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Johannesburg women's canoe adventure ends safely on Thabazimbi farm

A serene moment captured on the Crocodile River, where two adventurous spirits from Johannesburg found themselves in an unexpected ordeal.

Thabazimbi – Two women from Johannesburg embarked on what was supposed to be a leisurely canoe trip on the Crocodile River, only to find themselves lost as night fell on Saturday 30 March 2024.

Their journey began late in the afternoon when they were dropped off with their canoe, at the Crocodile River bridge on the outskirts of Thabazimbi. Scheduled to last approximately 3.5 hours, their adventure took an unforeseen detour.

As dusk turned to evening, concern grew among those expecting their return. "At about 19:30, we received a distress call. The women had not arrived at their planned destination," recounted Kobus Malan, a director at Thaba Fire and Rescue. Malan spearheaded the subsequent search and rescue operation that mobilised community members and resources in a race against time.

Efforts intensified under the cloak of darkness, with teams combing the riverbanks and calling out for the missing canoeists. "It was a community-wide effort, with many people coming together to locate the women," Malan added. At approximately 22:00, the search party's perseverance paid off. Far from their intended stopping point, the women came ashore when it became too dark to navigate the waters safely. They sought refuge on foot until they were discovered on a nearby farm, unharmed but undoubtedly shaken by their ordeal.

"The women accidentally paddled past their exit point on the river. With darkness encroaching, they made the decision to seek safety on land," Malan explained. Their unexpected adventure concluded with them being found by a local farmer, to whom they explained their remarkable story.

This incident serves as a cautionary tale for outdoor enthusiasts and highlights the unpredictability of nature. It also showcases the strength of the Thabazimbi community and its readiness to come together in times of need. Thankfully, this story ended with relief and gratitude, as the women returned home safe, without any injuries.

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The community has proven time and again how they can stand together and support this worthy cause and this time is no exception.

For more information, please contact TAR on 084 885 6487.



In liefdevolle herinnering

Gemeenskap gevra om hulp te bied vir begrafnis van geliefde Johannes van der Bank

Thabazimbi – In 'n hartseer wending van gebeure is Johannes van der Bank, gebore op 4 November 1980, tragies oorlede op Sondag 24 Maart 2024. Die skielike heengaan van Johannes het sy familie in 'n moeilike posisie gelaat, en hulle doen nou 'n beroep op die gemeenskap vir ondersteuning. “Ons vra dat julle jul harte sal oopmaak en ons asseblief sal kan help met donasies, van enige hoeveelheid, sodat ons in staat is om vir sy begrafnis te kan betaal. Elke klein bietjie sal werklik help,” pleit Armandt Fritz, die seun van die oorlede Van der Bank, te midde van sy rou. Johannes se begrafnis is beplan vir Donderdag 4 April 2024, waar die gemeenskap 'n laaste kans sal kry om hulde te bring. Hy word oorleef deur sy familie: sy vrou, Melissa van der Bank, sy kinders Armandt, Melissa, en Melandri, sy kleindogter Mallerie, en sy skoonseun Riaan Duvenage. Vir diegene wat in staat is om by te dra, of vir meer informasie, kontak asseblief Armandt Fritz by 072 260 5182.

Multi-agency response to head-on collision

Thabazimbi – A severe head-on vehicle collision occurred on Saturday evening, 30 March 2024, causing community emergency services to swiftly unite in response. The accident took place around 20:00 on Warmbadweg, near the Thabazimbi show grounds, prompting an immediate and coordinated effort from local rescue and security teams. According to Edwin Beyers, the crew leader of Thabazimbi Fire and Rescue, the accident involved two vehicles – an Isuzu bakkie and a white Uno – travelling in opposite directions. “One of the drivers lost control, leading to a head-on collision,” Beyers explained. Supporting Thaba Fire and Rescue were several key local organisations, including Dinare Security, Trauma Rescue, Thabazimbi Local Municipality's Fire Department, Thaba Alarms, RRM Security, the Thabazimbi Police, and the Thabazimbi Traffic Department. The Isuzu was carrying two passengers in addition to the driver, all of whom sustained minor injuries, including bumps and bruises. The situation for the Uno's driver was more dire, requiring the use of Jaws of Life for extraction before being rushed to the hospital for further treatment. **Thaba Fire and Rescue press release extracts**

Tragic collision on R510 claims life



The truck and the Land Cruiser on the accident scene.



