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Thabazimbi/ Regorogile – A perfect storm of neglect is choking Thabazimbi and Regorogile. From illegal dumpsites, overflowing sewers, burning dumpsters, and blocked storm drains to chronic water shortages and electricity outages, residents are living in increasingly dire conditions.

Although the municipality is under administration, residents are desperate for immediate action. Cleanup efforts, waste management reform, and stronger enforcement against illegal dumping are urgently needed.

Meanwhile, persistent water and electricity problems are compounding the crisis, leaving health and safety hanging by a thread. Communities are pleading for solutions before conditions worsen further.

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A plea for dignity

Lerato Mokgele, a frustrated Regorogile resident, stands near the illegal dumpsite bordering her front yard. She describes the site as a daily nightmare for her family.



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- Medically fit
- No criminal record
- Sober habits

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Closing Date: 30 November 2024

VACANCY

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Requirements

Minimum Requirement:

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- No criminal record
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Closing Date: 30 November 2024

FEMALE LAWYER ALLEGES ASSAULT BY POLICE CAPTAIN AT THABAZIMBI STATION

Thabazimbi – On Friday
8 November 2024,
Simonè Grobler-Botes, a
legal professional from Cilliers & Reynders
Prokureurs, arrived at the Thabazimbi Police
Station to consult with her client, who was being
detained for a non-violent financial crime. Ms.
Grobler-Botes, intending to gather essential
information before the arrival of the Hawks and
the possible transfer of her client to Polokwane,
found herself at the centre of an unsettling
incident involving the police.

Speaking to *Platinum Bushveldter* newspaper,
Ms. Grobler-Botes explained: "I arrived at
around 18:40, ready to consult with my client,
to understand what was happening before the
Hawks took him to Polokwane. But, as I tried to
meet with my client privately, I was prevented
from doing so by police officers."

A heated exchange soon ensued between Ms.
Grobler-Botes and the officers, with three police
officers and a captain present. It was during this
encounter that the captain allegedly became
physically involved. According to Grobler-Botes,
when she started recording the situation, the
captain demanded she stop. "I told him for the
third time that I was recording, but he grabbed
my phone. I moved it away, and that's when he
forcefully pulled me by my left arm, putting it
behind my back," she said.

Ms. Grobler-Botes further recounted the
escalating aggression. "He then grabbed me by
both shoulders and shoved me out of the police
station, shouting for me to leave. He slammed
the door behind me as I exited." Feeling that her
rights had been violated, Grobler-Botes went
to the Northam Police Station to lay a criminal
charge of assault. However, she encountered

resistance from Thabazimbi Police, who allegedly refused to open a case against one of their own officers, claiming it was not possible to file such a case against a superior. She subsequently went to Northam, where the case was officially opened and transferred to Thabazimbi under case number CAS 71/11/2024.

Grobler-Botes also revealed that the captain had filed counter charges against her, although she was unaware of the case number for those charges. "I have maintained my innocence throughout the process. I did not assault any police officer. I remained calm and professional," she stated firmly.

Reflecting on the incident, Grobler-Botes expressed her frustration with the treatment she received. "I find it disgusting that a member of the public, and more so a professional woman, should be treated in such a way. As a female lawyer, I feel it is crucial to stand up for my rights and the rights of other female lawyers, as well as for the public, who deserve better service and respect from the police."

Despite attempts by several officers to pressure her into withdrawing the criminal charge against the captain, Grobler-Botes has made it clear she has no intention of backing down. "This is a matter of principle. In a country struggling with gender-based violence and where the legal field is often seen as male-dominated, I must stand firm, not just for myself, but for other women in the profession and in society at large."

The case is ongoing, and Grobler-Botes continues to advocate for what she believes is right, determined to bring attention to the issues of police misconduct and the need for better treatment of women, especially in professional settings.



