



## SAFETY AND SECURITY @ GOLDEN HARVEST

Neville Kurz (Board Member responsible for Safety and Security) and Egmont Coetzee (General Manager) spoke to me about this important matter. Golden Harvest makes use of Custodia Security company based in the Magaliesburg area. There are two main gate security guards, one reliever and two dog handler security guards and one reliever assigned to Golden Harvest who all work 12-hour shifts doing two days, two nights and then two days' time off. The main gate security guards control access and exit of residents, visitors, contractors and staff. The dog handlers only do night shift and do foot patrols with a trained guard dog on two separate sections of the perimeter clocking 96 and 108 fixed clocking points respectively, each guard covering about 30 km per shift from 18:00 to 6:00. Should there be signs of tampering with the fence or something out of the ordinary, he alerts the security company control room and backup is sent to the Resort. Neville and Egmont are also informed and the incident is investigated. The same happens when someone is trying to enter through the fence, where an alarm goes off at the gate. Every morning a performance rating report for each patrolling guard is sent through to the office.



There are cameras at the security gate, which monitor every vehicle that enters into or departs from the Resort. It is therefore essential that vehicles stop at the entrance (boom) in order for the camera to record the people in the vehicle as well as the registration number plate. A scanner is also used to scan visitor's barcode and licence discs. A pedestrian entrance and exit were also recently added to enhance security.

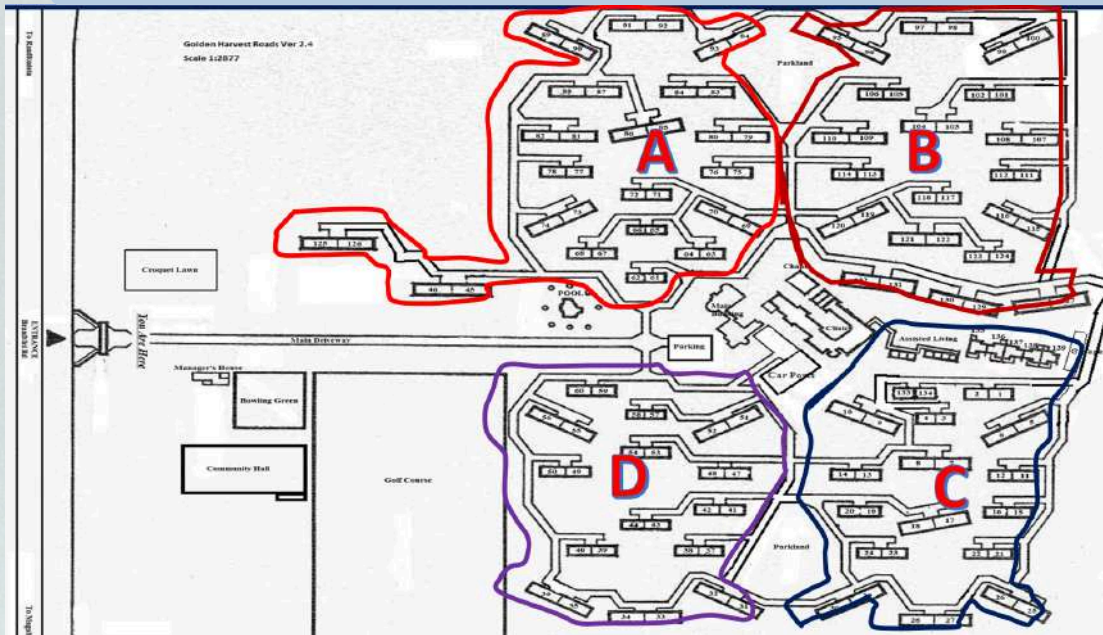
### SECURITY IN YOUR HOUSE

Every unit gets a panic button which is tested regularly. If a resident presses the button, an alarm goes off at the security gate, and the guard on duty will call the resident to ascertain whether it is a medical or other problem. The Clinic Sister as well as the Manager will be contacted to respond immediately to the emergency. It is therefore essential that you leave a spare key of your house at the Clinic, if there is no answer, so that they can enter your house if necessary. It is also advisable that a friend or neighbour have a spare key and to inform them if you are away from home.

