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STRANDED FOR A WEEK

A Miracle Rescue



TEAMWORK TO SAVE A LIFE... Emergency responders joining forces, proving that together, anything is possible.



THE TREACHEROUS MOUNTAIN... The formidable Skilpadberg, where the man survived an entire week before being found.



CAREFULLY LOWERING THE RESCUED MAN... Rescuers working with precision and teamwork to bring the survivor safely down.

Thabazimbi/ Potgietersrus – It was a race against time. A desperate search that stretched over days. And when hope was beginning to fade, a miracle happened.

On Sunday, 16 March 2025, a rescue mission was launched at Skilpadberg, near Potgietersrus, after a chilling call for help was heard. A 63-year-old man had been missing for a full week, lost on the treacherous mountain, his strength fading with each passing day.

A cry in the wilderness

The man had disappeared on Sunday, 9 March, prompting a frantic search by SAPS and concerned local residents. Days passed without a trace — until Sunday 16 March, when locals collecting firewood at the foot of the mountain heard something that made their hearts stop: a faint voice calling for help. Immediately, emergency services were alerted, and the massive rescue operation was set into motion.

A battle against time and terrain

At 13:09, the call reached the Thaba Fire & Rescue (TFR) team. Within 30 minutes, three TFR units,

along with Wildmed Emergency Services and their specialised equipment, were packed and ready to go. They departed from Thabazimbi at 14:00 before arriving at the scene at 15:55.

There was no road to reach him. Rescuers had to climb three gruelling kilometres up the mountain, carrying their gear and supplies. Every step was a struggle against rough terrain, but they pressed on. They had to.

A life saved

At 18:12, the man was finally brought down from the mountain and handed over to EMS Waterberg for transport to the hospital. Against all odds, he survived! Though severely dehydrated and suffering from minor injuries, his spirit remained unbroken. After a full week alone on the mountain — hungry, exhausted, and clinging to life — he was finally safe.

Heroes of the mountain

None of this would have been possible without the dedication and teamwork of multiple rescue units. Thaba Fire & Rescue, Wildmed Emergency Services, Mogalakwena Search and Rescue,

Waterberg Search and Rescue, EMS Waterberg, and SAPS all played crucial roles in ensuring the success of this mission.

Pierre Loots, CEO of Thaba Fire and Rescue, expressed his gratitude: "This rescue was a testament to the incredible teamwork and perseverance of every person involved. When lives are at stake, we will always go above and beyond to bring them home."

A special thanks to Skeerpoort Verspreiders for their generous fuel donation, ensuring the mission had the resources to bring this man home.

A reminder of community strength

This story is more than just a rescue — it's a testament to the power of community. When one of their own was in trouble, an entire network of heroes came together, fighting against the odds to save a life.

For the man who spent seven days alone on the mountain, and for the rescuers who refused to leave him behind, this was nothing short of a miracle.



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The Treasure Chest
supports Thabazimbi’s homeless

Thabazimbi – Every visit to *The Treasure Chest* brings something new and exciting. This little shop, located at Shop No. 8, Makrea Centre — right across from New Way Christian Church — is a treasure trove of unique finds, all for a worthy cause.

Whether you’re hunting for silverware, clothing, or hidden gems, you’re sure to discover something special while making a difference in the lives of those in need.

The Treasure Chest isn’t just about great bargains; it’s about hope. Proceeds from every sale go directly toward supporting the *Thabazimbi Homeless Shelter*, which is currently filled to capacity as the number of individuals in need continues to rise. To expand their reach and help more people, the shelter is actively raising funds to secure a second building.

Pieter Kühn is eager to welcome shoppers and supporters. “We appreciate every donation and every purchase. Each item sold brings us one step closer to helping more people find shelter and support,” he said.

If you’d like to contribute, donations of items that can be sold for funding are welcome and can be dropped off directly at *The Treasure Chest*. Whether you’re looking for an amazing deal or a way to give back to the community, this is the perfect place to do both!

For more information, contact Pieter Kühn on 065 604 0702.

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.



Van links: Christelle Barnard (SAVF-diensbestuur), 'n toegewyde Tambotie-personeellid, Janita Barnard (SAVF-vrywilliger), 'n Tambotie-personeellid, nog 'n Tambotie-personeellid en Linda Grobler (ATKV Thabazimbi en ondervoorsitter: SAVF Thabazimbi-diensbestuur).