AfriForum and Matlabas Custodians clinches a cooperation agreement to strengthen community safety

AfriForum and Matlabas Custodians signed a cooperation agreement on Thursday, 14 November 2024, which aims to promote community safety in Limpopo, North West and Gauteng. This partnership covers an area of more than 2 million hectares and will better equip communities to deal with threats with the help of comprehensive security initiatives. This cooperation agreement provides several opportunities to start strategic projects such as the expansion of information networks and to exercise contingency plans on a regular basis in order to promote quick and efficient action. Furthermore, this partnership also includes an air wing component that aims to respond more quickly to farm attacks and other crimes. These operational improvements will make communities resilient and strengthen them in the face of various security challenges. The organisations will also pool their extensive specialist knowledge and advanced technology such as drones to achieve their goal. This technology will help monitor large and remote areas to ensure faster response and provide critical information to emergency crews. Training and expanding capacity are now a priority for the organisations as both organisations have targeted plans in place to equip community members with practical skills and strategic insights.

According to Llewellynn Hemmens, AfriForum's district coordinator for Greater Pretoria North,

this collaboration is a milestone for both organisations. “The relationship of trust that AfriForum and Matlabas Custodians have already built is of crucial importance.”

“We know that the path to sustainable security in our communities is built on a strong foundation of cooperation and a common goal. Together we can build a network that makes a significant difference in people’s lives and that creates hope for a safer future.”

However, AfriForum and Matlabas Custodians’ partnership is just the beginning – the aim is to involve other security organisations and structures in this network in order to establish a broader communication network. By pooling resources and equipping communities with improved equipment, this partnership will seek to provide higher levels of coordination and shared support.

“The strengthening of this circle of support is the realisation of ‘standing together’ by ordinary people who have the community’s safety at heart,” says Hemmens. “We are committed to the vision of changing people’s everyday lives, and this project serves as a beacon of hope for communities that sometimes feel left to fend for themselves.”

AfriForum and Matlabas Custodians invite other role players to become part of this movement and work together towards a stronger, more resilient future for everyone.

AfriForum press release extracts



Placing an obituary

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Afskeid van 'n Pêrel in die gemeenskap

Thabazimbi – Met groot hartseer neem die gemeenskap afskeid van Marietjie van der Merwe (12 Julie 1947 – 13 November 2024), 'n geliefde inwoner wie se bydraes en warm teenwoordigheid steeds in almal se harte sal voortleef.

'n Lewe van diens en inspirasie

Marietjie het haar hele lewe aan die bosveld en sy mense gewy. Haar gasvryheid en talent in die kombuis was legendaries. Talle gemeenskapslede het die geleentheid gehad om van haar smullekker disse en gebak te geniet – altyd met 'n glimlag gedeel, tesame met waardevolle resepte en 'n goeie geselskap.

As 'n toegewyde lid van die Vroue Landbou Unie (VLU) vir meer as 50 jaar, het sy diep spore getrap en was sy 'n inspirasie vir baie. Sy het met haar entoesiasme en harde werk 'n verskil gemaak, nie net in die organisasie nie, maar ook in die lewens van diegene rondom haar.

'n Lewe van gee en liefde

Marietjie het 'n onmiskenbare vermoë gehad om ander se behoeftes raak te sien en nooit gehuiwer om haar hulp te bied nie. Haar liefde vir haar gesin en haar gemeenskap was tasbaar in alles wat sy aangepak het. Sy laat haar man, Jan van der Merwe, kinders Jannie, Janetha, Dawie en Hein, asook haar kleinkinders en agterkleinkinders agter. Hulle getuig van 'n nalatenskap van liefde, omgee, en 'n onblusbare gees.

Ons huldig haar lewe

Hoewel 'n leemte nou bestaan, bly haar impak en herinneringe lewendig in die harte van almal wat haar geken het. Haar lewe is 'n voorbeeld van diens, liefde en toegewydheid – iets wat ons as gemeenskap altyd sal onthou en eer.

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HAVE YOUR SAY

Do you know what projects our local municipality has planned for the next four years?

The municipality has several projects lined up to improve our area. Do you know about it? Do you care to know? Is the municipality communicating it clearly to you? Let us know if you'd like more updates and transparency on future projects that impact our community!



Yes, I am aware of several projects launched by the municipality to improve our community. Unfortunately, there is a lack of proper oversight, and many of these projects end up being incomplete or unsuccessful. Often, these projects are funded through government "grants," but instead of benefiting the community, they become a source of corruption for some officials. In fact, several officials have already been arrested, and investigations by the Hawks are still ongoing.

