

MADE US PROUD

Control Centre (TCCC) formed part of the Dynamic Incident Management Team deployed to the Marloth Park flood incident during tropical cyclone Eloise.

When cyclone Eloise hit, there were great concerns that the substantial rain might cause the Crocodile River to flood causing damage to the Marloth Park and surrounding areas. In order to assist, Dynamic Incident Management received a delegation of authority from Marloth Park to render support. The team was deployed to Marloth Park on Saturday 23 January and met with the agency representatives and the

Thabazimbi - Three members of Thabazimbi Crisis initial attack incident commander for a briefing and transfer of command. An Incident Action Plan for the night's operations was compiled within two hours and a small briefing was held the afternoon before the operational period started.

The team faced many challenges because the storm caused power outages which in turn made communication efforts more difficult. IMT worked around it and established regular communication and notification methods to all parties involved including the community members. Their major concerns and priorities were to establish an evacuation centre and prepare residents below the flood line for evacuation as soon

as trigger points were reached. They were monitoring the catchment's river flow rates and dam levels twohourly including weather updates, providing residents and visitors with constant information updates and assistance to ensure their safety.

Although the water level did increase the low dam levels resulted in no immediate flood threat for Marloth Park. However, the gravel road infrastructure leading to the river was seriously damaged and some 'no go' zones were established. Part of the electrical fence was washed away, allowing wild animals to enter from the Kruger National Park. Walking curfews were introduced from 18:00 to 06:00, because of risks to people wondering close to the river edge looking at the river coming down.

Reports of migrant birds which deviated from their normal flight routes came in, with Bird SA requesting community members to contact them to collect such birds for rehabilitation if possible.

It is important that we prepare and plan for critical incidents, as preparedness is key. Floods, tornados, cyclones and other disasters require high levels of readiness. The saying "prevention is better than cure" is quite true in pre-incident readiness.

Thabazimbi is proud to have this brave team as part of their community.

Dynamic Incident Management would like to thank the following agencies for releasing their personnel to be part of the team:

- Incident commander - Stephen Devine -
- Firescape Public information officer - Maritza Swanepoel - Letaba
- Association · Planning section chief - Michelle Kleinhans - Dynamic Incident

Fire Protection

- Management Operations section chief - Henk Havenga
- TCCC · Logistics section chief: Annelize
- Havenga TCCC Situation unit personnel - situation updates and maps: Juan-Dre Havenga
- · Marloth park personnel
- Initial attack incident commander Vaughan Potgieter
- · Communications -Nadine Edgecombe
- Branch directors and group supervisors - Nkomazie park ranger Jaco Minnaar, traffic official JJ Erasmus, Securicon Ambulance Services' Yolandi Dippenaar, Wild and Free's Deidre Joubert.
- Marloth residents' liaison - Pat Vorster
- · All the Marloth Park sector leaders for regular updates and inputs

Marloth Park organisations that opened their facilities

- Tin Shack: Location of the Incident Command Post and breakfast
- Needles Safari Lodge: Hosting the Incident Management Team members
- Techconnect: Providing Wi-Fi for the Incident Command Post
- Amazing Kruger River View: supplied
- Marloth Park residents, we thank you for your support and cooperation during the incident.

Dynamic Incident Management established an incident management team (IMT) to render incident management assistance to landowners, agencies, the private sector, and governmental sectors during incidents





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STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING!

[Letter to the editor] -

Thabazimbi - Thabazimbi is a beautiful town in the heart of Draadwerf and Tokkie Swanepoel who arranged the the bushveld, with alluring scenic landscapes and breathtaking views. Unfortunately, our town also has a big eye sore, trash being dumped illegally, blemishing our town like you will not believe. One of the biggest problem areas being Extension 18, which has become a dumping area for several residents and businesses in Thabazimbi. Luckily, there is 'n silver lining around this dark and unpleasant cloud of trash; our community has joined hands in an endeavour to clean Extension 18 and making a big effort to stop the illegal dumping in this area.

