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Rooiberg – Die Rossouw-gesin woon op 'n wildsplaas net buite Rooiberg, waar hulle kinders daagliks 'n lang pad moet aflê om by Laerskool Koedoeskop te kom. Wat gewoonlik 'n roetine was, het in 'n nagmerrie verander toe onvoorspelbare vloede hulle afgesny het van die buitewêreld - en van hul kinders.

#### Water, vrees en hoop: 'n Gesin se stryd met die vloed

Op Dinsdag 11 Februarie 2025 het swaar reën 'n brug by die plaas se ingang weggespoel. Die gesin het probeer om 'n alternatiewe roete deur die rivier te gebruik, maar die water was te sterk. Daardie dag kon die kinders nie skool toe gaan nie, en plaaswerkers moes 'n uitmergelende twee en 'n half uur lange pad om die plaas gebruik om daar te kom. Die gesin het met gruis en klip probeer om die driffie bruikbaar te maak, en die werkers het die middag huis toe gegaan. Maar die volgende dag het die rivier weer gestyg.

Die kinders moes toe per TLB deur die rivier geneem word om by 'n bakkie uit te kom wat hulle na Rooiberg kon neem. So het die kinders en werkers vir 'n week lank deur die rivier moes waag net om hul daaglikse lewe voort te sit.

#### Die oggend wat in angs verander het

Op 19 Februarie het die water vlak genoeg gelyk om die kinders skool toe te stuur. Maar skaars 'n halfuur later het hulle 'n boodskap ontvang: die skoolbus moes omdraai weens die

gevaarlike padtoestande. Paniek het toegeslaan.

Jean Rossouw het haastig gaan kyk of die rivier nog deurkruisbaar was en besef dat hulle kinders vasgekeer was en daar was geen manier om hulle huis toe te bring nie.

Die werklikheid het ingesink: hulle seuns, Krestel (9) en Thinus (10), moes noodgedwonge in Rooiberg oornag, ver van hul ouers af, met slegs hul skoolklere en tasse. Vir die eerste keer het hulle regtig die impak van die vloed besef - en die vrees dat hulle nie binnekort hul kinders sou sien nie, het swaar op die ouers se harte gedruk.

#### Die gemeenskap tree in

Die Rossouws het na oplossings gesoek. 'n Ander ouer het aangebied om die kinders oor te huisves, maar die onsekerheid oor veiligheid in Rooiberg - veral met berigte dat 'n damwal onder druk was - het hulle angs laat toeneem.

Krestel Rossouw het moontlike begin rondbel vir helikopterhulp. Dit was toe dat Kahn De Jager, wat met ontruimingsaksies by Amandelbult besig was, beloof het om 'n woord uit te sit.

Die volgende oggend, 20 Februarie,

het hulle die oproep ontvang: "Maak die kinders reg, hulp is op pad." Meneer Gert Ehlers het ingespring, die seuns en noodsaaklikhede op Rooiberg opgetel en hulle huis toe gebring. Die oomblik toe hul ouers hulle in die arms kon vashou, was

#### Dankbaarheid te midde van die swaarkry

Vandag is die gesin steeds afgesny van die buitewêreld, maar hulle is rustig. Hul kinders is veilig tuis. Hulle is dankbaar vir

die hulp en ondersteuning van hul gemeenskap, en vir die reën wat, ten spyte van die ontwrigting en skade, 'n seën is vir die land.

#### Ons sal dit nooit vergeet nie

'Met ons hele hart dank ons die Here vir soveel goeie mense. Die manier waarop hierdie gemeenskap ons ondersteun het, is 'n bewys van liefde en samehorigheid. Ons kinders is ons kosbaarste skat - en hierdie gebeure het ons net weer laat besef hoe broos en kosbaar die lewe is. Hierdie ervaring sal ons vir altyd bybly," aldus Krestel.