Frik Erasmus, Thabazimbi



No, I'm not aware of any projects planned by our municipality for the next four years.

Johannes Makgae, Thabazimbi

Do you know what projects our local municipality has planned for the next four years?

NO **98%** YES **2%**



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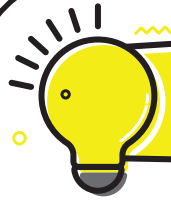
Do you believe in life beyond Earth?

Are we alone, or could aliens really exist? With billions of stars and planets in the universe, many wonder if we're truly alone. From mysterious signals to the discovery of distant, Earth-like planets, science offers intriguing hints. Do you believe other forms of life exist out there, or are we unique? Share your thoughts with us! 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!
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- Deadline – Be sure to send your response before 12:00 on Monday, 25 November 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



FUN FACT

Did you know?

In 1928, Scottish scientist Alexander Fleming made a groundbreaking discovery — by mistake! Fleming left a petri dish of *Staphylococcus* bacteria uncovered in his lab. When he returned, he found that mould had taken over and killed the bacteria around it. This mould, *Penicillium notatum*, turned out to be the first antibiotic, penicillin, which revolutionized medicine. Before long, penicillin became a powerful weapon against infections, saving millions of lives. Today, Fleming's "messy lab moment" is celebrated as one of science's greatest accidental breakthroughs!



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A Call to Worship and Obedience

95 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. 3 For the Lord is the great God, And the great King above all gods. 4 [a]In His hand are the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills are His also. 5 The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land. 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. 7 For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep [b]of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice: 8 "Do not harden your hearts, as in the [c]rebellion, As in the day of [d]trial in the wilderness, 9 When your fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they saw My work. 10 For forty years I was [e]grieved with that generation, And said, 'It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.' 11 So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' "

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Thabazimbi Needs Prayers

[letter to the editor]

As a resident of Thabazimbi, I am deeply concerned about the state of our community and its governance. The issues we're facing in local government seem never-ending, especially with the persistent political entanglements that overshadow effective service delivery. I believe that anyone working for our municipality or government institutions should be here to serve the community, regardless of political affiliation, position, or personal status. Yet, all too often, we see officials more focused on appearances and party loyalties than on the essential services our town depends on. Service delivery is the foundation of any community's well-being. It's not about political parties or personalities — it's about doing the job with dedication and respect for the public you serve. We need officials who understand how to manage infrastructure, such as water, electricity, and roads, for the long-term benefit of our town. For those of us who pay taxes, this is not a favour — it's the duty of those in office to ensure that these services run effectively.

Our community is currently mired in political infighting, leaving citizens uncertain about who is genuinely responsible for addressing our issues. I've seen officials deflect responsibility, claiming they are merely committee members without real power — until election season, when they promise to fix everything. This back-and-forth makes it impossible to hold anyone accountable.

What we need in Thabazimbi isn't perfection. We know no one is flawless. But we do expect respect for the job and a commitment to doing it well. If people in other towns can take pride in clean streets, reliable water, and functioning electricity, why can't we?

I am grateful to the private sector and local businesses that have stepped up to support basic services that the municipality should handle. To these individuals and companies, I extend my sincere thanks. It is, however, disheartening to see people outside government working hard to fill gaps, while those paid to do the same work often seem indifferent or absent.

Our municipality is now under administration, which brings a sense of hope that positive change may come. But I can't help but wonder why these issues weren't addressed sooner. Why were officials allowed to carry on without being held accountable? In any other job, failing to perform or refusing to work with others would result in losing that position. Yet, government often seems immune to these basic standards of accountability.

The challenges we face in Thabazimbi cannot be solved by any single individual. Real change requires a collective effort — not only from citizens and private-sector supporters but from government employees who have the resources, time, and responsibility to make things work. We need teamwork, not just among those who volunteer but also from those employed to make a difference.

Above all, I feel that what Thabazimbi needs most is prayer. Whatever our individual beliefs, I hope we can come together in sincere prayer for our town. I pray that we find the wisdom, guidance, and hope to move forward on a better path.

Many of our community members have lost all hope in ever receiving water on a sustainable level, but negativity cannot be allowed to dominate our lives. Each municipal and provincial government employee must be held accountable for doing their job. Personally, I choose to hold on to hope, and I turn to prayer to help lift Thabazimbi out of its struggles.

