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Cork upper brand ceases operation

Cape Town, W. Cape, SA - Cork upper footwear brand Reefer "ceased operations" early this year, founder **Sebastian Matheson** said last week.

"We lacked the finances to really promote it," he said. "We received quite a few accolades over the 5 years, we sold quite a few thousand pairs, and the interest was definitely there, but we just couldn't kick on from there."

Most of Reefer's shoes were made by Hopewell Footwear in Durban, but Reefer also sourced from micro enterprises with low MOQs, he said.

He has joined a business which is developing sustainable packaging for the food and beverage industry, particularly fast foods and takeaways, to replace plastics with recyclable products like Kraft paper and sugar cane.



Corvari: Toughest year ever

Jeff Bodill, proprietor, Corvari Footwear

Pinetown, KZN, SA - We are very quiet and have been for a long while. It would seem that the imports are still strong and buying power has decreased locally as we see with many sectors of business in SA. As we fall into the (higher) bracket of leather shoes, the majority of possible customers has shrunk. This has been our toughest year ever and we just have to keep on going.

Appointment

Cape Town, W. Cape, SA - **Vuyolwethu Yekiso** has been appointed leisure footwear senior buyer at Cape Union Mart.

They Said It

"The whole clothing industry has gone to hell. The Chinese have infiltrated everywhere with their rubbish." - Minichain retailer in Gauteng.

Got anything you'd like to share?

Do you have any suggestions, comments or experiences about the industry that you'd like to share with the industry? - tony@svmag.co.za

New subscribers last week

Stuart Cranfield, Consultant, L2Seven Consulting, United Kingdom
MP Nieuwoudt, Owner, PNS AIRCONDITIONG & REFRIGERATION T/A IN HOUSE, South Africa
Luca Bonadei, General Manager, Cape Union Mart, South Africa

Birthdays this week

16/09/1965: **Roy Feigenbaum**, Superior PPE, Bramley, Gauteng, SA.
 17/09/1944: **Avril Goldstein**, Daisy Roots, Balfour Park, Gauteng, SA.
 18/09/1942: **Michael Beattie**, Tina's Shoes, Port Elizabeth, E. Cape, SA.
 18/09/????: **Julie Oates**, Julz Shoes, Port Elizabeth, E. Cape, SA.
 19/09/1976: **Harunur Rashid Rubel**, Splendour Investments Ltd, Manzini, Swaziland.
 19/09/1976: **Shahid Koor**, Urban Mania, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
 20/09/1947: **Patrick 'Chicken' Price**, agent, Durban, KZN, SA.
 20/09/1952: **Tony Cheves**, Vexivert, Durban, KZN, SA.
 21/09/????: **Renate du Rand**, Ghia 33 Shoes & Accessories, Knysna, W. Cape, SA.
 21/09/1972: **Nicholas Gordon**, Turbek Trading, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.
 22/09/1938: **Peter Broughton**, freelance, formerly Nicole Footwear [closed], Durban, KZN, SA.
 22/09/1972: **Martin Dedekind**, Hlungwana Trading Store, Paulpietersburg, KZN, SA.

In memoriam this week

17/09/2023: **Chris Schutte** (b. 01/03/1945), agent, Pretoria, Gauteng, SA.
 18/09/1992: **Wally Barkus**, agent, Durban, KZN, SA.
 18/09/2012: **Jimmy Andresen** (b. 02/06/1947), agent, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.
 18/09/2000: **Marthinus Philipus 'MP' Theunissen** (b. 09/06/1919), Chemical Specialities/Clariant, Durban, KZN, SA.
 18/09/2023: **Misheck Sibanda** (b. 08/08/1961), G&D Shoes, Footwear & Rubber Industries, The Courteney Boot Company, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.
 20/09/1998: **PW (Pat) Singh**, Palm Footwear, Durban, KZN, SA.
 21/09/1997: **Ronnie Venter**, agent.
 22/09/2005: **Simon Power** (b. 10/07/1950), Mister Mover, Pinetown, KZN, SA.

Have you let us know about your birthday, or the birthdays of your colleagues? Our readers love this section, so please become part of it. This also applies to the In Memoriam section. Help us remember former colleagues.

Trade Fairs **Seminars**
Conferences
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29 Premier ...	30 Premier ...					

Over 4500 entries, divided into:

- Leather
- Components & Services
- Footwear & Leather Goods
- Commission Agents, Retailers
- Associations & Support Organisations
- and much, much more

The abridged Directory lists business names and their principal phone numbers.

The comprehensive Directory, which lists the names of personnel, cell numbers, emails, descriptions of products & services, and much more, is also available by subscription only.

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Directory entries updated last week

Cape Union Mart [Division of Cape Union Mart Group (Pty) Ltd], Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
 Izintaba Crocodile Farm [Mzansi Corporate Solutions cc], Pretoria, Gauteng, SA.
 Old Khaki [Division of Cape Union Mart Group (Pty) Ltd], Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.
 Poetry [Division of Cape Union Mart Group (Pty) Ltd], Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.

ABSA Agri Trends: Hides & skins prices

Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA (12 September 2024) - The current average hide price increased by 0.32% to R2.811/kg from R2.802/kg a week ago. The current price is 2.48% higher than the average price a month ago and 15.8% lower than the average price a year ago. The range of prices reported was as follows: Minimum price: R2.75 Maximum price: R3.16. Please note: Our methodology weighs the prices we collect according to the number of hides they sell in a month. This is done to make it more representative of the prevailing market price. NB* Hide prices are determined by the average of the RMAA (Red Meat Abattoir Association) and independent companies. - **Marlene Louw**, senior agricultural economist, and **Nkhensani Mashimbyi**, agricultural economist, and **Zama Sangweni**, agricultural economist, Absa group.

Note: For previous prices, see [HERE](#)

THIS WEEK LAST YEAR!

One month up, one month down
 ICLT – last of UK's leather schools – likely to close
 In case you missed it! : The September issue of S&V African Leather Magazine
 READ IT HERE - [S&V Weekly Newsletter Vol.9 No.38, September 18 2023](#)

THIS WEEK FIVE YEARS AGO!!

Retail last week
 Edcon sells two brands as part of turnaround strategy, and plans to dispose of more
 Competition Tribunal approves Edcon/Footgear deal
 Stock Exchange News Service (SENS) releases : Mr Price - allegations of non-compliance
 READ IT HERE - [S&V Weekly Newsletter Vol.5 No.38, September 23, 2019](#)

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