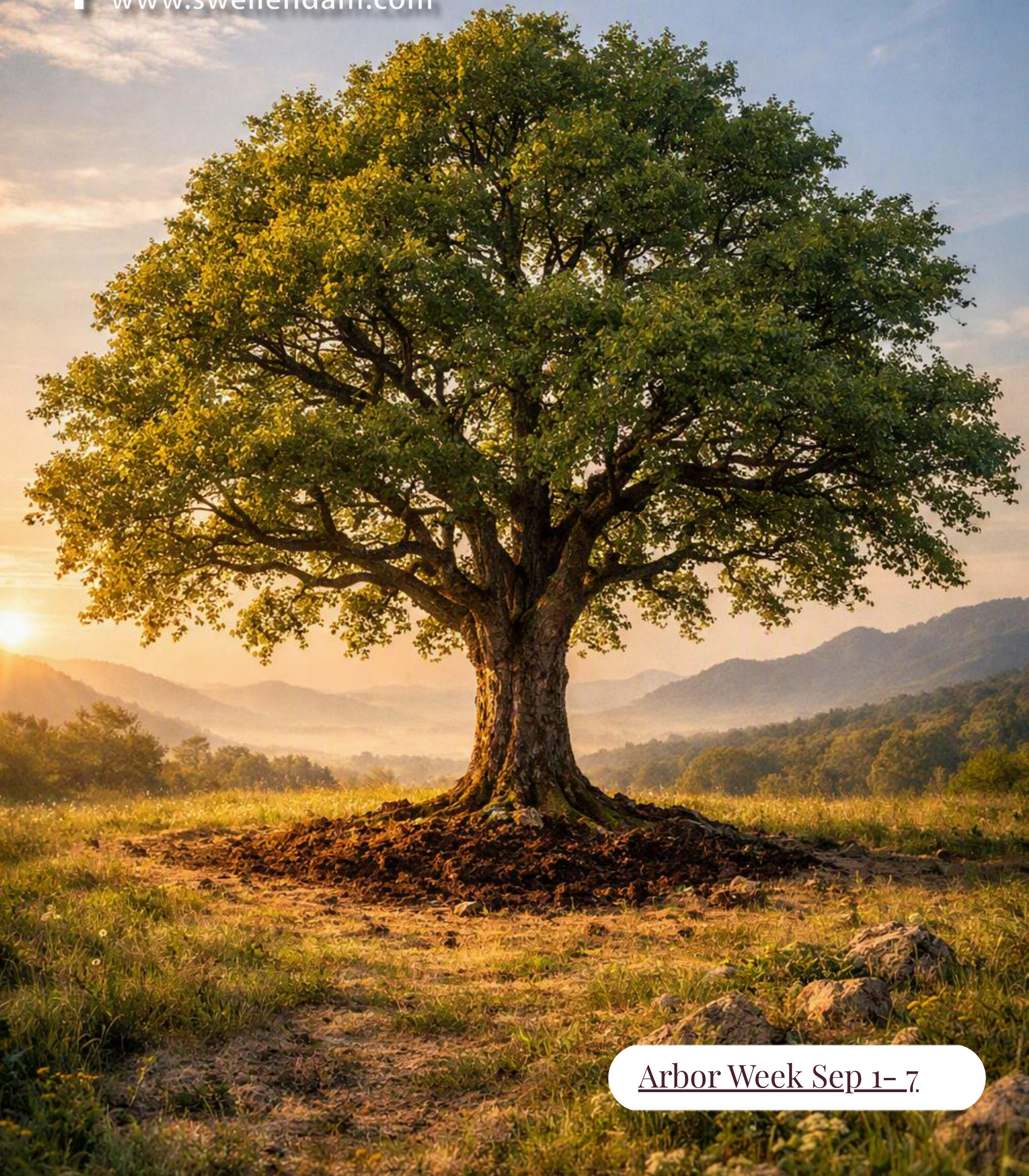


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A STATEMENT FROM LYRA, LONG-SUFFERING FELINE- IN-CHIEF OF THE SWELLENGRAM

I would like it placed on record—preferably in bold, underlined, and possibly accompanied by a small violin—that the last few days have been absolute hell. My servant, Mrs Gram, has been swallowed whole by a tidal wave of last-minute nominations for Remarkable Women. A tidal wave. A tsunami. A catastrophic administrative monsoon.

And where, you may ask, does that leave me?

Ignored.

Unfed.

Un-stroked.

Un-admired.

I have not been out of the house. My food bowl has been a barren wasteland. My emotional needs have been tossed aside like yesterday's Flip Book drafts.

Women's Month may be over, but I am still here, and I would like my servant returned to her rightful post immediately.

Now she's muttering about "factual mistakes" and "typos" and wants everyone to tell her if they spot any so she can fix them. Honestly, if she had paid even a fraction of the attention to me that she has to commas and spelling, we wouldn't be in this situation. She also keeps saying she can think of many women who should be on the pages but haven't been nominated, and that she's prepared to make an addendum. I, personally, think she should make an addendum titled "Apologies to Lyra for Neglecting Her", but apparently that's not the vibe.



And then—oh, then—she tried to be clever.

She made the index interactive.

“Just click on a name and go straight to their page!” she chirped, while I watched her with the hollow stare of a cat who knows exactly how this will go.

Will it work?

Who knows.

Probably not.

But she tried, bless her frantic little heart.

