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The Prince Albert Calendar



Two young Prince Alberters admire the 2012 Calendar (Photo: Linda Jaquet)

- Ailsa Tudhope -

Last year when Sonja McKenna attended an exhibition of Christine Thomas' Children's Community Art Project she could not get over how vibrant and exciting their art work was and thought their paintings would make ideal postcards or a calendar for tourists. With an eye to the fun and festivities of Prince Albert ~ Kweekvallei's 250th anniversary in 2012, she was inspired to create a calendar / events diary to advertise forthcoming events to both locals and visitors.

Each page features a lively, colourful painting by past and present art pupils, chosen by Christine, Sonja and Tourism Officer, Zelia Mullins. Paintings of the library, a Huis Kweekvallei resident, historical buildings and an arts and crafts montage complement the programme of 2012 events which appears in the calendar. It also features a list of regular Prince Albert activities and contact numbers, especially compiled for locals who have told Sonja they never seem to know what's happening when.

The 2012 Calendar is a truly Prince Albert production: Zelia has done the typing and layout, the Lazy Lizard will pro-

vide printing expertise and Sonja and other enthusiastic residents form the marketing team. There are no sponsors or funding, so pre-production sales are vital to cover the printing costs. The launch will take place on 3 December when the 2012 Dustbins will be unveiled to the public outside the Prince Albert Gallery. The price is just R65 and the calendar promises to be a popular Christmas present for friends and family members both near and far.

A recurrent question in Prince Albert is: "where is the money going?" Well, in this case all the profits will be ploughed back into the Prince Albert community, starting with funding for the Children's Community Art Project.

So make sure you order your copies of the Calendar from Sonja at the launch or at the following two Saturday Markets. Out of town enquiries can be directed to the Tourism Association (023 5411 366 or princealberttourism@intekom.co.za). This local work of art is an investment in the education of our children; an ideal way to keep up to date on all the 2012 events and an opportunity to contribute to the ongoing promotion of Prince Albert as a tourism destination with few equals.

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ROEP!

- Christeline Esterhuizen -

Die nood van jong mense in Prince Albert ROEP hard uit. Met stilstemme praat ons straatkinders, swanger tieners en hoërskoolkinders wat geen toekomsdrome het nie. Hoor ons hulle as 'n gemeenskap of het ons harte so hard geword en ons sinisme so diep, dat ons sonder belangstelling ons oë wegdraai, ons ore toedruk, ons eie monde snoer om hieroor te praat en uit te reik na mekaar as 'n gemeenskap?

Het ons hoop vir die land verloor? Glo ons nie meer in wonderwerke, in verandering, in 'n beter toekoms vir almal nie? Laat ons die nuus en media ons so indoktrineer dat ons nie meer kans sien nie?

Gelukkig is daar mense soos Peter en Annie Templeton van die plaas Goedge-dacht buite Riebeeck Kasteel wat 20 jaar gelede die nood van plaaslike gemeenskappe gesien het en nie weggeloop het nie. Hulle het deur hoop en geloof 'n aksie begin wat uiteindelik in die program POP, "Path Out of Poverty" ontwikkel het en stilletjies, sonder raas en blaas, die lewens van honderde jong mense begin verander, jong mense laat glo in hulself, jong mense geleer hoe om ander te dien en hoe om 'n positiewe bydrae aan die land te maak.

Dié jong mense, wat nou in hul twintigs is, is die lewende bewys van positiewe insette en langtermyn verandering in die waardes van 'n gemeenskap.

(Vervolg op p 5)

2012 – Opportunity Knocks

Over many centuries, people all over the world have paused at this time of the year to reflect on the past and to wonder what the next year will bring.

In fact New Year's Eve is like every other night; there is no pause in the march of the universe, no breathless moment of silence among created things that the passage of another twelve months may be noted; and yet no person has quite the same thoughts this evening as they will have on other nights.

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to write words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day, so Cheers to a new year and

another chance for us to get it right. Oh yes, it is quite OK to make resolutions as long as they are the right ones and not the ones we made last year that we did not keep. The New Year is an opportunity because last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice.

The *Friend* wishes all our readers a pleasant break from the daily grind of leading busy, productive lives to enjoy good times with family and friends.

We look forward to an exciting 2012 when Prince Albert turns 250!

A Jewish story at Christmas...

Many centuries ago, a young Jewish boy came to the big town to celebrate Rosh Hashanah but found himself without his prayer book. The wheel of his cart had come off right in the middle of the woods and it distressed him that this day should pass without his having said his prayers.

He thought: "The Holy One blessed is enthroned in the heavens and we pray all year long to Him. We especially pray during these two days of Rosh Hashanah when the whole world is being judged and each person is being judged for the rest of the year, but I forgot my prayer book".

So this is the prayer he made: "I have done something very foolish, Lord. I came away from home this morning without my prayer book and my memory

is such that I cannot recite a single prayer without it. So this is what I am going to do: I shall recite the alphabet five times very slowly. Then you, to whom all prayers are known, will put the letters together to form the prayers I can't remember."

And the Holy One said to his angels: "Of all the prayers I have heard today, this one was undoubtedly the best because it came from a heart that was simple and sincere."

This short Hasidic story shows us that Christmas is a time of celebration for all and that the Lord hears the prayers of every living soul on earth.

Story taken from The Hasidic Stories Home Page

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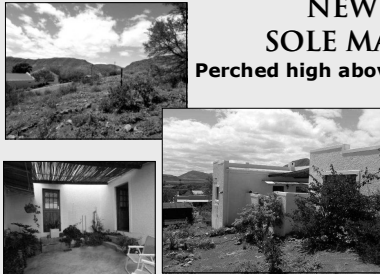
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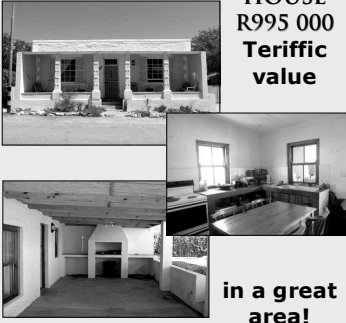
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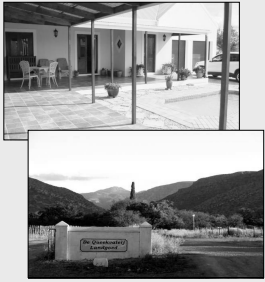
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Uitsig van ongeveer 160 km in die rigting van Beaufort-Wes. Steenbok Duiker Klipbok Ribbok & Koedoe. Ook 'n paar springbokke en rooihartebeste. Gemengde soetveld en gras met doringbome en ganna bosse kom wydverspreid voor—somer en winter weiding. Die omgewing bestaan uit berg, rante en vlakke veld. Somer en winter reënval




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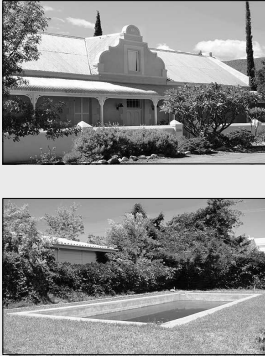
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The *Prince Albert Friend* reserves the right to edit and shorten letters. Letters must provide the writer's name, address and telephone number (not for publication).

Tannie Mala van Zyl

Ek het die voorreg gehad om tannie Mala van Zyl deur my verbintenis met Kansa te leer ken.

Met ons jaarlikse fondsinsamelings soos die Kansa-Sanlam Gholfdag en ons 'Koppie vir Kansa' was sy meer as gewillig om ons met haar heerlike tuisgebakte brood en konfyt te bederf. Wanneer ek die brood en konfyt by haar gaan afhaal het, is ek met 'n breë glimlag ingewag en het die gasvryheid jou omhels. Net soos baie van ons menses wou sy geen vergoeding vir haar bydrae aanvaar nie en was dit volgens haar 'n bydrae wat sy aan Kansa (of kanker) kon gee. Ons het Juniemaand die eer gehad om vir die laaste keer van haar heerlike brood en konfyt te eet!

Namens die Kansa Komitee van Prince Albert wil ek ons opregte simpatie teenoor die familie uitspreek. Die verlies is groot en ons gaan haar ontsettend mis!

*Christine Snyman
Kansa Voorsitter*

Prince Albert's unsociable dogs

Prince Albert is blessed with some of the friendliest townspeople I've come across.

If only the town's dogs were as friendly... in fact, most seem to excel in quite the opposite. Going for an evening walk has been reduced to braving endless onslaughts of growling and teeth-gnashing canines, hurling themselves at fences the minute any living being moves along the street. The cacophony of all the town's dogs in a collective, aggressive barking frenzy around 6pm each evening, not to mention the neighbours' lonely, yapping lapdogs during the day, strains one's peace-loving nerves indeed.

The old fashioned concept of socialising one's dog(s) appears to have disappeared into the distant Karoo haze. No longer

are homeowners and their neighbours alerted to a real threat by the trusty four-legged friend, who has been taught to bark only in times of acute danger to the home. Now we have a constant high decibel annoyance and wearily simply turn a deaf ear. Paradoxically, as a result under-age street gangs enjoy even easier access to gardens and homes, as was recently the case on my street.

As a dog lover it is sad to see how misunderstood these faithful friends are - now merely kept as noise blasters at all and sundry who dare to step lightly down the streets. Even playing children are often made to feel guilty, since they "antagonise the dogs"!

The Municipal bylaws (5.9) clearly state:

"Niemand mag enige hond aanhou wat:

- deur te blaf, te kef, te tjank of te huil;
- deur in die gewoonte te geraak het om af te storm op enige voertuie, diere, pluimvee, duiwe of persone buite enige perseel waar die hond aangehou word, of deur hom op enige ander wyse te gedra,
- die gewone gemak, gerief, vrede en rus van bure weselik versteur nie."

Do we want to live in a friendly, peaceful town or be acoustically assaulted by ferocious, barking dogs? Dog owners and visitors please socialise your dogs and contribute to considerate living in an urban area. This includes removing your dog's poo from public pavements.

Sally Arnold

Councillor Annelie Rabie

In the October issue of the *Friend*, under the heading "Rabie: 'I want to move on'", the following sentence occurs: "She added that she 'would hold you [the *Friend*] responsible for printing the criminal records of all the councillors on Council. I do not have one'". There is a minor typographical error in the first sentence, as originally printed, which I have ignored.

I understand this to mean that Cllr Rabie is taking the *Friend* to task for partiality in its reporting on the issue of the allegations made against her in the national media, and requiring that - if the *Friend* should choose to report on these allegations - it should also report on what she calls "the criminal records of all the councillors ..."

If my understanding of it is correct I have no choice but to dissociate myself from this remark.

Cllr Colin Bower

Poor attendance of important DA meeting

On Tuesday, 8 November, I attended the Democratic Alliance Ward 2 annual election meeting. Besides electing a new committee Cllr Annelie Rabie undertook to discuss recent newspaper reports regarding her alleged misconduct at Business Against Crime Western Cape and to answer any questions.

There were 13 people present at the meeting besides Cllr Rabie. I was disappointed at the very small turnout of DA supporters as I felt it was a good opportunity to question Cllr Rabie on these extremely embarrassing newspaper reports.

Rosemary McEwan

Please consider residents in wheelchairs

Since having had to give up my car I am now forced to get about in my electric wheelchair.

Due to the conditions of the pavements it is becoming more and more difficult for me and other wheelchair owners to avoid the potholes. One of the worst areas is the pavement from the Lekkerbek Kafee past Hansie's market as far as the Markie.

The bumps and rough surface have damaged the electrics on my wheelchair and two screws have been lost from one of the wheels. This has meant the expense of phone calls to Port Elizabeth for spares and my chair was out of use for several days.

Furthermore, if the ramp from the main road onto the runway to the Post Office was made more accessible it would mean a great help to get into the Post Office.

*Peggy Clow-Wilson
Huis Kweekvallei*

Open Letter to Clint Eastwood

Dear Mr Eastwood (or could I call you Clint?)

I live in a small town in the Karoo in South Africa. I am one of your biggest fans and want to propose that you consider remaking 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly' in our area. The only difference would be changing the title to 'The Good, the Ugly and the Greedy'!

From this you will guess that some of us in our town are beginning to get really desperate as we have an influx of unsavoury bullies and uncool customers.

These guys make Eli Wallach, Lee van Cleef and you look like Shirley Temple. They seem to enjoy flouting the town's by-laws and showing the middle finger to our local government. Being a good neighbour is not in their vocabulary. So, my vote is that when you visit us, you come in your role as 'Dirty Harry.'

I loved the way that you dealt with the "punks" and "sleaze bags" in both your 'Dirty Harry' movies. I think that's what we need here!

I also loved the way you looked after your neighbours in 'Grand Torino' – that was cool!

My letter is tongue-in-cheek, but we may really have to call on you if things do not improve soon!

John McKenna

(ROEP! vervolg vanaf p 1)

Na POP se besoek in September, waar 'n handvol belangstellendes kom luister het, het Jolanda van der Lingen van Valcare Trust van die Paarl in Oktober Prince Albert kom besoek om die voordele van 'n gemeenskaplike datadiens te verduidelik. Eerstens behels dit die versameling van inligting van alle rolspeleers betrokke by enige aspek van sosiale ontwikkeling, en daarna die bestuur van die inligting om 'n maatskaplike netwerk te skep om almal te ondersteun om die sosiale probleme van ons dorp aan te pak. "A divided house will fall", maar 'n gevlegte tou breek nie sommer nie, was Jolanda se boodskap.

Sy het Valcare, wat al tien jaar hoogs suskesevol in die Paarlvallei bestaan, se ondersteuning om so 'n projek aan te pak en te loods, aangebied. Onder die leiding van die burgemeester, Raadslid Lottering, is 'n komitee van tien spontaan verkies deur die lede van die gehoor om inligting in te samel en die databasis van plaaslike rolspeleers wat besig is met opheffingswerk te skep.

(Vervolg op p 12)

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10h00 – 15h00**

**Sondae
10h00 – 15h00**

***(Bel kantoor om te bevestig)**

**NOU OOP OP
*SONDAE!**

Sterreprag oor Prince Albert

- Hans Daehne -

Somernagte is die mees ideale tyd om sterre te bewonder omdat dit nie so koud is nie, dit vakansie is, mens die volgende oggend laat kan slaap en natuurlik omdat daar in die somer van ons mooiste hemelobjekte te sien is.

ʼn Paar hiervan in die Noorde is: *Taurus*, die bul wat deur die *Pleiades* (die Sewe Susters wat ʼn indrukwekkende verkykeritem is) en die rooi *Aldebaran* in die *Hia-des* (Reëngesternte) aangedui word; *Orion*, die hemelsjagter, wat onmiskenbaar is met die drie helder sterre van die *Gordel van Orion* (Drie Konings) in ʼn reguit lyn; en naby daaraan die mooi en groot *Orionnewel*, (wat ook die "sterre-kraamsaal" genoem word omdat hier sterre gebore word) wat reeds deur ʼn verkyker bewonder kan word en die rooi reusesterre *Betelgeuse en Aldebaran*.

