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The Rustenburg crowd, dressed to the nines, were excited to welcome famed model and entrepreneur Phuti Khomo and her team at the Phuti Khomo Modelling Expo, hosted at Rustenburg Mall over the weekend. The Expo was a truly unique experience and brought glam and flair by national models and dancers to the Platinum City. Khomo wowed in spectacular outfits and welcomed Buhle Tshoniswa, the reigning Queen of Miss North West Exclusive 2024 and Sky Njoko, Ms Pre-Teen International 2024, on stage to share their experiences with the audience. Read more on page 4. (Photo: Nazeer Fakier, Toasty Media Productions)

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## Jaco and Elizma our Valentines of the weekend

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# February 2025 far wetter than last year

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - With exactly eleven days remaining of February 2025, there seems to be no stopping Rustenburg of perhaps setting a new record or at least quite a notable inscription in Charlie Graham's record books, in terms of excellent showers recorded in February over the past 22 years.

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Our regular readers will know that Charlie Graham of Geelhout Gardens Nursery has recorded Rustenburg's rainfall patterns for decades and that he has held meticulous records on all things weather and rain in Rustenburg over the past 22 years. While we don't wish to say that February 2024 was a disappointing year, most of us will probably recall that the 2nd month of last year will not be remembered for above average rainfall,

with barely 47.6mm recorded. Much better news is that February 2025 will prove to be a much better month if not one of the very best over the past 22 years. At Monday morning at 08:00, no less than 35.2 mm were already in the bag - so to speak, Graham told NW Bonus and Rustenburg Herald. Should the weather hold and rain continue for another week or so (as indeed fore cast by the SA Weather Service) there is an excellent chance that

Rustenburg could be heading towards a brand new February record. Remember to also have a look at this week's (Wednesday) edition of Rustenburg Herald with the latest rainfall figures before our going to print



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# Beware of scammers alleging sexual misconduct

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Mr Mike Bolhuis of Specialised Security Services frequently receives distress calls from concerned individuals who have been targeted by police impersonators claiming there is a warrant for their arrest.**

These fraudsters often accuse their victims of crimes they have not committed and then use intimidation tactics to extort money for their own financial gain. Many victims of police impersonation scams choose not to report the crime due to feelings of shame, fear, and embarrassment as they worry about judgment from family, friends, and even law enforcement. This reluctance allows perpetrators to continue their scams

## Two in court on charges of kidnapping, rape and murder

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG - A case of a missing person was registered at Mooinooi police station after 19 year-old Lerato Moalosi was reported missing.**

According to information, Moalosi and her boyfriend arrived at her place in Modikwane, in Modderspruit, Mooinooi, close to Brits in the early hours of Sunday morning, 2 February. They were about to enter the house when two suspects grabbed Moalosi and disappeared, leaving her boyfriend behind. The boyfriend sought help from the local community and the police, but the victim was nowhere to be found. The family later received a phone call wherein a ransom for Lerato's safe return was demanded. Sadly, her naked body was discovered later the same day at around 11:00 in bushes at Majakaneng, next to the N4 road, about 1 km from where she was kidnapped. A thorough investigation by Mooinooi Detectives, supported by Bojanala Sub-District 1 Crime Intelligence and Brits Trio Task Team led to the identification and arrest of two suspects on Friday, 14 February. Police seized amongst others, blood stained clothes, a cell phone, bank card and an identity document at the address of one of the suspects. The duo, aged 29 and 30, were expected to appear before the Brits Magistrates' Court on Monday, 17 February, on charges of kidnapping, rape and murder. The Acting Provincial Commissioner of North West, Major General Patrick Asaneng

## Elderly man overpowered, detained for hours at neighbour's house during armed robbery

**BONUS - MOOINOOI - A sixty-six-year-old man of Groenkloof, Mooinooi was assaulted and injured when he went to investigate what seemed to be an ordinary burglary at his neighbour's property in Groenkloof, Mooinooi last Tuesday night.**

On investigation the elderly man was surprised to find at least seven armed men busy ransacking his neighbour's house. When noticed, the man was overpowered by the seven attackers who then went on to burglarise the house.

A firearm, cash, jewellery and a few other minor items were taken before the men apparently fled on foot from the scene. Mooinooi police are investigating a case of house robbery, NW Bonus was told.

After being detained for several hours by his attackers during the course of Tuesday night, the elderly man went to see his doctor on Wednesday morning where he was treated for his injuries.

He is recovering well from his injuries, NW Bonus was told.