**VACANCY** Internal / External Advertisement



The following vacancy exists within Thaba Joint Venture (JV):

### **Section Supervisor Thaba JV**

The Thaba Joint Venture (JV), which is a JV between Sylvania Metals and Limberg Mining Company, is looking for a Section Supervisor to support the operations with employee development processes, production, improving plant availability, ensuring quality and safety, and controlling costs

#### Major tasks of the job:

- The incumbent will be responsible for assisting his/her team to produce quality products and achieve set targets
- Ensure adherence to the company's Health and Safety Standards.
- Ensure proper housekeeping of the plant.
- Closely monitor and control the

#### Knowledge/Education Requirement:

- Grade 12 or equivalent.
- Tertiary qualification will be an added advantage.
- plant operations to ensure optimum performance.
- · Identify potential/actual problems and take corrective actions to eliminate
- · Continuous improvement of plant performance.
- · Effective handover of shifts.
- · Intimate knowledge of Sylvania
- · Computer literate (Word and Excel).

#### **Experience and requirements:**

- Minimum 2/3 years of PGM flotation and Chrome recovery plant experience.
- · Previous supervisory experience would be an advantage.
- Good administration and housekeeping skills are essential
- Stay nearby of the Thaba JV operation.
- Prepared to work shifts and overtime when necessary.

Candidates who meet the requirements as stipulated above may apply by sending their CV's and copies of relevant qualifications to the HR Department. Should you not hear from the company in 21 days, please consider your application unsuccessful.

By applying for this vacancy, you give consent to process your personal information in line with the Processing of Personal Information Act (POPIA) and the Company's recruitment procedure. Your information will only be kept on record for this vacancy.

Contact: Thabarecruitment@sylvania.co.za Closing Date: 05 March 2025

# **VACANCY VAKANTE POS**



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# AfriForum kikker Thabazimbi op vir jaarlikse Bosveld-interhoër

Thabazimbi - Ter voorbereiding vir die 61ste Bosveldinterhoër by Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer, het die AfriForum-tak in Thabazimbi slaggate op die dorp se paaie begin regmaak. Meer as 150 sakke teer is reeds in slaggate ingewerk op die roetes wat na die skool lei.

plaaslike organisasies aangepak, insluitende Pure Bushveld Venison, Monate B&B, die Thabazimbi sakekamer, Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer en personeel, asook lede van die gemeenskap. Vir verdere inligting of om betrokke te raak by AfriForum in Thabazimbi, stuur 'n e-pos aan Janine van Aardt, die  $tak voor sitter, by\ voor sitter. thabazim bi @afriforum tak. co.za$ of besoek www.wordlid.co.za.



# WHEN THE GIVERS NEED HELP

# A call to support Theo & Geraldine

community, there are names that stand out - people who have always been ready to lend a hand, offer support, and uplift those around them. Among those names are Theo and Geraldine van Wyk.

For years, they have been more than just neighbours; they have been pillars of strength to those in need. Now, the time has come for the community to

#### **A Life-Altering Diagnosis**

What began as a routine hospital visit in March 2024 turned into an unimaginable ordeal. Theo had been scheduled for a minor procedure to remove a plate and two screws from his foot. However, just 30 minutes before surgery, he suffered a seizure. By sheer luck — or perhaps divine intervention — it happened in the hospital, surrounded by medical professionals who acted immediately. This unexpected event led to an MRI scan, revealing the devastating diagnosis: a brain tumour.

On 12 April 2024, Theo underwent a craniotomy to remove as much of the tumour as possible. The procedure was performed by a highly recommended neurosurgeon, and while the majority of the tumour was successfully removed, the biopsy results brought heartbreaking news-it was identified as a Grade 2 astrocytoma, a form of cancer. Though the surgery spared him from paralysis, it left him with impaired reading and writing abilities, forcing him to relearn these essential skills from scratch.