In die Suide moet die oop sterrehopie *M41* (in die "maag" van die Groot Hond) en veral die *Groot en Klein Magellaanse Wolke* met hulle verrassings bewonder word en dit maak op vir die Suiderkruis, wat tot Maart agter die Swartberg is.

As daar ʼn jagter is, moet daar ook jaghonde wees en hulle word wel deur *Canis Major*, die groot hond met die helderste ster *Sirius* en *Canis Minor*, die klein hond met die helder *Procyon* aangedui. Kyk of u ook ons gelyksydige Somerdriehoek kan konstrueer uit *Betelgeuse, Sirius* en *Procyon*.

In Desember het ons in die suidelike halfmond natuurlik ook ons Somersonstilstand wat op die 22 ste plaasvind en die begin van ons somer aandui, maar die aarde is eers op die 3de Januarie 2012 naaste aan die son.

Venus is die helder "aandster" en klim al hoe hoër, maar is veral sigbaar vanaf Gordonkoppie of vanaf Skapie-seinde.

Jupiter is baie helder omdat hy soos die volmaan nou in ʼn voljupiter posisie verkeer.

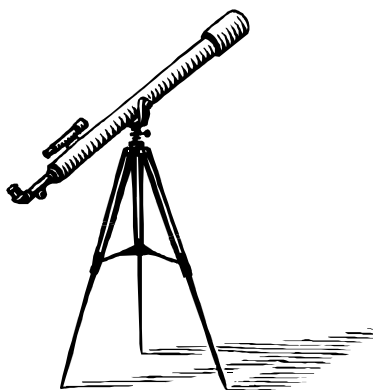
Saturnus kom na middernag op en sal in 2012 helderder word en sy ring sal weer 20% oopgedraai wees sodat dit mooi sal vertoon.

Volmaan is op die 10de en Nuwemaan op die 24ste Desember wat alles sal bydra tot baie donkertyd in dié maand om ons sterreprag oor die vakansiedae te kan geniet.

Hou die sterre in u oë !

*We wish You a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
Ons wens U ʼn Geseënde Kersfees en
ʼn Voorspoedige Nuwe Jaar
Wir wünschen Euch Frohe Weihnachten
und Alles Gute für's Neue Jahr*

- Hans en Tilanie Daehné -



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FUTURE EVENTS

Desember 2011

3 December: Unveiling of 2012 Dustbin Project, Prince Albert Gallery, 10:00

3 & 4 Desember: Plaasmark, Drie Riviere, 09:30 tot laat

7 Desember: Tuinbouklub besoek aan Bergwater Landgoed, Fransie Pienaar Museum, 14:30

16 Desember: Opening of *Marvellous World*, Prince Albert Gallery, 18:00

16 - 31 Desember: Stargazing with Astro Tours

17 Desember: Kersmark, Markie (langs FP Museum), 08:00 – 12:00

28 Desember: Joachim Badenhorst, Solo Performance on Clarinet, Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg, 18:00, R50

January 2012

18 & 2 January: Stargazing with Astro Tours

13 & 14 January: Stargazing with Astro Tours

20 Januarie: Opening van Thusong Sentrum en afskop van 2012 feesviering

20 & 21 January: Stargazing with Astro Tours

27 & 28 January: Stargazing with Astro Tours



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Denise Ohlson celebrates
21 Years as an Independent agent
in Prince Albert

Denise Ohlson vier
21 Jaar al 'n Onafhanklike Agent
in Prince Albert

For 21 of the 25 years that I have been privileged to live in this very special village I have been an estate agent. I witnessed the astonishing growth in the town's property market - a town that attracts purchasers who value what we have to offer: Pristine skies and sparkling stars, remarkable scenery, preserved architecture, an exciting cultural life, the friendly people you meet at the Saturday Market and on the stoeps of the many super restaurants. But most of all they value the peace and quiet. If you are likeminded, do contact me - we can chat about weather patterns, rates and taxes, our independent municipality, our special GP who is as good a gardener as a doctor, our excellent library, the impressive museum... our 18 National Monuments, and all the social initiatives. I shall gladly make a cup of tea, take you on a tour of Noordend, show you Skapieseinde or tell you of the couple with whom I had eleven transactions so far and of the houses that I sold five times over... *Denise Ohlson*

Highlight of the season - R5,85 mil

Historic 1860 Gabled Home... Splendidly Restored ... Plus! Popular Guest House...

Platinum property sitting very pretty on lush 1,5 ha with excellent lei water and large dam... Income producing (tunnels, chickens, geese, fruit, flowers) as well as the stunningly appointed B&B that sleeps six! Truly a lifestyle of beauty grace. It will be a privilege to show you the gleaming yellowwood floors and ceilings, the aga in the kitchen, the thatched lapa, the super pool, the geese on the dam, the inviting hammock under the tall fever trees... the super stoep and glorious views...



R 775,000

It's different, it's interesting and very sweet. And it is affordable! Artistic touches, great open plan atmosphere, happy hour north stoep... Two bedrooms, 2 bathrooms; corner stand...



R 1,75 mil

A modern home in a secluded crescent offering a pleasant open-plan lifestyle. Three bedrooms, main ensuite, fireplace, wash-up area, double garage, splash pool, Karoo garden.



R 975,000

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PRICE: R3 500 000 neg.

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PRICE: R950 000 neg.

Quietly tucked away in a cul-de-sac, this is uncomplicated country living personified. This neat little home has two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a well appointed kitchen and ample lounge/dining area with solid built-in cupboards. The handy single garage with an additional bathroom adds to this rather quaint offer - a small home with big appeal.



PRICE: R850 000 neg.

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R 850 000

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R 1, 2m - Sole mandate

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R 350 000

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R 1,050m

Lovely brakdak style home in very central position offering loads of charm and eccentric interest. Very beautiful original reed ceilings with poplar beams are perfectly preserved - three bedrooms with two bathrooms, and inter leading living and dining areas - large eat in kitchen with separate scullery area. The grounds of 700m² provide ample space for children and pets, and there is a shaded pergola for relaxation and reflection.



R 1, 75m

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R 3,2m

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(ROEP! vervolg vanaf p 5)

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ROEP!'s vision is: To create social cohesion in the community.

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- To make a difference as 'change agents' that we all must become.
- Create a positive mind shift towards adopting healthier lifestyles, based on well-balanced norms and values.

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Dit is ook duidelik gestel dat hierdie 'n VRYWILLIGE, APOLITIESE, INTERGELOOF, breër inisiatief is, wat lede van alle dele van die gemeenskap wil nader trek. Dis 'n reuse uitdaging vir ROEP!, maar ROEP se groep het rasper-tande, elektriese-hande, stootskraper-voete,

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'n Geseënde Kerstyd aan al ons kliënte.
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*SEASON'S GREETINGS*

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Brett the Vet: Yuletide Tremors

'Tis the jolly season of kitsch and cliché from fake snow and tinsel to blow by blow accounts of family delights and discord. We find greed and altruism juxtaposed at grassroots generosity, puppies and kittens given as presents for pleasure, dogs and cats abandoned for pleasure; pleasure seekers, makers, givers, and takers upsetting the appletart before the horse while barking up the wrong tree of righteousness.

Some expressions involving animals highlight aspects of gifting under an eagle eye leaving scope for playful dissection if not pulling the wool over your thighs at least giving a bird's eye skew on things in the somewhat ambiguous seasonal spirit of giving as good as it gets, fake it or weave it into the story you choose to believe.

The spotlight falls on what we've been waiting for, in all its imagined glory *and* a flaw that stretches the limits of etiquette. Too much gratitude equates to the lady protesting too much methinks. Rather don't look that gift horse in the mouth (unless it's baring its teeth!). Where lies

the deceit, gold dust at my feet, and you can't make a silk purse from a sow's ear. Why search afar when the best is so near? 'Local is lekker' now 'imported' gets the sneer.

While pearls before swine seem hard to decline, one man's junk is another man's treasure. In retrospect holding back is a family affair as restraint is safer than truth or dare. But nevertheless junk is junk, and will continue to be recycled because real worth is rare as hens' teeth and a white elephant will remain a myth to be solved by taking its rightful place in the world.

The bearing of the cat that got the cream becomes elevated with livelier and more challenging fare. Her hunted trophy becomes a proud offering and sacrifice: 'This is what I bring. It has great value for me. And I just know that you're going to plats for the carcass for your pillow slip!' If we didn't try to understand how much it meant to this giver then the gesture would be meaningless, if not annoying. But getting to know the feline species, perhaps experiments in tolerance are his game that

also includes clawing, yelling in the night, allergic reactions, playing hard to get, scented effects, hiding when called, very early rising, and fake purr.

One of the keys to happiness is identifying a need in somebody else which helps to hone compassion, awareness, powers of perception, and understanding. Giving a dog a (raw) bone aptly matches great desire with exacting requirements like water for chocolate. Hunger is inevitable even as the lion lies with the lamb in a recurrent, transient truce.

The best-kept secrets are a kind of wound up spring, a potential power source for destruction or delight, intensified with time and temptation. They conceal strength, commitment, loyalty, humour, and empathy. Letting the cat out of the bag requires foresight, an immaculate sense of timing for maximum impact or merely fluke now that it has gone.

Hurdles and goals aside, the Capricorn goat leads us into the New Year climbing his awesome mountain of worldly success and material achievement in preparation for the steep descent of inevitable selflessness.



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MUSEUMNUUS: Fransie bied baie



Prince Albert Primêr leerders, Beauty Lottering en Raylene Steenkamp, met Meraai Isaacs in die museum se medisinale tuin

Daat ons gemeenskap werklik baat vind by die Fransie Pienaar Museum, is 'n feit. Dit bevat nie net 'n ryk geskiedenis nie, maar dit lewer ook opvoedkundige bydraes tot ons hede. Dus daag ons u weer eens uit om te kom kyk na en ondervind wat die Fransie bied.

Op 8 en 9 November het sowat negentig van PA Primêr se graad 6 leerders onder leiding van klasonderwyser Linda Fodor ons Medisinale Tuin besoek. Lydia Barrella het almal vriendelik ontvang en verwelkom. Verdeel in drie groepe, het al die leerders praktiese lering gekry by die gesoute Meraai Isaacs wat werksaam is by Renu-karoo. Hul kruievernuf is deeglik getoets in hul asseseringstaak en natuurlik is hul sintuie ook ingespan - die gesigsuitdrukings het boekdele gespreek!

Museumassistente Melony en Christeline, wat ook help toesig hou het by dié geleentheid, sê: "Ons haal ons hoed af vir elke onderwyser en toegewyde opvoeder wat werk met kinders en skoliere. Die geduld en vermoë waarmee só 'n groot groep gehanteer moet word, is verbluffend. Ouers besef nie aldag waarmee opvoeders te make het nie! Ons salueer óns onderwysers vir die uitmuntende werk wat hulle lewer in ons gemeenskap."

Die Medisinale Tuin is maar een van die aktiwiteite wat Fransie bied, so kom ervaar waaroor die Fransie beskik, want sien is glo - en ondervinding is nie

verniet die beste leermeester nie.

Ons as Personeel en Beheerraad wil ook hierdie geleentheid benut om u 'n geseënde vakansietyd en Kersfees toe te wens. Hou matigheid voor oë, neem verantwoordelijkheid in woord en daad - en laat die fokuspunt wees die kindjie *EMMANUEL* - wat vir óns gebore is.

Voor ons hierdie museumbrokkie seël met 'n swart kolletjie, volg Christelene Esterhuizen se waarderende gedig:

WYLE FRANSIE PIENAAR

Ek's in Fransie se huis.
Die lug buite grys.
'n Oomblik van geluk.
Oudhede prysloos geprys.

Nege en dertig jaar gelede
en Fransie leef nog voort.
Fransie vandag ons kode.
Ons aanwins, ons prag.

'n Kaliber stigter,
ook musikaal van aard.
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'n Veelvoudige hart.

Fransie Pienaar Museum vol
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Kom besoek my gerus in my kantoor - ek is baie gelukkig agter my lessenaar en deel graag my kennis en entoesiasme oor eiendom in Prince Albert met jou, want wat is 'n agent nou sonder kliënte!

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Ratepayers' & Residents' Association
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And The Festive Season is Upon Us

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And how we wonder if they're spent
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The main task of the Prince Albert Ratepayers' & Residents' Association is to make sure that Prince Alberters' money is used in the most effective and economical way for the benefit of our whole community.

The past few months, since our Annual General Meeting on 29 September have seen a pleasant change since this time last year when contact with the previous municipal council was infrequent, seldom productive and not many wrongs

were put right.

However, after the May 2011 municipal elections there was an air of optimism as newly elected officials declared their intentions. It was plain that they intend to be transparent in their duties and to do the right thing for the whole of the municipal district.

Van ons lede het gereeld Munisipale vergaderings bygewoon waar 'n merkbare gees van goeie samewerking tussen raadslede en amptenare geheers het en waartydens min tekens van venynige party-politiek verskyn het nie. Raadslede het egter met goeie, konstruktiewe idees na vore gekom en het op vooruitbeplanning

gefokus. Dit lyk asof ons werklik na vyf jare van stabiliteit kan uitsien. Deur goeie bestuur sal ons beamptes op belangrike aspekte van ons dorp, soos soneringoortredings, die onwettige verkoop van drank en die probleem van luidrigtige feesvierdery tot vroeg in die oggend, kan konsentreer.

Now is the time that some residents drift off to the coast to enjoy the cooling waters of the Indian Ocean. Others will stay home to water their gardens and welcome friends and family for a festive Karoo Christmas. But whether you're going, staying, or just visiting, our Association wishes you a peaceful festive season and all good things for 2012.

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- Ailsa Tudhope en Mari du Toit -

Ons wil nie die jaar laat uitloop sonder om almal kortliks op datum te bring met die planne vir Feesjaar in 2012 nie.

Die 2012 asblikprojek bereik sy hoogtepunt op 3 Desember wanneer die volledige versameling onthul, en buite Prince Albert Galery uitgestal sal word. Almal word hartlik uitgenooi om die ongelooflike kreatiwiteit wat in die ontwerp en verf van hierdie 94 asblikke ingepomp is, te kom aanskou.

Inwoners en besoekers kan verskeie van die kunstenaars ontmoet: kinders, amateurs en professionele kunstenaars wat elkeen bygedra het tot hierdie opwindende projek wat ons hopelik nie net die skoonste dorp in die land sal maak nie, maar moontlik ook die dorp met die mees aantreklike, kleurrike en leersame

asblikke ter wêreld.

Huge thanks to John McKenna and Clive Heyne for the incredible amount of dedication and energy they have poured into directing this project. We'll have a full report on the event in the January edition of *The Friend*.

On the same day you will be able to place your order for one (or more) of the 2012 Calendars which feature our children's art. Details of all the confirmed activities for 2012 will be included and the list is impressive.

While extending our thanks to all those who have been planning 2012 events we also take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas holiday. Have a good rest because you will need lots of energy for the activities and celebrations which 2012 is going to bring.

Meevaller vir Huis Kweekvallei

- Johan du Toit -

Dr Alwo Dercksen het die jaar 'n nuwe pretitem op die Landbou-skou se perdeafdeling-program geplaas: Alle dames of vroue van vertoners wat nog nooit aan 'n kompetisie deelgeneem het nie, móés tydens die skou perdry.

