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NDLOVU ELECTED LEADER OF MPUMALANGA ANC



Newly elected Mpumalanga ANC Chairperson, Mandla Ndlovu

● LUCAS SHONGWE

EMALAHLENI - The Mpumalanga African National Congress (ANC) has elected Mandla Ndlovu as its new provincial leader.

Ndlovu emerged as the party's chairperson during the elective conference that took place in Emalahle

ni Dam, scheduled for 1 to 3 April 2022.

Ndlovu belongs to a lobby group called Focus which made a clean sweep of all 5 contested positions.

Ndlovu trounced Lucky Ndinisa when he received 440 votes out of 718.

Former ANC leader in Nkangala region Speedy Mashilo wrestled with David Nhlabathi for the deputy chairperson position and won by 505 votes from 714.

Muzi Chirwa was elected ANC provincial secretary. Chirwa received 487 votes while Pat Ngomane received 222.

The conference also elected Emalahleni macho woman; Lindiwe Ntshalintshali to deputize Chirwa.

Ntshalintshali bagged 458 votes while Charles Ndlovu received only 258.

Mandla Msibi who is currently facing murder charges contested the position of Treasurer alongside Norah Mahlangu and won by 432 - 271 split. The ANC went to the conference with a court interdict from disgruntled members arguing that the national

working committee's to disband the provincial executive committee is in violation of the ANC's constitution and that they want the decision to be reversed.

However treasurer general Paul Mashatile said the case was thrown out the window. "We just received reports that the case was dismissed by the court

with costs. We are relieved that we could proceed with our conference," he said.

"Intact we are vindicated that the processes of the ANC follow our constitution and our polices, and the court has just confirmed exactly that," Mashatile said.

Mpumalanga has not elected provincial leadership since December 2015 where the last leader to be elected was David Mabuza, who left in 2018 to take the reins as deputy president.



Mandla Ndlovu, Speedy Mashilo, Muzi Chirwa and Lindiwe Ntshalintshali and Mandla Msibi (in absentia) were elected into the leadership of Mpumalanga ANC.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS AS NATIONAL STATE OF DISASTER DRAW TO AN END

MOLOGADI KEKANA

SOUTH AFRICA - After two years into the COVID-19 pandemic, the country will soon put an end to the National State of Disaster declared in March 2020 when the pandemic started.

The department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Minister; Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma announced during a media briefing on Covid19 National State of disaster on 29 March that government has decided that the country must go towards the end of the National State of Disaster.

"Following the President's announcement on 22 March and given that the pandemic is monitored on a daily basis," announced Dlamini-Zuma.

However the Minister reiterated that this does not mean the pandemic is over saying, "When the National State of Disaster ends, there should be regulations that will remain for not more than 30 days that will assist in the transition".

Dlamini-Zuma has published a draft of Covid-19 Post National State of Disaster Regulations in terms of

section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) for the public to comment within 48-hours when closed on 1 April.

The department says this follows recommendations from the Head of the National Disaster Management Centre as well as a decision by a special Cabinet meeting held on 29 March.

Cogta says the limited time period given for the public to comment, was in order for government to quickly end the state of the disaster as soon as possible.

However the Minister emphasised that the process must be executed responsibly "putting in place regulations relating to post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation as defined in the Act... We cannot do that in a reckless and abrupt manner," said the Minister.

"We will see what the comments say and those will be analysed and the final decision will be taken to end the National State of Disaster," said Dlamini-Zuma.

"The President will then announce

when that time comes," she added. Furthermore the few and confined regulations will be in place for 30 days from 5 April 2022, thereafter they will automatically lapse.

The regulations that are anticipated to remain during the transition period include the wearing of masks, the public gatherings, international travel, no compensation scheme regulations and the R350.00 social relief grant.



The department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Minister; Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma

winds upwards to flee from hell beneath us" Prov 15:24



THE EVIDENCES OF A SPIRIT FILLED LIFE

Ephesians 5:18-21

In our text this evening, Paul is telling the Ephesian believers what the Spirit-filled life is all about. He tells them that when they are walking in the Spirit, there will be some evidence of His presence in their midst. It is that truth that I would like to focus on in this evening. I want to share with you the Evidence Of The Spirit Filled Life. When you and I are filled with the Holy Ghost, we will still speak English, but we will be more like Jesus than we have ever been. That is what the Spirit of God wants to do in your life and mine. He wants to duplicate the life of Christ in every saved individual. Are you filled with the Spirit this evening? Let's check the evidence and see where we stand.

