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RPA declares war

The Rate Payers Association (RPA) of Phalaborwa has declared war on the town's residents with the district water.

A dispute with the Ra-Phalaborwa Municipality was officially declared on July 6 because of poor service delivery.

Last Thursday's RPA meeting proved very insightful as the Chairman of the National Rate Payers Union, Jaap Krilder, joined the congregation and offered advice on a way forward.

Hans Ham, Chairman of the Rate Payers Association, is ready to take on the Ra-Phalaborwa Municipality with all his might, but needs the help of the community.

With only 200 paid-up members, the Association has no chance of covering the municipality of its expenses.

With another 800 names listed as interested parties, the Association surely has the potential of becoming a valid voice of the community.

Krilder explained the fact that towns have the ability to fight their municipalities, but only if residents become actively involved in the fight.

The RPA initiated several meetings with the municipality, complaining about service delivery and informing them on the RPA's plan of action should the situation not be sorted out. Numerous letters have also been delivered to the municipality, stating specifically what problems the residents have with service delivery.

The municipality was given the end of July to respond to the numerous complaints from the RPA. No response has been received.

The RPA has created a bank account where members may deposit their property tax.

The municipality has been informed that all property tax will be withheld until proper service delivery is restored again.

Should the state of service delivery remain unchanged, the RPA will initiate the next stage - withholding more money from the municipality.

The RPA plans to utilize the money deposited to bring direct services delivery to Ra-Phalaborwa. Amongst the problems the RPA plans to address are the decaying sewerage systems and its leaks.

According to Krilder de Plooy, member of the RPA's

executive committee, they are only in the beginning of their battle with the municipality. They are willing to see this fight through to the end, but that they as fairly want to put the municipality to do their job so that residents can enjoy their right of service delivery once again.

Some might be able to live with the ridiculous new water rates, but Krilder made some shocking revelations during the meeting.

The sewerage plants in South Africa, so lack thereof, are systematically killing this country.

Municipalities neglecting to repair their sewerage systems need to realize that by doing nothing about the problem, they are polluting their own drinking and irrigation water, and sending that bill on to the towns' discharges.

Krilder informed the meeting that if a municipality does not maintain the necessary services, residents indeed have the right to withhold money until services are restored again.

Just as a tenant is, by law, allowed to replace, for example, a land geyser and then deduct that amount from the rent, so a town is allowed to use its "rent money" to pay for necessary improvements and replacements, explained Krilder.

The municipality will by law not be allowed to cut anyone's electricity because their water account has not been paid, as stated previously in the Herald. According to de Plooy, the municipality is also not allowed to cut any household's water supply, under any circumstances.

According to the Municipal Fiscal Powers Act, the new water rate should be directly connected to the cost of supplying water to the community.

Krilder advised the meeting that it is up to the RPA to gather the relevant facts in order to use it that is indeed the case in Ra-Phalaborwa.

He requested people to join the RPA and add their property tax to the RPA's account until the dispute has been settled.

He reminded that it is a legal way of getting their point across, and also that every person that joins the RPA makes the Association more than 10 times larger than their fight against the municipality.



Dr Wynand Vlok, gongeker by verbeide water en Sakekamer se vergadering, saam met Maitie Krilmer van die Kamer.

* Sakekamer vergader

Wynand praat oor water

Die Phalaborwa Sakekamer het hulke maandlikse vergadering verlede Donderdag by Maitie's Buiso gelyk.

Die gongeker was Dr Wynand Vlok, 'n smallhandlike omgewings-konsultant en natuur van Phalaborwa.

'n Paar onderneemers is op die vergadering bygewees.

Hans Ham, 'n lid van die Kamer, het gelyk op die belangrike transformasie van die Phalaborwa hospitaal van 'n publieke hospitaal na 'n open-kontraktant hospitaal. Daar word gelyk aan dit op 1 April 2010 te open, bytjels van die Middel-keuse-ouderbestuur.

Tredersdinkende reëlverduidelikende en aanbevelings is teen 28 September 2009.

Daar word gelyk dat koste van meer R100 miljoen sal bytjels, waarvan R5 miljoen bytjels deur die publieke sektor gegewe sal word.

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Die gongeker Dr Wynand Vlok het gelyk dat die plantlike water is

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SAPS members marched from Chibkeras to Coenraad to support the Community Policing Forum (CPF) awareness day held last Saturday.



The CPF awareness day featured a rock festival with several musicians entertaining the crowd.

SAPS, CPF show visibility

By: Glenn Nelhor

In their bid to combat crime and abate their

visibility around town, the Community Policing Forum (CPF), SAPS and other crime

prevention forums marched from the Chibkeras parking lot to Coenraad last Saturday where they held their awareness day.

More than five hundred people flocked to the event and with the talent show, rock concert, Phalaborwa cabaret and many activities that entertained the crowd it is no wonder the event turned out to be such a success.

The purpose of the event was to lend a ear for the CPF members to enable them to expand their services, if possible, to other areas of Phalaborwa.

The CPF Chairperson, Maitse Miel, encouraged the community not to be part of the problem, but part of the solution in combating

crime and making Phalaborwa the safest community in the province.

SAPS police station commissioners, supervisors and members of the air force attended the ceremony.

CPF is an executive forum that was initiated by the SAPS Phalaborwa Station Commissioner to invite a public partnership in policing the jurisdictional area of his station.