Thabazimbi – A fatal accident occurred early on Tuesday morning 2 April 2024 on the R510, about 15 kilometres from Thabazimbi. According to Thaba Fire and Rescue director Pierre Loots, the collision involved a Toyota Land Cruiser and an interlink truck and happened at around 08:00. Emergency services, including Thaba Fire and Rescue, Thabazimbi and Amandelbult Fire emergency services, Zondereinde Fire emergency services, Trauma Rescue, and the Thabazimbi Local Municipality's Fire department, alongside various emergency medical teams, were quick to respond to the scene of the accident.

The details surrounding the cause of the accident remain unclear. The passenger in the Land Cruiser sustained serious injuries and was rushed to a nearby medical facility for urgent care. Tragically, the driver of the Land Cruiser was pronounced dead at the scene. Reports confirm that the driver of the interlink truck involved in the collision did not sustain any injuries. “Our thoughts are with the families and friends of those involved in this tragic accident,” said Loots. **Thaba Fire and Rescue press release extracts**

Emergency services respond to serious collision on R510

Thabazimbi – A serious accident took place on Wednesday 27 March 2024 on the R510, about 6 kilometres outside Thabazimbi. “The incident, occurring at around 18:00, involved a collision between a Land Rover Defender and a Toyota Hilux Bakkie,” said Thaba Fire and Rescue director Pierre Loots. The Hilux, towing a trailer carrying approximately 30 blesboks, experienced a mishap when the trailer overturned, resulting in the escape of about 3 blesboks. Thaba Fire and Rescue services were promptly on the scene, alongside units from Trauma Rescue and other ambulance emergency personnel. The Thabazimbi Local Municipality also provided immediate support to manage the aftermath of the crash. While the exact cause of the collision remains under investigation, the impact of the collision was significant. Two passengers from the Land Rover sustained serious injuries and were rushed to the hospital by emergency responders. Loots has appealed to drivers to exercise caution while driving on the R510.



R510 accident scene- wreckage of the Land Rover.

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I, Izel van Rooy from the firm Plan Wize Town and Regional Planners, being the authorized agent of the owner of the under-mentioned properties hereby give notice in terms of Clause 25(i) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Scheme, 2014 read with Section 16(3) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-Law, 2015, that I have applied to the Thabazimbi Municipality for a consent to permit the use of a portion (±480ha in extent) of the Remaining Extent, Portion 2 and Portion 3 of the farm Goevernements Plaats, 417 KQ and on the Remaining Extent and Portion 2 of the farm Kopje Alleen, 422 KQ, Limpopo Province, as well as on a portion (±141ha in extent) of the Remaining Extent and Portion 2 of the farm Kopje Alleen 422 KQ, Limpopo Province, for a “Special Use” to permit the development of Renewable Energy Structures (Photovoltaic Solar Power Plant) and ancillary land uses, subject to specific conditions. The applications and relevant documents are open for inspection at the offices of the Municipal Manager, Thabazimbi Municipality, 7 Rietbok Street, Thabazimbi for a period of 30 days from 5 April 2024. Objections to the applications must be lodged with or made in writing to the Municipal Manager, Thabazimbi Municipality at the above address or at Private Bag X530, Thabazimbi, 0380 within a period of 30 days from 5 April 2024. Dates of publication: 5 April and 12 April 2024. ADDRESS OF AGENT: PLAN WIZE TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNERS, P.O. BOX 2445, THABAZIMBI, 0380, TEL: 0824497626, REF. NO. T0701

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PAWS wil ‘n gratis sterilisasie veldtog in Thabazimbi hou!