#### The Fight for Recovery

Despite the challenges, Theo remained determined to provide for his family. He resumed his work as a consultant at a nearby mine, but his battle was far from over. Six weeks of intense radiation followed, causing severe illness. By January 2025, he began chemotherapy, bravely completing the first round and concluding the second on February 19. Unfortunately, the effects of the treatments took a toll on his body, leaving his right leg weakened. The most devastating blow came at the end of January when the mine, citing his health and limited ability to read and write, terminated his contract. A man who had always provided for his family and his workers was now left

#### without an income at the very moment he needed stability the most. **A Financial and Emotional Struggle**

To make matters worse, an insurance policy meant to cover dreaded disease and income protection refused to pay out due to a technicality. With mounting medical expenses and everyday living costs, the financial strain has added to an already overwhelming situation. In response, kind-hearted members of the community set up a BackaBuddy fundraising campaign to support Theo and Geraldine, ensuring they can maintain their medical aid and cover basic necessities.

Despite everything, Geraldine remains steadfast in her resilience. "We are blessed to be part of a community that truly cares," she says. She does not want this to be a tale of hardship alone — she wants people to know that even in the face of great adversity, there is gratitude, hope, and the unwavering support of those around them.



Theo's hand clasped grandchild, a symbol of hope and family



Theo van Wyk with his

granddaughter, Lorelei,

sharing a tender and

A warrior's resilience... Theo van Wyk, post-surgery, displaying courage in his recovery journey



van Wyk with his

loving bond

A moment of togetherness... Theo and granddaughter Miane Viljoen. Geraldine van Wyk, side by side, facing this

#### **How You Can Help**

challenge together.

Theo and Geraldine have always given to others. Now, they need the kindness they have so often shown. Any contribution, big or small, will go a long way in helping them through this incredibly difficult time. Donations will assist with daily expenses and ensure Theo can continue his fight with the medical care he needs.

To stand by Theo and Geraldine, please visit their BackaBuddy campaign: https://www.backabuddy. co.za/campaign/stand-by-theo-

Alternatively, direct donations can be

made to: Bank Details:

Account Name: WM VAN WYK Bank: ABSA SPAAR Account Number: 9241398584

For more information, you can contact: Theo: 073 581 3581 | Geraldine: 082 921 3780

Now is the time for us to rally together and support two people who have spent their lives supporting others. Let's help Theo and Geraldine through this battle — because no one should have to



Announcing the death of a family member is a time-honoured tradition as life should be celebrated and never forgotten. To help you to celebrate the life of your loved one and share details about the upcoming funeral, place an obituary in our newspaper, free of charge. You can include the date of death, details about their life and surviving family members. You can also write a special message, a poem or a prayer. Please include a photo and the date, time and place of the memorial service.

If you would like to place an obituary in Platinum Weekly / Platinum Bushvelder, send the information via WhatsApp to 072 482 6871 or email

news@platinumweekly.co.za/ news@platinumbushvelder.co.za.

#### **NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF A SOCIAL LABOUR PLAN**

In terms of Section 102 of the MPRDA (Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002), read together with Regulation 46(b), we hereby confirm the approval of the THIRD GENERATION CONSOLIDATION SOCIAL AND LABOUR PLAN of ARM Andalusite (Pty) Ltd (Maroeloesfontein Operation) located at Portion 28 of the Farm Maroeloesfontein, 366 KQ, Thabazimbi Local Municipality - Ref Nr LP 5/1/2/5/2/56, 100 & 186 MR on 13 January 2025

The Social and Labour Plan documentation (in English and Setswana) can be viewed at:

- 1. Thabazimbi Local Municipality, 7 Rietbok Street Thabazimbi, 0380
- 2. Thabazimbi Library, 4th Avenue, Thabazimbi, 0380 (next to Thabazimbi Police Station)
- 3. Thabazimbi Magistrate Court, 10 Fourth Avenue, Thabazimbi, 0380



