



Thabazimbi - They say that an elephant never RHCRU, a non-profit organisation dedicated to the we said our names. The elephant then returned known as Poppie, took it upon herself to give the Research Unit (RHCRU) and elderly Thabazimbi Elephants experience at no charge residents something to remember on Thursday Poppie arranged for a bus, fuel, and snacks, and 27 July 2023.

of Thabazimbi, decided to orchestrate a memorable 07:00, and by 08:30 arrived at their destination. outing for 12 elderly community members. "While they have their memories to keep them company, I an elderly Thabazimbi local, "I've always been a wanted to give them something new to think about, bit scared of elephants. But after my experience I and an opportunity to smile," said Poppie, "That's learnt that they are extremely intelligent creatures. why I arranged for an outing to the RHCRU in Bela-Bela".

forgets. Thabazimbi local, Henrika Smith, fondly holistic and sustainable conservation of elephants and wildlife, collaborated with Poppie to make elephants of the Rory Hensman Conservation and the day possible by availing their Adventures with

the group, along with her daughter Monica Smit, Poppie, who often reaches out to elderly residents and grandson David Roux, merrily departed at

"It was a truly wonderful day," said Susan Mulder, I couldn't believe it! Each of us gave one of our shoes to an elephant, and as we gave our shoes, in the herd of life.

each person's shoe to its owner without making a mistake. It was adorable. The experience was something different from my day-to-day; most of the time we only go to the shops and back home. Even my husband, who is a homebody, surprisingly enjoyed the outing and spoke about it long afterwards. I would like to thank Poppie and everyone at RHCRU for making the day possible".

Elephants are wonderous creatures as they remind us of what we consider the finest human traits: empathy, self-awareness, social intelligence, as well as the importance of remembering everyone

From left: Thabazimbi local Marietiie Conradie, and RHCRU elephant handlers Oscar Naykwete with Nuanedi, an 18-year-old elephant cow.

A DECADE OF WATER WOES

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TFR records a total of 20 fires between July and August!



The 16 July fire in Steenbokpan, 50 km west from Lephalale, damaged 5000 hectares of land and burnt down 7 farms.

Thabazimbi - Thabazimbi Fire and Rescue (TFR) volunteers have been working tirelessly to keep fires at bay.

TFR volunteers respond to fires and accidents, and aid SAPS and emergency responders whenever possible.

Between Sunday 2 July and Sunday 13 August 2023, TFR volunteers have responded to a total of twenty fires in and around Thabazimbi.

"Approximately 80% of the fires were caused by arson," says TFR director Pierre Loots, "We urge community members to exercise caution with flammables and to not start any veld fires until 25 ml rainfall has been received. We use our own resources to combat fires, but I would like to thank Numzaan Safaris and the Thabazimbi Fire Protection Association for each donating a firefighting unit to our cause". Platinum Bushvelder salutes the brave TFR volunteers who continuously and selflessly keep the community safe.

For fire-related queries, contact TFR on 076 579 2402, or email thabafireandrescue@gmail.com.

Single vehicle rollover on R510

Thabazimbi - On Friday morning 11 August 2023 a driver of a blue hatchback was involved in a single vehicle rollover accident on the R510. Trauma Rescue responded to the scene and transported the passenger to a nearby medical facility. "The R510 is a very dangerous road, now more so than ever with all the roadworks taking place. Please maintain your speed and keep a safe distance. Where active roadworks are happening, pay attention and watch out for the construction vehicles," said Trauma Rescue special operations manager Reyno Dempers.





Waterberg – The Waterberg District Municipality Fire Service received a call from the Dinare Security control room at approximately 21:20 on Friday 18 August 2023 which reported a veldfire next to MBT at Heuwelkruin Estate. Upon arrival it was discovered that the fire was completely out of control. Firefighters Mighty Moumakwe and Kabelo Mpete managed to 'back burn' the area to stop the fire from reaching nearby electrical lines and residences. The fire was monitored until it burnt out.



A decade of water woes

Thabazimbi – On Tuesday 8 August 2023 the Thabazimbi Municipality issued a notice stating that they have noted the constant water supply interruptions in the town of Thabazimbi, Ipelegeng, and Regorogile extensions.