I. V. 18 OUR WALK WITH THE SPIRIT

This verse teaches the following:

A. **Control** - As liquor controls the life of the drunkard, Pro. 23:29-35, the Spirit of God should control the life of the believer. (In their walk, their talk, their thoughts, their attitudes, their actions, etc.)

B. **Completeness** - The word "filled" means "to be full to the top; lacking nothing; nothing short of complete." If there is room for any other thing in our hearts, then we are not filled with the Spirit. His will should be our will. His thoughts should be our thoughts. His desires should be our desires. The Holy Spirit is to be in absolute domination of our lives.

C. **Consistency** - This little verb is in the "active tense." This means that it is to be a constant state of being. Very literally, we are to "go on being filled with the Spirit." Sadly, this kind of consistent living is missing from many Christians walk with God.

D. **Compliance** - This verb is also in the "passive voice". This means that this filling is something that is done to us. It is not something we can work up on our own, but we are to be vessels that God can fill and use for His glory. That means that we are to be clean, ready and open to the filling of the Spirit of God.

E. **Command** - It is also worthy of noting that this verb is in the "imperative mood". This makes it a command. Paul is not offering us an option for living, but is laying down the command of God for our lives. When all these things are taken together, it seems clear to me that it is the Lord's will for

every believer to be filled with the Spirit at all times. When we aren't, then it seems obvious that we are walking in rebellion and sin before the Lord, James 4:17. Why is this so serious of a matter? Because when we are not walking in the Spirit as we should be, we will not be able to hear His voice when He speaks and God will not be able to use us as He desires to.

I. Our Walk With The Spirit

II. V. 19-20 OUR WORSHIP OF THE SAVIOR

These verses teach us that we are to be:

A. **A Celebrating People** - This verses teaches us that we are to be making "melody in your heart to the Lord." As individuals, we are to be so filled and thrilled by all that the Lord has done in and to us that our hearts are filled with a song of praise for Him. The word "melody" means "to pluck, to strum or to vibrate." The image is of someone playing a harp. I think that Paul is telling us that when we are filled with the Spirit of God, we will be walking in close communion with Him. As this takes place, the Spirit will fill our hearts with love for Him and like a master musician plucks the strips of a harp to produce beautiful music, the Lord will pluck the strings of our hearts and will produce a symphony of praise to the glory of God. Have you ever been guilty of walking around with a song in your heart? Ever been guilty of making up your own songs of praise to Him for all He has done for you? That's what Paul is talking about. When we are walking in the Spirit, He will produce worship for the Savior!

B. **A Contented People** - Not only will the Spirit teach us to worship Him with songs of praise, but the Spirit will teach us to worship Him by trusting Him. As the Spirit of God takes control of the believer's life, the believer will be brought to the place where he learns to trust the Lord for every need and for everything. As we grow in the Lord we come to understand that He is on our side, Rom. 8:31. When this truth becomes a reality in our hearts, we will be able to say with David, "The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not want." We will know for certain that our God is able to look after us, and that all He is doing, whether we like it or not, is for our good and His glory, Rom. 8:28.

What I am trying to say is that the Holy Ghost will teach us contentment. This was Paul's experience, Phil. 4:11-13, 1 Tim. 6:6-8. This will be our experience also as we yield to the filling of the Spirit of God. As we come to understand the valuable lesson that God is in control of even the smallest details of our lives, we will come to develop an attitude of gratitude, even for things that we do not understand.

III. When we see someone shouting as they pass through one of life's valleys, we know that the flesh doesn't produce that. It is the work of the Spirit of God. Our selfish, critical spirits will have a difficult time existing in the glory of His abiding presence and power. Remember, when He fills a life, there isn't room for anything else!

I. Our Walk With The Spirit

II. Our Worship Of The Savior

III. V. 19, 21 OUR WITNESS AMONG

THE SAINTS

(III. It seems to me that dealing with the Spirit of God and with the sovereign will of God are far easier than dealing with the people of God. Has that been your experience as well? One fellow got it right when he penned the following words of poetry:

To live above with saints we love,
Oh, won't that be glory!
But, to live below with saints we know,

Now, that's another story!

It's like that song we hear from time to time called "Where Could I Go?" The second verse says this, "Neighbors are kind, I love them everyone, we get along in sweet accord..." Give me a break! There are times when we seem to have a difficult time getting along with one another. However, when the Spirit of God is in control of our lives, He will produce this peace and harmony that, sometimes, believers can only sing about. Notice what the Spirit of God will do for those who are filled by His presence and power.

