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Having a mid-morning dip.

There's a croc on my stoep!

Thabazimbi – There has been several crocodile sightings in the Thabazimbi area over the past few weeks. Thabazimbi Crisis Control Centre's Henk Havenga noticed a crocodile relaxing on the Crocodile River's bank on Thursday 28 January.

According to Reptile Inc owner Petrus van Breda, thousands of hatchlings (baby crocodiles) escaped into the Crocodile River from two crocodile farms in the Brits area during the 2000 and 2004 floods.

"These babies should be up to three and a half metres in size by now," Petrus said in an interview with the *Platinum Bushvelder*.

Community member Jakobus van der Merwe and his family stay next to the Crocodile River, about 12 kilometres outside Thabazimbi on the Brits road. He told us that 'a lot' of crocodiles is definitely not an understatement. "Over the past few years crocodiles have on several occasions climbed out of the river, taking a casual stroll in my yard, sometimes even taking a dip in my farm dam. Sadly, my dog was bitten by one of them. My neighbour had a big croc climb into his water hole not too long ago," Jakobus added.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

When a crocodile bites, it starts to 'tug and roll' in an attempt to either drown their prey or to bite off chunks of meat, as a crocodile cannot chew. Petrus explained that there could be five crocodiles in every 10-meter of riverfront.

The best advice Petrus has, is to keep a safe distance from a crocodile – at least 15 to 20 meters or try to run away if you get into close proximity with one. Crocodiles are hunters and a 2-meter crocodile can do grave harm to a fully grown human, not to mention the damage a crocodile of 3.5 meter can do.

If you see a crocodile, contact an expert to remove it, please do not attempt to do it yourself.

Thabazimbi Disaster Management's Gerrie Visagie urges the community to keep out of the Crocodile River. "We do not know how many crocodiles there are in the river, we also do not know where exactly they are as the water is very murky. We spot them on the sandbanks every now and then, making swimming or walking near the river very dangerous. Please do not underestimate the enormous strength of these animals. Adding to that, the river's current is very strong, especially with the recent rains, making it dangerous."

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²And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.
³And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.
⁴Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;
⁵does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;
⁶does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;
⁷bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
⁸Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.
⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part.
¹⁰But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.
¹¹When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

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MAGIC mushrooms?

Thabazimbi – A walk in the garden after the heavy rains may surprise and delight as there is an astonishing array of mushrooms growing in the soil, on leaf litter, out of termite mounds and even on wood. Instead of seed, mushrooms produce spores which have been given life by the extended rainfall. Whatever you do not eat the mushroom even if it looks like a Denny as it could be poisonous. Rather purchase a copy of *Fungi and lichens of the Limpopo valley* direct from the author Retha van der Walt from Musina and discover how these strange life forms survive and reproduce.

To order contact Retha van der Walt on 079 209 6233 or email: ludwigslust@xnets.co.za.



A forest of mushrooms.



Spores are produced in the gills beneath the mushroom cap.



A frilly green lichen and a flat yellow lichen thriving on a rock surface.

POLL:

Do you believe in monogamy... that is... would you be able to be in a relationship/ marriage for the rest of your life... with one person?

Monogamy refers to a relationship in which an individual has only one partner during their lifetime or one partner at a time. We are living in an ever-changing world and while some still believe in true love, the notion of free love is no longer limited to the 'hippies' of the 60s.

Make yourself heard by sending an email to news@platinumbushvelder.co.za with the following information before 17:00 on Wednesday 17 February:

- Yes, I choose monogamy – or no, I do not choose monogamy.
- The reason for your answer.
- A recent photo of yourself (optional) – that we can publish with your answer.
- Your contact details.

If you do not want your answers to be in the newspaper, just reply to the question: YES/ NO.

The results of the votes will be published in our next issue.

PS - You can also give your opinion by commenting on our Facebook post.



Alban... Liefste SUPERman!
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Aan Janik... gelukkige Valentynsdag.

Liewe mense, ek hoop jy geniet hierdie spesiale dag saam jou familie en vriende. Ek hoop almal bederf jou baie. Sorry dat ek dit nie vir jou face to face kan se nie, maar happy Valentyns dag. Van Duan

Nadine... You don't know me by name, but I have my eye on you. I love you in red and your smile touches your eyes. You blush when I look at you. I don't have the guts to talk to you, but this is me saying... I think you are the most beautiful woman! Anonymous.