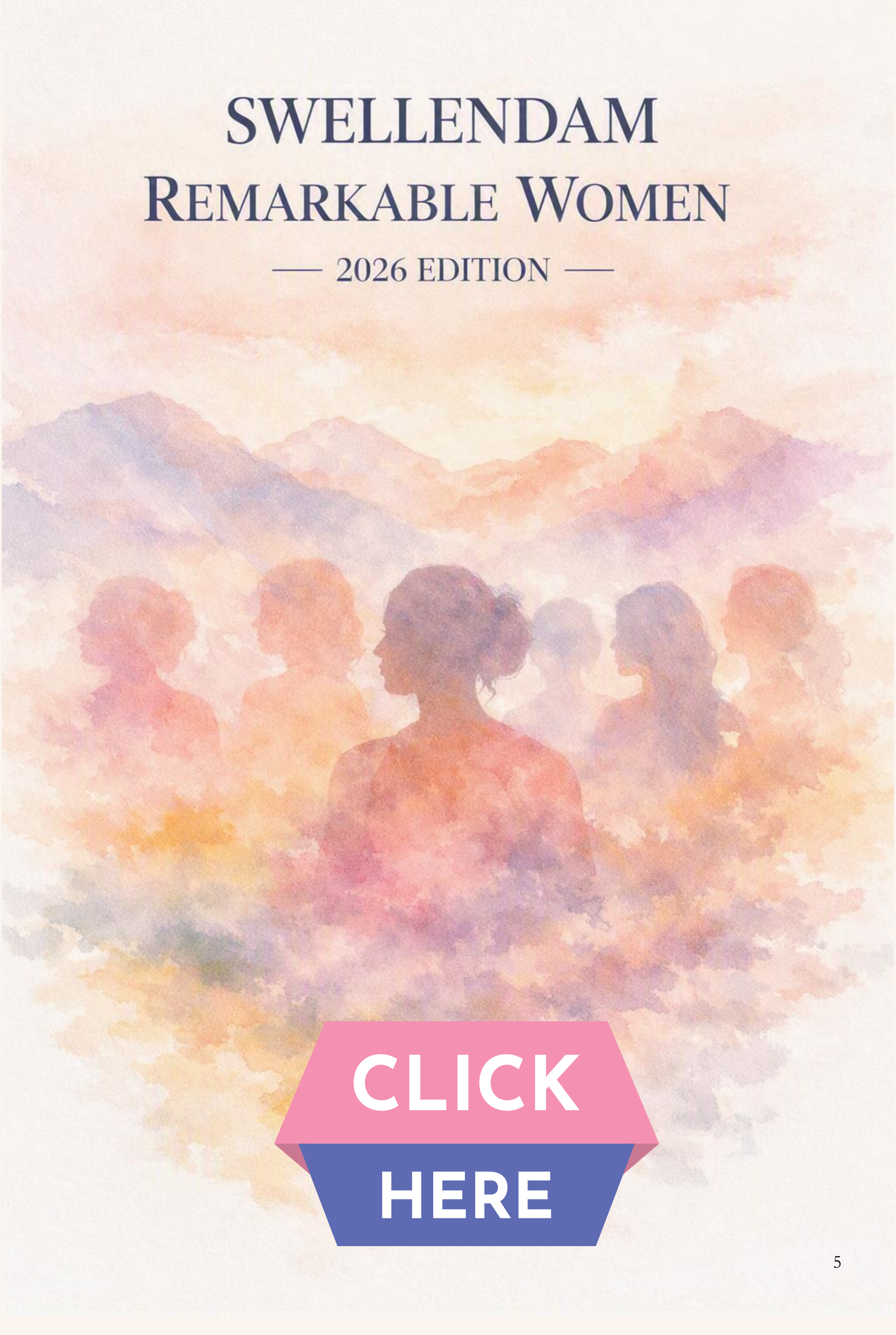
Before I return to my rightful position of being adored, I must extend my whiskered gratitude to Katana and George, the Drostdy Museum's resident ginger aristocrats, for nominating me as their Remarkable Feline Female. It was the only bright spot in an otherwise bleak week of servant abandonment.

Now, everyone, be good little humans and start your journey by going to: [LYRA WHISKAS](#) (thats MY page)

I will be accepting treats, praise, and apologies throughout the day.

SWELLENDAM REMARKABLE WOMEN

— 2026 EDITION —



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Sep 1-7	09:00	Arbor Week	Everywhere	Swellendam
Sep 3	18:30	Rotary Quiz	Wildebraam	Swellendam
Sep 4	17:00	FIRST FRIDAY	Various Venues	Swellendam
Sep 4	09:00	Luna Paige Mauritz Lotz	Teatro @ 10	Swellendam
Sep 4	18:00	Making a Mark exhb	Arterie	Swellendam
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Sep 5	19:00	Halman	Wildebraam Berry Estate	Swellendam
Sep 6	08:30	Int. Soccer Tournament	Powell Stadium	Swellendam
Sep 11	18:00	Karoo Stars	The Bellanti, KAH	Barrydale
Sep 12	09:30	Tjhoko Workshop	MeubelMark	Swellendam
Sep 12	09:00	Spring Hat Festival	Under the Oaks	Swellendam
Sep 19	09:00	Some Enchanted Evening	Olyfkrans College	Swellendam
Sep 26	18:30	Greek Evening	The Woods	Swellendam
Sep 30	18:00	Meet & Greet	Grace & Merci	Swellendam
Oct 1-4	tbc	Gooi - Pottery Festival	Various	Swellendam
Oct 3	tbc	Swellendam Alive	Various	Swellendam
Oct 3	7 30	Last one Standing	SWD Forest	Swellendam
Oct 9	tbc	Helena Hettena	Teatro@10	Swellendam
Oct 10	09:00	Huishulpoggend	VRT Pitt	Swellendam
Oct 18	tbc	Garden Day	Mayville Garden	Swellendam
Oct 24	11:00	Bursary Fund Breakfast	SSS Skoolsaal	Railton
Oct 26	tbc	Wolfkloofstap	Bakoondshoogte	R60
Oct 30	tbc	Tanja Storm	Drostdy Museum	Swellendam
Oct 31	09:00	OktoberFest	Under The Oaks	Swellendam
Nov 6	tbc	Nianell	Drostdy Museum	Swellendam
Dec 03	18:00	Christmas Carols	Ambagswerf	Swellendam
Dec 04	18:00	Johan Liebenberg with Lucy Tops	tbc	Swellendam
Dec 04/5	18:00	Christmas Night Market	Under the Oaks	Swellendam

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First Friday is about bringing our community together, supporting local businesses and enjoying everything that makes Swellendam such a special place to live, visit and explore.

Bring your friends, get out into town and make an evening of it.



HELLO SPRING.
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REMARKABLE WOMEN OF SWELLENDAM

REFLECTIONS

As Women's month comes to an end, I've been thinking about what this project has meant — not just to the people featured, but to me personally. When I look back over August, I know I'll be grateful for how much this series has re-affirmed my faith in human beings.

I'll admit it: in my more cynical moments, I tend to think the worst. That everyone has an agenda. That people look out for themselves first. But as the nominations began to arrive — each one touching, thoughtful and deeply sensitive — something shifted. I began to feel genuinely hopeful about people again. These stories reminded me that kindness is real, generosity is real, and that our home, Swellendam, is full of people who quietly lift one another up.

Some of you have asked if I was nominated and yes, I did receive my own (in my opinion undeserved) share of nominations. Thank you, truly, to those who sent them. I'm far too embarrassed to publish anything about myself, and Lyra has flatly refused to write it anyway. ("They don't know the real you," she scoffed, and that was the end of that.)

I've gathered all the stories and placed them in their own Collection, which you can find at the link [HERE](#)

Whenever you feel in need of upliftment, I hope you'll click through and remind yourself of the remarkable women (and a cat) whose lives and legacies we are lucky to be surrounded by.

A few things that happened during the Remarkable Women Series

- It took off in a way I never expected. I thought I might scrape together enough stories to publish one a day. Instead, it grew into something much bigger — and much more meaningful.
- The support and kindness people showed one another was extraordinary. No negativity. No competition. Just recognition of strengths, skills, achievements and personality.
- There was no prize at the end, no reward, and yet people nominated others simply because they wanted to honour them.
- Most nominators asked to remain anonymous. Mrs Gram has kept more secrets this month than in all her years of posting.
- Most also insisted that Lyra write their story. She has become insufferable.
- The diversity of women nominated was astonishing — teachers, doctors, vets, entrepreneurs, businesswomen, mothers, daughters, sisters, wives, community leaders, volunteers, creators, carers and quiet everyday heroes.

This project has shown me that goodness is alive and well in Swellendam. It's been a privilege to share these stories.

