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## VAN BOUVAL TOT SIERAAD



Aandblom in 2005

(Foto: Denise Ohlson)

- Denise Ohlson -

In September 2005 het Walter Cloete van die Strand 'n historiese kleihuis met 'n brakdak in die hoofstraat van Prince Albert gekoop. Die huisie se status as "totaal bouwallyg" het hom eerder aangespoor as afgeskrik. Hy was bewus daarvan dat die eienaar en baie inwoners gedetermineerd was om die huis te laat sloop, veral nadat 'n reuse bloekomboom tydens 'n storm op die dak beland het. Gelukkig was daar ook diegene wat geveg het vir die huis se kulturele regte deur 'n petisie op te trek teen die slooping.

In Walter het die arme huisie toe 'n goeie baas gekry en in Februarie 2006 het hy met die restorasie begin. Heel eerste is die ou motorhuis in 'n kothuis omskep met die naam *Vygie* - so genoem omdat dit so klein is en daar vygies op die oorblyfsels van die brakdak gegroei het.

Die projek het so drie maande geneem. Die netwerk is deur Nant De Villiers behartig en Walter het die res self oor naweke kom doen. Die proses was só interessant dat Walter die ouderdom en geskiedenis van die huis begin navors het.

Volgens die inskrywings in die Aktekanntoor se register is erf 58 die eerste keer op 6 Desember 1876 deur M.A. De Beer verkoop aan Petrus Jacobus Broodryk. Daarna het die huis ses ander eienaars gehad voordat Johannes Stefanus Marais dit in Mei 1912 aangeskaf het. Hy het die erf in 1922 onderverdeel en erf 57 is aan sy seun Daniel Frederik gegee en sy seun Johannes Stefanus het erf 59 gekry.

In 1936 is die restant van erf 58 aan Johannes Stefanus nagelaat, wat dit weer in 1969 aan sy seun Willem Johannes bemaak het. Volgens oorlewering is dit einste oom Willem (wat getroud was met tannie Johanna met die wonderlike kruie-tuin) wat tot in die laat tagtigs of vroeë negentigs in die huis gewoon het en wie vele van die dorp se inwoners nog onthou. Ná sy dood het die huis lank leeg gestaan en al meer verweer.

Walter vertel: "In my soeke na antwoorde op 'n meer akurate ouderdom van die huis het ek die hulp van 'n vooraanstaande geskiedkundige, Dirkie Neetling, ingewin. Volgens hom moes die huis in die Edwardiaanse periode gebou gewees het ( $\pm 1790$  - 1830). Dit kon hy bepaal deur

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## Municipal Mischief

- Linda Jaquet -

Anton Bredell, the Provincial Minister for Local Government, has stepped in to resolve the current crisis in the Prince Albert Municipality. This follows concerns about overspending on the budget, allegations of the Council meddling in the administration of the Municipality, the Council's suspension of the Municipal Manager Juanita Fortuin at the end of December and the disciplining of the Chief Financial Officer Jakob van der Westhuizen.

Bredell told the *Friend* as we went to press that his Department, working closely with the South African Local Government Association (SALGA), would identify a competent, independent person to fill the Municipal Manager's position temporarily. This person would also investigate the problems in the Municipality.

Minister Bredell stressed that his Department's mandate was to support and monitor local government. However, he could not accept the Council's recommended candidate for Acting Municipal Manager in place of Fortuin as the person had strong political affiliations for what is a non-political post. He also confirmed that an official of the Provincial Treasury was already working with the Municipality's Finance department to investigate its R6 million deficit. He said a pool of experts was on standby should they be needed.

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## Your Vote Matters

This is local government election year and the Municipal Councillors you elect will have a direct impact on your lives for the next four years.

We live in a town that works well most of the time and where for the most part the Council's decisions have been good, legitimate and in line with budgetary and spatial development frameworks. On the down side, the current Council has been marked by infighting, political shenanigans, poor communication with residents and a lack of transparency.

Our new Council has to be honest, open, and trustworthy. The Councillors you choose must care about us, about our animals and about our environment. Our councillors must consult, share information and report back to us. They must treat every person with dignity and respect. They must build on the sense of pride, belonging and caring in the community. Above all, they must ensure efficiency and service delivery.

Every resident who is eligible to vote should make sure that she or he registers as a voter on 5 and 6 February. We must all vote here on election day.

## A Christian Perspective: The Year Ahead

- Ailsa Tudhope -

The twelfth day of Christmas is the Feast of the Epiphany. The Wise Men arrived and found the King they sought was a baby in a simple home, rather than the palace they had expected. They probably set forth on their return journey with more questions than answers.

Each New Year we look back on the previous year with its joys and challenges and then take a step into the future. Each New Year is a time of new beginnings: we set forth with good resolutions and promises to ourselves to change habits or achieve goals. It is a time of great expectations and as the year progresses it might well bring unexpected surprises.

What are your plans, your hopes and dreams for yourself and for our community of Prince Albert for 2011?

Perhaps this evocative poem/prayer by Howard Thurman (1899 – 1981), an influential American author, philosopher, theologian, educator and civil rights leader,

will provide a focus or a challenge for the New Year:

### The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angel is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost —  
To heal the broken —  
To feed the hungry —  
To release the prisoner —  
To rebuild the nations —  
To bring peace among brothers and sisters —  
To make music in the heart.

Another quote from Howard Thurman might also provide inspiration:

"Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive and then go do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

May you enter 2011 alive to its possibilities and your potential to make them real.

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Aandblom, Januarie 2011

(Foto: Denise Ohlson)

(Van Bouwal... Vervolg vanaf p 1)

die vorm van die sportjies van die ‘case-ment’ vensters.”

Baie navorsing oor die boumetodes en -gewoontes van vroeër jare het Walter gehelp om in die restorasieproses so na as moontlik aan die oorspronklike te bly.

Met die hulp en geduld van Kosie Stols en sy manne kon Walter in Maart 2010 begin met die restorasie van *Aandblom*.

Walter verduidelik: “Ek het die naam gekies omdat my pa, wat van die Karoo gekom het, altyd vertel het hoe mooi die aandblomme in die Karoo blom ná groot reën, en ook omdat die huis in die ‘aand’ van sy lewe weer ‘blom’”.

Kosie en sy span het die pleisterwerk binne en buite gedoen asook die dak ver- vang. Twee van die vyf vertrekke se populierbalke was nog in puik toestand en dit is skoongemaak en behou. Die ander

drie vertrekke se balke is vervang met balke wat Walter reeds twee jaar tevore laat kap het op Riaan Verwey se plaas en toe laat lê het om goed uit te droog, te krimp en te rek en buig soos hulle wou.

Die kleinste van die brakdak is laat val en in die agterplaas geberg. Nadat nuwe riete en balke opgesit is, is die klei met groot moeite (en lang sugte), weer teruggeplaas op die riete en toe is ‘n sinkdak bo-oor gespan om die brakdak te beskerm.

“Die pleisterproses was moeilik, aangesien ek die ou metode gebruik het waar die pleister vir drie dae ingesuur is alvorens dit aangewend is. Die huis, met sy mure van soliede klei, nie roukleibakstene nie, is met ogiesdraad beslaan en toe met drie dun lae ingesuurde pleister bedek. Al die vensters het ek uitgehaal en na my huis in die Strand geneem waar ek dae en aande om spandeer het om al die ou ruitjies versigtig uit te haal, die ou stopverf sorgvuldig te verwyder, die houtrame skoon te skuur en oor te verf en die ruitjies weer terug te sit met houtraampies.”

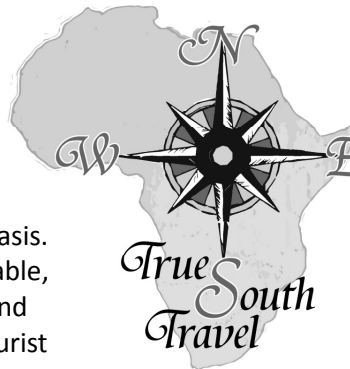
Volgens Walter is daar nog heelwat afrondingswerk om aan die binnekant van die huis te doen, maar hy nooi belangstellendes trots en gul: “As julle daar verbyry en sien ek is tuis, kom loer gerus in en kom kyk wat ek aanvang.”

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### Poison on

#### Robert Gordon Koppie again

In November 2008 I wrote a letter to the *Prince Albert Friend* about poison on the Robert Gordon Koppie (the Koppie trail). How sad I feel that I have to raise this unpleasant subject again.

I have just learnt that Danny the beautiful 10-year-old golden retriever from *Lazy Lizard* died on 13 January from poisoning. He had gone for his usual walk on the Koppie and within four hours he had died. Brett the Vet was on hand with the antidote for organophosphate poisoning, but it did not work. Therefore it cannot be ruled out that it was not another of the poisons - only the person(s) placing the poison or selling it would be able to tell us that and I am sure that they will never come forward.

Prince Albert has a silent killer on the Koppie trail therefore:

- DO NOT WALK YOUR DOGS THERE
- DO NOT PICK UP ANY BONES
- DO NOT PICK UP FEATHERS

It is the responsibility of all accommodation establishments who are "Pet Friendly" to advise their guests NOT to walk animals on the Koppie. The Municipality should place a sign at the start of the Koppie walk advising people that they walk their animals at their own risk due to the possibility of poison on the trail.

The Tourism Office should take responsibility and place the same notice on the website. In all e-mails to potential guests, I will advise them of the poison in town and I will place it on my website. How can anyone say we cannot go public with this because it will damage the reputation of the town?

To the person or persons placing the poison - what you are doing is indiscriminate inhumane and just plain unethical.

Lisa Smith  
Onse Rus Guesthouse

### Come clean on

#### golf course development

I am not surprised by Kallie Erasmus' comment on my letter (November/December 2010). A personal attack will not address the issue. It is unbecoming of a legal expert of Kallie's standing to refer to me in the derogatory manner that he did. I also do not have to hypothesise when asking questions - the information was voluntarily given by a former employee of mine who resigned when he was offered the job as clubhouse manager in the golf development that has already started. The issue is not going to go away, Kallie and you owe it to the village to tell us what is going on, especially since you were adamant that Bushman's Valley had to be closed down as the owners did not follow due process and it was negatively impacting on the environment?

