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As always, the Gansbaai Municipality will light up the town with beautiful displays, casting a warm, festive glow each evening. When the sun sets and the lights begin to sparkle, even the busiest among us pause to take it in. For many families, the switching on of the town's lights marks the symbolic start of the season - a reminder that peace, hope, and joy remain at the heart of our community.

In Greater Gansbaai and surrounding villages, local businesses go all out to decorate their shops, each telling its own story with Christmas trees, ribbons, snowflakes, and stars. Artisans and entrepreneurs showcase their handmade treasures, while homes dazzle with lights and love. A drive through the area reveals everything from simple rooftop strands to full-blown displays of glowing Santas and snowmen - each home adding its own sparkle.

Visitors are welcomed with cheerful roadside greetings - "No need for your licence today, sir or madam we're just here to say welcome and hand you a goodie bag of local highlights and treats." Come enjoy our sea, fresh air, relaxed atmosphere, and of course, our warm-hearted people. Restaurants, cafés, guesthouses, and tourism businesses are ready to make everyone feel at home. This is a season for patience, kindness, and care. With more people comes more traffic, full parking lots, and longer queues - but also more opportunities to give: not just gifts, but time, attention, and compassion. A smile at the till or a helping hand to a stranger can brighten someone's day.

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What makes the festive season in our region truly special is the genuine sense of community - neighbours' chats, children's faces pressed to shop windows, the scent of fresh cookies, and the sound of carols drifting from homes and stores. At night, as the lights shimmer against Gansbaai's mountain and sea backdrop, we're reminded that the brightest light comes not from decorations, but from the hearts of those who live here.

Let's share that light this season: bring peace where

there's tension, kindness where there's impatience, and warmth where someone may feel alone. In the end, it's not the decorations or gifts that matter most - it's the togetherness, the smiles, and the love that make our town shine. Wishing all our residents and visitors a joyful, peaceful festive season in advance. The Gans-Berg Nuus will keep you updated on all the holiday happenings!

Hardus Botha

Olifantrob 'kuier' op Die Plaat

"Ek het hierdie olifantrob op Die Plaat raakgeloop waar hy heerlik op die sand gelê het," vertel Oubaas Lesch, bekende hengelaar van ons omgewing. "Hy het geslaap, maar toe ek vir die ou grote fluit, lig hy sy kop en maak sy oë oop!" Oubaas sê dit is 'n snaakse verskynsel vir hom op Die Plaat, maar hy het nie nader gegaan nie - "Dis 'n taamlieke massa wat vir jou lê en kyk."

Die Gans-Berg Nuus het vir Wilfred Chivell, Hoof Uitvoerende Beampte van Marine Dynamics en stigter van die Dyer Island Conservation Trust, gekontak. Soos altyd het Wilfred dadelik gereageer waar seelewe ter sprake is. "Ja, dit is 'n lekker spekvet en gesonde wyfie-olifantrob," het Wilfred gesê. "Dit is normaal vir olifantrobbe om soms op die strand uit te rus of te vervel - laat hulle maar net met rus, hulle sal weer terugkeer see toe." 'Oubaas se olifantrob' herinner mens aan Onrus se olifantrob, Buffel, wat in 2024 - ná 'n afwesigheid van nege jaar - weer op Onrus se strand kom kuier het om te vervel. (*Gans-Berg Nuus, 2024*)

Die suidelike olifantrob (*Mirounga leonina*)

Die suidelike olifantrob (*Mirounga leonina*) is een van twee spesies olifantrobbe. Dit is die grootste lid van die klade *Pinnipedia* en die orde *Carnivora*, en die grootste



Die Plaat se wyfie-olifantrob, deur Oubaas Lesch gefotografeer.

bestaande mariene soogdier, uitgesluit die walvisse. Die mannetjies weeg tot ses keer meer as die wyfies. Die naam "olifant" verwys na die harde brul van die mannetjie, veral gedurende die paarseisoen. In die 19de eeu is die spesie dikwels die "bottelneus-seël" genoem.

Die rekordgrootte bul, wat op 28 Februarie 1913 in Possessionbaai, Suid-Georgië, geskiet is, was 6,85 m lank en het sowat 5 000 kg geweeg. Die maksimum grootte van 'n wyfie is ongeveer 1 000 kg, met 'n lengte van 3,7 m. Hulle agterste ledemate is ongeskik vir beweging op land, daarom gebruik hulle hul vinne as ondersteuning om hul liggame aan te dryf. Hulle kan selfs so vinnig as 8 km/h vir kort afstande beweeg - om terug te keer na die water, om 'n wyfie in te haal of om 'n indringer te verjaag.



Onrus se olifantrob, Buffel, deur Willem Botha van Vermont in 2024 gefotografeer.