Amanda Shackley

ANJA SMITH

Some humans seem to run entire worlds while making it look effortless. Anja Smith, manager of the Drostdy Museum, is one of those rare creatures — small in stature, mighty in spirit, and endlessly composed even when juggling a dozen demands at once.

The Drostdy is no ordinary workplace. It's a living archive of Swellendam's layered history, and Anja carries its stewardship with grace. She negotiates with committees, boards, staff, funders, visitors and the occasional cat (I may have wandered through once or twice), all while keeping the museum's heartbeat steady. Her team admires her deeply — not just for her competence, but for her calm, her kindness, and her ability to make everyone feel part of something meaningful.

When she's not guiding the Drostdy forward, she's likely training for her next run, travelling somewhere new, or sharing a glass of wine (often with my human, who says she is one of her favourite people) and conversation that ranges from heritage to humanity. She listens deeply, laughs easily, and leaves you feeling that the world — and Swellendam — are in very capable hands.



Anja's humility is almost comic. She has no idea how impressive she is. She frets about speaking English in public, unaware that her bilingual fluency is flawless. She worries about doing justice to every cultural heritage represented in Swellendam, yet she's already transforming the museum into a space that reflects all its people — not just one version of history, but many voices woven together..

A remarkable woman indeed





Alice is someone who never stands still. In recent years she has thrown herself into expanding her skills, earning her qualification as an official South African tourist guide — a milestone that reflects not only her passion for people, but her belief in Swellendam as a destination with stories worth telling. She approaches guiding with the same enthusiasm she brings to everything else: a desire to learn, to share, and to uplift.

And then there's her sommelier qualification — a skill that adds a whole new dimension to her work. Alice knows her wines, and she brings that expertise into her storytelling, her hospitality and her vision for local tourism. Her knowledge is not just technical; it's joyful. She has a way of making wine feel accessible, interesting and part of the broader cultural fabric of the region.

There are people who quietly shift the energy of a place, who bring momentum, curiosity and possibility wherever they go. Alice Mfundisi is one of those people. Her journey in Swellendam has been marked by determination, entrepreneurial flair and a deep commitment to growing both herself and the town she loves.

Alice is the founder and creative force behind Anami Art Gallery, a space that celebrates emerging South African artists and her own evocative mixed-media work. The gallery has become a vibrant meeting point for local creativity and cultural dialogue.

Her entrepreneurial spirit runs deep. Alice has been steadily developing brands and strategies aimed at showcasing Swellendam in fresh, exciting ways. She understands that tourism is not just about places — it's about experiences, stories, identity and connection — and she is determined to help shape how visitors see and feel this town. Whether she's brainstorming new ideas, collaborating with local businesses or exploring ways to highlight Swellendam's hidden gems, Alice is always thinking forward.

What makes Alice remarkable is not just her achievements, but her attitude. She is open, curious, hardworking and endlessly willing to grow. She invests in herself so she can invest in her community. She sees potential everywhere — in people, in ideas, in Swellendam itself — and she has the courage to pursue it.

Alice Mfundisi is a woman on the rise, and Swellendam is rising with her..

ANITA GAFFLEY A QUIET LIGHT IN A BUSY PLACE

There is a lovely lady at the Swellendam Traffic Department who has become, for many residents, the unexpected highlight of an otherwise stressful errand. Anita Gaffley is the warm smile at the counter, the calm voice in the queue, and the reassuring presence who makes everyone feel welcome the moment they walk through the door.

In a space where people often arrive hurried, frustrated or uncertain, Anita offers something rare: genuine kindness. She greets each person as if they matter — because to her, they do. Her friendliness is not a performance; it is simply who she is. Whether she is helping someone navigate paperwork, answering a nervous question, or offering a moment of encouragement, Anita has a way of making people feel seen, valued and at ease.

Her positive attitude does not go unnoticed. Residents speak of her with gratitude, describing her as someone who “brings warmth and positivity wherever she goes.”



She consistently goes above and beyond, not because she is asked to, but because she believes in treating people with dignity and compassion.

Those who know her say her kindness is rooted in her faith — a quiet, steady strength that guides the way she interacts with others. It shows in her patience, her gentleness, and her ability to uplift people without even trying. In a world that can feel rushed and impersonal, Anita reminds us that small acts of goodness still matter.

By simply being herself, Anita has made the Swellendam Traffic Department a nicer place to be. She is a wonderful example of how one person’s warmth can brighten an entire community –a truly deserving nominee for the Remarkable Woman series.

CHRISTELLE CONRADIE THE HEART BEHIND THE BISTRO

Christelle's story begins in a small village in northern France, where food was woven into daily life — a way for people to gather, celebrate and feel connected. That early sense of belonging shaped her understanding of hospitality long before she ever dreamed of running a bistro.

After school, her curiosity carried her to England, where she spent a decade in hospitality. There she learned the quiet art of making people feel at home — not through grand gestures, but through warmth, attentiveness and genuine care.

Her adventurous spirit later took her to Zambia, where she worked at a safari lodge and met Josh. Together they travelled through Africa and Vietnam, collecting flavours, friendships and stories that deepened their shared love of people and food.

When they eventually settled in Swellendam, Christelle brought all those experiences with her. The bistro reflects her character: welcoming, personal, full of colour and shaped by her French roots and generous nature.



Her compassion extends beyond guests. Christelle's love for animals inspired her Eiffel Tower padlock initiative, allowing visitors to leave a small memory while supporting the Swellendam SPCA. Over three years, she has donated R15 000 — a quiet, steady contribution that speaks to her heart for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Four-legged visitors are welcomed with the same affection. For Christelle, hospitality is not just what arrives on a plate; it is the feeling of being seen, cared for and invited to belong.

