

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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Making Music, Making Memories

A Lifelong Love Affair with Music

Theresa's journey with music didn't start in a classroom; it was woven into her family's fabric. Her mother was an organist, her grandfather played multiple instruments, and her sister could sing like a songbird. It was inevitable — Theresa was born to

MEET THE FUTURE ROCKSTARS

Music in motion: student Tyler Groenewald.

Tyler Groenewald (8 years old)

- Has been playing guitar for two years, inspired by childhood memories of strumming a toy guitar.
- Loves learning new songs the most.
- Favourite songs to play? Thunderstruck and Greensleeves.
- Wants to be a musician when he grows up.



From One Student to Many

Like all great things, Simple Sounds of Music started small — just a keyboard, a guitar, and one eager student. That first student was left-handed but had to learn on a right-handed guitar. Not one to back down from a challenge, Theresa flipped her own guitar upside down, sat in front of a mirror, and taught herself to play backwards so she could teach him properly.

Fast forward to today, and she has 21 students, teaching a range of instruments, from classical guitar and piano to xylophone and harmonica (even offering online harmonica lessons to students in Johannesburg!).

Striking the Right Chord in Competitions

2024 marked another milestone — Theresa's first time entering students in the Eisteddfod! Seven students competed, bringing home one gold and six silver medals.

Why Learning an Instrument is Worth It

Learning an instrument isn't just about playing a song — it teaches dedication, patience, and perseverance. "Every instrument takes its toll on your body," Theresa explains. "Your fingers will hurt, your hands will cramp, but the reward is priceless when you finally master a song."

Simple Sounds of Music offers:

- Classical, acoustic and electric guitar
- Piano and keyboard
- Percussion for preschoolers
- Harmonica (online lessons available!)

Contact: Theresa Fourie 079 400 6940



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Environmental Authorization application, on behalf Noxleka (Pty) Ltd. Notice is hereby given in terms of EIA Regulation41(2)(c) of the regulations, under the Environmental Management Act,1998(Act no.107 of 1998). This is also a notice of acceptance for the application of Prospecting Right in terms of section 16 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resource Development Act 28 of 2002(MPRDA). Noxleka (Pty) Ltd applied for a prospecting right to prospect for Iron Ore, Limestone, Manganese ore and Nickel Ore in terms of the section 16 of the MPRDA, the application covers Farm Goudafontein 886 LR, Julietta 112 LR and Moonlight 111 LR.

Located in the Magisterial District of Waterberg (Lephalale). You can be involved in the public participation process by sending an email with your name and contact details, stating your concern/questions relating to proposed project. You can also provide us with names of additional people that can be contacted. All correspondence which is received within 30 days from the day of notice will be submitted to (DMRE). All issues raised within the public participation process will be responded to in writing to the interested and affected parties. This include all parties who will be affected by the project and interested in the prospecting project.

All correspondence may be directed to Yadah Consulting (Pty) Ltd (Ms. T.J Magagula) Yadah.consult@gmail.com (073 875 0228/013 001 2901)

Where magic happens at the touch of a key... Kara du Plessis and her teacher, Theresa Fourie.

Kara du Plessis (10 years old)

- Started playing guitar after receiving a classical guitar for her 7th birthday.
- Loves learning new notes and finds them "super interesting."
- Favourites? Twinkle Twinkle Little Star on guitar and Vader Jakob on piano
- Dreams of becoming a music teacher one day.



NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION FOR CONSENT OF THE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY 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 TO PERMIT THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY STRUCTURES (PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR POWER PLANT) AND ANCILLARY LAND USES ON A FOOTPRINT OF ±300HA OF THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 1 OF THE FARM KOPJE ALLEEN, 422-KQ, LIMPOPO PROVINCE, SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC CONDITIONS I, Izel van Rooy from the firm Plan Wize Town and Regional Planners, being the authorized agent of the owner of the under-

mentioned property 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 (±300ha in extent) of the Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the farm Kopie 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 on a footprint of ±300ha.