During the public meeting held in 2008, Kallie confirmed that he was on the payroll of the developer. As he hosted the public meeting, I (perhaps erroneously) accepted that he was the developer's spokesperson. Clearly, if I am wrong I apologise for any inconvenience caused. However, someone has to tell us what is going on.

During discussions with the Municipal Manager she was clear that no formal application for the development under discussion had been received though informal discussions were held shortly after her appointment. I have absolutely no reason not to believe her. Likewise the environmental specialists, who were approached to determine their interest in doing the EIA should the development be approved, were clear that no formal application has been brought. But as we all know, things change overnight...

One of the reasons why it is important to tell the story as it is is because this village tends to spread designer rumours, to tweak the truth to suit a specific debate and in doing so, create the impression that the village is destined for doom!

The truth sets free, even if it hurts - but at least you can deal with it and move on!

So, if the golf development is within the approved Spatial Development Framework of the local authority, if it meets the environmental impact guidelines, if it does not affect our water quality and quantity and if it is as beneficial to the community as it is proclaimed to be, why personalise the questions? Put the facts on the table, be brave, tell us what is cooking... really, how difficult can this be?

Annelie Rabie (Dr)  
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## Sterreprag oor Prince Albert

- Hans Daehne -

In Februarie, vergeleke met die vorige maand, lyk die nagtelike sterrehemel nog nie baie anders nie. Die somerkonstellasies, *Taurus*, *Orion* en *Canis major*, oorheers nog die hoofaansig, alhoewel hulle tydens die standaard waarnemings-tyd, 22h00, reeds effens na die Weste verskuif het.

Die helderste ster, *Sirius* (mag. -1.5) in *Canis major* vang die oog en die twee rooi reuse *Aldebaran* in *Taurus* en *Betelgeuse* in *Orion* staan ook duidelik uit. Dié twee rooierige sterre is ou sterre, baie ouer as ons son en het al hul primêre brandstofvoorraad, naamlik waterstof opgebruik. Met net nege ligjaar afstand van ons tel *Sirius* as 'n buurster van ons son en sy blouerige lig dui net soos by *Rigel* in *Orion* op sy jeugdige ouderdom en hoë temperatuur op sy oppervlakte.

Die helder tweelingspaar *Pollux* en *Cas-tor* kulmineer (bereik sy hoogste posisie) in die Noorde en kan maklik uitgeken word omdat hulle naby aan mekaar lê.

In die Ooste styg effens later in die aand die sterrebeeld van die Leeu op wat die koms van die Herfs aankondig. *Leo* is 'n geweldige groot sterrebeeld met die helder hoofster *Regulus* ("klein koning") wat op die *Ekliptika* lê. Die omgekeerde vraagteken of sekel (of vishoek soos 'n seuntjie vir my gesê het) dui die Leeu se maanhare aan en jy moet vir jouself 'n op sy rug liggende leeu voorstel.

*Saturnus* (mag. 0.6) bevind hom vir die volgende twee jaar in die sterrebeeld van die maagd wat die konstellasie na *Leo* is. Mens moet dus vir *Leo* kan vind vóór jy

met sekerheid *Saturnus* sal vind, omdat hy nie helderder as die sterre in sy omgewing is nie. *Saturnus* se ringe draai nou weer oop wat hom 'n pragtige objek maak om na te kyk deur 'n teleskoop.

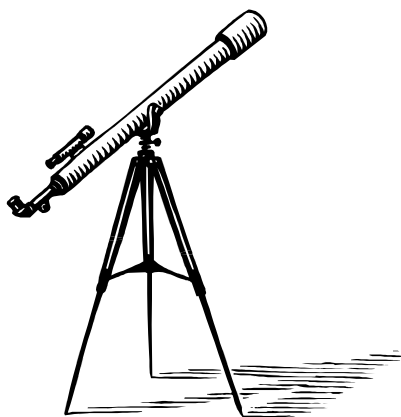
*Jupiter* met mag. -2.2 is nog net vir 'n paar uur na sonsonder te sien in die sterrebeeld van die Visse in 'n noordwestelike rigting, maar is nog steeds die helderste objek in die aand wat hom baie opsigtelik maak.

Nuwe Maan is op die 3de Februarie en Volmaan op die 18de Februarie.

In die Suide sien mens nou weer al drie kruise bokant die Swartberge en kan ons ook nog die groot en klein Magellaanse wolke waardeer. In hierdie rigting wemel dit van pragtige voorwerpe wat mens met 'n verkyker kan bestudeer.

Hou die sterre in u oë!

Vir enige navrae omtrent sterresake kan u Hans Daehne nader by 072-641-9657 of by daehne@telkomsa.net



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**2 Februarie:** Prince Albert Garden Club, Prince Albert Olives, Hope St, 15:00

**4 & 5 February:** Stargazing with Astro Tours

**5 & 6 February:** Voter registration

**11 & 12 February:** Stargazing with Astro Tours

**25 & 26 February:** Stargazing with Astro Tours

### March 2011

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The new owner of this super corner plot in Nuwestraat has already instructed an architect to draw up the plans for a house that will enhance the streetscape... Investors are showing more and more interest and confidence in our energetic little village.



## SOLD!

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## SOLD!

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## R 995,000

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## R 1,1 mil

Prentjiemooi tweeslaapkamer Victoriaanse huis met hoë plafonne, plankvloere en Dover stoof in die kombuis. Ruim eenslaapkamer woonstel op boomryke dubbele erf. Soveel atmosfeer! Goeie area...



## R 1,5 mil

Karootuin-entoesiaste! Dubbele erf vol inheemse bome - selfs broodbome! Aalwyne, plakkies en unieke klippe... Moderne, private en gerieflike drieslaapkamerhuis met aparte studio en uitsigte!



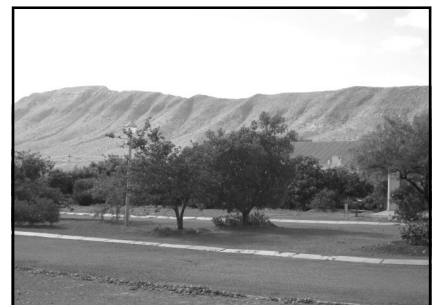
## R 165,000

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## Museum News: A Special Man



The young Victoria learns that she is now Queen, 20 June 1837  
(Engraved by Emery Walker (1851-1933))

We continue with the story of Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, after whom our town is named. Part 1 appeared in the *Friend* of November/December 2010

King William IV passed away on 20 June 1837 and the Archbishop of Canterbury told Victoria – just 18 years old – that she was Queen. From Queen Victoria's diaries we know the details of her life.

Lord Melbourne, the Prime Minister, made the early months of her reign “the pleasantest summer ever passed in my life.” He realised how ill equipped and immature she was and how urgently she needed guidance on all subjects. Melbourne was the only person with whom she felt safe. He undertook her first political education with wisdom and a great sense of responsibility.

He had neither wife, nor children and Victoria had no father and didn't talk to her mother. As a result Lord Melbourne and the young Queen became close friends. She admired him and after the long ceremony of her coronation she wrote in her diary: “My excellent Lord M. stood close to me and gave me such a kind and I may say fatherly look.”

Meanwhile the politicians were looking for a suitable husband for the Queen.

A never-ending stream of good-looking noblemen visited the court but she was not interested in marriage... until the two Coburg Princes, Ernst and Albert visited.

“It was with some emotion that I beheld Albert - who is beautiful,” she wrote in her diary. And followed it next day by: “Albert is quite charming and so excessively handsome, such beautiful blue eyes... A beautiful figure, broad in the shoulders and a fine waist.” And not long after that she told Melbourne that she had changed her mind, and wanted to marry. “I am the happiest of human beings.”

Although German was Albert's mother tongue he spoke excellent English. His combination of industry and sentiment, his persevering quest for moral improvement through art, reflected the highest philosophical ideals of German romanticism.

At Victoria's request, a portrait of Albert, dressed as a medieval Teutonic knight, was painted. He was the king of her heart.

Their engagement was announced and they were married on 10 February 1840 in the Chapel Royal at St James Palace. The Queen describes the evening of her wedding day at Windsor Castle how she had a headache after the long ordeal and

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### Let's have a conversation

Dr Rabie should read my reply to her previous letter to the *Friend* (November/December 2010). It sets out in fair detail what has transpired about the golf course.

Ten minste weet ons nou wat Dr Rabie van Prince Albert en die dorp se mense dink. 'n Spul onderduimse skinderbekke? Ek dink nie so nie!

My invitation stands. If you want to know anything about golf course related developments, please feel free to ask.

Kallie Erasmus

### Thank you, Johnnie Walker, for saving my marriage

One Saturday, late last year, I was looking forward to the planned Johnnie Walker whisky tasting at the Swartberg Hotel. The unfortunate part of the arrangement was the date... it coincided with my wedding anniversary.

As luck would have it, Johnnie cancelled the whisky tasting and he went walking-on-by, as the date also clashed with the ABSA Currie Cup final. There were too few people that had taken the trouble to sign up for the tasting of all of Johnnie's famous blends – red, black green, gold and blue labels. Sad, eh?

Please, Mr Walker, arrange to come walking again to Prince Albert as you have a lot of fans here. And by the way, thank you for saving my marriage by cancelling our appointment.

But please reschedule - we in Prince Albert look forward to hearing news of the date, time and venue of your return visit to taste your delicious and world-famous whiskies.

John Mckenna





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WELCOME TO PRINCE ALBERT

(Museum News... Continued from p 8)

retired to a sitting room, where she found Albert playing the piano. He took her on his knee and kissed her: "I never, never spent such an evening! My dearest dearest dear Albert... gave me feelings of heavenly love and happiness. I never could have hoped to have felt before! Oh! This was the happiest day of my life!!"

The isolation of her childhood was soon forgotten as the newly weds (both just 20) spent their days walking, reading, painting, playing duets, and riding. Albert also followed courses in law and British constitution causing then Premier Peel to remark, "He is the most extraordinary young man I have ever met."

The prince believed firmly that the monarchy should rise above the politics of the day.

By the late 1842 Albert was effectively acting as the Queen's private secretary.

He was reading state papers, commenting, drafting memoranda and guiding her. And his influence was healing, both to Victoria and the country he had adopted.

#### Sources:

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- ◆ This England magazine
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- ◆ Pamphlet of the Museum in Prince Albert.

Museum Greetings  
Gudrun Toelstede

Part three will be published in the next edition of the *Friend*.