We are told that we are to:

A. **Encourage One Another** - We are told that the Spirit of God will cause us to sing psalms to one another. This is referring to the Psalms of the Old Testament and to other Psalms that we popular in the early church. The point is, that when we are walking in the Spirit, our objective will be to help brother in his walk with God. We will be an encouragement to those who are around us. This was the spirit that filled a man named Barnabas. We are told that he went to a place called Antioch and was an encouragement to the believers there, Acts 11:22-26. Did you see why Barnabas was able to be a blessing? Acts 11:24 tells us that he was "full of the Holy Ghost." In fact, his real name is Joses, Acts 4:36, but he was given the nickname Barnabas by the Apostles. The name Barnabas means "Son of Consolation, or Son of Encouragement." The Spirit of God so worked in this man that he was a blessing in the lives of other believers all around him.

May the Lord help us to be an encouragement! When we are filled with the Spirit, He will work through us to produce encouragement for others. You watch that person who is constantly discouraging people in the Lord's work. That person is not walking in the power of the Holy Spirit!

B. **Edify One Another** - Then we are told to sing "hymns" to one another. This refers to songs that are filled with "religious content". The whole point being that we are to be active in helping one another grow in the Lord. Contrary to popular belief, the Lord never called any one of us to tear another believer down. He has, however, called everyone of us to build one another up in the Lord! (III. Rom. 14:9; 1 Thes 5:11) You see, as the Spirit grows us as individuals, He will use the gifts, talents and knowledge He gives us to be a blessing to those around us. God never intended for any of us to be a pond. A pond just takes in and

never gives anything out. As a result ponds become stagnant and foul. On the other hand, the Lord says that His people are like rivers, John 7:38; John 4:14. We receive from Him and we allow what we have received to flow back out of us so that others can benefit too. Are using what you have been given for the edification of others? Or, are you just growing stagnant in the Lord?

C. **Exhort One Another** - Paul next speaks of "spiritual songs." This refers to the song of the heart. It has the idea of us coming together for worship, and when we do, doing our voices together in praise to the Lord Who died for us and redeemed us by His grace. I think the idea here is that our public worship should be an outward reflection of what God is doing in our hearts. So that when we come together and let the inside come to the outside, others in the congregation are exhorted, or challenged, to strengthen their own walk with the Lord. That's why we should never be ashamed to everything we have into our public worship. You never know who needs that encouragement. You never know what the Lord can do if you will just turn loose and worship Him as He deserves to be worshipped.

D. **Exalt One Another** - Finally, in verse 21, we are commanded to "submit ourselves one to another." What does this mean? Well, the word "submitting" is a military term. It means "to fall in rank under another." Certainly, there is a thought here concerning submitting to the leaders of the congregation. However, it runs deeper than that. The primary idea Paul is trying to get across is that God's people must learn to put everyone else ahead of themselves.

We live in an hour when such thinking is unheard of. After all, everyone is demanding their own rights these days. No one wants to give an inch. However, in the church, things are to be carried out differently than they are in the world. Notice what Paul said about this matter, Phil. 2:3-4. Then, in verses 5-11 of that same passage, Paul lifts up Jesus as the Supreme example of this ideal. The point Paul is trying to make is that when we are walking in the Spirit as we should, He will enable us to forfeit our own rights for the good of the church. I did not say that we should compromise the truth! If someone is out of line with the Word of God, then they must be dealt with. However, when we are walking in the Spirit of God, we will not seek to force our way regardless of what it does to the peace of the church. The Spirit filled person will back down before they will disrupt the peace in God's House. It all comes down to a willingness to take the backseat instead of demanding our own way.

Conc: if you were to be arrested this evening on the charge of being "Spirit-filled", would there be enough evidence to convict you? Or, has the Lord shown you some areas that need work in your walk with the Spirit, your worship of the Savior or your witness to the saints? If there is a need in your life, this altar is the place to get that taken care of.

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Mayor Nkalitshana takes leading role towards transforming Emalahleni

● LUCAS SHONGWE

EMALAHLENI - The City of Emalahleni has a new captain who does not believe in sitting in the air-conditioned office then expect for things to just happen. Executive mayor Conny Nkalitshana's way of doing things is fast describing her as the type that rolls up sleeves and do things herself.