The forum invites all community members to report any crime they come across in order to lower crime. To join the CPF in making a difference and helping to put criminals where they belong, please contact Eugene on 076 376 2312.

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Ntshwenko High School learners wore traditional clothing symbolising their culture on their Culture Day held last Friday at Inqolo Park.



Dancing to their traditional music, Ntshwenko High School learners were proud to celebrate their Culture Day last Friday.

They cherish their culture

By Glenn Sehebe

Many young people now regard culture as something and not in line with the 21st century life. But Ntshwenko High School learners in Ben Fara are determined to know their, and where they originate from.

They held a Culture Day last Friday at Inqolo Park, starting to their traditional music, displaying their cultural clothing and performing other culture-related activities. Songs, Poem and Drama were amongst the

celebrated cultures.

According to the event organisers, Kaelo Shikwambana, the day was organised to have the learners explore and get pleasure from their culture because most youth are now more interested in western culture and don't know their own.

"We are trying to make them remember their culture by having such a day," said Shikwambana.

The event is held annually.



The G R E learners of Kingfisher look to the streets to demonstrate the skill they have learnt through Safe 'Dancestep and Road Safety' lessons. Onabona Aghaie, Marinel Fawcett, Mawuping Ndlovu, Judy Gushie, Ngqato Mankwame, Candice Jull and Alysia Kaseene.



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Dr Dave Thompson showing an EnPhalaborwa learner how to identify plant species at the follow-up of the Winter Science Camp.

Winter Science Camp

The successful Winter Science Camp for talented grade 11 learners from the EnPhalaborwa area that was held at Tlokoeng camp, Harare, earlier this year.

This follow-up round was held on Saturday, August 22 at the South African Environmental Education Network (SAEEN) offices in the Enager National Park as the learners continued with their environmental education.

The aim of Saturday's programme was to continue environmental science education that was started at the working Winter Science Camp earlier this year.

For Mibiya, SAEEN Environmental Science Education and Outreach Manager, invited a variety of SAEEN, SANParks, and BirdLife SA, personnel to share their knowledge with the enthusiastic learners, through lectures, quizzes and field exercises.

Dr Dave Thompson from SAEEN addressed sustainable living whereas Manton Thompson

from SANParks gave an introduction to biological classification.

At the end of an academically exciting morning, Manton Thompson from BirdLife SA's Enager to Canyon, learning made an introduction to the importance of birds in ecosystems, birds as indicators for ecosystem health and finally to bird identification skills.

These skills were brought into practice during the afternoon excursion into the INP where Ngwenyama guided the learners through the identification of a number of bird species at Manton's picnic site and the bird hide at Subie Dam.

The partnership between the SAEEN National office in Phalaborwa and the Enager to Canyon, learning made an introduction to the importance of birds in ecosystems and will be continued at the next follow-up of the SAEEN Science Winter Camp for talented learners.

SAEEN is funded by the Department of Science and Technology and one of its primary mandates is to stimulate young people to pursue careers in environmental sciences.



Adult Basic Education and Training (ABET)

The Ministry (Qualifications Authority (MQA)) will be hosting the Annual International Literacy Day on 12 September 2009 in Phalaborwa.

Details of the Event:

Date: 12 September 2009

Venue: Teacher Community Centre, Harare (Phalaborwa)

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An invitation is extended to all employees in the mining and minerals sector to nominate 10 learners from their company to be part of the event.

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Elize van Dyk en Beatrice Ntal van Frans de Taal is uit 148 nominasies gekies om die Beeld Jongvrou van te wees.

Fransies doen dit weer

Dit is met trots dat die Fransies kan uit "Die Fransies darem dit weer!"

Twee je 11 lede, Beatrice Ntal en Elize van Dyk, is gekies om die Beeld Jongvrou van te wees.

Uit die 148 nominasies is slegs 30 lede in die beeldejongvrou gekies. Die twee van die lede, "Die Fransies", het lede van die jeugveld om toe die lede van die taal te wees.

Die lede vind plek in Publikasies in samewerking met die Nasionale Universiteit.



Landskap Skoolkoors se lede is gekies tot Saterdag, 29 Augustus te Lerechele deurgang om hulle goed te sien. a/7 lede: Chad Broucken - 14de, Muel van der Merwe - 17de, Anu Müller - 21de, a/8 lede: Marlene Christiana Muel - 7de, Christelle Muel - 27de, Breda van Buren - 15de, a/9 lede: Erik Jacobs - 14de, a/10 lede: Anette Müller - 15de, a/11 lede: Christa Alderman - 20de, De Villiers Evita - 24de, a/12 lede: Lily Lomax - 12de, Alexandra Jacobs - 24de, a/13 lede: Doreen Müller - 14de, Jacaranda Steynhagen - 12de, a/14 lede: Thabang Mogaeng - 8de, Thabang Mogaeng - 21de, Martin Bosch - 27de, Nathan du Plessis - 30de en Isaac Sebela - 31de.



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NTK hosts successful golf day

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NTK's Letebare ladies also enjoyed their day on the golf course at the NTK golf tournament held at Phalaborwa's Hans Merweyck golf club. Ladies from various teams took part in the competition. Succesvolle Damesploeg, Michelle de Toll, Suzanne Chumey, Maritza de Smael, Jackie Weyn and Zane Kester.

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