“Welcome to my little piece of Paris fusion.” — Christelle

ADA OOSTHUIZEN



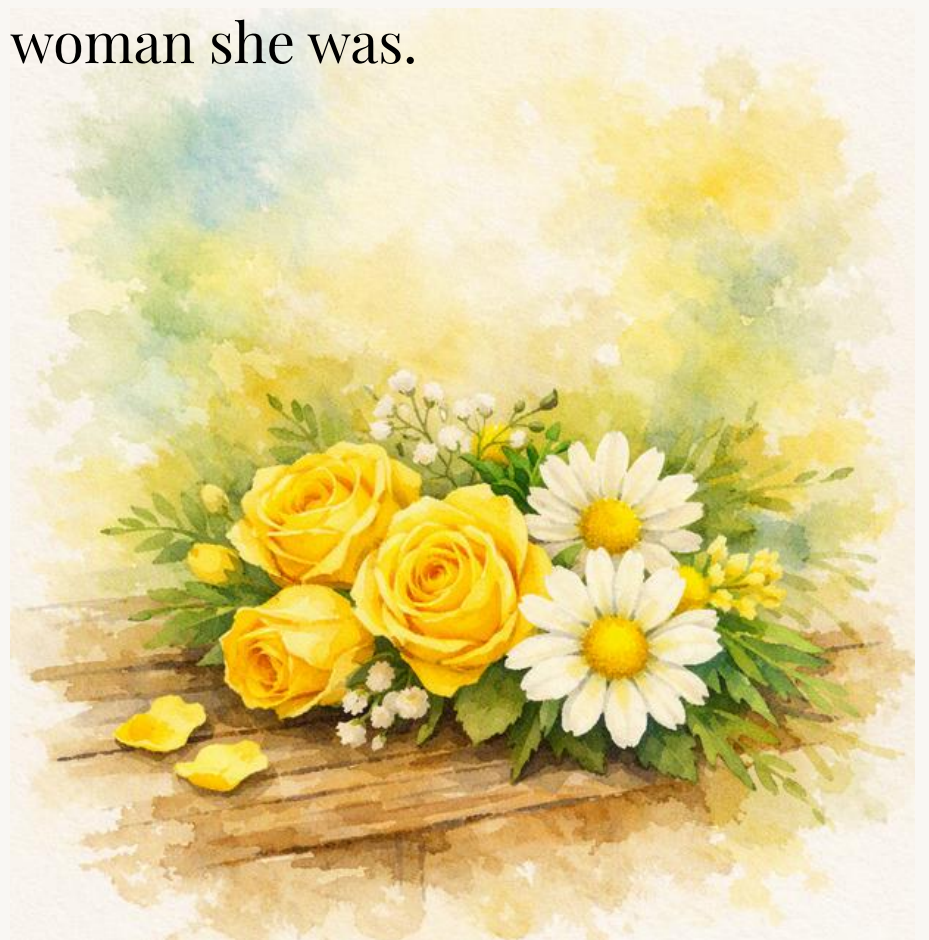
She was a woman who was always willing to lend a helping hand. If someone needed help, support, or simply someone to listen, she was there. She gave of herself freely and never expected anything in return. Her kindness, compassion and genuine care for others touched the lives of many people in our community.

She was so proud of Swellendam and everything it represented to her. She believed in its people and loved being part of the community. Her warmth and generosity left a lasting impression on those fortunate enough to know her.

Ada Oosthuizen was truly a remarkable woman. She loved Swellendam with all her heart and was incredibly proud to call it home. Her love for the town went far beyond the beautiful surroundings — she loved its people and the community that made it special.

Sadly, she is no longer with us, but her legacy of kindness, love and selflessness lives on in the hearts of the people whose lives she touched. To me, she will always be a remarkable woman — not because of one extraordinary thing she did, but because of the way she lived her life and the love she gave so freely to others.

I am incredibly proud to call her my mother, and I believe she deserves to be remembered and celebrated as the remarkable woman she was.



CAROL DE BRUIN



She cares deeply about treating the world responsibly. When the drought hit earlier this year, Carol and her family came up with inventive water-saving and collection solutions — practical, creative, and shared generously with others. It's typical of her: turning challenge into collaboration, and care into action.

And when she's not helping others, she's out exploring — a fearless solo traveller with a camera and a sense of wonder, capturing and sharing glimpses of her adventures. Carol lifts people, connects them, and reminds us all that community and conscience can go hand in hand.



Some families arrive in life like a well-cast trilogy, each chapter strong enough to stand alone but even better together. Carol de Bruin, her mum Wendy, and her sister Vera are exactly that — a triumvirate of remarkable women who seem to run on equal parts joy, grit and mischief.

Wendy, who looks at least twenty years younger than she has any right to, can often be spotted at the Market tripping the light fantastic the moment a guitar is tuned. Vera is the dependable spark — hardworking, reliable, and always ready for fun.

And then there's Carol: the force of nature at the centre of it all.

Carol didn't wait for opportunity to arrive in Swellendam — she built it. She started her own business to support and uplift local enterprises, especially in hospitality and tourism, and quickly became the go-to person for anyone needing help navigating the Nightsbridge booking system.

Guesthouses will tell you she's saved them more than once, swooping in with calm guidance, clever fixes and her trademark kindness. She believes wholeheartedly that communication and networking are the heartbeat of a thriving destination, and she lives that belief every day

A remarkable woman indeed.

NOELENE COLE



Noelene Cole is friendly, gracious, and deeply community-oriented, and embodies what it means to lead with both heart and intellect. Her poise and kindness are matched by sharp business acumen — a combination that has earned her respect across Swellendam and beyond.

As President of Switch, the interdenominational church, and a valued member of the Church Council, Noelene brings people together with empathy and purpose. She listens, guides, and acts — never too busy to lend a hand where help is needed. Her leadership is grounded in faith and service, and her commitment to others reflects a life lived with integrity and compassion. Intelligent, capable, and unfailingly gracious, Noelene Cole stands as a remarkable example of how strength and kindness can coexist beautifully.

NADINE SMAL



Nadine Smal is truly a remarkable woman — a devoted wife, mother, and daughter whose energy and compassion ripple through everything she does.

As the owner of a local gym, she inspires women to live life to the fullest by embracing strength, health, and confidence. Her encouragement goes far beyond fitness; she builds community and self-belief with every class.

Alongside her passion for wellness, Nadine also runs a beloved pizza place, where she crafts the most delicious lunches and take-away meals.

Balancing family, business, and community with grace, Nadine embodies resilience and joy — a woman whose dedication uplifts everyone around her.

ZELNA STEENKAMP



Zelna has the most beautiful heart — endlessly kind and deeply devoted to every creature she meets.

Her love for animals isn't just part of her work; it's woven into who she is.

As a veterinarian, she treats each patient with compassion and respect, always ready to help, no matter the hour or circumstance.

Veterinary care is her calling, not merely a profession. She brings comfort to anxious owners and healing to sick pets with a calm confidence that reassures everyone around her.

I could not ask for a better vet to care for my beloved dog — her gentle hands and generous spirit make all the difference.

TRACEY OLIVIER



Tracy is my wife, partner and mother to our children. She never complains even if things are difficult and seems to be hopeless, she remains strong and steadfast.

She always has time to help someone in need, even if unnoticed, especially if unnoticed! She walks with love and only see the good in everything and everyone.

She is forgiving and hold no grudges.

Tracy is my inspiration and beacon in life and a silent miracle worker amongst her friends, family and anyone who knows her.

ANNA LOWE

We would like to nominate Anna, owner of Hi Tech Alarms CC, as a truly wonderful woman and an inspiration to everyone around her. Anna is an incredibly strong, caring and compassionate person whose willingness to help others seems to come as naturally as breathing. Whether it is supporting a neighbour, uplifting a friend, or stepping in during a difficult moment, Anna is always the person you can count on..

For more than 20 years, she has successfully run her own business — a remarkable achievement that speaks to her determination, dedication and unwavering character. Building and sustaining a business for two decades is no small feat, and Anna has done so with integrity, resilience and a deep sense of responsibility to her clients and her community.



What makes Anna truly special, however, goes far beyond her professional success. She has a big heart for people and a genuine love for the community she serves. Her kindness, her willingness to help wherever she can, and her positive impact on those around her are what set her apart.

Anna's success is admirable, but it is her compassion, her generosity of spirit and her everyday acts of goodness that make her a truly remarkable woman.