Beskuit vir ‘n glimlag

Thabazimbi – Op Donderdag 13 Maart 2025 het verteenwoordigers van die ATKV Thabazimbi en ‘n paar SAVF-vrywilligers ‘n spesiale gebaar van omgee en waardering gebring na die bejaardes en personeel van Tambotie Versorgingsoord vir verswakte bejaardes.

In totaal is 50 pakkies beskuit met liefde uitgedeel – 18 aan die inwoners van Tambotie, 8 aan die bejaardes in die SASSA-huis en 24 aan die toegewyde personeel van Tambotie.

Volgens Linda Grobler, voorsitter van die ATKV-tak Thabazimbi en ondervoorsitter van die SAVF-

diensbestuur, is die projek moontlik gemaak deur befondsing van die ATKV en met die hulp van SAVF-vrywilligers. “Ons wou ‘n bietjie sonskyn in die dag van ons bejaardes bring met hierdie klein bederf, en terselfdertyd ook die personeel bedank vir hul sorg en toewyding,” het Grobler gesê.

Dalene Bester, voorsitter van die SAVF-vrywilligersdiensbestuur, het benadruk hoe belangrik dit is om ons bejaardes te waardeer. “Hulle vorm ‘n onmisbare deel van ons gemeenskap se erfenis en geskiedenis. Dit is vir ons ‘n eer om hulle te koester en te bederf.”



Afskeid van
‘n Legende

In liefdevolle herinnering aan Zacharias Johannes (Zaag) Young – ‘n man wat geweet het hoe om die lewe te leef en ‘n nalatenskap van stories en innovasie agterlaat.

Meer as net ‘n naam – ‘n lewe vol karakter

Zaag Young was ‘n mens-mens, ‘n storieverteller en ‘n vindingryke gees. ‘n Man wat lief was vir visvang en wie se *toolkit* altyd ‘n nuwe *gadget* vir sy visstok bevat het. Vir hom was die proses belangriker as die eindbestemming, ‘n les wat ons almal by hom kon leer.

Sy hande was geroep om dinge te bou – of dit nou ‘n seewaardige voertuig was (al het sommige daarvan nooit ‘n lisensie gesien nie), of ‘n huisie by die see in Mosambiek, sy eie stukkie paradys. Sels sy tuisgemaakte boorgatpomp op ‘n fiets was ‘n bewys van sy kreatiwiteit en deursettingsvermoë.

‘n Onvergeetlike nalatenskap

Hy was Adri se blouoog-bruidegom, ‘n pa, oupa, broer, vriend en bondgenoot vir baie. Sy liefde vir mense en die natuur was kenmerkend van sy karakter. Terwyl hy altyd besig was om dinge reg te ruk, was sy hart altyd by sy familie en vriende. Met sy staaltjies kon hy mense na sy kinderdae terugneem en ‘n nostalgiese glimlag op almal se gesigte toor. Sy liefde vir die lewe en sy eindelose kreatiewe idees het hom uniek gemaak.

Vaarwel, maar nooit vergeete

Terwyl die son oor sy geliefde plekke sak, wag Nuk-Nuk, die nagaap, rustig vir die nag om te kom. Zaag is nou saam met sy geliefdes, Adri en klein Zagie. Hy het sy reis voltooi – en uiteindelik sy bestemming bereik.

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Community comes together
to clean up local cemeteries

Thabazimbi/ Northam – On Monday, 3 March 2025, dedicated members of Thaba Fire and Rescue (TFR) took the initiative to start cleaning up the Thabazimbi Cemetery. Their hard work soon gained momentum when, on Tuesday, 4 March 2025, members of the Thabazimbi Local Municipality (TLM) joined in, focusing on trimming the overgrown grass.

Together, TFR and TLM teams worked tirelessly until Thursday, 6 March 2025, clearing waste and ensuring the cemetery looked neat and well-maintained.

Meanwhile, on the same Tuesday, another team from TFR extended their efforts to the Northam Cemetery, where they also tackled cleaning duties. Their dedication paid off, and by Thursday, 6 March 2025, the Northam Cemetery

had received a much-needed transformation as well.

TFR extends a heartfelt thank you to TLM for their valuable assistance in cutting the grass and maintaining these sacred spaces. The effort demonstrated the power of teamwork and community spirit in preserving the dignity of these final resting places.