After unveiling the Glencore Coal SA sponsored pay point on Wednesday, 30 March she led a team of councillors, municipal officials and technical services staff in a door-to-door visit in Klarinet to encourage residents to pay for services and conducting



Emalahleni Executive mayor Conny Nkalitshana

inspections on shops. The no nonsense mayor also introduced her three ground breaking operations namely Khokha, Ziveze and Hlanzeka to the people.

She said the operations are meant to turn the city of Emalahleni into a better one.

She visited numerous houses in the area to monitor illegal electrical and water connections and to encourage non paying residents to come forward and make payment arrangements.

"You need better services from the municipality but where is the money to deliver those services is going to come from if you do not pay," she said.

"If we don't collect money from residents, we will not have money to deliver services."

Mayor Nkalitshana asked residents to work with her in her vision to turn things around.

"Today we are going to start a new page where we as councillors and you as members of the community are going to be working together," she said.



"I want us to work together so that we can all celebrate those victories if we win and also take a collective responsibly if we fail."

"For us to have a city that is clean, we need to learn to stop dumping waste everywhere. We need to practice this in our households before coming outside," Nkalitshana said.

The door to door visits revealed how deep the problem of none payment of services is, based on the houses visited it is evident that a majority of residents do not pay for services at all and are using illegal connected electricity.

The biggest shocking discovery was a household in Klarinet Ext 3, owing over R500 000 to the municipality and the owner never bothered to pay since moving to the place in the year 2000.

The stand has 5 rented rooms and a shop occupied by migrants who couldn't produce papers permitting them to trade. A decision to close the shop and disconnect electricity supply was taken and actioned on the day.

About five (5) households with shops, having a debt ranging from R150 000 to R550 000 had to be disconnected pending formal commitment to start paying towards their debt.

Among those houses was a tavern not zoned for business, owing almost R400 000 and a total amounting to R11 700 was billed to the owner for reconnection of electricity.

Serious health concerns were raised with one container shop not being properly ventilated and the other selling tap water through a tank mounted inside and under false claim that it is purified water.

Both shops were closed as owners also failed to produce asylum papers which permits them to be in the country. With all those discoveries it is also worth noting that the municipality currently owes over R5 Billion to Eskom.

Wednesday, 30 March marked the 53rd day since Mayor Nkalitshana took over the reigns.

The municipality is at 65 percent collection rate and she said it will take her nearly two to three years before above 90 percent rate could be achieved. "At this stage we not planning to take drastic action against none paying residents but rather we calling on them to come forward under the 'ZIVEZE OPERATION' so we can have a solution moving forward" Nkalitshana said.

"We need to make sure that we get the

buy-in from our communities. People were not paying so now they have to understand how important payment of services is. I'm just giving myself a period of 3 years and I know I am going to reach the target," she said.

"We are encouraging old people earning up to R3500 to register with indigents so that they can be exempted," Mayor Nkalitshana indicated.



Cllr Makwana stands in shock next to the Jojo Tank used to store the 'PURIFIED' water



Inside the container shop which was closed down for having no ventilation at all

SANCO lauds Nkalitshana's turn around plans

● LUCAS SHONGWE

EMALAHLENI - The South African National Civic Organisation (SANCO) in Nkangala has lauded mayor Conny Nkalitshana's plans to induce a culture of payment of services.

Nkalitshana, also a SANCO member, is on a campaign to encourage Emalahleni residents to pay for municipal services in order to get a better service delivery.

She unveiled three projects she said will be pivotal in making residents to pay for services (Operation Khokha), to make non paying residents to come out (Operation Ziveze) and to create an environmentally clean city (Operation Hlanzeka).

Bongani Hlophe, member of SANCO regional executive committee, told the paper Nkalitshana's campaigning blends well with theirs.

"Our campaign as SANCO is to make sure that people, whether poor or rich, pay for their services," Hlophe said.

"Once you pay for services you must be able to demand from the municipality for a better service delivery."

Hlophe also added saying, "It is an issue that we have been raising that we need to clean our community. We need to assist the municipality to collect revenue so that service delivery can be improved."

He also said that the civic organisation expects mayor Nkalitshana to get the basics rights.

"She must be able to do the basics that

deliver service delivery. One of those is to make sure that refuse is collected on a daily basis, to make sure that the municipality keeps the assets register, municipal staff must adhere to the Batho Pele principle," Hlophe pointed out.

"While the campaign is assisting us, we are at the same saying to the mayor there are unemployed people, there are elderly persons on indigents. Reach out to them and assist them. Find a way to make sure that they can pay for services while there's food in their households."