Tel: 014 161 0341 | www.armandalusite.co.za Mine Address: P28 Farm Maroeloesfontein, Thabazimbi, Limpopo, 0380 | Head Office Address: Plot 233 Mooiplaats, Pretoria, Gauteng, 0081



## **VACANCIES**

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 4 OF THE FARM DWAALBOOM, 217-KP, LIMPOPO PROVINCE, SITUATED IN THE JURISDICTION OF THE THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE IN TERMS OF SECTION 16(12)(A)(III) OF THE THABAZIMBI LAND USE MANAGEMENT BY-LAW, 2015 READ TOGETHER WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT ACT, 2013 (ACT 16 OF 2013) (SPLUMA) AND REGULATIONS AS PROMULGATED

I, Izel van Rooy from the firm Plan Wize Town and Regional Planners, being the authorised agent of the owner of the under-mentioned property hereby give notice in terms of Section 16(12)(a)(iii) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-Law, 2015 read with the relevant provisions of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (Act 16 of 2013) (SPLUMA), that I have applied to the Thabazimbi Municipality for the sub-division of the Remaining Extent of Portion 4 of the farm Dwaalboom, 217-KP, Limpopo Province.

Particulars of the application will lie for inspection during normal office hours at the office of the Manager: Planning and Economic Development, Thabazimbi Municipality, 7 Rietbok Street, Thabazimbi for a period of 30 days from 21 February

Objections to or representations in respect of the application must be lodged with or made in writing to the Manager: Planning and Economic Development. Thabazimbi Municipality, at the above-mentioned address or at Private Bag X530 Thabazimbi, 0380 within a period of 30 days from 21 February 2025.

ADDRESS OF AGENT: PLAN WIZE TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNERS, P.O. BOX 2445, THABAZIMBI, 0380, TEL: 082 449 7626 E-MAIL: <u>izelvanr@gmail.com</u> REF. NO. T0715

KENNISGEWING VAN AANSOEK OM DIE ONDERVERDELING VAN DIE RESTERENDE GEDEELTE VAN GEDEELTE 4 VAN DIE PLAAS DWAALBOOM, 217-KP, LIMPOPO PROVINSIE GELEË IN DIE REGSGEBIED VAN DIE THABAZIMBI PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT, LIMPOPO PROVINSIE INGEVOLGE ARTIKEL 16(12)(A)(III) VAN DIE THABAZIMBI GRONDGEBRUIKBESTUUR VERORDENING, 2015 SAAMGELEES MET DIE RELEVANTE BEPALINGS VAN DIE WET OP RUIMTELIKE BEPLANNING EN GRONDGEBRUIKBESTUUR, 2013 (WET 16 VAN 2013) (SPLUMA) EN REGULASIES SOOS GEPROMULGEER

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 Artikel 16(12)(a)(iii) van die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikbestuur Verordening, 2015, saamgelees met Wet op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruikbestuur, 2013 (Wet 16 van 2013) (SPLUMA), kennis dat ek by die Thabazimbi Munisipaliteit aansoek gedoen het vir die onderverdeling van die Resterende Gedeelte van Gedeelte 4 van die plaas Dwaalboom, 217-KP, Limpopo Provinsie.

Besonderhede van die aansoek lê ter insae gedurende gewone kantoorure by die kantoor van die Bestuurder: Beplanning en Ekonomiese Ontwikkeling, Thabazimbi Munisipaliteit, 7 Rietbokstraat, Thabazimbi vir 'n tydperk van 30 dae vanaf 21 Februarie 2025

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ADRES VAN AGENT: PLAN WIZE STADS - EN STREEKBEPLANNERS, POSBUS 2445, THABAZIMBI, 0380, TEL: 082 449 7626 E-POS: izelvanr@gmail.com VERW. NR. T0715

Thabazimbi - On Saturday 22 February 2025 the generosity of Thabazimbi's people and businesses turned tragedy into hope for families affected by the recent flooding in Makoppa and Leeupoort. With displaced families currently sheltering at Rabugale Primary School, a collaborative relief effort ensured that they received essential supplies to help them through this difficult time.

