harry Gwala Stadium
23/11/13	League	18:00	Bloemfontein Celtic	Royal Bafokeng Stadium
04/12/13	League	19:30	AmaZulu	Princess Magogo Stadium
08/12/13	League	15:30	Lamontville Golden Arrows	King Zwelithini Stadium
16/12/13	League	18:00	Orlando Pirates	Royal Bafokeng Stadium
20/12/13	League	20:00	Ajax Cape Town	Athlone Stadium
23/01/14	League	19:30	BidVest Wits	BidVest Stadium
27/01/14	League	19:30	Mamelodi Sundowns	Royal Bafokeng Stadium
04/02/14	League	19:30	Polokwane City	TBC
08/02/14	League	15:30	Free State Stars	Royal Bafokeng Stadium
15/02/14	League	20:15	University of Pretoria	Tuks Stadium
02/03/14	League	15:30	Kaizer Chiefs	Royal Bafokeng Stadium
08/03/14	League	15:30	Mpumalanga Black Aces	TBC
12/03/14	League	19:30	Moroka Swallows	Royal Bafokeng Stadium
19/03/14	League	19:30	SuperSport United	Lucas Moripe Stadium
29/03/14	League	15:30	Maritzburg United	Royal Bafokeng Stadium
06/04/14	League	15:00	Bloemfontein Celtic	Free State Stadium
16/04/14	League	19:30	AmaZulu	Royal Bafokeng Stadium
19/04/14	League	15:00	Lamontville Golden Arrows	Royal Bafokeng Stadium
26/04/14	League	15:00	Orlando Pirates	Orlando Stadium
10/05/14	League	15:00	Ajax Cape Town	Royal Bafokeng Stadium

Up close with *Henrico Botes*

Platinum Stars is defying the odds and slowly winning the Nation's hearts, especially those of soccer lovers. They chase, they play and inspire. Moreover, they LIVE. A journey of success is underway and the Club celebrates daily accolades achieved by either the players or the club as a collective. Henrico Botes remains one of the oldest players in the team. Being nominated as the Sports Achiever of the Year, at the Namibia Sports Awards, last month surely makes him a Legend in the making. We took time and spoke with Botes, a warm and funny character he is.



Q: Briefly tell us your first memory at Platinum Stars, then Silver Stars?

HB: I joined the team after it won the 2006 edition of the Telkom Cup and also finished 2nd in the Absa Premiership. There were big expectations to maintain the same standard of the previous season, but we could not manage to meet it.

Q: The journey has been a tremendous one, with its ups and downs; can you take us through that?

HB: Yes, it was very tough growing up and I never in my wildest dreams could picture myself as a sports star. My faith in God has kept me going and all the glory goes to Him. The Club struggled to break into the TGop 8 after I have joined and I am happy to be still here and part of the turnaround.

Q: You are the current leading goal scorer for the team, in all its history. Were you working towards achieving that or did it just happen?

HB: No, it is not something I set out to achieve and it is by grace that I have reached this achievement. Personal glory is good, but the Team comes first. It will be fantastic to be remembered as the League Champions and I would feel honoured to play my part by scoring goals. I would like to thank the Club and the Royal Bafokeng Nation for giving me the opportunity, also my former colleagues at Platinum Stars and lastly my current teammates - the best group I have ever played with in my career.

Q: What is that you love about Platinum Stars?

HB: It is a team for the people and I love the family atmosphere at the Club.

Q: Your goals with the team?

HB: I would love for the team to be recognised as one of the best in South Africa, and to win the Absa Premiership.

Q: Who inspires you to work hard?

HB: God, the Almighty is my foundation; the support from my wife, family and friends.

Q: You are a husband; briefly tell us how you juggle your career with that role?

HB: I am first a husband then a sport personality. My wife is my rock and my biggest supporter. She keeps me grounded all the time.

Q: You are such a friendly and inspirational player. What keeps you going?

HB: I am fortunate to be where I am and I will never forget where I come from. Sport brings people together and makes them happy; I'm glad to give my contribution.

Q: How could you describe yourself in few words?

HB: Humble, happy, full of love, down to earth and a child of God.

Q: The Club achieved a golden crown in the previous cup and the adrenaline is building up to the semifinals of the next cup. What are your preparations and how are you willing to go out and represent the team?

HB: We want to continue doing well and we are confident that we will progress to the final against all odds.

Q: Who are you close to at Dikwena?

HB: I'm a team player and I'm close to everyone. Congratulations! Your warm heart has earned you success and we can only celebrate with you at Platinum Stars. All the best for the future! "Thank you for the opportunity and all the best to our supporters and the whole Dikwena family. Victory! We Resume!!!"

BIG BIG boost for local basketball



The Royal Bafokeng Junior NBA/WNBA Basketball Programme could not ask for a bigger boost than a visit by local coaches to the NBA Headquarters in New York. Four of RBN basketball coaches went on an exchange trip to the United States of America with the main objective of gaining more exposure on how the NBA runs its basketball affairs. The nine day visit to the USA, from the 2-10 November 2013, has helped in fostering the partnership between the RBN and NBA.

Basketball, one of the most successful sporting programmes at RBN, has gained mileage from this exchange trip as the 4-member delegation comprising coaches Franck Traore, Gladys Mathudi Disipi, Cornelius Mokgothu Ramosotho and Junior Mmoloke, will also transfer their skills to 36 other coaches working in the development of basketball for the RBN. "The transfer of skills from the NBA coaches to Bafokeng young coaches is an on-going process and an exchange trip to the US is crucial to further develop our coaches. It opens their minds and gives them a standard of excellence to shoot for when it comes to sports development", said Franck Traore, the leading coach.

The highlight of the trip was when the group had an opportunity to watch a highly competitive NBA encounter between Brooklyn Nets and Indiana Pacers in New York. Watching the games at University and College levels and having meetings with coaches will also go a long way in shaping the understanding of the game for our passionate local coaches. A day before the departure, one of the coaches, Junior Mmoloki was excited about the prospects of coming back with more skills. "With my combined 18 years of playing and coaching basketball, this trip is like a graduation to another level, because we will be able to learn new ways of improving the game for our junior players", said Mmoloki.

Following the success of the 2013 Royal Bafokeng Junior NBA/WNBA Championships, the basketball programme is indeed flourishing and will indeed go a long way in ensuring that Kgosi's vision of producing excellent athletes is realised. "The trip will help the coaches understand what it takes to become an accomplished basketball student athlete which will ultimately help with their development as coaches and mentors", said Traore. He also appealed to all young people in the Bafokeng area to participate in the programme, adding that basketball is not about size as many of us would believe. "Even shorter guys are needed in basketball. In fact, shorter players are perfect to play in positions where faster pace is critical", urged Traore.