



LADYBIRD PRIMARY SCHOOL FUN CHORAL WORKSHOP

Correspondent

Singers of the Ladybrand Primary School Choir engaged in a morning Fun Choral Workshop at the Moolmanshoek estate, a nature heritage site in the Eastern Free State on Saturday 10 May.

Other than rehearsing and learning new repertoire, the choristers played team-building games, mingled with fellow singers and the choir trainers to get to know each other better.

The choristers made good memories from their experiences as a team on which to build a solid foundation for exploring vocal music further this year.

Sangers van die Ladybrand Laerskoolkoor het Saterdag 10 Mei 'n Pret Koorwerkwinkel op die pragtige Moolmanshoek natuureservaat in die Oos-Vrystaat bygewoon.

Die koorsangers het nuwe koorwerke aangeleer en deelgeneem aan spanbou speletjies om mekaar en hulle koorleiers op informele vlak beter te leer ken.

Hierdie heerlike koorsing-ervaring sluit kosbare herinneringe in, wat dien as goeie fondasie verder vanjaar vir die sangers as die skool se singspan 2025.

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Ladybrand Primary School Choir at Moolmanshoek.



UITBLINKERS IN VS-TENNISSPAN

Korrespondent

Ladybrand Primêre Skool is baie trots op drie van hul talentvolle dogters wat onlangs as lede van die Vrystaatse tennisspan teen Noordwes in Klerksdorp deelgeneem het.

Die drie spelers het hul skool en provinsie met trots verteenwoordig en bewys dat harde werk en toewyding vrugte afwerp. Dié

jong tennisspelers het hul vaardighede en sportmangees op die baan ten toon gestel en hul deelname is 'n bewys van die kwaliteit sportontwikkeling by die skool. Die ouers ondersteun hul kinders se passie vir tennis van kleins af.

Elandi Bothma, Zilan Cronjé en Hilde-Mari Jonker gaan beslis in die toekoms groot opslae maak op die tennisbaan!



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D2 DANCE SHINES AT DANCE FINALS

Correspondent

D2 Dance Studio has once again proven that small towns can produce big talent. The preliminary rounds of the Free State Dance Awards took place in Bethlehem in April and four dancers successfully qualified for the prestigious finals.

The finals were held in Bloemfontein in May, where a panel of esteemed adjudicators from across



South Africa evaluated the best of the province's dancers. Representing Clocolan were Beila and Mikal Groenewald, while Ladybrand was proudly represented by Lea Gelderbloem and Thea Maema. All four girls earned bronze, silver or gold medals in their respective categories, showcasing their commitment and passion for dance. Particularly outstanding performances included:

Lea Gelderbloem - Gold in Tap, Thea Maema - Gold in Ballet and Mikal Groenewald Gold in Musical Theatre.

Dance instructor, Ané Pike expressed immense pride in her students. D2 Dance Studio continues to cultivate excellence in the performing arts and with results like these, the future look bright for the talented dancers.

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PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING

Correspondent

Yeshua College hosted a heartfelt Praise and Worship Evening on the 9th of May 2025, drawing students, parents, and community members together in a spirit of gratitude and unity.

The presence of God was deeply felt throughout the evening, creating a powerful atmosphere of worship and thanksgiving.

The event was organized to express collective

thanks for God's abundant blessings and to contribute meaningfully to those in need.

Attendees generously donated clothes and shoes, which will be distributed to various orphanages around Ladybrand.

The school would like to thank everyone who participated and gave, ensuring that many will be warmly clothed during this winter season.



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Community Calendar



Wolf Pack Tennis Clinic

Ladybrand Sports Club
23 May: 14h00 - 17h00
24 May: 08h00 - 12h00

Ladybrand Business League

Ladybrand Golf Club
31 May 2025 @ 12am

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BACON & BASIL PESTO PASTA

A delicious 5-ingredient pasta dish for lunch or dinner that is ready in 20 minutes. This Bacon and Basil pesto pasta is perfect for a last minute dinner idea or a hearty lunch!



Ingredients:

2 cups pasta (I used Penne)
200g streaky bacon
3/4 cherry tomatoes sliced in half
4 tablespoons basil pesto
1/2 cup creamy feta

Other:

2 1/2 cups water
1/2 tablespoon olive oil
salt
freshly cracked black pepper



Method:

In a medium-sized pot, boil the pasta in 2 1/2 cups water, until al dente (cooked but not soggy!) and then drain and set aside.

Whilst the pasta is cooking, fry the bacon until crispy and then chop into small bits and set aside.

Now using the same pan as you cooked the bacon in, add 1/2 tablespoon olive oil and fry the tomatoes until soft and juicy. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Now, assemble everything! Mix the pesto through the pasta, add the bacon bits, cherry tomatoes and top off with creamy feta. Tadaaa!