Dr Dercksen het vir Mnr Junior Smith genader vir 'n borgskap vir die betrokke item. Die prysgeld sou dan tussen die Landbou-skou en Huis Kweekvallei verdeel word.

Ons meevaller het gekom in die vorm van 'n baie nodige en nuttige drinkwaterverkoelingstelsel wat die lewe vir die inwoners in Huis Kweekvallei in die lang, warm somermaande somer baie sal veraangenaam.

Namens Huis Kweekvallei ook 'n groot DANKIE aan Nicolette Smith wat die inwoners tydens die skou onthaal en bederf het met heerlike tee en pannekoek.

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MARVELLOUS WORLD Sculptural Exhibition



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The show will present an archive of ‘found’ or ‘every day’ objects. And is a collection put together from each artist’s engagement with his immediate, or distant, contexts. The word ‘context’ is deliberately challenging here, since there is no obvious or immediate connection be-

tween the objects chosen for the show or the context from which they were acquired.

Each artist presents a set of familiar objects transformed in some way through a particular sculptural process. The sculptures are small – sized to fit in the palm of the hand but no larger than the size of an average human head.

The artists’ encounter with their immediate or distant environments is realised but also mediated through transformed objects. These “environments” could suggest anything from emotional/psychological “moments” to geographical, historical or philosophical encounters. The works speak to the materialism of otherwise irrelevant

‘things’. The result is in the transformation of the familiar and the everyday.

This transformation and the way in which the objects are presented recalls and ‘comments’ on past journeys of marvellous objects from distant exotic, mysterious and unknown places. They also point to the thought process behind the human capacity to find fascination in the seemingly banal and ordinary; the discarded and forgotten. In a nutshell the show self-consciously aims for a disparate archive of conceptually dissimilar and discursive objects.

Opening at 18h00 on Friday 16 December – all are invited to join the Gallery team and the artists for a glass of wine. The exhibition will run until 16 January 2012.



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Swartberg Pass: An Overview



At Blikstasie embayment, during site visit on 27 October 2011. The zig-zag upper left. (Photo: Derek Thomas)

The Swartberg Pass, a perennial concern, is likely to benefit from two sources of funding if restoration goals are fully met. Currently underway is the provincially funded contract for an Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP). The cost of which is in the region of R2,5 million for the northern section. The scope of the contract is to return the Pass to a good state, by attending to the reconstruction of the collapsed retention and parapet walls. And also restoring the drainage to function as originally designed by its architect, Thomas Bain. A training programme in the local community aimed at developing the skills for the reconstruction of the dry stone walling has taken place recently. A section of wall at the entrance to the Pass (the *Poort*) was used as a 'practice section' and viewed by members of the Prince Albert Cultural Foundation (PACF). Traditional dry stone laying without mortar is important for the long-term stability of the walls. As the 'practice' wall was not up to standard, a guide with illustrations to correct the stone-laying methods was issued to the provincial project manager by the PACF.

The second project reportedly arises from an earlier motivation for funding for the Swartberg Pass. This was submitted as part of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) some years ago. Now, three years later, the Department of Environmental Affairs has allocated the funding of R10 million, also for an EPWP. The requirements stipulate that employment, at rates varying from R70 to R150 per day, has to

be guaranteed for a period of eighteen months. This programme for the entire Pass is a project managed by ANIX. It will pick up where the current provincial maintenance leaves off, ensuring that the heritage character of the Pass is conserved... and also to provide recreational facilities at designated sites. The PACF has made its initial input – identifying ways of ensuring original drainage function, selection of view sites (where stone benches and historical information panels could be provided) and finding discreet locations for toilets in stone structures at the more popular sites. Maintaining sanitary conditions in the long term requires the P A Municipality to provide the necessary services.

It is good news that the PACF has been invited to play a role on heritage aspects and the appropriateness of interventions. However, maintaining quality standards will still depend on close supervision by the project managers, as well as a heritage consultant yet to be appointed by the heritage authorities. For the upgrading of viewing sites, the PACF has recommended a landscape architect and, to ensure quality control, the PACF has also proposed the appointment of a clerk-of-works. A copy of the report is available on request from the PACF at paculturalfoundation@gmail.com.



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Art & Design Route for Prince Albert

A new *Art and Design Route* for visitors to Prince Albert will be launched this month. The co-ordinators, artist and designer, Sally Arnold and jewellery designer, Di Steyn, told the *Friend* that art and design lovers can pick up a designated map from the Tourism Office with pointers to the participating studios, workshops and galleries. They will be able to view work in progress and for sale, and learn about the expert craftsmanship in the town and surrounds.

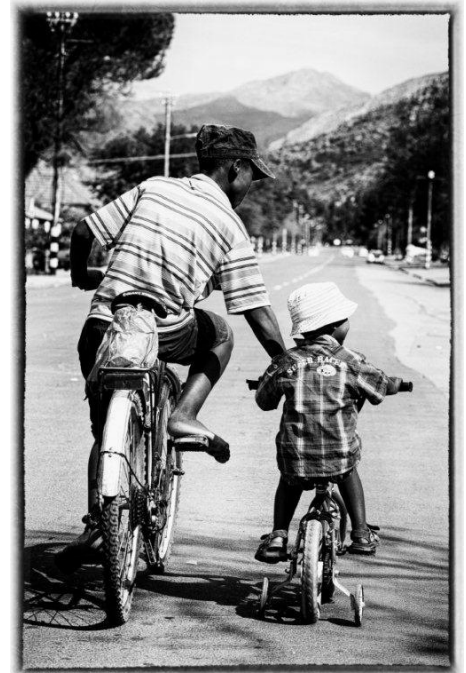
The project will kick off with paid up members of the Prince Albert Tourism Association, who want to participate in the Route. Any new artists and workshop owners are welcome to join and get their studios/workshops on the map and promoted by the Tourism Office. Please contact the Tourism Manager, Zelia Mullins, on 023 541 1366 or princealbert-tourism@intekom.co.za

Open days and times for the studios and workshops will be posted and updated on

the Tourism Association's website and via Tourism Office notifications. The project will also form part of the town's 250-year festivity calendar, starting in 2012.

Sally commented that: "It's great that a special focus will soon be afforded the gifted artists and designers working in Prince Albert. Visitors can now locate the studios and workshops easily, visit on open days or book a private appointment. Internationally the market is looking for professionally made, design driven, quality handcraft and art. The new map will further enhance Prince Albert's cultural profile. The Art and Design Route map will point to workshops and studios that are operated by fully fledged artists, craftspeople and designers. Interested visitors will be able to engage with the makers of the art and design on offer in Prince Albert, to fully understand the process involved in designing and making their products."

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Joachim Badenhorst, clarinetist and saxophonist
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- Denise Ohlson -

Joachim Badenhorst, eldest son of Philip Badenhorst and Marijke Coornaert, who are currently living in Prince Albert, will take a short break from his busy career as a modern jazz musician to visit his parents over Christmas. Knowing how much Prince Albert and its community mean to them, he has agreed to give a single solo performance and donate the full income to social initiatives in Prince Albert.

At the age of seven his father gave him the clarinet that he used to play and when Joachim turned fourteen Philip realised that his son had surpassed him. At age 17 he was the youngest student at The Hague Conservatory. After three years of studying with John Ruocco he was granted an extra two years to study with the American clarinetist Michael Moore.

Today Joachim specializes in clarinet, bass clarinet and all types of saxophones. He plays music that easily switches from rock to jazz and free jazz, from classical to contemporary. As co-leader of groups in a number of European countries - Mogil (Iceland), Red Rocket (Ireland), Rawfishboys (France), Ploug/Pettersen/Badenhorst (Denmark), Os Meus Shorts (Belgium), Taro (Austria) - Joachim has built a reputation as a remarkably talented musician. He is also a member of the Han Bennink Trio, the first group that the leg-

endary Dutch drummer fronts as a leader. Their record *Parken* was chosen by *All About Jazz NY* as "Best New Release 2009".

In New York he is involved with an international trio with trombonist Steve Swell and drummer Ziv Ravitz; he is one third of Clarino: a trio that works on the new compositional language of trumpeter Thomas Heberer and one of a collaborative trio 'Baloni' with Pascal Niggenkemper and Frantz Loriot...

Joachim has recently given nine performances in different cities in China and in De Singel in Antwerp he was given carte blanche to perform with any international acclaimed artist of his choice. A critic of the National Radio commented as follows: "Badenhorst is one of those melodious musicians who convinces in different situations as a pure sound artist and as a free improviser." The press is also highly complimentary about his work: "Badenhorst's solos are structured, focused and above all, emotional. He belongs to a new generation of artists that goes beyond form, delving deep into human emotions, thanks to his broad and open-minded skills on his instruments..." *freejazz-stef.blogspot.com*.


On the 18th of December he will perform in the Jazz Gallery in New York as a member of Tony Malaby's group Novella. And now he will be performing in Prince Albert on Wednesday the 28th of December 2011 at the Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg in De Beer Street. Be there at 18h00 – tickets are R50 each and available at the Tourism Bureau.

Joachim has produced 29 CD's and some of the covers he designed himself. A number of his CD's will be on sale after the concert.

For more details about his career, discography and itinerary see: <http://goo.gl/uRjrd>

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Henrico Bezuidenhout does Prince Albert Proud

- Linda Jaquet -

Our own Henrico Bezuidenhout is one of ten young South Africans selected to spend six months in France next year on the National Youth Development Agency's French Exchange Programme. The National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) has partnered with *Service Civique*, a French institution responsible for voluntary civic service, and *loveLife*, South Africa's largest national HIV prevention initiative for young people. Henrico is already in Cape Town for French language instruction and work ethic and diplomacy training.

Henrico will travel to Burgundy in January 2012. It is his first venture overseas and he wants to inspire other young people in our community to get involved in civil service.

"When I return from France and young people see me walking in the streets, they should say that is the guy that went overseas and brought his knowledge and



Henrico Bezuidenhout
(Photo: Mads Norgaard Photography)

skills back to his community," said Henrico who organises peer education, teenage pregnancy and motivation workshops at high schools in Prince Albert.

Yershen Pillay from the Youth Development Agency told the *Friend*: "The aim of

the French Exchange Programme is to encourage young South Africans to develop their skills and to empower themselves to make a difference in their communities".

Pillay explained that through youth exchange, young people learn first hand about various aspects of life in other countries and as their concept of the world expands, they mature and develop a deeper understanding of themselves.

Henrico described the challenges of drug and alcohol abuse and gangsterism facing young people in Prince Albert.

"I recently started feeling negative for the first time in my life because I kept counselling some youngsters who never changed their lifestyles and then I got the call saying I was chosen to go to France. This news made my whole year; I hope to be a living, walking inspiration to other young people and bring the knowledge learnt in France back to my home town," he said.

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JP Meyer: “No Art is Irrelevant”



Prince Albert artist, JP Meyer

- Jennifer Cohen -

This is the first in a series of profiles of our local artists. We will run one each month in advance of the first Prince Albert Art Festival scheduled for September 2012 as part of the town's 250th birthday celebrations.

If you wake up early in Prince Albert, you've seen artist JP Meyer out walking. Maybe he's wrestling with a challenge his current painting has presented. Perhaps he's coming up with the next assignment for one of his two groups of art students. Or he might be planning a spicy Indian meal – the food he loves best. At the very least, he is absorbing the Karoo - a place of inspiration for him - moved by the forms, colours and patterns of nature.

His paintings have a rhythmic, contemplative style, matching his pacing. They are abstract and mesmerising; textured and repetitive. Almost musical. They reflect his interests and, importantly, himself.

JP left a career to pursue his love of art as a mature student. It was probably inevitable. When he was 19 he went to Europe where he says, “I vividly remember the moment when art and I collided: When I walked into the van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, I was so overwhelmed; tears

were flowing and I had to go back outside and compose myself.”

His excitement about art is contagious in part because it affects him so profoundly, but also because it is so much a part of his life, of his *self*. He quotes Mary Caroline Richards, an artist, poet and writer, who said: “All the arts we practice are apprenticeship. The big art is our life.”

Carrying this idea further, he believes that the role of artists is to employ all possible means to become authentically “themselves.” By doing so they contribute quite naturally to society.

“When we engage with art to understand ourselves and the world better and if our work is an honest reflection of our understanding, then no art is irrelevant,” he says, a sentiment for which this student is grateful since it elevates clumsy attempts at expression.

Stirred greatly by Jackson Pollock, whose work was “a doorway into previously inaccessible creative territory,” and spending time in Asia inspired JP to turn inward away from representational art to depicting a more internal, abstract world. He says he became more absorbed in the process of making art rather than the end result or product.

“It eventually helped me to understand how I constantly create my own ideology and how either limiting or enlightening that worldview can be.”

After encountering Australian Aboriginal artists, their identification with and relationship to the land awakened in him a

new interest in the landscape as a repository of ancient knowledge. “The all-over abstract patterns that I had been painting shrunk to become organic forms as I looked more closely at nature. Archaeology, palaeontology and the Karoo landscape - and the fossils in particular – continue to inform my work.”

JP says he begins with an idea, image or ambition; then a choice of mark and colour to get him started. “If I allow myself to trust the process, a lovely, symbiotic flow of conscious and unconscious activity normal unfolds. Sometimes more cerebral, sometimes more intuitive. The way in which I paint is a form of reverse excavation. I like working with very flat, often ‘muddy’ colour, which I apply in layers, each time allowing some of the under-painting to show through. When I am finished, some areas might have five or six layers of paint on top of each other. Allowing the unexpected and the un-anticipated to reveal itself which for me is much more original and exhilarating.”

The series JP is now painting combines patterns, organic objects and the outline of his body. “It is an attempt to explore and investigate human evolution and to echo the Great Mystery that we are surrounded by and so seldom are aware of. If the work I am doing can connect people with their own experience of this mystery I would be very happy.”

JP Meyer's connection to the physical, intellectual and spiritual world is evident on his canvases. Walking through the landscape and painting its intricacies combine into a meditative body of work. You can experience some of it in the Prince Albert Gallery.

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PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT**KENNISGEWING NOMMER 48/2011
AANSOEK OM VERGUNNINGSGEBRUIK**

**ERF 2468 & 2469,
MAGRIETA PRINSLOOSTRAAT, PRINS ALBERT**

THE BOHEMIAN THEATRE (ME. Y BREEDT)

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Item 4.7 van die Artikel 8 Regulasies uitgevaardig in terme van die Ordonnansie op Grondgebruikbeplanning, 1985 (Ordonnansie 15 van 1985) dat die Raad 'n aansoek van **ME. Y BREEDT** ontvang het vir **VERGUNNINGSGEBRUIK** vir die **OPRIGTING EN BEDRYF VAN 'N 150 SITPLEK TEATER KOMPLEKS** te **ERWE 2468 & 2469, MAGRIETA PRINSLOO STRAAT, PRINS ALBERT.**

Besonderhede van die voorstel lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skryflike besware, indien enige teen die voorstelle, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **VRYPDAG, 23 DESEMBER 2011** bereik.