Hlophe also said that, "We can not allow someone who is unemployed to pay R2 500.00. There must be a

subsidy or reasonable payment arrangements for such people to survive."

"It is too early to tell if Nkalitshana will be equal to the task of transforming Emalahleni," Hlophe also said.

"We are going to assess her after the 100 days in office whether she can service the people for the next five years. If she can be able to deal with Emalahleni's dwindling service delivery and have an open door policy," he indicated.

"That is when we can safely say that we have our mayor, but right now we are just watching. Not from the distance but right next to her," Hlophe said.



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Glencore hands over pay point to Emalahleni municipality

● LUCAS SHONGWE

EMALAHLENI - Residents of Klarinet, Siyanqoba and Pine Ridge will soon no longer have to travel distances seeking municipal services of account payments, enquiries and buying electricity in the CBD as they are beneficiaries of a community service center.

The centre was handed over to the Emalahleni municipality on Wednesday, 30 March and was brought about after a long standing relationship between Glencore Coal S.A and the municipality.

Glencore Coal SA spent R1.3 million to renovate and convert an old office building at the Thushong Service Center to a pay point.

The community service centre is part of Emalahleni municipality's plans to bring services closer to the people.

Kelinah Pitso, community member of ward 15, told Highveld Chronicle that

going to town every month to make payments on her municipal accounts was a daunting task.

"Like it or not, you have to have money to catch a taxi to town because it is far. The opening of this pay point will definitely make things easier for us because it is a walking distance from where I stay," she said.

Noel Pillay, Glencore's head of community and regulatory affairs, said that most of their flagship operations are in Emalahleni and that they have commitments in terms of their social labour plan (SLP).

"It is also in terms of our public private partnership with the municipality to embark on certain projects within the municipality," Pillay highlighted.

He explained saying that, "Through a consultative process with the municipality via their IDP plan we have identified certain priority projects and this is one such project and we are glad that we were able to

deliver the project on time."

"It has been part of our SLP for the past five years."

"The project is part of many wonderful projects that we have in our SLP. We have flagship projects that we are due to complete during the course of this year such as a fire station and an industrial hub," Pillay further revealed.

Jabulile Hlatshwayo the municipality's chief financial officer (CFO) said the pay point is part of projects requested by the people of ward 12 and 15 during 2018/2019 integrated development plan (IDP) consultation.

"It was incorporated into the wards IDP programmes, we then talked to Glencore through their SLP for assistance," she said.

"Glencore's positive response culminated into renovations done on part of the building at the Thusong

Service Center."

Addressing the community, Mayor Conny Nkalitshana indicated that the plan is to have the fully equipped pay center opened for public at least by

May 2022. "We must first decide on people to work there and we encourage local young people to apply if they see posts advertised for cashiers" Nkalitshana said.



Noel Pillay, Glencore head of community and regulatory affairs cuts the ribbon with Emalahleni Mayor Conny Nkalitshana



OPERATION VHUTU HAWE BEARS FRUITS

● MOLOGADI KEKANA

PHOLA - The South African Police Services' operation Vhuthu Hawe has reportedly been yielding commendable results in the past two weekends.

The operation is reported to be focused on Phola and Ogies area located in the Emalahleni local municipality through stop and searches.

Reportedly, 14 suspects aged between 19 and 50 were arrested on several charges including unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition. About four(4) firearms were seized as well as 7 ammunition recovered, 1 revolver with 6 ammunition was also confiscated during the said operation.

The suspects were arrested on charges of being in possession of 5 stolen vehicles which were seized for enquiry and for further investigation, 3 gambling machines were some of the items seized and a fine was issued to the owner.

A 23 year old suspect was arrested for common assault but he was released on a warning.

Eight (8) suspects were also nabbed for consuming liquor in a public space as well as for contravening the Liquor Licensing Act 5 of 2005 meanwhile fines were issued to that effect.

In addition, liquor was confiscated where the owner of a liquor outlet was issued warning for selling liquor without a license.

Whilst conducting the said operation, SAPS members came across a man who is alleged to have no official documents of being in South Africa hence he was arrested for contravening the Immigration Act. The police are in liaison with the department Home Affairs who will determine his status in the country.

One suspect, aged 27 was arrested and appeared before the Ogies Magistrate's Court on Tuesday, 29 March 2022, facing charges of possession of unlicensed firearm and for malicious damage to property.

The Provincial Commissioner of the SAPS in Mpumalanga, Lieutenant General Semakaleng Daphney

Manamela has reiterated the stunt by SAPS in the province to ensure safety for all citizens.