RealNet Bosveld's Leon Oosthuizen has launched this clean-up action with the help of Adams and Neilsen. the developers of Extension 18. Other members of the community who are helping to make a success of this project is Koos Kok from Dial a Drum, Amri Schlebusch from Busch Boerdery, Albert and Heinie Rohrbeck,

assistance of Tree for 2. If we did not have the support of our community, this endeavour would not be achievable. We really appreciate your commitment to this cleanup action. The TLB used to clear the roads and load all the rubble onto the truck, is sponsored by Draadwerf.

Fines have been issued for illegal dumpers and several guilty parties have already been sent back to the scene of the crime to collect their trash and remove it. We can also use your support in the form of donations. We need NO DUMPING sign boards to put up in the area, labourers to assist with the clean-up process, food, or wages for the labourers, etc. Anyone who would like to make a donation of any kind can contact Leon. This is an ongoing project as we need to prevent illegal dumping on a permanent basis. Extension 18 is a residential part of our town and should be treated like any other part of our town and kept clean.





We want to urge our community to take hands in this project and help us by reporting illegal dumping to the following people:

Tokkie Swanepoel 083 676 2301 **Ertjies de Witt** 066 233 4365 073 929 1796 Leon Oosthuizen

AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN [Letter to the editor]

Northam – The main four-way stop in Northam is a nightmare every morning and afternoon. Road rage is the order of the day – and just about nobody follows the right-of-way rule. I also haven't seen any traffic officials recently...? Surely this situation is their responsibility to manage. I think they only come out when an accident is reported. This 4-way stop is dangerous on so many levels. Many parents who have to drop off their kids at Viva Garage to catch the school bus, fear for their children's safety. Something needs to be done.

Anxious Motorist



POLICE TAKE OUR MEDICINE [Letter to the editor]

Dwaalboom - Police officers from Dwaalboom and Mahwelereng accompanied by military police and soldiers searched each person they came across in our community. They also searched houses in Dwaalboom and the Baipei settlement. Any marijuana plants that were found in private yards were removed without asking the owner's permission. I planted marijuana, not for scientific reasons, but for traditional medicinal use. To come onto a person's private property and remove their plants without any discussion, is disrespectful and a

human right's abuse. I also question why a Quantum bus marked Mahwelereng Police would travel more than 300km for such an operation in our area, Dwaalboom? Even soldiers, what do they want in our area as Dwaalboom is a peaceful "bosveld" where we don't experience major crimes? Should the soldiers not be protecting the national borders? Even cell phone theft does not occur here. We don't even have nyaupe addicts. Matlapeng



South Africa's constitutional court ruled in favour of people who grow marijuana for personal use.

At time of print

SOULFOO

ROMANS 8

¹There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

³For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

NEW KING JAMES VERSION (NKJV)



Liewe Mené, 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

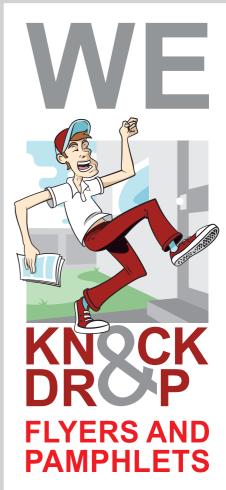
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REPRESENTING NORTHA

vice versa. In an interview with *Platinum Bushvelder*, Gouveia spoke about his journey leading up to becoming a councillor at TLM. "It was a long, gruelling road. It all started when I moved to Northam on 26 June 2016. I soon became part of

Thabazimbi – Democratic Alliance (DA) Northam public the 'Northam Problem' group on WhatsApp. With a child on with me, to make real improvements in Northam. We must relations (PR) councillor David Gouveia, was sworn in at the the way, I knew I had to make a difference, not only for my remember that Northam did not look like this overnight, and council chamber by Thabazimbi magistrate, JC Maribana child's future, but for the whole community's future. I was fully on Thursday 11 February. He will represent the Northam aware that I would not be able to do this on my own! I felt that community at Thabazimbi Local Municipality (TLM) and Northam had no 'voice' and from thereon I fully committed myself to this cause." Gouveia established the Northam Rate Payers Association on 18 September 2018 and was shortly joined by likeminded people who wanted to make Northam a congratulate councillor Gouveia and wish him all the best in better place. "I would like to invite the community to take hands his new role."

restoration also will not be overnight - but we can do it."