(Municipal Mischief... Continued from p 1)

Fortuin, who was suspended on 3 January, told the *Friend* on 21 January that the Council had yet to advise her formally of the reasons for her suspension or the date of her disciplinary hearing, which should have been 14 days after her suspension. Executive Mayor, Cllr April Pienaar, refused to discuss the matter with the *Friend* claiming the matter was *sub judice*.

Chairperson of the Ratepayers' & Residents' Association, Barbara Castle, welcomed Bredell's promise of help, saying that townspeople were becoming increasingly dissatisfied with the undemocratic attitude of councillors. "Our members are furious about the pay rise that the councillors awarded themselves... backdated to July 2010," she said. "For a Municipality that is already in trouble financially – to the tune of millions of rand – it is blatant plundering of resources," said Castle, "and cannot be allowed to continue."

### PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT

## BELANGRIKE KENNISGEWING!

### WATERBEPERKINGS

Kennis geskied hiermee dat die Munisipaliteit van Prins Albert ooreenkomstig die bepaling van Artikel 184(1)(d) van die Munisipale Ordonnansie Nr. 20 van 1974 en ander tersaaklike wetgewing, hiermee as gevolg van die watertekort in Prins Albert, die volgende beperkings instel:

- (a) Geen tuinslange of besproeiingsstelsels uit die munisipale voorsiening mag gebruik word nie. Water mag wel met 'n emmer gedra word. Water verbruik moet met ongeveer 30% verminder word.
- (b) Die was van voertuie, geboue, mure, plaveisel en verfraaide oppervlaktes, deur die gebruik van 'n tuinslang word verder geheel en al verbied.
- (c) Besighede, Kerke, Kommersiële-, nywerheids- en staatsinstansies sowel as ander inrigtingsverbruikers word hiermee verplig om saam te werk, ten einde hul waterverbruik te verminder na redelike doelwitte.
- (d) Droogte tariewe is van krag.

Die Raad is vervolgens genoodsaak om in die belang van die Plaaslike Gemeenskap hiermee aan te kondig dat munisipale patrollies die noudesette handhawing van hierdie beperkings op voortdurende grondslag (dag en nag) sal monitor ten einde teen oortreders te kan optree. Oortreders van hierdie waterbeperking by 'n eerste oortreding sal homself blootstel aan vervolging.

Die volle samewerking van die verbruikers van Prins Albert sal waardeer word.

Hierdie Kennisgewing tree onmiddellik inwerking tot verdere kennisgewing.

PEDRO OLIPHANT

Waarnemende MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER

18 JANUARIE 2011

### PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY

## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

### WATER RESTRICTIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Prince Albert Municipality, in accordance with Article 184(1)(d) of the Municipal Ordinance No 20 of 1974 and other relevant regulations, due to the water shortage in Prince Albert, the following restrictions apply:

- (a) No garden hoses or sprinkler systems from municipal reserves may be used. Water may be carried in a bucket. Water usage must be decreased by approximately 30%.
- (b) No vehicles, buildings, walls, paving and decorated surfaces may be hosed down at all.
- (c) Businesses, Churches, Commercial, industrial and state enterprises as well as other institutions are hereby obligated to co-operate, in order to reduce their water usage to acceptable levels.
- (d) Drought tariffs are in operation.

The Council further necessitates, in the interest of the local community to announce that municipal patrols will continuously monitor these confined restrictions (day and night) to confront culprits. First time transgressors of these water restrictions will be subject to prosecution.

Full co-operation from Prince Albert consumers will be appreciated.

This Notice is with immediate effect until further notice.

PEDRO OLIPHANT

Acting MUNICIPAL MANAGER

18 JANUARY 2011



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### Water Saving Hints & Tips

Water is a precious and increasingly scarce resource. The Prince Albert Municipality recently introduced water restrictions. Here are some simple ways to help monitor and reduce water usage. Please also take the time to check your property for water leaks (take your water reading last thing at night and first thing in the morning and if they are different and no one in your household has used water, then you've got a leak).

### Water saving hints outside the home

- Wash your car on unpaved ground or lawn using a bucket and sponge, not a hose. This can save up to 300 litres of water each time you wash the car.
- Sweep paved areas, driveways and paths with a broom, not a hose.
- Indigenous plant species require less water once they are established. Consult our various local gardeners for advice. Indigenous plants will also

require less fertiliser and pesticides, and attract birds to your garden.

- Mulch garden beds to reduce water loss of up to 70% through evaporation. Mulch also stores water for plants to use and helps to prevent weeds.
- Deep watering once a week, in accordance with the Municipality's regulations, will encourage plant roots to grow deeper. The plants will seek water from below rather than close to the surface, reducing watering requirements.
- Set your lawn mower's cutting height to three centimetres or higher to avoid cutting your lawn too short. This reduces the amount of water your grass needs to remain green & healthy.

### Water saving hints inside the home

- Do not let the water run while brushing your teeth or washing your face. This will save up to 5,000 litres per year.
- Turn off the tap when shaving and rinse your razor in a plugged sink. You could save more than 3,500 litres per year.

- Shorten your shower time. If you spend less time in the shower, you can reduce your water usage by up to 20 litres for each minute. This means just two minutes less in the shower each day could save up to 14,000 litres of water over a year.
- Put the plug in the sink when washing vegetables or rinsing dishes.
- Select water-efficient appliances when replacing any appliances that use water. For example, consider buying a front-loading washing machine next time you need to replace yours. They use much less water than top loaders.
- Wash only when you have a full load or adjust your water level (if possible) to your load size. A top-loading washing machine can use between 110 and 265 litres of water for each load of laundry.

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The workshop will be run by **Samantha Reinders**

Samantha (MA, Ohio University) has recently published two books: *The National Geographic Travelers Guide to South Africa* and *Key to Cape Town* (Jonathan Ball). She works as a freelance photographer. Her office is in Cape Town – but her heart and parents are in Prince Albert! She regularly works for *Weg and Go!* magazine, as well as a long list of international clients. This will be her fourth photographic workshop in Prince Albert. Please see [www.samreinders.com](http://www.samreinders.com) for more on Samantha.




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## Handmade – Karoo – Handgemaak: Inkomste uit Kersversierings



In September verlede jaar het 'n paar mense van Prince Albert bymeekaar-gekom om 'n nuwe projek op die been te bring. 'n Handjievul mense was lus om mooi handwerk items te maak en sodoen- de 'n inkomste te verdien.

Nadat 'n borg vir die aanvanklike materiaal gevind is, het die idee goed vlamgevat; daar was dadelik 'n paar vrywilligers wat bereid was om te help met oulike idees vir bemerkbare items, met die aanleer van vaardighede en met die bemarking van die items.

Teen einde Oktober was dinge in volle

swang. Dinsdae en Donderdae het dit gegons by die Sydwell Williams saal. Veral die lede van die *Golden Games* het met entoesiasme en behendigheid die hekelpenne, breinaalde, hand-naaimasjiene en gompapiere laat werk.

Skielik was daar die 'aanloop tot Kersfees' plan. 'n Baie oorspronklike, pragtige reeks Kersversierings het die lig gesien. Bestellings het ingestroom en lede moes tot laatnag sit en werk om die pragtige gehekelde harte, lap Kerskouse, viltsterre en wolskapien klaar te maak. Intussen het lede ook lieflike gehekelde teemusse, groetkaartjies, stringe kleurvolle vlaggies en fyn papier maché-teekersiehouers vervaardig.

Ons moes 'n naam kry: HANDMADE – KAROO – HANDGEMAAK het na die vanselfsprekende keuse geklink. Die plan is 'n eg Karoo-projek - opgemaak uit mense wat met liefde en vaardigheid 'n inkomste skep uit 'n plan wat eers net na 'n droom geklink het.

Teen einde November was daar genoeg

voorraad om 'n hele tafel by die Saterdagmarkie mee vol te pak. Vroeg in Desember was al die gemaakte Kersversierings reeds uitverkoop – heelwat in ons eie dorp en 'n groot boks vol by winkels in De Rust.

Die verkoopprijs, minus **slegs** die materiaalkoste wat na die *kitty* teruggaan, gaan reguit na die persoon wat die artikel gemaak het. Geen tussenganger- of bemarkingskommissie word uitbetaal nie. 'n Welcome inkomste!

HANDMADE – KAROO – HANDGEMAAK gaan 2011 met groot entoesiasme tegemoet en is oop vir enige iemand wat daaraan wil deelneem. Kontak gerus die Sydwell Williams sentrum se administrateur soggens by 023 5411 343 om uit te vind wanneer die volgende ontmoeting sal wees.

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## LIFE IN KAROO COUNTRY... or, another corpse in my kitchen

- Elizabeth Storey-Lawson -

I am a city-girl, born and bred, having spent my life in amidst literally millions of people - the anonymous masses that populate the tightly packed spaces of great metropolitan areas. Even my tiny island home, Bermuda, boasts almost 3,000 souls per square mile. So the prospect of moving to a farm in the Great Karoo where the nearest neighbour was almost as far as the horizon was daunting to say the least! Little did I know what 'company' the country provides.

Of course, first and foremost, there would be a thousand sheep; however, as I mentioned before, our ovines are dreadfully hard to find. Also, I should quickly acknowledge five horses, two mules and three loving dogs, all of which have distinct personalities and constant tending needs. So, limited conversationalists as they are, I expected never to feel completely alone.

Almost every day, I have a "wildlife moment" and over the past 4 years, Peter has introduced me, at a distance, to a myriad of visiting Karoo inhabitants: a lone zebra, two wildebeest and a small family of kudu. Mountain tortoises occasion the water troughs, a clawless otter takes his chances at the dam, and the evening air is filled with the silent swoop of tiny bats. They thrilled me so much that we erected a professionally designed "bat house" – but sadly, so far it has had

no takers. We have a local pair of steenbok who graced us with a fawn this year and at dusk she shyly nibbles on the fresh sweet grasses that grow at the outflow of our house water tank. Most evenings she is joined by a Scrub Hare – a perfect Disney tableau of "Bambi" and "Thumper"!

Peter's superb vegetable garden attracts a huge number of most appreciative customers and not a month goes by when we do not have to gently, and very carefully, geographically relocate a by-now grossly overweight porcupine. The fig trees support countless fruit-eating birds and the duikers feast on the quince leaves and lettuces alike. As organic farmers, I hate to even contemplate the garden's occupants on the level of bugs, beetles and borers!