"It is these type of collective efforts by the members which will lead us to our ideal goal of safety for all," said the General.



DCSSL keeps mum on serious allegations

● LUCAS SHONGWE

EMAKHAZENI - It might be true that the department of community safety, security and liaison (DCSSL) is refusing to pay R1.5 million allegedly owed to the Emakhazeni municipality.

It might also be that the department does not know what to say in the face of the shaming issue exposed by the opposition party.

On Thursday, 30 March, the DA released a statement accusing DCSSL of not willing to make attempts to settle the amount.

The party said the department's alleged refusal to pay is "resulting in a loss of income and jobs" at the municipality.

It also said it is calling on DCSSL MEC Vusi Shongwe to resolve the matter with immediate effect so to save the people's jobs and put people back in business.

"In June 2021, the department had moved to new premises of the municipality. Since then, the debt has accumulated to about R1,5 million owed to Emakhazeni for rental and basic services," said the statement.

"The municipality then resolved to cut off electricity for the department in an attempt to recover the money," the statement continued.

"It has been a month since the electricity has been cut off at the offices in Belfast but the department is still delaying payment even after the municipality resolved to deny officials of the department access to the municipal buildings in Machadodorp and Dullstroom."

It further said, "While the department is busy playing delay tactics, the

community of Emakhazeni – especially those depending entirely on the services of the licensing department – are left desperate as they cannot access services to renew their drivers licenses and other public licenses".

"These delays by the department have a negative impact on Driving Schools in Emakhazeni who are only depending on the services of licensing to feed their families."

The party in Emakhazeni said it will liaise with its counterparts in the Provincial Legislature to write to Shongwe to urgently make arrangements to pay what is owed to the municipality.

Questions were sent by the paper to the department's spokesperson Moeti Mmusi on Wednesday but he chose to keep mum.



Department of community safety, security and liaison MEC, Vusi Shongwe

FROM EMALAHLENI TO THE WORLD - RISING STAR REACHES JOYOUS TOP 10

● MOLOGADI KEKANA

EMALAHLENI - Millicent Mbonani a 31 year old rising singing star is on the top 10 of the Joyous Celebration Talent Search competition along with other 9 hopefuls.

The Witbank born and bred singer entered the Joyous Celebration Talent Search competition which earlier this year with 8000 other entrants who auditioned online through videos. Mbonani was selected in the Top 25 of the competition and has advanced through the stages of the competition and is now a Top 10 finalist.

The qualified teacher, office practitioner and a baker, says when she received the awesome news on 29 March that she has made it to the top 10, she knew the public is rooting for her as their votes are a determining factor.

The excited singer says she has never regarded herself as a limelight person however her astonishing singing talent brought her to it.

"My friends and family always encouraged me to enter singing competitions, the likes of idols," she recalled.

"I really didn't see myself doing that but this time when my friend tagged me on Joyous celebration Facebook page which had details about the competition, I immediately sent the [audition] video."

The rising star says her love for singing dates back to her teenage years and singing in church, wedding gigs and concerts helped to refine her craft. Mbonani the singing sensation added saying that her goal is to grow her career and learn through Joyous Celebration which will provide a perfect platform.

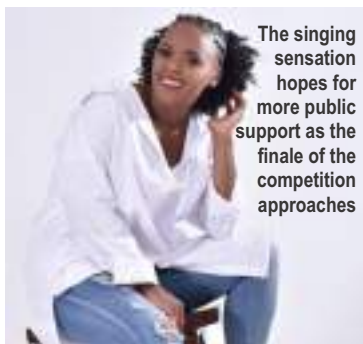
"Also I would really love to build up my music career and find myself a sound which God is calling me to. I want to impact lives, heal people through music," she said.

"I am truly excited about what God is currently doing and I can't wait to spread my wings and fly".

She also said that the support she is receiving from her family, the community, the church and colleagues is overwhelming.

The competition to find the ultimate winner is ongoing and the stage and voting process details are yet to be announced by MTN Joyous Celebration through their various platforms.

Mbonani welcomes the support from the public throughout the competition which is expected to end in April 2022.