Satellietopsporing het aan die lig gebring dat hierdie robbe baie min tyd op die oppervlak spandeer - gewoonlik net 'n paar minute om asem te haal. Hulle is die diepste duikende lugasemende nie-walvisse, en is al op 'n maksimum diepte van 2 388 m aangeteken.

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Shark Town - Gansbaai-haaie se storie

Laerskool Gansbaai (LSG) se leerders en ouers het op Vrydagaand, 17 Oktober 2025, 'n gesellige, maar insiggewende Fliekaand saam met Hennie Otto van Marine Dynamics beleef - 'n ware Marine Dynamics Shark Tour! Die fliëkgangers was bevoorreg om die dokumentêre film, *Shark Town*, wat die storie van Gansbaai se haaie vertel, te kon sien.



Skoolhoof Devin Sauls saam met Hennie Otto van Marine Dynamics.

Die fliëk is in samewerking met *Marine Dynamics Shark Tours* vervaardig, en Hennie het interessante en insiggewende inligting met die gehoor gedeel. Hy het ook geduldig tyd afgestaan om vrae van leerders te beantwoord, wat behoorlik aan sy lippe gehang het.

“Baie dankie aan Hennie en Marine Dynamics vir julle betrokkenheid by ons skool en die Gansbaai-gemeenskap,” lui LSG se mediaverklaring. “Dankie dat julle ons die voorreg gebied het om hierdie ongelooflike film in ons eie skoolsaal te kon sien!”

Hardus Botha



Daar is behoorlik aan Hennie Otto se lippe gehang!



Hennie Otto van Marine Dynamics aan die woord.

Caledon Kersmark
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Naledi vier 20 Goue Jare

"Na-ledi berge nog so blou;
Na-ledi berge nog so blou;
Na-ledi berge nog so blou;
Johan het 'n boek net vir jou!"
Met hierdie tong-in-die-kies
verwerking van Johannes
Kerkorrel se lied, *Al lê die
berge nog so blou*, het digter
en musikant Riku Lähti sy
huldeblyk aan Naledi gelewer.
Op 16 Oktober 2025, tydens
die *Toyota Stellenbosch
Woordfees 2025*, is 'n
prestige-funksie by *Leopard's
Leap Familie Wynlandgoed* in
Franschhoek aangebied ter
viering van Naledi - 20 "Goue
Jare".

Johan Coetzee het Naledi in
2005 gestig. Danksy 'n
toegewyde span staan hierdie
onafhanklike uitgewershuis
vandag sterk en spog met
verskeie trefferboeke wat
gesogte pryse ingepalm het.
Elsabé de Jager, Vrystaatse
skrywer, radio-omroeper en
Naledi-vriendin, het die gaste
verwelkom: "Lig julle glasies
vir Naledi se twee dekades
van sukses, te midde van
vele uitdagings. Naledi is
nog jonk - daar's nog baie
heuglike huppel in dié stap!"
Sy het beklemtoon dat die
boekewêreld taai is en die
wingsgrense klein, maar dat
Johan nooit gehuiwer het om
met passie en liefde 'n
skrywer se boek die lig te laat
sien nie.

Johan het vertel dat hy uit die
korporatiewe wêreld wou
beweeg - "want ek kan niks
anders doen nie!" het hy
skertsend gesê. "Toe ek die



Johan Coetzee.



Johan Coetzee en sy eggenote, Mimi.



Jannes Erasmus, Naledi se
Bemarkingsbestuurder en Elsabe de Jager.



Riku en Jackie Lähti.



kans kry om Naledi te begin, het ek
nie twee keer gedink nie. Dit was
asof die son deurgebreek en die
sterre vir my opgekom het." Hy
erken dat dit nie altyd 'n maklike pad
was nie: "In die boekebedryf bly
kapitaal altyd 'n uitdaging - mense
lees eenvoudig minder." Mimi Roux,
Johan se vrou, sê Naledi se
skrywers is vir hom soos sy kinders:
"Hy is altyd daar vir hulle, en voel
selfs effens besittlik oor elkeen." Sy
het bygevoeg dat Johan al beskryf is
as "n taalbeweging op sy eie".

Jannes Erasmus, Naledi se nuwe
bemarkingsbestuurder, het
gesê dat 'n boek in vandag se
gejaagde wêreld "stadig, eg en
konkreet" is. "Vir my is Naledi
'n huis waar geloof, woorde en
menswees mekaar ontmoet -
en waar die verhaal altyd
groter is as die verkoopsyfer.
Wanneer ons kyk waar Naledi
vandag staan, sien ons 'n
onafhanklike uitgewer wat,
teen alle verwagtinge in,
steeds groei - omdat ons
dieper kyk en sagter begin
luister het," het Jannes
afgesluit. Vir Naledi en sy
skrywers lê daar nog vele

opwindende vooruitsigte voor - die naam
'Naledi' beteken nie verniet "Ster" nie ('n
woord uit Sepedi / Noord-Sotho). Met die
woorde "Let's party and have a good time",
het Johan die gaste genooi om die aand
saam met hom te geniet. Volledige inligting
en foto's deur Annette Havenga is
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Minister Simmers opens upgraded Trunk Road between Stanford and Gansbaai

