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A new chapter for this newspaper...

AT A GLANCE: Mayor welcomes SAVANNA CITY TIMES

Mayor welcomes SAVANNA CITY TIMES

A warm Mkhwalu welcome to the team behind the new SAVANNA CITY TIMES, and to all readers of this publication. We are very excited about the launch of this paper, as we hope that it can provide yet another platform for the municipality to stay in touch with our people. Savanna City is one of the key developments within Mkhwalu Local Municipality, and the development is bringing huge changes to the area. Once the construction is complete with all 18 000 houses occupied, the population of our municipality will have almost doubled! We see this as an incredible opportunity for new businesses to establish themselves within Mkhwalu, and to create jobs for the people who will be moving into the area.

As a municipality, we are committed to ensuring the best quality of services to the people of Savanna City, as we have always done throughout our municipality. We trust that your experience of life in Mkhwalu will be one of growth and prosperity. To the team behind SAVANNA CITY TIMES, we wish you the very best in your journey to inform, educate and represent not just the people of Savanna City but residents and business owners from Ekurhuleni and beyond.

A heartfelt thanks for your efforts, Mr Mayor, we look forward to working with you and your team.

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Dear Readers,
For the past nine years, Walkerville & Savanna City Times has been more than just a newspaper - it has been a trusted community voice, a witness to local history, and a platform that celebrated the vibrant life of our neighbourhoods.

Together, we have shared stories of resilience, joy, loss, and triumph. It is with a heavy heart that we announce this August edition will be our final print issue. This was not an easy decision. For 33 years across our titles at Xenor Projects, we have never missed a print deadline. Print has been the heartbeat of our newsroom, and we know how deeply it matters to many of our readers. But the world around us is changing. Globally, advertising revenues are shrinking, and even large media houses face declining print circulation. Here at home, small businesses - once the backbone of local advertising - are grappling with their own financial challenges, leaving far less to spend on print media. At the same time, more and more readers are shifting to digital and mobile-first platforms, cutting into advertising revenue. Our decision is guided by these realities - but also by our unwavering mission. At Xenor, we remain committed to building healthier news narratives, informing and educating communities, and amplifying local voices from the bottom up. To continue this sacred work sustainably, we must adapt. That is why Walkerville & Savanna City Times will now

continue its legacy under the masthead of Orange Farm News, with both titles represented in a united print and digital presence. This step will allow us to remain rooted in your community, while expanding our reach through a robust digital-first newsroom. Through our websites, Facebook pages, and uniquely through our WhatsApp groups - the only independent newsroom in South Africa with such active platforms - we will continue to meet readers where they are. We are deeply grateful to all our readers, advertisers, and volunteers who have journeyed with us. Your support over the years has made this paper possible, and your trust has been our greatest honour. This is not the end of Walkerville & Savanna City Times - it is an evolution. Our voice remains, our vision remains, and our mission remains. Together, we will continue to build informed, connected, and thriving communities.

With gratitude, Shirley Govender
Director & Publishing Editor, Xenor Projects



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We are very happy to welcome the new Savanna City Times. It is a sign that our community is coming of age. Savanna City is one of the largest developments of its kind in South Africa, designed to put home ownership within reach and to offer an enjoyable suburban living experience to its residents.

But a development, no matter how well planned, is not a true community until people get to know each other and start participating in local events together. We believe that the Savanna City Times will play a critical role in bringing people together and creating community spirit. It's a way for everyone to find out what's going on around them, and keeping everyone up to date with local issues that otherwise might not come to light. As a community paper, it fulfills its role best the more members of the community contribute to it.

So congratulations to the team at the Savanna City Times

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Midvaal lights up over 1 200 Sicelo homes



Midvaal Mayor Ald Peter Teixeira shares a joyful moment with a resident after the switch-on

Midvaal Local Municipality has successfully completed the electrification of over 1 200 households in Sicelo, at a cost of more than R18-million.

This multi-year, phased project began in 2023 and reached completion in June 2025. It included the construction of an 11 kV (MV) and a 420 V (LV) overhead network, overhead house connections, and the installation of meters and ready boards. In total, 1,228 households were connected to the electricity grid across four phases: 474 in Phase 1, 321 in Phase 2, 98 in Phase 3, 335 in Phase 4. Residents now enjoy safe, reliable electricity a vital step in uplifting the community and improving quality of life. The new infrastructure has also led to the removal of illegal connections, significantly reducing the risk of electrocution while helping the municipality curb electricity losses and boost revenue.