Thank you for considering this letter.
Sincerely,
Concerned Thabazimbi resident



Tshegofatso Molefe, social worker at LoveLife, and Raymond Mofomme, manager of LoveLife Trust, holding donated children's clothes to support those in need.

LoveLife Youth Centre launches clothing donation initiative for children in need

Thabazimbi – In a heartwarming initiative aimed at supporting children from disadvantaged backgrounds, the LoveLife Youth Centre is calling for donations of gently used (second hand) clothing. The programme, spearheaded by Tshegofatso Molefe, a social worker at the centre, seeks to provide much-needed clothes to children facing poverty and hardship.

"Many of the children who come to our centre are from families who are struggling, and now we're asking the community to help," said Molefe.

Raymond Mofomme, the centre's manager, added, "This initiative is about bringing hope to those in need, especially young people who face challenges that affect their self-esteem. We are committed to helping these children feel valued."

For more information, contact Tshegofatso Molefe at 060 417 1182 or Raymond Mofomme at 078 289 5423.



INVITATION

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SIOC-CDT invites all the stakeholders to the 2024 Stakeholder Day planned as follows:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR AN ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM EMISSION STANDARD APPLICATIONS IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: AIR QUALITY ACT (ACT NO. 39 OF 2004) FOR THE ZONDEREINDE SMELTER

Notice is given of Northam Platinum Limited - Zondereinde Mine and Processing Plant intention to submit an Application for alternative limits of the Minimum Emissions Standards (MES) for Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂) and Particulate Matter (PM) for its Smelter Operation to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE).

1. Proponent: Northam Platinum Ltd, (registration number 1977/003282/06) owns and operates the existing Zondereinde Mine and Processing Plant (hereinafter referred to as Zondereinde).

2. Location: Zondereinde is located approximately 16 km northeast of the town of Northam and 25km south of the town of Thabazimbi. It is located within the Thabazimbi Local Municipality, within the jurisdiction of the Waterberg District Municipality in the Limpopo Province.

3. Background: Zondereinde has been issued with an existing Atmospheric Emission License (AEL) (Ref No: 12/4/12L-W16/A2).

In terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (NEMAQA), 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004), Zondereinde is required to meet the MES for new plants contained in GNR 893 as amended by GNR 1207 (31 October 2018) which was promulgated in terms of Section 21 of the NEMAQA. Section 12A of the MES of 22 November 2013 as amended, published in terms of the NEMAQA provides for an existing plant to submit an application for an alternative minimum emission standard to the National Air Quality Officer (NAQO), which may be granted in instances where a new plant standard cannot be met for particular pollutants. Zondereinde will request the NAQO for an alternative SO₂ emission rate for its smelters main stack and an alternative PM emission rate for the Dryer 1 and the Main stack at the smelter operation.

4. Availability of the Basic Information Document (BID) and the Air Quality Impact Assessment (AQIA):

The BID and AQIA will be available for public review for a period of 30 days from 22 November 2024. Hard copies of the documents will be available at the Zondereinde Mine and Processing Plant Security Office and Electronic copies will be available on request from JEMS Pty Ltd (details below).

5. Stakeholder Involvement: Stakeholders are invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and to participate in the application process by identifying issues of concern and suggestions for consideration in the technical studies. Please submit your written comments by mail or email within 30 days to Stephan Barkhuizen at: **JEMS Pty Ltd; Tel number: 083 776 7898 | Postal address: P.O. 92269, MOOIKLOOF, 0059 | Email: stephan@jems.co.za | Date of Notice: 22 November 2024**

KITSISO YA SETSHABA

KOPO YA DITEKANYETSO TSE DINGWE TSE DI KWA TLASE TSA KGATSHO GO YA KA NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: AIR QUALITY ACT (ACT NO. 39 OF 2004) FOR THE ZONDEREINDE SMELTER

Kitsiso e neelwa ka ga Northam Platinum Limited - Zondereinde Mine le Processing Plant boikaelelo jwa go romela kopo ya ditekanyetso tse dingwe tsa ditekanyetso tsa kwa tlase tsa kgaso ya Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂) le Particulate Matter (PM) mo tiromg ya gagwe ya go nyerolosa kwa lefapheng la Forestry, Fisheries le Environment (DFFE).