"Today we didn't just cut a ribbon - we celebrated a major investment in mobility, safety, and opportunity for the people of Stanford, Gansbaai, and the greater Overstrand area," said Western Cape Minister of Infrastructure, Tertuis Simmers, after officially opening the Trunk Road (TR) 28/2 between Stanford and Gansbaai on 21 October 2025. The Western Cape Department of Infrastructure (DOI) project involved upgrading and rehabilitating approximately 20km of Trunk Road (TR) 28/2 between Stanford and Gansbaai, as well as upgrading 3.8km of Minor Road 4017 (OP4017) from gravel to a surfaced road. The project was officially opened by Minister Simmers.



Minister Tertuis Simmers cutting the ribbon at the official opening of the Trunk Road (TR) 28/2 between Stanford and Gansbaai.

According to Melt Botes, spokesperson for the Minister, Jandr  Bakker, DOI Director for Operational Support, explained: "TR28/2 is commonly known as the R43, and OP4017 is the road that runs between Stanford and Springfontein Wine Estate. TR28/2 has now been upgraded to a Class 1 road, OP4017 has been upgraded to a surfaced Class 4 rural road between 0.14km and 3.67km, and 500m of OP4017 has been regravelled. Asphalt overlays have also been completed on 400m of road in Gansbaai and on 3.2km in Stanford, and new street lighting has been installed. This extensive project represents a R491.8 million investment in the area."

Key features and additions to the road include: *Twelve new bus stops built at access points along TR28/2; *Three auxiliary/climbing lanes constructed on TR28/2; *Turning lanes added at major access points; *Major accesses from TR28/2 and OP4017 surfaced; *Concrete drains and erosion control structures built where there are deep cuttings; *Various stormwater drainage structures constructed; * Guardrails installed and asphalt berms built at high fills; *New road signage installed.

Minister Simmers said that road construction requires balancing various environmental and community



concerns, and one of the project's most interesting features is the inclusion of major culvert structures that allow frogs and small wildlife to cross safely underneath the road. "Creating work opportunities through our infrastructure projects remains one of our top priorities," said Minister Simmers. "I am pleased to announce that this project created 369 short-term work opportunities against a target of 350. We achieved 68 296 person-days of work, exceeding our target of 63 266." He added that over R123.5

million was spent on procuring goods and services from targeted enterprises, surpassing the initial target of just over R91 million. "We supported 16 local enterprises and exceeded our goal of 12 emerging contractors - with 20 benefiting from this project," Simmers said.

"I am proud of my team, but I also urge road users to use the infrastructure we build responsibly and to take care of it. We do our part for you - now it is up to drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians to play theirs by looking after this asset," he concluded. This project stands as a powerful example of public investment unlocking private productivity, improving safety, and boosting local economies. Let's protect what has been built - respect the rules of the road and the investment made into our community. "This road now belongs to you - the people who use it, work on it, and live beside it."

(Source: Melt Botes, Spokesperson to Western Cape Minister of Infrastructure, Tertuis Simmers)

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Die uitvoerende burgemeester van die Overstrand, Archie Klaas, het sy innige dank uitgespreek teenoor die gemeenskap vir die donasies en verversings wat by verskeie brandweerstasies in die streek afgelewer is. "Die ondersteuning word opreg waardeur deur die brandspanne, wat steeds veglustig bly - al is hulle verstaanbaar uitgeput," het hy gesê.

Volgens die jongste inligting wat op 28 Oktober 2025 van die munisipale bestuurder, Dean O'Neil, ontvang is, werk die



spanne steeds onverpoos op vyf verskillende brandlyne. Die gesamentlike poging van grondeienaars, FMU-lede, goFPA, ODM en die Overstrand Munisipale Brandweer het tot dusver enige strukturele skade voorkom. Toegang tot die brandlyne bly egter 'n uitdaging weens digte plantegroei en bergagtige terrein. Die reën van 26 Oktober het verligting gebring en die verspreiding van die vuur vertraag, maar opvlamming kom steeds voor. Grondeienaars in die onmiddellike omgewing word versoek om waaksaam te bly en gereed te wees om vinnig op te tree indien nodig.

"'n Hartlike dank aan die brandbestrydingspanne van die Overstrand Munisipaliteit en die Overberg Distriksmunisipaliteit, sowel as die grondbesitters, die Greater Overberg Fire Protection Association (goFPA), plaaslike Fire Management Unit en die Volunteer Wildfire Services (VWS) vir hul volgehoue toewyding en harde werk," het O'Neil gesê.



