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WHEN TAPS RUN DRY AND PROBLEMS FLOW



Thabazimbi – Stress levels are at an all-time high in Thabazimbi and surrounds with the never-ending water supply issues.

Several community members urge resilience and responsibility, with one message stating, “Don’t complain, be patient. If you’re not contributing to a solution, refrain from burdening others with complaints — moaning and groaning won’t produce even a single additional drop of water.”

On the other hand, several community members call for accountability and human rights with one message stating, “I’m indifferent to politics; I fulfil my civic duties and pay my taxes, and I expect reliable water service in return. Stop making excuses, keep us informed, and most importantly, stop recycling the same excuses each year. Create a sustainable, long-term plan. That’s your responsibility.”

While both perspectives are valid and understandable, both highlight that we do not know what the future holds when it comes to water supply. We do not know what the long-term sustainable solution ‘people in power’ have decided on, and we do not know when we can expect a reasonably consistent supply of water.

We know there are several people working behind the scenes to address the issue, from the mayor to representatives at local mines to community members who have already worked hours on end without any recognition or remuneration. **READ MORE ON PAGE 4.**

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FROM 1 MAY - 1 JUNE 2024

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27 JUL 2024 TROLLOPE HALL

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Thabazimbi –
Familie en vriende
het op 3 Mei 2024
bymeekaargekom
om hul finale
eerbetoning te bring
aan Chris Albertus
Schwan tydens sy
begrafnisdiens, wat
by die Ou Apostoliese
Kerk in Coligny gehou
is.

Chris is gebore op 18
Mei 1952 en het sy
laaste asem uitgeblaas
op 25 April 2024. Chris
se nalatenskap sal voortleef in die harte van diegene
wat hom liefgehad het en deur die goeie werke wat hy
verrig het.
Ons gedagtes en gebede is by sy familie gedurende
hierdie moeilike tyd.



Placing an obituary

Announcing the death of a family member is a time-honoured tradition as life should be celebrated and never forgotten. To help you to celebrate the life of your loved one and share details about the upcoming funeral, place an obituary in our newspaper, free of charge. 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.

MISSING: SEARCH UNDERWAY FOR TSHIMANGADZO



Missing person: Tshimangadzo Chester Makhovha (38)

Rooiberg – Local authorities have initiated an intensive search for Tshimangadzo Chester Makhovha, 38, who went missing under mysterious circumstances from Marulani farm where he lived and worked.
According to sergeant Mienkie Ramakgoakgoa, Makhovha was last seen on Saturday 27 April 2024. Witnesses at the farm reported that he began to exhibit unusual behaviour, running around and hallucinating before disappearing from the site. Despite immediate search efforts by the farm owner and fellow employees, there has been no sign of him.
The police were quickly called to the scene, and Makhovha's family has been notified of his disappearance. Search operations continue to be conducted in the surrounding areas.
The police urge anyone with information regarding Makhovha's whereabouts to contact the investigating officer, sergeant Kgabija Ngobeneni on 082 414 2404, or the crime stop hotline on 08600 10111. Information can also be shared anonymously via the MySAPS App.
Investigations are ongoing as the community hopes for Makhovha's safe return.

KENNISGEWING
KROKODILRIVIER-WES BESPROEINGSDISTRIK

Die Kieserslys vir Krokodilrivier-Wes Besproeiingsdistrik, distrikte Brits (Noordwes Provinsie), en Thabazimbi (Limpopo Provinsie), soos opgestel deur die Voorsitter van Krokodilrivier-Wes Besproeiingsraad ingevolge Artikel 83 van die Waterwet 1956 (Wet 54 van 1956) lê ter insae in die kantoor van die Hoofbestuurder te Koedoeskop.
Nominasie vergadering vir die verkiesing van lede vind op 29 Mei 2024 om 10:30 by Koedoeskop Boereverenigingsaal plaas. Meneer Moloki Mosomi, Gebiedsbestuurder, Hartbeespoort, is ingevolge Artikel 84 van genoemde Wet aangestel as Kiesbeampte vir die verkiesing van die lede vir Krokodilrivier-Wes Besproeiingsdistrik. Indien meer nominasies ontvang word as waarvoor daar vakatures is, sal 'n verkiesing dadelik gehou word.
Persone wie se name op die Kieserslys voorkom, is geregtig om slegs persoonlik te stem en verteenwoordigers van geregistreerde maatskappye en beslote korporasies moet bewys lewer dat hulle gemagtig is om sodanige maatskappy of beslote korporasie te verteenwoordig.
Vir elke vyf hektaar ingelyste oppervlakte, of gedeelte daarvan, het 'n kieser een(1) stem, met 'n maksimum van tien(10) stemme. In gevalle waar eienaars gesamentlike stemreg het en vir minder as vyf hektaar ingelys is, moet hulle een uit hulle midde skriftelik aanwys om namens hulle te stem. Die kieserslys sal hersien word voordat nominasies geskied.