The Thabazimbi Local Municipality (TLM) stepped in with crucial donations, providing mattresses, sanitary packs, and groceries to support those in need. Major retailers, Spar Thabazimbi and Pick n Pay Thabazimbi, once again proved their unwavering commitment to the community by supplying much-needed groceries and fresh bread.

Local councillors, Cllr Estie Fourie, Cllr Zama Ndlovu, and Cllr Thane Hearne, played a key role in coordinating efforts to ensure families received adequate nutrition. Special thanks go to Kahn and Oom Willie de Klerk for assisting with deliveries to Leeupoort, while Cllr Pontsho Sello made it possible to distribute goods in Makoppa.

The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) provided sandwiches, fruit, and drinks, adding to the available meal options for the affected families. Meanwhile, humanitarian organisation Gift of the Givers extended its support by donating food parcels, ensuring that Leeupoort's community members also received vital food supplies.

A heartfelt thank you to every organisation and individual who contributed to this relief effort. Your kindness and support have made a real difference in the lives of those impacted by this disaster.

For those who would like to assist in future relief efforts, please contact TLM Disaster Management at 082 079 9335.

# Do you feel safe in our community at night?

Safety is a growing concern for many residents. While some areas remain peaceful, others face rising crime, poor lighting, and security issues. Do you feel secure walking outside after dark, or do you avoid certain places?



Yes, I feel safe in my neighbourhood at night despite crime concerns in Thabazimbi. Living near Marakele National Park offers a quieter, low-crime environment, unlike larger cities. The close-knit community looks out for each other, and visible police and night patrols enhance security. While wildlife encounters are a consideration, they differ from urban crime risks. Overall, Thabazimbi's community spirit and lower population density contribute to a greater sense of safety.

Pennelope G M Musadavira, Thabazimbi



No, I don't feel safe. In South Africa, safety on the streets is a concern not just at night, but even during the day. The risk of crime is always present, making it difficult to feel secure at any time.

Hanlie Harington, Thabazimbi

# **PUBLIC POLL:** THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Do you feel safe in our community at night?

NO 86% YES 14%

### POLL 1 Have you reported a crime or suspicious activity in the past year?

Reporting crime helps keep our community safe, yet many incidents go unreported. Whether it's a break-in, vandalism, or something suspicious, speaking up can make a difference. Have you taken action in the past year? Share your experience and thoughts on community safety! #CommunityWatch

Here's how you can participate. Email us 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, 3 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!



Kos, Kuns en Kultuur. R120pp, RSVP 24 Feb '25	28 Feb '25	Thabazimbi: Thabazimbi Skougronde	083 232 0320
Run with the big five   Powerade Marakele Marathon & Half Marathon   Fun runs   Various Entertainment   Wildlife and adventure   Entrance fees	1 Mar '25	Thabazimbi: Marakele National Park	079-493-4599
Golf Day fundraising for Miss Teen world in Turkey   Prizes to be won	5 Apr '25	Thabazimbi: Thabazimbi Gholf Club	064-077-2841

## **BE A LIFESAVER Donate Blood on 5 March!**

Thabazimbi – A single blood donation can save up to three lives! The South African National Blood Service (SANBS) is calling on all eligible donors to roll up their sleeves for the next blood drive in Thabazimb

Wednesday 5 March 2025 NG Church, 10th Avenue, Thabazimbi Date: Venue:

14:00 to 18:00 Every drop counts, and your contribution could mean the world to someone in need. Whether you're a regular donor or considering donating for the first time this is your chance to make a real difference in your community.

Join the movement of everyday heroes because saving lives is in your blood!