'n Verskeidenheid instansies en ons vuurvegters is bedank vir hul onbaatsugtige hulpverlening – die Gans-Berg Nuus wil graag ons uitstekende Verkeersmanne en -vroue, asook ons Wetstoepassers, by hierdie lys van bedankings voeg. Hierdie is manne en vroue lewer deurgaans onbaatsugtige en noodsaaklike dienste.

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The Power of Community

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Getting the Word Out Online

Most people are curious and love convenience. So, when they hear about something new happening, like Steri-Thon, they try to look it up online right away for more information. In case you don't already know, a Steri-Thon is essentially a sterilisation "marathon" for cats and dogs. Volunteers, vets, and the community come together to provide as many animals as possible with spay or neuter procedures, along with basic medical care such as deworming, tick and flea control, and rabies vaccinations. To ensure the information about this ongoing event is kept together in one place online, Fostering Animals, one of Steri-Thon's organisers, created a dedicated Xplorio profile. It's got

everything the public needs to know: what Steri-Thon is all about, who the organisers are, how to make an appointment, where to donate, and what you can do to get involved. It's like the organisation's online headquarters - always open, and always welcoming.

Tell the Latest Stories Behind the Cause

People connect with stories more than statistics. To create interaction, the Steri-Thon team share updates about their journey online to inspire as many people as possible to join them. It shines a spotlight on the animals the team helps, the volunteers who give their time and the difference this project makes, as it happens. If you're hosting a charitable event or championing a drive like Steri-Thon, you can use your Xplorio profile as a website that can be shared on social media. Adding a few photos, a short video, or a blog celebrating your organisation's achievements can inspire someone new to get involved. Every post shared, comment added, or donation made starts with that connection.

Share Your Story in the Paper

Xplorio's online platform helps local NPOs connect with audiences interested in community-focused happenings, while Gans-Berg Nuus / News keeps that connection tangible in print. Whether readers buy the paper or read it at their favourite coffee shop, an advertorial or feature reminds them that events like Steri-Thon are happening, and that everyone can play a part. It turns a good cause into a shared community story. And, when your printed story includes a website link, readers can easily use it to find out more, make those much-

needed donations or volunteer their time. It's a powerful connection between the printed page and the digital world.

When Online and Print Work Hand in Hand

Here's where the beauty of online and print really blossoms. Someone might read about Steri-Thon in Gans-Berg Nuus / News and then visit the organisers' Xplorio profile to learn more. Another person might spot a post on Facebook, check out the profile and later be reminded of the event when they see it featured in the paper. If the whole community is involved, there might be posters around town and flyers at local businesses. That steady presence, online and in print, builds awareness, trust, and momentum. And for an initiative like Steri-Thon, that means more animals sterilised, more donations, and more community impact.

The Bottom Line

To sum it up, combining online and print marketing isn't just smart, it's essential. Each channel strengthens the other and helps get the message further.

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Meer as 3,2 miljoen leerlinge in Suid-Afrika word jaarliks geboelie - 'n skokkende statistiek wat die omvang van hierdie diepgewortelde probleem onderstreep. Dit is nie net 'n saak van dissipline nie, maar een van menswaardigheid, veiligheid en geestesgesondheid. Skole, ouers en onderwysowerhede het 'n gedeelde verantwoordelikheid om saam te werk aan volhoubare oplossings wat elke kind beskerm en 'n veilige leeromgewing verseker.

Sosiale media het onlangs verskeie ontstellende voorbeelde na vore gebring: *'n Video van 'n ma wat beweer haar dogter herhaaldelik by 'n hoërskool geboelie; *'n Skoolhoof van 'n hoërskool wat ondersoek word na bewerings van boeliegedrag, nepotisme en wanbestuur, nadat minstens 21 personelede klagtes ingedien het; *En die lys hou nie daar op nie. Die Gautengse LUR vir Onderwys, Matome Chiloane, het sy kommer uitgespreek en bevestig dat verskeie ondersoekte tans aan die gang is.

In verlede week se uitgawe het die Gans-Berg Nuis onder

andere gefokus op Oktober as

Geestesgesondheidsmaand - 'n belangrike herinnering dat boelie nie net fisieke letsels laat nie, maar ook diep emosionele wonde. 'n Leser het tereg gevra: Wat is die verskil tussen "boelie" en "aanranding"? Die antwoord lê dikwels in die aard van die skade: emosionele trauma teenoor fisiese beserings - albei met ernstige gevolge.

Die Gans-Berg Nuis sluit aan by die oproep dat skole, ouers en onderwysowerhede dringend en gesamentlik moet optree. Ons kinders verdien leeromgewings waar hulle veilig, gerespekteer en ondersteun voel - elke dag, in elke klaskamer. In Gansbaai berig die Gans-Berg Nuis gereeld oor leerders se uitstekende prestasies in ons plaaslike en omliggende skole - dit lê die redaksiespan dus na aan die hart om hierdie leerders, asook dié wat nie noodwendig buitengewone presteerders is nie, die geleentheid op 'n kommerlose leeromgewing te bied.