NOTICE
CROCODILE RIVER-WEST IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The Voter's Roll for the Crocodile River-West Irrigation District, the districts of Brits (North West Province) and Thabazimbi (Limpopo Province) as compiled by the Chairman of the Crocodile River-West Irrigation Board in terms of Section 83 of the Water Act of 1956 (Act number 54 of 1956) is open for inspection at the office of the Manager at Koedoeskop.
Nomination meeting for the election of members will be held on the 29 May 2024 at 10:30, in the Koedoeskop Farmers Association's Hall. Mr. Moloki Mosomi, Area Manager, Hartbeespoort, is in terms of Section 84 of the Water Act (Act number 54 of 1956), appointed as Electoral Officer for the election of members for the Crocodile River-West Irrigation District. Should more nominations than the existing vacancies be received, it will be necessary to hold an election immediately.
Persons whose names appear on the Voter's Roll, are in person entitled to vote; representatives of registered companies and Closed Corporations must prove that they have been assigned to represent the registered company or Closed Corporation. For every five (5) hectares area, or part thereof, a voter is entitled to a single (one) vote with a maximum of ten(10) votes.
Where owners jointly have a right to vote, and are scheduled for less than five(5) hectares, one must be assigned in writing by the other to vote on their behalf.
The Voter's Roll will be reviewed before the nominations are made.

WHAT A "CRAPPY" SITUATION!

Northam – On Tuesday 14 May 2024, a particularly disturbing scene was observed in Botha Street in Northam: human feces lying openly next to the road. This blatant disregard for public hygiene and dignity is not only deeply disappointing but also poses serious health risks. The presence of human waste in a public area is a critical concern that needs immediate attention. The smell is unbearable, and the potential health implications are severe. This situation demands a prompt response from local authorities to clean up and investigate the matter to prevent future occurrences.
#AgSiesMan!



Unexpected and unsettling sight — human feces found on the roadside.



Signs of neglect and disrespect in our community.

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Busy taxidermy located in Vaalwater is urgently looking for a FINISHER to join our innovative team.

The applicant should have at least 2 years' experience in the industry and must also be willing to relocate.

Salary is negotiable and will be discussed during the interview.

Please Whatsapp CV's and any questions to – 072 118 4867





TAR really needs your help

Thabazimbi – There is a special plea to the community of Thabazimbi to support Thabazimbi Animal Rescue (TAR), your local animal shelter.

TAR needs donations of food. The facility is filled with animals that need your help. Please assist TAR to feed the animals in their care. Without donations they will not be able to feed, home and medically treat the animals.
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.**



SURVIVAL STRATEGIES

Hijackings and ... Navigating the risks



With concerns on the rise regarding vehicle safety and potential hijackings, readers have been seeking advice on what to do if they find themselves threatened while driving. In today's unpredictable environment, being prepared is not just wise — it's essential.

While it may sound like a scene from a movie, the reality of today's world makes it crucial to be prepared. No one can predict their reaction to a crisis perfectly — bullets may fly, cellphones may fall, children may cry. Yet, it's important to think through these scenarios and develop a contingency plan well in advance.

Practical measures for road safety
When faced with an attempted hijacking, your first instinct might be to stop or pull over; however, experts advise against it. Instead, knowing where to drive to and how to react can make all the difference. Driving directly to the nearest police station while contacting local security companies or neighbourhood watch forums is recommended. It's crucial to have these numbers pre-saved on your phone, ideally set on speed dial for quick access.

Professional advice on staying safe
Gerhard Jansen van Rensburg, chairperson of Rustenburg CPF Sector 2, emphasises the importance of not resisting. "If you are getting boxed in, the best way is to not fight back and obey your attacker's instructions. It's better to be scared than dead. Never look a suspect in the eyes and keep your hands visible at all times," he advises.

Advice from security experts
Mike Bolhuis, Specialist Investigators into Serious Violent, Serious Economic Crimes & Serious

Cybercrimes says, "Know your car as well as you know the palm of your hand. In a crisis, understanding your vehicle's capabilities can be as crucial as handling a weapon," Bolhuis notes. He also stresses the need for what he calls 'positive paranoia' — staying alert to potential dangers without panicking. He shared the following tips.

Escalation and defence
If attackers start shooting, the immediate response should be to find cover and assess the situation. "Bullets can penetrate car doors, especially if automatic weapons are involved," Bolhuis warns. If gunfire is imminent and escape is not an option, compliance might save your life. However, if there's a chance to safely manoeuvre out of a box-in, using your vehicle to push through might be viable, depending on its robustness.