A special acknowledgment goes to the following TFR members who played a vital role in the cleanup operations at both the Thabazimbi and Northam cemeteries: Angelique Loots, Pierre Loots, Mione de Witt, Corrie Prinsloo, and Jannie Rossouw.

Their hard work and commitment serve as an inspiring example of how small efforts can lead to a big impact.



Hard at work — cutting grass and clearing the way for a cleaner, more peaceful space.



Ready for take-off — this helicopter is set to deliver critical supplies to those cut off by the floods.

Thabazimbi – When disaster strikes, two types of people emerge: those who wait for help and those who take action. Recently, the community of Thabazimbi faced devastating floods after incessant rains caused the local dam to burst, cutting off road links and isolating settlements. Amid the chaos, some local heroes, including Hannes Coetzee, the owner of Thabazimbi SPAR, stepped up to make a difference.

Mpudi Maubane, PR, communications and sponsorship manager at The SPAR Group, recounts the events: “The people of Thabazimbi were hit hard by the floods. In such situations, waiting for authorities to mobilise can cost precious time. Fortunately, Thabazimbi has a proactive community who didn’t hesitate to act.”

Hannes Coetzee and others used off-road vehicles, canoes, and even helicopters volunteered by local owners to deliver essential supplies to stranded residents. “Our region was flooded by rains about three times heavier than usual,” says Coetzee. “Communities were cut off, and people urgently needed basic foodstuffs. We responded by donating hundreds of meal packs, delivered by helicopter to isolated areas.”

“Our efforts were all about strengthening our relationship with the communities we serve. Some businesses may say they care, but SPAR demonstrated through action that we genuinely do,” Coetzee adds.

The swift response by SPAR Thabazimbi highlights the strength of SPAR’s extensive network of approximately 2,500 stores across South Africa and the crucial role their independent owners play in their communities. “SPAR store owners live and trade within the communities they serve. Although SPAR has a Corporate Social Responsibility plan, many store owners supplement this with specific initiatives within their communities,” says Maubane.

Beyond emergency assistance, SPAR is committed to sustainable national initiatives, particularly in addressing food insecurity, which affects an estimated 15 million people in South Africa. SPAR supports several NGOs, including Operation Hunger, with financial aid and food donations. Additionally, SPAR collaborates with FoodForward SA, a leading food redistribution organisation, to redirect surplus food to needy communities, thus reducing food waste and combating hunger.

SPAR press release extracts



Urgent relief from above – Essential supplies, including eggs, are airlifted to stranded communities. SUPERSPAR Thabazimbi store owner, Hannes Coetzee, ensured much-needed provisions reach those in need.

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Kindly take note that there was an error made in the public notices published on page 4 on 17 March 2025. The mistake was made in both notices (English and Tswana) regarding the company name after the words: “PUBLIC NOTICE; INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES: PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION, ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA), BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (BAR) AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME REPORT (EMPr) THE COAL GROUP (PTY) LTD” THE WORDS: “THE COAL GROUP (PTY) LTD” MUST CHANGE TO **PINC 103 (PTY) LTD**. | Contact Person: Riana Bate, Cell: 082 359 5604, Email: luyanda@geovicon.co.za, Geovicon Environmental (Pty) Ltd

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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS FOR A PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION | DMRE REF NUMBER: LP 30/5/11/2/15879 PR. MARCH 2025

Notice of Environmental Authorisation Application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended; and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations and the National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2008 in respect of listed activities that have been triggered by applications in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA) as amended for the proposed prospecting activities associated application for Aggregate, Chrome Ore, Cobalt, Copper Ore, Andalusite, Diamond (General), Gravel, Iron Ore, Manganese Ore, Nickel Ore, Platinum Group Metals, Rare Earths, Sand (General), Titanium, Vanadium Ore and Zinc Ore on Part of Portion 9 & 12 of the Farm Zwartkop 369 KQ, in the Magisterial District of Waterberg.

Applicant Name: SARANGETIGROUP (PTY) LTD

Location of Sites: The Prospecting area is 21.36 kilometres southwest of Thabazimbi town and 21.41 kilometres north east of Northam along the Thabazimbi-Rustenburg road. The prospecting area is 156 Ha

Proposed Activity: The proposed project prospecting activities within 156 Ha of the affected farm portion.