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"Amazing" - Manie Veldman se rolstoel-boottrit

"Daar is net één woord waarmee ek die bootrit in my rolstoel kan beskryf - amazing!" Dit was Manie Veldman se eerste woorde nadat hy van Marine Dynamics se boot, *Dream Catcher*, met sy rolstoel 'afgehys' is. "Al was my oë so groot soos pierings!" het Manie bygevoeg.

Manie vertel dat hy voor sy twee breinoperasies gereeld see toe gegaan het om te hengel, maar nooit seesiek geword het nie. "Ek het hierdie bootrit goed hanteer, maar toe ons by Geysereiland, waar die robbe is, draai, moes ek dringend vra vir 'n seesiek-sakkie!" vertel hy laggend. "Ek dink my brein was nog nie vir 'n bootrit ingestel nie!"

Manie se eggenote, Elsie, het tydens die 2025-Borskankerstep 'n bootrit vir twee ter waarde van R4 290 gewen. Vanselfsprekend was Manie haar mede-bootpassasier - met rolstoel en al! *Dream Catcher* se bemanning was geensins afgeskrik deur die rolstoel nie. Manie is letterlik, met rolstoel en al, en met vriendelike geduld deur die personeel die boottrappies opgedra, tot waar hulle hom op 'n veilige plek laat sit het.



Elsie Veldman, nadat sy die bootrit vir twee gewen het.

Lesers sal onthou dat Manie lank gelede die Wheelie Bunch-projek begin het, nadat hy van twee breinoperasies herstel het, maar daarna rolstoelgebonde was. Ten slotte het Manie met groot waardering oor die vriendelike en hulpvaardige bemanningslede van *Dream Catcher* gepraat, en ook sy opregte dankbaarheid uitgespreek oor die bootrit wat hy in sy rolstoel kon meemaak.

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Nou is daar nie meer 'n omdraaikans nie - dis net boontoe!



Middel: Manie en Elsie Veldman saam met *Dream Catcher* se bemanningslede.

"Wat 'n heerlike somersdag was dit nie vir krieket nie," lui Laerskool Gansbaai (LSG) se mediaverklaring. "Ons spanne het op Woensdag, 22 Oktober, teen Laerskool Die Bron krieket gespeel, en beide ons o/11- en o/13-spanne het met puik oorwinnings weggestap!" aar was verskeie uitblinkers op die dag, maar 'n paar spesiale vermeldings is op hul plek: Ethan Werth het 'n ongelooflike 95 lopies aangeteken, terwyl sy broer, Tylar Werth, met uitstekende boulwerk vier paaltjies laat kantel het. Baie geluk aan die twee broers, asook aan al die ander spelers en afrigters - LSG is trots op elkeen van julle. Die skool bedank ook Laerskool Die Bron vir hul wonderlike sportmangees en vriendelike gasvryheid.

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Weather Forecast / Weer Voorspelling

| Friday 31/10/2025 | Saturday 1/11/2025 | Sunday 2/11/2025 | Monday 3/11/2025 | Tuesday 4/11/2025 | Wednesday 5/11/2025 |
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| | | | | | |
| 18° | 17° | 18° | 20° | 19° | 19° |
| Fresh Breeze 8 m/s from west 0.1 mm precipitation. | Moderate Breeze 6 m/s from south-west 0 mm precipitation. | Moderate Breeze 6 m/s from south 0 mm precipitation. | Fresh Breeze 9 m/s from south-east 0 mm precipitation. | Gentle Breeze 4 m/s from south-west 0 mm precipitation. | Moderate Breeze 7 m/s from south-east 0 mm precipitation. |

Getytafels / Tide Tables

| Dag / Day | High | High | Low | Low |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|
| 31 October | 1106 | 2343 | 0442 | 1738 |
| 1 November | 1200 | 0033 | 0543 | 1826 |
| 2 November | 1245 | 0117 | 0632 | 1908 |
| 3 November | 1328 | 0157 | 0715 | 1948 |
| 4 November | 1409 | 0200 | 0756 | 2028 |
| 5 November | 0238 | 1450 | 0837 | 2107 |
| 6 November | 0319 | 1532 | 0919 | 2148 |
| 7 November | 0440 | 1655 | 1047 | 2308 |
| 8 November | 0528 | 1744 | 1140 | 2355 |
| 9 November | 0619 | 1837 | 1238 | 0047 |
| 10 November | 0714 | 1938 | 1344 | 0147 |
| 11 November | 0817 | 2050 | 1458 | 0200 |
| 12 November | 0927 | 2210 | 0256 | 1615 |
| 13 November | 1036 | 2323 | 0410 | 1721 |

Skeer of Sprei vir Kanker

Op Saterdag, 4 Oktober 2025 het Harbour on Deck hulle jaarlikse *Shave or Spray* geleentheid aangebied. Die eenaars, Pieter en Bronwyn van der Westhuizen en hulle personeel ondersteun *Dogs of War Motorbike Club* om fondse vir Kansa, wat hulle baie na aan die hart lê, in te samel. Allen Barnley het as seremoniemeester opgetree.

