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JOY AS LOWER AND UPPER BROOKSNECK BRIDGE OFFICIALLY OPENS

>> By: Siyanda Mapekhula

Over a member of years the community of ward 1 Emaxesibeni has been using an unsafe river pane to cross over from lower to upper Brooksneck with no bridge that cuts across to get to the other side. "Finally the community of ward 1 sees the dawn of a well-structured paved bridge after tragic experience of deaths of community members who were swept into the river trying to cross over" says councillor Hem of ward 1. It is said that in the past few year's three people 2 adults and an infant have died crossing the river.

On Thursday 06th June 2019 Umzimvubu local municipality speaker Cllr F.N Ngonyolo officially opened the bridge and said that the municipality is now finishing and wrapping up all the construction of access roads, bridges and community halls which were planned for 2018/19 financial year and hand overs such as this one yet to be done to various wards. Concluding her speech she said "as promised this bridge now belong to the people of Brooksneck, we are doing this as to curb the incidents of death that occur in this bridge". The bridge, Together with the access road, amounts to R3 466 121.55 with an investment of R219 245.00 in labour, creating a total

of 21 jobs to the residing community of ward 1.

The bridge was joyfully welcomed by the residents of ward 1, Mlali Tallbet Nkosiyaphantsi an elderly resident of Brooksneck said that he is very excited about the new bridge that the municipality has constructed for them, "Three people have drowned and died trying to cross the river and such incidents left us reeling in shock" Said Nkosiyaphantsi, he further said "our grandchildren will now use a safer bridge when they are going to school at upper Brooksneck".

While the Brooksneck residents remained over joyed by the handover of the bridge, the residents at Magaitini and Vala also in ward 1 celebrated a well maintained road connecting the two villages Magaitini and KwaVala A/A an amount of R1 234 693.48 was spent on the maintenance of the road with an investment of R97000 in labour creating 13 Jobs.

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18 JOBS CREATED THROUGH REFURBISHMENT PROJECT



>> By: Namhla Magada

In a drive for service delivery the mayor of Umzimvubu Local Municipality Cllr Khulile Mnukwa on the 24th May 2019 officially opened the community hall of ward 16 at Ext 07. “It has been years using an unsafe building structure that was built by the community and championed by one of the struggle fighters the late Vuyani Limako”. “it was during the time when the construction of RDP housing

at ward 16 commenced that Limako became concerned that Limako became concerned on where the community will gather for meetings, he decided to build the support centre” say Margaret Mabhumbulu a community member of ward 16.

The building structure had serious structural cracks, falling roof structure and serious water leaks during rainfalls.

The structure did not have ablution facilities and the structure was not electrified. In implementing one of the 7 objectives which is ‘to provide access to improved, sustainable and modernised infrastructure’ the Umzimvubu Local Municipality’s council took a resolution to improve and refurbish the structure and provide a proper building that will be used for community gatherings. A local

contractor was appointed and it is pleasing to note that 18 local residents were employed in this project.

In welcome of the municipal’s initiative the community of ward 16 decided to name the Support Centre after Vuyani Limako who was the pillar and champion of the struggle in the ward and later built the former Ext 07 Support Centre. In his handover the Hon

Mayor Cllr Mnukwa said “in terms of the Heritage Act, the hall in Ext 7 is not regarded as the community hall but a memorial hall since it is in commemoration of the late Vuyani Limako”. He further added that Limako was not a hidden leader, but he was an authentic leader who was dedicated in fighting for the community.

GOOD GREEN DEEDS CAMPAIGN HEEDS THE CALL IN KWABHACA



>> By Namhla Magada

In order to ensure that there is a clean environment and a better life for all, Umzimvubu Local Municipality on the 21st May 2019 took an initiative to change people’s attitudes and behaviours towards responsible waste management. The councillors, Management and employees of Umzimvubu gathered in KwaBhaca Town Hall for the official launch of The Good Green Deeds campaign. The initiative follows an official Good green

deeds launch by President Cyril Ramaphosa in East London, 20th March 2019. The initiative by the president sort to shift the paradigm and influence the communities and business to be environmentally conscious.

Cllr Florida Ngonyolo the speaker of Umzimvubu Local Municipality equipped all the officials present and said “the municipality joins hands with government to clean-up the country and contribute to

solving the global and national environmental challenges”. She then led the delegation of councillors, Management and staff to the local businesses to raise awareness and to educate them on their responsibility of environmental care and also on consequences of dumping and littering by handing out brochures with information on waste management.

Following the launch on the 27 to 29 of May 2019 the

municipality through citizen & community Services hosted the National Department of Environment for Greenest Municipality Competition. According Assistant Manager Citizen and community services Mr Mandlana, Umzimvubu Local Municipality took part on the Greenest Municipality competition in 2018, starting at a district level and won. The municipality later represented Alfred Nzo at the provincial level and won R500 000 as the first on the Green-

est Municipality competition. Mr Mandlana encouraged and emphasized that the competition is an effort towards a sustainable future, a healthy environment, a strong economy and a high quality of life for all citizens. As part of an excise during the adjudication Mzimvubu presented its sites where sites visits were made. Mount Ayliff landfill was one of the sites visited the Ntentyana dam and visits to the rural areas where biogas using human dung is sampled.