Emergency communication
Setting up a template on your phone for quick communication in crisis situations is advisable. This template should include a statement like 'crime in

progress', your vehicle details, and a live location. Having this pre-written allows you to swiftly notify your contacts and authorities without needing to type during an emergency.

Preparation and mental readiness
Understanding the criminal mindset — that you and your belongings are merely 'merchandise' — can help in assessing the risk level during a hijacking attempt. Preparation does not just involve physical readiness but mental as well. Bolhuis suggests: "Sit in your car, close your eyes, and visualise the scenario. Think about your actions, calculate your responses, and practice making quick decisions."

By taking these expert tips into account and practicing 'positive paranoia', you can enhance your chances of staying safe during a hijacking. It's a tough scenario to consider, but being mentally and physically prepared can potentially save your life.

Celebrate Women's Health Month with our

'Pamper Yourself' competition

Thabazimbi – May is not just Women's Health Month; it's a time to celebrate and empower women. Kicking off with National Women's Health Week starting on Mother's Day, this year's theme is "Empowering Women, Cultivating Health: Celebrating Voices, Wellness, and Resilience." At *Platinum Bushvelder*, we believe every woman deserves to be pampered. That's why we're thrilled to offer this delightful competition for our readers!

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Prize details:

- Pamper yourself with a R500 nail voucher, sponsored by *Platinum Bushvelder*.
- Indulge in a luxurious treatment at *Esperanza Hair & Nail Salon* in Thabazimbi (limit set at R500).

How to enter:

- Share why you or a special woman in your life deserves this pampering treat.
- Send your heartfelt message via WhatsApp to 081 579 7000,

including:

- ID number
- Full name
- Cellphone number
- Email address
- Your hometown

Entry deadline:

Hurry, entries close on 31 May 2024!

Winner announcement:

We will unveil the lucky winner on 5 June 2024.

Competition rules:

- This competition is open to the fabulous women

of Thabazimbi, Northam, and surrounding areas.

- The prize is a special treat and cannot be exchanged for cash.
- Remember to redeem your pampering session by the end of June 2024, subject to availability.
- By entering, participants agree to have their names and photos featured in *Platinum Bushvelder*, celebrating their win.
- Entrants must be 18 years or older.
- Terms and conditions apply.

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Stylists:

- Anel
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- Paula (Fridays from 13:00 and Saturdays)

Nail technician:

Lizelle: 083 490 4831

We're nestled in the heart of the bushveld and hold a special place in the hearts of our Thabazimbi residents. Rediscover your sparkle with a new hairstyle and nail set.

VACANCIES

Northam Eland Platinum Mine has an exciting opportunity for a Rock Drill Operator who will be responsible for the drilling of holes in preparation for safe quality planned blast. Guided by our purpose and our values, we enable both high performance and purposeful action as we aim to promote "Smart Platinum Mining ", delivering on metals (PGMs) including platinum, palladium, rhodium, iridium, ruthenium and osmium.

ROCK DRILL OPERATOR | GRADE: B LOWER

Role requirements

As our Rock Drill Operator some of your responsibilities will include but not limited to:

- Always work within required mine standard of permanent and/or temporary support
- Do not remove any support without the instruction and supervision of the miner
- Monitor and confirm that all hoses and fittings are properly secured at attachment points and all safety measures are in place
- Drill on marks and direction lines drawn by the Supervisor
- Only drill in an area were support is installed according to the mine standard

- Apply safe barring procedure at all times
- Examine roof bolts support is according to standard
- Inspect drilling equipment and ensure safety prior to use
- Full and thorough knowledge of Eland Mine face drilling procedure
- Installation and removal of temporary support
- Installation of permanent support

Qualifications:

You will be required to have the following:

- Grade 10 or equivalent
- Competent B certificate of competency

- RDO Certificate of competency

Knowledge and Experience:

- Minimum 2 years' experience as a Rock Drill Operator

- Proven track record (Record of Service)
- Medical Certificate of Fitness

Additional information:

- Eland Platinum Mine is a mining operation which forms part of the Northam Platinum Limited group. It is situated near the vibrant towns of the North West Province—Brits and Hartebeestpoort as well as Pretoria, the administrative capital city of South Africa. The mine is a high quality growth-enabling asset currently in a development phase and has a life expectancy of 30 years. The Eland mining operation is a shallow hybrid UG2 PGMs reef, built in decline shafts that give access to the orebody reserves.
- Northam Eland will apply the employment equity principles as set out in the company's Employment Equity Policy which is in compliance with the South African Employment Equity Act.

Applications close: 22 May 2024

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VACANCIES

Northam Eland Platinum Mine has an exciting opportunity for a Miner Assistant who will assist the Miner with daily mining activities. The successful incumbent will be required to contribute t the overall production targets of the crew. Guided by our purpose and our values, we enable both high performance and purposeful action as we aim to promote "Smart Platinum Mining ", delivering on metals (PGMs) including platinum, palladium, rhodium, iridium, ruthenium and osmium.