As part of the project, the contractor invested approximately 30% of the final contract value into empowering local Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) reinforcing commitment to invest local, buy local, and empower local.

This electrification project is a clear reflection of our dedication to the Mayoral Undertakings: creating opportunities, delivering excellent services, improving infrastructure and ensuring access to basic services for all our communities.

Osborne hosts retro celebration honouring women



Laughter, colour and community spirit as Walkerville women celebrate their month

On 9 August, Osborne Pub and Grill was alive with colour, laughter and togetherness as local women gathered for a retro-themed Women's Day celebration.

Embracing the vibrant spirit of the 70s and 80s, the event honoured women who make a difference in the Walkerville community while adding a fun twist with a spirited platter competition. The festive day was made possible through the generous support of local sponsors including RE/MAX Finest Walkerville, Jeremy Glyn Photography, Louise Ransome Avon, Thyme Square Garden Center, Hair by Hanelie, Mini Me Enterprises and SunRaine INK Art. Their contributions helped create a warm, welcoming atmosphere that reflected the pride and unity of Walkerville. Sindy Hendrikz walked away as the winner of the platter competition, while Lesley Visser and Caroline Pauw were celebrated for their outstanding contributions to the community. Event organiser Helen Glyn told Walkerville and Savanna City Times: "I am very proud of how everything turned out. I'm truly grateful to everyone who attended the celebration and to all our sponsors. The women in our community deserve recognition – the work they do is truly remarkable." The day ended with smiles, full hearts and a renewed appreciation for the women of Walkerville. It was not just a nod to the past but also a powerful reminder of the lasting impact women continue to make in their communities every day.



Bill of Rights: A powerful tool in the fight against GBV

South Africa's Constitution enshrines a robust Bill of Rights that serves as the foundation for combating gender-based violence (GBV). Among its key provisions, Section 9 guarantees equality and prohibits unfair discrimination on the basis of gender or sex. Section 10 upholds inherent human dignity, and Section 12 ensures freedom and security of the person, including protection from violence in private and public spheres. Despite these constitutional safeguards, GBV remains a pervasive crisis, prompting legislative and systemic responses. Key statutes include the Domestic Violence Act 116 of 1998, which empowers victims via protection orders and broadens domestic violence definitions to include emotional, psychological, and economic abuse. The Sexual Offences and Related Matters Amendment Act 32 of 2007 and its 2021 update expand and reinforce legal protections, introducing new offences like sexual intimidation and enhancing sentencing for sexual crimes.

Further strengthening the response, the National Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (2020–2030) coordinates prevention efforts, survivor support, and reforms, backed by billions in funding and additional resources such as GBVF Response Funds and specialized care centres.

While South Africa's Bill of Rights provides a powerful moral and legal bulwark, continuously evolving laws, better enforcement, and survivor-centered practices are essential to translate constitutional promises into real protection against GBV.

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HAPPY Women's Month

This month, Walkerville and Savanna City Times proudly celebrate women who are making a difference in their communities...



Chantal Gomes

Based in Midvaal, Chantal Gomes currently serves as the MMC for Public Safety, carrying out her role with integrity, compassion and a deep commitment to service. Since entering politics in 2021, she has already left her mark, having also served as MMC for Corporate Services. Gomes is admired for her approachable nature and the genuine care she shows for her community.

Beyond politics, Gomes's life has always been rooted in service. She has walked alongside survivors through the Victim Empowerment Unit, protected her neighbourhood as a Community Patroller, and invested in young people through the South African Pony Club. A strong advocate for youth development, she also inspires through sport - proudly holding a 2nd Degree Black Belt in Gojukai Karate. For Gomes, true leadership is about action and heart: "Leadership is not about titles; it is about love for the community, perseverance and dedication."

Nthabiseng Seabi

At 39, Nthabiseng Seabi from Walkerville is a passionate community builder and Project Manager at Adonai Care Centre. With more than a decade in social work, she is known for her compassion, strength and the leadership she brings to every role. Her career began as a Social Auxiliary Worker, where she touched countless lives with kindness.

