Stirring for a cause

Members of the Free State Branch of the South African Chefs Association donated more than 2 600 liters of soup as part of the Chefs with Compassion #67 000 litres Challenge for Mandela Day. Chefs from the Protea Hotel, Southern Sun, Food and Beverage Institute (FBI), Olive Chef School, the Hospitality and Culinary Acadamy and the Central University of Technology (CUT) all cooked soup for diffirent charities. Handing over packets of frozen pre-cooked soup for Towers of Hope, are from the left Michele Fourie, Deon Pastor, Fanie Thena and Gert Smit (both from Towers of Hope), Patso Nikolov and Lesley Jacobs.

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MUNICIPAL DEMARCATION BOARD

PUBLIC MEETINGS ON THE DETERMINATION OR RE-DETERMINATION OF MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES.

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 28 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL DEMARCATION ACT, 1998

(FREE STATE)

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 28 of the Local Government: Municipal Demarcation Act, 1998 (Act No. 27 of 1998) of the decision of the Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) to hold public meetings on the proposed determination or re-determination of municipal boundaries as set out in the Schedule.

Members of the public are invited to attend the meetings.

At each public meeting a representative of the Board will:

(a) explain the issues the Board has to consider, including any options open to the Board, if any;

(b) allow members of the public attending the meeting to air their views on these issues; and

(c) answer relevant questions.

For more information contact tebogo@demarcation.org.za or send a fax to 086 524 8643.

DEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	AFFECTED MUNICIPALITIES	TIME	DATE	VENUE
DEM6754	Proposed redetermination of the municipal boundaries of Masilonyana Local Municipality (FS181), Lejweleputswa District Municipality (DC18) and Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality (MAN) by excluding the broader town and surrounding areas of Soutpan community from the municipal areas of Masilonyana Local Municipality (FS181) and Lejweleputswa District Municipality (DC18), and by including it into the municipal area of Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality (MAN).	Masilonyana Local Municipality (FS181),Lejweleputswa District Municipality and Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality (MAN)	10h00	22 AUGUST 2023	Masilonyana Community Hall, 675 Masilo, Theunissen
DEM6754	Proposed redetermination of the municipal boundaries of Masilonyana Local Municipality (FS181), Lejweleputswa District Municipality (DC18) and Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality (MAN) by excluding the broader town and surrounding areas of Soutpan community from the municipal areas of Masilonyana Local Municipality (FS181) and Lejweleputswa District Municipality (DC18), and by including it into the municipal area of Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality (MAN).	Masilonyana Local Municipality (FS181),Lejweleputswa District Municipality and Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality (MAN)	10h00	24 AUGUST 2023	Ikgomotseng Community Hall, 729 Ikgomotseng, Soutpan
DEM6763	Proposed redetermination of the municipal boundaries of Matjhabeng Local Municipality (FS184) and Masilonyana Local Municipality (FS181) by excluding Virginia town from the municipal area of Matjhabeng Local Municipality (FS184), and by including it into the municipal area of Masilonyana Local Municipality (FS181).	Masilonyana Local Municipality (FS181) and Matjhabeng Local Municipality (FS184)	10h00	29 AUGUST 2023	Ferdie Meyer Hall Cnr Stateway &Ryk Street,Welkom
DEM6769	Proposed redetermination of the municipal boundaries of Masilonyana Local Municipality (FS181) and Matjhabeng Local Municipality (FS184) by excluding Tetra Mine and Orynx (from Tikwe River along R30 and southwards) from the municipal area of Matjhabeng Local Municipality (Fs184), and by including them into the municipal area of Masilonyana Local Municipality (Fs181).	Masilonyana Local Municipality (FS181) and Matjhabeng Local Municipality (FS184)	10h00	29 AUGUST 2023	Ferdie Meyer Hall Cnr Stateway &Ryk Street,Welkom
DEM6770	Proposed redetermination of the municipal boundaries of Ngwathe Local Municipality (FS203) and Metsimaholo Local Municipality (FS204) by excluding Heilbron town from the municipal area of Ngwathe Local Municipality (FS203), and by including it into the municipal area of Metsimaholo Local Municipality (FS204).	Ngwathe Local Municipality (FS203) and Metsimaholo Local Municipality (FS204)	10h00	30 AUGUST 2023	Multipurpose Centre, 2264 Makoko Hlahane Street Heilbron
DEM6770	Proposed redetermination of the municipal boundaries of Ngwathe Local Municipality (FS203) and Metsimaholo Local Municipality (FS204) by excluding Heilbron town from the municipal area of Ngwathe Local Municipality (FS203), and by including it into the municipal area of Metsimaholo Local Municipality (FS204).	Ngwathe Local Municipality (FS203) and Metsimaholo Local Municipality (FS204)	10h00	31 AUGUST 2023	Harry Gwala Multipurpose, Main Hall, Jacob Zuma -Drive, Zamdela Sasolburg

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Optimism leads to enchanting story

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It was with the liberating step of writing a children's book that academic writer and storyteller Rose Willis (80) regained some magic in her life after a harrowing incident two years ago.

Rose, who grew up in Bloemfontein attending school at Eunice, worked in public relations at national and multi-national companies in her younger years.

She moved to Beaufort West in 1990 and soon worked as tourism co-ordinator in the Central Karoo Region.

In this time she worked on two books, the first being *Die Karoo Kookboek*. Also, together with Arnold van Dyk and Kay de Villiers, she wrote *Yeomen of the Karoo: The story of the Imperial Yomanry Hospital* at Deelfontein, a coffee table book.

She also writes a monthly newsletter, *The Forgotten Highway Express*, which by now has already reached 360 copies.

After Rose retired, she moved in with her sisters Lorna Willis and Deanise Edwards, and lived on a farm in Tierpoort about 60 km from Bloemfontein.

It was here that the three sisters were violently attacked by robbers in May 2021.

Rose lost the use of her legs because of the incident and was hospitalised and moved to a special care facility in Universitas, where she still lives.

Following the attack, her sisters passed away within months of one another.

It was a very tough time for Rose, but friends encouraged her to start writing again. Her friend Belinda Gordon encouraged her to write a story.

"I have always written facts, and I had no computer to write on," says Rose about the beginning of *Secrets of the Enchanted House*.

She literally started writing a story on her cellphone until someone gave her a laptop.

She sent the stories to a cousin in Australia, Heather Downing, who read the short stories to a group of girl guides and her own 14-year-old granddaugter. They loved the stories.

Rose Willis with her first children's book, *Secrets of the Enchanted House*.

Photo: Lientjie Mentz

Many South Africans from overseas encouraged her to keep on writing, but it was only when Rose met Joanita Erasmus-Alt that the drive for the book to be published became a reality.

Some of Joanita's friends, as well as learners of the Fichardtpark High School where Joanita is a music teacher, helped with the artwork in the book.

Another resident at Yadé, were Rose resides, Pieter Fourie, made the artwork for the front and back page of the book, as well as artwork inside.

Rose however says that this format does not do the illustrations justice, and they now ordered a reprint in A4 format.

The story is magical and takes the reader to a place where everything is possible, and a house with heaps of personality.

■ One reader stand the chance to win *Secrets of the Enchanted House*. Visit the Bloemnuus Facebook page to enter.

Books can be ordered from Rose at 082-926-0474.