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Thabazimbi – In the heart of Thabazimbi, where the African sun kisses the bushveld, a little symphony is playing every day. It's not just the rustling trees or the calls of wildlife — it's the sound of learning, growth, and passion, all coming from the music studio of Theresa Fourie, owner and teacher at Simple Sounds of Music.

“Music is the soundtrack of life,” says Theresa. “And I’m just here to help my students play theirs beautifully.”

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Musical dreams in the making: Kara du Plessis and her teacher, Theresa Fourie.

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MANHUNT
LAUNCHED FOR
LIVESTOCK THIEVES
IN THABAZIMBI



Thabazimbi – A manhunt is underway for suspects involved in a livestock theft incident that left a local farmer counting his losses. The Modimolle Stock Theft Unit has launched an investigation after six sheep, valued at R12,000, were stolen from a farm in the Thabazimbi policing precinct. According to police spokesperson colonel Malesela Ledwaba, the theft occurred between the afternoon of Thursday, 30 January 2025, and the morning of Friday, 31 January 2025. The farmer, who had counted his flock at 17:00 the previous evening, confirmed that all 38 sheep were accounted for. However, upon checking the kraal the next morning at 07:00, he discovered vehicle tracks leading to the enclosure and realised that six of his sheep were missing. The police were immediately alerted, and a case has been opened. Authorities are now urging the public to come forward with any information that could help bring the perpetrators to justice. Community members with relevant details can contact the Modimolle Stock Theft Unit on 082 443 8885, reach Crime Stop on 08600 10111, or use the MySAPSApp to submit tips anonymously.



Justice on wheels... A suspect is escorted into the police van following a successful operation.

STOLEN
FIREARM
SEIZED

Northam – A high-impact crime-fighting operation led by the Vala Umgodi Waterberg District Task Team has yielded significant arrests and the recovery of a stolen firearm, reinforcing efforts to curb criminal activities in Northam and beyond. The operation, conducted on Sunday, 2 February 2025, was a collaborative effort between the South African Police Service (SAPS) and specialised units such as the Tactical Response Team (TRT), Local Criminal Record Centre (LCRC), Drone Pilots, and K9-Unit. Their mission: to increase police visibility, disrupt criminal activities, and dismantle illegal operations in known crime hotspots. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba confirmed that officers arrested a 34-year-old undocumented foreign national in Lefika township for possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition. The firearm, which had been reported stolen two weeks prior in Northam, was recovered alongside five rounds of live ammunition during a meticulous search supported by the K9-Unit.

Thabazimbi Vrouekamp

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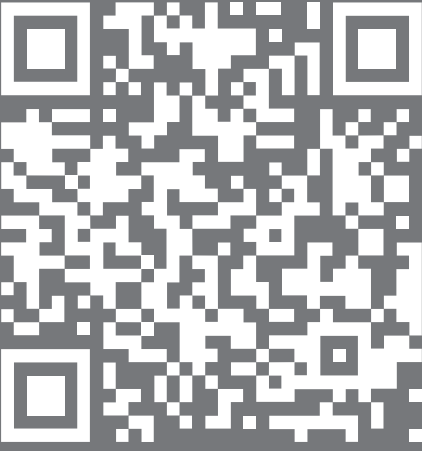
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Hengelgenot te midde van uitdagings!

Thabazimbi – Die Thabazimbi Hengelklub het die afgelope naweek hul eerste kompetisie van die jaar by die Northam Konsentrator aangebied, ondanks uitdagende toegang tot die damme ná Desember se welkome reën. Dit het hengelaars egter nie gekeer nie – 38 deelnemers het hul hoeke skerpgemaak en 'n indrukwekkende 495 visse met 'n totale sakgewig van 330.78 kg uitgetrek! Die volgende kompetisie se datum word binnekort aangekondig, en nuwe lede is welkom om aan te sluit. Vir meer inligting, kontak die klubvoorsitter, Rassie Erasmus, by 072 456 8411.



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Senior afdeling | wenner | Rudolf du Plessis



Ysterberg Voortrekkers skop 2025 af met rekordgetalle

Thabazimbi – Die Ysterberg Voortrekkers het die nuwe jaar met 'n slag begin tydens hul eerste spanbyeenkoms en vlaghysingseremonie vir 2025. Met 'n rekordgetal jeuglede wat aangesluit het, is die offisiere opgewonde oor die jaar wat voorlê – 'n jaar vol avontuur, leer en spanbou!