The singing sensation hopes for more public support as the finale of the competition approaches



The Joyous hopeful Millicent Mbonani thanks the public for the votes

From Cleaning to Leading, David Mabena Makes Delmas Proud

David Mabena, whose professional journey began at the tender age of 18, shares the remarkable story of how he progressed from his role as a cleaner to Assistant Production Manager at McCain South Africa. Having always wanted to pursue a career in Production Management, but likewise having had to accept the harsh reality of being unable to receive a tertiary education due to financial constraints, David immediately began his job search as soon as he matriculated in 1995. Through one of his friends, David was informed of job opportunities at McCain and so sent his CV along with his friend in the hopes of securing employment. A week later, David was invited to his first interview at McCain, where he soon after began his role as a cleaner. With his dream of working in Production Management in clear sight, coupled with his fierce determination to succeed, David understood that his role as a cleaner was a critical opportunity that would allow him to develop the necessary skill set required for him to accomplish his end goal.

As a cleaner, David was based in the processing area, where he proactively sought out growth opportunities. His first step was to ask his former colleague if he could operate the fryer and stand in for his colleague if and when required. Through this simple act, McCain's leadership team recognised David's potential. David was introduced to McCain's development programmes through his

constant dedication, commitment, and hard work, which enabled him to complete the Management Development Programme at UNISA and earn a qualification. After that, David was given an opportunity to work as an Operator, which was the starting point of his upward trajectory. He progressed to Team Leader, Shift Superintendent, Shift Manager, Packing Manager, Senior MDI Coach, and his current position as Assistant Production Manager.

One of David's most notable achievements, throughout his 27 years of employment at McCain, was when he was asked by John Allan, former Manufacturing Director, to assist in the opening of a new processing plant in Mehsana, India. However, David acknowledged winning the Resilience Award as his greatest accomplishment, describing it as his most cherished award. Elaborating on this, David says, "I had a critical medical condition, which brought my life to a standstill for almost four years. With the support of the senior leadership team (current and former plant managers), my family, and all my work colleagues, I became aggressively more resilient, which allowed me to bounce back with renewed vigour."

Donovan Abrahams, Plant Manager at McCain's Delmas food processing plant, supports David's exemplary professional journey, sharing, "David (or Bova as he is known) is a family man and a well respected citizen of Delmas. He is devoted when it comes to

helping the members of his close family and co-worker. David has shown enormous resilience in bouncing back from health issues and is a true leader when it comes to leading the way, as he knows the way and shows the way forward. He courageously tackles all obstacles, overcoming them in order to achieve his goals while on shift, which landed him the name 100 ton man back in the days when that target of 100 tons seemed unachievable. David is reliable, dependable and committed as a leader at McCain and a true friend that is liked by not just the community of Delmas but wherever he goes."

Looking to his future, David shares, "I want to see this business achieving 65% recovery by 2025 and becoming more competitive. I want to continue learning and continue growing with this business by taking on additional responsibilities to contribute as much value as possible. I also want my organisation to be in the top five globally in terms of rankings."

In addition to his drive and determination, David equally credits his success to McCain, which he believes empowered him to achieve his goals through good coaching and development programmes. He was also allowed exposure to different roles and to work in conjunction with other departments. This is echoed by

McCain's latest award, which recognises the company as a Top Employer in South Africa.

Drawing from his own experience, David desperately urges young graduates to consider applying for McCain's Graduate Trainee Programme, sharing that McCain is responsible for producing competitive leaders. When asked what advice he can offer to young people who would like to have a successful career at

McCain, David shares, "To achieve your goals, the first step is to get out of your comfort zone. McCain is filled with plenty of wonderful opportunities for those who have an appetite for success, and the organisation is structured to support the growing needs of each of its employees. However, it is likewise your responsibility to ensure that you are focussed and work hard with clear goals in mind."



PUBLIC NOTICE

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The municipal manager, P O Box 06 Delmas, 2210 Or physical address Victor Khanye Local Municipality, Corner Samuel and Van der Walt Delmas, 2210.

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Notice is hereby given in terms of section 34 of the Local Government: Municipal System Act, No. 32 of 2000 and in terms of section 54 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, no 56 of 2003, that the Executive Mayor has approved the 2021/2022 Amended SDBIP on the 23 March 2022. NDM council has approved 2021/2022 Amended IDP and endorsed 2021/2022 Amended SDBIP on the 30 March 2022.

The amended 2021/2022 IDP and SDBIP may be accessed from the municipal website (www.nkangaladm.gov.za) and Nkangala District Municipality Offices (performance management unit offices) at 2A Walter Sisulu Street, Middelburg, 1050. Any person who cannot read may come during office hours (07h30 to 16h30) to Nkangala District Municipality Offices (performance management unit offices) at 2A Walter Sisulu Street, Middelburg, 1050, Ground floor PMS offices where they will be assisted to understand the approved 2021/2022 amended IDP and SDBIP

Enquiries may be directed to:

Ms. Gaobotse Mogorosi at tel: (013) 249 2085/2086 or email mogorosigd@nkangaladm.gov.za during office hours from 07h30 to 16h30.