MINER ASSISTANT | GRADE: B LOWER

Role requirements

As our Miner Assistant some of your responsibilities will include but not limited to:

- Ensuring that the underground working conditions are maintained to a high and acceptable standard
- Conducting all assigned work in a satisfactory and competent manner
- Assisting the Miner/Developer as and when required
- Contribute to a culture of zero harm by complying with the Health and Safety policy and practices of the company
- Ensure proper house keeping in area of work as per Mine standards

Qualifications:

You will be required to have the following:

- Grade 10 or equivalent
- Competent B and BA certificate of competency

Knowledge and Experience:

- At least 1-2 years' experience in a underground mining environment
- Working knowledge of health and safety procedures, policies, records etc
- Medical Certificate of Fitness

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The elephant in the room – no one accepts being in control of the situation or at the steer of a committee to address the situation sustainably. This leads to unnecessary conflict between our community members who have one thing in common, we are all suffering, some worse than others, but we are all affected.

THE CASCADE OF WATER ISSUES:

- Intermittent water supply:** Inconsistent supply by Magalies Water and (unconfirmed) reports that the water supply is being metered because of the municipality being in arrears with the account.
- Recurring infrastructure failures/ ageing infrastructure:** Burst pipes (local) are frequently repaired only to fail again days later. It is obvious that the infrastructure is in dire need of overhaul.
- Persistent leaks:** In the bulk water supply lines. On Friday 10 May 2024, Magalies Water started with repairs

on two leaks on the bulk line, affecting supply to Thabazimbi Local Municipality, Moses Kotane Local Municipality and the mines in the area.

- Financial shortfalls:** There is a historic and persistent lack of funding for long-term fixes.
- Power and maintenance disruptions:** Planned and unplanned shutdowns worsen the issue. This is worsened by vandalism and theft of electrical infrastructure.
- Delayed water restoration:** When power returns, water takes a long time to reach all areas, and often, another power cut stops the pumps before water distribution is complete.
- Inefficient handling:** When water does return, the old pipes cannot handle the sudden increase in pressure.

Most affected

Everyone who cannot afford to buy water being pumped from boreholes and who

cannot afford a JoJo tank. No one can go without water. It is a basic human right for a reason.

Community response

Despite these challenges, local mines, various community businesses and organisations including the Thabazimbi Belasting Betalers Vereniging and AfriForum, and individuals, have collaborated with the Thabazimbi Local Municipality to mitigate the crisis. These efforts include drilling new boreholes, refurbishing old ones, installing solar pumps and fixing and replacing water supply pipes. Significant improvements have been noted where these initiatives have been implemented and several will become operational within a week or two.

A heartfelt thanks to those making a difference: “Julle is YSTERS!”

Important notice: Prevent tap theft

To help mitigate local leaks, replace your copper taps with plastic ones, as copper theft is on the rise again. If you observe

any suspicious behaviour or potential theft, immediately contact the local police or your local security group for assistance.

From promises to positive change

In times of adversity, the true strength of a community is tested — not just by the challenges it faces, but by how its members and most importantly — its leaders come together to address the issues. We understand the frustrations that come with repeated disruptions to our water supply and the weariness of promises unkept.

Yet, we must stand together for a positive outcome. Together, let us channel our concerns into constructive dialogue, hold our leaders accountable, and support the initiatives that promise not just temporary relief but lasting change.

Let’s be patient, but also persistent. Let’s be understanding, but also demand excellence and integrity in our services. Change is possible when a community unites for a common cause, and its leaders take responsibility.

Platinum Bushvelder will continue to advocate for decisive action to turn the tide of our water woes and ensure that our taps — and our hopes — run full.

VACANCIES



Northam Eland Platinum Mine has an exciting opportunity for a Scraper Winch Driver who will operate scraper winch, ancillary equipment and attachments safely. Guided by our purpose and our values, we enable both high performance and purposeful action as we aim to promote “Smart Platinum Mining”, delivering on metals (PGMs) including platinum, palladium, rhodium, iridium, ruthenium and osmium.