The application 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 31 January 2025.

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 31 January 2025. Dates of publication: 31 January and 7 February 2025.

ADDRESS OF AGENT: PLAN WIZE TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNERS, P.O. BOX 2445, THABAZIMBI, 0380, TEL: 0824497626 EMAIL: izelvanr@gmail.com REF. NO. T0668B

KENNISGEWING VAN AANSOEK VIR DIE TOESTEMMING VAN DIE PLAASLIKE BESTUUR IN TERME VAN KLOUSULE 25(I) VAN DIE THABAZIMBI GRONDGEBRUIKSKEMA, 2014 SAAMGELEES MET ARTIKEL 16(3) VAN DIE THABAZIMBI GRONDGEBRUIKBESTUUR VERORDENING, 2015 OM DIE ONTWIKKELING VAN HERNUBARE ENERGIE STRUKTURE (FOTOVOLTAÏSE SONKRAGSTASIE) EN AANVERWANTE GRONDGEBRUIKE OP 'N VOETSPOOR VAN ±300HA VAN DIE RESTERENDE GEDEELTE VAN GEDEELTE 1 VAN DIE PLAAS KOPJE ALLEEN, 422-KQ, LIMPOPO PROVINSIE TOE TE LAAT, ONDERHEWIG AAN SPESIFIEKE VOORWAARDES

Ek, Izel van Rooy van die firma Plan Wize Stads-en Streekbeplanners, synde die gemagtigde agent van die eienaar van die ondergenoemde eiendom, gee hiermee ingevolge Klousule 25(i) van die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikskema, 2014, saamgelees met Artikel 16(3) van die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikbestuur Verordening, 2015 dat ek van voorneme is om aansoek te doen by die Thabazimbi Munisipaliteit vir toestemming om die gebruik van 'n gedeelte (±300ha groot) van die Resterende Gedeelte van Gedeelte 1 van die Plaas Kopje Alleen, 422-KQ, Limpopo Provinsie vir 'n "Spesiale Gebruik" vir die ontwikkeling van Hernubare Energie Strukture (Fotovoltaïse Sonkragstasie) en aanverwante grondgebruike op 'n voetspoor van ±300ha, toe te laat.

Die aansoek en relevante dokumente lê ter insae gedurende gewone kantoorure by die kantoor van die Munisipale Bestuurder, Thabazimbi Munisipaliteit, 7 Rietbokstraat, Thabazimbi vir 'n tydperk van 30 dae vanaf 31 Januarie 2025.

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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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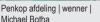






Thabazimbi - Die Thabazimbi Hengelklub het die afgelope naweek hul eerste kompetisie van die jaar by die Northam Konsentrator aangebied. ondanks uitdagende toegang tot die damme ná Desember se welkome reën. Dit het hengelaars egter nie gekeer nie – 38 deelnemers het hul hoeke skerpgemaak en 'n indrukwekkende 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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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



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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 Al a tool for progress or a potential risk?



A fascinating topic! Al 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, Al plays a crucial role in surveillance systems, aiding in crime prevention and improving public safety. Mel van der Merwe, Swartklip



Yes, Al offers significant benefits in healthcare, including health monitoring, disease diagnosis, and personalised medicine. In transportation, Al-driven self-driving cars and trucks can enhance road safety, reduce traffic congestion, and improve mobility for

the elderly and disabled. However, Al also raises concerns about job displacement, particularly for roles involving repetitive tasks. To ensure Al 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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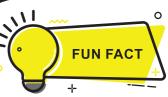
With modern technology, fast-paced work environments, and financial pressures, stress levels seem to be rising. But was life truly easier in the past, or did people face different struggles? Share your thoughts — are we more stressed today, or just dealing with stress differently? Here's how you can participate. Email us at news@ platinumbushvelder.co.za or WhatsApp your response to 081 579 7000.

Include the following:

- 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, 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!





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!