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MAYORAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!



Like with all other years, the Birthday celebration of the Honorable Mayor of Lephalale Local Municipality, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko, brought together communities from all villages of Lephalale at Moses Monanyane Sports Complex in Shongoane Village on 17 May 2018.

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Representatives from various organisations such as Youth Council, COSAS, Moral Regenation, Dissability, Women etc. wished the Mayor a happy birthday and appreciated the work done by the Mayor in changing the lives of the people of Lephalale. They appreciated the Mayor's initiatives of

- Ensuring that local people are not sidelined during recruitment and business opportunities at local companies
- Mayoral Bursary fund assisting local students to further their studies
- Security and drivers licence training for unemployed youth
- Donation of learner support material (laptops, calculators and school uniform)

- Free Winter Enrichment Programme for all grade 12 leaners
- Sanitary towels for high school learners
- Donation of winter blankets for the elderly

Eskom-Matimba and Exxaro Mine representatives, Freddy Ntuli and Delani Ncobo, appreciated the Mayor's initiatives to uplift and better the lives of local people. They pledged to continue partnering with the Municipality in supporting the Mayor's programmes.

The Mayor closed the ceremony by donating blankets and towels to the elderly and grade 12 learners in partnership with Eskom. He appreciated all the messages from various speakers whom spoke highly of the Mayor!!



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DEPUTY MINISTER ASSESSES STATUS OF MEDIA HOUSES!!!



In an effort to revive the community broadcasting sector in the country the Deputy Minister of Communications, Pinky Kekana met with the Management of Lephalale FM and representatives of LLM led by Acting Mayor Cllr William Motlokwa to listen and discuss challenges that led to the closure of the Local Community Radio Station. The Station's license was revoked following a decision by the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) due to non-compliance issues.

Deputy Minister said community radio stations crucial communications tool to disseminate information to far-flung areas. "Community broadcasting has an important role to play in facilitating government's developmental agenda and in the implementation of rural development plans" said Deputy Minister.

Acting Mayor Cllr William Motlokwa said that municipality was happy with the launching of Lephalale FM in 2014, because the station was used as a vehicle to interact and share information with local communities.

"We hope that these engagements will help bring back our beloved radio station in order to share local and international information in their own languages. The station will also assist in showcasing musical talent of our young and upcoming artist, and the different cultural diversity we have in Lephalale" said the Acting Mayor.



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DEPUTY MINISTER OPENS MEDIA CENTRE AT SEDIBENG

As part of National Child Protection Week campaign, under the theme “Let us All Protect Children to Move South Africa forward”, launched on 27 May 2018 the Deputy Minister of Social Development Henrietta Bogopane-Zulu in partnership with MTN SA Foundation met with parents of learners at Sedibeng Special School to officially open a computer laboratory.

“I would like to thank all the parents for their continuous support to their children. I know that they are experiencing numerous challenges and that it is not easy taking care of a disabled child” said the Deputy Minister.

The laboratory will comprise of computers with specialized programmes that cater for children with disabilities.

The computers are designed in a technologically-advanced manner and are also user-friendly for learners with special needs.



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MAYOR TABLES OUT BUDGET FOR 2018/2019

Delivering the 2018/2019 Budget speech on the 29th of May, Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Moloko Jack Maeko said that the budget presented is informed by the New Dawn and the collective intention of building a Municipality that will belong to all who live in it. "As a Municipality we are committing that in deed we will never rest. The resolutions taken during our strategic session are a clear indication that we are prepared to redouble our efforts to address the triple challenges of inequality, poverty and unemployment. We have adopted an organizational structure that we believe will be equal to the task' said the Mayor. The Mayor also requested that Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) to intensify their oversight function and investigate, especially on why the Municipality only spent 23% of our own funding. "Let me remind you of few financial challenges raised by the Auditor General and emphasised by honourable premier of Limpopo Chupu Mathabatha during SOPA which includes, the need for Municipal leadership to create a culture of honesty, ethical business practices and good governance, the need for proper record keeping and the need to instill basic controls to ensure the processing of transactions in an accurate, complete and timely manner". He said that one of the ways to address that challenge is to reduce or totally avoid unauthorized expenditure.



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DISTRICT TABLES OUT ITS IDP PLAN!!



The Waterberg District Municipality led by the honorable Executive Mayor, Cllr Morris Mataboge held its Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Representative Forum on the 22nd of May at the Shongoane Traditional Authority. The Mayor, said that the integration phase of the IDP is critical because it leads to the approval of the IDP by Council. Integration takes place in the form of various sector plans which are considered when crafting strategies and identifying projects which the municipality will eventually execute.



He also added that community participation is a principle that is accepted by all spheres of government in South Africa.



“Waterberg District Municipality does not have enough revenue base for the 2018/2019 financial year. We must go out and source funding. We are in the process of engaging the private sector, especially the mining houses to finance some of our projects through their Social and Labour Plans” said Mataboge.



“Consultations help municipalities make more appropriate decisions based on the real needs of people. Consultation and delivery of services will motivate and encourage our communities to participate in large numbers in government programmes”

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MAYOR CELEBRATES KOKO RAMOKONE'S 110 BIRTHDAY



Ahead of his birthday Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Jack Maeko celebrated the birthday of Ramokone Francina from Mokuruanyane who was turning 110 years old on the 16 May 2017. The Mayor also donated food parcels to the family.



LEARNERS GIVE THANKS TO THE MAYOR!

Learners who completed training with Kaefer Energy Projects were honored with certificates.

They expressed gratitude and appreciation to the LLM Mayor, Cllr Jack Maeko and Eskom-Matimba, for helping them get the required training and work experience.