Northam – PAWS Care Network, ‘n organisasie met ‘n passie vir dierewelsyn, kondig ‘n opwindende sterilisasie *drive* aan in Northam. Alhoewel die *drive* in Northam aangebied word, is mense van Thabazimbi, Swartklip, Rooiberg en ander omliggende dele welkom. PAWS Care Network sien om na dieregesondheid en -welstand regoor Suid-Afrika. “Ons doel is om ten minste 100 katte en honde te steriliseer in ‘n poging om die bevolking van ongewenste diere te verminder en die verspreiding van siektes te voorkom,” sê Dr. Jamiela van der Walt, hoofveearts en mede-stigter van PAWS Care Network.

Waarom ‘n sterilisasie *drive*?

Dr. Van Der Walt beklemtoon die belangrikheid van hierdie inisiatief: “Ons missie is om veeartsdienste beskikbaar te maak vir diegene wat andersins nie toegang tot sulke dienste sou hê nie. Dit sluit in individue uit informele nedersettings, pensionarisse, die werkloses, en diegene wat nie finansiële of fisies in staat is om na veeartse in hul dorp te reis nie. Deur hande te vat met plaaslike veeartse, fokus ons op die verskaffing van entings en sterilisasiedienste om sowel die gemeenskap as die dierbevolking te bevorder.”

Deelname en inligting

Om die sterilisasie *drive* in Northam ‘n werklikheid te maak, benodig ons genoegsame belangstelling van die gemeenskap. “Ons beoog om die *drive* gratis aan te bied, mits ons genoeg belangstellendes het. Ons mik vir April,” sê Dr. Van Der Walt. Om deel te wees van hierdie belangrike inisiatief, of vir meer inligting, kontak asseblief Dr. Jamiela van der Walt by 078 981 0920. Saam kan ons ‘n verskil maak in die lewens van ons viervoetige vriende en ons gemeenskappe verbeter!



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‘n Tipiese dag by ‘n sterilisasieveldtog.



Die Paws Care Network span aan die werk tydens ‘n operasie.



Thabazimbi – A peaceful morning was disrupted in a Thabazimbi neighbourhood when a silver Toyota bakkie parked in a residential area, blasting loud music, became the centre of a violent altercation on Friday 29 March 2024. The incident unfolded when a local resident approached the vehicle to politely request that the occupants lower their music and leave the vicinity. Despite the reasonable plea, the bakkie’s occupants refused to comply, continuing to disrupt the neighbourhood with their loud music. The situation escalated when the homeowner’s husband also attempted to address the noise complaint, only to be met with hostility. A heated exchange quickly turned physical, culminating in a shocking act of violence when one of the bakkie’s passengers, reacting aggressively, stabbed the husband. The victim, sustaining three stab wounds, retreated to his property, calling for his family to seek emergency assistance. The assailants fled the scene shortly after the stabbing, leaving the community in shock over the unprovoked aggression. Local law enforcement has been notified and is currently investigating the incident, urging anyone with information to come forward to assist in the swift apprehension of the individuals involved.

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PSALM 65

Praise to God for His Salvation and Providence To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. A Song.

65 Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion;
And to You the [a]vow shall be performed.
2 O You who hear prayer,
To You all flesh will come.
3 Iniquities prevail against me;
As for our transgressions,
You will provide atonement for them.
4 Blessed is the man You choose,
And cause to approach You,
That he may dwell in Your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,
Of Your holy temple.
5 By awesome deeds in righteousness You will answer us,
O God of our salvation,
You who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth,
And of the far-off seas;
6 Who established the mountains by His strength,
Being clothed with power;
7 You who still the noise of the seas,
The noise of their waves,
And the tumult of the peoples.
8 They also who dwell in the farthest parts are afraid of

Your signs;
You make the outgoings of the morning and evening [b] rejoice.
9 You [c]visit the earth and water it,
You greatly enrich it;
The river of God is full of water;
You provide their grain,
For so You have prepared it.
10 You water its ridges abundantly,
You settle its furrows;
You make it soft with showers,
You bless its growth.
11 You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.
12 They drop on the pastures of the wilderness,
And the little hills rejoice on every side.
13 The pastures are clothed with flocks;
The valleys also are covered with grain;
They shout for joy, they also sing.