MAYOR CALLS FOR CALM DURING N2 BLOCKADE IN KWABHACA



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>>BY: NAMHLA MHLAKAZA

On the 18th of June 2019, protesting residents from Mbodleni community in KwaBhaca previously known as Mount Frere, interrupted traffic flow on the N2, sighting reasons relating to road infrastructure. The residents expressed

their frustration on the busy N2, demanding that a tar road (t17) linking them to Cedarville be constructed in the area. Ms Thokozile Sokhanyile, a member of the Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) accepted the petition on behalf of the Eastern Cape

Premier. Sokhanyile said, "I accepted the petition and made a commitment to the residents to respond within 14 days. For here I will deliver the petition to the Department of transport and consult the Office of the Premier on the

matter" she concluded. In addition to the above mentioned statement, Umzimvubu Mayor, Cllr S Mnukwa called for calm during this period and asked community resident to honour the resolution made in their presence. He further said

the demand for road and infrastructure is a basic plea that needs to be honoured to further pursue the values of back to basics



#SONA19

DATA COSTS LIKELY FALL

10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW FROM THE STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS

The president of the Republic of South Africa, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa delivered the first state of the Nation Address (SONA) of the 6th parliament on the 20th June 2019, under the theme: "Let's grow South Africa together as we celebrate 25 years of freedom, "Here are ten things to note from the address.

1. A special appropriation bill is to be tabled to allocate a significant portion of the R230bn that Eskom needs to pay its debtors and keep the

lights on

2. The president has reaffirmed the constitutional mandate of the Reserve Bank "to protect the value of our currency in the interest of balanced and sustainable growth"

3. The minister of communications has been instructed to issue policy direction to the independent Communications Authority of SA (ICASA) to begin licencing spectrum that will significantly reduce data costs

4. To return public money that has been stolen, civil claims arising of investigations of the special investigative unit (SIU), estimated to be around R14.7bn, will be fast-tracked.

5. Implement a comprehensive plan, driven by the presidency to create two million jobs for young people over the next 10 years

6. Double international tourist arrivals to 21-Million by 2030, by introducing a "world

class regime" and focusing on tourists from china, India and the rest of Africa

7. Government will accelerate efforts to identify and release public land that is suitable for smart, urban settlements and for farming

8. Establish a gender-based violence and femicide council to guide government efforts to eradicate gender-based violence

9. Train foundation and intermediate phase teachers

to teach reading in English and African languages, and to deploy experienced coaches to provide on-site support to teachers

10. The president dreams of the first new city built in the democratic era with skyscrapers, schools, universities, hospitals and factories; to ease the pressure on the congested cities of Tshwane, Joburg, Ethekwini and Cape Town

SIGH OF RELIEF FOR MORE THAN 200 RESIDENTS WITH NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ACCESS ROADS



>>BY: KHANYA KALASHE

The lives of local residents in a rural village in KwaBhaca previously known as Mount Frere have been transformed by the maintenance and construction of the Mbodleni and Nkanini access roads that link-up with the Provincial T Road near the N2. More than 200 res-

idents from the area will now benefit from the newly constructed roads. The R2.1 million project combined seeks to provide an easier access to essential government services and other economic activities in the area. Moreover the project has benefited over 17 residents with an invested amount of

R 125 400 on labour. According to the Honourable Mayor, Cllr S Mnukwa the project shows working together we can do more. These roads will now connect these community residents to economic opportunities. "As part of encouraging local economic development, local

subcontractors are being given work opportunities to assist the main contractors. This is to ensure that local people are increasingly being employed to do the work, contributing to job creation and skills transfer in the community" he concluded.

DR WALLY SEROTE HONOURS ALFRED NZO DURING YOUTH MONTH



>> By Lubabalo Majenge

On the 26th June 2019, Alfred Nzo municipality hosted Alfred Baphethuxolo Nzo Memorial Lecture at its conference centre, Emaxesibeni. The memorial is the culmination of month long activities that were aimed at celebrating the life and times of the struggle

stalwart which the municipality is named after.

The late Alfred Baphethuxolo Nzo was the first Minister of Foreign Affairs in a democratically elected Government led by Former President Nelson Mandela and was the longest serving Secretary

General of the African National Congress from 1969-1990. The Alfred Nzo District Executive mayor, Sixolile Mehlophakhu said June was declared as Alfred Nzo month to ensure that his legacy does not fade away.

“All our Youth Programmes

are linked to the celebration of his life because we want young people to understand his legacy and emulate his selflessness, he said.

Amongst those that attended the memorial lecture was his comrade and ANC struggle veteran, Dr Wally Serote, who

delivered a moving lecture on the values Alfred Nzo stood for. The memorial lecture was held under the theme; Celebrating 25 years of democracy – honouring Alfred Nzo through the acceleration of transformation in our society.

