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Laerskool Thabazimbi school principal Koos Venter (Cupid) and Grade 7 leader Duan van der Nest.

IS IN THE AIR

Thabazimbi – When a helicopter landed on Laerskool Thabazimbi's rugby field on Thursday 12 January, learners flocked to the field and *Platinum Bushvelder* also investigated what all the hype was about. When Cupid, none other than the school's very own principal, Koos Venter and Cupid's helper (Grade 7 learner Duan van der Nest) got out of the helicopter, the cat was out of the bag. The Grade 7s are going all the way to raise funds for the list of functions and events they have planned for this year. Cupid's arrival by helicopter officiated the launch of a lucky-draw competition where a helicopter ride for two is up for grabs – quite a sweet deal to put on the table when approaching that someone special!

To win the prize, learners have to buy a special gift from the Grade 7 catalogue, which automatically enters them into the lucky draw. With the theme of Valentine's Day, the catalogue includes special items such as jewellery, key chains, stickers, hair accessories, pens, cards, bookmarks, tags, balloons, phone cases, gifts, towels, roses, candy, heart-shaped lights and clothing. They have until 21 January 2023 to place their orders whereupon the draw will close. The lucky winner—who will be drawn on 14 February—will certainly have a day to remember for the rest of his/her life as the winner gets to take to the air with their someone special. The Grade 7 learners would like to give special thanks to Dolph and Alecia van der Merwe who are sponsoring the helicopter ride, as well as the pilot Jaco Jacobs, and Paul Dreyer who provided the sound system for the launch of the competition. Unfortunately, only learners at Laerskool Thabazimbi can enter the competition—but be sure to give them a wave should you catch a glimpse of them in the air on Valentine's Day!

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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
AUTHORISATION PROCESS

DMRE REF NUMBER: NW/30/5/1/12/11298PR
JANUARY 2023

Notice of Environmental Authorisation Application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended; and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations and the National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2008 in respect of listed activities that have been triggered by applications in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA) as amended for lodged application for the prospecting activities to establish a mineral resource i.e. coal, pseudocoal, torbanite/oil shale and aluminium ore on Re of BYMEKAAR 783 HT, Re of VANMEKAAR 810 HT & Portion 1 – 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 23 & 24 of VREDE 154 HU within the Magisterial District of Vryheid, KwaZulu-Natal Province

Location of Sites: The proposed prospecting area is situated approximately 16,80 km Northeast of Vryheid within the Hlobane residential area.

Proposed Activity: The proposed project involves prospecting activities to establish a mineral resource i.e., coal, pseudocoal, torbanite/oil shale and aluminum ore on Re of BYMEKAAR 783 HT, Re of VANMEKAAR 810 HT & Portion 1 – 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 23 & 24 of VREDE 154 HU within the Magisterial District of Vryheid, KwaZulu-Natal Province.

Listed Activity/ Triggers Applied for: Government Notice, No. R. 327, April 2017 (LN1)-Activity 20

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APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 16(3) OF THE THABAZIMBI LAND USE MANAGEMENT BY-LAW, 2015 - IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT A CELLULAR TELEPHONE MAST AND BASE STATION ON ERF 16 NORTHAM

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, Dzunisani Maswanganyi from the firm Siphila Sonke Property Holding (Pty) Ltd, has applied to the Thabazimbi Local Municipality, in terms of Section 16(3) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-Law, 2015 for the approval of building plans and relaxation of building line in order to construct a cellular telephone mast and base station on **Erf 16 Northam**. Particulars and plans of this application may be inspected during normal office hours at the Thabazimbi Local Municipality at 7 Rietbok Street, Thabazimbi, 0380 or at the address of the applicant [Siphila Sonke Property Holding (Pty) Ltd] at 86 Skilpad Road, Monument Park, Pretoria, 0028. Any person or persons who wish to object to the approval of this application must lodge such objection in writing, together with the grounds thereof, to the Manager, Town Planning, Thabazimbi Local Municipality, Private Bag X530 and with the applicant no later than 30 days from the first date of publication.
First date of advertisement: 20 January 2023 | Second date of advertisement: 27 January 2023
Objection expiry date: 20 February 2023 | Applicant: Siphila Sonke Property Holding (Pty) Ltd, 86 Skilpad, Monument park, Pretoria, 0002, Tel: (012) 346 4255, e-mail: dzunisani@siphilasonke.co.za | **Site ref: 01262-07 Northam ETE & CSC Land**