**Thank you to everyone who plays a role in keeping us safe.**



# NEW HEALTH AND SAFETY LAYOUT



## BLOCK LEADER MEETING

Last month we reported about the new committee consisting of a group of volunteers who will serve as block leaders to co-ordinate each of the four blocks Golden Harvest was divided into. The block leaders will introduce themselves to every resident in their respective blocks and then serve as the go-between person between the residents and security in case of an emergency. The block leaders will also be trained to know what procedures to follow in different possible emergencies.

One of the main concerns is the Frail Care Unit and the block leaders also visited the clinic for inspection to come up with possibilities regarding safety and security and procedures to follow in case of emergency. The exits were considered and it was agreed upon that the exit on the chapel side of the clinic should be altered to simplify possible evacuation. The block leaders will meet monthly and will update their group if necessary.



## BLOCK LEADERS

### BLOCK A NORTH EAST

Neville Kurz  
(security)  
Andre Hanekom  
Ben Lourens  
Horst Kapitan  
Jan Swiegers  
Eric Beyl

### BLOCK B SOUTH EAST

Kurt Huber  
Madaleen  
Bronkhorst  
Mike Milani

### BLOCK C SOUTH WEST

Geoff Todd  
Antoon Schutte

**BLOCK D  
NORTH WEST**  
Johan Kruger  
Marcel Hoeksma  
Hennie Schietekat  
Cornel Olivier



To everyone who supported the fundraising team with donations of household items, helped out during the two days of unpacking and selling and also supported by purchases, we wish to say a massive **THANK YOU**. The White Elephant sale was a huge success. The total raised was R 17638. Well done ladies!

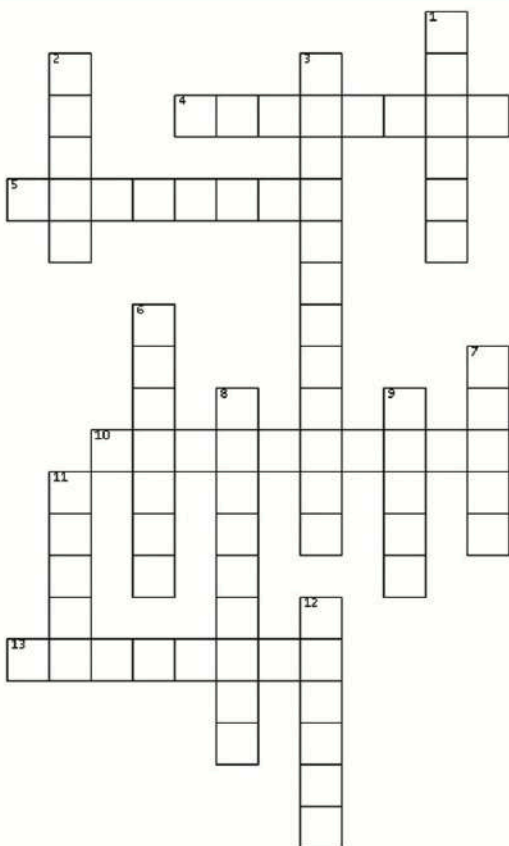


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12. Overall state of fitness and life

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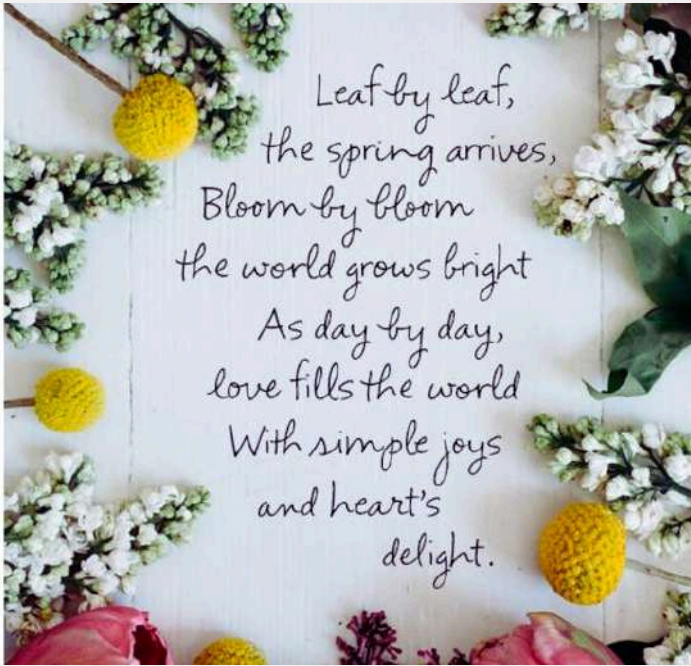
SCAN TO WHATSAPP