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09 FEBRUARY 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE LIMITED VISIT TO MUNICIPAL OFFICES

We are all aware that Covid-19 cases have increased during the second wave, which has led the country to be placed under Alert Level 3. Thabazimbi Local Municipality continues to have daily new cases from the Department of Health reports. So far Thabazimbi Municipal Area has recorded a total number of 3149 cumulative cases, 81 active cases, 3038 recoveries and 30 people have lost their lives due to Covid-19 complications. In an effort to protect the wellbeing of our employees as well as that of the community the Municipality has resolved to downscale non-essential services for the duration of Alert Level 3 Lockdown. This will result in employees following a staggered or rotational work schedule. As a result, entry into our premises during the adjusted Alert Level 3 will be minimized to avoid the spread of the virus. Furthermore, the public visiting the Municipal Offices is required to comply with all Covid-19 Health Protocols prior entering Municipal premises. Members of the public are further encouraged to wear their masks that covers mouth and nose, regularly sanitize as well as to keep social distancing while waiting to be assisted. More enquiries can be directed to the Acting Municipal Manager Mr LG Tloubatla. Your cooperation on this matter is highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
MR LG TLOUBATLA
ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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[Letter to the editor]

Northam – With a lot of trash lying around and a lack of garbage bins, Northam has certainly become a sore eye for our community. Residents have for quite some time been pleading with the Thabazimbi Local Municipality to provide our town with bins... so you can imagine my surprise when I found garbage bins on every corner on 28 January. My surprise soon turned into disappointment when I realised it was all a show for the visit of MEC for Transport and Community Safety Mavhungu Lerule-Makhanya. Heaven forbids an official sees the real state of Northam while we, as the residents, have to live with the trash day in, day out. We want to be proud of our town every day, not just on special occasions!

Disappointed Northam resident



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WASTE MANAGEMENT



Northam – Siyanda Bakgatla Platinum Mine assisted Thabazimbi Local Municipality with machinery to begin clearing the Northam landfill site. The access and inside layers of the waste disposal facility was started on Friday 22 January.

Siyanda Bakgatla Platinum Mine provided earthmoving machinery to assist at the landfill site.

DRUNK DRIVER IN THE DOCK

Brits – A 32-year-old man rammed his car into the stationary vehicle of two traffic officers in Majakaneng during the early hours of Sunday morning 7 February. The man, who emerged unharmed and has since been arrested for reckless and drunken driving, could face additional charges related to violating the lockdown curfew.

Community Safety and Transport Management spokesperson for the North West, Alpheus Koonyaditse, said the officers who were attending to an accident scene along the N4, were not injured during the incident.



Traffic police vehicle took a knock.

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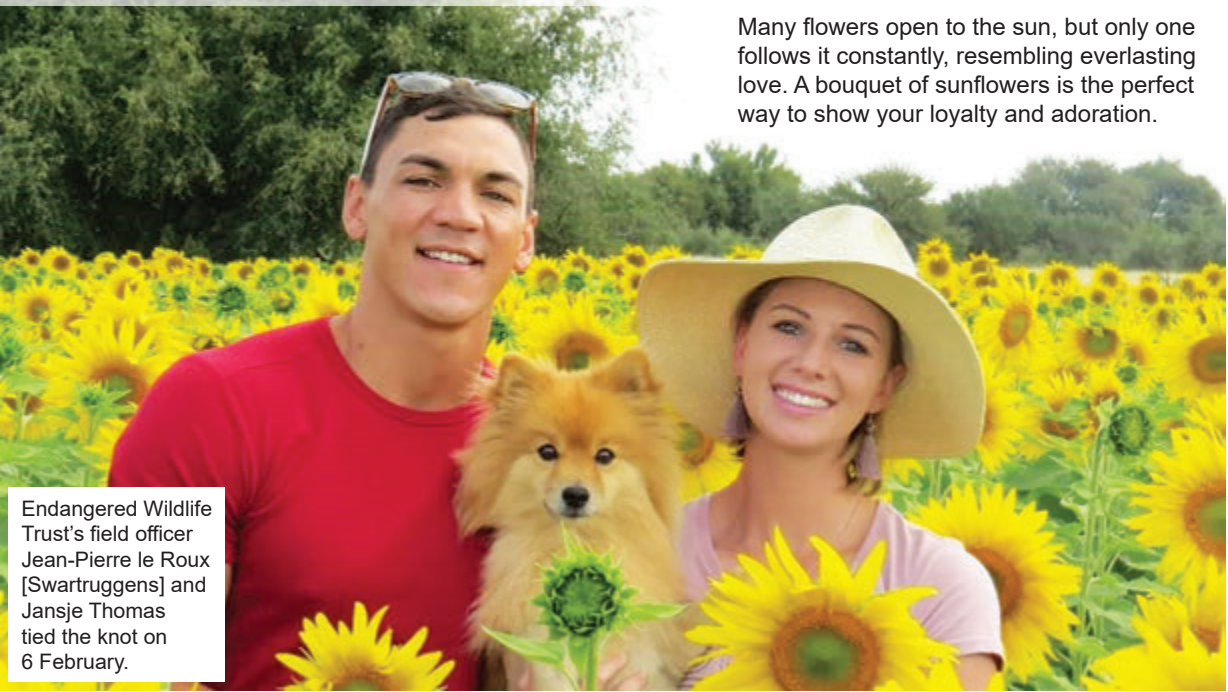
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Endangered Wildlife Trust's field officer Jean-Pierre le Roux [Swartruggens] and Jansje Thomas tied the knot on 6 February.