1. Morulaganyi: Northam Platinum Ltd, (registration number 1977/003282/06) e na le go dirisa Zondereinde Mine le Processing Plant e neng e le teng (go tloga fa go ya pele e bidiwa Zondereinde).

2. Lefelo: Zondereinde e bokgakala jwa dikilometara di le 16 kwa bokonebothlaba jwa toropo ya Northam le dikilometara di le 25 kwa borwa jwa toropo ya Thabazimbi. E mo kgaolong ya Thabazimbi Local Municipality, ka fa tlase ga taolo ya Waterberg District Municipality mo porofenseng ya Limpopo.

3. Se se diragetse: Zondereinde e ntshitswe ka letlole le le leng teng la Atmospheric Emission License (AEL) (Ref No: 12/4/12L-W16/A2). Go ya ka National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (NEMAQA), 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004), Zondereinde e tshwanetse go kgotsofatsa MES ya dipolante tse dintshwa tse di leng mo GNR 893 jaaka e fetotswe ke GNR 1207 (31 October 2018) e e neng ya phasaladiwa ka Section 21 of the NEMAQA. Section 12A of the MES of 22 November 2013 jaaka e thabolotswe, e gatisitswe go ya ka NEMAQA e dire tlamelo ya gore polante e setseng e le teng e romele kopo ya tekanyetso e nngwe e e kwa tlase ya kgatsho kwa go National Air Quality Officer (NAQO), e e ka rebolwang mo mabakeng a mo go ona tekanyetso e ntshwa ya polante e ka se fithelelweng mo kgotlelelong e e rileng. Zondereinde e tla kopa NAQO go mo fa selekanyo se se farologaneng sa SO₂ se a se ntshang mo selong se segolo sa metshine ya gagwe ya go nyerolosa le selekanyo se sengwe se se farologaneng sa PM se a se ntshang mo serolong sa Dryer 1 le mo selong se segolo sa metshini ya go nyerolosa.

4. Go nna teng ga Basic Information Document (BID) le Air Quality Impact Assessment (AQIA) The BID le AQIA e tla nna teng gore setshaba se e sekaseke mo malatsing a le 30 days go tloga ka 22 November 2024. Dikhopi tse di gatisitsweng tsa ditokomane di tla nna teng kwa Zondereinde Mine and Processing Plant Security Office mme dikhopi tsa eleketeroniki di tla bonwa fa o di kopa kwa JEMS Pty Ltd (dinthla tse di fa tlase).

5. Go nna le seabe ga batsayakarolo: Batho ba ba nang le kgatlhego ba lalediwa go ikwadisa jaaka ba ba nang le kgatlhego le ba ba amegang (I&APs) le go nna le seabe mo thulaganyong ya go dira kopo ka go supa dinthla tse di tshwanetseng go sekasekwa mo dithutong tsa setegeniki. Tsweetswee romela dikagelo tsa gago tse di kwadilweng ka poso kgotsa ka e-mail mo malatsing a le 30 days go Stephan Barkhuizen kwa:

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PUBLIEKE KENNISGEWING

AANSOEK VIR 'N ALTERNATIEWE MINIMUM EMISSIE STANDAARD INGEVOLGE DIE NASIONALE WET OP OMGEWINGSBESTUUR: LUGGEHALTE (WET 39 VAN 2003)

Kennis word hiermee gegee dat Northam Platinum Beperk - Zondereinde Myn en Aanleg 'n aansoek gaan indien vir alternatiewe aanleg limiete, in terme van die Minimum Emissie Standaard (MES) vir Swaeldioksied (SO₂) en Fyn Stof Deeltjies, vir hul aanleg aan die Departement van Bosbou, Visserij en Omgewingsake (DFFE).

1. Aansoeker: Northam Platinum Beperk, (Registrasie Nommer 1977/003282/06) is die eienaar en bedryf die bestaande Zondereinde Myn en Aanleg (verder verwys as Zondereinde).

2. Ligging: Zondereinde is geleë om en by 16 km Noordoos van die dorp Northam en 25 km Suid van die dorp Thabazimbi. Zondereinde val binne die munisipale grens van die Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, wat ook binne die grens van die groter Waterberg Distrik Munisipaliteit van die Limpopo Provinsie is.