Heroes in action amidst the chaos

**Thabazimbi** – Severe flooding in Thabazimbi and surrounding areas over the past few weeks has left roads impassable, communities stranded, and rescue teams working tirelessly to ensure the safety of residents. The coordinated efforts of emergency personnel, private aviation teams, and local businesses have played a critical role in

#### **Emergency response: lives saved**

From 19 February to 23 February 2025, rescue operations were in full force, with a combination of aviation and ground teams responding to distress calls. Helicopters were a crucial lifeline, airlifting stranded residents to safety and delivering essential supplies.

19 February, emergency responders conducted 25 aviation rescues and six ground rescues in various parts of Thabazimbi. Tragically, one life was lost. Throughout the day, 19 flights transported 34 emergency personnel to affected mining areas. That evening, Transnet Freight Rail (TFR) remained on standby, and an Incident Command Post (ICP) was established at the airstrip at 06:00 the following morning to coordinate further operations.

By 20 February, rescue teams intensified their efforts. At 06:20, five people were airlifted to safety from the R510 near Roodedam. Later that morning, nine individuals and two dogs were rescued from the Rino Mine security hostel. A further airlift at 15:45 saved a stranded individual from Eagles Nest on the R511.

#### Delivering relief: food, medicine, and fuel

Beyond rescues, flight operations focused on delivering crucial supplies. Over the course of February 22 and 23, helicopters made 16 supply flights to deliver food, medicine, and fuel to affected areas.

Flights also transported emergency responders a disaster. This was not about recognition or and relocated stranded civilians:

- February 22:
  - 21 flights transported 42 people
  - 11 flights delivered supplies
  - 34 emergency workers flown to mines
- 2 civilians airlifted to safety
- February 23:
- 23 flights transported 46 people

multiple organisations and individuals.

- 5 flights delivered supplies
- 38 emergency workers flown to mines 8 civilians airlifted to safety

Ground teams also played a critical role, monitoring water levels and navigating impassable roads. Over the two days, 38 trips were conducted to assess road conditions and ensure accessibility where possible.

A team effort: acknowledging the heroes The success of the operations would not have been possible without the combined efforts of

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Mogalakwena • Search and Rescue, Wildmed, the Waterberg Disaster Team, SSG for their R44 helicopter and pilot, and the private pilots who selflessly stepped up in the time of crisis:

- Jager Aviation: Kahn de Jager, Jaco Jacobs
- Fly PB: Pieter Breugem Indigo Helicopters: Dolph van der Merwe
- DC van Eden
- SSG Security Company for providing additional aerial support
- A special acknowledgment goes to Thaba Fire and Rescue.

#### Messages of gratitude

Angelique Loots, one of the key coordinators, shared her thoughts on the immense effort behind the rescue operations: "We did everything in our power to prevent a critical situation from becoming

exposure — it was about helping people because we care. To the community, thank you for your support, your kind words, and your donations whether it was coffee, biscuits, or drinking water. Every gesture made a difference.'

Pierre Loots also expressed his gratitude to the many businesses and individuals who stepped forward

"A huge thank you to Amandelbult Complex Mine, Northam Platinum Mine, Mogalakwena Mine, the Limpopo Disaster Management Team, and our private helicopter pilots. Your assistance was invaluable. We also deeply appreciate the contribution from SSG Security for their helicopter deployment.'

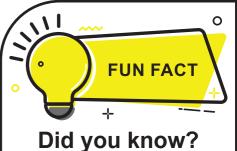
In times of crisis, the power of community support is undeniable. A massive thank you to all our sponsors who contributed during this difficult time:

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- MBT Buzz
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- Koolstoof Pick n Pay
- Thabazimbi Spar
- Ecco Mountain Inn
- Martie Smith
- · Mione de Witt

Your generosity helped ensure that rescue teams and affected residents had the support they needed

#### **Looking ahead**

Though the waters are receding, the work is not yet over. Monitoring efforts continue, and emergency teams remain on standby should the situation change. To everyone who played a role in these critical efforts — thank you.