SCRAPER WINCH DRIVER | GRADE: B LOWER

Role requirements

As our Scraper Winch Driver some of your responsibilities will include but not limited to:

- Daily inspection, testing and operation of Scraper Winches to ensure:
- Scraper Winches and attachments are maintained in good working condition
- Scraper Winches are operated and maintained according to mine standard
- Assist with concrete winch beds and install platforms
- Assist with winch barricades as per Mine standard
- Assist Team Supervisor with safe declaration before any work commence

Qualifications:

You will be required to have the following:

- Grade 10 or equivalent
- Competent B certificate of competency
- Certificate of training on Scraper Winches (competency certificate)
- Proven track record (Record of Service)

Knowledge and Experience:

- 5 years’ proven Scraper Winch operating experience
- First aid certificate will be advantageous
- Mono Winch experience will be advantageous
- Medical Certificate of Fitness

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TEAM LEADER MINING | GRADE: B LOWER

Role requirements

As our Team Leader Mining some of your responsibilities will include but not limited to:

- Ensuring that the underground working conditions are maintained to a high and acceptable standard
- Support the optimisation of the shaft
- Taking control of the crew
- Ensure health and safety standards are adhered to at all times
- Conduct safety meetings before entering of the workplace
- Monitor conditions of PPE and wear at all times
- Maintain good employee relations
- Participate in Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment
- Complete and sign the safe declaration book with team members

Qualifications:

- Grade 12 or NQF level 4 equivalent qualification is essential
- Competent B certificate of competency
- Competent A certificate of competency

Knowledge and Experience:

- At least 2-3 years’ experience as a Team Leader in a underground mining environment
- Working knowledge of health and safety procedures, policies, records etc
- Must be willing to work shifts
- Medical Certificate of Fitness

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Marakele National Park hosts vital workshop to shape future management plans



Workshop participants engaging in group planning.

Thabazimbi – On Tuesday 14 May 2024, the Marakele National Park and South African National Parks (SANParks) hosted a crucial 'Desired State Workshop' at the Thabazimbi Kumba Bioscope Hall. The event marked a significant stride toward revising Marakele National Park's management plan for the next decade.

The workshop was centred around the comprehensive management plan required for each national park. "This gathering is not just the start but a pivotal step in our journey together. Coming together is the beginning, keeping together is progress, and working together ensures success," noted André Spies, SANParks' park planning manager.

Stakeholders from various sectors attended the workshop, emphasising the workshop's theme of cooperative development and shared goals. The main objectives discussed were geared towards maintaining and enhancing the park's biodiversity, ensuring cooperative governance, promoting responsible tourism, and facilitating benefit-sharing among all stakeholders.

Each objective is aimed at fostering a sustainable relationship between the park and its surrounding community, ensuring that conservation efforts benefit all involved.

The outcomes of the workshop are expected to guide the future direction of Marakele National Park, ensuring that it remains a beacon of biodiversity and community engagement in the region.

During the session, participants reviewed past assessments of the park's management strategies, identifying successes and areas needing improvement. "Our vision and mission focus heavily on reconnecting with and inspiring our community, which is crucial for the sustained success of our conservation efforts," said Koketso Kotsoe, park manager at Marakele.



SANParks park planning manager André Spies, and Marakele National Park manager Koketso Kotsoe (right).

Promoting mental health at Waterberg TVET College



Students attending the mental health awareness campaign.



Patrick Baloyi, the campus manager of Waterberg TVET College Thabazimbi Campus.



ANOVA Health Institute's mental health coordinator, Setlabo Molopa, served as the programme director of the day.

Thabazimbi – On Thursday 25 April 2024, Waterberg TVET College's Thabazimbi Campus hosted a significant mental health awareness campaign. The event saw participation from multiple stakeholders including Waterberg TVET College, LoveLife, ANOVA Health Institute, SAMCA, Soul City, National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), the Department of Health, Department of Social Development, and SIOC Community Development Trust (CDT). A standout moment of the programme was when Lorraine Matsomane from ANOVA Health Institute took the stage, accompanied by the song "Makhadzi Mapara". She invited the students to repeat the affirmation "ke bohlokwa", meaning "I am important", emphasising the significance of emotional, psychological, and social wellbeing. Matsomane highlighted several mental health red flags, such as mood fluctuations, persistent confusion and frustration, sadness, changes in eating habits, and excessive fear. She

encouraged students to seek support from campus counsellors or social workers, reminding them, "you are not alone." The event also addressed serious issues like gender-based violence (GBV), alcohol and drug abuse, and peer pressure. A poignant video of a woman in a toxic relationship was shown, sparking discussions among students on making positive changes in their own lives. Tshegofatso Molefe, a social worker from LoveLife, advocated for a healthy, balanced lifestyle and encouraged students to participate in various activities such as soccer, netball, baseball, and other indoor activities (which they offer). Molefe also highlighted youth skills and development programmes as vital for personal growth. Overall, the speakers delivered insightful messages and fostered an environment of support and awareness, emphasising the importance of mental health and community involvement.

VACANCIES



Northam Eland Platinum Mine has an exciting opportunity for a LHD Driver who will be responsible for safe loading and transporting of ore using a mobile mechanised LHD machine underground. Guided by our purpose and our values, we enable both high performance and purposeful action as we aim to promote "Smart Platinum Mining", delivering on metals (PGMs) including platinum, palladium, rhodium, iridium, ruthenium and osmium.