When I do feel a little alone I try to remember that we share our back yard with approximately 3 million creatures! Known as "Red Wrighlers" they are the wonderful worms that chomp through untold kilos of garden waste, sheep droppings and our very small amount of household leftovers. They are tireless workers, producing priceless tailings and compost for our orchards and legumes. When the even harder-working honeybees come home, I know that I am in the presence of almost as many warm bodies as when I lived in the centre of London!

I am hospitable by nature; it was when  
*(Continued on p 16)*

## Our Post Office is the best!

- André Jaquet -

We who live in Prince Albert have known it all along, but now it is official. Our Post Office has won two awards for Customer Service Excellence and for Operational Excellence. On top of that, Ronel Tolken and Melanie Meiring have both won individual awards for Customer Service Excellence.

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When asked for comment, Noluvo Dlu-lane, Regional Manager: Consumer Services said: "We've implemented this reward system for the enhancement of operational performance and to encourage excellent customer service. This system will inspire, motivate and encourage teamwork as well as encourage competition between branches. We are proud of the performance of the Prince Albert branch and know that they will continue giving excellent service!"

Winners for the operational excellence awards are audited every six months and the auditors use a nationally standardised operational checklist. A minimum score of 90 per cent is required to qualify for any award.

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(Life in Karoo... Continued from p 15)

Nature moved indoors, however, that my sense of neighbourliness got sorely tested. The three sly and lightning fast geckoes that thought the installation of screens on the windows was a god-send have the good manners to eat nothing but the multitude of insects that gathered thereon. But when I discovered gnaw holes on every single packet of edible foodstuffs in my cupboard I lost all feeling of sharing my home with unknown and utterly un-invited guests!

A virtual horde of *Mus musculus* had invaded our house! A single female gives birth just 6 to 8 weeks after her own and (monthly thereafter) can produce a million offspring in one year. Soon we were providing 5-star accommodation to just about that many, or so it seemed to me. I am not prone to killing creatures (cockroaches and mozzies do not count!) but I know that mice are the carriers of a variety of perfectly dreadful diseases – *salmonellosis*, *leptospirosis* and *hantavirus* to name but a few – and they were even gnawing their way through the thickest plastic containers

and four folds of tin foil. When they managed to scale a meter high kitchen counter, I lost all charity and Buddhist regard for the “sanctity of life”!

Out came an exact copy of James Henry Atkinson’s patented “Little Nipper” mousetrap - working just as well as it did when he designed it in 1899. For 15 days in a row, each morning my Hero Husband swiftly and discreetly disposed of yet another corpse in my kitchen before I rose to make the morning tea. Fully aware of the ‘value’ of these tidy morsels, and cognisant of Nature’s normal food chain, he duly trotted out to donate each one to our resident Cape Eagle Owl or friendly *muishond* – whichever arrived first for the dawn feast.

Without refuting in any way the truism: “There’s no such thing as a free lunch” – at our farm a complimentary breakfast is served “on the house – (mouse)”.



## Snakes Alive!



Athol Loppnow to the rescue yet again. This time a harmless brown house snake was discovered impaled on a barb on the top of a gate. Perhaps a bird of prey anchored it there so as to return when it had less fight in it.

With the current warm weather the chance of finding a snake on your property increases. Don’t be alarmed and please don’t kill it. Call Athol on **082 821 6984** and he will be there in minutes.

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**Skoonheidsalon vir groot bederf**



Wida-mari Botes in haar baie mooi en uitstekend toegeruste skoonheidsalon La Vida (Spaans vir 'die lewe') op die plaas Kelby Creek, 4 km buite die dorp

- Denise Ohlson -

Wida-mari Botes, 'n vaardige skoonheidsterapeut met tien jaar ondervinding, se pragtige skoonheidsalon is nou oop vir die inwoners van en besoekers aan Prince Albert. Haar opleiding het sy via Intec voltooi en nadat sy vier jaar lank by 'n haarsalon en gimnasium as terapeut gewerk, het sy genoeg kennis en ondervinding gehad om haar eie salon, La Vida, te open: Eers in Greyton, toe in Riviersonderend en nou op die spogplaas Kelby Creek, net 4 km buite Prince Albert op die pad na Seekoegat.

Volg jy Pastoriestraat dorp uit, draai jy regs in by die plaas se hoë palehek, en volg die slingerpad - deur die lieflike Karooveld met sy troppies-troppies ooie en hul hupse lammers - tot by die nuutgeboude plaashuis teen die koppie waar Wida-marie jou vriendelik tegemoetloop met haar professionele swart jurkie aan. As jy gelukkig is, is die mak springbok, Oortjies, ook daar om jou te verwelkom. Die keurige salon langs die huis kyk uit oor die lusermlande, die indrukwekkende berge en die dorpie in die verte.

Heel eerste vul julle jou vorm in wat bepaal wat jou vel tipe, leefstyl, dieet, medikasie en mediese geskiedenis is sodat die terapeut jou beter leer ken en 'n kundige diagnose kan maak van die behandeling en produkte wat sy gaan gebruik. Sy besluit tussen Thera-Vine, wat by Die Boord op Stellenbosch vervaardig word uit druiwe-ekstrak, RegimA, Avroy Shlaine, Bioderma SPF 100 of Hannon-produkte...

En dan begin die groot bederf. Van gesigskaanmaak en velskilfering tot massering, laserterapie en waks; van manikuur en pedikuur tot behandeling met warm klippe; van pynverligting tot verslanking met die Hawkins-metode, Wida-mari kan jou help.

Hoe dit gekom het dat ons almal nou "getreat" kan word met vliedervingers wat pommades só salwend in ontredderde vel inmasseer en voete só vertroostend versorg dat jou hele kopvel tintel en hoendervel op jou arms uitslaan van salige heerlijkheid terwyl kerse gerusstellend brand en vredige musiek jou wegvoer na luilekkerland?

Wida-mari vertel: "My man Reinhardt is gebore op die familieplaas Janwillemsfontein hier by Leeu-Gamka. Sy ouers, Koos en Yvonne Botes, het die plaas verkoop toe hy drie jaar oud was en hom Riviersonderend toe geneem. Maar die Karoo was in sy bloed, en van die eerste dag dat ek hom ontmoet het, het hy gepraat van 'n 'stukkie' Karoo-grond."

Dat dit uiteindelik 'n waterplaas van 'n paar duisend hektaar sou wees en dat sy haar wortels as gebore Swellendammer sou moes uittrek en in die bossieveld van die eertydse Basson-plaas Vyevelei sou kom verplant, kon sy nooit raai nie. Maar so het dit gebeur en nou pendel haar skoonouers ook tussen Riviersonderend en die ou plaasopstal - wat beteken die Botesse is terug op Karoo-bodem, waar Wida-mari tevrede en geborge is as boervrou en trotse ma vir die 16 maande oue Jancke - en waar sy steeds vreugde vind in haar beroep as skoonheidsterapeut.

Sy bied ook klein funksies op die plaas aan vir vyf tot twintig persone vir verjaarsdae, herdenkings, kombuistee of ooievaarstee in die vorm van ontbyt, middagete, "high tea" of skemerkelkies.

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## Lizzie se Lappiesgoed



Christeline Esterhuizen, die vriendelike assistent by *Lappiesgoed*, wys klante graag wol en kant en lap, ritse en knope...  
(Foto: Denise Ohlson)

- Jeanette de Lange -

Sarie se Ortons het 'n plek gehad in dié gemeenskap. In daardie winkel kon jy gewis áls koop – hoofpynpille en doekspel-

de, 'n hoed vir Sondag en wol vir volgende winter – maar helaas...

Lizzie Smit, of Matrone Lizzie soos sy alom bekend is, het dit gesien, gevat en

begin vul. Op 1 Oktober word Lappiesgoed gebore. 'n Lank gekoesterde droom. Voldag en laatdag kom haar pasiënte eerste – totdat die “aftreedatum” in werking tree.

Lizzie se naaldwerk was nog altyd meer as 'n handige stokperdjie, ook het sy haar “monsterlappies” rondgestuur en só het die Prince Alberters meters lappe gekoop. Oor materiaal sê Lizzie: “Hulle is net so anders en verskillend soos mense – behalwe: hulle praat nie terug nie!”

Gaan loer in by *Lizzie se Lappiesgoed* – wolle, hekelpenne, nét die regte kleur gare waarna ek al só lank soek en natuurlik is daar lappiesgoed.

“Klein begin is goed begin” – alle voorspoed en sukses, Lizzie!

*Lappiesgoed* is by die Nasionale Sentrum, Kerkstraat, langs *The Tanner and Leather Trader*. Gaan net in die gang af en draai links, jy kan dit nie mis nie!

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## Kweekvallei Waterversbruikersvereniging Kweekvallei Water Users Association

Thanks to fairly regular rainfall in the Swartberg Mountains and the piping of the furrow, water levels have not been seriously under threat despite the extreme heat that we have had.

Those water shortages that have been experienced in town were as a result of water management challenges experienced by the Municipality over which the KWUA has no control.

Die Departement van Waterwese het landswyd vir 2011 waterheffingsverhogings van 120% ingestel. Hierdie verhogings bring 'n effektiewe verhoging van 30% persent in die verpligting van die KWVV mee en daar is by die mees onlangse vergadering van die Bestuurskomitee besluit om die jaarlikse verhoging tot daardie bedrag te beperk.

Nie almal is altyd daarvan bewus nie maar daar word deur die houers van waterbeurte betaal vir die water wat in die sloot afgevoer word en diegene wat nie oor waterbeurte beskik nie word vriendelik versoek om nie daarmee in te meng nie. Die skep van water uit die voor is tegnies diefstal van die beurthouer se water terwyl storting van grys- en ander water in die voor 'n oortredeing van die Waterwet is. Ons sou nie graag 'n voorbeeld van enigiemand wou maak nie.

People who sell properties with water turns are supposed to inform the KWUA of the sale and to inform the new owners of how their water turns work but unfortunately this does not always happen which leads to confusion and aggravation.

It is also not the responsibility of the Management Committee to open and close sluices and water turn owners are once more requested to ensure that their water turns are managed in accordance with their rights.

Alle nuwe eienaars van waterbeurte word vriendelik versoek om skriftelik kennis van oordrag van eienaarskap te gee aan Mevrou Ina Burger by Parkstraat 1, Prince Albert.