# Did you know that honey never spoils? Archaeologists

have discovered 3,000-year-old pots of honey in Egyptian tombs — still perfectly edible! Thanks to its low moisture content, natural acidity, and antibacterial properties, honey can last indefinitely if stored properly. No bacteria or mould can survive in it. If your honey crystallises, don't worry - it's still good! Just warm it

gently to restore its golden glow. So next time you reach for that jar in your pantry, remember: honey is not just sweet, it's eternally sweet!



# SOULFOOD

#### **1 JOHN 4**

#### Love for God and One Another

4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are of the world. Therefore

they speak as of the world, and the world hears them 6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.



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#### **UITSLAE** Saterdag 22 Februarie

- Bulls 31-19 Lions **BEPALINGS** Vrydag 28 **Februarie**
- Munster 21:35 Edinburgh
- Zebre 21:35 Dragons
- Saterdag 1 Maart Lions 14:30 Sharks
- Bulls 17:00 Stormers Leinster 17:00 Cardiff
- Ulster 19:15 Scarlets Connacht 21:35
- Benetton
- Glasgow Warriors 21:35 Ospreys



#### **Six Nations** 2025

#### Saterdag 22 **Februarie**

- Wallis 18-27 Ierland
- Engeland 16-15 Skotland

#### Sondag 23 **Februarie**

Italië 24-73 Frankryk

**Varsity Cup** 

2025

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Februarie

Maandag 24

**BEPALINGS** 

NWU 27-29 Maties

Shimlas 59-29 Wits

UP Tuks 37-29 UJ

Maandag 3 Maart

UJ 19:00 Maties

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journey across South Africa. Led by Dr. André Hattingh, this mission is more than just an adventure — it's a pledge to help children in need.

A RIDE OF HOPE

Rwanda, fresh out of medical school, doing volunteer work. I witnessed a tragedy — one million people lost their lives, 36,000 of them children. Many more were left injured with no one to help them. I vowed that once my home was paid off and my children completed their studies, I would dedicate my life to

In 2016, after retiring, Dr. Hattingh turned his promise into action by launching Pediatric Care Africa. Since then, Ride for a Child has covered a distance equal to circling the globe, reaching the easternmost, southernmost, westernmost, and northernmost points of South Africa — all in the name of children's healthcare. Why a motorbike?

"I used what I had available," says Dr. Hattingh, a passionate

Thabazimbi - The Ride for a Child charity motorbike ride for children's medical needs. But the journey isn't without recently passed through Thabazimbi as part of its 7,000km challenges. This year, bad weather and traffic caused delays. "Someone advised us to reroute via Kokstad, but it turned into a gruelling 246km detour due to roadworks," he explains

#### How to Support Ride for a Child

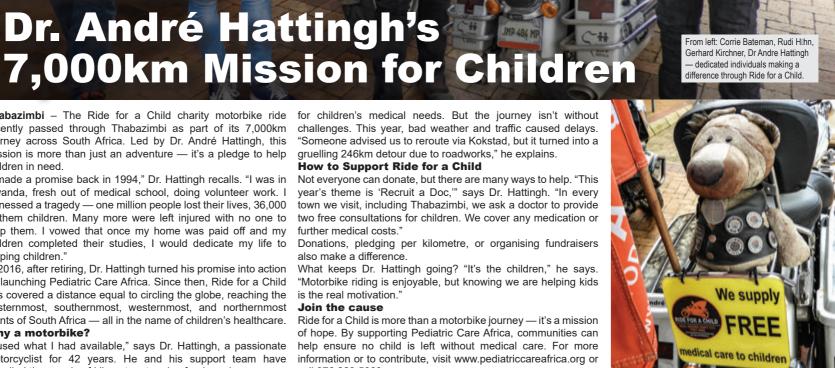
"I made a promise back in 1994," Dr. Hattingh recalls. "I was in Not everyone can donate, but there are many ways to help. "This year's theme is 'Recruit a Doc,'" says Dr. Hattingh. "In every town we visit, including Thabazimbi, we ask a doctor to provide two free consultations for children. We cover any medication or further medical costs.