Today, she carries forward Adonai's mission with energy and vision, bringing hope and support to the community. Nthabiseng's influence extends beyond social work.

She is a talented gospel artist, having shared the stage with celebrated musicians including Sinach, Hlengiwe Mhlaba, Dumi, Ayanda, Khaya, Xoli and Dr Tumi. Through music, she spreads encouragement, joy and faith, making her a true example of resilience and service.

Nompumelelo Zazini

For more than 20 years, Nompumelelo Zazini has served her community with dedication and pride. Now a Social Crime and Communications Officer at Meyerton SAPS, her policing journey began in 2004 as a Police Reservist, where she worked tirelessly in crime prevention, victim empowerment and CPF support.

In 2020, after years of committed service, she officially joined SAPS, graduating from Tshwane Training College. Since then, she has coordinated Safety Patrollers, Reservists and CPF members, while strengthening communication between the police and the community. Her work extends beyond SAPS - between 2014 and 2016 she managed the McKay Estates Centre, where she played a key role in establishing the McKay Child and Youth Care Centre (CYCC) and two women's safety centres.

Zazini explains her calling best: "I serve with pride, uphold my oath and engage with my community at ground level because every life matters." She remains a pillar of safety, dignity and transformation in Meyerton.

Thokozile Miya

At just 23, Thokozile Miya from Beverly Hills is blazing a trail in the world of sports. She is the Team Manager of Savanna City's Young Pirates FC, where her leadership and vision recently earned her the Best Team Manager of the Season award.

Her journey began as a sports administrator at the Nene Preliminary Tournament, later working with Celta Academy in Evaton, where she rose to senior team manager and with Far East Milano FC before joining Young Pirates. Her love for sports runs deep - from playing netball and hockey at school to now coaching young netball players (ages 14-17) at Beverly Hills High School. Determined to grow in the sports industry, Miya is a shining example of youth leadership and is committed to inspiring other young women to chase their dreams. Each of these women represents strength, service and inspiration. This Women's Month, we celebrate their journeys and the powerful impact they continue to make in our communities.

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Ready for 62nd Walkerville Agricultural Show?

This year, the show continues its proud tradition with something for everyone to enjoy at the Walkerville Showgrounds on 6 & 7 September.

Attractions include a horse show, Mini Miss and Mr Competitions, trade exhibits, livestock, rabbits, chickens, home industries, classic cars, farming supplies and more. An environmental centre will also be on display, highlighting the importance of biodiversity and protecting our natural environment. There will be a wide variety of food stalls to suit every taste, live music, a children's auction and the popular "Hunt the Pumpkin" competition for young ones. Entry is R20 per person. Children under 12 and pensioners pay R10. Entry is free for members. Make sure not to miss this exciting local event that celebrates agriculture and community.

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Sip, paint, celebrate: Walkerville women mark Women's Day in style



Images: Dani Botha

Paintbrush in one hand, wine in the other, these canvases represent celebration, self-expression, creativity and lots of fun

The Walkerville Agricultural Showgrounds burst into colour on 9 August as women gathered for a vibrant Sip and Paint event in celebration of Women's Day.
 Hosted by Activities Co-ordinator Dani Botha, the day blended creativity, fine dining and festive camaraderie. Guests were treated to all the art supplies

they needed, a generous brunch platter, and a selection of wines – the perfect recipe for laughter, connection and artistic exploration. With paintbrushes in hand and wine glasses never far away, blank canvases transformed into vivid works of art, each telling its own unique story. Themed "Let your heart create, your

hands express, and your art inspire the world," the event captured the spirit of empowerment and self-expression that filled the air. From seasoned artists to first-time painters, everyone embraced the opportunity to create in a supportive, joy-filled environment. Botha told *Walkerville and Savanna City Times*: "It was wonderful to see so

many women come together to celebrate themselves, express their creativity and just enjoy the moment. The laughter, the art and the connections made today are exactly what Women's Day is about." The success of this event sparked plans for more ladies' gatherings in Walkerville – promising even more colour, conversation and creativity in the months to come.

