

Thabazimbi – The Thabazimbi community is in mourning after a vehicle accident claimed the life of a beloved Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer (HFM) learner and left four others with numerous injuries. The accident occurred during the morning of Wednesday 5 February when two vehicles collided head-on along the Thabazimbi Marakele road.

The 14-year old Ivon Keyser sadly passed away at the scene of the accident. Ivon’s mother Etrisia Keyser and sister, Petra Keyser, a Grade 12 learner at HFM, was seriously injured and had to be airlifted to hospital. Another passenger in the Keyser’s vehicle was transported to Regorogile Hospital. The driver of the other vehicle, HFM

administrative assistant Juanita Fouché, also sustained various injuries. According to Thabazimbi Crisis Control’s Henk Havenga, Fouché is in a stable condition. HFM sent a special message to everyone affected and social media was flooded with condolences from the community. According to Thabazimbi Police captain Abel

Thapela, the cause of the accident is still under investigation. The memorial service for Ivon will be held at the Hervormde Kerk Thabazimbi on 15 February at 11:00. We pray for a full recovery for those who were injured during the accident and extend our heartfelt condolences to Ivon’s family and friends.



The Keyser family.



HFM administrative assistant Juanita Fouché.



HFM paid tribute to Ivon Keyser.

WOMAN MAULED BY LIONS

Bela-Bela – The South African Police Service (SAPS) in Bela-Bela has opened an inquest after a 21-year old woman was attacked and killed by an unknown number of lions at a private Game Reserve on Thursday 6 February. The police and the medical emergency services were summoned and responded swiftly. Police spokesperson colonel Moatshe Ngoepe told *Platinum Bushvelder* that the medical emergency services found the woman with severe injuries outside the cage and she was certified dead by the paramedics at the scene. “Preliminary police investigations indicate that the

deceased was performing her regular duties at the lions’ enclosure when she was attacked and killed. The deceased was identified as Swané van Wyk,” Ngoepe added. Van Wyk was working as a game manager at a game reserve near Bela-Bela when the incident happend. The circumstances leading to this tragic incident are still unknown at this stage and form part of investigations being carried out by the police. Members of the community are warned to remain alert when they are in areas where dangerous animals are kept.



Always be careful of lions and other dangerous predators when visiting game reserves.

BABY BARNARD NEEDS YOUR HELP

Thabazimbi – *Platinum Bushvelder* has been following the development of baby Jhaun-Lee (JL) Barnard since his birth on Friday 8 November 2019. This little bundle of joy came into the world with serious kidney problems and it has been an uphill battle for this new family. Even when complication after complication hit, they refused to lose hope and has tried everything in their power to ensure that their baby boy gets the best possible care. Unfortunately they must turn to the community once again. JL had to undergo a blood transfusion on 7 February. Because his parents didn’t have the sufficient funds for private care, he was admitted to a state hospital. The blood he received was only given to him hours after it arrived, and it was warm. This resulted in his body rejecting the blood and leaving JL fighting for his life. The family is out of options but have high hopes that people will

open their hearts and wallets to help save this beautiful little boy. if you would like to assist this family, contact JP Barnard on 082 826 0718 or of Antoinette Greyling on 066 109 6697.



JL Barnard is currently fighting for his life.

TAXI WARS LEAD TO MURDER

Brits – A 40-year old man died at a local hospital in Brits from injuries sustained during a violent confrontation between taxi operators. At least 11 people have also been arrested by the police following the incident, which occurred at the taxi rank near Spoorweg Street on Thursday 6 February. The territorial disputes between rival taxi operators for routes between Rustenburg, Mabopane, Ga-Rankuwa and Hartbeespoort Dam is believed to have fuelled the confrontations. Police spokesperson colonel Adelé Myburgh said that during the unrest, four taxis were allegedly damaged after they were hit with knobkerries, iron rods, sticks and pelted with stones. Five men were injured and taken to a local hospital for medical treatment. “Three victims were released from hospital shortly after receiving treatment. One victim was admitted to hospital at the intensive care unit with serious head injuries and another victim died in

hospital,” Myburgh said. “The identity of the deceased is still unknown,” she added. The suspects appeared before the Brits Magistrates’ Court on 10 February. Police are investigating cases of murder, attempted murder, public violence, malicious damage to property and possession of dangerous weapons. North West member of the executive council for community safety and transport management Sello Lehari discouraged taxi operators from engaging in violence to settle their differences.

Anyone with information that can assist police with investigations is requested to contact lieutenant colonel Pieter Claassens on 082 373 9831 or sergeant Gomotsegang Boikanyo on 060 937 7745 or 012 318 6110. Alternatively, you can call the Crime Stop Hotline on 08600 10111.

SASPO VOER NOU UIT NA BOTSWANA



Van links: Rustenburg Pluimvee klub voorsitter Dawie Snyman, Piet Strydom en Rustenburg Pluimvee klub president Hannes du Plessis.

Rustenburg - Piet Strydom ‘n gemeenskaplid van Thabazimbi en lid van die Rustenburg Pluimvee klub het die klub se trofee vir persoonlikheid van die jaar ingepalm. Strydom het dit moontlik gemaak vir lede van die Suid Afrikaanse Skou Pluimvee Organisasie (SASPO) om hoenders na Botswana uit te voer. Dit het ‘n paar maande geneem voordat alles in plek geval het. Botswana se vorige minister van landbou, Braam de Graaff, sy kollegas, verteenwoordigers, ‘n staatsveearts en ook ‘n veearts van Limpopo se Departement van Landbou het self Strydom se hokke besoek. Daar is toestemming gegee dat pluimvee na Piet se hokke vervoer kan word voor hul na Botswana uitgevoer kan word. Die Rustenburg se pluimveeclub het op Saterdag 16 November 2019 hulle jaarafsluiting in Rustenburg aangebied, terselfdertyd is ‘n nuwe bestuur ook gekies. Dawie Snyman is a voorsitter aangewys, Hanri Coetzee as sekretaresse, Jannie du Bruyn as ondervoorsitter en John Turnbull as skou fasiliteerder. Die Rustenburg klub is in 1986 met 8 lede gestig, vandag spog hulle met 39 lede, wat baie aktief betrokke is by baie skoue. Hul het lede van Rustenburg, Thabazimbi,

Lichtenburg, Koster, Zeerust, Magaliesburg, Krugersdorp en ander naby geleë pluimveeboere. Jaarliks skenk SASPO ongeveer R1 van elke pluimveeringe wat aangekoop word vir welsynsorganisasies om so weer terug te ploeg in die gemeenskap. Verlede jaar is daar amper ‘n miljoen ringe verkoop.

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