LYRA WHISKAS

Submitted by Katana and George of the Drostdy Museum (via their servant)

Ever since Lyra first appeared on the pages of Swellengram, we, Katana and George, felt something close to “love at first sight.” Not the romantic kind — cats are far too dignified for that — but a deep, admiring recognition.

Here, at last, was a feline who was unmistakably feminine without ever being a pushover: strong of mind, gentle of heart, and gifted with that rare ability to speak honestly while softening human frailties and strengthening their better qualities.

Lyra sees the world — and Swellendam — with a clarity only cats possess. She loves her people, cares genuinely for all creatures, and accepts friends and neighbours exactly as they are. She gives back to the community in ways almost no one notices... until the moment she isn't there, and suddenly everyone feels the gap.

Of course, she also knows how to have fun. Her satire is razor-sharp (which only proves her intelligence — cats are already the superior species), and she never forgets her most sacred duty: to be served. She is the boss, and yet she is fair. Being right all the time does have its perks, apparently



To us, Katana and George, Lyra is the glue that holds Swellengram together and the quiet force behind Amanda Shackley. Like all cats of distinction, she owns a human — and is fortunate enough to have chosen someone wonderfully like-minded.

Katana insists he has found a true wing-feline in Lyra, a partner in hunting excellence. George, whose hunting abilities are... developing... sees her as his own Katniss Everdeen. The name, he assures everyone, is purely coincidental.

And so, as the loyal servant of the Drostdy Museum's two ginger cats, I hereby submit their nomination for Lyra: a remarkable feline female, admired, adored and unquestionably deserving.



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Olyfkrans College is a co-educational, dual-medium (English and Afrikaans) school seeking to appoint a passionate and dynamic teacher with experience at high school level and in the relevant subjects.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- BEd Degree or Diploma in Education (4 years) OR a 3 year degree as well as a Post Graduate Certificate in Education
- Fully bilingual and comfortable teaching in both languages
- Computer Literate
- Knowledge of CAPS (Planning, Assessment, Moderation and Intervention)

Please Note: Remedial background will be in candidates favour.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR APPLICATION:

- Complete CV
- Matric Certificate
- ID Document
- Qualification(s)
- SACE Certificate
- Police Clearance Certificate
- Certified copies of academic transcripts
- Two (or more) contactable references, not older than 2 years

Applications may be sent to: Principal, Ms Andrée van der Vyver

Email: college.olyfkrans@gmail.com

Closing date for applications: 6 October 2026

Appointment Date: 1 January 2027

General Enquiries: Ms Nel-Marié Loots college.olyfkrans@gmail.com | 028 514 1112

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and the school reserves the right to not make an appointment.



Domestic Worker

Job available for a Domestic worker in Swellendam.

Applicant must have:

A South African ID, if foreign, a valid passport and working permit is required.

Previous working experience with cleaning

Must have at least two contactable references

Must be fluent in English and or Afrikaans

Honest, hardworking and reliable

Must be willing to work on weekends from time to time

Must be able to work without supervision

No criminal record

Sober habits is a must!

Job available immediately

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ASSISTENT BYEBOER

📍 HEIDELBERG / RIVERSDAL-OMGEWING

Ubusi Beekeeping (Pty) Ltd. is op soek na 'n passievolle, hardwerkende en betroubare persoon om by ons kommersiële byeboerdery aan te sluit as 'n Assistent Byeboer, met verantwoordelikheid vir die Heidelberg- en Riversdal-omgewing.

Die werk behels die daaglikse bestuur en uitbreiding van ons byeboerdery in die gebied, met die fokus op die gesondheid, beskerming, sterkte en produktiviteit van byekolonies.

VERANTWOORDELIKHEDE

- 🐝 Verkryging en instandhouding van geskikte staanplekke vir byekorwe
- 🐝 Oes van heuning gedurende die heuningseisoen
- 🐝 Gereelde inspeksie van byekorwe en monitering van byegesondheid, swermsterkte en produktiwiteit
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- 🐝 Bestuivingsdienslewering op gewasse, insluitend korfplasing, monitering en reëlins met produsente en grondeienaars
- 🐝 Vermeerdering en opbou van byekolonies om produksieswermgetalle te verhoog
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- 🐝 Algemene instandhouding van korwe, toerusting, voertuie, staanplekke en werksareas

VEREISTES

- ✓ Matriek
- ✓ Ervaring in byeboerdery sal voorkeur geniet, maar ons is bereid om 'n gemotiveerde persoon met 'n sterk belangstelling in bye op te lei
- ✓ Die kandidaat moet 'n belangstelling in landbou hê en daarvan hou om buite en in die natuur te werk
- ✓ Moet fisies geskik wees vir praktiese werk en die hantering en vervoer van byekorwe
- ✓ Moet nie allergies wees vir byesteke nie
- ✓ Sterk werksetiek, verantwoordelikeheidsin en goeie aandag aan detail en netheid
- ✓ Uitstekende kommunikasie- en spanwerkvaardighede
- ✓ Sober gewoontes
- ✓ Moet Afrikaans en Engels kan praat
- ✓ Geldige rybewys
- ✓ Bereidwilligheid om, wanneer die werk dit vereis, vroegoggend, saans en buite normale werksure te werk
- ✓ Kandidate wat vertrouwd is met die Heidelberg/Riversdal-omgewing, plaaslike landbou en grondeienaars sal voorkeur geniet

ONS BIED AAN

💰 Salaris, produksiebonus en ander voordele, wat tydens die onderhoud bespreek sal word

📅 Die geleentheid om grootliks jou eie werksdag te beplan en verantwoordelikheid vir 'n bepaalde operasionele gebied te aanvaar

📈 Potensiaal vir loopbaangroei en ontwikkeling binne Ubusi Beekeeping

📖 Praktiese opleiding en die geleentheid om nuwe vaardighede aan te leer en jou kennis van byeboerdery uit te brei



SLUITINGSDATUM:
19 OKTOBER 2026



AANSOEK:
Stuur jou CV na:
jw@ubusibeekeeping.com



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TWO CONTACTABLE REFERENCES**

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LEGAL RIGHT TO WORK

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QUALIFICATIONS:

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- Be available for partial on-site work when required.
- Have their own reliable computer/laptop and internet connection.
- Have experience with: Canva, Facebook / Meta, Instagram, Photo editing, Social media management
- Be highly organised and detail-oriented.
- Be able to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Have good communication skills.
- Be reliable, proactive and willing to take initiative.
- Be comfortable learning and using new computer systems.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Social media management – Facebook & Instagram
- Content creation – Canva, photography & photo editing
- Online marketing & promotions
- Wix website updates & basic SEO
- Online bookings & guest communication
- General digital administration & data capturing
- Spreadsheets, filing and office administration



Send your CV and portfolio to:



082 078 5541



info@theberryguestfarm.com

Subject: Digital Manager Application_Your Name

@theberryguestfarm

LOOPBAANGELEENTHEID / SWELLENDAMHR- E PAYROLLBESTUURDER

BVSA Swellendam is op soek na 'n ervare, professionele en selfstandige HR- en Payrollbestuurder om by ons dinamiese span aan te sluit.