3. Agtergrond: Zondereinde het tans 'n geldige Atmosfeer Emissie Lisensie (AEL) (Ref No: 12/4/12L-W16/A2). Ingevolge die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur: Luggehalte (NWOL) (Wet 39 Van 2003), word Zondereinde vereis om aan die MES limiete vir nuwe aanlegte soos saamgevat in die Staatskennisgewing R 893, wat gewysig was deur Staatskennisgewing R 1207 (31 Oktober 2018) in terme van Artikel 21 van die NWOL. Artikel 12A van die MES, van 22 November 2013 (soos gewysig), in terme van die NWOL gee egter bestaande aanlegte 'n geleentheid om aansoek te doen vir alternatiewe Minimum Emissie Standaard limiete, vir besoedelaars aan die Nasionale Lug Kwaliteit Offisier (NLKO). 'n Alternatiewe limiet vir sekere besoedelaars kan goedgekeur word, indien die nuwe aanleg emissie limiete nie aan voldoen kan word nie. Zondereinde gaan in hul aansoek vra vir alternatiewe emissie limiete vir SO₂ vlakke vir hulle hoof smeltery skoorsteen asook alternatiewe limiete vir Fyn Stof Deeltjies vlakke by "Dryer 1" en die hoof smeltery skoorsteen.

4. Beskikbaarheid van die Basiese Inligtings Dokument (BID) en Lugbesoedeling Impak Studie (LIS): Die BID en LIS is beskikbaar vir 30 dae van 22 November 2024. Harde kopië van die dokumente is beskikbaar by die Zondereinde Myn en Aanleg Sekuriteit Kantore, andersins kan 'n Elektroniese afskrif van die dokumente versoek word by JEMS Edms. Bpk (sien inligting onderaan).

5. Belanghebbendes se deelname: Belanghebbendes word genooi om te registreer as 'n Belanghebbende en Geafekteerde Party (B&GP) en om kommentaar aan die Alternatiewe MES aansoek te gee. Enige kommentaar, vrae of besware moet binne 30 dae aan Stephan Barkhuizen gestuur word: **JEMS Edms. Bpk.; Tel nommer: 083 776 7898 | Pos Adres: P.O. 92269, MOOIKLOOF, 0059 | Epos: stephan@jems.co.za | Datum van Kennis: 22 November 2024**



A dumpster burns in Berg Street, releasing clouds of toxic fumes and worsening air quality for nearby residents.

ROTTING RUBBISH AND RISING RISKS

Thabazimbi/ Regorogile – An escalating waste crisis, worsened by ongoing water shortages and electricity outages, is driving Thabazimbi communities into a state of despair. Illegal dumping, blocked storm drains, overflowing sewers, and erratic basic services are creating unsafe living conditions. In Regorogile Extension 5, residents like Lerato Mokgele are facing the brunt of these challenges. Lerato's front yard borders an illegal dumpsite. "We can't eat because of the smell. People even dump dead animals here." According to Mokgele, this illegal dumpsite in Regorogile has been a problem since 2018, and despite numerous complaints, there has been little action. Residents are calling for designated waste collection points and fines to deter illegal dumping. The crisis is not confined to Regorogile. Across Thabazimbi, storm drains are clogged with

trash, dumpsters are left overflowing, and waste management services are inconsistent. On top of the waste problems, frequent water cuts and power outages have left residents feeling abandoned. Many report going days without running water. Power failures disrupt daily life and make it difficult for schools, businesses, and households to function normally. In Regorogile, the situation is even worse due to an overflowing sewage hole spilling wastewater into the streets. Residents across Thabazimbi are pleading for immediate intervention to restore basic services, remove hazardous waste, and enforce anti-dumping regulations. As water, electricity, and waste crises continue to pile up, community health and safety remain at serious risk. For now, residents are encouraged to report illegal dumping, vandalism, and related issues to 083 703 2805 or 083 703 2804.

An illegal dumpsite near Mediclinic Thabazimbi Hospital, where rotting waste and hazardous materials threaten public health.



A storm drain in Van Der Bijl Street, blocked by trash, increasing the risk of flooding and contamination.