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PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY**NOTICE NUMBER 48/2011
APPLICATION FOR CONSENT USE**

**ERVEN 2468 & 2469,
MAGRIETA PRINSLOO STREET, PRINCE ALBERT**

THE BOHEMIAN THEATRE (MS. Y BREEDT)

Notice is hereby given in terms of Item 4.7 of the Section 8 Regulations promulgated under the Land Use Planning Ordinance, 1985 (Ordinance 15 of 1985) that the Council has received an application from **MS. Y BREEDT** for **CONSENT USE** to **ERECT AND PRACTICE A 150 SEATER THEATRE COMPLEX** at **ERVEN 2468 & 2469, MAGRIETA PRINSLOO STREET, PRINCE ALBERT.**

Details of the proposal are available for inspection at the Municipal Offices, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objection, if any, to the proposals together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY, 23 DECEMBER 2011.**

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PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT**KENNISGEWING NOMMER 49/2011
VOORGESTELDE AFWYKING
VAN DORPSAANLEGSKEMA
ERF 2052, KWIKKIESTRAAT 38, PRINS ALBERT**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 15(1)(a)(ii) van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek van **MAGDELENA BENJAMIN** ontvang het vir 'n Afwyking van die Dorpsaanlegskema.

Naam:	Magdalena Benjamin
Adres:	Kwikkiestraat 38, Leeu-Gamka
Erf No:	2052
Doel van aansoek:	Bedryf van 'n huiswinkel

Nadere besonderhede lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Kerkstraat 33, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

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PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY**NOTICE NUMBER 49/2011
PROPOSED DEPARTURE
OF TOWN PLANNING SCHEME
ERF 2052, 38 KWIKKIE STREET, LEEU-GAMKA**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 15(1)(a)(ii) of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that the Council has received an application from **MAGDELENA BENJAMIN** for Departure from the Town Planning scheme.

Name:	Magdalena Benjamin
Address:	38 Kwikkie Street
Erf no:	2052
Reason for application:	Practice a mobile shop

Details of the proposals are available for inspection in the Municipal Offices, 33 Church Street, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objections, if any, to the proposal together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY, 23 DECEMBER 2011.**

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New Street Signage for 2012

Last month the Municipal Council considered a project to bring uniform and attractive and appropriate street signage to Prince Albert in time for the town's 250 years celebration. The Prince Albert Tourism Association's Julie Waterston presented the plan to the Council's Development Committee on 15 November. Together with guesthouse owners, Imke and Rudi Maeyer, Julie researched designs and materials and took photographs of each main intersection and street corner of the town and came up with an example of a design that reflects the Victorian heritage of the town.

We asked Julie about the street signage project.

"More and more South Africans are turning to local travel and like to visit rural towns that offer city folk something different. Our 250th birthday is a great opportunity to bring more visitors here. That means that the town has to look its best," Julie told the *Friend*. "We are having a special event or theme every

month to attract visitors. There are some amazing and unique happenings on the cards and of course there is the wonderful Dustbin Project that has involved so many people!"

"That is why we felt it was important to create a generic street sign for our town. This will be attractive to visitors and would last many years beyond the celebrations planned for next year. We have created a sign that will have the 250-years gable with the street name on top and places of interest, businesses and guest houses on that street will be listed below."

"Since there are no local by-laws that govern signage for the town we presented our proposal to Council's Development Committee last month because the Council's approval of the project is essential and we are sure that all the councillors are as enthusiastic as we are to showcase our town."

Asked about the financial implications of the project, Julie said: "Funds will have to come from those who benefit the most. The

Council will play its part and businesses that are listed will also have to come to the party. The main idea is that this should be a community project with skills sourced locally and if they're not here, for contractors to train local craftsmen and women."

Business owners who are interested in being included in the project should leave their details at the Tourism Office or contact Julie on 023 541 1929. This will help to work out a final costing and a time frame for the project. At the same time, Julie emphasised that she would appreciate feedback on the project and that she would call a public meeting in the near future to explain the project.



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New Energy Regulations to Impact on Prince Albert Environmental sustainability has arrived and is here to stay!

- John Whitton -

The Minister of Trade and Industry has promulgated new energy-efficiency regulations to be included in the National Building Regulations and Building Standards Act. This legislation became effective on 10 November this year and is mandatory. The new regulations will have far reaching implications on new buildings and major alterations to existing buildings.

Essentially the new regulations have been introduced to reduce energy wastage. For example, in a poorly insulated building there is a build-up of heat in summer which requires air-conditioning energy to cool the building, and a loss of heat in winter which requires heating energy to increase the internal temperature. The new regulations are designed to prevent this all too common occurrence.

The regulations are quite complex but can be relatively simple if the designer takes what is termed the "deemed-to-satisfy" route, i.e. by following the specifications described in the Regulations. However, unless all the prescribed building standards are met a "rational design" must be

provided by a "competent person" (as defined in the National Building Regulations).

The regulations vary to suit the different climatic conditions found in South Africa; Prince Albert falls under Zone 2, Temperate Interior. The following are just a few of the salient items contained in the regulations:

The envelope of a building, comprising walls, roof, floors and fenestration, (i.e. windows and glazed doors), must be of a standard to prevent excessive transfer of heat and cold. In the case of ceilings for example a thickness of 140 mm of certified thermal insulation may be required.

Where glass areas exceed 15% of a room floor area a rational design will be required with the likelihood that some windows may need to have double-glazing unless the windows are shaded.

All openings such as external doors and windows shall be constructed to minimise air leakage by means of draught strips, etc. Similarly buildings shall be sealed at skirtings and ceiling cornices by means of caulking or similar.

Buildings should be orientated to the north, ideally with living spaces on the northern side and uninhabited rooms such as bathrooms and storerooms on the western side. Where this is not possible, buildings should be orientated to achieve the lowest net energy use and western windows in particular should be shaded by screens, roof overhangs, verandas or vegetation.

A minimum of 50% of the annual hot water heating process shall be provided by means other than electrical heating; hence the need to have solar water heaters, heat pumps, and the like.

Drawings submitted to a Municipality for approval in terms of the Building Regulations must be accompanied by a form signed by both the designer and the owner with a clause stating that the owner must inform the designer if any changes to the approved plans are made during the building process, which would then have to be dealt with as an amendment also complying with the regulations.

The question in the mind of many people is how the new legislation will be policed in small towns such as Prince Albert? Well, it is the legal responsibility of the Municipality's Building Control Officer to be satisfied that plan submissions comply with the regulations before approval is granted. Most of the large municipalities are sending their plans examiners to energy efficiency workshops to ensure they fully understand the implications of the new legislation. It may be prudent for Prince Albert Municipality to follow suit, or to consult someone having the necessary knowledge of the requirements.

The Minister has indicated that these new regulations are just a start and will be reinforced at some point in the future. It is also possible that in a few years time the new legislation will be applied to existing buildings on change of ownership.

In a nutshell the days of people getting their plans approved and then doing their own thing are over. Unsuitable building practice such as having large unprotected windows facing the sun, draughty old windows and minimal roof insulation, the sort of thing



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we all too often see around Prince Albert, are to become a thing of the past!

Equally stringent regulations governing water usage and efficiency are being drawn up and due to be published in the future.

There will always be people who will consider the new regulations as just more draconian measures, further loss of freedom, a stifling of design initiative and so on, but it should be remembered that there is an ever worsening universal crisis in energy availability, and energy efficiency is just plain common sense. In South Africa 40% of energy usage comes from buildings. Rising energy costs are inevitable. Measures to reduce energy usage should not cost more than 2% of the building costs but should yield massive savings over the life of a building, and speed up the repayment period of the investment in energy efficiency.

John Whitton is a retired architect living in Prince Albert. He is the author of the book, 'Common Sense Guidelines to Building in the Karoo'

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs

Nora Halstead has updated the *Friend* on the remarkable success story of the *Bread Tags for Wheelchairs Project* launched by a pensioner in Noordhoek, Mary Honeybun. Five years ago, Mary started on what seemed an impossible task. She came up with the idea of recycling the little plastic tags that seal the wrapping around bread loaves at the supermarket and her charity organization was born.

Because these tags are made of high-density polystyrene, they can be recycled into coat hangers, seedling trays, cornices, outdoor furniture, decking, and more. Mary persuaded the companies that make these products to 'buy' wheelchairs for needy people in return for the tags she collected.

Norah continued: "Mary has already bought over 200 wheelchairs with the help of people from all over South Africa. The tags are sent to her, she sorts and weighs them, then sends them off to the recycler. This not only helps with the environment, but also has given

many people the independence they want."

In November last year Nora championed the collecting of bread tags in Prince Albert and recently sent off 8.5 kilograms of bread tags collected over the last year in Prince Albert and surrounding towns to Mary. "I'm keeping a record of the bread tags we collect," Nora told the *Friend*. "We need 270kg to be able to buy one wheelchair. Just as a matter of interest we have collected 24,055. The magic number we need to get one chair is 763 530 so we have some way to go, but it can be done!"

Nora praised the response she had had to her collecting campaign. "We are very fortunate to have so many caring people and I would like to thank all the businesses that display the collecting tins. The latest collecting point is our award-winning Post Office. Please keep up the good work and pass the word to your friends. A huge thank you to all."

Well done, Norah! We at the *Friend* wish you well and remind all our readers to keep on collecting.

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PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT**KENNISGEWING NOMMER 50/2011
VOORGESTELDE ONDERVERDELING /
SERWITUUT GEBIED****GEDEELTE 8 VAN DIE PLAAS KLEIN VALIE
NR. 182, PRINS ALBERT DISTRIK
SANDKLOOF (EIENDOMS) BEPERK**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 24(1) van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek van **VPM OPMETINGS (NAMENS SANDKLOOF (EIENDOMS) BEPERK** ontvang het vir die **ONDERVERDELING / SERWITUUT GEBIED van GEDEELTE 8 VAN DIE PLAAS KLEIN VALIE NR. 182, PRINS ALBERT.**

Nadere besonderhede lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skryflike besware, indien enige teen die voorstel, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **VRYDAG, 23 DESEMBER 2011** bereik.

Munisipale Kantoor	H METTLER
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PRINS ALBERT	15 November 2011
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PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY**NOTICE NUMBER 50/2011
PROPOSED SUBDIVISION /
SERVITUDE AREA****SECTION 8 OF THE FARM KLEIN VALIE NO. 182,
PRINCE ALBERT DISTRICT
SANDKLOOF (PTY) LTD**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 24(1) of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that the Council has received an application from **VPM SURVEYORS (ON BEHALF OF SANDKLOOF (PTY) LTD to SUBDIVIDE / SERVITUDE AREA SECTION 8 OF THE FARM KLEIN VALIE NO. 182, PRINCE ALBERT DISTRICT.**

Details of the proposal are available for inspection at the Municipal Offices, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objection, if any, to the proposal together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY, 23 DECEMBER 2011.**

Municipal Offices	H METTLER
Private Bag X53	MUNICIPAL MANAGER
PRINCE ALBERT	15 November 2011
6930	Tel. (023) 541-1320

PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT**KENNISGEWING NOMMER 51/2011
VOORGESTELDE AFWYKING
VAN DORPSAANLEGSKEMA****ERF 64, VAN DYKSTRAAT 5, PRINS ALBERT**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 15(1)(a)(ii) van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek van **ME. T A SWANEPOEL (ALBERT COLLEGE)** ontvang het vir 'n **AFWYKING** van die Dorpsaanlegskema vir die **BEDRYF VAN 'N PRIVAAT HUIS-SKOOL vir Grade R - 3 te VAN DYKSTRAAT 5, PRINS ALBERT.**

Naam:	Me. T A Swanepoel (Albert College)
Adres:	Van Dykstraat 5
Erf no:	64
Doel van aansoek:	Bedryf van 'n Privaat Huisskool vir Grade R - 3

Nadere besonderhede lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Kerkstraat 33, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skryflike besware, indien enige teen die voorstel, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **VRYDAG, 23 DESEMBER 2011** bereik.

Munisipale Kantoor	H METTLER
Privaatsak X53	MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER
PRINS ALBERT	18 November 2011
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PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY**NOTICE NUMBER 51/2011
PROPOSED DEPARTURE
OF TOWN PLANNING SCHEME****ERF 64, 5 VAN DYK STREET, PRINCE ALBERT**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 15(1)(a)(ii) of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that the Council has received an application from **MS. T A SWANEPOEL (ALBERT COLLEGE)** for **DEPARTURE** from the Town Planning scheme for a **PRIVATE HOME SCHOOL at 5 VAN DYK STREET, PRINCE ALBERT.**

Name:	Ms. T A Swanepoel (Albert College)
Address:	5 van Dyk Street
Erf:	64
Reason for application:	Private Home School for Grades R - 3

Details of the proposals are available for inspection in the Municipal Offices, 33 Church Street, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objections, if any, to the proposal together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY, 23 DECEMBER 2011.**

Municipal Offices	H METTLER
Private Bag X53	MUNICIPAL MANAGER
PRINCE ALBERT	18 November 2011
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† Jacolise Botes 1967 - 2011



Jacolise Botes, huisvrou, ma, entrepreneur, maatskaplike werkster, student en inspirasie vir ander.

- Ilze Koorts -

Jacolise Botes, bekend en bemind in die Koup, het op 31 Oktober 'n hartklep-ervanging en -omleidingsoperasie in Panorama Medi-Kliniek ondergaan. Op 4 November het sy haar aardse vir haar hemelse tuiste verruil. Wanneer ons die volgende huldeblyk aan haar bring, is dit met die inspirasie wat haar lewe aan ons gee. Sy was baie siek, maar het die lewe aangegryp en CARPE DIEM geLEEF! Ten spyte van haar swak gesondheid, was sy 'n groot inspirasie vir ander!

Jacolise Botes is op 11 Maart 1967 gebore en was tydens haar skoolloopbaan 'n toegewyde sportiewe leerling en uitblyker op alle gebiede. Op 16 word sy met Hodgkings se Siekte gediagnoseer; ten spyte van baie terugslae word sy na baie gebede, bestraling en chemoterapie later in die jaar gesond verklaar. Nadat sy aan die einde van 1985 aan die Hoërskool Laingsburg matriculeer, begin sy in 1986 met B. Diac Maatskaplike Werk UNISA graad by Hugenote Kollege in Wellington, waar sy ook op die Studenteraad dien en haar graad in 1989 ontvang.

Skade het sy wel van haar siekte en ook die gepaardgaande Gordelroosletsels oor-gehou, 'n bo normale hartklop, pyne in haar skouers en arms en ook emosioneel: veral die volgende tien jaar waar sy gereelde opvolgtoetse vir 'n moontlike terugkeer van die siekte moes byhou.

In 1989 trou sy met Lukas Botes en kom woon in die Prince Albert distrik. Sy werk vir twee jaar vir die ACVV by Huis Kweekvallei totdat hulle tweeling in 1992

gebore word.

Jacolise leef haar uit as huisvrou en ma, maar is altyd betrokke by verskeie gemeenskapsorganisasies. Sy leer haar kinders van Sprinkaan wat met sy helikopter kinders se speelgoed wegvat as dit rondlê en lekkers/speelgoed bring vir soet kinders. Sy bemark ook skoonheidsprodukte en speserye. Sy leer haar kinders van vroeg af om verliese te verwerk, 'n afgestorwe witmuis word onder die bome begrawe en hulle neem afskeid met die lied "Eks 'n dapper muis".