Listed Activity/ Triggers Applied for: Government Notice, No. R. 327, April 2017 (LN1)

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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS FOR A PROSPECTING RIGHT APPLICATION | DMRE REF NUMBER: LP30/5/11/2/15849PR MARCH 2025

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Applicant Name: SGAGA TRANSPORT LOGISTICS AND PROJECTS (Pty) Ltd

Location of Sites: The prospecting area is approximately within 19.70 Km southwest of Thabazimbi town and 21.61 Km northeast of Northam along the Thabazimbi-Rustenburg Road within Limpopo Province.

Proposed Activity: The proposed project prospecting activities is within 168 Ha.

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Applicant Name: Sky Pay (Pty) Ltd

Location of Sites: The prospecting area is situated within 20.08 Km southwest of Thabazimbi town and 22.13 Km northeast of Northam along the Thabazimbi-Rustenburg Road within Limpopo Province.

Proposed Activity: The proposed project prospecting activities is within 163 Ha.

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Applicant Name: 18 ICONIC (Pty) Ltd

Location of Sites: The Prospecting area is 19.84 Kilometres southwest of Thabazimbi town and 22.10 Kilometres northeast of Northam along the Thabazimbi-Rustenburg Road.

Proposed Activity: The proposed project prospecting activities is within 160 Ha.

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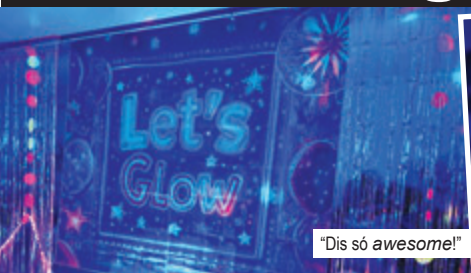
Thabazimbi Cyclists endure 24-hour challenge



Musa Dlamini conquered the 109km race with a time of 6 hours, 54 minutes, and 14 seconds, while Louis la Grange powered through the gruelling 211km race, crossing the finish line in 9 hours, 35 minutes, and 14 seconds.

Thabazimbi – Members of the Thabazimbi Cycling Club pushed their limits in the demanding 24-hour race at Munga in Pretoria East, held from 15 to 16 March 2025. Their dedication and endurance paid off as they completed the race, displaying remarkable stamina and determination. Congrats!

Ysterberg Voortrekkers laat die nag GLOW!



Dank aan ons borge en ondersteuners
Sulke suksesvolle geleenthede sou nie moontlik wees sonder die onbaatsugtige bydraes van ons gemeenskap nie. Ons rig 'n opregte dank aan al die ouers wat hul kinders in ons sorg toevertrou het vir die aand, asook aan ons borge en ondersteuners:

- Die offisiere, heemrade en jeugvriende wat gehelp het om die aand 'n treffer te maak.
- Nico du Plooy van Smartbrain vir die gebruik van hul perseel – ons waardeer dit opreg!



Chandre Swanepoel (links) en Ananda Pieterse, vol glimlagte en gereed vir 'n aand vol GLOW!

Thabazimbi – Die Ysterberg Voortrekkers het weereens gewys hoe om groot te gaan met 'n GLOW Sokkie en speletjiesaand wat jeuglede en hul vriende nie gou sal vergeet nie! Die aand was propvol energie, pret en spanbou – 'n geleentheid waar Voortrekker-lede en nlede saam kon kuier en die gemeenskap se jongmense betrek is by 'n nag vol opwinding.

'n Nag om te onthou
Van speletjies tot dans en 'n middernag-fliiek; hierdie fondsinsamelingsprojek was 'n reuse sukses. Ysterberg se offisiere het nie net die aand sorgvuldig beplan nie, maar ook deur die nag gewaak om te verseker dat alles seepglad verloop. Vir hierdie toegewyde offisiere was dit 'n ware plesier om so 'n spesiale geleentheid vir die kinders te kon aanbied – want uiteindelik gaan dit oor hulle!

#VoortrekkerGlimlagte #GlowSokkiePret



RHINOS STAMPEDE WOLVERINES!