LHD DRIVER | GRADE: B LOWER

Role requirements

As our LHD Driver some of your responsibilities will include but not limited to:

- Ensure the loading and hauling of tons from working places using the LHD machine
- Ensure that working places and mark bays allocated are cleaned at end of shift
- Responsible for cleaning and refuelling of the machine allocated to you
- Deliver on set tonnage targets as per mine plan
- Take reasonable care and avoid any damages to the machine allocated to you
- Ensure health and safety standards are adhered to at all times
- Ensure the health and safety of personnel on the mine by complying to the mine's TMM operational procedure

Qualifications:

You will be required to have the following:

- Grade 10 or equivalent
- LHD Driver certificate of competency
- Competent B certificate of competency

Knowledge and Experience:

- At least 2-3 years' experience as a LHD Driver in a underground mining environment
- Subject to passing a dover assessment
- Working knowledge of health and safety procedures, policies, records etc
- Medical Certificate of Fitness

Additional information:

- Eland Platinum Mine is a mining operation which forms part of the Northam Platinum Limited group. It is situated near the vibrant towns of the North West Province—Brits and Hartebeestpoort as well as Pretoria, the administrative capital city of South Africa. The mine is a high quality growth-enabling asset currently in a development phase and has a life expectancy of 30 years. The Eland mining operation is a shallow hybrid UG2 PGMs reef, built in decline shafts that give access to the orebody reserves.
- Northam Eland will apply the employment equity principles as set out in the company's Employment Equity Policy which is in compliance with the South African Employment Equity Act.

Applications close: 22 May 2024

Should you meet all the requirements, Kindly submit a comprehensive updated CV as well as a certified copy of your ID and qualifications to HRApplicationsEL@norplats.co.za and please quote the job title in the subject box or visit our career site at www.northam.co.za to apply. Kindly note that Eland will only correspond with shortlisted candidates. Should you not hear from the company within 21 days after the closing date for application please consider your application as unsuccessful.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS



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My Daddy’s number:

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Have your say / Sê jou sê

Do you like camping?

For many, camping is a blissful escape into nature’s beauty, with mesmerising sunsets, delicious braais, and tranquil surroundings. However, others are put off by the presence of bugs, mosquitoes, and the fear of encountering wild animals. What’s your opinion on this?



No, I’m hesitant about camping because I’m scared of reptiles and wild animals, and the sounds of birds at night unsettle me. I don’t think I’m up for a camping trip, unless we’re accompanied by people who aren’t afraid of the wildlife.

Kgabo Monyebodi



Yes, I love camping. The bushveld offers numerous stunning camping sites. There are also a wide variety of repellents available for mosquitoes and bugs. For me, sitting around a campfire in the evening is far more enjoyable than watching TV at home.

Christopher Booysen

PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Do you like camping?

NO **64%** YES **36%**



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POLL

Should non-voters receive the election day public holiday?

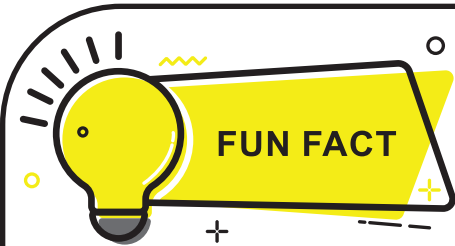
This year in South Africa, the national elections are set for Wednesday, 29 May 2024. Thousands of citizens will join long queues to cast their votes for their preferred political party. Additionally, the day has been declared a national public holiday. However, this raises an important question: Should those who choose not to vote also benefit from the public holiday? We want to hear your opinions!

Here’s how you can participate. Email us at news@platinumbushvelder.co.za or WhatsApp your response to 081 579 7000.

Include the following:

- **Your answer:** Yes or No
- **Why?** We want to hear from you!
- **A recent photo** – We’d love to publish your pic alongside your answer!
- **Your town/city**
- **Deadline** – Be sure to send your response before 12:00 on Monday, 20 May 2024.

Vote results: The outcome of the poll will be featured in our next issue. Be a part of our community’s story!
P.S.: Don’t forget, you can also voice your opinion on our Facebook post about this topic. Join the conversation!



Did you know?

Identical twins share almost the same genetic makeup and often look very similar. However, even identical twins have unique fingerprints. So, can one twin unlock a fingerprint scanner designed for the other? Despite their genetic similarities, the answer is no. Each twin’s fingerprints are distinctive, just like their personalities, ensuring that fingerprint-based security systems remain effective and personalised even among identical twins.

SOULFOOD

PSALM 26

A Prayer for Divine Scrutiny and Redemption
A Psalm of David.