Vanjaar het hulle op 'n donkerblou kleurskema besluit kolonkanker - die dag is opgedra aan Jan Binedell, die pa en oupa van Pieter en Bronwyn van der Westhuizen. Jan het op 8 Februarie 2025 sy stryd teen kolonkanker verloor. Die dames van Dogs of War het vir die spreid van hare gesorg en Lee Odendaal het die koppe kaal geskeer.

Die dag is ook baie goed deur motorfietsers sover as vanaf Kaapstad. Daar was ook 'n paar kanker-pasiënte geskeer en gespuit het. Dit was vir die eenaars 'n voorreg om vir Valencia, die



Nathan van der Westhuizen, Sofie en Allen Barnley (MC).

verteenwoordiger van Kansa in Gansbaai te kon ontmoet. 'n Groot Kansa-lint is gebruik waar mense in die kleur van 'n spesifieke kanker, 'n duimafdruk kon maak die naam van 'n geliefde wat die stryd teen kanker verloor het. Almal was dit eens dat dit emosionele oomblikke was om geliefdes op hierdie wyse te onthou.

Manie Veldman van The Wheelie Bunch het 2 van sy pragtige, self-gekleurde geskenke wat ten bate van die aand opgeveel is. Wat wonderlik was, is dat altwee die skilderye gekoop is en teruggegee is om weer opgeveel te word - dit is mos hoe opregte gesindhede werk. Die aand is afgesluit met Tanya en Natasha van Jamboree wat vir almal teenwoordig musiek gemaak het. Pieter en Bronwyn van Harbour on Deck dra graag hulle dank en waardering oor aan almal vir donasies en ondersteuning van die aand ten bate van Kansa.

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Dogs of War en deelnemers.



Valencia Beukes-Williams (links), Kansa-verteenwoordiger in Gansbaai.



Jamboree-dames.



Pearly Beach se voorslag Vrouediens-dames

Die voorslag Vrouediens van die NG Kerk Pearly Beach het hul jaar op 'n gesellige noot afgesluit met 'n ontbyt by die Great White House in Kleinbaai - 'n welverdiende 'beloning' ná 'n jaar se harde werk. "Pearly Beach Oord was ook goed verteenwoordig," vertel Elaine Baard, voorsitter van die Pearly Beach Vrouediens. Sowat 40 dames het die geleentheid bygewoon, wat dit laat klink het soos die gezoem van bye! Thea le Roux het die ontbyt namens Wyk 2 gereël.



Thea le Roux (links), wat die reëlings vir die ontbyt behartig het

wat aan die kerkraad oorbetal is vir die inbou van 'n binnebraai. 'n Welverdiende ontbyt, 'n sypaal-inwyding en 'n Kersele - duidelik 'n dinamiese en bedrywige groep dames! (Foto's verskaf)

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"Ons bestuur het reeds vergader om ons program vir 2026 te bespreek," sê Elaine. "Ons het nog net een funksie vir die jaar oor: die inwyding van die kerk se sypaal, waarvoor ons só hard gewerk het." Die inwydingsfunksie vind op 20 November 2025 plaas en sal terselfdertyd as hul Kersele dien.

Die ywerige dames het daarin geslaag om 'n pragtige bedrag van R20 000 in te samel,

Public urged to stay Alert this Fire Season

'Wildfire prevention saves lives and the environment.'

CapeNature is urging the public to remain alert and proactive as wildfire season intensifies, warning that the true cost of runaway fires is far greater than many realise.

Each year, wildfires threaten lives, destroy homes and infrastructure, and cause lasting damage to the Western Cape's biodiversity. In the 2024/25 season alone, CapeNature spent over R20 million on fire suppression, with infrastructure losses and private land damage pushing legal claims beyond R300 million.

But the toll goes beyond rands. Wildfires displace families, injure wildlife, and devastate habitats. Last season, 97 fires scorched more than 75,000 hectares - 42% on private land and 58% on CapeNature-managed areas - highlighting the organisation's commitment to rapid response across all landscapes.

While fire is a natural part of the ecosystem, the rise in human-caused blazes is unsustainable. Only 19.5% of last season's fires were naturally ignited. Prevention remains our strongest defence. Simple actions - never leaving open flames unattended, disposing of cigarette butts properly, clearing defensible space, and reporting smoke or fire immediately - can save lives and landscapes.



"Fire prevention is a shared responsibility," says CapeNature CEO Dr Ashley Naidoo. "When a fire breaks out, everyone pays the price. But when we act early, everyone benefits." To support public awareness, CapeNature has launched Fire Fridays with Kai and Friends, a weekly social media series offering practical fire safety tips for families, schools, and communities. CapeNature urges all residents, landowners, and visitors to stay vigilant this fire season. If you see smoke or fire, call 112 from a mobile or 10177 from a landline.

