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SUSPECTED RHINO POACHER SHOT DEAD

Thabazimbi – A man linked to the killing of two rhinos at a game farm near Dorset outside Lephalale was shot dead during a confrontation with security guards. Police are tracking down two other suspected poachers who managed to escape during the confrontation, which occurred at around 3:00 on Tuesday 10 March. Moments before the confrontation, security officers at the game farm had heard gunshots and decided to travel towards the direction the shots were coming from. The guards encountered three men, one allegedly armed with a rifle. A scuffle ensued as they attempted to apprehend the suspects. One of the guards allegedly shot and killed

one of the suspects in self defence. The other suspects managed to get away. Police who were called to the scene discovered an axe, a rifle with live ammunition as well as two rhino carcasses whose horns had been cut off. Police are investigating a case of murder, rhino poaching and possession of an unlawful firearm and ammunition. “The identity of the deceased is still unknown at this stage,” police spokesperson brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo said. **If you have information that can lead to the arrest of the remaining suspects, you are requested to contact the police on 082 414 2337 or 086 001 0111. Alternatively, contact your nearest police station.**



One of the dead rhinos.



The axe that was discovered at the scene.



A rifle and ammunition were also discovered at the scene.

DA-LED INITIATIVE SPRUCES UP NORTHAM

Northam – The Democratic Alliance (DA) and Northam Ratepayers Association (NRPA) joined hands with local business owners to clean up the streets of this Limpopo town. The initiative, held on Saturday 14 March, was a resounding success and dirty areas – such as the spot alongside the railway in Ruby Street – are now a thing of the past. NRPA chairperson David Gouveia also assisted by cutting the long grass. Desire van der Walt, a member of parliament, used a shovel to weed out the grass from the pavement and sidewalks. Everyone involved worked very hard throughout the morning and by the

time they completed their tasks, the difference was very noticeable. Sam van Zyl from Rent A Drum and Flip de Beer from Total Gaz provided the lorries to ferry the refuse away. The Thabazimbi Local Municipality (TLM) also provided their refuse collection vehicle for use. After the cleanup, a letter from TLM alerting business owners and community members about the heavy fines that can be issued to those who illegally dump their refuse was handed out. “Thank you to everyone who participated in all the hard work for this cleanup. It just shows that if we join hands, we can accomplish anything,” said Gouveia.



NRPA chairperson David Gouveia cutting the grass.



Rian Roux did his bit.



Democratic Alliance (DA), Northam Rate Payers Association (NRA) and community members who participated in the clean-up initiative.

ESKOM’S SWIFT RESPONSE LAUDED

Northam – A big truck reversed into one of the main electricity poles in Northam extension 6 on the morning of Friday 13 March. A huge explosion followed and most of the suburb was left without electricity, and that shortly after they had to undergo load shedding. A call was made to Eskom’s call centre and the power utility reacted swiftly. Personnel dispatched to the scene and worked until 02:00 on Saturday morning to secure the wires. They resumed their work at around 11:00 after receiving equipment to repair the pole and other wires. The Eskom team worked right through until

17:00 on Saturday to ensure that the people had electricity. On Sunday 15 March yet another power outage occurred. The Eskom team responded in a flash. A new transformer, which was installed the following day, restored electricity to the affected areas. The community is very grateful to every member of the Eskom team for their commitment and effort! “A heartfelt thank you to Mbudzeni Manena from Eskom. He constantly kept me up to date and made sure that everything was well organised throughout the weekend,” a community member told *Platinum Bushvelder*.



A truck reversed into an electricity pole, causing an explosion, leaving residents without electricity.

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CANCELLED

Thabazimbi – In compliance with the preventative measures pronounced by South African president Cyril Ramaposa on Sunday 15 March, a meeting scheduled for 24 March to elect a new committee member has been cancelled until further notice.

All enquiries must be directed to the office of the speaker at 014 777 1525 extension 2068 or speaker@thabazimbi.gov.za.

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