Gedurende 1995 – 2000 gee sy haar sang-CD uit waarmee sy haar dankbaarheid teenoor die Here betoon met sangoptredes en die lewer van haar getuienis. Nou hoef sy ook nie meer gereeld vir opvolgondersoeke te gaan nie. Einde 1999 verhuis hul gesin na haar familieplaas Elim, in die Laingsburg-distrik. Hier gee sy vir twee jaar tuisonderrig.

In 2003 begin sy haar knoffelbesigheid. Dit groei met rasse skrede en sy omskep 'n ongewilde produk soos knoffel in 'n daaglikse gebruiksartikel. Dê kombuisprodukt word deur Suid-Afrika en Namibië bemark. Sy wen die Wes-Kaap kategorie vir Binnelandse Verwerkte Produkte in die Departement Landbou se Landbou Vrou-entrepreneur vir 2010. Tydens die onderhoude vir die kompetisie is sy gevra hoe haar besigheid die omgewing benadeel en haar gevatte antwoord was dat die grootste besoedeling darem net die knoffelreuk in die huis was.

In dïe tyd is 'n hartklepdisfunksie na 'n noodgalblaasoperasie by haar gediagnoseer, ook skildklier- en lewer probleme word gevind en haar sangloopbaan is op 'n einde. Haar droom bly steeds om weer as maatskaplike werker in mense se lewens betrokke te raak en in 2008 registreer sy haar privaatpraktyk as maatskaplike werker. Sy kwalifiseer as Kersey persoonlikheidsontledingskundige en woon sessies rondom arbeidswetgewing by. Sy bring haarself op hoogte van Werknemerhulp-programme (EAP) in die werkplek omdat sy oortuig is dat dit van waarde met arbeidsverhoudinge in die landbou sal wees.

Jacolise fasiliteer die Hadassa-konferensie in Prince Albert gedurende 2008, wat haar,

en baie ander vrouens, se lewens verander.

Sy verkry fondse van die Departement Landbou Wes-Kaap en begin met werknemerhulpprogramme in die Koup. So loods sy ook die eerste Wes-Kaap 'Plaaswerker van die Jaar' kompetisie in die streek. Haar doel is om die beeld van Landbou as werk-gewer in ere te herstel en om plaaswerkers trots op hul werk, as eerbare beroep, te maak. Die Bybel is die motivering vir haar standpunte. Sy spreek haar sterk uit teen substans misbruik.

Jacolise se ander groot droom was om verder te kwalifiseer. In April 2011 handig sy haar Meestersgraad-aansoek by UNISA in: 'Employee Assistance Programmes for Farm Workers in the Koup: A Social Work Perspective'. Op 26 Oktober, op pad na die hospitaal, pos sy haar finale verhandeling. Dit alles te midde van plaaswerkerontwikkelingsprogramme, 'n man, huis en kinders – en 500 kg verwerkte knoffel wat sy self die afgelope jaar gekook het. Sy was ook reeds aan die beplan van 'n doktorsgraad en baie nuwe innoverende gedagtes rondom plaaswerkerontwikkeling. Hopelik is dit alles nie nou op 'n einde nie.

Jacolise Botes sal onthou word as iemand wat:

saam met haar kinders middernagfees gehou het; as gesinsmens haar gesin eerste gestel het; luukshede prysgegee het ter wille van haar kinders; baie privaat was – maar 'n passie vir mense in nood gehad het; andere se seer verstaan het en met hul kontak kon maak op 'n betekenisvolle wyse; altyd probeer het om in beheer van haar situasie te wees

Daarom is alles haarfyn beplan, so ook die tyd waarop die operasie sou plaasvind. Alles daarvóór en daarná is beplan en voorberei.

As gesin het hul geglo dat die alfabet baie letters het, en planne kan nie ophou by A-B-C nie. Hierdie keer was die planne egter nie genoeg nie. Alles was reg beplan vir die terugkeer na die operasie – sy was egter nie deel van die terugkeer nie.

Jacolise WAS bang vir die operasie – daarom het sy dit agt jaar lank uitgestel. Sy het uiteindelik die dokters vertrou wat gemeen het dat daar net 'n 1% kans was dat die operasie kon skeefloop. Hulle kon egter nie weet wat binne haar liggaam gebeur het nie, of wat die MEESTER se plan was nie.

† Bettie Lucas sterf op 79

- Denise Ohlson -

'n Dag na haar 79ste verjaarsdag het Bettie Lucas stil heengegaan ná 'n lang siekbed. Haar kamer was nog vol van die pratige blomme waarvoor sy so lief was.

Elizabeth Hester Vermeulen is gebore op 21 Oktober 1932 op die plaas Kruisrivier in die distrik Fraserburg. Sy slaag matriek aan die Paarl Hoër Handelskool en haar eerste werk is by 'n prokureursfirma daar. Sy ontmoet Koos Lucas op haar 21ste verjaarsdag en trou twee jaar later met hom in die Toringkerk in die Paarl. Hulle maak twee seuns en 'n dogter groot en verhuis in 1975 na Prince Albert nadat Koos medies ongeskik verklaar is ná 'n motorongeluk. Met Koos se afsterwe in 1981 neem Bettie die boerdery oor en haar vrugte en droë vrugte raak besonder gewild.

Nie net hou sy die fort op die klein-hoewes nie, sy werk ook as hoof van administrasie by die plaaslike hospitaal.



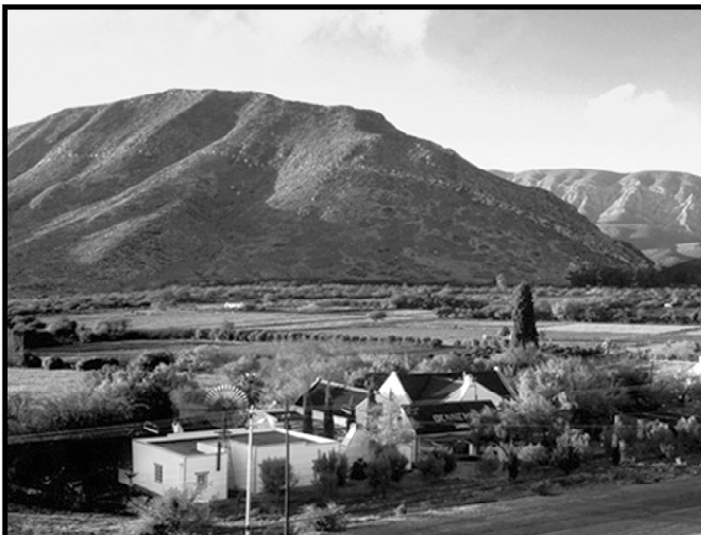
Bekende inwoner, Bettie Lucas, wat op 22 Oktober oorlede is

Sy begin in 1976 in die "ou hospitaal" (die gebou wat vandag die museum huisves) en sien hoe die nuwe hospitaal verrys – waar sy werk tot en met haar aftrede in 2002, op die ouderdom van 70!

Lizzie Smit, wat baie jare saam met haar gewerk het, vertel: "Mevrou Lucas was baie presies op haar werk. Alles het sy in haar netjiese handskrif opgeteken en niemand, maar niemand, is toegelaat om besoek af te lê sonder 'n afspraak nie. Soggens het sy heel eerste haar rondtes binne en buite die hospitaal gedoen om seker te maak alles is in plek en in orde. O, en géén personeellid het durf rondstaan en niksdoen en die 'hospitaal se tyd mors' nie... Maar niemand is oor-geslaan as die eerste perskes in haar boord ryp was nie!"

En wat sê haar suster Nelie? "Sy was altyd die stille werker – 'n ware huishen wat nie graag rondgeloop het nie."

Al het sy ná haar kankerdiagnose erg verswak, het sy geen pyn gehad nie en het haar verstand helder gebly. Sy word oorleef deur haar drie kinders en nege kleinkinders.



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A tribute from his family

It was with great shock and sadness that we received the news that our father, Keith Goudie, had passed away suddenly in September. He had been living a full and independent life and, apart from the unavoidable wear and tear of age, had managed to remain in good health and humour. Losing him unexpectedly has left us with a sense of deep loss.

Dad was a kind, loving and generous man whose curiosity and genuineness has shaped us in profound ways. Born in King Williamstown in 1931, his early years were characterised by frequent change and global travels. His father, Thomas Goudie, was born in Scotland and from a young age showed both a taste for adventure and a hunger for new opportunities. Dad's childhood shifted between South Africa, Zimbabwe and England, but it was in Cape Town that his parents finally settled.

Fiercely individualist, Dad demonstrated a willingness to take risks (including rather dangerous mountain climbing) and followed chances wherever they happened to be. For us, as children, these changes and career developments were exciting, but for our mother, Pat, their regularity was probably a little less thrilling. Nevertheless, she endured them with



Keith and Pat Goudie

love, fortitude and patience. In his younger years, Dad worked for Nylon Spinners and Mobil, and had an impressive career in accounting. But Dad's interests were wider and more varied than those that the corporate world could offer. He moved on, setting up his own bakery in Johannesburg, before working in the insurance sector and, finally, with the SPCA in Cape Town.

During the time he ran the bakery, Dad was more than an entrepreneur: he also helped many who were on the fringes of society. It was a time of deep division in South Africa but Dad's love for people shone brightly. He enjoyed the independence that the work offered but, most of all, he wanted to share his enthusiasm for life. He was a man who, remarkably for the

era, went to great lengths to protect his staff from the capricious cruelty of apartheid. It was a time in which he was a counsellor, legal advisor, mentor and friend to so many. He was also the best doughnut maker in South Africa and the supplies were endless.

We suspect that Dad was a hippy who never lost his enjoyment of adventure and being on the open road – even if he did try to hide this secret from us by donning a suit and tie each working day. At the beginning of the 1990s Mom and Dad, in true eccentric form, went on a holiday across South Africa in their tiny Toyota and made the decision to retire to Prince Albert after staying there for only a few days. It was a sudden choice they did not regret, and they lived together happily there for almost 18 years.

Mom and Dad spoke often of how much living in Prince Albert meant to them, and the friendship and kindness of the people they knew. This, they said, made it feel special and more like a community and a proper home, not just an ordinary town. We are hugely grateful for the support and love that so many gave to them, particularly to our father after Mom's passing. Thank you too for the support you showed us during the time we were in Prince Albert and for sharing your memories of his life.

Dad often gave us advice: especially "Be yourself and just do your best". We're not sure he managed this in a number of practical respects: he certainly wasn't the world's most successful driver. And perhaps his domestic skills still needed a bit of fine-tuning towards the end of his life. But he taught us as well that humanity is what matters above all else. His integrity, love, and innate sense of goodness were of the rarest kind.

*Near the snow, near the sun, in the highest fields,
See how these names are fêted by the waving grass
And by the streamers of white cloud
And whispers of wind in the listening sky.
The names of those who in their lives fought for life,
Who wore at their hearts the fire's centre.
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Mala van Zyl

- Japie van Zyl -

Mala van Zyl is op 4 Desember 1930 in Prince Albert gebore en haar nooiensvan was Storm.

As die jongste van tien kinders het sy

haar kinderjare in Deurdrifstraat 20 deurgebring en van haar eerste skool-dag tot en met 1947 was sy 'n leerling van Hoërskool Zwartberg – waar sy op sestien al vir die skool se eerste span netbal gespeel het.

Haar eerste werk is as telefoniste by die plaaslike poskantoor, daarna by Piet Swanepoel (Piet Doppies) se algemene handelaarsaak, ook as boekhoudster by die Toyota Garage (destyds langs Markotter Prokureurs) en later van tyd werk sy by die Handelshuis – die gebou wat tans Lewis Stores huisves.

Op 27 Desember 1952 trou dominee Marais haar en Piet van Zyl in die plaaslike N.G.Kerk en hulle het later twee seuns, Piet en Japie.

Piet het al sy jare by die Plaaslike Afdelingsraad (nou die Streekdiensteraad)

gewerk en as padinspekteur afgetree. Hy ontval Mala in September 1997, en sy bly aan in hul huis in Markstraat 85 – waar sy vir haar 'n gedugte naam opgebou het as bobaas-bakster. Altesaam het sy 52 jaar daar gebly en met groot vreugde haar gebak uit die oond bly haal.

Mala was gelukkig en tevrede om haar hele lewe lank in Prince Albert te woon – en was met haar afsterwe op 30 Oktober 2011 die oudste inwoner wat hier gebore is en nooit uit die dorp weggetrek het nie. Sy sal onthou word as een wat altyd bereid was om ander te help waar sy kan.

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Who's Who at the Market

- Barbara Castle -

Markets have been a feature of Prince Albert since 1855 when Governor George Grey gave permission for the town to hold them. Over the years we have seen interesting characters come and go. We've seen the rise and fall of pancakes, frozen lamb, knitted tea-cosies, assorted knickers, venison pies and more. But some stalwarts remain, enjoying a brisk trade and friendly chat at the Saturday morning market in Church Street.

Take a bow, Thursday Group

Member Ione Auerswald tells me that the Thursday Group has been a feature of the Saturday morning markets for more than ten years

This dedicated group, affectionately known as the 'community chest' of Prince Albert, started years ago when a small group of 'girls' with Cynthia Cory and Peggy Clow-Wilson got together to



The Thursday Group's market stall (Photo: Sandy Farmer)

knit teddies as a comfort for abused children. They also went out of their way to welcome any new ladies in town in a bid to help them settle in. Anyone who was 'stressed' or burdened was visited and invited to join which is still a cornerstone of the group today.

The Club meets every Thursday morning at a different member's home hence the name Thursday Group. And anyone is invited to join, says Ione, "as long as they are prepared to host the morning tea every three months or so."

Current members are all women who are prepared to give up their time for the well being of those less privileged than themselves. As well as to provide comfort and camaraderie to each other.

They enjoy their 'turns' at the Saturday market especially for the chance it gives them to chat with locals and visitors. Their wares are often cause for interest comprising as they do of superfluous stock from various businesses in town and also donations and 'job lots' from locals. "There are many surprises!" says Ione with her trademark twinkle.

For instance she says, "Gudrun Toelstede started 'Katy's Box' because she remembered going to markets in Germany and being given a box of small things for little girls. Katy (from the Lazy Lizard) and Nicky are regular shoppers at our stall – thus Katy's Box. One Saturday Katy came to our stall and told me that Raffi (her cousin) had turned four. So when Raffi came I said to him, 'You can choose something for your birthday for free!' To which he replied, 'I four not free!'"

Over the years the Thursday Group has made donations of cash and kind to many 'causes' in Prince Albert. "We knit teddies, knee blankets and jerseys for the needy," says Ione, "and one Thursday Mrs Joseph, the pastor's wife, having spoken to Cynthia Cory, visited the Group and asked for help in starting a soup kitchen. We agreed and have helped the soup kitchen for many years."

"With on-going help from the community and visitors we have been able to close many little holes in all sections of the community," she says. "The elderly, the young, the healthy and the ill... we give whatever assistance we can in the hope of creating a better world."