According to the notice: "The current low pressure to no water supply was due to the severe leakages on the main bulk pipeline that was at the Thabazimbi Iron Ore Mine premises, and it has been fixed, other than that there was an unplanned power outage from Eskom supplying the Thabazimbi pumpstation and that was fixed moments ago.

On the other hand, TLM is busy with borehole upgrades to improve and increase the water supply to the town of Thabazimbi, Regorogile, and Northam

Over the weekend two boreholes have been upgraded by replacing old 4.0 kW water pumps with the new 7.5 kW pumps at Regorogile Extensions 4 and 6, and more boreholes will be attended to.

Regular updates will be issued regarding this problem. The Municipality apologises for the inconvenience caused. For all water related matters please contact TLM Water and Sanitation standby 083 703 2805."

Meanwhile, *Platinum Bushvelder* followed up on TLM's account with Magalies Water, which has been seriously in arears for the past 10 (ten) years and reached out to Magalies Water for an update. On 10 August we received the following reply from Magalies Water spokesperson David Magae: "Thabazimbi Local Municipality is in arrears by R150,381,245.94. Magalies Water has been meeting with the Municipality, in a bid to address this challenge and to date no solution has been found as engagements are ongoing".

When asked whether Magalies Water was restricting Thabazimbi's water supply due to the account in arears, we received the following response from Magalies Water spokesperson David Magae: "Please note that the restrictions have been reduced to 7 megalitres, which contractually Thabazimbi Local Municipality and Magalies Water have entered into. As a result of the growing water demand in the municipal jurisdiction, as was reached where Magalies Water was supplying Thabazimbi Local Municipality with 11 megalitres of potable water daily.

However, due to the ensuing debt issue Magalies Water has reduced supply from the 11 megalitres to 7 megalitres per day, which Thabazimbi Local Municipality had committed to paying for monthly. However, the payment history indicated that the municipality is unable to pay for what it has been supplied with, consequently it was resolved that the original 7 ml/d be the consistent supply until such time the municipality can show cause that it is able to pay for the 11 ml/d supply".

Extracts of a TLM press release placed in the Platinum Bushvelder dated 1 December 2017:' The municipality has fallen into arrears with its major bulk suppliers of basic services, and therefore urges all residents to pay their monthly bills. It is critical for the ratepayers, businesses and residents to continue paying for services in order to help the municipality restore the provision of all services to normality. 'In order to improve this sad state of affairs, and to enable the municipality to discharge its service delivery mandate, communities are encouraged to pay their accounts.' In August 2019, TLM announced that by using equitable shares, they reduced the amount owed to Eskom from R238 million to R190 million, and from R72 million to R58 million owed to the Magalies Waterboard.



Placing an obituary

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You can include the date of death, details about their life and surviving family members. You can also write a special message, a poem or a prayer. Please include a photo and the date, time and place of the memorial service.

If you would like to place an obituary in *Platinum Weekly / Platinum Bushvelder*, send the information via WhatsApp to 072 482 6871 or email news@platinumweekly.co.za/news@platinumbushvelder.co.za.



n remembrance



In Liefdevolle herinnering aan Mercia Jeanne Boshoff, gebore 10 November 1931, oorlede 16 Augustus 2023. Die roudiens het plaasgevind op 21 Augustus op die plaas Klipgat te Thabazimbi. Die diens was waargeneem deur Ds. Andre Steinmann.

Herinnerings brief:

"Ons dank God vir die tyd wat sy vir ons gespaar is. Haar skerpsinnigheid, humorsin en blymoedigheid sal ons bybly. Sy het ons bemoedig en omgee het natuurlik gekom. Sy het ons geleer dat ons is hier, net uit genade, wat ons het, is net geleen. Haar heengaan laat 'n groot leemte by die kinders, kleinkinders, agterkleinkinders, familie en vriende".

Diens gelewer met deernis en respek deur Doves Begrafnisdienste, Michaelstraat 11, Thabazimbi.

Kontak besonderhede: 014 777 1269, naure: 083 740 7369 (24/7).

Have your say / Sê jou sê

Are you okay with being corrected?