> Donations, pledging per kilometre, or organising fundraisers also make a difference.

> What keeps Dr. Hattingh going? "It's the children," he says. "Motorbike riding is enjoyable, but knowing we are helping kids is the real motivation.

#### Join the cause

Ride for a Child is more than a motorbike journey — it's a mission of hope. By supporting Pediatric Care Africa, communities can help ensure no child is left without medical care. For more motorcyclist for 42 years. He and his support team have information or to contribute, visit www.pediatriccareafrica.org or travelled thousands of kilometres to raise funds and awareness call 076 229 5663



From left: Corrie Bateman, Rudi H

hn,

Gerhard Kirchner, Dr Andre Hattingh

- dedicated individuals making a

difference through Ride for a Child.

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Van links: Janice van Aardt, meneer André Oelofse, en Elri Gildenhuvs

#### Thabazimbi

Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer se Verteenwoordigende (VLR) Leerlingraad op Vrydag, 21 Februarie 2025, gekies, en die skool is trots op sy nuwe leier span!

'n Spesiale geluk aan Elri Geldenhuys en Janice van Aardt, wat die eer het om Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer op die Thabazimbi VLR-komitee verteenwoordig. Met hul toewyding en leierskap gaan hulle verseker 'n positiewe impak maak. Sterkte aan al die VLR-lede vir 'n jaar vol inspirasie en sukses!

# Rhinos vs. Louis Trichardt

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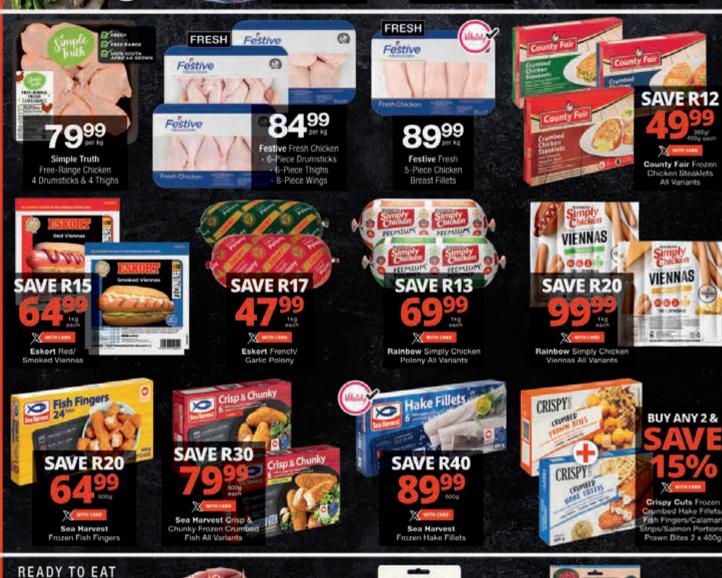




























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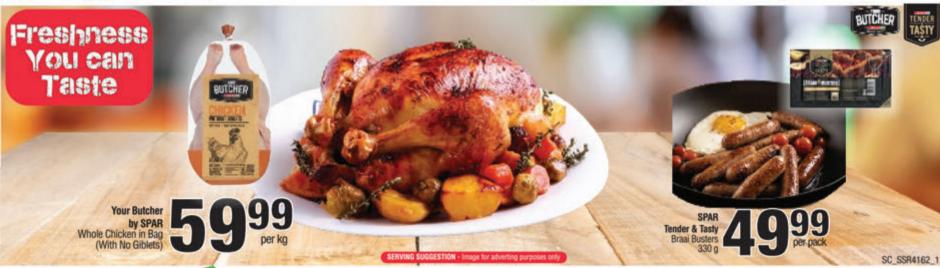














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