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Prince Albert Municipal Library BOOK REVIEW



The Blasphemer
By Nigel Farndale

Don't be misled by the title. Rather be intrigued by the cover... a collage of music notes, battle scene, travel and a turtle. All of which excellently summarise the content of this well-written, well-constructed novel.

The story weaves parallel narratives switching between Daniel Kennedy's life in present day London, and Private Andrew Kennedy's life as a World War 1 soldier in France. Daniel Kennedy is passionate, young, modern and troubled. On the outside, he is a staunch atheist achieving international fame for his godless philosophy and for a newsworthy act of heroism. But, on a personal level, Daniel struggles with the consequences of cowardice and the experience of a (possibly religious?) vision. Private Andrew Kennedy, on the other hand, is Daniel's great grandfather whom the

reader gets to know as a soldier and a survivor and also through misfortune and allegations of cowardice.

The story begins in the present day on a flight to the Galapagos Islands when a light aircraft ditches into the sea. As the water floods through the cabin, zoologist Kennedy faces an impossible choice... should he save himself, or Nancy, his wife?

And in a parallel narrative, it is 1917 and great-grandfather Andrew is preparing to go over the top at Passchendaele. He, too, will have his courage tested, and must live with the moral consequences of his actions.

But the book is peopled by many more, and interesting, characters than just these two main protagonists. There's Vice Provost, Wetherby, at the university where Daniel is a lecturer. He is an older, complex and eccentric Catholic who is both malicious and selfish. The evil undercurrent that Whetherby provides is a perfect backdrop

for the argument between theists and atheists that is a recurring theme in the book. And the haunting characters of Hamdi and Major Morris whose mystery will remain with the reader long after the book is finished.

Farndale is adept at writing realistic dialogue that is a joy to read and propels the story at a cracking pace. Certainly you will meet great characters and run the full gamut of emotions from horror and fear to happiness and hope.

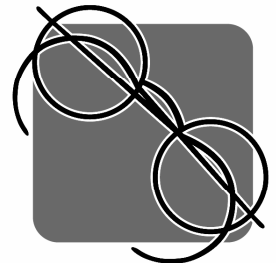
The Blasphemer was shortlisted for the 2010 Costa Novel Award and in their citation the judges called it "A novel of remarkable ambition that reads like a thriller. Strange, unforgettable and morally courageous." It is certainly one I can recommend as a perfect read for the holidays.

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- Reinie Smit -

Saterdag, 29 Oktober, was dit weer tyd vir ons jaarlikse Kankerstap. Ongeveer 140 mense het deelgeneem, hetsy deur fietsry, stap, draf, skaatsplankry, en een deelnemertjie selfs nog in haar stootwaentjie! Dus 'n heel gesellige Stap.

Deelnemers het gewissel van pas twee jaar, Zoey Cloete, tot 92 jaar, oom Nick Muller! En almal ewe entoesiasies. 'n Paar van ons "jongeres" moes sommer STAP om by oom Alfred Voetpad (79 jaar) by te hou.

Maandag, 31 Oktober, het ons die kleuterskole besoek met Toktokkie (wat met groot opgewondenheid begroet is!), waar ons 'n eie Kankerstappie met hulle gedoen het. Ons het hul aangemoedig om gereeld te oefen en gesond te leef.

Baie dankie aan die volgende persone wat gehelp het om 'n sukses van die Stap te maak:

Violente en Lynette (Prince Albert Primêr); Jeanetta (Biblioteek); Juliana en Hannes (SAPD); Michelle (Blomme); Francois (Verkeer); Magda Mostert; Albert College (wat hul leerlinge aangemoedig het om deel te neem, en die gevolg was dat al hul hoërskool-leerlinge en 'n hele klompie van die kleineres saamgestap het); Marika, Ronel, Hennie (Kroonhof); Janine; almal wat donasies gegee het en dan almal wat deelgeneem het - sonder julle sou ons nie 'n Kankerstap kon hou nie!

Danksy jul almal het ons R6100.00 vir Kansa ge-in.

KANSA dryf borsondersoeke in Oktober

- Christine Snyman -

Dis borskankermaand en op 14 Oktober 2011 het ons 'n lys van agt dames wat belangstel om papsmere en borsondersoeke te ondergaan.

Die bewusmaking is gedoen en groot was my verbasing toe ek Huis Kweekvallei binnestap en 'n hele kamer vol wagtende dames daar aantref.

Terwyl die dames wag word hulle ingelig rondom borsondersoeke en borskanker; ook die noodsaaklikheid van KANSA registrasie word verduidelik. My stoutste verwagtinge is oortref toe ons 1 uur oppak en ek beseft dat nagenoeg 20 dames bedien is.

Ek wil graag die volgende persone bedank vir hulle bydrae om van so 'n oggend 'n sukses te kon maak:

Johan du Toit van Huis Kweekvallei wat die kamers tot KANSA se beskikking gestel het.

Lettie Breytenbach vir haar professionele bydrae aan ons dames en Amanda Serfontein ons CM van KANSA wat vir ons die nodige apparate van Oudtshoorn af gebring het.

Dames, ons maak volgende jaar weer so; kom ondersteun ons en kry gemoedsrus.

Namens die KANSA Komitee van Prince Albert wens ons al die inwoners 'n geseënde feestyd en 'n voorspoedige 2012 toe. Lekker Rus.



Corruption Watch Works for US

- Jennifer Cohen -

If, as it was once said, the accomplice to corruption is our own indifference, South Africans will soon be able to rectify this.

From the end of January, a new civil society institution called Corruption Watch will be available through all manner of social media – a website portal, email, SMS, Facebook, voicemail and Twitter – to anyone wishing to report an act of corruption.

Headed by the former Competition Tribunal Chairman and trade unionist David Lewis, Corruption Watch will work to ensure that the custodians of public resources act responsibly to advance the interest of the public rather than a single person or organisation.

“Corruption affects us all,” says Lewis. “It weakens our democracy and trust in

our leaders; it eats away at our ethics and corrodes our moral fibre; it discourages investment, slowing growth and development.

“But the people who suffer most from the consequences of corruption are those who depend upon public resources for their wellbeing. The poor – who are reliant on the government for housing, health care, education, security and welfare – are the most vulnerable to corruption.”

Corruption Watch will collect and categorise the stories of corruption from citizens, the media, government reports and other sources. The crowd-sourced data will reveal patterns and ‘hot spots’ of corrupt activity.

Identifying and exposing corruption either in a certain sector of society, or at particular tiers or even departments of government will see Corruption Watch initiate research projects, report incidents to appropriate

investigative or prosecutorial institutions (particularly if there are individual complainants/respondents), and encourage and support activism by relevant stakeholders such as unions, rate-payers' associations, or medical aids.

“By promoting transparency and accountability we hope to inflate the cost of corruption and make people in civil service and in business think twice about taking advantage of the public,” says Lewis.

Corruption Watch is a not-for-profit organisation with a diverse and experienced board and will help combat both public and private sector corruption.

The *Friend* will publish contact details in the February edition of the paper.

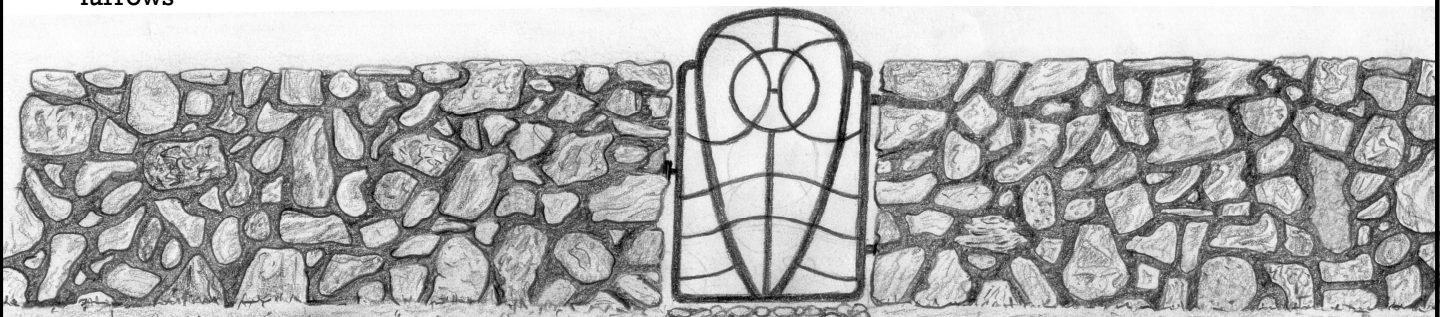
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Skoonmaakprojekte

Die Wyksraadslede in samewerking met die Wykskomitees gaan, in hul Wyke, vroue identifiseer wat vanaf 12 Desember tot en met 22 Desember hul Wyke gaan skoonhou. Die Raad wil hiermee die geleentheid aan vroue bied om te help om die omgewing waarin hulle woon, so skoon as moontlik te hou.

Die omgewing waarin ons bly is ons omgewing en daarom moet ons in elke straat, om elke hoek en by elke onwettige punt/area eienaarskap neem en mense aanspreek wat voortgaan met die onwettige vullisstorting. Laat ons trots wees op ons omgewing en voel vry om met u Raadslid te praat indien u nog ander idees het wat u reken sal werk.

Die Munisipale amptenare doen hul BES om die omgewing so skoon as moontlik te hou, maar ons mense gaan voort om sodra die areas skoonmaak is, maar net weer onwettig hul vullis te stort.

Forums

Leeu-Gamka Sportforum: Die Forum is aktief en het op Saterdag, 26 November, hul jaarlikse Sportdag aangebied.

Klaarstroom Sportforum: Is nie aktief op hierdie stadium nie.

Prince Albert Sportforum : Is nie aktief op hierdie stadium nie. In samewerking

met die aktiewe plaaslike Sportklubs sal die Prince Albert Sportforum gedurende Februarie 2012 hul AJV hou waar 'n nuwe Bestuur verkies sal word.

Die Munisipale Jeug-, Vroue- en Sportforum sal in Maart 2012 gefinaliseer word.

Werkskopping

Die Raad is tans besig om tydelike werkers in diens te neem om te help om ons areas so skoon as moontlik te hou. Daar word hoofsaaklik vanaf die databasis gewerk en word persone as sodanig ingelig. Persone wie se name nog steeds nie op die databasis is nie, word aangemoedig om hul name op te sit.

In terme van die vroue wat geïdentifiseer gaan word vanaf 12 Desember, sal die Wyksraadslid in samewerking met die Wykskomitee die groep vroue identifiseer. Ons wil graag sien dat die vroue van 'n bepaalde Wyk begin eienaarskap neem van hulle Wyk en as sodanig dan ook die persone wat hulle nog steeds skuldig maak aan onwettige vullisstorting, aanspreek en rapporteer.

Wykskomitees

Opleiding vir Wykskomitees sal plaasvind op 2 en 3 Desember. Wykskomiteelede word versoek om asseblief hierdie belangrike opleiding by te woon.

Ons wil ook ons dank uitspreek teenoor Wykskomitees wat hul Wyksvergaderings

gehou het en punte na die komiteevergaderings gestuur het vir bespreking. Ons glo dat ons op hierdie wyse die probleme wat binne Wyke ervaar word, meer doeltreffend kan aanspreek. Wykskomiteelede word ook vriendelik uitgenooi om wel die komiteevergaderings van die Raad by te woon.

Seënwense

Die Raad wil alle inwoners 'n Geseënde Feesseisoen toewens en versoek almal om matigheid voor oë te hou. Ons versoek ook alle motoriste om hulle eie, asook ander, se **VEILIGHEID** eerste te stel.

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Huwelisklokkies vir Charles en Johlandi

- Barbara Gorniak -

Op 29 Oktober het huwelisklokkies vir Prince Albert se Johlandi Freysen en haar geliefde Charles Salmon in Heroldsbaai gelui.

Johlandi is die dogter van Benita Freysen van Oudtshoorn en Willem Freysen van Prince Albert. Sy het aan die Hoërskool Zwartberg gematrikuleer aan die einde van 2008 en haar daarna as 'n *gourmet chef* gekwalifiseer by *The Culinary Academy* in die Paarl.

Charles is van Ladismith, waar hy ook skool gegaan het, en is die seun van Sandra en Tommie Salmon. Hy is 'n Landbou-Voorligtingsbeampte by die Wes-Kaap Regering en het ook sy eie besigheid, CWS byeboerdery.

Die paartjie woon in Ladismith.



Charles en Johlandi Salmon (née Freysen)
(Foto: Yolande Singery)

Uncle Remus and the Boy go Travelling

- HF -

One day Uncle Remus and the Boy get the invitation to join with the culture folks of this town to go travel the country to a real pretty place. So they pack their special garments and get a ride down the road with some nice ladies in a fancy automobile 'til they come to Impangele, overlooking a beautiful valley all green with grapevines and closed in on the North by the Matroosberg and the Kwadow mountains on the South. In the middle is the little town de Doorns, so called 'cause before history there be plenty thorn trees.

Mister George organise all this culture outing so he give everybody the big howdy and then a polite man called Billington show them their accommodation which be a grass wigwam with a nice view of the valley. It got all what opens and shuts but it mighty small, so small that Uncle Remus and the Boy got to go out to the porch when the ladies is changing their garments, which take awful long, so Uncle Remus light his seegar just to make time pass.

Come dinner the first night Mister George make a big fire to grill meat real good. He make that fire so big the Boy scared he gonna burn the whole house down, but Uncle Remus figure it be appropriate, cause Mister George big name be Furness. Now the culture folks is hanging about real pleasant and talking polite and hitting the jug quite some, and the meats is sizzling and the ladies is dishing out healthy salads so everybody eat mighty good.

Come Saturday morning the visitors is rising up early and making smart and eating their apples for breakfast. Then they gather by the Hexpass Station for the big train ride. The Boy examining the Fordson Dexter tractor what gonna pull two open-sided coaches up the old main line which last see commercial traffic in 1989. Some Old Timers is tinkering with the mechanical details and Uncle Remus is telling the Boy not to stick his fingers in the works 'cause he's gonna get them cut off. Then the whistle blow and the train go toot, toot and all is aboard and the whole excitement begin with riding and the clack, clack of the wheels in the bright sunshine, just like

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(Uncle Remus... Continued from p 39)
old times.

Bye and bye the train stop and the guide man call Gilbert tell the passengers about the plants and the rocks and how the line get built in the 1870s and when mighty steam engines haul passengers and goods to the diamond fields, then in the 1960s the line get electricity and there be up to 35 trains a day, but real sad, now the big, new line only got maybe 10 trains a day, and Uncle Remus don't figure how that can be called progress.

The train go slow but steady up through the beautiful mountains, past the Osplaas Dam where once there be a station with folks living and working there. Gilbert tell how the Government shift the little graveyard when the dam get built, and later at a tight cutting he show where guard soldiers scratch their names on rocks during the Anglo Boer war, when they got nothing better to do. Two tunnels come into view, one beside the other and the story is that long ago the line get shifted and a new tunnel made for bigger trains. So the passengers walk through the oldest tunnel in

the whole country, and it mighty dark in there, but there be light at the end. When the train fetches up at Tonnel Station the upward journey of eight miles finish, and while the passengers is having a nice picnic under the big tree, the Fordson Dexter get turned round. Camera fundies is snapping away at historical items and anything what lie still or even move about, including tortoises, a donkey and even two stripy zebra, which make the Boy's eyes go wide 'cause he never see a horse in pyjamas before now.