## From the Editor



It is September and beautiful, colourful springtime finally arrived. Years ago, I wrote a poem about spring and I put that poem in the Afrikaans version of this news letter. I tried to translate it, but could not do it justice in English. For you therefore, this beautiful quote:



Madalene

## COMPETITION!



Winner of the Lifestyle / Harvest News August competition worth R250:

Lizette Kruger  
Unit 86

## WELCOME



**Ken and Trynie Mann**

A hearty welcome to our new residents in unit 50. We hope you will be very happy at Golden Harvest.

## AUGUST RAINFALL

2024: 0 mm

2025: 0 mm



Contributed by Flip van der Merwe

## Welcome back Cornel!



It is with great joy and gratitude that we welcome Cornel Olivier back on the job. We missed you sincerely and will continue to pray for a full recovery.



## We Magalies

The lovely Golden Harvest Marketing team under leadership of Lydia Lourens rocking the Cradle at Galloway Gardens 🥳 Take note of the beautiful new Golden Harvest Gazebo.





## madaleen visits

### *Erna Vosloo*

Erna Barnard grew up in Krugersdorp as the second of five children. Her father owned a transport business, and as a little girl she often accompanied him on long trips in the big trucks. He was her hero, and by the time she was only ten years old, Erna could already drive one of those massive vehicles. To this day, she still proudly holds a Code 14 driver's licence.

At 15, while attending Jan de Klerk High School, a conversation with a fellow student sparked her lifelong devotion to studying the Bible. They had debated whether the biblical Sabbath should be observed on Saturday—the seventh day of the week—instead of Sunday, as most calendars suggest. That simple exchange inspired her to dive into scripture, as well as magazines and books on the subject.

One day, while walking down the street, Erna spotted a torn page from an old issue of *The Plain Truth*. On it was an advertisement for a college in Pasadena, California, offering studies in theology. She applied, but her application was rejected due to international sanctions against South Africa at the time. Instead, she was encouraged to apply to a college in England. With only average school grades, she had to pass several rigorous tests before finally being accepted to Ambassador College in England.



**ERNA BARNARD**  
Krugersdorp, Transvaal,  
South Africa  
Jan De Klerk High School  
Data Processing Centre;  
Women's Club, President;  
Coordinating Committee;  
Chorale.



Visiting her parents one day, Erna was introduced to their friends, Christo and Sannie, a farming couple from Heilbron. She quickly bonded with Sannie, though Christo was reserved and she didn't get to know him well at first. Sadly, Sannie was later diagnosed with cancer and passed away. Christo continued to visit Erna's parents, and on one occasion—when Erna happened to be there—his car broke down. True to her childhood skills, Erna offered to help. As they leaned over the carburettor together, their eyes met, and love quietly blossomed. They married soon after, and Erna embraced farm life wholeheartedly. The once "city girl" soon knew everything about farming.

After Christo fell ill, the couple sold the farm and returned to Krugersdorp, where he later passed away. Not long after, Erna also lost her beloved father to a lung disease caused by years of exposure to cyanide dust from mine dumps during his truck-driving days—the same illness Erna herself is courageously facing now.



*Erna & Christo  
Vosloo*

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Despite these hardships, Erna's strength never wavered. A talented sportswoman, she once entered a bowls competition at Golden Harvest, where she discovered the Frail Care unit. She arranged for her mother, Gertie Barnard—an accomplished contralto who had taken singing lessons in her youth with Mimi Coertze—to move into the Clinic.

Erna visited her mother often and eventually bought a unit at Golden Harvest, where she still lives today.

Devoted as ever to her faith, she spends six to eight hours every Saturday studying the Bible. She has meticulously kept a record of all the residents who have ever lived in Golden Harvest and even wrote a comprehensive history of the resort.

To all of us here at Golden Harvest, Erna is known as a Good Samaritan—though a strict one—always ready to lend a hand. She still loves driving and often volunteers to drive the Golden Harvest bus to transport residents.

Erna, we thank you for your kindness, your dedication, and the many ways you continue to enrich our community.

We appreciate you deeply.



**Erna and her beloved father on her wedding day**



Golden Harvest friends meet for coffee in New Zwaland. Safe travels. We are jealous!