AANSOEK INGEVOLGE ARTIKEL 16 (3) VAN DIE VERORDENING OP BEHEER VAN GRONDGEBRUIK OP LANDGEBRUIK OP GRONDGEBRUIK, 2015 - OM 'N SELLE TELEFOONMAS EN GRONDSTAAT OP ERF 16 NORTHAM

Kennis geskied hiermee dat ek, die ondergetekende, Dzunisani Maswanganyi van die firma Siphila Sonke Property Holding (Edms) Bpk, aansoek gedoen het by die Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit ingevolge artikel 16 (3) van die Thabazimbi Verordening op Grondgebruiksbestuur, 2015 vir die goedkeuring van bouplanne ten einde 'n mobiele telefoon- en basisstasie **op ERF 16 NORTHAM** op te rig. Besonderhede en planne van hierdie aansoek le ter insae gedurende gewone kantoorure by die Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Rietbokstraat 7, Thabazimbi, 0380 of by die adres van die applikant Siphila Sonke Property Holding (Edms) Bpk), te Skilpadweg 86, Monument Park , Pretoria, 0028. Enige persoon of persone wat beswaar wil maak teen die goedkeuring van hierdie aansoek, moet sodanige besware en die redes daarvoor, skriftelik by die aansoeker indien, nie later as 30 dae na die eerste datum van publikasie nie.
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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES

SBPM & SCSC SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURES, FOR THE BAGATLA MINE, WITHIN THE THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE AND THE MOSES KOTANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

Proposed Activity and Location: The development of two (2) separate solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities and associated infrastructure on sites located approximately 6.5km west of the town of Northam, in the Limpopo Province. The projects are located in the Thabazimbi Local Municipality within the Waterberg District Municipality. The proposed grid connection routes for the PV developments for the Siyanda Bakgatla Platinum Mine extend to the North West Province within the Moses Kotane Local Municipality and the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality. The projects are proposed on the following properties:

Applicant	Project Name	Affected Property
Main Street 1886 Proprietary Limited	SBPM Solar PV	Solar PV: • Portion 4 of Farm Grootkuil 409 Grid connection: • Portion 3 of Farm Grootkuil 409 • Portion 4 of Farm Grootkuil 409 • Portion 5 of Farm Grootkuil 409 • Portion 0 of Farm Spitskop 410 • Portion 0 of Farm Turfbult 404 • Portion 1 of Farm Zwartklip 405 • Portion 2 of Farm Zwartklip 405
Main Street 1887 Proprietary Limited	SCSC Solar PV	Solar PV: • Portion 3 of Farm Grootkuil 409 Grid connection: • Portion 3 of Farm Grootkuil 409 • Portion 4 of Farm Grootkuil 409 • Portion 5 of Farm Grootkuil 409 • Portion 0 of Farm Spitskop 410 • Portion 0 of Farm Turfbult 404 • Portion 1 of Farm Zwartklip 405 • Portion 2 of Farm Zwartklip 405

The following infrastructure will be developed for each of respective PV facilities:
• 100MW Solar PV array comprising PV modules and mounting structures.
• Inverters and transformers.
• Cabling between the project components.
• Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
• On-site facility substation and power lines between the solar PV facility and the Mine and Eskom substation.
• Site offices, Security office, operations and control, and maintenance and storage laydown areas.
• Access roads, internal distribution roads

Application for Environmental Authorisation: Separate applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GNR 326) was submitted for the projects to the Department of Forestry, Fishery and the Environment (DFFE)

Draft Environmental Impact Assessment available for public review and comment: An EIA Report in support of the Application for Environmental Authorisation has been compiled and is available for review and comment. Visit our online stakeholder engagement platform at https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/siyanda-pv/. The EIA Report is available from Friday, 20 January 2023 to Monday, 20 February 2023. To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to:

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Thanks for fixing the roads!

Thabazimbi – Last year I wrote a letter to *Platinum Bushvelder's* editor to raise my frustrations regarding the many potholes in Thabazimbi.

I am happy to report that the situation is changing! During December 2022 and January 2023, I have seen so many people take it upon themselves to fix the roads and solve one of our biggest challenges. I have seen not only community members fixing our roads, but also some local businesses!

Medhof Pharmacy staffers, for example, plugged the potholes which had become an eyesore in front of their business premises. To all those who played a part, I give a big thanks for making the roads a safer place for all of us. This goes to show that not all heroes wear capes!

Grateful Resident,
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Did you know?