Anyone with possible information which could lead the police to the attackers and armed robbers, are requested to contact the Commanding Officer of the Mooinooi Detective branch - Col Assar Tjale on 082 416 2415.

unchecked, exploiting new victims with the same deceptive tactics. Additionally, the psychological impact on victims is profound. Many experience extreme fear, anxiety, and trauma, especially when faced with threats of public exposure, criminal charges, or even physical harm. The intense stress of such situations often leads victims to comply with the scammers' financial demands rather than risk further humiliation or perceived legal consequences.

The perpetrators usually initiate contact with a victim via WhatsApp message, phone calls, or SMS. They often pose as "Detectives" or "Investigating Officers" from the South African Police Service (SAPS). Perpetrators use stolen identities and online photos, which they are able to manipulate to their needs.

The scammers claim to have an arrest warrant for the victim on serious charges like prostitution, assault, or sexual assault. These charges are designed to create panic

and fear. They then offer to "help" the victim by making the charges disappear if the victim sends them a sum of money, typically ranging from R1 000 or more. They may ask for payment via EFT or eWallet.

The SAPS do not operate in this way and would not typically contact someone unannounced with an arrest warrant, especially for serious offences. If you receive such a call or message, be sceptical. Ask yourself if you have actually committed the alleged crime. If you are unsure, do not engage with the scammer. Never send money to anyone claiming to be from SAPS or law enforcement under these circumstances. Take note of the caller's phone number, the details they provide, and any threats made. If possible, record your calls and keep a record of all other communication.

If you believe you have been a victim of this type of scam, contact Specialised Security Services' Mike Bolhuis on 082 447 6116 or email: [mike@mikebolhuis.co.za](mailto:mike@mikebolhuis.co.za)







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# Phuti Khomo brings glam to the Platinum City



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**BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Saturday, 15 February** was a highlight on the Rustenburg modelling calendar when the Phuti Khomo Modelling Expo took place at the Rustenburg Mall.

The Expo, which travels around the country, was created by Phuti Khomo-Mahlangu, renowned South African model, actress, entrepreneur, and advocate, to offer a safe and credible platform for young models to showcase their talents while addressing the dangers of human trafficking.

Rustenburg Mall was identified as the ideal venue, as it has established itself as a leader in social responsibility, playing an active role in creating awareness about human trafficking - a pressing issue that unfortunately affects many young people and often occurs in public spaces such as shopping malls.

The Expo started off with a “bang”, so to speak, when a group of models/dancers appeared on stage with a showcase of artistic movements and fierce attitudes to open the floor for Phuti Khom in a awe-inspiring outfit by renowned designer Sihle Masango.

Khomo became a household name in 2002, when she was crowned Miss SA Teen and has since graced the covers of numerous magazines, runways and television screens. Because of her wealth of knowledge and experience in the beauty and modelling industry, Khomo uses the expos as preparatory sessions for aspiring models, aged 3-28, offering them essential training and industry insights.

Khomo and her team recognised the need for preparatory training in the modelling industry after hosting the first Expo and are now offer these workshops to better equip young talent and even expose them to top agencies to be scouted. These expos are not only open models, but also to their parents, in an effort to educate communities about the realities of human trafficking in the modelling industry, providing them with the tools to recognise and avoid potential threats.

The Expos also include other stakeholders, who exhibit by means of erecting stalls at each Expo where aspiring models can learn about skincare, maintaining a healthy body through nutrition and wellness, applying make-up correctly and understanding and caring for different skin types.

Despite a downpour of rain on the day, the aspiring models energetically interacted with Khomo and her team and enjoyed the flair and professionalism of the city slickers who brought glam and expertise to our neck of the woods.



The Phuti Khomo models and dancers brought flair and attitude to Rustenburg community.



The crowd was energised by the spectacular opening dance routine by the glamorous models and dancers of the Phuti Khomo Modelling Expo.



The crowd was completely captivated by the spectacular opening dance routine by the glamorous models and dancers.



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# CESA calls for collaboration and sustainable development to engineer South Africa's future

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - In a media address delivered recently, Consulting Engineers South Africa (CESA) President, David Leukes, outlined a strategic framework for infrastructure development, emphasising collaboration, sustainability, and ethical leadership as key drivers for South Africa's future.

Speaking under the theme "Collaborating for the Future We Want: Mobilising for Sustainable Development," Leukes highlighted the critical role of infrastructure in achieving the country's economic growth targets, referencing the South African Reserve Bank's projected 1.8% growth for 2025 and the government's commitment of R940 billion for infrastructure over the next three years.

