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Kalkfelders plead for rhino's

The Oelofsens calls on world leaders, particularly members of CITES, to rethink their choices when it comes to the conservation of rhino's as current efforts seem to be futile.

"The very first rhino I received, was a black rhino heifer that was only seven days old. The vets said there was only a 10% chance that she would survive.

"To me, where there is life, there is hope. By a miracle she pulled through and today she is 28 years old and she had 10 calves. She is pregnant with her 11th calf.

"This just shows you, by saving one, you can put so much more back into nature."

This is the words of Anette Oelofse, who is involved in the conservation of rhinos and the raising of orphan rhino calves near Kalkfeld since 1995.

She and Alex Oelofse of Mount Etjo Safari Lodge, have recently launched a public appeal to world leaders to rethink their

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AgriXtra 2023

Uit die pen en hart van Grootfontein se skoupresident.

Nita Pretorius

Wat 'n voorreg om saam met 'n baie spesiale groep mense AgriXtra 2023 van 24 tot 26 Mei aan te bied.

Grootfontein Skouvereniging sit met trots 'n eeu-oue tradisie voort. Op 26 Mei 1912 is die eerste landbou-tentoonstelling in ons dorp aangebied. Wanneer 'n tradisie so lank behoue gebly het, mag ons dit nie laat verlore gaan nie.

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se harte: Om hul spogdiere meer blootstelling te gee, om die fokus terug te skuif na boerdery, om 'n geleentheid te skep waar kundiges opleiding kan gee, waar nuwe boerderymoontlikhede en metodes ondersoek kan word en waar opkomende, jong boere betrek kan word.

Die uitdagings wat boere daagliks in die gesig staar is enorm.

Die speelveld verander jaar ná jaar en slegs wanneer ons teruglees in die geskiedenis, wanneer ons tyd maak om te luister na die stories van ons voorgeslagte, net dan kan ons werklik weet hoeveel moed dit vat om elke dag opnuut aan te pak.

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Mense uit ons gemeenskap wat JA! gesê het vir 'n saak waarvan hulle die omvang nie regtig besef het nie. Mense wat my vroeg in 2023 nuwe moed gegee het vir ons dorp en ons gemeenskap.

Wanneer ons uitreik, wanneer ons vra, wanneer ons onsself blootstel, word ons verras met die mooi van mense wat steeds bestaan. Omdat dit nuut is, gaan ons foute maak en dinge doen waarop ons kan verbeter. Ek vra dat u hierdie kritiek asseblief na my toe sal oordra - 081 124 2182 of stuur 'n e-pos na primesteeljd@gmail.com.

Ons sien uit om op voorstelle en kritiek te verbeter, want hierdie spore wat getrap word, hoop ons is mooi genoeg dat ander daarin sal wil volg.

Uitdagings is baie, maar vir die hier en nou het ons baie dankbaarheid en sien ons uit om u op ons gronde te verwelkom.

Dankie

As borg: Baie dankie dankie dat u ons vertrou met fondse waarvoor u gewerk het. Dankie vir elkeen wat ook hulp in die een of ander vorm verleen. Dankie dat u help bou aan iets mooi's, maar ook baie nodig in ons gemeenskap en dorp. As Vereniging verseker ons u dat u borgskap met verantwoordelikheid en deursigtigheid aangewend sal word.

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Mag ons harte altyd warm klop vir dit waarmee Hy ons geseën het en mag ons landbougemeenskap vir altyd bly staan.

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Wine & Cheese Tasting

3rd June 2023

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The ticket comprise Wine and Cheese Tasting and a 20% discount on the Food menu during the day.

Of course 20% discount on the Wine

The story of the Farm Shop

Bringing local produce to the public

Whilst Ulf and Usia Jarish from the farm Leslie will soon be hosting an exciting wine and cheese tasting event at their "Farm Shop" just outside Grootfontein, they are actually pulling together a community of local producers to offer truly Namibian produced farming products to the public.

It all started when the couple bought the farm in August 2021 – nearly two years ago. "We are farming with fruits and vegetables and we do it organic," Ulf said. "That is because I am not part of the 'coca-cola society', I like proper quality," he joked.

From Germany

Jarish said he is originally from Germany. He grew up in East Germany, where his father was a farmer. "I thought I never wanted to become a farmer. I later moved to West Germany and over the last 25 years, I lived in England."

He said with a technical degree he was always working in a completely different field than agriculture.

"Then I came to Namibia – my wife is from Namibia – and in Windhoek I noticed a shopping centre that is a 'haven' for all kinds of German products and foods. It is wonderful, but it is all coming from South Africa!

"How can a country call itself independent if it is completely 'food dependent' on South Africa?

"This led us to the decision to start farming," Jarish said. He said there is no job market for his qualifications in Namibia and they knew they will have to do something different in Namibia.