An overflowing sewer in Regorogile spills wastewater into the streets, endangering community health.



‘n Skoot van inspirasie vir boogskiet in Thabazimbi



Lusette von Wielligh, Thabazimbi Boogskiet Klub se nuwe ambassadeur.

Thabazimbi – Op Dinsdag 19 November 2024 is Lusette von Wielligh, 'n toegewyde onderwyser en boogskiet koördineerder by Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer, aangestel as die ambassadeur van die Thabazimbi Boogskiet Klub vir 2024. Von Wielligh, bekend vir haar passie vir die sport, sien haar rol as 'n geleentheid om die voordele van boogskiet aan die gemeenskap bekend te stel. “Boogskiet is meer as net 'n sport – dit help om fisiese en geestelike uitdagings aan te pak, en dit leer lewenslange vaardighede,” sê sy. Haar doelwit is om leerders aan te moedig om 'n aktiewe leefstyl te lei en om bewustheid te skep oor hierdie veelsydige sport wat mense van alle ouderdomme kan geniet. Baie geluk aan juffrou Lusette met hierdie welverdiende eer!

Ricus Snyman skiet na die top



Thabazimbi – Op Sondag 17 November 2024, het Thabazimbi Boogklub hul nuwe lid van die jaar aangekondig – niemand anders as Ricus Snyman, bekend as “Welpie-Pikkie,” nie. Ricus het sy merk gemaak deur provinsiale binnenshuise kleure in sy afdeling (Cub Pic) te verwerf, 'n bewys van sy toewyding en talent. Hierdie prestasie stel hom in die kollig as 'n ster wat vinnig besig is om te skitter in die boogsportwêreld.

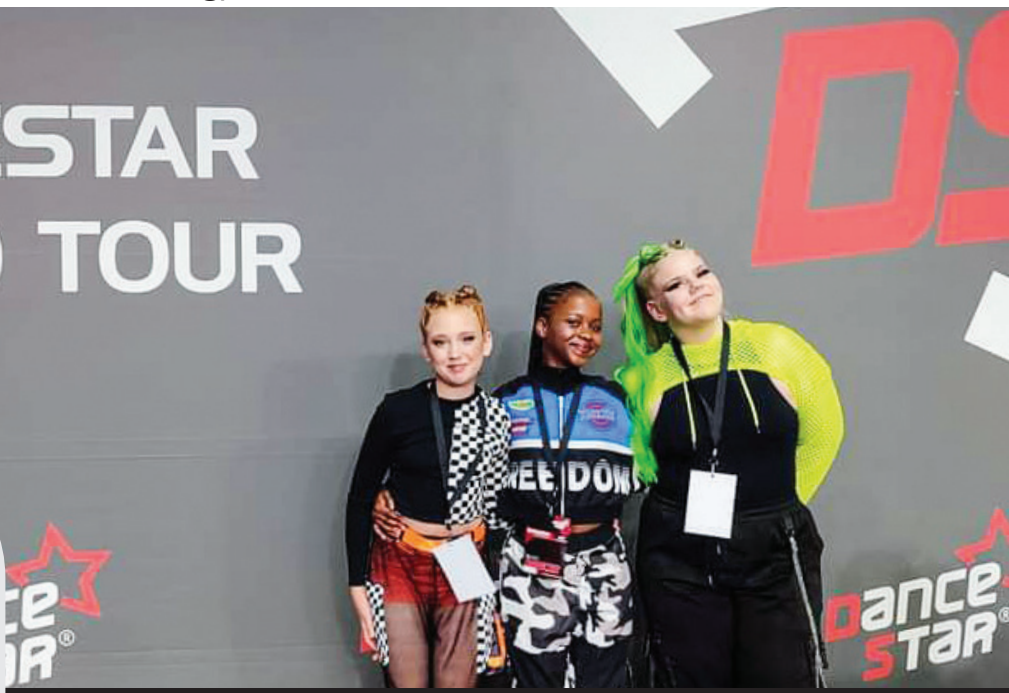
Rhinos gear up for 2025!