The longest hiccups in history lasted for 68 years. American-born Charles Osborne entered the Guinness World Records as the man with the longest attack of hiccups. His hiccups started in 1922 and lasted until February 1990—a staggering amount of 430 million hiccups!

Have your say / Sê jou sê

Did you stay up until past midnight for the New Year?

Some people hold the tradition of staying awake until after midnight to greet the new year. On the other hand, others see it as just another day, so why stay awake?



Yes, I stayed awake for the new year because I wanted to pray for the new year to start with great opportunities and changes.
Tshepo Shihlabane



Yes, we did! It has always been a tradition for us, and we always stay awake.
Clarice Nel



No, I did not stay awake because I wanted to start the new year being fresh and rested.
Charlotte Breytenbach

PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Did you stay up until past midnight for the New Year?

NO **27%** YES **73%**

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Do you kill spiders?

Spiders play a very important role in our ecosystem. They catch bugs like flies and mosquitos, and because of this, many people consider them to be welcome visitors to a home. But for others, it can be quite a nerve-racking experience to have an eight-legged creepy crawl around. Make yourself heard by sending an email to or news@platinumbushvelder.co.za or send us a WhatsApp at 081 579 7000 with the following information before 17:00 on Monday 23 January 2023:

- Yes, I kill spiders.
- No, I don't kill spiders.
- The reason for your answer.
- A recent photo of yourself—so we can publish your pic with your answer.
- Your contact details.
- Please also indicate in which town/ city you stay.

The results of the votes will be published in our next issue.
P.S. You can also give your opinion by commenting on our Facebook post.

Here are the stats... don't become one!

Limpopo – Nationally, the 2022/23 festive period saw a significant reduction in road fatalities which decreased from the previous period's 1,685 to 1,451. However, this is still 1,451 too many! "Don't drink and drive!" This is the message from Thabazimbi Local Municipality (TLM) acting director of community services David Moabelo, who is concerned with the many road accidents and needless loss of lives. In an interview with *Platinum Bushvelder* on Wednesday 18 January 2023, Moabelo said most of the accidents recorded in Thabazimbi and other areas in the Limpopo province during 2022 were a direct result of the failure of drivers to obey traffic regulations. "I urge the community to obey the rules, keep within the speed limit, and not overtake where you are not supposed to," said Moabelo. "We want a zero-accidents figure, and we can't do this without the assistance of the community. One death is one too many." Limpopo Province recorded fewer road fatalities during the 2022/23 festive season when compared to the previous 2021/22 festive period. Announcing the preliminary statistics of the just-ended festive season, minister of transport Fikile Mbalula revealed the significant drop. The statistics, which gave an overview of the fatalities experienced in the country over the festive season, were released by the minister on Tuesday 17 January 2023. "Limpopo fatalities dropped from 226 to 179, resulting in a 20,8% reduction," Mbalula said. While acknowledging the achievement, Mbalula pointed out that more still needed to be done to avoid the needless loss of lives.

"We are gathered here today to recommit ourselves to our Arrive Alive campaign under the theme 'it starts with you'. This is to emphasise that road safety is everyone's responsibility," Mbalula said. He called upon all road users to be vigilant. "Road users must change their behaviour and attitude, law enforcement must do their work without fear or favour, and authorities must create a conducive environment to improve safety on the roads. This must happen every day throughout the year." Mbalula also urged scholar transport operators to adhere to traffic regulations. "The 'silly season' has ended. However, we still have our work cut out for us. Learners have gone back to school, so parents and scholar transporters are encouraged to be vigilant and cautious when transporting our children," he added.



TLM acting director of community services David Moabelo urges drivers to obey the rules.