Almal word weereens daarop gewys dat slegs die KWVV Bestuurskomitee toestemming kan gee vir enige werke wat 'n impak op die sloot mag hê en dat sodanige toestemming skriftelik vooraf verkry moet word. Enigiemand wat skade aan die voor veroorsaak, sal daarvoor aanspreeklik gehou word.

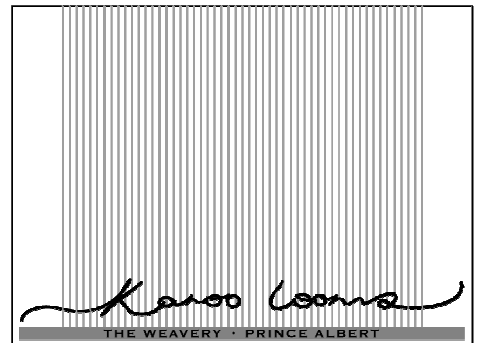
The Department of Water Affairs undertook to provide the Kweekvallei Water Users Association with a revised Constitution more than a year ago. No such Constitution has been forthcoming. The upshot of this impasse is that the Association is stuck in limbo and cannot schedule the election of a new Management Committee.

Daar is besluit dat hierdie toedrag van sake nie toegelaat kan word om onbepaald voort te sleep nie en 'n skrywe is aan die Departement gerig waarin kennis gegee word dat tensy die Departement sy verpligting teen 28 Februarie 2011 nakom, dit die huidige bestuur geen keuse sal laat anders as om die Howe te nader vir 'n bevel om die Departement te verplig nie.

Twee lede van die huidige bestuur is intussen oorlede en ingevolge die grondwet wat die Minister foutiewelik vir die dorp goedgekeur het, kan daar nie eens wettiglik tydelike lede in hulle plek gekoöpteer word nie.

The Management Committee of the KWUA wishes everyone a prosperous, happy and abundant 2011.

*Kallie Erasmus  
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## OUR GREAT MOVIE CLUB



The Movie Club screened the art-house movie, *The Concert*, late last year

- Sonja Mckenna -

When I lazily opened the *Sunday Times* on 9 December I was quite chuffed to see a huge film advertisement: "Golden Globe Award Nominee for the best foreign language film, *The Concert*,

which starts Friday 1 January on the main circuit". I indulged in a long, self-satisfied yawn. Why was I pleased? Because we saw that movie at our very own Prince Albert Movie Club last year, for the princely sum of R5.00.

Our PA Movie Club gathers every second Wednesday at 7.30 pm, at Die Dam behind the Fransie Pienaar Museum, where the screen and acoustics are excellent. Thanks to Kallie, Tilla and Athol we enjoyed no fewer than 23 quality movies last year.

Since it was launched in February 2006, our club has been able to donate R8 795 to the Museum to thank them for the use of their facilities.

Notices of forthcoming movies are placed on the notice boards of Café Albert, the Tourism Bureau and La-di-Dah a couple of days before the showing. Everyone is most welcome to come along.







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### 1. See and be seen

Good visibility is the single most important aspect of safe driving. If you can't see where another car is going or recognise what another driver is doing, the chances of a collision are strong. So slow down!

### 2. Lights and reflectors

Being able to see properly, irrespective of the conditions, means that your lights must be well adjusted and in good working order. Only use front and rear fog lights in mist because in clear weather they can easily blind other motorists. Reflectors are helpful when it comes to seeing cars that have stopped or cars that don't have sufficiently bright taillights. Stoplights and indicators have a strong informative role. They tell other drivers what you are about to do. Make sure that they are working.

### 3. Windscreen wipers

When it rains, windscreen wipers must clear the glass efficiently and quickly enough to give you the best possible vision. Wipers are often taken for granted when they work but it takes a faulty wiper to underline how serious such a malfunction can be.

### 4. Driver's eyesight

Even the best lights, the clearest windscreen and the most efficient wipers cannot compensate for poor eyesight. You should have your eyes tested regularly and if glasses are prescribed, wear them! Lack of sleep can tire the eyes significantly and cause lapses in concentration. Once again, be aware of potential hazards and drive accordingly.

### 5. See and be seen

Lights are not only there to offer you better vision, but to help other motorists see you. Even if you can see perfectly in the light available, other motorists with poorer eyesight may not. Switching on headlights early can prevent collisions. Cyclists and pedestrians should use reflectors or reflective materials, lights and wear light-coloured clothes in poor light.

### 6. Glass and windows

A clean, demisted and unblemished windscreen offers the best possible vision. Dirty windscreens obscure vision and cause flares and reflections, which can be disconcerting and disorientating. Cracks and flaws also scatter light rays that can actually blind the driver to oncoming traffic.

### 7. Mirrors

The rear-view and outside mirrors of a car must be properly adjusted. If you cannot see the traffic behind you, you could try to overtake another vehicle in very dangerous conditions. Most cars have blind spots. Driving with badly adjusted mirrors is very dangerous so make sure that mirrors are correctly positioned before you drive.

### 8. Emergency flashers

Hazard flashers are critical in an emergency. They can be used to warn following traffic of obstructions more effectively than brake lights alone. They also warn other road-users that there is a stationary vehicle next to the road. They do so much better than a warning triangle propped up on the shoulder of the road.

### 9. Signalling

Brake and indicator signals have a strong safety role to play. Without them, other drivers are left guessing as to your intentions. Not using indicators is dangerously misleading and can cause major accidents. By the same token, forgetting to cancel indicators can have an equally disastrous effect. Motorists instinctively rely on brake lights to warn them that the traffic is slowing. Other drivers behind you cannot brake in time if your lights are not working. Indicator signals are crucial to road safety.

### 10. Visibility hints:

- The moment road conditions deteriorate, slow down and increase your following distance by three or four seconds immediately;
- Know how the vehicle's demister works and switch on the fresh air supply system early so that the windows do not mist up;

- Don't drive where visibility is poor and reduce speed accordingly. Cultivate the good habit of always keeping the front windscreen clean;
- Switch on your headlights and if your car has fog lights, switch those on too. Parking lights are not enough;
- In the case of an emergency during rainy conditions, warning signals, lights and signs become even more important. If your car breaks down, switch on hazard flashers immediately and move your car as far as possible out of the way of approaching traffic. Warning triangles are a must and should be placed well ahead of a stranded car.

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## Uncle Remus Buys a Newspaper

- H.F. -

One morning early, just about the time of the end of the month, Uncle Remus get out the warm bed and he dress himself nice and he shine his shoes. He put a little bitty money in his pocket and he set his best hat on his head. Then he tippy-toe out the house so he don't wake the Boy who sleep like the dead, 'cause boys got a habit of sleeping like the dead just when they should aughta be wide awake.

Now Uncle Remus hit out down the big road to make a purchase, 'cause he get wind that the newspaper done hit the streets. So he step right into the big store where he find a whole heap of newspapers, and the nice lady in the store, she say "Howdy Uncle Remus. You gotta read all about it, 'cause this newspaper got all you wanna know. It got stories about who win a prize with a fluffy goat, and what folks is getting married under a pear tree, and our

clever kids what beat the whole country in the brains department, and some folks who like to badmouth one another in black and white – right in the public domain." And the nice lady go on wagging her tongue about what is in the newspaper until she just about run clean out of wind. Now Uncle Remus been reading the newspaper for maybe fifteen years or more, so he don't need no sales talk. He put his little bitty money down and he take a newspaper in his old mit. Then he put foot back to his small house.

Uncle Remus make hisself a big jug of black coffee and he set hisself down in the rocking chair on the back porch. He light hisself a big seegar and adjust his spectacles to see good, and then he get to reading the newspaper. Sometime he frowning his brows and sometime he chuckling like a crow in a meat shop, and sometime he go Ooh and Ah like he been struck by a new revelation. Just then the Boy come creeping out

the darkness like some critter what been hibernating. "Howdy, Uncle Remus," he say, "What you doing?" "I's reading the newspaper," Uncle Remus, he say, "And it take a dumb kid who don't figure that." Then the Boy, he say, "What's in the newspaper, Uncle Remus?" "Everything's in the newspaper, Boy, sure about what's happening in this pretty town. Mostly it be good news, sometime it be bad, but it got everything you wanna know. Now leave me be, Boy, I got business, 'cause this newspaper a whole fifty-six pages long."

Then the Boy pull up the old apple box to get closer so he can read too. "Uncle Remus," the Boy, he say, "Who write the newspaper?" "Boy," says Uncle Remus, "You got more curiosity than a cat in a barn full of mice, now leave me be." "But Uncle Remus," say the Boy, "I wanna know who write the newspaper." Uncle Remus push his spectacles back on his head and he sigh deep, 'cause he been interrupted.

"Miss L write the newspaper," say Uncle Remus, "but she don't do it all by herself, 'cause lots of folks write, and Miss L got a whole heap of folks what look after the money and the advertisements and how the paper looks, and some folks tip off from one language to another, and some folks get to draw pictures," says Uncle Remus. "When you get to figuring it all out, Miss L and them folks is doing a mighty fine job."

Uncle Remus blow some smoke from his seegar out in the yard, and the yard dog get the sneezes, and him and the Boy read the newspaper, 'cause Miss L and them folks is doing a mighty fine job.



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## Tourism's Welcome Campaign



Constable Hendriks, Zelia Mullins, her daughter, Michy, Annelien Minnies, and Warrant Officer Januarie gave visitors a taste of Prince Albert's hospitality

-Zelia Mullins-

Prince Albert Tourism hosted its annual welcome campaign on Friday, 17 December 2010. Visitors entering town were stopped at Albert's Mill and given a warm welcome to Prince Albert by Tourism Office Manager, Zelia Mullins and Trainee Tourism Officer, Annelien Minnies.

The Tourism Office had prepared 100 "goodie" bags to hand out to visitors which included marketing material, back issues of the Prince Albert Friend, edible treats from Brakdakkie (Lance and Kerri Speirs) and Lah-di-dah (Yvette, Johnnie and Martie), discount vouchers from Renu-Karoo (Sue and

Richard Milton) and free cool drinks sponsored by the Central Karoo District Municipality (Johannes Jonkers). Cape Town Routes Unlimited sponsored the bags and assisted with generic marketing material for the Western Cape.