WINSKOOP!

Thabazimbi – Lieflike huis met 'n groot tuin, drie slaapkamers, een badkamer, sitkamer, eetkamer, studeerkamer, kombuis, waskamer, buite afdak, borrelbad, braai-area, motorhuis, twee badkamers buite, werkerskamers, stoor, watertenk, water filtreerder in die groot huis en groot geplaveide area te koop. - R1,160,000.
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'n Bakkie het 'diep spore' getrap in die pad.



'n TLB moes ingeroep word om die voertuie uit die modder uit te help.



Sels trekkers het lekker modder getrap.

Thabazimbi – Die Thabazimbi gemeenskap word versoek om nie onnodig kanse te vat op moerasagtige verspoelde servituut paaie nie. Op Saterdag 6 Februarie moes lede van die Gemeenskap Polisiëring Forum (GPF) sowat R2,000 aan diesel spandeer vir trekkers, 'n TLB en bakkies om voertuie uit die modder uit te sleep op Kromdraai se

servituut paaie. Van dieselfde mense het teen Sondag steeds gedink dat hul 4x4 voertuie die mas sal opkom, maar moes toe rooi in die gesig staan terwyl hulle weereens uit die modder uitgetrek was. Waarskuwing: Jy gaan self verantwoordelik gehou word vir die kostes van brandstof om jou uit te trek as jy sulke kanse vat.

2021 SES NASIES KAMPIOENSKAP

Frankryk vs Italië

Die Franse speel pui *ruggas* en druk sewe drieë en klop Italië 50-10. Die Franse Hane is somer vroeg in die seisoen stert in die lug en kan pronk met die goeie oorwinning oor Italië. Die Hane gaan gewis hierdie seisoen die ander nasies harde bene laat kou. Hulle volgende wedstryd is teen Ierland op Sondag 14 Februarie om 17:00. Italië gaan teen Engeland Saterdag om 16:15 uitdraf.

Wallis vs Ierland

Die rooikaart in die 14de minuut aan Peter O'Mahony het vir Ierland die *game* gekos. Wallis het toe rooi gesien en het die lere besig gehou en wen 21-16. Ierland se volgende *game* is teen Frankryk en dit belooft om 'n riller te wees. Wallis speel volgende teen die Skotte wat op 'n *high* is na hulle wen teen Engeland.

Engeland vs Skotland

Vir die eerste keer in 38 jaar kry die dapper Skotte dit reg om Engeland op Twickenham te wen! Skotland wen 11-6 en die enigste drie van die *game* word deur die fris Suid Afrikaner Duhan van der Merwe gedruk. Die belowende vleuel het met brute krag die *Ingelse* bleekbene uit die pad gehardloop om die pui drie te druk. Eddie Jones en sy windgat *cappie* is maar lekker suurgesig en nie juis spraaksaam nie. Skotland speel volgende teen Wallis en die Engelse gaan teen Italië uitdraf.

Good night Sir...