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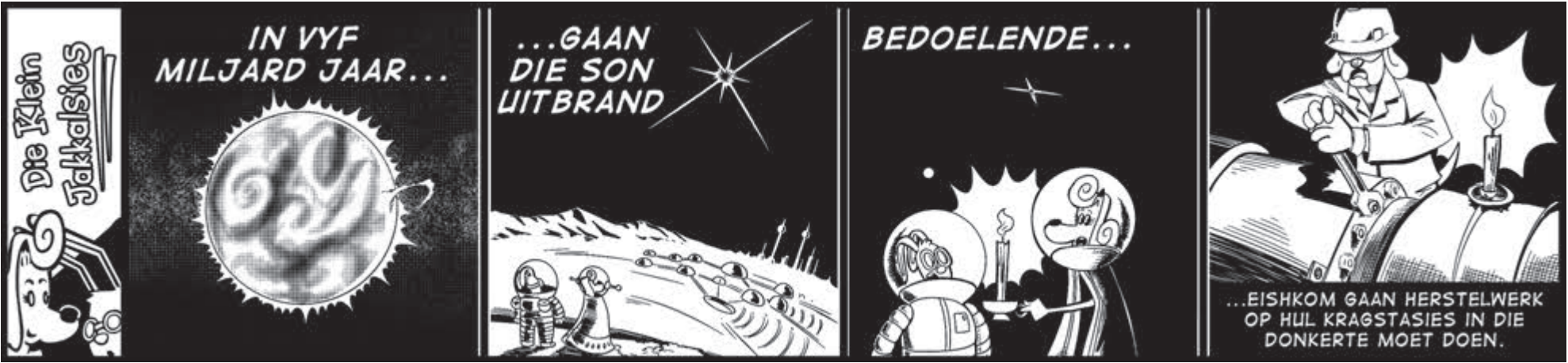
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LIMPOPO'S 2022 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR



Gary Bauer (left) was awarded Limpopo's 2022 sportsman of the year 2022. Maya Broekhuizen was nominated as Limpopo's sportswoman of the year 2022, and Gert Snyman was nominated as Limpopo's sports administrator of the year 2022. All three Protea archers are residents of Thabazimbi.



Congratulations to Gary Bauer, Limpopo's 2022 sportsman of the year.

Thabazimbi – Sportsmen and women from Limpopo were recognised for their contribution to sport in Limpopo at a function hosted by the Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture on Wednesday 4 December 2022.

During the function, the Thabazimbi Archery Club was represented by three nominees: Gert Snyman for his leadership role at the South African International Field Archery Association (SANIFAA), Gary Bauer who was a gold medal winner at the 2022 World Field Archery Competition (WFAC) which was hosted in Estonia, and Maya Broekhuizen, also a gold medal winner at the 2022 WFAC 2022 and 2022 holder of the world record for junior female bowhunter.

The Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts, and Culture honoured archers' impact on the development of sport in Limpopo.

Archery excelled in the year 2022; three provinces now recognise Archery as a competitive sport.

In the Cape, Gunther Kraemer was recognised as sportsman of the Cape Province for 2022 after receiving a gold medal at the 2022 WFAC. Kobus Barnard of the Free State was honoured as sportsman of the year in the Free State for the silver medal he received at the 2022 WFAC.

The highlight of this gala was when Bauer was announced as Limpopo's 2022 sportsman of the year and received a cheque for R30,000 as prize money. The prize money will be used to cover Bauer's sporting expenses as archery and the travel to competitions are costly and self-funded.

If you would like to take on archery as a sport, contact Gert Snyman, chairman of the Thabazimbi Archery Club at 083 295 1284, or Clive Shamrock, vice chairman at 082 371 0537 for details.

The Thabazimbi Archery Club is open every Tuesday night from 17:30 starting on the 7th of February 2023.

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**The Lord the Strength of His People
A Song of Ascents.**
125 Those who trust in the Lord Are like Mount Zion, Which cannot be moved, but abides forever. 2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the Lord surrounds His people From this time forth and forever. 3 For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest On the land allotted to the righteous, Lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity. 4 Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, And to those who are upright in their hearts. 5 As for such as turn aside to their crooked ways, The Lord shall lead them away With the workers of iniquity. Peace be upon Israel!

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READY TO RUMBLE?

Setaria – The Northam Rhinos Rugby Club will be hosting the second annual Bushveld 10s Sports Festival on Friday 3 March 2023 and Saturday 4 March 2023.

Last year's festival drew in crowds from all over South Africa for a weekend of excellent rugby. The festival combines sports, music, and beer as various rugby and netball teams compete against one another for the winning title.

The rugby teams will compete in the following divisions:

- Men's premier division
- Men's club division
- Men's golden oldies (above 35)
- Ladies seven division

The netball teams will compete in two divisions:

- Ladies' division
- Mixed division.

Entries are open! Head to <https://bushveld10s.co.za/> to enter your teams. There will be camping spots available next to the field at R50 per person per night, or R100 per person per night with breakfast included. Other accommodation will also be available if you don't want to be that close to the action.

For more information regarding the festival, stalls, or accommodation contact Flip de Kock on 076 791 4659.



Clayton Isaacs and Rizzanti Piettersen travelled all the way from Touws River in the Western Cape to participate in last year's festival.