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Have your say / Sê jou sê

Do you like giving or receiving hugs?

When Covid-19 hit our shores, everything changed. We barely made eye contact with people. And hugs were out for sure! And largely, it influenced how we act toward people today. Some people are huggers, others aren't. How do you feel about it?



Yes! We all face challenges at various points in our lives, and sometimes, a simple hug is all it takes to brighten someone's day. Being an agent of the change, I wish to see, I find satisfaction in bringing a smile to someone's face. I firmly believe in the power of a hug to achieve this, as it can convey warmth, empathy, and understanding.
Ramuageli Baldwin

No, considering the implications of Covid-19, I've grown accustomed to, and indeed comfortable with, the absence of hugging. Given the frequency with which children fall ill in school environments, it seems wise to



minimise hugging to shield our families from potential illnesses. In this context, maintaining a physical distance can serve as a protective measure against the transmission of diseases, thereby safeguarding the health and wellbeing of our loved ones.
Karin Ellis

PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Do you like giving or receiving hugs?

NO 34% YES 66%

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POLL

Do you think it should be legal to make your own petrol?

As petrol prices are skyrocketing again, and our electric car dreams get short-circuited thanks to our “reliable” electricity supply, some people think it’s a bright idea to whip up their own petrol at home. Should DIY fuel be the next big hit, legal and all? Because, obviously, what could go wrong with mixing up a batch of fuel in your backyard? So, with petrol prices making us cry every month, here’s a thought: Should making your own petrol be okay? What about safety? If you’re smart, it’s very possible to create your own petrol, diesel, and even biodiesel. But... Let’s hear it: Are you team “Let’s make our own fuel” or team “Wait, that sounds explosive”? Here’s how you can participate. Email us at news@platinumbushvelder.co.za or WhatsApp your response to 081 579 7000.

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Did you know?

The truth about rhino horns and sexual stimulants... Many people think rhino horns can boost your love life, but that’s just not true. This idea is popular not just in places like China, but even in South Africa. The truth is, it doesn’t work at all — it’s just like taking a sugar pill and thinking it’ll do something special. Because of this false belief, beautiful rhinos are being killed for no good reason. If someone’s looking for a way to spice things up, there are safe and legal options out there, like medicines that are approved by doctors. Let’s stop believing in myths and save the rhinos!



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Northam Platinum Rhinos vs. Northam Wolves

Setaria – The local sports community is abuzz with anticipation for this Saturday's exhilarating rugby face-off between the Northam Platinum Rhinos and the Northam Wolves Club on 6 April 2024. This highly anticipated match marks the opening round of the Carlton League for the year, promising a display of skill, strategy, and sportsmanship. Set to take place at Bushveld Park in Setaria, the home ground of the Northam Rhinos, the match is scheduled to kick off at 13:00. Jannie Cronje, the chairperson of the Northam Platinum Rhinos, extended a warm invitation to all supporters, stating, "Round 1 is kicking off against the formidable Northam Wolves Rugby Club. We invite everyone to come and support us. See you there!"



Thabazimbi se skopboksers skitter

Thabazimbi – Twee lede van die Thabazimbi Kickboxing Club het opmerklieke prestasies behaal by die onlangse Great North Kickboxing Championships wat op Saterdag 23 Maart 2024, in Kemptonpark plaasgevind het. Francois Johnson het beïndruk deur 'n brons medalje in beide die 'points fighting' en 'continuous fighting' kategorieë te verower. Jaco Johnson het sy merk gemaak deur 'n goud medalje in die 'points fighting' kategorie te verower, asook 'n brons in die 'continuous fighting' afdeling. Shihan Peet van Breda het sy trots op die twee vegters uitgespreek. "Ons is baie trots op Francois en Jaco se prestasies. Hulle het harde werk, toewyding, en die gees van ons klub uitstekend verteenwoordig," het hy gesê.