"We stand at a defining moment. The choices we make today will dictate whether we can realise our ambitious aspirations for schools, hospitals, and essential infrastructure," he said. Leukes explained the importance of a lifecycle and integrated approach to development, urging stakeholders to move beyond silos and embrace collaboration across disciplines and sectors.

"In today's interconnected world,

infrastructure development cannot operate individually. We must embrace a collaborative approach that brings together diverse stakeholders – engineers, planners, policymakers, and communities – throughout the entire lifecycle."

He also stressed the urgent need for policy clarity and consistency, particularly regarding the interplay between key legislative instruments like the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act and the Public Procurement Act. He made a strong appeal for translating policy into action, calling for a clear way forward in policy implementation.

"Our ability to deliver sustainable infrastructure hinges on coherent policy frameworks that enable rather than hinder collaboration," Leukes stated.

He highlighted how public-private partnerships can drive innovation and knowledge transfer, pointing out that

collaboration between sectors also opens avenues for capacity building within public institutions.

Leukes underscored that: "The path to sustainable development must be paved with integrity." He advocated for strengthened procurement processes, transparency, and ethical leadership to combat corruption and ensure accountability.

Meanwhile, he reiterated the importance of driving STEM education and increasing

the number of artisans in the country. In terms of skills development, Leukes also emphasised the importance of "soft skills" and highlighted that the CESA School of Consulting Engineering's Business of Consulting Engineering Management Development Programme as a key initiative.

"Engineering the future we want is within our grasp. Let's build it together – one project, one innovation, one collaboration at a time!" he concluded.



David Leukes, President of Consulting Engineers South Africa and Chris Campbell, CEO Consulting Engineers South Africa.

## SASSA card deadline now extended until next month

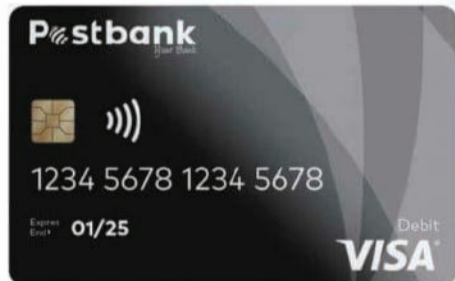
**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - The deadline for SASSA beneficiaries to swap their gold cards for the new Postbank black cards has been extended until next month.

The deadline has been extended to 20 March 2025, allowing more time for a smooth transition.

Grants of beneficiaries who haven't exchanged their cards by then, will still be paid, but they will need to visit their nearest Post Office branch to access their funds.

The 20 March 2025 deadline marks the date when the SASSA gold cards will stop working, not the last day to apply for the new card.

After 20 March, beneficiaries will still be able to apply for and receive their Postbank black cards.



## Nuwe minimum loontarief vir huis- en plaaswerkers

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - Die nuwe minimum loontarief wat jy vanaf 1 Maart vir algemene werkers, plaaswerkers en huiswerkers sal moet betaal is R28,79 per uur. Meeste ander sektore word hierby ingesluit.

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## AgriSA celebrates three decades' growth in SA agriculture

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - Agri SA proudly celebrates the agricultural industry growth over the past 30 years as highlighted in the Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy's (BFAP) publication Agriculture in South Africa in the Democratic Era: 1994-2024, released on 12 February.

The report provides an in-depth analysis of South Africa's agricultural landscape, presenting key insights into the macroeconomic and policy shifts that have influenced the sector. Some of the key highlights include:

**Doubling of agricultural output:** The sector's total output has more than doubled since 1994.

**Export growth:** Successful expansion into international markets has mitigated the impact of domestic economic stagnation. South African producers of fresh produce benefit from our zero-tariff access to the UK and EU markets.

**Technological advancements:** Significant yield improvements in key crops like maize and soybeans due to advances in genetics and farming practices. Maize yields have been on their way to quadrupling since the early 1990s, and the country has become self-sufficient in soybeans to the benefit of intensive livestock production.

**Increase in horticultural exports:** Particularly strong performance in fruit and tree nut exports, benefiting from advantageous trade agreements with the EU and UK.

**Improved labour productivity:** Despite the above-inflation increases over the past two decades, the number of agricultural workers has remained stable, yet agricultural production has increased substantially, which indicates an improvement in labour productivity.