The Northam community would like to congratulate councillor Gouveia, he has made the community proud and we wish him luck. May God bless your journey!

Speaker of council Cllr Thane Hearne added: "I would like to

ELECTRICITY INCREASE FROM 1 APRIL



SA - Eskom notes and respects the order made today by the North Gauteng High Court. This order will result in an average price increase of approximately 15% in the electricity tariff for standard tariff customers starting on 1 April 2021. This court decision allows Eskom to recover efficiently incurred costs for the production of electricity. The Eskom chief financial officer, Calib Cassim welcomed the decision, and stressed that poor residential customers will continue to be supported through the free basic electricity programme, as well as affordability subsidies provided for in the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) tariff decision. Eskom press release extracts, 16 February 2021

FORM JJJ | LOST OR DESTROYED DEED

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 68 of the Deeds Registries Act, 1937, of the intention to apply for the issue of a certified copy of Deed of Transfer 45985/2011 passed by NEMCOR PROPERTIES (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED, Registration Number 2008/002558/07, in favour of BBB PROPERTIES (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED, Registration Number 1981/003100/07 in respect of PORTION 2 (PORTION OF PORTION 1) OF ERF 1457 THABAZIMBI EXTENSION 8 TOWNSHIP, REGISTRATION DIVISION K.Q., PROVINCE OF LIMPOPO HELD BY DEED OF TRANSFER 45985/2011

which has been lost or destroyed.

All interested persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds Limpopo at Polokwane, within two weeks from the date of the publication of this notice. Dated at THABAZIMBI on this 17th day of FEBRUARY 2021.

Applicant **PIETER JACO HEYNS (42023)** CILLIERS & REYNDERS INC.

ANTERNS ARE

Thabazimbi - The Chinese community celebrated the beginning of a new year on Friday, 12 February. During this time, windows are opened to allow good luck to come inside and lanterns are lit to reflect new hopes and aspirations for the new year. The new year is symbolised by the ox which characterises hard work, positivity, and honesty. Platinum Bushvelder would like to wish our Chinese readers a very happy and bountiful new year.

Wen Chen, a local Chinese businessman enjoyed a dinner of chicken, meat and fish over the new year which symbolises having abundance year after year.



KILLED TRYING TO PROTECT A FRIEND

Brits - The senseless murder of Dieter five appeared and started attacking them. when he pulled his friend Chris Malan (19) is hard to digest.

The incident occured shortly after 02:00 AM in Van Deventer Street, Brits.

hangout for youngsters... the lift only took police spokesperson Maria Nkabinde said. them part of the way and dropped them off... mom to come and fetch them. They soon realised they were in trouble when a gang of

Grabie (22) of Brits who was stabbed to death Grabie collapsed soon after being stabbed. Malan summoned an ambulance from a out of the way of five knife-wielding attackers, nearby filling station. Sadly Grabie died shortly after being admitted to hospital.

"He was stabbed in the upper body. The suspects fled the scene and the friend Dieter and his friend caught a lift from a local then sought assistance from a local garage,"

Anyone with information that can assist upon which Malan reportedly phoned his police in their investigations is requested to contact lieutenant colonel Charmaine Jenner on 082 460 6581.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL CONSENT IN TERMS OF CLAUSE 25 OF THE THABAZIMBI LAND USE SCHEME, 2014 READ WITH SECTION 16 (3) OF THE THABAZIMBI LAND USE MANAGEMENT BY -LAW, 2015 AND THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE SPATAIL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT ACT, 2013 (ACT 16 OF 2013) (SPLUMA) AND REGULATIONS AS PROMULGATED