Rugba nuus

United Rugby Championship



UITSLAE

Vrydag 29 Maart

- Leinster 47-14 Bulls
- Dragons 20-13 Zebre

Saterdag 30 Maart

- Scarlets 3-45 Glasgow Warriors
- Munster 20-15 Cardiff
- Stormers 13-7 Ulster
- Ospreys 36-21 Lions
- Benetton 18-14 Connacht
- Sharks 23-13 Edinburgh

Die URC word weer hervat op 19 April.

2024 Champions Cup



BEPALINGS

Vrydag 5 April

- Harlequins 21:00 Glasgow Warriors

Saterdag 6 April

- Bulls 13:30 Lyon OU
- Stormers 16:00 La Rochelle
- Exeter Chiefs 16:00 Bath
- Union Bordeaux-Begles 18:30 Saracens
- Leinster 21:00 Leicester Tigers

Sondag 7 April

- Northampton Saints 13:30 Munster
- Stade Toulousain 16:00 Racing 92

2024 European Challenge Cup



BEPALINGS

Vrydag 5 April

- Gloucester 21:00 Castres Olympique

Saterdag 6 April

- ASM Clermont 13:30 Cheetahs
- Benetton 18:30 Lions
- Ospreys 21:00 Sale Sharks
- Edinburgh 21:00 Aviron Bayonnais

Sondag 7 April

- Montpellier Herault 13:30 Ulster
- Sharks 16:00 Zebre
- Section Paloise 18:30 Connacht

Nag ou grote...



Kapele Energy Wholesalers Northam depot manager Bernice Augustine (right) with Tendana Mukvondo, a dog handler from TAR.

Thabazimbi – In a heartwarming act of generosity, Kapele Energy Wholesalers of Northam has extended a helping hand to Thabazimbi Animal Rescue (TAR), sparking a challenge that ripples through the community. Bernice Augustine, the Northam depot manager of Kapele Energy, proudly

presented a donation of R5,000 worth of dog food to the animal rescue on 7 February 2024. Bernice Augustine's message is clear and compelling: "We dare you, businesses of Thabazimbi and Northam, to step up as we have and support TAR!" This bold challenge is not just a call to action but a testament to Kapele Energy Wholesalers' commitment to making a difference in their community, especially for the voiceless and vulnerable.

Dare to care! Kapele Energy's challenge to support local animal heroes

Kapele Energy's donation comes at a crucial time for TAR, which has been experiencing a pressing need for animal food. "TAR really needs our support," Augustine emphasised, shedding light on the ongoing needs of the local animal shelter and encouraging others to contribute. A special note of appreciation was extended to Kapele Energy Wholesalers' top management — Stefan van Heerden, Charles van Wyk, and Yone Lees — for their leadership and support in making this donation possible. Kapele Energy, known for its role as a leading wholesale diesel supplier in Northam, demonstrates that their commitment extends beyond providing reliable and efficient energy solutions to actively supporting their community. This act of kindness is not just about the donation but a call to the heart of the Thabazimbi and Northam communities. It's an invitation to local businesses and individuals alike to join in support of the Thabazimbi Animal Rescue, ensuring that the local animal shelter can continue its vital work. For more information on how to support TAR or to learn more about Kapele Energy Wholesalers' services, please reach out:

- Kapele Energy Wholesalers: Contact 079 521 0314 or visit the depot at Plot 90 Wildebeeslaagte, Northam.
- Thabazimbi Animal Rescue (TAR): Contact 084 885 6487.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of animals in need. Dare to be part of this community effort!



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