The Old Timer what drive the train make a nice speech about how he born and grown up at Tonnel Station where 13 households flourish long ago, and now there close to nothing. He say how him and them kids go to school by the big train and the grown-ups got to maintain the line and tighten the bolts on the sleepers, and all work fine in those days. Then the whistle blow and the train start to go down 860 feet in altitude while the guide man show things of interest, including a nice place where in 1928 there be a terrible and tragic accident with loss of life and material destruction.

The sunshine real hot now 'cause it mid-afternoon, so when the train ride finish some ladies go lie under the air-conditioning in the grass wigwam, and some folks go to the swimming hole to get cool. A big man from the hotel bring a fine dinner and pudding that night and everyone sit outside and feast in delightfully perfect weather. The big wind come up in the darkness later and next morning it raining gentle, even so, everyone get in little buses and tour the pretty farms with beautiful, big, old houses. All around is green vines for export table grapes, and the tourists is taking in the scenery and the architecture and history, and snapping pictures quicker than eye blinks.

By the oldest house, Clovelly, the guide lady Louise say that in 1768 a pretty gal name Eliza Meiring, what live there, got plenty fellas want her hand in marriage, so she give them a challenge to fetch her a flower from a high mountain, knowing her favourite gonna win. Her favourite get the flower but falls stone dead on the way down. Eliza Meiring go off her head with grief and guilt so she get locked up in loft. One night she try to escape but she fall out the window, so she also stone dead. Now she come back as a witch which is why the place called Hex River Valley and the Boy real glum about the whole story. By another beautiful farm name Arbeit Adelt with pretty gardens and big bell, Louise say a long time back there be an ape called baboon which be friendly and clever, and get his lunch when the midday bell ring. Mighty quick the baboon learn to ring the bell hissself, which cause much confusion cause the work folks reckon it quitting time whenever the ape get hungry.

Time run out too quick so the culture folks is saying goodbye to the drivers and the guide lady and giving them the big thank you 'cause everything been done so nice and how everyone learn much about the place and gonna come again.

That night the Boy looking real sad so Uncle Remus he say: "Wassa matter, Boy? We have real good time and now you look sad". The Boy say he grieving about the pretty gal what fall out the window and come back like a witch. So Uncle Remus, he say: "Don't worry Boy, it may be just a myth". "A what?" "A myth." "What a myth?" "Oh go to sleep!"

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THINK BIKE



- Bokkie Botha -

A steadily increasing number of cyclists are being killed on South Africa's roads, partly due to the additional numbers of people now enjoying cycling as a means of keeping fit. Numbers are increasing in Prince Albert too and it would be a pity if we were to have an accident or even deaths in and around our town.

Unfortunately, I am afraid that this is a distinct possibility. As many people are aware, Jeremy Freemantle and I often cycle out of town towards Prince Albert Road or Klaarstroom, usually very early in the mornings. We often see other cyclists doing the same thing. Motorists, in their hurry to get their business done and return to our pristine oasis, sometimes come past as if they have not seen us at all. I have decided to put some facts down and to dare to give advice that could reduce the risk of accident.

Firstly, cyclists often cannot hear vehicles travelling at high speeds. This is particularly true of older cyclists whose hearing is beginning to 'give'! The result is that when a vehicle comes past (and hoots at that moment – a frequent occurrence), the cyclist may swerve into the road. The reality is that the cyclist gets a *skrik*, which accounts for the rude gesticulations that may follow. Hooting is useful if it is done about 500 metres to 1 kilometre

before the vehicle gets to the cyclist(s).

Secondly, driving at speed very close to the cyclists is just plain dangerous. This happens often with as little as 10cm distance between car and cyclist. It is unforgivable on an open road, where the vehicle could easily go onto the other side of the road. Vehicles also throw up stones, which hit cyclists more often than drivers realise.

What would be courteous and friendly would be to slow down for cyclists, who, along with donkey carts, pedestrians, joggers, and mopeds, have as much right to the road as vehicles.

If it is necessary to pass at speed, please cross to the other side of the road giving the cyclist(s) a wide berth. Alternatively, slow down, ensure that the cyclist(s) have heard you, and pass when it is safe to do so. A friendly wave would be well received under these circumstances.

Thirdly, vehicles, and particularly very large and long vehicles, create a suction towards them when they pass, and cyclists may be 'pulled in' towards them as they pass, or just after they have passed at speed.

Cyclists, of course, have a number of responsibilities when cycling on open, public roads:

'Many cyclists of all ages have been breaking the law, by not wearing their helmets as required by the National Road Traffic Act, 1993(Act No.93 of 1996).' (ARRIVE ALIVE)

Cyclists should not weave around or ride on the wrong side of the road. (I have to say, this is often tempting because at least you can see approaching traffic).

Cyclist should not ride two abreast unless they are passing another cyclist. However, many cyclists do this sociably and an early hoot warning by approaching vehicles is much appreciated.

These two last points are dictated by good sense, safe riding, and courtesy but I am not aware of law prohibiting these acts.

Academic: Fracking can be worth billions for SA

The *Business Times* on 26 November 2011 reported that South Africa could gain billions of dollars worth of economic activity and generate tens of thousands of jobs if it unlocks the potential of shale gas in the Karoo basin.

The article continued: "However, this is premised on sound management as the process to access this gas - hydraulic fracturing or fracking - is still relatively novel and can present environmental dangers.

This was according to Danie Vermeulen, a doctor in geohydrology at the University of Free State's Institute of Groundwater Studies, speaking at the University of the Witwatersrand's Origins Centre on 23 November 2011.

Vermeulen, fresh from a trip to Pennsylvania in the US, said if South Africa adopted some of the strategies used by that state, the country would be able to benefit from shale gas and limit its effects on the environment.

He said the South African government's moratorium on fracking in the Karoo Basin was misjudged as it would prevent scientists from experimenting and establishing baselines regarding the effects of fracking.

"There are no experts in the field of hydraulic fracking in South Africa. We need to be given that opportunity to experiment and establish a knowledge base about fracking in South Africa. That is why academics like myself are against the government moratorium," Vermeulen said.

The key environmental concern expressed by anti-fracking activists is its impact on water, but Vermeulen said the threat of fracking fluids seeping into underground water was minimal as there was a substantial distance between aquifers and shale gas.

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Vermeulen said shale gas was an abundant and affordable source of energy and the cleanest-burning fossil fuel.

"If the reserves of shale gas are proven to be commercial, this will be a game changer for South Africa," he said.

The National Planning Commission agreed. In a report it said: "Shale gas has the potential to contribute a very large proportion of South Africa's electricity needs."

According to the latest data from the US Energy Information Administration, South Africa has the fifth-largest reserves of shale gas globally, tentatively measured at 485 trillion feet³.

Commercial exploitation of such a vast resource would dramatically change South Africa's energy landscape, as gas was ideal for electricity generation, Vermeulen said.

More jobs would be created, as fracking was a labour-intensive process. Vermeulen also presented figures showing that the average profit from a shale-gas well was \$100-million over its lifetime.

But the environmental drawbacks of the fracking process - in particular its need for water - had prevented the world from embracing the process wholeheartedly.

Vermeulen said it would take close to 4000 truckloads of both water and sand to get a well up and running.

Another problem was the absence of a well-developed pipeline network, as an extensive trucking network would be needed to transport the water, sand and fracking fluid. Thus, the Karoo's tranquility would surely be sacrificed to access the gas, Vermeulen said.

Accessing water in the Karoo was another issue of concern to activists, but

Vermeulen said that if water was diverted from the Orange River, 1800 wells could be drilled.

The desalination and transport of salt water would also be economical.

However, this debate could be moot within a few years as companies are already experimenting with "dry-fracking", which, as its name suggests, does away with the need for water.

The geographic footprint of fracking wells was also extremely compact, Vermeulen said.

The area that was earmarked for fracking represented less than 1% of the total land area of the Karoo."

The Friend asked Treasure the Karoo Action Group to comment on the article. Their contribution had not arrived at the time of going to press.

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Lorraine het ons vertel waarvoor die ledegeld gebruik word en die versekering gegee dat die fondse aangewend word vir volwasse opvoeding van plattelandse vroue. Daar is ook onderhoud, assuransies, 'n sekretaris en ouditeur. Geen fondse word gemors nie en word oordeelkundig gebruik.

Sy vra dat die VLV nie verwaarloos word nie, want dit is 'n plek waar ons as vroue nog spesiaal voel, ondersteuning van medeledes kry en vriendskappe smee wat lewenslank duur....

Lorraine deel ook die volgende gedagtes met die dames:

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Jeanette de Lange het ons almal laat skaterlag met haar voorlesing van 'n komiese skets, deur haar geskryf, oor die VLV vrou en die organisasie.

Ons voorsitster, Dalene Coetzee, het 'n kort oorsig gegee oor die jaar se vergaderings. Bedankings is gedoen en Berlinda Nel het vir ons 'n demonstrasie gelewer en wenke gegee oor die maak van polimeer klei juwele, en pragtige voorbeelde uitgestal. Daarna het ons almal 'n heerlike ligte ete geniet en lekker saamgekuier, om pragtig gedekte tafels.

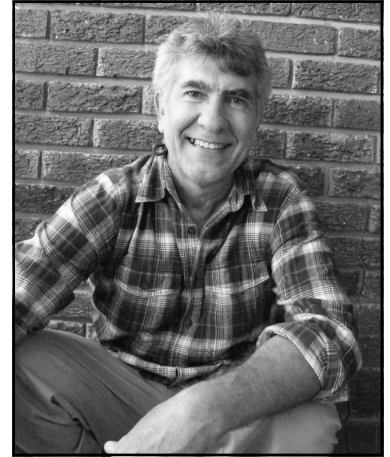
Ons sê weer dankie aan Lorraine en Melaine vir hul besoek, die dames van Klaarstroom en almal wat bygedra het tot 'n heerlike oggend. Ons wil ook vir Bokkie Botha bedank vir die gratis gebruik van sy restaurant.

Ons wens al ons lede 'n geseënde Kersfees en 'n voorspoedige 2012 toe.

Ons sien daarna uit om volgende jaar sommer heelwat nuwe lede by te kry. Daar wag 'n baie interessante jaar vir al die VLV dames...

*Groete
Die Bestuur*

Ernst van Jaarsveld Celebrates Garden Club's Birthday



The Prince Albert Garden Club is celebrating its birthday on 1 February 2012 with a talk by renowned botanist and horticulturalist, Ernst van Jaarsveld. The early evening event will include champagne and cupcakes for everyone who attends and also forms part of Prince Albert's 2012 festivities.

Ernst's talk on the 'Succulent Riches of Southern Africa' will include visuals of his 'plant-hunting' trips to Namibia and Angola. Garden Club chairperson, Sue Goosen, told the Friend: "We are delighted that Ernst agreed to join us in our celebrations and are looking forward to him sharing his vast knowledge with us. We are sure that his talk will appeal to both gardeners and non-gardeners."

Ernst describes himself as a 'plantsman' who loves cultivating plants. His decades of experience include columns for Die Burger, Beeld, Veld & Flora and SA Gardening, talks and lectures, private garden projects and offering practical advice for visitors to Kirstenbosch, where he is in charge of the succulent collection at the Botanical Society Conservatory.

Tickets are R65 and are on sale at the Prince Albert Tourism Office. Phone 023 541 1366 or send an email to Zelia at princealberttourism@intekom.co.za.

Garden Club members will pay only R55 for their tickets.

Pamper Yourself. . . Prince Albert Style

- Julie Waterston -

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Chris van Zyl or, *Chris Hare*, as he is affectionately known - his name tells us all we need to know - is an excellent hairdresser and keeps up to-date with the latest technology, fashions and techniques. He really cares for your hair and the cherry on the top is the fine end result and great price. *Salon Chris* is modern, cool and chic. His Iceberg roses at the entrance are magnificent and if you are lucky, a welcome by one of his pedigreed

poodles adds to the experience.

Although Chris is always busy, he makes you feel relaxed and gives you the chance to take some time out for yourself. Thanks, Chris, for making us all feel and look good...in spite of living miles from everywhere!

Then there is Romy Mathews of *Head to Toes*, centrally situated at 44 Church Street. Romy has a charming, peaceful spot with the tinkling *leiwater* just outside. She, very gently, does the most amazing work with your feet, starting with a relaxing rose petal soak. I find that, due to our harsh climate, our poor feet take a real hammering and all of us - male and female - need to take care of them from time to time.

Apart from regular pedicures, Romy offers specialised foot care (including diabetic) and manicures. She too can help

you relax and unwind with specially designed therapeutic massages, including Thai foot massage, facial massage, and a head, back & shoulders massage.

As we move into summer, bare our feet and pull on strappy sandals, why not give Alta Lopes da Silva a call for your very personal and special "home experience"! Take an hour out of your day to relax on your stoep, enjoy the view and take in the natural sounds of nature around you, while Alta softens, massages and transforms your feet so that you can show them off with pride. I can attest to her advert which states that her pedicures make you feel "at least 20 years younger"! Alta also offers manicures at your home.

On the outskirts of Prince Albert on Kelby-Creek Farm, 4kms along the See-koegat road is *La Vida Beauty Spa*. Here, amidst grazing sheep and lucerne fields,

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Garden Club Visits Brett the Vet's Garden



Brett Bard points out an interesting feature during the tour of his garden (Photo: Linda Jaquet)

- Rosemary McEwan -

Promptly at 8.30 a.m. on 2 November we set out to visit Brett the Vet's farm 25km out of town. All Garden Club outings are enjoyable, but the beauty of Brett's farm-garden was unbelievable. Especially because it is, after all, in the middle of the dry Karoo!

Brett greeted our party of 24, including seven visitors (four from abroad), at the entrance. Tables and bright blue chairs were set out under the huge Ash trees... but we had lots to see before we could relax in the shade.

Brett explained that in the ten years that he has had the 40-acre property the 'garden' has expanded. He first started working close to the house and has gradually planted his way down to the river on the edge of his property.

The roses are his pride and joy and were at their best. It was like a magic carpet of colour and delight, each rose seeming more beautiful than the next. Perennial sweet peas, spreading everywhere, were just beginning to flower. And, to keep kudos out of his garden, Brett has erected a fence with climbing roses to camouflage it.

From the flowers near the house, we

made our way to the organic vegetables, which were growing in abundance.

A large meadow leads to the river where Brett's 150 balancing rocks had us speechless. Nearer the house is a large dam, which, together with the river, supplies the farm's water needs.

We enjoyed cherries from the garden with homemade lemonade and biscuits while relaxing under the trees. Neil Dixon was the lucky winner of a pelargonium in our regular lucky draw. The Club's thanks go to Brett for sharing his beautiful garden with us and we are sure that our gift of a Vietnamese coriander plant will flourish in it!