The Owner of erf 481, Regorogile Extension 1, Registration Division K.Q., Limpopo Province, hereby gives notice in terms of Clause 25.1 (c) and (d) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Scheme, 2014 read with the relevant provision of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (Act 16 of 2013) (Spluma) and Regulations as promulgated, that they have applied to the Thabazimbi Municipality for Special Consent of the Thabazimbi Local Municipality to make provision for "Multiple Dwelling Units" to be erected on Erf 481, Regorogile Extension 1. The existing zoning of the erf is "Educational" and is located in Muse Avenue, Regorogile Extension 1.

Particulars of the application will lie for inspection during normal office hours at the office of the Director: Planning and Economic Development, Thabazimbi Municipality, 7 Rietbok Street, Thabazimbi for a period of 30 days from 19 February 2021.

Objections to or representation in respect of the application must be lodged with or made in writing to the Director: Planning and Economic Development, Thabazimbi Municipality, at above-mentioned address or at Private bag x 530, Thabazimbi, 0380 within a period of 30 Days from 19 February 2021 authorised agent: H & W TOWN PLANNERS CC (2006/1/85/ POTCHEFSTROOM, 2531, P.O. BOX 1635, POTCHEFSTROOM, 2520, TEL: 018 297 7077,

e-mail: louis@hwtp.co.za (HB201819)

KENNISGEWING VAN AANSOEK VIR SPESIALE TOESTEMMING IN TERME VAN KLOUSULE 25 VAN DIE THABAZIMBI GRONDGEBRUIKSKEMA 2014 SAAMGELEES MET ARTIKEL 16 (3) VAN DIE THABAZIMBI GRONDGEBRUIKBESTUUR **VERORDENING, 2015 EN MET DIE BETROKKE BEPALINGS VAN DIE WET OP RUIMTELIKE BEPLANNING EN GRONDGEBRUIKBESTUUR, 2013 (WET 16 VAN 2013)** (SPLUMA) EN REGULASIES SOOS GEPROKLAMEER

Die Eienaar van Erf 481, Regorogile Uitbreiding 1, Registrasie Afdeling K.Q., Limpopo Provinsie, gee hiermee ingevolge Klousule 25.1(c) en (d) van die Thabazimbi Grongebruikskema, 2014 saamgelees met die betrokke bepalings van die Wet op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruikbestuur. 2013 (Wet 16 van 2013) (Spluma) en regulasies soos geproklameer, kennis dat hulle aansoek gedoen het by die Thabazimbi Munisipaliteit vir Spesiale Toestemming van die Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit vir die oprigting van "Veelvuldige Wooneenhede" op Erf 481, Regorogile Uitbreiding 1. Die bestaande sonering van die Erf is "Opvoedkundig" en is geleë in Muselaan, Regorogile Uitbreiding 1.

Besonderhede van die aansoek lê ter insae gedurende gewone kantoorure by die kantoor van die Direkteur: Beplanning en Ekonomiese Ontwikkeling, Thabazimbi Munisipaliteit, Rietbokstraat 7. Thabazimbi vir 'n tydperk van 30 dae vanaf 19 Februarie 2021

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... Om jou te herinner van komende gebeure...

FUNKSIE	DATUM	LOKAAL	KONTAK
ThabaNkwe MTB Trails	20 Feb '21	Lephalale: Thaba 'Nkwe Bushveld Inn	082-926-2693
Fedhealth Magalies Monster	5 Jun '21	Buffelspoort: ATKV Buffelspoort	082-991-0045

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.

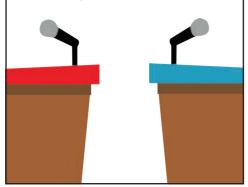
Make yourself heard by sending an email to news@platinumbushvelder.co.za with the following information before 17:00 on Wednesday 24 February:

- 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.