**Policy implementation struggles:** Ongoing challenges in realising effective land reform and integrating black farmers into commercial agriculture hinder sector-wide progress.

"Agri SA is committed to fostering sustainable growth. This comprehensive report not only highlights significant achievements but also calls for a renewed focus on policy implementation," says Johann Kotzé," Agri SA Chief Executive Officer.



## Rustenburg Leeskring

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - Die tweede byeenkoms van Rustenburg Leeskring vind op Dinsdag, 25 Februarie by Chestnutlaan 3, Proteapark plaas.

Tydens hierdie geleentheid word bespreking te lei. Almal is welkom by "Die Laaste Kanariegeel Notaboek" die byeenkoms, al kon u nie die boek (Anchien Troskie) deur Annatjie Jacobs lees nie. Die verrigtinge begin om bespreek. Hierdie "lekkerlees"-boek 15:00. Skakel Micky Badenhorst by 072 het 'n hele paar kinkels asook heelwat 223 6841 of stuur 'n teksboodskap vir diepte en behoort tot 'n interessante meer besonderhede.

## Teen Suicide Prevention Week: Stopping bullying in schools

by Dr Delmaine Christians MP - DA Spokesperson on Basic Education

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - Social media and news reports have been filled with horrendous instances of bullying since the start of the school year. The extreme nature of the bullying includes children being thrust into toilets, defiled with faeces, body shamed, choked and attacked.

While the Minister of Basic Education, Siviwe Gwarube, has committed to working with provincial education departments, SAPS, and civil society to strengthen anti-bullying interventions and ensure that schools are equipped to deal with incidents effectively, the DA will submit parliamentary questions to establish what national and provincial psychosocial support in schools to deal with the scourge of bullying.

The DA will also seek clarity on how the DBE is ensuring the effective implementation of the National School Safety Framework and strengthening cooperation between schools, SAPS, and psychosocial support services.

The DA has long advocated for increased psychosocial support at schools, including expanding teacher professional development programmes offered by the South African Council for Educators (SACE) to include a psychosocial

component. The party also recommends that schools identify locations where bullying occurs and for the implementation interventions to lower the risk of bullying there, including the installation of cameras and patrolling of these areas by teachers.

According to anti-bullying NGOs, around 57% of South African learners have been bullied at least once in their life. Statistics from Safer Schools show that more than 3.2 million learners are bullied yearly; 67% of these victims will not report their abuse as they believe that they will not be assisted.