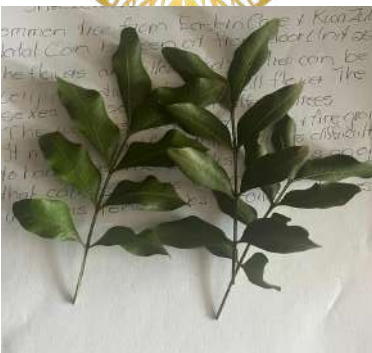
## *Improvements*



## TREE OF THE MONTH

### **Plaoxylon obliquum (Sneezewood)**

Common tree from the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu Natal. Can be seen in front of unit 25. The flowers are yellow and the tree can be very attractive when in full flower. The sexes are separate on different trees. The wood is very hard, heavy and fine-grained. It makes beautiful furniture but is difficult to handle as the sawdust contains an oil that causes severe sneezing. It was also used as fence poles and railway sleepers.





We have to say  
**GOOD-BYE**  
and wish you all of  
the best.



Issie Siemens who was a resident for more than 30 years, moved to Rustenburg.



Bruno and Pam Hartmeier who were part of Golden Harvest for 7 years, moved to Krugersdorp.



Golf



And ... the winners of the North vs South competition is ... **SOUTH!**



LIBRARY

NEW BOOKS

## BOOK REVIEW



**Hennie Schietekat** reviewed our book of the month: *Dwelm* by Rudie van Rensburg.

*Dwelm* is a gritty detective story set in Cape Town, steeped in the atmosphere and tension of the Cape Flats. Captain Kassie Kasselmann and his sharp-witted colleague, Warrant Officer Rooi Els, are called in to investigate the brutal murder of two retired detectives found dead at a dam near Paarl. At first, it appears to be a case of robbery—but Kassie suspects a far more sinister motive: revenge.

To uncover the truth, the pair dig into the victims' old case files, unearthing a trail of enemies and buried secrets. Their investigation leads them into the heart of a dangerous drug syndicate—where crime, corruption, and corporate power collide. Tensions soar when Kassie discovers a shocking connection: his fiancée's son is part of the gang he's trying to bring down. As the case spirals, so does Kassie's personal life. His fiancée is furious to learn he's been protecting her son, and the emotional fallout threatens to tear them apart. The story twists and turns as suspects emerge and fall away, leaving readers constantly second-guessing.

With its fast-paced action, raw language, and vivid portrayal of Cape Town's underworld, *Dwelm* keeps you on edge until the final reveal. In the end, the killer is unmasked. Love gets a second chance when Kassie's fiancée finds it in her heart to forgive him—and her son—for the lies and betrayal.

*Dwelm* is an action-packed, emotionally charged crime novel that pulls readers into a world of loyalty, vengeance, and redemption—where nothing is as it seems.



# Spotlight on Hobbies

**JOHAN KRUGER**



Johan's love for pens goes back many years. What started as a simple collection slowly grew into something much more meaningful. His interest in woodwork introduced him to people who made their own pens, and watching them sparked a thought: why not try it myself? That moment was the beginning of a hobby that has since become a true passion.

Today, Johan still enjoys working with unusual pieces of wood, crafting them into not only pens but also lamps and vases. Each piece of wood has its own story, and Johan takes pleasure in giving it new life through his creations.

He first learned the art of pen-making from a craftsman who now runs a shop in Randburg—a place Johan still visits regularly to find the special clips, refills, and other components that bring his pens together. Over the years, he has built up his own collection of specialist tools, including a smaller lathe that was given to him as a gift when he left the police force. That lathe now has a special place in his workshop, helping him transform small blocks of wood into something both useful and beautiful.

The process itself is one of care and patience. A short length of wood is placed on the lathe, shaped into the smooth curves of a pen, then carefully sanded and sealed. Johan often uses wax, oil, or even super glue to protect the wood and bring out its natural shine.

Finally, the components are added, each one fitted with precision, until the pen is complete. This pen made from Purple Heart wood, its rich colour and polished finish a reminder of why he fell in love with this craft in the first place.

For Johan, every pen is more than just an object—it's a piece of craftsmanship, a story captured in wood.



## Ohana

means we are family. Nobody gets left behind. Such was the spirit when we went to Montecasino to see the musical 'Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'. Join us next time on these outings! You will be looked after!