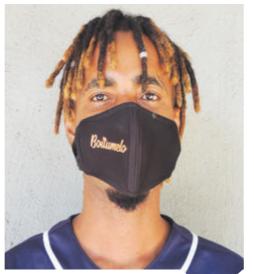
PS - You can also give your opinion by commenting on our Facebook post.



Have your say / Sê jou sê

Are you actively dealing with your depression?

Depression is one of the most common diseases of modern society. Most people have bad days, when they feel sad, down, melancholic, or depressed. It's a normal reaction to life's challenges. However, when intense sadness or hopelessness lasts for many days or weeks on end and keeps you from living your life – you could have clinical depression.



"I don't have a coping mechanism. I deal with my depression on my own."

Craig Cartar

PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

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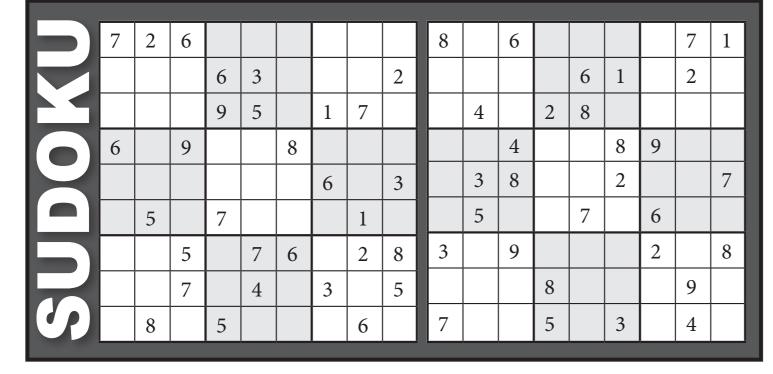
NO YES NOT SURE **38% 50% 12%**

"Yes I do. Music is my relaxing time, so I put on my headphones and focus on myself until I am calm."

Lidia Raubenheimer



Please visit the South African Depression and Anxiety Group on www. sadag.org for help or someone to talk to. You are not alone!



FUN IN THE SUN

Thabazimbi – Kameeldoring Oasis's swimming and water slide facilities are ideal for spoiling your kids while taking a break from the summer heat.

Established in April 2019 by Ben and Abigail Muller, this fun-filled centre briefly stopped operating due to the COVID-19 national lockdown. But their doors opened again on 14 February!

"We offer a family-orientated environment where families can come and enjoy with their kids. Currently, we have a rock pool with slides, a baby pool with two slides, a rock-climbing wall as well as trampoline and jumping castle facilities," Ben told *Platinum Bushvelder*.

Apart from the endless hours of fun that patrons can enjoy at the centre, Ben pointed out that they also host various entertainment events upon request where they supply decor, catering, and a lot of other services. They are open for day-visitors from 10:00 to



DIE KAR O NÈ! [Brief aan die redakteur]

Die verskil tussen 'n kar en 'n motor is maar die bestuurder.

Corona word bestuur deur 'n donkiekar bestuurder wat nie bewus is van moderne tegnologie nie. Byvoorbeeld... Die besending van die teenmiddel, wat net 22% effektief is, het wel in Suid-Afrika aangeland. Dit teen hoë kostes met die donkiekar bestuurders wat dit op die lughawe loop inwag het.

Dan is daar die diefstal en vermorsing van die middele wat aangewend kon word vir 'n beter Suid-Afrika. Armes en ondergaande besighede kon gered word.

Maar daar is lig in die tonnel – en dit is nie 'n trein nie! Ons hoop en geloof sal ons deurdra. Ons het heelwat pandemies en krisisse oorleef deur eeue heen as volk omdat ons weer moed geskep het, opgestaan het en veral begin daad by die woord sit en werk.

Werk is skaars maar harde werk is volop. As ons positief dink, werk vir ons drome en oop oë droom, sal ons oorleef. Bly die 'self talk' ding doen, want jy kan, jy sal, jy wil, en jy gaan weer die lewe in die oog kyk en die uitdagings van die dag aanvat.

Oom Mamba, Thabazimbi