"We both have an interest in farming, as well as in good quality food and organic farming. This is how we ended up here."

Starting

"We planted over 800 fruit trees and have a big vegetable area from which currently produce in small scale, as it takes time to expand."

Jarish says they have a whatsapp group where they take orders and inform clients on what they have available. "It means that if you are in Grootfontein and want some fresh produce, you send us your order. The morning after we received your order, we harvest it directly from the field and deliver it by lunch. Fresher than that you won't get," he said.

"You can also come to our farm and pick it fresh. A cup of coffee will always be waiting. If you come after 5:00 PM, it will be a glass of wine," he laughs.

"As from the beginning of this year we decided to do a pop-up farm shop. We have a big tent on our farm and opened the Farm Shop. We offer our products as well as those of neighboring farms," he said and added that they always also offer a braai, where people can sit down and eat in a relaxed atmosphere.

Welcome

Jarish says they are happy to welcome other farmers and their products to their shop, as they are just outside the town, situated at a prime location. "It is on the doorstep of Grootfontein," he added.

About the upcoming wine and cheese tasting event on 3 June, Jarish says it follows on the "Valentine's Day Event" they held in late February (see advert on page 4).

"We decided on the wine and cheese event and once again the idea is that local producers and businesses are brought to the public."

He reminded people that tickets cost N$150, but early birds doing their booking before 15 May, will get a discount of 20%. "You will also get a 20% discount on the menu and all the wine you purchase," he said.

He says once again they will have live music with someone playing on a saxophone.

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their choices when it becomes to protecting rhinos.

"All the countries that vote against African countries at CITES – they will be the cause for the extinction of rhino's," Alex recently said in a video that was released on Youtube on Mount Etjo's channel, compiled by Reinhard Brönner from Redsand Films.

Only 15 to 20 years left

He explained statistics shows that at the current rate of poaching, there will be no more wild rhino's left within the next 15 to 20 years.

"Bans on rhino horn trading, anti-poaching efforts and education of the consumers is not helping," he said. The Oelofsens are advocating for legalizing trade in rhino horn.

"You can cut the horn off a live rhino, without hurting it. So why not utilise the horn, legalize the trade and put it on the market?

"This way the market can be saturated and the rhino can be kept alive. In Southern Africa we have about 40 tonnes of rhino horns in storage – which can sustain the market over eight years, without touching a live rhino."

Voted out

However, at the CITES convention applications for this legalization by countries such as Namibia, South Africa and Eswatini gets voted out by the 184 member states. Alex mentioned that of these 184 members, only 11 has any rhino's, while two has the majority.

"Sadly, the fate of the rhino's will be determined by those who have the least experience and knowledge, who are not actively involved in fighting this war," he said. The Oelofsens calls on world leaders, particularly members of CITES, to rethink their choices.

Annette Oelofse is involved in raising orphan rhino calves since 1995. PHOTOS MOUNT ETJO SAFARI LODGE FACEBOOK PAGE

Minerale-museum open op Tsumeb

Verskeie bekende persoonlikhede het die openingsgeleentheid op Tsumeb bygewoon. FOTO'S VERSKAF

Tsumeb het onlangs hul splinternuwe mineralogiese en mynmuseum ingehuldig, met die plan om eindelik meer as 300 minerale uit dié dorp se myn vir die publiek uit te stal.

Stokou kaartargiewe met fyn, handgetekende kaarte word ook hier bewaar.

Die museum, wat in die ou myn- en nywerheidsgebieds in die omgewing van Tsumeb se ou skagtoring geleë is, is die eerste van méér ou geboue en stellasies wat restoureer en herstel gaan word.

Volgens Clarissa Judmann, 'n verteenwoordiger van die Duitse ambassade, is die ambassade ook betrokke by nog twee ander projekte op die perseel, naamlik om die ou kragopwekkersaal en skagtoring te restoureer.

Terwyl die ambassade sowat N$300 000 bewillig het vir die restourasiewerk aan die nuwe museum, sal hulle verder betrokke wees by hierdie ander projekte, wat nog sowat twee tot drie jaar sal neem om te voltooi.

Die museum sal na verwagting 'n aantreklikheid vir toeriste, geoloë en liefhebbers van geskiedenis hê.

Tydens die geleentheid het Zebra Kasete, besturende direkteur van Dundee Precious Metals Tsumeb, gesê Tsumeb is enige geoloog se "droom" en dat dit seldsaam is om soveel minerale op een plek te vind.

Volgens hom is tot dusver sowat 310 verskillende soorte minerale op die dorp gevind.

Die dorp se burgemeester, Mathews Hangula, het gesê in 2021 het die dorpsraad, tesame met die Nasionale Erfenisraad, besluit om die historiese myn in 'n nasionale erfenisgebied te omskep. Die hoop is dat dit dalk eindelik as een van die wêreld se Unesco erfenisgebied verklaar sal kan word.

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