Setaria – The Northam Platinum Rhinos roared to another victory in the Castle Lager Super League, crushing Northam Wolverines 69-8 in Setaria on Saturday, 15 March 2025. For the second consecutive weekend, the Rhinos ran in eleven tries, proving their attacking firepower is unstoppable. Try-scoring machine Warren Williams bagged another hat-trick, while PJ Bezuidenhout racked up an impressive 17 points. Kwezi Mkhafu crossed the line twice, the Van Der Merwe brothers combined for three tries, Maverick added a double, and Mitchell, in a standout performance, scored a try. Percy Williams and Luxolo Abraham also made their mark on the scoreboard. Next up, the Rhinos face Naka Bulls Rugby Club at Naka Bulls Park, determined to keep their unbeaten streak alive. "Please come and support our team. We want to bring home the trophy!" urged assistant coach Flip de Kock. Don't miss the action! For more details, contact Flip on 076 791 4659.



Northam Platinum Rhinos chairman Jannie Cronje (left) presented Questar Mkhafu (right) with the Man of the Match award after a stellar performance in the Rhinos' dominant 69-8 triumph over the Northam Wolverines.

Thabazimbi – Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer se hokkiespanne het Saterdag, 15 Maart 2025, gewys waarom hulle 'n formidabele krag in skolesport is. In 'n vriendskaplike wedstryd teen Hoërskool Die Wilgers het al vier spanne hul opponente oortuigend oorrampel – sonder om 'n enkele doel af te staan! Die jong, talentvolle o/14A-span het die dag met 'n indrukwekkende 9-0 oorwinning afgeskop, met Phumi Maseko wat die spel gedomineer het. Die o/15A-span het hul teenstanders met 8-0 laat les opsê, met Merisha Bezuidenhout wat die toon aangegee het. Daarna het die o/16A-span 'n verstomende 11-0 sege behaal, grootliks te danke aan Angel Rakgwale se briljante spel. Die eerste span het die oorheersing bekroon met 'n klinkende 7-0 oorwinning, met Dane Brentmeek wat as die ster van die wedstryd uitblink het. Frikkie Meyer se hokkie is duidelik op 'n nuwe vlak en hierdie spanne bewys dat deursettingsvermoë, spanwerk en puik afrigting 'n wenresep is!

Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer se eerste hokkiespan, onder leiding van afrigters Christine Swart en Anmarie Schutte, het hul teenstanders met uitstekende spel oortref.

Frikkie Meyer se hokkie spanne vuur op volle sterkte!



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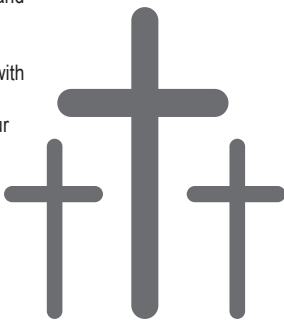
PROVERBS 3

- 1 My son, do not forget my law,
But let your heart keep my commands;
2 For length of days and long life
And peace they will add to you.

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you;
Bind them around your neck,
Write them on the tablet of your heart,
4 And so find favor and high esteem
In the sight of God and man.

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.
- 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
Fear the Lord and depart from evil.
8 It will be health to your flesh,
And strength[d] to your bones.

9 Honor the Lord with your possessions,
And with the firstfruits of all your increase;
10 So your barns will be filled with plenty,
And your vats will overflow with new wine.



NEW KING JAMES VERSION (NKJV)

HAVE YOUR SAY

Should pizza always be eaten with your hands?

Some say hands only is the true way to enjoy pizza, while others insist on using a knife and fork. Some fold it like a taco, and others even love it cold, straight from the fridge! What's your take — should pizza always be a hands-only experience? Vote and let us know!



There's no better way to eat pizza than with your hands! Most of us grew up eating it that way, and the best part is the freedom to fold it however you like — turning it into a taco-style bite that somehow makes it taste even better.

Christopher Booysen, Thabazimbi



Yes, because eating pizza with my hands lets me truly experience it — feeling the texture, savouring every bite, and enjoying the moment. Plus, my hands are like a natural high-five from nature, making the experience even more satisfying!

Katlego Ramotebele, Thabazimbi

PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!



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POLL

If aliens landed tomorrow, would you try to talk to them?

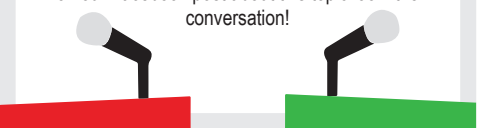
Imagine waking up to a spaceship landing in your town! Would you try to talk to them, run for cover, snap a selfie, or ask to join their intergalactic adventure? Are we ready for first contact, or would panic take over?

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, 24 March 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!



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