We would like to thank our local SAPS for their continued support of this campaign and for allowing Warrant Officer Januarie and Constable Hendriks to assist us in pulling motorists off the road so that we could welcome them.

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Griet Scheepers (centre) was judged the overall winner at a poetry reading morning organised by the Thursday Group at Huis Kweekvallei.

Hester van Vuuren (l) and Lydia Swane-poel (r) representing the Thursday Group

and Huis Kweekvallei's board presented Griet and all her co-winners with their prizes.

Nora Halstead of the Thursday Group read a poem penned by a secret admirer of the Group, which sums up the quiet

way they contribute to the community:

*For the girls of 'Team Thursday'*  
(From an outside perspective)

Every Thursday in different locations  
The girls meet, like "The United Nations"  
They'll laugh and have fun  
But they still get things done  
Through hard work and sheer dedication.

They don't like to highlight a name  
They're a team, and not in it for fame  
Don't be fooled by the pearls  
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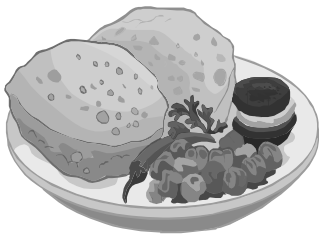
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## Wêreldreisigers kies Karootroue bo alles



Coenraad het Jackie se voete onder haar uitgeslaan! (Foto: Hans van der Veen)

- Reinie Smit -

Op 'n warm, winderige dag in Desember 2010 beloof Jackie Swanepoel en Coenraad Boucher (onderskeidelik van Oudtshoorn en Ceres) trou

aan mekaar onder 'n doringboom op die uitgestrekte Karoovlaktes van Abrahamskraal. Ds Chris praat met ons almal as hy die belangrikheid van samewerking in die huwelik beklemtoon.

Terwyl die foto's geneem word, kuier vriende en familie gesellig saam op die stoepe van die pragtige ou gewelhuys. 'n Drieman-orkester bederf ons met rustige musiek.

Dan beweeg almal na die groot tent waar daar verder gekuier word. Terwyl Geran Fourie die voete laat jeuk met sy vrolike musiek, trakteer Johan, Hestie en hul helpers ons met die heerlikste tipiese Karoo-kosse.

Jackie is 'n ou bekende in Prince Albert. Sy het vir 'n tyd lank by die Swartberg Hotel gewerk, en Prince Albert lê diep in haar en Coenraad se harte. Soveel so dat hul in eiendom hier belê het.

Tans werk hul albei op een van die 19 passasierskepe van Princess Cruises (waar hul mekaar dan ook ontmoet het!), so hul sien die hele wêreld terwyl hul werk.

Ons wens dié twee pragtige mense alles van die beste toe vir hul lewe saam, en hoop om hul gereeld op Prince Albert te sien as hul 'n blaaskans het!

## Stoffel Diedericks sterf op 61

- Denise Ohlson -

Abraham Christoffel Diedericks, by vele bekend as adjutant Diedericks en by vriende en familie as Stoffel, is oorlede op 11 Januarie 2011.

Hierdie seun van Prince Albert is gebore op 23 September 1949 op die familieplaas De Puts as die jongste van vyf kinders. Sy eerste skoolles leer hy by juffrou Malan (vandag alom bekend as tannie Alta Rossouw) en ná skool werk hy by die Melkraad as kwaliteitskontroleerder.

In 1969 sluit hy hom by die polisie aan en word gestasioneer op Joubertina, waar hy Mariska Strydom ontmoet en met haar trou.

In die middel sewentigs word hy bevorder tot stasiebevelvoerder van Leeu Gamka, waar die gesin so agt jaar lank bly. Die volgende stasie is Prince Albert - waar Stoffel die res van sy loopbaan



Stoffel Diedericks

deurbring en vorder tot adjutant offisier. Hul twee kinders, Annelise en Hennie, voltooi ook hul skoolloopbane in Prince Albert.

As toegewyde polisie-beampte doen Stoffel grensdiens in Noordwes, Namibië, Caprivi en Zimbabwe. Hy is ook nou betrokke by die reddingsoperasies tydens die

Laingsburg-vloed van 1981.

Sy vrye tyd spandeer hy graag deur te gaan help boer op sy ouers se plaas, en so word hy 'n gerekende en gewaardeerde lid van die boerderygemeenskap. Na sy vervroegde aftrede weens mediese redes in 2004, boer hy met skaap op sy eie plaas, De Gang.

Sy seun, Hennie, verongeluk in 2004 en sy vrou ontval hom op Kersdag 2009. Ten spyte van hierdie terugslae, die lot van lewenslange psoriase en die uiteindelijke aanslae van diabetes en leukemie, was Stoffel inherent 'n opgewekte mens met 'n positiewe gesindheid.

Stoffel is begrawe uit die NG Kerk waarin hy gedoop is, onder groot meeleving van vriende en familie.

Hy word oorleef deur sy dogter Annelise en vier kleinkinders.

## A Fairy Tale of Two Fossils



Vic Tickner and Aileen Hughes-Tickner:  
newly wed and living happily in Prince Albert

- Vic Tickner -

He came for a holiday to Prince Albert and on a certain Friday decided to visit the Fransie Pienaar Museum. There he met the widow, Aileen Hughes. He introduced himself as Vic and soon they were talking about interesting things in the Museum. He told her he was a preacher for the Church of Christ and that he also had a marriage licence.

The next day he phoned her and the conversation went like this:

"Hello, Aileen, this is Vic."

"I don't know of any Vic," she replied.

"I am the man with the big beard who visited you."

"Oh yes, how are you?"

"I'm fine, I really enjoyed myself yesterday and would like to take you to lunch." Silence for ten seconds. "Okay, that would be nice."

The lunch at the Gallery Café at the Seven Arches lasted three hours where they spoke of many things. The next day Vic left for Benoni, but before he left Aileen phoned to wish him a good trip. Well, these two fossils began to phone each other; he wrote her a letter and sent flowers. And so they fell in love over the many phone calls they made each day.

Vic and Aileen both believe in the providence of God i.e. if God wants certain things to take place He will do it His way. Aileen volunteers at the Museum twice a month on a Friday and if Vic had gone there on any other day, they would never have met. That is how the providence of God works.

After spending a few days in the Wilderness Vic proposed and Aileen accepted. They were married on 11 December 2010 in a small church in the town of Springs.

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## HA!MAN, an inspiration



HA!MAN aka Francois le Roux entranced his audience at the Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg

- Erica Phaal -

On the evening of 27 December about sixty folk had the good fortune to be entertained by HA!MAN - Francois le Roux - in the Jans Rautenbach Schouw-burg. *Die Burger* echoes other South African and international reviewers in describing Francois as one of South Africa's most talented performers. After seeing him at the Schouwburg, I think he is the Southern Hemisphere's most gifted performing artist!

Francois is a spontaneous cellist and keyboardist who pretty much does his own

thing. He is a one-man band of sorts, combining many musical styles and instruments, whistling and other intriguing vocalisations to create amazing sound effects in self-produced accompaniments and improvisations.

Have you seen a fern frond, tightly coiled up, slowly unfold and open up into a magnificent leaf, swaying in the sunlight, dancing in the wind, trembling under the patter of raindrops? This is how I experienced the evening listening to Francois.

He enters the stage whistling then humming, picks up his cello, and without making eye contact, sits down and with eyes closed starts making melody, harmony and magnificent music ... plucking at all our heart strings, vibrating all the energy frequencies and perhaps transporting us to other realms. With each new song more and more of this man's heart is revealed, baring his very soul. I long to understand this language better, to hear the message rippling in my veins.

Francois moves over to the keyboard and plays a profound melody ... and I wonder, is that Vivaldi, Bach or Rossini? The applause is silenced when he plays back the beautiful piece, accompanying himself on the cello. At last he looks up, acknowledging the audience and after our hearty clap, tells us that it is his composition for this evening and it needs a name. We have just witnessed a creator at work with the atmosphere and spirit of the moment having prompted his creation. I feel so humble and deeply honoured to witness this miracle with my own ears and

eyes. Someone calls out 'Karoo Dream' or was it 'Karoo Stream'? But, I am speechless.

We are given the opportunity to request a piece of music, but after such beauty most of us are silent. Then Rai Verran asks for "Arabian" music. Francois has recently visited Oman and he improvises an Arabic tune with his sitar, accompanied by his keyboard. Amazing! We all applaud; again he silences us, picks up his cello, pushes the replay button, and adds a thrilling accompaniment. We are next treated to some facts about Middle Eastern music; it uses quarter tones, whereas Western music only goes as far as half tones. Quarter tones can cover a far wider range of sounds and thereby capture deeper emotions.

One of the final songs Francois performs - he's very patriotic - is *Sarie Marais*, which he has resurrected and dressed up so royally that I feel prompted to stand to attention, my heart bursting with pride at being South African!

The show answers my question as to why the name, HA!MAN. What do you do when you see or hear or feel something you would never have believed unless you had experienced it? Your jaw drops open and you gasp in air with sound—and what's that? "Hhhhhhaaaahhhh!!!" Yes, the name is very apt!

Francois has been improvising since he was four years old—his musical Dad being his mentor. Having been on the road for almost 20 years now, he has done many things, big and small as a performer, thinker, composer, 'people connector' and workshop facilitator in Spontaneous Creativity in all art mediums, but especially music.

His performances are never the same, each is an original work of art; but you could say they are all journeys moving as far and wide, as deep and high and as fully human as his own annual world travels, which we hope will include Prince Albert again and again.

For more about Francois' music and accomplishments visit his web site at [www.hamanworld.com](http://www.hamanworld.com)

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## Prince Albert Ratepayers' and Residents' Association: Traffic Officers Explained

- PARRA Committee -

There has been some confusion about the administration of traffic officers in the Prince Albert Municipal district. Acting Municipal Manager, Pedro Oliphant, recently shed light on the subject and confirmed that a service provider, SERPA, administers the operations of the traffic officers.

Die Verkeersafdeling bestaan uit ses personeellede; Mark Februarie (Admin), Andrew Meintjies (Operasioneel) en vier verkeersbeamptes. Februarie en Meintjies se salarisse word vyftig/vyftig deur die Munisipaliteit en SERPA betaal. Die Munisipaliteit betaal die vier beamptes se salarisse. Die opbrengs van die boetes word gelykop tussen die Munisipaliteit en SERPA verdeel. Verkeersbeamptes verdien geen kommissie op boetes nie.