Mponda brothers release spiritual Amapiano anthem



Kanana Park talent, Lawrence and Ntokozo Matewela

Collaborating with Finetown's Sipho Tlhabi (Siz), the track fuses rhythmic piano with deep African spiritual elements, exploring the ancestral realm through modern sound.
 Hyenas (Amapiano Mix) 2025, was released on 25 August. Lawrence Sibusiso Matewela (Deco) explains, "The track is about spiritual awakening of ancestors." Based in Kanana Park Ext 5, the brothers - Lawrence and Ntokozo Matewela (DJ NT) - blend soul, tradition and streetwise house beats in their music. They are also working on another track inspired by African spiritual energy with fresh piano grooves. Since entering the music scene in 2012, the duo evolves from their early group Uni_boyz SA to forming the Mponda Brothers. Their catalogue includes Gobela, Nolubanzi and Malume ka Gal, all collaborations with Siz released last year. They have performed at major events including the ANC Rally, Moshito Music Conference, Gauteng Music Concert, and SAUMA Awards, though mainstream recognition comes slowly. Matewela added: "It's been hard to break through, facing rejection and criticism over the years but, we keep on pushing." After 15 years of persistence, the Mponda Brothers' sound is louder than ever and their moment in the spotlight has finally arrived.

Yolandie releases remix of Morne se Lied, inspiring new book



Image: Picture Perfect

This Meyerton singer's remix spreads hope and comfort
 Meyerton singer and storyteller, Yolandie, released a powerful remix of her hit song *Morne se Lied* along with an inspiring new book titled *Die Wonderwerk van Morne se Lied (The Miracle of Morne's Song)* in celebration of Women's Month. Produced by Andre Hartman and written by Sandra Esterhuizen Nest, the remix brings fresh, uplifting energy. "I want to create music that brings comfort and lifts people's spirits," Yolandie told *Walkerville and Savanna City Times*. The book takes readers behind the story of the song, highlighting faith, healing and the miracle it represents. "This is not a tell-all book. It's about the process, the miracle and the healing that came with the song," she explained. After rediscovering her passion for music, Yolandie made a remarkable comeback following a 23-year break. Since then, she has released the duet album *Shades of Time* and singles like *Caravans*, *Alles Oor Jou* and *Engel aan My Sy* - achievements that earned her Melomaan Talent Awards for Music Video of the Year and Cover Song of the Year. With plans for listening and reading events, an audiobook, and live shows that blend music and storytelling, Yolandie continues to inspire audiences across South Africa. Her work is available on YouTube, Spotify, Apple Music and other platforms.

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MMC targets proactive service delivery with oversight visit to Mooilande



MMC Chantal Gomes inspects repairs with her team

Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) or Public Safety and Roads, Chantal Gomes, conducted an oversight visit in the Mooilande area on 21 August, responding directly to concerns raised by residents.

The visit aimed to inspect problem areas and ensure that reported infrastructure issues are being addressed effectively. During the visit, a concerned Mooilande resident pointed out several critical areas requiring urgent municipal attention. MMC Gomes, accompanied by the Roads Department team, assessed these issues on site to better understand the scope of the challenges and determine necessary interventions. As part of the same oversight mission, the MMC also visited the Glen Donald area to inspect stormwater

infrastructure. Recently cleared stormwater pipes were reviewed to ensure that the work had been completed to standard and would function effectively during upcoming rainfall. These visits form part of the municipality's broader commitment to proactive service delivery and responsive governance. By engaging directly with affected communities and inspecting public infrastructure firsthand, Gomes aims to improve accountability and ensure that repairs and maintenance are carried out timeously. Residents are encouraged to continue reporting service delivery concerns through the appropriate municipal channels as the City steps up its efforts to improve public safety, road conditions, and infrastructure upkeep.

Mommsen joins elite SADC Emergency Response Team



Morne Mommsen during USSAR Swift Water Training exercise

Midvaal Local Municipality is proud to announce that Morne Mommsen, Divisional Officer for Training at Midvaal Fire and Rescue Services, has been appointed to the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Emergency Response Team (ERT).