26 Vindicate me, O Lord,
For I have walked in my integrity.
I have also trusted in the Lord;
I shall not slip.
2 Examine me, O Lord,
and [a]prove me;
Try my mind and my heart.
3 For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes,
And I have walked in Your truth.
4 I have not sat with idolatrous mortals,
Nor will I go in with hypocrites.
5 I have hated the assembly of evildoers,
And will not sit with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence;
So I will go about Your altar, O Lord,
7 That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving,
And tell of all Your wondrous works.
8 Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house,
And the place [b]where Your glory dwells.
9 Do[c] not gather my soul with sinners,
Nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
10 In whose hands is a sinister scheme,
And whose right hand is full of bribes.
11 But as for me, I will walk in my integrity;
Redeem me and be merciful to me.
12 My foot stands in an even place;
In the congregations I will bless the Lord.



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Add some flair to your Fridays with Swartklip Golf Club!



JOIN THE WEEKLY CHICKEN RUN AND DART COMPETITION!



Swartklip – Every Friday, swing into action with Swartklip Golf Club's "Chicken Run" golf challenge starting at 15:30. For just R60 per person, including green fees, golfers of all skill levels can indulge in a lively round of golf, filled with friendly rivalry and the spirit of competition.

As the evening unfolds, aim for the bullseye at the club's Dart Competition. The games begin later in the night with an entry fee of R50. Here's your chance to win some cash and showcase your dart skills! Hannes Dreyer, chairperson of Swartklip Golf Club, invites one and all, "Join us any Friday for our Chicken Run and stay for the darts. It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow sports enthusiasts."

For more details or to register, contact Hannes Dreyer at 071 875 2007 or Jonathan at 064 680 5943.

THABAZIMBI HOMELESS SHELTER SOEK HULP VAN GEMEENSKAP



Thabazimbi – Die Thabazimbi Homeless Shelter, 'n plaaslike skulling vir haweloses, het 'n beroep op die gemeenskap gedoen vir bydraes van noodsaaklike items. Hierdie skulling speel 'n kritieke rol in die versorging van die mees kwesbare in ons gemeenskap en het tans 'n tekort aan die volgende items:

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Die gemeenskap se voortgesette ondersteuning en vrygewigheid word opreg waardeer.

VLU Northam- byeenkoms: 'n dag van leer en vermaak

Northam – Op Donderdag 18 April 2024, het die Northam Vroue Landbou Unie (VLU) hul maandelikse byeenkoms gehou, wat hierdie keer by die melkery plaasgevind het. Die dag was gevul met uitstallings, smaaklike eet- en drinkgoed, kunsvlyt, en insiggewende praatjies, alles fyn beplan deur ons gasvroue Marie Hunter en Tanja Kühn.

'n Hoogtepunt van die dag was die inspirerende praatjie deur Ds. Hennie van der Linde van die Hervormde Kerk in Vliegpoort, en sy vrou Michelle. Ds. Hennie het ons meegeneem op 'n reis deur vroue se rolle in die Bybel, terwyl Michelle 'n interaktiewe speletjie gelei het waarin lede Bybelse figure moes identifiseer deur voorwerpe soos Eva se appel.

Twee besoekers, Michelle van Wyk en Ciska van Zyl, was so beïndruk deur die ervaring dat hulle oorweeg om aan te sluit by die VLU.

Die byeenkoms is ook opgeluister deur 'n kreatiewe werkswinkel aangebied deur Franette Pienaar, waar lede die kans gekry het om hul eie "Ink and Bleach" kunswerke te skep. Hierdie werkswinkel was nie net 'n geleentheid om nuwe vaardighede te leer nie, maar ook om saam te kuier en inspirasie te deel.

Ons sien uit daarna om almal volgende maand weer te sien vir nog 'n geleentheid vol inspirasie en gemeenskaplike gees.

Gasvrouens vir die maand (April): Marie Hunter (links) en sekretaresse Tanja Kühn.

Gassprekers: Michelle van der Linde en Dominee Hennie van der Linde, van die Hervormde Kerk in Vliegpoort.

Groepfoto van die lede: van links - Michelle van Wyk, Michelle van der Linde, Ciska van Zyl, Priscilla Atkins, Anete Botha, Riana Oosthuizen, Madelein Meintjes, Tanja Kuhn, Franette Pienaar, Mari Meintjes, Marie Hunter, Sandra Meyer, en Marietjie van der Merwe.



Deelnemers van die Nasionale Binnenshuise Boogskietkompetisie, voor van links: Dr. Gary Bauer, Chris Welgemoed, Ricus Snyman ('cub-pikkie'), Jaco van Vuuren, en Maya Broekhuizen. Agterste ry: HJ Swanepoel, Mardus Ras, AJ Swanepoel, Jean Mari Viljoen, Anton Dreyer, en agterste posisie, Janco Pieterse.