The service covers the whole of the Municipal area including about 100kms of the N1 from Dwyka Bridge north to Leitjiesbos and a long stretch of the R29 until half way through Meiringspoort.

Over the festive season the traffic officers were not much in evidence in the town. This is because they were deployed to the N1 and other busy routes carrying holiday traffic.

Die gebou oorkant die OK Kruidenwinkel word tans opgeknop met die doel om die Verkeersafdeling te huisves.

Sodra die kantore gevestig is, sal dit vir die publiek moontlik wees om leerling-lisensietoetse daar te skryf. Met verloop van tyd sal ook bestuurslisensies daar verkry kan word. Dit sal 'n groot stap vorentoe wees vir Prince Alberters wat dit in die verlede in 'n ander dorp moes gaan aflê.

PS And now you can visit the Association on the web to catch up on Municipal news, have your say, download important documents and more.

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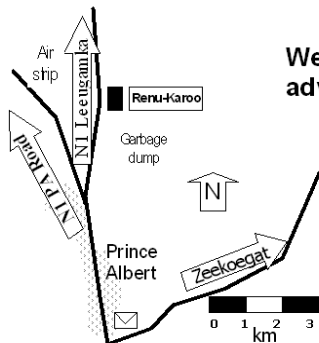
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**JP Meyer ~ Exchange**



Palaeontologist Judy Maguire (r) opened JP Meyer's exhibition *Exchange* at the Prince Albert Gallery on 18 December 2010. The Gallery's Mary Anne Botha (l) and JP Meyer (c) listen intently.

- Hennie Boshoff -

1989: We built a tepee, the dark womb, with willow branches. leaving tobacco in exchange. We collect dry twigs for kindling. The *Inipi* starts at sunset. Rocks, each energised, first by the sun, now by fire, are passed through the east-facing entrance into the centre pit. *Hua Kola*. Red Crow chants and passes the pipe, the smoke the breath that carries our prayers to the Great Spirit. This is the beginning of Life, the violent copulation between Fire and Earth. It is agony, the heat unbearable. I dig my body into the inner loins of the hot mud to seek cool refuge. Thank you sun, moon, seasons, plants, birds, insects, ancestors. We are joined by everyone and everything that has gone before. We fall out of the womb into the entrails of the morning star. The spirits rejoice, with us, within us, around us.

2011: He blocked out the windows. JP and I sit on the floor of the PA Gallery, his works enveloping us. What was the first painting you did? He can't remember. He searches, his face glows, I drew a bunny on an envelope to my grandmother.

Aboriginal art shows man as a small and sometimes non-existent part of the earth. Primitive, primal, pagan, Meyer fuses Australian and Khoisan art, a cavalcade of Zen, Mandalas, computer graphics, squares and rectangles, meticulous messages of the beginning and guidelines to the road forward.

Blacks, greys, ochres. The colours that you will find in the veld, koppies, the plains, the savannahs.

I return and try to write this piece, try to concentrate but a local artiste interrupts me:

She thought this was sold, but it has no red dot on it. *How would I know? I don't work here.*

*Love this.*

*Couldn't live with that. Makes me quite dizzy.*

Red. Fire. Blood.

The Body constructs, JP *Kadmon*. His future, back to figurative art. His body dissected into red graphic arteries.

I could live with that. I already do.

*Sjampanje, JP!*

I would like to see the exhibition reincarnated into a multi media event: slide shows on the floor. Sound bytes of the owl, the jackal, the *ramtietjie*, a human sigh.

*(Inipi – a purification ceremony, sacred rite of the Lakota people of North America; Hua Kola – Lakota greeting of welcome)*

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## Prince Albert Municipal Library: Book Review

*We Need to Talk About Kevin* is a searing tale of marriage and parenthood gone horribly wrong. About the awful wedge that a delinquent child can drive between a happy, loving couple. And the burden of disciplining a youngster who cares for nothing at all.

Was it nature or nurture that caused the fictional fifteen-year-old Kevin to massacre fellow high school students, a cafeteria worker and a teacher who tried to befriend him? Was he born evil, or was the way he turned out his mother, Eva's, fault?

Telling the story of Kevin's upbringing, Eva 'speaks' to her estranged husband through a series of letters. Fearing that her own shortcomings may have shaped her son, she confesses to a deep, long-standing ambivalence about both motherhood in general and Kevin in particular.

Uneasy with the sacrifices and social demotion of motherhood from the start, Eva fears that her alarming dislike for her own

son may be responsible for driving him so nihilistically off the rails.

The novel's structure strongly resembles that of a thriller while at the same time tackling the sensitive proposition that mothers can indeed be unmoved by, and even dislike, their own children. Eva struggles with her lack of ready emotion when Kevin is first placed in her arms saying that she felt, "the first stirrings of what, appallingly, I can only call boredom." And goes on to cover the hellish years of parenting a boy who refuses to speak until the age of 3 and be potty trained until the age of 6. Having dramatically scaled back on her satisfying and profitable career, Eva becomes a stay-at-home mom who discovers that her son, while seemingly slow, is whip-smart and vindictive, and cunning enough to play for his father with disastrous results.

*We Need To Talk About Kevin* is also about how society, or more specifically men, treat mothers and sons... and the way a boy-child can consume his mother's life.

The reader is left stunned at how utterly degraded Eva becomes through her role as a mother. Her husband, neighbours and the law courts alternately treat her with contempt or blame her for everything Kevin has done. And the details of her prison-visits give keen insights into Kevin himself.

The author, Lionel Shriver, says, "In my early 40s, I had no children, and might yet have borne one. I wanted to press myself: what about motherhood was putting me off? Meanwhile, the news was full of little boys in the United States shooting their classmates. Now, that was plenty off-putting. What could be worse than mothering a teenage killer? By the end of the novel, I had scared myself witless. I still have no children."

*We Need to Talk About Kevin* won the Orange Prize for fiction in 2005 and is currently in production as a major film due for release this year with Tilda Swinton in the leading role.

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## Hael: alles is nie verlore nie



'n Voorbeeld van haelskade aan bome en struike (Foto: Monique Bernic)



'n Skilpad wat dood aangetref is na 'n kopbesering deur hael (Foto: Monique Bernic)

'n Haelstorm het dele van die veld naby Leeu Gamka en Prince Albert op 13 Januarie getref. Die gevolge van hierdie haelstorm was duidelik sigbaar in die Prince Albert veld. Skaapboere kan minimale tot groot skade lei op hul plaas gedurende so 'n haelstorm, soos in die geval op Joseph Steyn se plaas, Rietfontein. Natuurbewaringsstudente van Saasveld wat tans besig is met hul praktiese jaar by *Renu-Karoo Veld Restoration*, het meer gaan uitvind oor haelstorms en wat die implikasies van haelstorms op plase kan wees.

Hael vorm in donderwolke (*cumulonimbus*). Stof beweeg opwaarts na die wolke. Die temperatuur in die wolke is uiters laag en gevolglik vries vog rondom die stofdeeltjies. Die gevriesde korrels val dan terug as haelkorrels.

Soos 'n mens kan verwag, kan hael 'n ernstige negatiewe uitwerking op plante hê. Hael kan plante se blare vernietig en gevolglik is daar baie min voedsel beskikbaar aan diere. Klein vetplante kan heeltemal vernietig word gedurende 'n ernstige haelstorm. Die vetplante sukkel, indien enigsins moontlik, om weer te herstel. Diere kan ook beseer of selfs doodgeslaan word deur haelkorrels wat hulle in die veld raakslaan. Spoedige afloop van water na swaar buie veroorsaak flitsgolwe wat diere wat in rivierlope skuil, kan laat wegspoel en verdrink.

Dit is belangrik om in ag te neem dat haelstorms nie net negatiewe effekte, maar in sommige gevalle positiewe effekte op die veld het. Trouens, 'n aktiwiteit

soos oorbeweiding kan soms meer skade vir die veld inhou. Plante wat voedsaam is vir diere word soms vernietig deur hael, maar groei vinniger as giftige- en minder voedsame plante terug. In die geval van oorbeweiding is dit moeilik vir voedsame plante om terug te groei en kan veld geweldig beskadig word.

Volgens Dr Sue Milton van Renu-Karoo verhoog hael (net soos snoei) die wortel-tot-blaar verhouding. Dit beteken eenvoudig dat die plante se vermoë om beter te kompeteer vir water en voedingstowwe verhoog. Gevolglik kan plante se blare makliker ontwikkel. Omdat hael verryk is met stikstof, is dit ook voedsaam vir plante. Die weerlig in donderstorms los die atmosferiese stikstof op wat in die gepaardgaande reën voorkom. Stikstof is dan beskikbaar aan die plante om opgeneem te word deur hul wortels (lees verder by <http://science.howstuffworks.com/nitrogen-fixation-info.htm>).

Dit is interessant om die veld te "lees" na 'n haelstorm. Verskeie tekens dui op hoe ernstig die haelstorm was; uit watter rigting die hael gekom het en hoe groot die area is wat die haelstorm bedek het. Duidelike stroke is sigbaar in die veld waar hael geval en nie geval het nie. Die strook waar die hael op Mnr Steyn se plaas geval het, is ongeveer 200m breed. Volgens Mnr Pat Marincowitz kan die grootste effek van hael gesien word op die dooie, houtagtige materiaal. Die rede hiervoor is dat die hout bros is en maklik breek as die haelkorrels dit raakslaan. Verder kan 'n mens ook die grootte van die haelkorrels bepaal deur te kyk na die merke wat deur die haelkorrels op die

bas gelaat is. Dit is duidelik dat die hael van 13 Januarie vanuit die noorde geval het, want die blare van die struik wat in 'n noordelike rigting wys, is afgeslaan deur die hael.

Nadat die skade wat aangerig is bepaal is, is dit belangrik om die veld na 'n haelstorm te laat rus. Die veld moet onbeweirus sodat die plante kan herstel. Diere wat wei, vind die plante wat net na die haelstorm gegroei het die smaaklikste omdat die lote sag en proteïen-ryk is. Dit is dus belangrik om die veld met die voedsame plante te laat rus, want die plante is baie kwesbaar vir oorbeweiding. Nuwe lote moenie aan diere blootgestel word totdat hulle afgehard is nie (ten minste ses maande, maar verkieslik een jaar).