Please join us for our last meeting of 2011 – a visit to Bergwater Wine Estate on Wednesday afternoon, 7 December where we look forward to learning about Bergwater's activities and growing methods and to tasting the products of their labours.

We are leaving from the Fransie Pienaar Museum promptly at 14h30. A fee of R10.00 is payable by non-members.



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Klaarstroom Anglican Church gets *Noticed!*

- Jeremy Witts-Hewinson -

The little Anglican chapel in Klaarstroom has served the community for over 130 years. It has even experienced a name change and no one seems to know when that happened. Some older members of the congregation remember the church being known as Saint Luke's, but no one seems to remember exactly when the name was changed to *The Church of the Good Shepherd* as it now known.

Many passers-by would corner locals to enquire about the quaint chapel. Apart from providing uninterrupted service to worshippers, the building has also featured in South African cinematographic history as the set for the "Raadsaal" in the film *Kooitjie Emmer* that was filmed in the village in the 1970's.

The hall opposite was, for many decades,
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L to r: Lydia Barrella, Pat Marincowitz, Taffy Shearing, Jeremy Witts-Hewinson, Rose Booysen, Fr Peter Minnaar and David Shearing at the official blessing of the new notice board
(Photo: Johan Smit)



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SAPS Men for Change visit Prince Albert



Mayor Lottering greets the SAPS Men for Change team on their departure (Photo: Linda Jaquet)

- Linda Jaquet -

It is important that you take care of your friends. If you know that something is not right at your friend's home and if your friend is not himself or herself, it is important to tell someone you trust. And it is just as important for you and your friends to know that they can say 'No' to anyone who wants to harm you. This was SAPS Colonel Broodryk's message to the children of Prince Albert and their parents at an event to raise awareness of the 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women and Children.

Broodryk and five SAPS colleagues did a great job to spread the word of the countrywide campaign by running or cycling for two days from Beaufort West to Prince Albert and arrived on the afternoon of 16 November. The three runners and three cyclists – all police officers – had carried a flaming torch. Moving along the N1 they stopped at Leeu-Gamka and did the same at Prince Albert Road. Here they were joined by members of Prince Albert's SAPS and Badisa social workers, who went door-to-door chatting to residents and taking note of their concerns.

Residents of Prince Albert Road were particularly pleased to engage with them since they are increasingly worried about

impact on the community of the number of truck drivers overnighing at Prince Albert Road and about the road construction workers living in a temporary campsite there.

The Men for Change team was warmly welcomed by a crowd of mainly women and children at Rondsokkrik. SAPS Station Commissioner, Captain David Claassen, thanked them for making the detour to Prince Albert and for the tremendous effort they were putting in to create awareness of the scourge of domestic abuse in the Karoo. The Mayor had a strongly worded message, which was read in his absence by the Speaker, Cllr Margy Jaftha. He pledged the Municipality's close co-operation with the police to combat drunkenness, domestic violence and abuse of children and warned of zero tolerance of offenders.

The chairperson of the Community Police Forum (CPF), Linda Jaquet, appealed to the community to help the police fight crime and appealed to residents to be activists against gender violence every day of the year. Roxanne Mooneys of Hoërskool Zwartberg brought a message from the youth and stressed that change in behaviour and change in attitude had to start at an individual level.

After spending the night in Prince Albert, the Men for Change team were bid farewell



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by Mayor Lottering, Captain Claassen and members of the SAPS, several of whom accompanied them in convoy to Laingsburg. From there they jogged and cycled to their final destination, stopping to spread their message at towns on the N1.

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the school that served the Coloured community. It also featured as the focal point of the film.

As small as it is, it even has a gallery still used on Saints' days and Feast days when attendance reaches bursting point.

Thanks to the enthusiastic and generous interest shown by Taffy and David Shearing through the Simon van der Stel Foundation the church now has an official notice board.

In August a gathering took place at the church, attended by members of the van der Stel Foundation, Taffy and David Shearing from Mossel Bay as well as Pat Marincowitz and Lydia Barrella from Prince Albert. They joined Fr Peter Minnaar and members of the congregation for the official blessing.

Those familiar with Anglican ritual would have been impressed by the improvisation required to facilitate the sprinkling of Holy Water on the new

notice board.

A Tupperware *bakkie* was hastily provided by the Guest House, water by the neighbouring police station and a pepper tree twig sufficed as an aspergil! Prayers were said and David Shearing made an official presentation to Rose Booysen the Chapel Warden.

Now passers by are able to know whom the chapel serves, what it's called, when it was built and when services are held.

Thank you Taffy and David Shearing and the Simon van der Stel Foundation.

The congregation of the Church of the Good Shepherd celebrates Holy Communion on Christmas morning at 11h00. Everyone is welcome! An earlier Communion service takes place at St John's Anglican Church in Prince Albert at 06h00.

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Wida-Marie Botes welcomes you to her tranquil salon filled with soft music and beautiful scents. In winter an electric blanket keeps you snug while you lay back and let your mind drift off to Never Never Land.

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ERF 54, KERKSTRAAT 90, PRINS ALBERT

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 15(1)(a)(ii) van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek van **MNR. BRETT BARD** ontvang het vir 'n **AFWYKING** van die Dorpsaanlegskema vir die **BEDRYF VAN 'N DIERE KLINIEK (VEE ARTS)** te **KERKSTRAAT 90, PRINS ALBERT**.

Naam:	Mnr. Brett Bard
Adres:	Kerkstraat 90
Erf no:	54
Doel van aansoek:	Bedryf van diere kliniek (vee arts)

Nadere besonderhede lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Kerkstraat 33, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skriftelike besware, indien enige teen die voorstel, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **VRYDAG, 23 DESEMBER 2011** bereik.

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NOTICE NUMBER 52/2011

PROPOSED DEPARTURE

OF TOWN PLANNING SCHEME

ERF 54, 90 CHURCH STREET, PRINCE ALBERT

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 15(1)(a)(ii) of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that the Council has received an application from **MR. BRETT BARD** for **DEPARTURE** from the Town Planning scheme for a **VETERINARY CLINIC** at **90 CHURCH STREET, PRINCE ALBERT**.

Name:	Mr. Brett Bard
Address:	90 Church Street
Erf no:	54
Reason for application:	Practice a Veterinary Clinic

Details of the proposals are available for inspection in the Municipal Offices, 33 Church Street, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objections, if any, to the proposal together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY, 23 DECEMBER 2011**.

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What has Prince Albert to do with the Titanic?

- Ian Uys -

Prince Albert's eldest grandson, George V, was on the throne when the Titanic hit an iceberg and sank on 15 April 1912. Due to an inadequate number of lifeboats 1 517 people perished while 705 were saved. The centenary commemorations will be held worldwide. It is also the year of our town, Prince Albert's 250th celebration.

In honour of the double-event Bushman Valley has named their Oukloof mountain hike *The Titanic Trail*, not only because it is lengthy and awesome but also because of an iceberg-like rock along its crest, with two large rocks like the wreck beneath it on the mountain slope. It takes two and a half hours to reach the *Ysberg*, which is about the length of time it took the ship to sink. The pathway then meanders down past the 'wreck' rocks and its 'debris field'.

Two years ago Ian and Barbara Uys of Bushman Valley founded a Titanic Room in the maritime museum of Knysna, which is very popular. Barbara is distantly related to the Titanic's captain, Edward J Smith, while Ian has a website www.titanicresearch.com which may be published as an e-book.

Jason Jaftha-dinee, 'n groot sukses

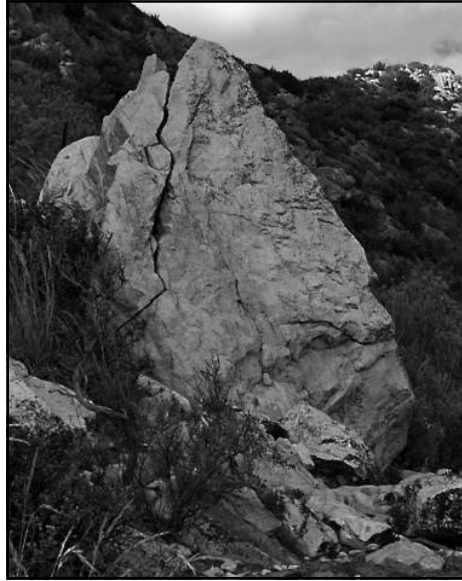
- Mathilda Mooneys -

Na 'n suksesvolle Jason Jaftha-sportdag op 15 Oktober volg 'n fondsinsamelings- dinee op Saterdag-aand, 19 November, in die skoolsaal van Hoërskool Zwartberg.

Ons plaaslike held, Jason Jaftha, wat tans vir hom naam maak as een van ons land se top rugby skeidsregters, het hierdie as 'n geleentheid gesien om fondse vir sport by Prince Albert Primêr en Hoërskool Zwartberg te in.

Deftige gaste het reeds vroeg by die feestelike versierde saal opgedaag.

Beide motiveringsprekers, Jason Jaftha en Sidney Koonthea, het praatjies gele-



The Ysberg on Bushman Valley's *Titanic Trail*

A Titanic Centenary dinner is being held in Knysna on the 15 April 2012 to commemorate the sinking.

Among those who perished was a former Worcester hotelkeeper. His daughter, Edith Brown, 16, recalled that he told his family as they were leaving on a lifeboat that he would see them in New York, knowing full well that he would not.

wer en kán praat van ondervinding. Harde werk en geloof in jouself en ander is altyd die sleutel tot sukses. Om dit te beklemtoon is bekere aan die wenspanne van 15 Oktober se kapteins oorhandig.

'n Smaaklike ete is voorgesit en op 'n ligter noot was daar vermaak deur die rieldansers van Hoërskool Zwartberg.

Ter afsluiting was daar 'n geleentheid vir vroeë en kon die gemeenskapslede behoortlik by die ervare Jason Jaftha kers opsteek.

Na so 'n suksesvolle funksie, was almal dit eens dat die geleentheid volgende jaar herhaal moet word.

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Graad R Diplomaplegtigheid 'n groot sukses



Angelo Berdien and Roshline Wanie met hul aankoms by die VGK-saal

- Angelique Jacobs -

Na drie jaar van Gr R by Prince Albert Primêr gaan ons diplomaplegtigheid van krag tot krag.

Al 30 leerders wat op Dinsdagaand, 8 November, hulle funksie bywoon, borrel van opgewondenheid en lyk te pragtig! Ouers, familieledede, vriende en bure drom by die VG Kerksaal saam om tog

net te sien hóé oulik die kinders met hul aankoms vir hulle vroeë funksie op 'n lekker warm aand lyk. Die Prince Albert Primêr koor en prefekte is ook daar om hulle plekke aan te wys.

Daar word elke jaar baie hard geoefen aan die opvoering en almal het dit terdeë geniet; sonder die onderwysers se harde werk en die ouers se samewerking is hierdie spesiale aand natuurlik nie moontlik nie.

DVDs van die aand is beskikbaar en kan by die skool bestel word.

Skool begin op 9 Januarie 2012. Ons sien uit om al die nuwe Graad R en Graad 1 leerders te ontvang.

Hoop jy om eendag daardie huis te kan koop?

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Graad 9 Afskeid – Alles was perfek!



Dalene Kroon en Grant Lee Wanie (Foto: Linda Jaquet)

- Narzeem Delpont & Maurice Claassen -

Daardie spesiale Vrydag – 11.11.11 – is 'n GROOT dag by Prince Albert Primêr. Dis die dag waarvoor al die Gr. 9 leerders al maande droom en beplan, hulle dag. Elkeen is uitgevat in sy of haar heel beste en is vasbeslote om dit 'n geleentheid te maak om te onthou.

Elke paartjie word in styl na die VG Kerksaal aangery. Die saal is feestelik versier en ook die maaltyd is spesiaal.

Buite die saal drom familie, vriende, bure en nuuskieriges almal saam om te sien hoe pragtig hulle gemeenskap se kinders

vanaand lyk. Dis hulle belangrike dag, hulle afskeid van Prince Albert Primêre Skool, en alles is perfek, hulle word kinklik ontvang en onthaal.

“Ons wil God bedank vir die nege jaar by Primêr, asook ons ouers wat ons al die nodige ondersteuning gegee het. Ook die opvoeders wat nooit opgegee het met ons nie, baie dankie!”

“Ons graad 9's glo dat ons die begin van 'n formele afskeid met 'n “Bang” afgeskop het en ons vertrou dat dit voort sal duur by P A Primêre Skool. Dankie!”

Viva Prince Albert Primêr!

COP17 in die Kleine

- Renichia Mooneys –

Terwyl die wereld gaande is oor COP17 in Durban het ons, die graad 7's van Prince Albert Primêr, 'n voor-smakie gehad daarvan.

Op 23 November het die bekende Sue Dean ons skool besoek om ons toe te spreek oor aardverwarming. Baie geïnspireerd en entoesiasies het sy ons vertel wat aardverwarming veroorsaak en hoe ons kan help om dit teen te werk. Ons was so opgewonde dat ons ook ons eie idees met haar gedeel het.

Ons skoolbiblioteek is ook nog 'n boek ryker! *Environmental change in South*

Africa geskryf deur Larry Zietsman is deur Sue geskenk en pryk nou op ons biblioteekrakke.

As u verby ons skool ry sal u ook sien hoe mnr N. Oktober (beter bekend as Oom Ballie) en mnr C. Andries (beter bekend as Ollie) ons skooltuin mooi maak. Die wilde knoffel, spekbos, sandolien en wit karee wat deur Renu-Karoo aan ons geskenk is, gaan ons tuin nog mooier maak en ook 'n klein bietjie help om aardverwarming hok te slaan.

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Prince Albert Classic's Winning Formula

- John McKenna -

The annual Prince Albert Classic golf tournament was held on Saturday, 24 September. A field of thirty-eight players, including visitors from Rivier-sonderend and Stellenbosch, turned out on the dry, windless day to compete in the Prince Albert Golf Club's biggest competition this year.

The day proved to be hotly contested with scores calculated according to the Stableford Better Ball scoring system. Club Captain, Ewert van Zyl and his partner, A Olivier were winners with 47

points. Second place went to Prince Albert's butcher, Das Olivier and troubadour, Bodo Toelstede, with 44 points. This partnership beat farmers I D Vorster and André de Wit, who also finished with 44 points, into third place on a count out. Chris Fourie and Riaan Coetzee, another lawyer, took fourth spot with 41 points.

Ewert van Zyl, told the *Friend* that the organisers had been overwhelmed at the sponsorships they had received from the town's businesses and the farming community. "All in all, we conservatively estimated the total prize table to be worth about R10 000.00!"

Prince Albert Lawn Tennis Club

Amazing tennis morning planned

Diarise now! 16th December (Friday)

Spontaneously arranged social tennis to be conducted in accordance with the letter and spirit of this ancient game of skill, endeavour and good manners.

No gender or age restrictions apply.

Dress code: Yes.

Games begin 9am sharp.

Tea, coffee and light comestibles will be served during the morning.

A fire will be lit at 12 noon, and participants are encouraged to "bring and braai".

Cost? A measly R25 for adult players, R15 for junior players, and R10 per head for tennis groupies, partners, friends, visitors and family members who wish to partake of refreshments and avail themselves of hot coals.

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