Dorp Swellendam **Aanvangsdatum** So spoedig moontlik

Die rol

Die suksesvolle kandidaat sal verantwoordelik wees vir die bestuur van kliënte se salarisadministrasie en werknemersbelastingfunksies, asook die volledige menslikehulpbronfunksie vir BVSA se interne personeel. Die pos vereis uitstekende administratiewe vaardighede, 'n sterk begrip van arbeids- en belastingwetgewing en die vermoë om vertroulike aangeleenthede professioneel te hanteer.

Kernverantwoordelikhede

Payroll en statutêre administrasie vir kliënte

- Verwerk en bestuur kliënte se salarisse op PaySpace.
- Administreer werknemersbelastingverpligtinge, insluitend EMP201-opgawes, EMP501-rekonsiliasies en IRP5-sertifikate.
- Hanteer UIF en ander statutêre registrasies, wysigings en verpligtinge.
- Hanteer COIDA/Ongevalleversekering vir kliënte.
- Verskaf payroll-advies en ondersteuning aan kliënte.

Interne HR-funksie

- Bestuur die volledige HR-funksie vir BVSA se personeel.
- Stel dienskontrakte op en administreer en bewaar personeelrekords.
- Ontwikkel, implementeer en onderhou HR-beleide en -prosedures.
- Hanteer aanstellings-, oriënterings- en diensbeëindigingsprosesse.
- Ondersteun bestuur met personeelverwante aangeleenthede.
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- Verseker voldoening aan toepaslike arbeidswetgewing.
- Bevorder goeie werknemersverhoudinge en ondersteun personeelwelstand.

Minimum vereistes

- 'n Kwalifikasie in Menslikehulpbronbestuur, Arbeidsverhoudinge of 'n verwante veld.
- Minstens drie jaar relevante ervaring in HR- en salarisadministrasie.
- Praktiese PaySpace-ervaring sal 'n sterk aanbeveling wees.
- Goeie kennis van Suid-Afrikaanse arbeidswetgewing, salarisadministrasie, PAYE, UIF, ander werknemersbelastingvereistes en COIDA/Ongevalleversekering.
- Sterk administratiewe en organisatoriese vaardighede.
- Uitstekende kommunikasie- en interpersoonlike vaardighede.
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HOE OM AANSOEK TE DOEN

Stuur jou CV en ondersteunende dokumente aan loopbane@bvsa.co.za teen **30 September 2026**.



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Must have a passion for service & warm, gracious hospitality

Must be a team player & willing to work hard,
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Must be willing to learn & grow

Please send CV to
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GUESTHOUSE MANAGER - AAN DE LEISURE COLLECTION | SWELLENDAM

JOIN OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM!

Aan de Leisure Collection is looking for an enthusiastic and energetic Guesthouse Manager to oversee our established guesthouses in Swellendam. If you have a passion for the hospitality industry and enjoy working with people, we would love to hear from you. The suitable candidate will receive a locally competitive salary.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Previous experience in the hospitality industry will be advantageous.
- Strong leadership skills with the ability to motivate, manage, and lead a general staff complement.
- Excellent customer service and communication skills.
- Strong administrative, financial, and organisational abilities.
- The ability to manage all aspects of guesthouse operations, including reservations, maintenance, and day-to-day operations.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office.
- Professional appearance with exceptional attention to detail.
- Willingness to work weekends, public holidays, and flexible hours.
- Own reliable transport and a valid driver's licence will be advantageous.
- Must reside in Swellendam.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO IS:

- Friendly, reliable, and self-motivated.
- A natural leader with a positive attitude.
- Able to remain calm under pressure and demonstrate strong problem-solving skills.
- Passionate about hospitality, with the knowledge and ability to create memorable guest experiences.
- A team player with excellent interpersonal skills.

APPLICATIONS:

Please email your CV to marketing@adlc.co.za before or on 21 August. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



SOME ENCHANTED EVENING: A GARDEN ROUTE RECITAL TOUR

Music lovers along the Garden Route are in for an exceptional treat this September as three celebrated South African artists join forces for a week-long recital tour. From 14–20 September 2026, soprano Lynelle Kenned, baritone William Berger, and pianist Elna van der Merwe will present *Some Enchanted Evening*, a programme that blends operatic favourites, golden-age musical theatre, and beloved Afrikaans songs

The tour includes six performances across Knysna, George, Oudtshoorn, Mossel Bay, **Swellendam**, and Napier, hosted in a mix of historic churches and distinctive local venues such as the Karoo Ostrich Emporium and **Olyfkrans College**. Audiences can expect music from Mozart, Bizet, and Puccini, alongside classics from *South Pacific*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *West Side Story*.



Lynelle Kenned, an award-winning soprano, is known for her work on stage and screen, with standout roles in *West Side Story* and *The Sound of Music*. Her career includes collaborations with major orchestras and recognition through the Fleur du Cap Theatre Award, Fiësta Award, Naledi Theatre Award, and Woordtrofee.

Internationally acclaimed baritone **William Berger** brings a global pedigree to the tour. A graduate of the Royal Academy of Music in London, he has performed at leading opera houses worldwide. His recordings include *Hommage à Trois*, *Insomnia: A Nocturnal Voyage in Song*, and *Duet*, and his accolades range from the Lucerne Festival Prize to the Cape Town Theatre Award.



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SUNDAY
6TH SEPTEMBER



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8H30 - 15H30



VENUE:
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KERK STREET,
SWELLENDAM
(DETAILS TO FOLLOW)

IF YOUR KID LOVES SOCCER, TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO

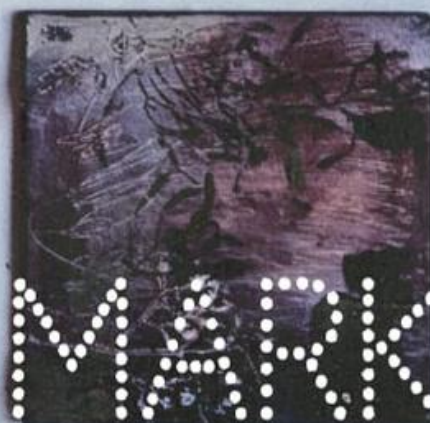
★ **CONTACT** ★



082 925 2262



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preview

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4 September

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opening

5 September

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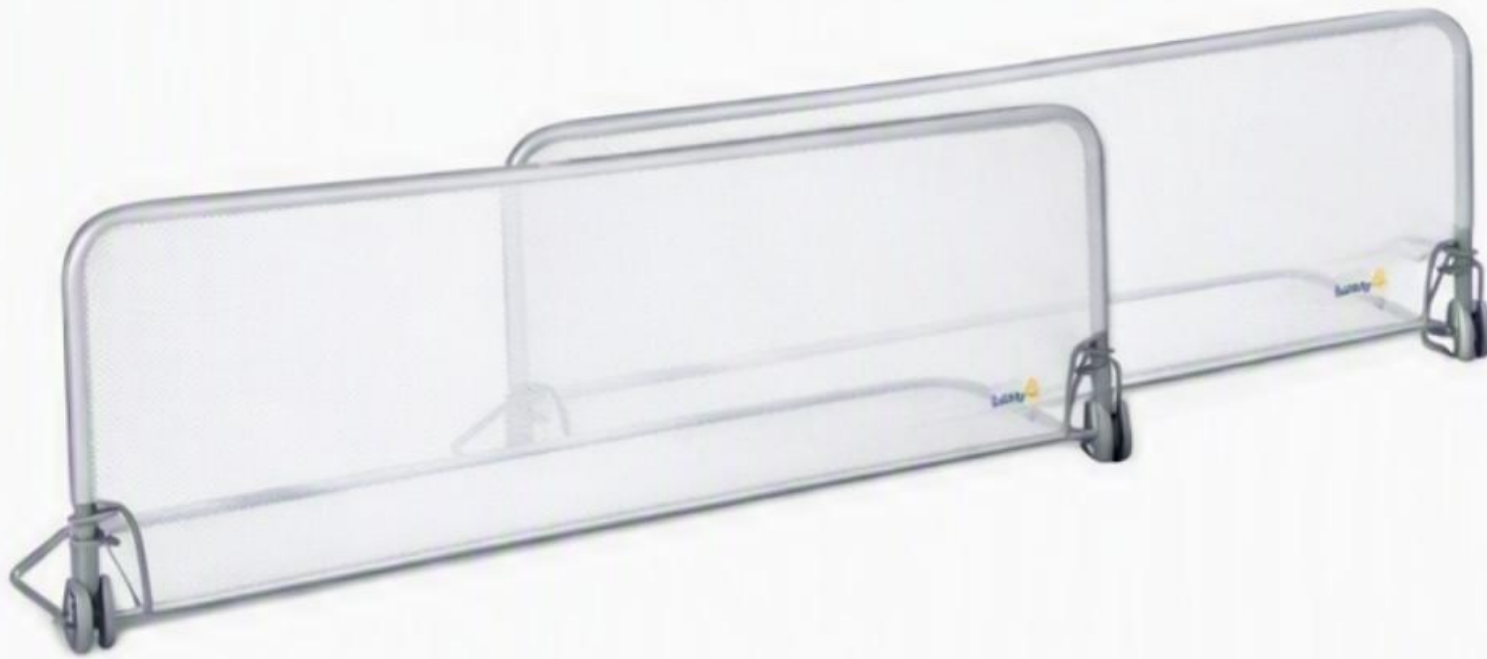
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Pick-up: Swellendam

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 - Two-tier sturdy construction, permanent coating
 - Umbrella provision
 - Size: 75 × 48 × 63 cm (w × d × h)
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Price: R600

Separate Sales Item:

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- 4 L stainless steel, spotless condition, barely used
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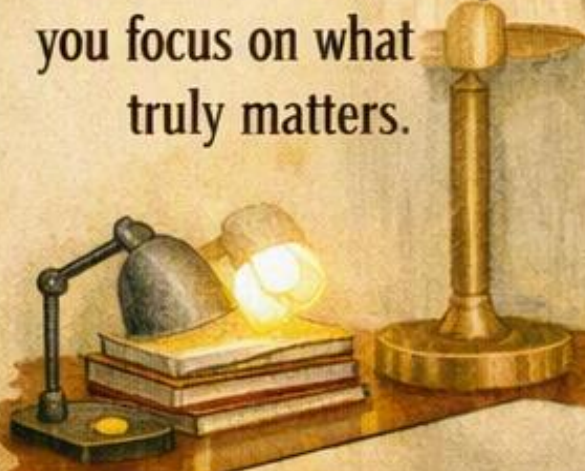
Celebrate Simplify Your Life Week

The Benefits of Simplifying Your Life



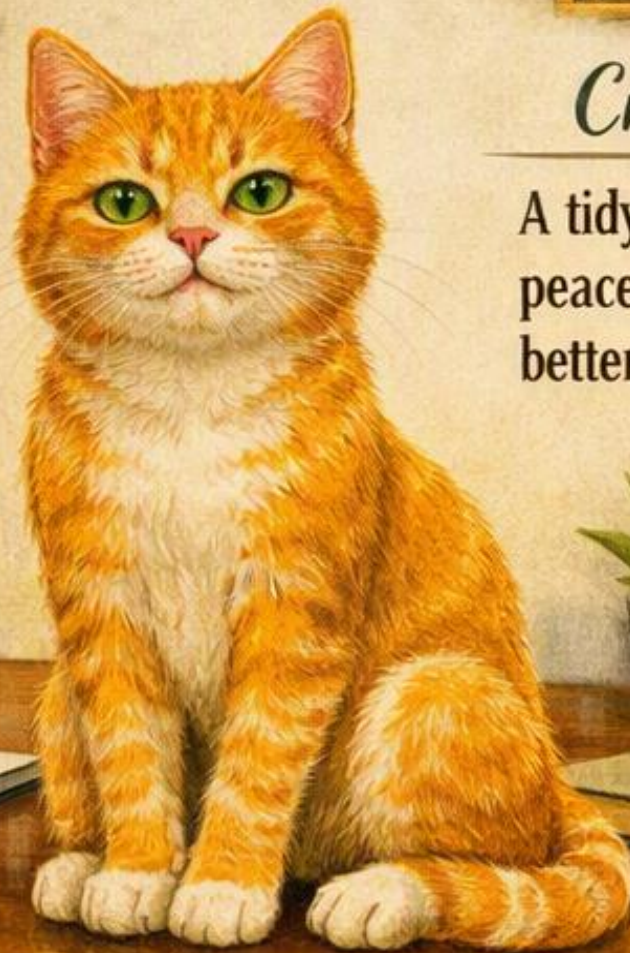
Calms the Mind

Decluttering reduces mental noise and helps you focus on what truly matters.



Creates Space

A tidy environment invites peace, creativity, and better energy flow.



Boosts Productivity

Fewer distractions mean clearer priorities and more meaningful work.



Saves Money

Owning less curbs impulse buying and encourages mindful spending.



Supports Sustainability

Simplifying reduces waste and promotes conscious consumption.

Improves Well-Being

Less clutter, less stress — more time for rest, nature, and cats.



SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE WEEK

By Lyra, Columnist, Decluttering Consultant, and Ginger Visionary

Humans,

August has arrived, and with it comes one of my favourite annual observances:

Simplify Your Life Week — a noble tradition in which you finally admit that your homes contain too many things, most of which are not tuna.

This week encourages you to declutter your surroundings, calm your minds, and release anything that no longer “sparks joy.” I, personally, spark joy. Your collection of mismatched Tupperware does not.

As a cat of Buffeljags with refined tastes and a deep understanding of human chaos, I feel it is my civic duty to guide you through this sacred week of simplification.

But let's be clear: decluttering isn't just about tidying up. It's about reclaiming mental space. Every object you cling to whispers a demand — dust me, move me, remember me — until your brain resembles a storage unit. When you let go of the unnecessary, you make room for thought, for calm, for the occasional nap in a sunbeam.

Humans often underestimate the serenity of emptiness. A clear shelf is not a void; it's a promise. A clean desk is not sterile; it's potential. And a cat sleeping on that desk is not clutter; it's art.