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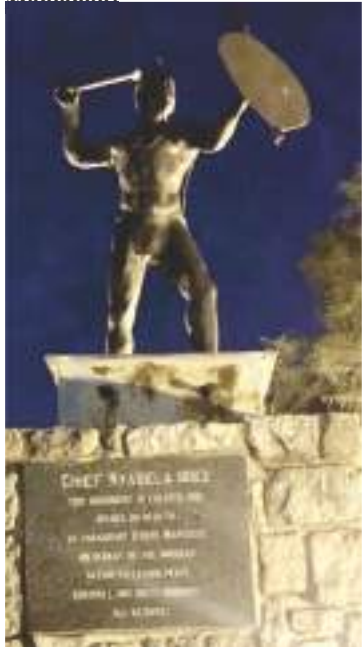
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Unemployment rises to 35.3%

Unemployment in South Africa grew by 0.4 of a percentage point to reach 35.3% in the final quarter (Q4) of 2021, Statistics South Africa has revealed.

Releasing the Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) statistics on Tuesday, Statistician-General Risenga Maluleke said Q4 of 2021 showed that the number of employed persons increased by 262 000 to 14.5 million. However, the number of unemployed persons also increased by 278 000 to 7.9 million, compared to the 3rd quarter of 2021.

“While the number of not economically active population decreased by 397 000 to 17.4 million during this quarter. The number of discouraged work-seekers decreased by 56 000 (1.4%) and the number of people who were not economically active for reasons other than discouragement decreased by 341 000 (2.4%) between the two quarters,” said the statistics agency during a press briefing at the Isibalo House in Pretoria.

Stats SA said the changes in the labour market resulted in the official unemployment rate increasing by 0.4 of a percentage point from 34.9% in Q3.

“The unemployment rate according to the expanded definition of unemployment decreased by 0.4 of a percentage point to 46.2% in quarter 4 2021 compared to quarter 3 2021,”

Maluleke said. The agency said while the number of not economically active population decreased by 397 000 to 17.4 million during this quarter.

The 2021 Q4 report also reveals that the number of people who were not economically active for reasons other than discouragement decreased by 341 000 (2.4%) between the two quarters.

“These changes in the labour market resulted in the official unemployment rate increasing by 0.4 of a percentage point from 34.9% in the third quarter of 2021 to 35.3% in the fourth quarter of 2021 - the highest since the start of the QLFS in 2008.

“The unemployment rate according to the expanded definition of unemployment decreased by 0.4 of a percentage point to 46.2% in quarter 4 2021 compared to quarter 3 2021.”

Stats SA said formal sector employment increased by 143 000 jobs between Q3:2021 and Q4:2021, while the informal sector shed jobs by 48 000 in the same period.

Between the Q3 2021 and Q4 2021, a net increase in employment of 262 000, was mainly due to an increase recorded in Private households (129 000), Trade (118 000) and Community and social services (73 000). Decreases were observed mainly in Manufacturing (85 000), followed by Construction (25 000). - SAnews.gov.za



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KPM players part of Mpumalanga team

● LUCAS SHONGWE

MIDDELBURG - A display of hard work, passion and commitment saw four young tennis players from KPM Academy rise from being underdogs to represent the province.

Sinethemba Makhubedu, Siphesihle Maphalala, Divine Makhubedu and Natalie Fourie are now part of the elite provincial team.

Their journey began in January when they were selected from the school's trial to put together a solid team to represent the province.

The quartet excelled in the provincial colours to be in the top six after their splendid performance in the inter-provincial schools tournament held a

fortnight ago in Bloemfontein and Pretoria in March.

Sinethemba, Nathalie and Devine competed in Bloem while Siphesihle was in the city of Jacaranda.

The academy presented them with awards and certificates to honour their achievement.

Coach Phathizwe Mabuza told the *Highveld Chronicle* he was proud of the girls' achievement. "This is a demonstration that our work is on par with the standard of performance in the province," he said. "I am truly proud."

"This is just a start, they should not be relaxed because there are harder competitions and tournaments still to come, where they will be expected to deliver top performance," he said.



Sinethemba Makhubedu, Natalie Fourie, Divine Makhubedu and Siphesihle Maphalala from KPM Academy are part of the Mpumalanga team



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