CapeNature General Manager: Advocacy Petro van Rhyn

'Oefenstappies' vir 2026 L2L

Die *Lighthouse to Lighthouse* (L2L)-dames is reeds hard aan die oefen vir 2026 se amptelike L2L-stap tussen die Agulhas- en Dangerpoint-ligtorings. Hierdie liefdadigheidsorganisasie samel jaarliks duisende rande op hierdie wyse in, wat aan spesifieke organisasies oorhandig word.

Daar word deeglik voorberei vir elke L2L-stap - die dames neem jaarliks aan sewe oefenstappe deel om hulself voor te berei vir die sowat 100km wat oor vier dae afgelê word. Op Sondag 19 Oktober 2025 het hulle hul derde oefenstap vir die 2026-L2L aangepak. Die groep het vanaf Franskraalstrand sowat 8km in die rigting van Uilenkraalsmond en terug gestap.

Die Gans-Berg Nuus het 'n draai gaan maak, en dit het gelyk of die dames reeds fiks en gereed is vir hulle volgende groot uitdaging. Personeel en bejaardes van Silwerjare Dienssentrum was ook daar om die dames te ondersteun - hulle staan 'n goeie kans om volgende jaar weer vir 'n

toekening in aanmerking te kom. "Silwerjare Dienssentrum het verlede jaar derde uit 19 liefdadigheidsorganisasies geëindig," het Betsie de Witt opgewonde vertel. "Ek is supertrots op hulle!"

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'Pure fiks' ná die L2L-dames se 3de oefenstap, saam met Silwerjare Dienssentrum ondersteuners.



Groot opgewondenheid nadat Silwerjare Dienssentrum met die vorige L2L-toekennings 3de geëindig het.

Skaak-Gansies skitter steeds in Skaak

'n Paar van Laerskool Gansbaai (LSG) se knap Skaak-Gansies het onlangs aan die *Curro Hermanus Spring Open* Skaaktoernooi deelgeneem. "Ons gelukwense gaan aan ons leerders met hul uitstekende

prestasies en goeie skuiwe," het LSG se Media-beampte laat weet.

Seuns o/7 - Leroux Coetzer 3de;
Seuns o/9 - Lihan Lourens 6de en Quade Crafford 5de; Dogters o/11 - Anneke du Preez 1ste; Seuns o/11 - Hanro Coetzer 2de; Dogters o/13 - Alet du Preez 2de.
Welgedaan, Gansies!



Voor: Anneke & Alet du Preez en Hanro Coetzer.
Agter: Lihan Lourens, Quade Crafford en Leroux Coetzer.

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Curro Hermanus se 'Swemmer van die Jaar' in die Junior Meisies-afdeling (o/10, o/11 en o/12) is Su-Alét Basson (11), 'n leerder in Graad 5. Baie geluk met jou pragtige prestasie, Su-Alét! Maar sy blink nie nét uit in swem nie - ook op akademiese vlak is sy 'n ster, met haar balkie vir die Top 5 wat onlangs aan haar toegeken is.

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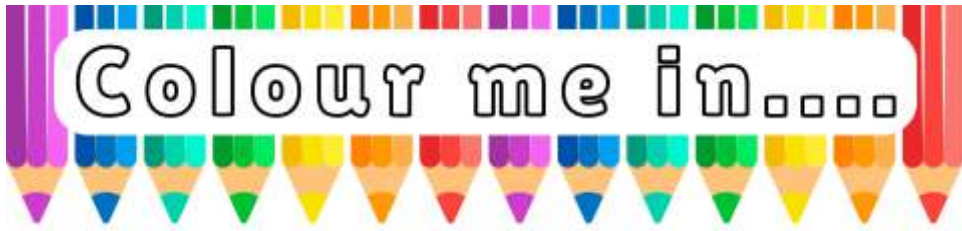


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Gansbaai Gholfklub

Johan Coetzee en Theo van Niekerk triomfeer in Laerskool Gansbaai Gholfdag

Johan Coetzee en Theo van Niekerk was die wenners van Laerskool Gansbaai Fondsinamelings Gholfdag op Saterdag, 25 Oktober 2025, met Steve Jackson Naaste aan pen (15) en Deon Momberg (18). JP Laubscher teken 'n Arend (10) op Woensdag, 22 Oktober 2025 aan.

Woensdag, 22 Oktober:

Solly Wessels wen die Sloegters Enkel Stableford kompetisie met 40 punte, gevolg deur Berty Sassman 39, Marietjie de Villiers 38, Dawie Viljoen 38, Cobus Dippenaar 38, Anton Jordaan 37, Peet Pretorius 37, Hugo Groenewald 37, JP Laubscher 36 en Bev Swart 34.