Weekend Weather

Friday

May 23



Plenty of sunshine

19° Lo -1°

Saturday

May 24



Mostly sunny

20° Lo -1°

Sunday

May 25



Plenty on sun

19° Lo -1°

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Dink 'n Bietjie

Daar is iets magies (of dalk malgies) wat met ouers gebeur sodra hulle hul voet op 'n sportveld sit. Skielik verander Ma in 'n Wêreld-beker-skeidsregter en Pa in 'n gesoute afrigter wat, volgens hom, eintlik die Bokkies moes help voorberei het vir die Wêreld-beker. Met 'n kampstoel, 'n fluitjie (waar kry sy dit?) en 'n koelhouer vol energiedrankies, sit Ma reg. En hemel help daardie kind van die opponerende span wat haar kleinding aanraak – sy's binne sekondes reg om 'n rooi kaart te waai, al speel hulle net mini-net-

bal. Pa, aan die anderkant, hardloop langs die lyn soos 'n opgewonde Golden Retriever, roep taktieke uit soos: "Trap links! Nee, Jannie, jou ander links!" en "Hou daai lyn soos ek jou geleer het!" (Wat hy natuurlik nooit het nie.) Die arme afrigter kyk moedeloos toe terwyl die ouers 'n alternatiewe wedstryd langs die kantlyn begin: Wie kan die hardste aanmoedig sonder om hulle stemme vir die week te verloor. Die wenner kry ... stemverlies en 'n briefie van die skoolhoof. Kinders speel, ouers speel hard saam – welkom by Saterdag se Groot Sport Drama, elke week, gratis toegang, bring net jou eie kampstoel en 'n dik vel.

ORATORS EXCELL

Correspondent

The school is incredibly proud of the learners who took part in the annual Senekal Public Speaking Festival on Wednesday, 14 May. They represented the school with pride and delivered excellent performances.

Gold: Mireille Frazier, Wieghardt Brummer, Christopher Lategan, Elan-

di Bothma, Christiaan Smit, Haylene Crous, Ahlaam Osman, Reuben de Jager, Amy-Kate Dixie, Arrie Smit and GP Grobler.

Special awards: Amy-Kate Dixie: Gold and prize for most enjoyable speech. Arrie Smit: Gold and prize for best language use. GP Grobler: Gold and prize for best speech. Silver: MJ van Pletzen & Leila Lategan.



A HISTORIC FIRST FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Correspondent

In a memorable celebration of sport, intellect and camaraderie, Ladybrand High School proudly hosted the first ever fully-fledged derby against long-time rivals, Ficksburg High School.

While previous years saw spirited contests limited to rugby, hockey and netball, 2025 marked a pivotal milestone in the relationship between the two schools as new disciplines were officially incorporated into the annual fixture. This year's derby saw a remarkable expansion of activities, with the inclusion of debating, chess, cycling and golf – an effort that not only broadened the scope of competition but also embraced a more holistic view of school talent and excellence. The school campus transformed into a vibrant

hub of excitement, team spirit and healthy rivalry. Particular commendation must go to LHS for their outstanding hosting of this prestigious event.

As this new tradition takes root, it is clear the LHS-Ficksburg derby has evolved into more than just a set of matches – it is now a showcase of the shared pursuit of excellence across multiple disciplines. Next year, the spotlight will shift to Ficksburg High School as they take on the role of hosts. If this year's event is anything to go by, the future of this derby promises even greater competition, deeper connections and continued celebration of youth and talent and spirit.

Ladybrand High School was victorious in cycling, tennis, chess, netball and rugby while Ficksburg took honours in debating, golf and hockey. Well done!

ELEVEN BOYS IN GRIFFONS TEAM

Correspondent

Ladybrand High School has once again proven its sporting excellence, proudly celebrating the selection of eleven of its talented under 16 rugby players to the prestigious u/16 Griffons Country side rugby team.

Following an series of trials, these young sports men displayed remarkable skill, discipline and sportsmanship – qualities that have rightfully earned them their place among the region's best.

The selected players are: Tshepo Sekolonyane, Liam Tosen, Mihlan Kotzé, Bless Mokololo, Charl Visagie, Cole Ontong, Gideon Knot, Max Mokoko, Naledi Lebona, Owami Hlongwande and Reabetsoe Marunye. Their selection is a testament not only to their personal dedication and skill but also to the strength of Ladybrand High School's rugby programme.

Ladybrand continues to stand tall, holding its own with distinction and pride.

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LADYBRAND SCHOOL OF SKILLS NETBALL SHINES

Correspondent

In a thrilling showcase of talent, teamwork and tenacity, the first netball team of Ladybrand School of Skills has made history by winning all their matches recently, marking a triumphant debut on the court.

The team impressed spectators and opponents alike with their unwavering spirit, finishing the day undefeated. Ladybrand opened their campaign with a commanding 14-2 victory over Qelo, demonstrating both offensive strength and defensive discipline. The team's confidence only grew as they faced Lady-

brand Academy in a closely contested match. In a nail-biting finish, Ladybrand edged out their local rivals 8-6, proving their resilience under pressure.

The match against Rosenhof was another intense encounter, with Ladybrand narrowly clinching a 12-10 win.

Behind this stellar performance lies the dedication and tireless efforts of the coaching staff. The coaches have invested countless hours into training and developing not just skilled players, but also confident young women. This was evident in every pass, intercept and goal.