'n Familie, nie net 'n span nie

"Ons is nie net lede nie, ons is 'n familie – 'n wen-span!" sê die offisiere met trots. Die groeiende getalle toon hoe Voortrekkers steeds 'n belangrike rol speel in die ontwikkeling van die jeug, met 'n sterk fokus op leierskap, kultuur en avontuur. Ouers wat vir hul kinders hierdie pad gekies het, speel 'n belangrike rol in die Voortrekker-gemeenskap, en die offisiere spreek hul opregte dankbaarheid uit vir die ondersteuning.

Afrikaans leef voort – 100 jaar en steeds sterk!

Hierdie jaar vier die Afrikaanse taal sy 100ste bestaansjaar – 'n mylpaal wat met trots gevier word deur die Voortrekkers. "ONS KAN IN AFRIKAANS!" is nie net 'n slagspreuk nie, maar 'n lewenswyse vir hierdie trotse groep jeuglede.

Kontak ons

Vir meer inligting of om aan te sluit:

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'n Trots Voortrekkerbul lei sy stoet met geesdrif – gereed vir 'n jaar van avontuur en samehorigheid!

SOULFOOD

PSALM 33

The Sovereignty of the Lord in Creation and History
33 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!
For praise from the upright is beautiful.
2 Praise the Lord with the harp;
Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings.
3 Sing to Him a new song;
Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

4 For the word of the Lord is right,
And all His work is done in truth.
5 He loves righteousness and justice;
The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

6 By the word of the Lord the heavens
were made,
And all the host of them by the
breath of His mouth.
7 He gathers the waters of the
sea together as a heap;
He lays up the deep in
storehouses.



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HAVE YOUR SAY

Do you think artificial intelligence will improve our everyday lives?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is revolutionising industries, from healthcare and education to transportation, offering smarter solutions and efficiency. But concerns about job losses and ethical challenges remain. Is AI a tool for progress or a potential risk?



A fascinating topic! AI can automate repetitive and mundane tasks, allowing humans to focus on more strategic and creative work. It also enhances predictive capabilities by analysing

historical data, helping businesses anticipate future trends and make informed decisions. Additionally, AI plays a crucial role in surveillance systems, aiding in crime prevention and improving public safety. **Mel van der Merwe, Swartklip**



Yes, AI offers significant benefits in healthcare, including health monitoring, disease diagnosis, and personalised medicine. In transportation, AI-driven self-driving cars and trucks can enhance road safety, reduce traffic congestion, and improve mobility for the elderly and disabled. However, AI also raises concerns about job displacement, particularly for roles involving repetitive tasks. To ensure AI enhances our everyday lives, it is essential to develop it responsibly. **Koos Tsunyane, Thabazimbi**

PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Do you think artificial intelligence will improve our everyday lives?

NO **17%** YES **83%**



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Kos, Kuns en Kultuur R120pp, RSVP 24 Feb '25	28 Feb '25	Thabazimbi: Thabazimbi Skougronde	083 232 0320

POLL

Do you think people are more stressed now than in the past?

With modern technology, fast-paced work environments, and financial pressures, stress levels seem to be rising. But was life truly easier in the past, or did people face different struggles? Share your thoughts — are we more stressed today, or just dealing with stress differently? Here's how you can participate. Email us at news@platinumbushvelder.co.za or WhatsApp your response to 081 579 7000.

Include the following:

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- Why? We want to hear from you!
- A recent photo – We'd love to publish your pic alongside your answer!
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- Deadline – Be sure to send your response before 12:00 on Monday, 10 February 2025.

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?

Did you know cockroaches can survive underwater for up to 40 minutes? These tiny survivors close their spiracles — small breathing holes — to conserve oxygen, making them nearly impossible to drown quickly. This skill helps them endure floods and sneak into the smallest, dampest corners of our homes.

Cockroaches are also radiation-resistant, can go weeks without food, and even survive without a head for days! While they may not be everyone's favourite houseguest, there's no denying their super-powered resilience. Still think you can outlast a cockroach? Think again!