Naaste aan die pen no 15 (rooi): Dirk van Dyk.
Spog Twee's: Dirk van Dyk (2).
Arend op no 10: JP Laubscher.

Vrydag, 24 Oktober:

Nico Jones wen die 9-putjie Enkel Stableford met 20 punte, gevolg deur Johan Coetzee 20, Sakkie van der Merwe 20, Lionel Kemm 20, Koos Myburgh 19, Pietie Uys 19, Corrie Avenant 18, Pieter Smal 18, Marietjie de Villiers 18 en Johan du Preez 17.

Saterdag, 25 Oktober:

Johan Coetzee & Theo van Niekerk met 60 net, was die wenners van die Gansbaai Laerskool Fondsinamelings Gholfdag se 2Ball American Scramble - baie geluk! Tweede was Daniel van der Merwe & Francois van der Merwe 65, Walter Wallace & Adriaan Kloppers 65, Hendry van Appeldoorn & Gavin Flint 66, Johan du Preez en Andre Hage 67, Pieter Smal & Werner Muller 68, JP Laubscher & Aileen Laubscher 69, Mellvin Tobias & Bev Swart 70 en Mike Geldenhuys & Karel van Dyk 71.

Naaste aan pen no 15: Steven Jackson.
Langste set no 18: Deon Momberg.
Langste dryf no 9: Francois van der Merwe.

Staterdag, 1 November:

Houespel.

Vrydag, 7 November:

Die volgende *steakaand*.

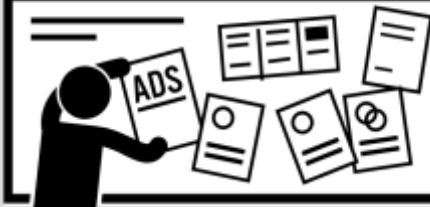
**Groete,
Johan Coetzee 082 878 0534**



Twee van Laerskool Gansbaai (LSG) se leiers, broer en suster, Daniël en Isabelle de Villiers het onlangs aan die Plattelandse Tennistoernooi vir Laerskole deelgeneem. Altesaam 256 spelers het aan die toernooi deelgeneem. "Die boetie en sussie het nuwe maats gemaak en sommer ook ou maats 'raak-speel'," lui LSG se mediaverklaring. Die Overberg o/11-span het die tweede geëindig, terwyl die o/10-span vierde plek behaal het. "Goeie sportmanges het beslis geseëvier! Welgedaan aan ons twee Gansies - ons is super trots op julle entoesiasme en harde werk op die tennisbaan!"

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Overberg Rots- en Strand Hengelklub Kampioenhengelaar keer terug - en wen weer!

Tydens die Overberg Rots- en Strand Hengelklub se hengelkompetisie op Saterdag, 18 Oktober 2025, het die klub se kampioenhengelaar van verlede jaar, Thys Kemp teruggekeer - gelukkig nou af van die krukkelys af - en somer met die intrapslag sy vernuf gewys deur die dag se nommer een posisie met 'n totale gewig van 2.69 kg te beklee. Arno van der Merwe was tweede met 2.26 kg en Estelle Basson derde met 2.18 kg.

“Vis raak al skaarser, maar ons hengelaars slaag steeds daarin om pragtige vangstes aan wal te bring, te weeg en weer vry te laat (*catch & release*),” vertel Elba Tredoux van die klub. “Daarom is die belangrikste deel van die dag dan ook die prysuitdeling.”

“Elke maandelikse hengelkompetisie en die funksie daarna is vir baie klublede en hul vriende 'n hoogtepunt op die sosiale kalender,” sê Elba. “Dis telkens 'n tyd vir saamkuier, groot gesels en lekker eet!” So was dit weer kookwater-besigheid met die Korhane as gasheerspan - met 'n voorslag-spyskaart. Elba vertel dat die orkes se lewendige musiek natuurlik 'n groot deel van die sukses van die



Arno van der Merwe (2de plek) met 'n mooi vis.



Sonja van der Merwe en Estelle Basson word deur Hendri Badenhorst beloon.



Groot visstories word gedeel - Estelle Basson (3de) en Thys Kemp (1ste).

gesellige aand was. “Die gepaardgaande samesang is baie gewild en neem die kuiery tot laataand toe.”

“Groot dankie aan ons gereelde en getroue borge van pryse - naamlik Kuslang's Restaurant, Gansbaai Vismark en Fish Fever - asook aan almal wat van tyd tot tyd pryse skenk vir '*lucky draws*,'” het Elba bygevoeg. “Ons sien uit na die klub se laaste kompetisie vir die jaar, wat gedurende die naweek van 22 November 2025 sal plaasvind.”

Hardus Botha



Ons wag en ons wag - 'n pragtige dag teen die see.



Die kookwater-orkes sorg vir ritme en gees.