He is one of only two South Africans selected to serve on this specialised regional unit, following a nomination by the municipality and formal endorsement by the National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC). Mommsen will serve in the Search and Rescue Section of the ERT, bringing over 34 years of service in Emergency Services. His career includes multiple international deployments as a Search and Rescue specialist, authoring South Africa's first Canine Search and Rescue Manual, serving as a subject matter expert for the QCTO Curriculum Development Platform and presenting research at national and international conferences. He has extensive qualifications in disaster risk management, technical

rescue, firefighting, emergency medical response and K9 search operations and is currently pursuing his master's degree in environmental science with a focus on Disaster Risk. He will attend the SADC ERT Induction Training in Nyanga Province, Zimbabwe, from 25 August to 5 September 2025. Upon completion, he will be formally inducted and available for deployment to assist any SADC member state in times of disaster. Cllr Chantal Gomes, MMC for Public Safety, congratulated Mommsen, stating that his appointment is a significant achievement for both him and Midvaal. Gomes said: "His selection is a direct result of decades of dedicated service, technical expertise, and leadership in life-saving operations. We are extremely proud of him and confident that he will represent Midvaal and South Africa with distinction. We congratulate Mommsen on this outstanding accomplishment and wish him success in his training and future deployments."

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Sobukwe: SAPS takes zero tolerance to substance abuse



Image: De Deur SAPS

Officers engage residents in a door-to-door awareness drive

De Deur SAPS, in collaboration with Siyabangena Patrollers and the Community Policing Forum (CPF), conducted a door-to-door awareness campaign in the Sobukwe informal settlement on 19 August.

The campaign focused on educating residents about the risks of substance abuse and its link to crime, with the primary goal of addressing and mitigating these challenges in the community. Residents were informed about the various stakeholders working alongside SAPS

to combat substance abuse and were encouraged to report individuals involved in the sale of drugs or other prohibited substances. The campaign also highlighted the importance of community cooperation with law enforcement to help reduce crime. Additionally, residents received guidance on how to use the MySAPS App to report incidents and stay connected with authorities. Through initiatives like this, De Deur SAPS continues to empower communities with knowledge and tools to promote safety and well-being.



Image: De Deur SAPS

Law enforcement on site to guide the community on GBV support

SAPS raises awareness on GBV in Rus-Ter-Vaal and Ramaphosa

With the aim to educate the community on the serious issues surrounding gender-based violence (GBV), De Deur SAPS, in collaboration with Siyabangena Patrollers and Community Patrollers, conducted a coordinated a door-to-door awareness campaign on 6 August.

Residents were informed about the definition of GBV, the procedures for reporting crimes against women and children and the harmful consequences of such acts.

During the campaign, police discovered and closed an illegal shebeen in Ramaphosa, confiscating the alcohol and

booking it at De Deur SAPS.

Community members were also briefed on the support mechanisms available to victims of GBV. Women and children were encouraged to speak out and report any abuse, while the wider community was urged to report GBV incidents they witness, regardless of their relationship to the victims.

Acting station commander, Lieutenant Colonel Anver Hammond, extended his best wishes to all women for a safe and empowering Women's Month, emphasizing the importance of breaking the silence and holding perpetrators accountable.

SAPS promote good conduct at Tshepong Secondary



Learners remain seated as law enforcement conducts search

Following complaints about learners engaging in physical altercations at Tshepong Secondary School, De Deur SAPS, in collaboration with Siyabangena Patrollers and the Community Policing Forum (CPF), conducted a search on 19 August.

Learners identified as exhibiting problematic behavior were addressed by Social Crime Prevention Coordinator Constable Nkosi. During her address, she educated the learners on the potential consequences of their actions and the impact such behavior

could have on their futures. Cst Nkosi also emphasized the importance of maintaining good conduct not only within the school environment but also in the wider community.

Learners received a stern warning about disruptive behavior and the need to adhere to lawful conduct.

Initiatives like this will continue in schools, aiming to curb criminal behavior and combat substance abuse, ensuring a safer and more positive environment for all learners.



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Midvaal North Darts Association aims to grow the sport in Sedibeng



These darts enthusiasts are aiming for greater heights as they grow and excel in the sport

The Midvaal North Darts Association, founded in January by Marius Swart, is on a mission to grow the sport within the Sedibeng District.

"I always had a passion for the game of darts, and in December 2024 my wife and I decided to open our own club to develop the sport in Sedibeng," said Swart.

The district, the largest in Gauteng, previously had only two associations. Within months, the new club gained momentum - starting with 21 members at 2 Shy Pub in Garthdale and earning accreditation from the Gauteng Darts Federation on 7 February 2025.

By July, the Association was officially ratified by Darts South Africa.

In August, the club moved to Deep South Pub in Walkerville to better serve the community and attract surrounding schools.