Being human means that we are bound to make mistakes from time to time, be it in our personal lives or in our workspace. Receiving constructive criticism is an opportunity to learn and grow. However, some people don't appreciate being corrected. When you make a blunder, are you okay with someone correcting you?



No, I'm happy to be complimented with positive feedback and possible new perspectives, versus being corrected and ridiculed.

> Carrie Netshifhire



Yes, I am fine with being corrected. I strive to be better every day. When corrected, it sheds light on where you can improve yourself.

Monica Smit

PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Are you okay with being corrected?

NO 11% YES 89%

POLL

Do you believe that people can change?

Some believe in the phrase "a leopard never changes its spots" as they believe that it's impossible for one to change his/her character, even when they try really hard. Do you believe that a person, no matter how horrible his/her nature, is capable of genuine change? Make yourself heard by sending an email to news@platinumbushvelder.co.za or send us a WhatsApp on 081 579 7000 with the following information before 17:00 on Monday 28 August 2023.

- · Yes, I believe people can change.
- No, people don't change.
- The reason for your answer.
- A recent photo of yourself—so that we can publish your pic with your answer.
- Your contact details.
- Please indicate in which town/ city you reside

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YOUR FRIDAY

FUN FACT

Did you know?

The fear/phobia of butterflies or

moths is called 'Lepidopterophobia' and is pronounced lep-ah-dop-ter-a-pho-bee-ah.

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Children's Project.

Thabang Children's Project AGM

Thabazimbi – The Thabang Children's Project will be hosting its annual general meeting

(AGM) on Wednesday 6 September 2023, at the

Thabang Child and Youth Care Centre, Klipgat

"The AGM will start at 15:00, and all are welcome

to attend. Please RSVP before 6 September,"

says Thabang Children's Project chief executive

For more information, contact Linda Grobler

farm on R511, Thabazimbi.

officer Linda Grobler.

on 014 004 0334.

HFM bied aan 'Food and Wine Market'

Thabazimbi – Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer (HFM) bied met trots 'n *'Food and Wine Market'* op Vrydag 25 Augustus 2023 aan op HFM se skoolterrein.

Kom geniet unieke en opwindende kookkuns uit ons gemeenskap!

Hekke open om 15h00 en kaartjies beloop R150 per volwassene, R100 vir hoërskoolleerders, en R50 vir laerskoolleerlinge. Kaartjies is te koop by HFM se finansiële kantoor.

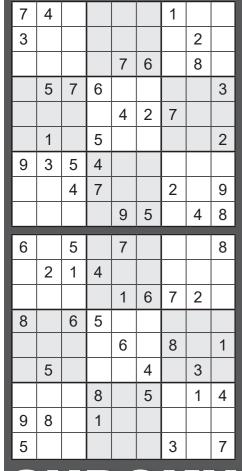


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Hengelkompetisie	2 Sept '23	Northam: Northam Plats, Setaria	071-352-9495
Dames Lente Tee	9 Sept '23	Thabazimbi: Thabazimbi Sopkombuis	072-671-9710
SANPark Week (Mahala week)	16-24 Sept '23	Thabazimbi: Marakele National Park	076-429-3842
Thabazimbi Flea Market	16 Sept '23	Thabazimbi: Thaba Park	082-785-6245
Thabazimbi Wildlife Services Auction	20 Sep '23	Thabazimbi: Show grounds	083-581-7780
Magoebaskloof Spring Festival	25-27 Sep '23	Haenertsburg Town	082-370-8567
Thabazimbi Flea Market	8 Oct '23	Thabazimbi: Thaba Park	082-785-6245



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17 Better is a dry morsel with quietness, Than a house full of feasting with strife.

2 A wise servant will rule over a son who causes shame, And will share an inheritance among the brothers.

3 The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the Lord tests the hearts.

4 An evildoer gives heed to false lips:

A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue. 5 He who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker; He who is glad at calamity will not go

unpunished.
6 Children's children are the crown of old men, And the glory of children is their father.

men, And the glory of children is their father. 7 Excellent speech is not becoming to a fool, Much less lying lips to a prince.

