

Long weekend filled with crime

Lentswe, Klerksdorp - Operation Shanela remains steadfast in stabilising crime in the province. Multi-disciplinary high density operations were conducted between September 21 and 24, with emphasis on the reduction of contact crimes and property related crimes in hotspot areas.

“Actions executed over the weekend culminated in the arrest of 664 suspects

for different offences. The arrested suspects amongst others, included 9 for rape, 89 for assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm (GBH), 53 for assault common, 17 for robbery aggravating, 23 for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, 8 for illegal dealing in liquor, 10 for burglaries at business premises, 22 for possession of drugs and 16 for dealing in drugs,”

said Capt Aafje Botma, police spokesperson. She added that during the operations and execution of various actions, 4 372 persons and 2 049 vehicles were searched.

“The operation also led to the inspection of 116 licensed liquor premises, 20 second-hand goods dealers and fourteen recyclers /scrapyards. Furthermore, 8 unlicensed liquor prem-

ises were closed, while 35 suspected undocumented foreign nationals were taken in for processing by immigration officials.”

Police also confiscated liquor, various drugs (crystal meth, mandrax and nyaope), 4 cell phones and eleven firearms.

Saving the Goudkoppie Heritage Hill

Lentswe, Klerksdorp - In closing Heritage Month, Leano la Bophelo will be hosting a celebration on Friday September 29 at Goudkoppie Heritage Hill.

The theme of the event is “Hands off our Goudkoppie”. According to the group, heritage assets in the city are being vandalized and becoming white elephants and criminal dens without activities taking place. At the event, local artists and crafters will be

allowed to showcase their work of art and craft and the stalls will be used free of charge. Through this event, Leano la Bophelo envisages creating jobs for ordinary people of Matlosana and to ensure that more events are been organized to sustain livelihoods moving forward.

“We should not only embrace our cultural heritage only during heritage month, this should be an ongoing culture and programme, and should

be passed from one generation to the next,” said Rathebe Michael Mojaki on behalf of the NGO.

Matlosana residents are encouraged to come in big numbers to grace the event as there will be enjoyment of traditional music by local traditional groups, artists selling their crafts, enjoyment of traditional cuisine and lots more.

The event starts at 10:00 and festivities will end at 18:00.

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