UMZIMVUBU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY EMPLOYEES GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

>> By Siyanda Maphekhula



Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is one of the newest management strategies, where business/companies and government entities work together in ensuring that there is a continuous commitment to improve the humane quality of their workforce, their families as well as the society at large. On that note, Umzimvubu Local Municipality rolled out the ‘Gift of Happiness’ programme which echoes the Municipal slogan, “uphuhliso kumntu wonke”

The municipality identified 4 disadvantaged families residing in ward 1 and ward 20 for this year’s programme. A 68 year old, Nomvume Elizabeth Ripa who resides at Mawusheni village in ward 20 said, “I have been living in this house for years. At times we’d go to bed hungry however having a roof over our heads

was enough comfort”. Ripa, further told U Connect that her grandchildren do receive a child support grant however the biological mother inherits the grant in isolation.

The Ripa family together with three other families namely; Mdwebu family (ward 20), Xathula family (ward 1) and Malala family (ward 1) received school uniform, groceries, essential electric appliances, blankets and a bed. The contributions by the municipality made a change and brought about happiness to the residents.

This is an unusual programme conducted by the municipality in aid of the vulnerable. The programme is a rhetoric from the “Thuma Mina” campaign launched by his Excellency the president of the Republic of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa mid 2018.

UMZIMVUBU UNITES YOUTH AT MAYORAL CUP TOURNAMENT



>> By Khanya Kalashe

In an effort to curb crime and encourage an active participatory citizen through sport, Umzimvubu Local Municipality hosted the annual Mayoral cup tournament on Saturday 22

June 2019 at the Mount Ayliff Stadium. More than 200 young stars participated in the tournament competing on the following sporting codes Football, Volley Ball, Netball and Rugby. The tournament

began at ward level where all teams from the same ward competed against each other to produce on team that will represent the respective cluster at the championship level. All 6 clusters of the

municipality partook at the championship level, namely; Nophoyi, Buffalo Neck, Msukeni, Shinta, KwaBhaca and Emaxesibeni.

The 2019 championship 1st

prize winners were awarded as follows:

- Soccer- Mount Alyiff Cluster
- Netball- Msukeni Cluster
- Volley ball- Msukeni Cluster
- Rugby- Buffalo Neck Cluster

UMZIMVUBU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY HOSTS ITS FIRST GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA



>> By Namhla Mhlakaza and Siyanda Mapekula

A thriving exit to the youth month as Umzimvubu Local municipality spiritually inspires people and brings them closer to God. On Saturday, the 29th of June 2019, Umzimvubu Local Municipality hosted its first annual Uyabuyiswa Umphefumlo Gospel Extravaganza held at

EmaXesibeni Town Hall. According to the honourable Mayor, Cllr S.K MnuKwa,” During Youth Month we celebrate our achievements and reflect on our successes during 25 years of freedom and democracy. Since 1994, we have moved from an oppressive society to one which values human rights for all

through advancing human development and restoring human dignity.” The municipal gospel extravaganza in partnership with the Department of Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture seeks to develop and encourage participation amongst all young and aspiring gospel singers in the area.

“This event further looks to strengthen relations between the municipality and all local churches.” concluded MnuKwa. The much anticipated gospel programme was driven by the following local artists: Vovo, Mpumi, Fefe, Senyukele, Amadodana ase Mount Ayliff, Butho Vuthela and Ozayo

Ndamase. The programme then sailed off to a spiritually contested climax led by Bethusile, Jumbo, Dumi Mkokstad and Abathandwa who shared the stage alongside all developing local artists present.

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>> By Namhla Magada

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economy and rural development for transformation and impactful development that will be felt in the whole province as well as economic empowerment. The seminar hosted by Umzimvubu Local Municipality will be conducted annually and will seek to restore youth emancipation programmes in Umzimvubu.



ULM Gallery





#BACK TO BASICS

WITH MAYOR CLLR S.K MNUKWA

UMZIMVUBU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY RESPONDS TO NCUNTENI PETITION

On the 15th July 2019, Umzimvubu Local Municipality visited Ncunteni Village in KwaBhaca to respond to a service delivery petition submitted by local residents in the area. According to the petition submitted on the 16th June 2019, residents are disgruntled with the closure of 'Ncunteni to

Mtsane Access Road'.

Subsequent to the submission made by Ncunteni local residents, the road was reported closed by the residing Traditional leader, Thandisizwe Tholelengwe Diko, who at the time claimed that the road intercepted his land. The matter has since been referred to court for further ruling.


The municipal delegation led by the Speaker of Council, Cllr Florida Ngonyolo, presented a remedial plan for residents to gain access to government services and other day to day operations. "All residing communities in Umzimvubu are to gain equal access to quality roads and infrastructure. It's worth

noting that the site inspection has been conducted and an alternative route of 5.25 km will be constructed in the interim. The municipality is working tirelessly to ensure that there is no interruption caused to service delivery," said Ngonyolo.

After numerous municipal attempts to resolve the matter,

it's unfortunate to note that Ncunteni residents have rejected the municipal proposal to construct a new route in the interim.

The municipality remains committed to restore unity in the area and will continue engaging all parties concerned until the matter is resolved.



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