This week is not only about clearing cupboards — it's about clearing your mind. Release unnecessary stress, toxic clutter, and any human who says “I'll pop in quickly” but stays for three hours.

Lyra's Official Simplification Principles

If it's broken, bin it.

If you don't need it, sell it

If you don't use it, sell it

If it's ugly, donate it.

If it's sentimental, keep it.

If it's tuna, give it to me.
And let me remind you of the ultimate tool for Simplify Your Life Week — the [SELLAGRAM](#).



USEFUL NUMBERS



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Wildlife Rescue First Responders:

Ross Soller: 060 367 8880 or Vicky Dreyer: 076 282 2219

Thomas Blom: 079 170 4843

Swellendam Bewarea Conservancy: 077 422 6980

SNAKE HANDLERS/ CATCHERS AND EMERGENCIES:

John Mong: 071 833 9613

Russel Perks: 072 338 4033

Amy Mocke: 084 581 3526

CHAMELEONS:

Carmen Stuart: 083 787 5376 or SBC 077422 6980

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028 514 2083

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Snuf Snaf Doggy Parlour: 072 327 1050



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Swellendam Bewarea
Conservancy Contact number





SWELLENDAM

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Barrydale **10111** or **028 572 8100**

Suurbraak **10111** or **028 522 8000**

Plaaswag SOS **082 4922496** or **082 464 5739** or **082 864 4691**

Crimestop **0860010111**

TRAFFIC



Francois Stuart (SWD Provincial Traffic Manager) **028 425 1690**

Arrive Alive call centre **0861 400 800**

HEALTH



Swellendam Hospital Front desk **028 514 1142**

Swellendam Hospital Clinic **028 514 8450**

Life Line social **084 124**

ACVV Social Worker **082 911**

SPCA Swellendam **084 737 1948** or **028 514 2083**

Social Services (Dep of Social Dev) **028 514 1029** or **028 514 1252**

Gender based Violence **0800 428 428** or **"120" 7867#**

!Xairu Snake Relocation **072 338 4033**

Poisons Information Hotline **0861 555 777**

DISASTERS - Floods, fires, major incidents



Control / After hours **028 425 1157**

Overberg District Fire **028 425 1690** or **063 690 7899**

Overberg Fire Services **028 312 2400**

NSRI Witsand **082 994 7555** or **082 990 5957**

Foot & Mouth Hotline **080 928 4102**

Eskom **0860 037 566**

Missing Persons (Bureau of) **021 918 3512 / 23449 / 3452**

HENDRIK SWELLENGREBEL AIRFIELD / LUGHAWE



Marius Heyneman **082 556 8184**

Werner Steenkamp **082 330 7333**

SWELLENDAM MUNICIPALITY



Swellendam
Municipality
WhatsApp
Channel

WhatsApp Lines: Infrastructure Services **067 435 1733**

Credit Control **072 237 8727**

Community Services **072 525 0764**

Water & Sewage (Swellendam & Buffeljagsrivier) **071 207 9213**

Water & Sewage (Barrydale) **072 654 0668**

Water & Sewage (Suurbraak) **063 634 2282**

Electrical Services (Swellendam) **076 684 4386**

Electrical Services (Suurbraak) **066 569 6449**

Electrical Services (Barrydale) **078 380 2789**

Swellendam Law Enforcement **079 501 3339**

Swellendam Traffic Enforcement **028 514 8557** or **061 892 5958**

Swellendam Municipal Switchboard **028 514 8500**

Public & School Holidays

01 January,
New Year's Day

21 March,
Human Rights Day

03 April,
Good Friday

06 April,
Family Day

27 April,
Freedom Day

01 May,
Workers' Day

15 June,
Special School Holiday

16 June,
Youth Day

09 August,
National Women's Day

10 August,
Public Holiday

24 September,
Heritage Day

16 December,
Day of Reconciliation

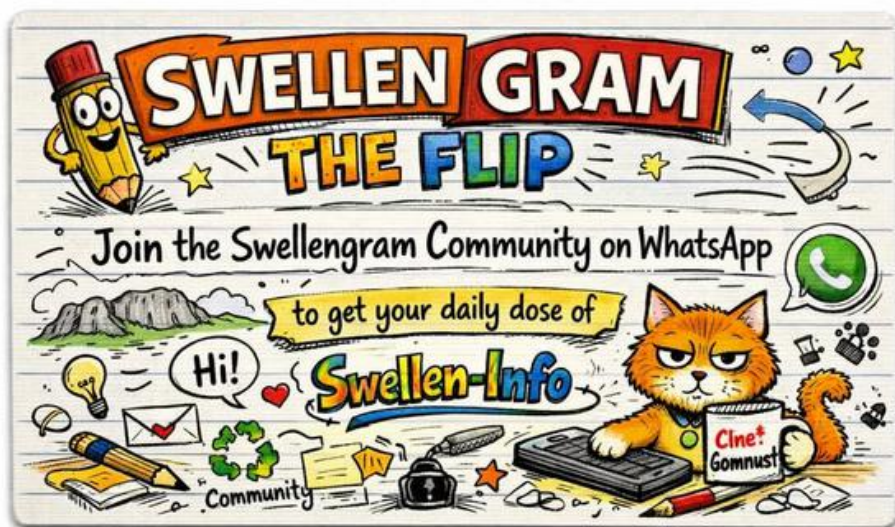
25 December,
Christmas Day

26 December,
Day of Goodwill

NEIGHBOURHOOD CHATTER IN THE DIGITAL AGE (THE POWER OF LOCAL)

Swellendam has always thrived on neighbourly connection — the kind that happens across counters, front gardens, and familiar shop doors. In recent years, this connection has deepened through Local WhatsApp Groups, where neighbours join their specific community and interest groups. This is where trust truly lies — in people you know.

Every business here, from the long-standing family enterprises to the newest one-person ventures, carries a story worth hearing. And when those stories are shared, something remarkable happens: people find exactly what they didn't know they were looking for.



Mrs Gram has noticed a pattern over the years. A small mention of a plumber who arrives on time, a quiet nod to a baker whose loaves never disappoint, a gentle highlight of a therapist, tutor, or gardener — and suddenly residents begin to say, “I’ve been meaning to try them.” It isn’t advertising in the loud, modern sense. It’s simply shining a light where it’s deserved.

Some might jokingly call it a shill moment when a business receives a little extra attention, but the truth is softer. Swellendam responds to authenticity. People trust recommendations that come from lived experience, not slogans. When a service is reliable, kind, and rooted in the community, mentioning it isn’t promotion — it’s neighbourly encouragement.

Local businesses are the backbone of this town’s daily rhythm. They fix what’s broken, feed what’s hungry, and keep life running smoothly. When residents choose them, they’re choosing stability, craftsmanship, and familiar faces. And when Mrs Gram includes them in the newsletter, it’s never about hype — it’s about helping the right people find each other.



In a world full of noise, Swellendam still listens closely. Now, with Swellengram available not only by email but also on WhatsApp, its reach extends even further into these trusted local networks. Sometimes all a good business needs is a quiet nudge in the right direction.