8 A present is a precious stone in the eyes of its possessor:

Wherever he turns, he prospers.

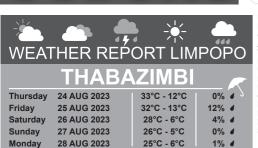
9 He who covers a

transgression seeks love,
But he who repeats a matter

separates friends.



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Vrouedag met fraai, handgemaakte items

Setaria – Op Woensdag 9 Augustus 2023, Vrouedag, het die Vroue Landbou Unie (VLU) Zonneblom-tak handgemaakte oorbelle en sleutelhouers uitgedeel by Setaria SPAR.

Vir meer inligting of om deel te word van die VLU Zonneblomtak span, skakel voorsitter Gerda Smit gerus op 083 291 3666 of skakel Rhona Jacobs op 072 311 1256.



Jnieke, handgemaakte oorbelle.



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Agter van links: Rhona Jacobs, Charlie Enslin, Gerda Smit, en Sannetjie Pretorius. Links van voor: Thereasa Tolmay en Josine Hoffman



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Ruggas!

'n Walliese "B" span en wen 52-16. Manie Libbok se korrel pale toe was weer nie op standaard nie, maar hy het wel takties goed geskop en sy balverspreiding was ook redelik.

Die Bokke speel Vrydagaand in hulle laaste oefen game teen die All Blacks. Coach Nienaber het 'n sterk span gekies en natuurlik is daar altyd 'n verrassing of twee. Die 20 jarige Canan Moodie is op buitesenter gekies met Andre Esterhuizen aan sy binnekant. Moodie het blykbaar op skool in die 13 jersey uitgedraf. Dis gelukkig Sondag 27 Augustus net so twee jaar terug en is hopelik nie nou vir die wolwe gegooi nie. Volgens Eben Etzebeth gaan hulle

kaptein van die WP wat daardie

jare die Curriebeker gewen het.

nie die toets as vriendskaplik sien Die Bokke benut die oefening teen nie en sal na die game fokus op die toernooi

Ander Uitslae:

- Italië 57-7 Romenië
- Frankryk 34-17 Fidii
- Ierland 29-10 Engeland
- Georgia 22-7 VSA

Bepalings:

Vrydag 25 Augustus

NZ 20:30 SA Saterdag 26 Augustus

- Skotland 18:30 Georgia
- Italië 18:30 Japan Spanje 20:45 Argentinië

Ierland 20:45 Samoa

Frankryk 17:45 Australië

Nag ou grote.....

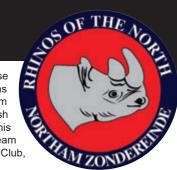
Rus in vrede, Yster Die voormalige Springbokkaptein Theuns Stofberg is oorlede op Woensdag 23 Augustus 2023 nadat hy Maandagaand 21 Augustus in 'n ernstige motorongeluk op die Koelenhofpad (R304) tussen die N1 en Stellenbosch beseer is. Die voormalige Springbokspeler en kaptein het van 1980-84 vir die Bokke gespeel en was ook

Northam Rhinos READY TO CHARGE

Thabazimbi – The Northam Rhinos Rugby Club is set to engage in the upcoming World Sports Betting Carlton Cup semi-finals, scheduled for 25 and 26 August 2023. The event will unfold at the Northam Rhinos' home ground, Bushveld Park, Setaria. On Friday at 19:00, the Rhinos' second team will take to the field against the formidable Tuks Rugby Club.

Saturday holds a series of compelling matchups. At 12:30,

their prowess against the Harlequins Rugby Club. At 14:00, the third team will engage in an exhilarating clash with the Naka Bulls. The climax of this sporting spectacle will see the first team confronting the Centurion Rugby Club. commencing at 16:00.



Voormalige Springbok leer die jonges



Final Call for Public Commen

on Draft Regulations for Electoral Amendment Act

Closing date: Sunday, 27 August 2023 @ 5pm

The Electoral Commission calls for public comment on the Draft Regulations for Electoral Amendment Act. This includes proposed election deposit amounts to be paid by political parties and independent candidates intending to contest elections. Find the Draft Regulations at https://tinyurl.com/5n6sje5w.

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