Northam Platinum Rhinos triumph!

Setaria – The Northam Platinum Rhinos showcased their rugby talent in a thrilling series of matches against the Centurion Rugby Club on Saturday 11 May 2024. Demonstrating skill, the Rhinos secured victories across all three teams, making a resounding statement in the league.

The first team clinched a commanding 51-32 victory, the second team pulled through with a hard-fought 22-17 win, and the third team dominated their opponents with an overwhelming 69-5 triumph. These impressive results marked a significant achievement as they faced a previously undefeated Centurion team.

Reflecting on the victories, Jannie Cronje, chairperson of the Northam Platinum Rhinos, shared his enthusiasm, stating, "I am very proud of all three teams. Centurion had a strong record until last Saturday. Our teams played excellent rugby." Currently ranked second in the league standings, behind the Naka Bulls, Cronje remains optimistic about the team's prospects of winning the Lucas Stragen Shield, which is awarded to the top team at the end of the first round.

Looking ahead, the Northam Rhinos are preparing for their next challenge against the UP-Tuiks Rugby team at Bushveld Park in Setaria. The community is invited to support the Rhinos as they continue their quest for excellence. The matches kick off at 13:00 on Saturday 18 May 2024.



THABAZIMBI SE BOOGSKUTTERS TREF DIE TEIKEN!

Thabazimbi – Die Thabazimbi Boogklub het weereens bewys dat harde werk en toewyding vrugte afwerp tydens die onlangse Nasionale Binnenshuise Boogskietkompetisie wat van 2 tot 4 Mei 2024 plaasgevind het. Met 'n geskiedenis wat terugdateer na 1997, het die klub gegroei onder die leiding van stigters soos Dr. Kirrie de Klerk.

Die kompetisie, wat landswyd by verskillende kampusse aangebied word, het 'n platform gebied vir Suid-Afrikaanse boogskutters om hul vaardighede te toets. Die skuts het twee sessies van 60 pyle elk afgeleë, met die maksimum telling van 5 punte per pyl.

Onder die skuts was HJ Swanepoel wat uitgestaan het met 'n perfekte telling van 300/300 en 57/60 in die x-kategorie, wat dui op die mees

akkurate skote. Jaco van Vuuren en Mathilda Broekhuizen het ook die perfekte tellings van 300/300 behaal, met Van Vuuren wat 48/60 x'e aanteken en Broekhuizen 44/60. Jonger skutters soos Amori Weatherall-Thomas en Jeanmari Viljoen het ook indrukwekkende persoonlike bestes opgestel.

Ricus Snyman, wat hierdie jaar sy provinsiale kleure verwerf het, het ook die kompetisie benut om sy vaardighede te slyp, deur 246/300 met 9 x'e aan te teken.

Die eindresultate, wat die staan van elke skut in Suid-Afrika sal bepaal, word met groot afwagting verwag. Die resultate sal binnekort op die klub se Facebook-blad beskikbaar wees. Volg ons by Facebook/thabazimbi boogklub vir die laaste uitslae en opdatings.



Ricus Snyman vertoon die pyle waarmee hy suksesvol sy provinsiale kwalifikasie behaal het.

Rugba nuus

United Rugby Championship

- UITSLAE Vrydag 10 Mei**
- Dragons 21-44 Stormers
 - Edinburgh 40-14 Zebre
- Saterdag 11 Mei**
- Leinster 61-14 Ospreys
 - Lions 34-14 Cardiff
 - Munster 47-12 Connacht
 - Scarlets 20-31 Ulster
 - Sharks 24-25 Benetton
 - Bulls 40-34 Glasgow Warriors
- BEPALINGS Vrydag 17 Mei**
- Edinburgh 20:35 Munster
 - Zebre 20:35 Scarlets
- Saterdag 18 Mei**
- Bulls 14:00 Benetton
 - Ospreys 16:00 Dragons
 - Lions 16:05 Glasgow Warriors
 - Connacht 18:05 Stormers
 - Sharks 18:05 Cardiff
 - Ulster 20:35 Leinster



2024 Super Rugby Pacific

- UITSLAE Vrydag 10 Mei**
- Moana Pasifika 7-43 Chiefs
 - Reds 26-22 Rebels
- Saterdag 11 Mei**
- Blues 31-27 Hurricanes
 - Highlanders 32-29 Crusaders
 - Waratahs 21-29 Brumbies
 - Western Force 48-10 Fijian Drua
- BEPALINGS Vrydag 17 Mei**
- Hurricanes 09:05 Moana Pasifika
 - Rebels 11:35 Chiefs
- Saterdag 18 Mei**
- Fijian Drua 04:05 Reds
 - Brumbies 06:35 Crusaders
 - Blues 09:05 Highlanders
 - Western Force 11:35 Waratahs



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