The Association invites individuals and youth aged 9 years and older to join their weekly darts evenings, held every Thursday at 18:30.

The Association will also be sending both men's and ladies' teams to district-level competitions throughout the year.

For more information, please call Marius "Big Show" Swart on 082 609 2819.

Walkerville's Smash to battle Nigeria's Solomon Olamiposi for WBC Africa flyweight title



Image: Nick Lourens

This unstoppable Walkerville boxer takes on her Nigerian counterpart in the ring to claim the prestigious belt

Simangele "Smash" Hadebe is gearing up to fight for the vacant WBC Africa female flyweight title this Saturday, 30 August, at the Kagiso Memorial and Recreation Centre in Krugersdorp.

The highly anticipated 10-round clash will pit her against Nigerian contender Solomon Olamiposi in what promises to be an electrifying showdown. The event, billed as a celebration of Women's Month, is presented by Thanya Boxing Promotions in partnership with Honey Bee Promotions, ZBashy Promotions and Xaba Promotions.

It forms part of a broader initiative to showcase world-class boxing while championing women's sport.

Hadebe, holding a record of 14 wins, 4 losses and 2 draws, is the reigning Abu and South African champion. Her decorated career includes multiple accolades such as Prospect of the Year in 2018 and 2019, Boxer of the Year in 2023 and a finalist nomination for the GSport Awards Sportswoman of the Year in 2023. She currently holds the title of Boxer of the Year.

Her manager, Colleen McAusland, expressed unwavering confidence ahead of the bout: "Smash is ready for this moment. She has put in the work and has the heart of a true champion. I believe she will make South Africa proud."

With experience, discipline and a proven track record, Hadebe will be looking to claim the prestigious WBC Africa belt and further cement her legacy in African boxing.



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Walkerville's powerhouse boxers nominated for GSport Awards



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African Woman in Sport finalists: Colleen McAusland, Monica Mkandla and Bonita van Jaarsveldt are all vying for top honours in women's sport

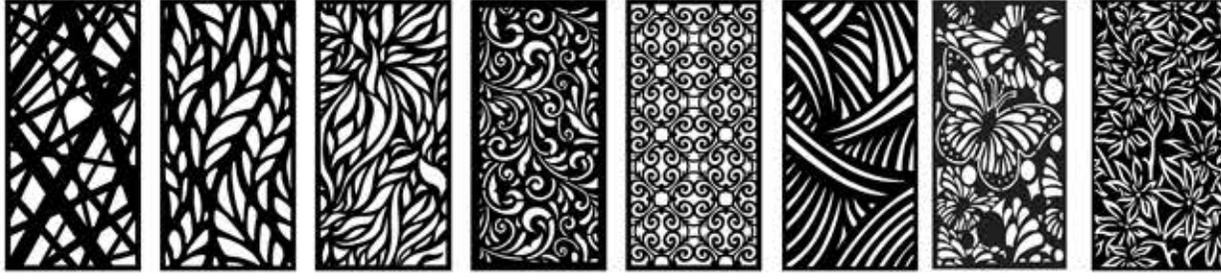
Local boxing scene is making waves on the national stage as three of its stars step into the spotlight at this year's GSport Awards.

African Woman in Sport finalist Monica Mkandla, Special Recognition nominee Bonita van Jaarsveldt and Overall Woman in Sport finalist Colleen McAusland are all vying for honours that celebrate excellence in women's sport across Africa.

Now in its 20th edition, the GSport Awards recognise athletes, coaches, administrators and media professionals whose achievements inspire progress and equality in sport. For Mkandla, her nomination marks another milestone in a career defined by resilience and dominance. The reigning Abu champion has become a symbol of determination, inspiring young women to take up boxing and believe

in their potential. Van Jaarsveldt, the national lightweight champion, earned her nomination through consistent performances and a fearless approach to competition. McAusland, who manages 18 professional boxers and oversees eight current title belts, credits teamwork for their collective success: "We are building more than champions in the ring. We are building role models who inspire the next generation

to dream bigger and work harder." Her track record includes producing champions across weight divisions and guiding fighters like Smash, Monica Mkandla and Bonita van Jaarsveldt to national and continental success. The nominations of these three boxing figures signal a rising tide for women in sport and highlight Walkerville's growing reputation as a breeding ground for champions.



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