Setaria – The Northam Platinum Rhinos Rugby Club kicked off their pre-season training on Monday, 11 November 2024, marking the start of preparations for an exciting 2025 season. Club manager and assistant coach Flip de Kock extends a warm invitation to all aspiring rugby players and community members to join in the action. “Everyone is welcome to join us as we gear up for 2025,” says De Kock. Don't miss the chance to train alongside top players! For more details, contact Flip de Kock at 076 791 4659.



DANCESTAR WORLD TOUR

Damasa dancers shine on the road to Croatia!



From left: Danéll Maree, Kgolagano Oagile, and Miané Joubert, celebrated dancers of Damasa School of Dance.



Martelize Groenewald



Leané Oosthuizen



Chere van Zyl

Thabazimbi – From 11 to 16 November 2024, six talented dancers from the Damasa School of Dance showcased their skills at a prestigious competition held at Lewende Woord in Centurion. This event, which attracts top dancers from across the country, serves as a gateway to the Dance Star

World Masters 2025 in Croatia, a stage reserved for the elite. Among the standout achievements: Leané Oosthuizen earned 9th place in the Acro Solo Children category, qualifying for the B League, while Cheré van Zyl secured 4th place in Senior Commercial Hip Hop, also entering the

B League. In the Junior Commercial Hip Hop category, Danéll Maree shone with a 4th place finish to qualify for the A League, and Kgolagano Oagile claimed an impressive 2nd place, also making the A League. Congratulations to all the dancers for their remarkable performances!

Laerskool Thabazimbi se nuwe leiers vir 2025: Gelukwense!

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Laerskool Koedoeskop Vier 110 Jaar van Liefde en Groei

Cordelia
(kunstenaar)
en Gideon
van Dyk.



Leerlinge geniet die aksie tydens 'n sakspringresieskompetisie – 'n opwindende oomblik van lekkerte en spanning!



Leerders speel op die waterygbaan, wat een van die hoogtepunte van die dag was, vol lag en lekker vermaak.



Die kinders waak oor die wedstryd in die sakspringresies, wat vol pret en opgewondenheid was.



Koedoeskop – Laerskool Koedoeskop het op Vrydag 8 November 2024 sy 110de verjaarsdag gevier met 'n dag vol lekker aktiwiteite.

Die skool het begin as Doornpoort Laerskool in Leeupoort en het deur die jare gegroei na die geliefde Afrikaanse Christelike skool wat dit vandag is. Hierdie mylpaal is met opgewondenheid en trots gevier deur die hele gemeenskap.

Gideon van Dyk, die skool se sport- en bemarker (fondsinsameling en faktotum), het die geleentheid gebruik om die skool se reis te vier. Hy het gesê: “Laerskool Koedoeskop is 'n Afrikaanse Christelike skool waar elke kind nie net nog 'n leerder is nie, maar 'n kind wat waarde, respek en liefde ontvang. Ons onderwysers is nie net onnies nie, maar ook 'n tweede mamma of pappa vir elke kind weg van die huis af.”

Die dag het begin met 'n atletiekbyeenkoms waarin alle leerders, insluitend die jonger graad se kinders, aktief deelgeneem het. Mamas en pappas het hul sportvaardighede ten toon gestel met items soos die 60m en 300m hardloop, gewigstoot en spiesgooi. Tussendeur is daar jukskei en boeresport gespeel, wat vir lekker vermaak gesorg het. Die kinders het hulleself geniet op die waterygbaan en in die sakspringresies, wat die pret net vergroot het.

Die aand is afgesluit met braaivleisvure, musiek, en die gehoor wat in afwagting gesit het vir Cordelia se optrede. Sy het die gehoor vermaak met haar musiek, terwyl 'n veiling gehou is en almal gesellig saamgekuier het. Laerskool Koedoeskop groei elke jaar en is steeds op koers om van krag tot krag te gaan. “Ons weet dat leerders van Koedoeskop diep spore trap waar hulle ook al gaan,” het Gideon gesê. Die skool waardeer die gemeenskap se bydrae, of dit nou kosverkope, voorbereiding, ondersteuning of ander bydraes was.

“Dankie aan almal wat die dag 'n groot sukses gemaak het,” het Gideon afsluitend gesê. Laerskool Koedoeskop waardeer elke persoon wat deelgeneem het aan die feesviering en die skool se 110-jarige reis.