Waar hael 'n bespaarde kamp tref, beteken dit 'n taamlike groot korttermyn verlies vir die boer, want elke hektaar wat beskadig is verwyder 50-60 skaapweidings dae in die jaar wat voorlê. Nogtans, omdat die gehalte en samestelling van die veld na hael dikwels na 'n jaar se rus verbeter, kan dit ook as 'n langtermyn voordeel gesien word. Volgens Mnr. Marincowitz is die veld baie min beskadig en lyk die skade erger as wat dit eintlik is.

*Teresa Terblanche en Monique Bernic is Natuurbewaringsstudente van die Nelson Mandela Metropolitaanse Universiteit: George Kampus wat hulle jaar praktiese diens doen by Renu-Karoo Veld Restoration CC in Prince Albert.*

## Garden Club News

- Dawn Viljoen -

### Farewell to 2010 ...

The Garden Club's last meeting of 2010 was held on 1 December at the Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg.

Thanks to the superb audio-visual facilities at that venue, members and visitors stepped back in time and toured the 2009 Chelsea Flower Show, the annual highlight of the Royal Horticultural Society's gardening year. Celebrity gardener Carol Klein took us behind the scenes of the displays in The Great Pavilion, which always has new and exciting plants and thought-provoking exhibitions.

The South African displays – indigenous flora at Kirstenbosch Gardens and Durban's floral depiction of the Moses Mabhida Stadium – were breathtaking as usual and both won gold medals.

In our end of year plant quiz, Club members Barbara Gorniak, Sandra Meyer and Kay Howes, were quick to identify donated mystery plants and take them home as their Christmas prizes.

### ...and an oily start to the New Year!

Our 2011 programme kicks off with a visit to Prince Albert Olives on Hope Street on Wednesday, 2 February, at 3pm.

Olive oil maker Essie Esterhuizen will give us a tour of the facility and an olive oil tasting. Space is limited to 20 people – please let us know as soon as possible if you will be joining us:

Sue Goosen – 076 541 3953 or Linda Jaquet – 073 213 3797.

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## Zwartberg – Uitslae 2010

Elkeen van die 39 kandidate wat Hoërskool Zwartberg vir 2010 se Nasionale Senior Sertifikaat Eksamen ingeskryf het, het ons skool en dorp se naam hoog gehou en vir 'n tweede agtereenvolgende jaar 'n 100% slaagsyfer behaal. 'n Hele 77% van ons leerders het toelating tot verdere diploma- en graadstudies verwerf.

Die leerder gemiddeld was 51,6%. Die vakgemiddelde simbole was 12A-simbole, 23 B-simbole en 47 C-simbole.

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New learners: keen and a little nervous



Charlton Heskwa and Keenan Kroon

- Linda Jaquet -

One hundred and sixty wide-eyed children started their school careers at Prince Albert Primêr on Monday morning, 17 January. There was excitement and apprehension as they sat with their parents listening to Juffrou Jane Fransen describe what “Big School” was all about and what was expected of them and their mums and dads. “Your children will need your constant support, both material and emotional,” she told the parents.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms Fransen, who

is now a proud grandmother! Luke Maroka was born on 16 January weighing 3,7 kg.

Surprisingly few tears were shed when the young learners were asked to join their new teachers and classmates and to say goodbye to mamma or pappa or opa and ouma.

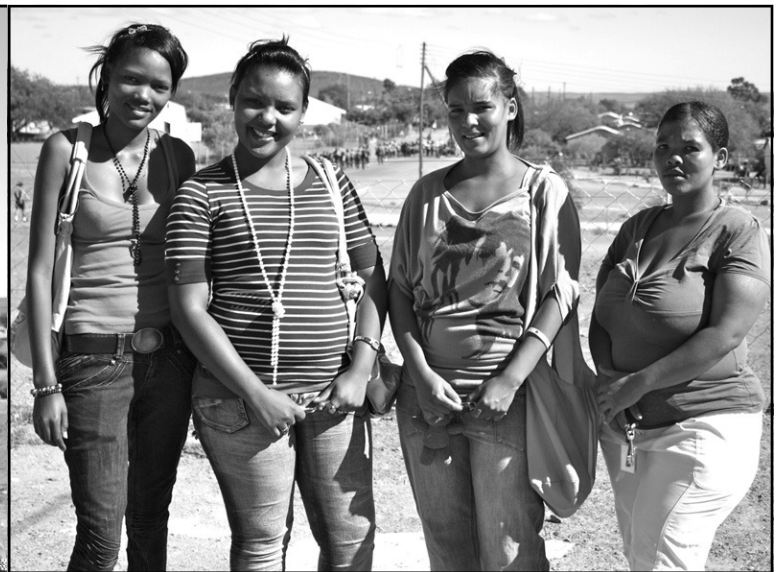
Meanwhile Charlton Heskwa and Keenan Kroon, both in Grade 3, joined the rest of their schoolmates for the first assembly of the year in the VGK hall. There was a great deal of excitement when Prince Albert’s Deputy Mayor, Cllr Nicolaas Abrahams, pre-

sented a cheque for R3000 to the headmaster, John Steyn, for the most needy children in the school. The Municipality made similar donations to Hoërskool Zwartberg and the primary schools in Klaarstroom and Leeu-Gamka as part of its support for Back-to-School.

Mr Steyn introduced new staff members to the school to much applause – Johan Hendricks, (below left) has joined Prince Albert Primêr from Oudtshoorn and four new teaching assistants will work with the Grade 1 learners. They are from left to right below: Brumilda Windvogel, Nadia Claassen, Janine Paulsen and Catherine Sarels.



Johan Hendricks and John Steyn



The new teaching assistants

## Leersame leierskonferensie

Ek was onder die 50 bevoorregte leerders wat gekies was om *Die Burger* se Jeugleierskonferensie te kon bywoon. Dit het plaasgevind van 10 – 16 Desember 2010 in Kaapstad.

Ons het baie gesien, gehoor en plekke besoek – alles was uiters interessant en leersaam vir my. Van die plekke wat ons besoek het, was die Waterfront, Akwarium, Vlootbasis, Universiteit van Stellenbosch en die Sepres Sentrum waar ons die geleentheid gehad het om al die artikels te kon sien wat die volgende dag in *Die Burger* sou verskyn. Dit was sowaar opwindend.

Die konferensie was 'n baie goeie ervaring vir my – tog vra ek myself af: “Wat het dit my gebaat?” en “Wat het ek uit alles geleer?”

Eintlik was dit oorweldigend – te veel om sinvol te kan oortel. Die slotsom van alles is: Ons moet voorbeeldig wees. Ons, as leiers van die skool en senior leerders, moet 'n voorbeeld stel vir die ander leer-

ders in die skool, op die sportveld en ook in die breë gemeenskap. Ons moet te alle tye opregte rolmodelle wees vir al die mense wat ons pad kruis. Ons moet ook onthou mense maak foute – moenie hulle daarvoor veroordeel en aanhou daarop bly hamer nie!

Ek het werklik in dié paar dae baie ervaar en geleer en ek leef my leierskap nou met nog meer ywer en entoesiasme uit.

Ek wil ook graag van die geleentheid gebruik maak om juffrou Diana Koorts, die tannies van die Thursday Club en al die ander wat hand bygesit het, te bedank dat die wonderlike ondervinding deel van my lewe kon wees. Ek besef ek sal hulle nooit kan vergoed vir wat hulle vir my gedoen het nie, want dit kan nie in rand en sent omgesit word nie.

Nogmaals baie, baie dankie! Julle het my lewe voorwaar verryk.

*Kallie Floorse is voorsitter van Hoërskool Zwartberg se VRL*

## Veels geluk, Anneke



Tydens Stellenbosch Universiteit se gradetoekenningsseremonie wat op 9 Desember 2010 gehou is ontvang Prince Albert se Anneke de Wit haar B A Geesteswetenskappe-grad.

Anneke het in 2007 te Hoërskool Zwartberg gematrikuleer. Haar hoofvakke op Stellenbosch was Afrikaans, Engels en Sielkunde. In Februarie hervat sy haar nagraadse studies in Opvoedkunde by Stellenbosch.

Anneke se ouers en haar sussie, Luzelle, en broer, Christiaan, het aan die *Vriend* gesê dat hulle uiters trots op haar is en wens haar baie sterkte toe met haar verdere studies.

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Siemon Joubert, met sy platinum sertifikaat. Dié graad 3 leerder was een van slegs 287 prysweners uit 167,829 deelnemers uit 437 skole. Mooi so, Siemon! (Foto: Ellen Joubert)

- Diana Koorts -

**A**an die einde van 2010 het leerders van graad 2-7 van Hoërskool Zwartberg aan die Suid-Afrikaanse been van die internasionale wiskunde-olimpiade - The Living Maths Mathematics - deelgeneem. Die kompetisie met sy hoë kognitiewe denkvlakke het vereis dat leerders 'n vraestel voltooi binne 'n seker tydgleuf en ook vyf bonusvrae beant-

woord. Geen leerder kon enige ondersteuning van 'n opvoeder ontvang nie – die vraestel kon slegs hardop aan die leerders voorgelees word voordat hulle dit ontvang.

Die vrae was regtig daarop gemik om uitdagings aan leerders te bied – en glo my, daar is behoorlik kopgekrap.

Siemon Joubert (graad 3) het 'n besondere prestasie behaal deur al die vrae in sy vraestel korrek te beantwoord. Hy het slegs een fout begaan by die vyf bonusvrae. Sy prestasie is waarlik uitsonderlik en almal by Hoërskool Zwartberg is met reg trots op hom. Hy is Kaapstad toe genooi as een van die toppresterders vir 'n prysuitdeling by die Science Centre. Weens die kort kennisgewing kon hy dit nie bywoon nie, maar sy sertifikaat en sakrekenaar is na die skool gestuur, en dit is tydens die laaste saalperiode aan hom oorhandig.

Siemon het deur die jaar werk van 'n baie hoë gehalte gelewer. Hy snap die aanleer van nuwe bewerkings flink en los probleme in 'n japtrap op. Hy werk baie gefokus en nuwe begrippe is altyd vir hom 'n uitdaging. Dit was 'n egte plesier om hierdie leerder in my klas te kon hê. Nogmaals baie geluk, Siemon. Ek hou jou prestasies fyn dop vorentoe en glo ons almal gaan nog baie van jou sien en hoor!

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