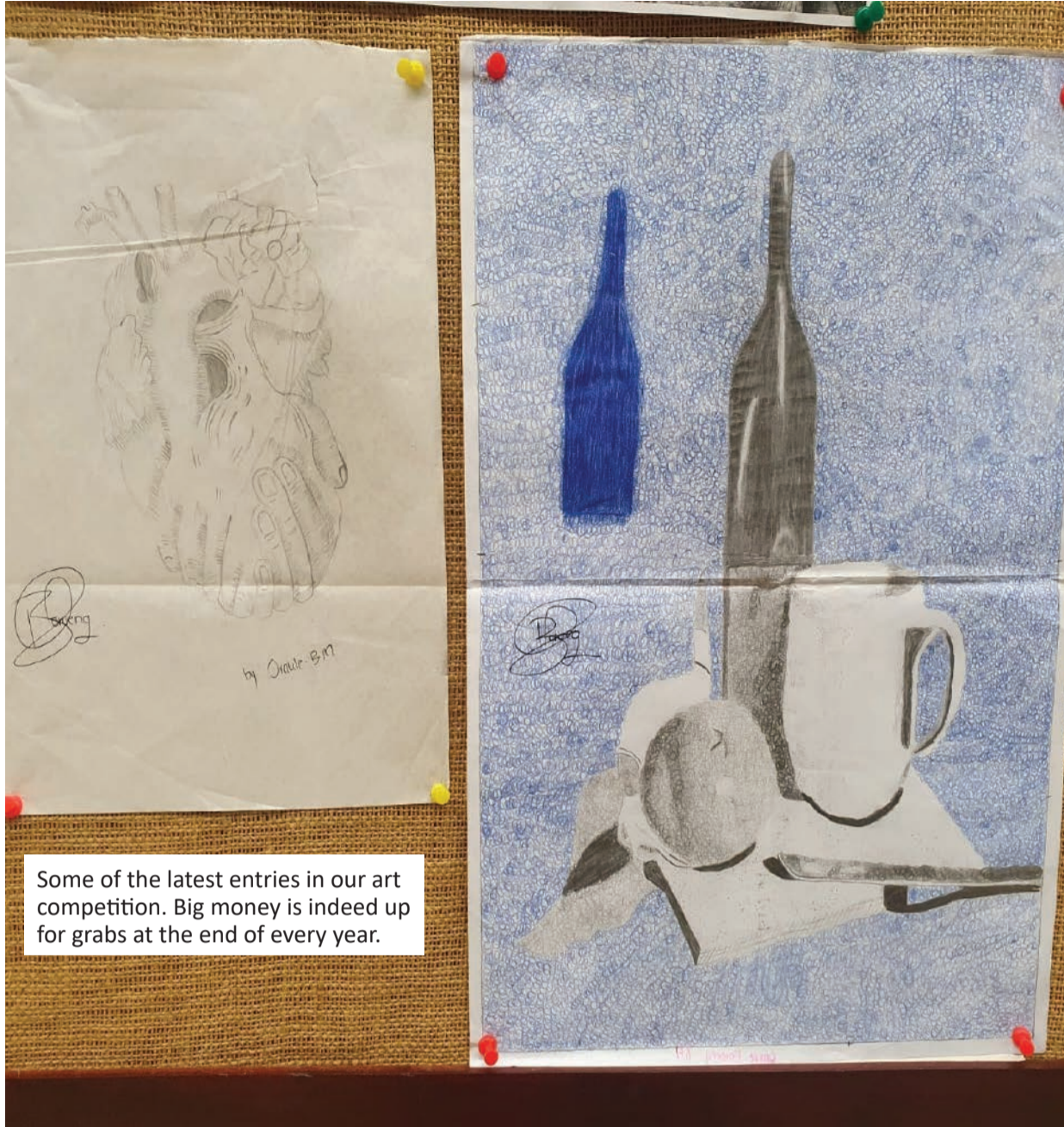
Learners across the country continue to suffer physical and emotional trauma at the hands of callous classmates and teachers. Last year, a Grade 12 student in Limpopo took his own life after allegedly being bullied by his teachers who reportedly told him that he would "amount to nothing". He is not the only learner who has resorted to such extremes in efforts to escape the trauma of bullying at schools. The Department of Health reported 7 426 suicide attempts by children younger than 18 between April and December last year.

Teachers and other staff need to be provided with the necessary skills to prevent bullying. Every learner's life is precious, and no one deserves to suffer trauma at the hands of classmates or teachers.



# Artists invited to show their talent

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - Well, the days are rushing by and barely more than 10 months lie ahead of 2025 - which is not too far away to see the next two winners of our Pick n Pay Shopping vouchers to the tune of R10 000 (each) emerging.



Some of the latest entries in our art competition. Big money is indeed up for grabs at the end of every year.

By now it should be old hat that our Rustenburg Herald/NW Bonus' art competition is in full swing again. In meantime, two cash prizes of R1 000 each are up for grabs months at least every term so keep your entries ready and who knows - perhaps this is your year?

Amateur artists are invited to enter the competition by submitting art in virtually any form such as sketches, drawings, paintings, carvings, ceramic, wood, glass, plastics or whatever tickles your fancy. We humbly request that entries are in moderate size in order for us to handle or display these or at least to allow you to enter these into our art competition entry boxes located at Pick n Pay Beyers Naudé and Pick n Pay Greystone Crossing. Huge posters or pieces of artwork which we are unable to display due to its size, is unfortunately not suitable.

There is no entry fee and artists are free to enter as many artworks as they wish. We do emphasise however, that all entries are deemed surrendered to Rustenburg Herald/ NW Bonus and will not be returned, except when their is a special request which we might consider.

A closing date for the first term/quarter of the competition will be announced in due course. Keep watching Rustenburg Herald/NW Bonus and keep those entries rolling.

## Understanding the toll acid reflux can take on your health

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - What happens when the hydrochloric acid produced in the stomach escapes upwards into a person's oesophagus?

A bitter taste in the mouth, heartburn, sore throat, hoarse voice or unexplained chronic cough can be tell-tale signs of the acidic burn of reflux or the longer-term condition gastroesophageal reflux disease (GORD).

"The troublesome symptoms people with GORD experience can have significant social, workplace, and economic impacts, especially when the condition is persistent and chronic. It's also one of the most common conditions primary healthcare physicians and gastroenterologists are consulted for," says Dr Barbara Makumbi, a gastroenterologist practising at Netcare Sunward Park Hospital.

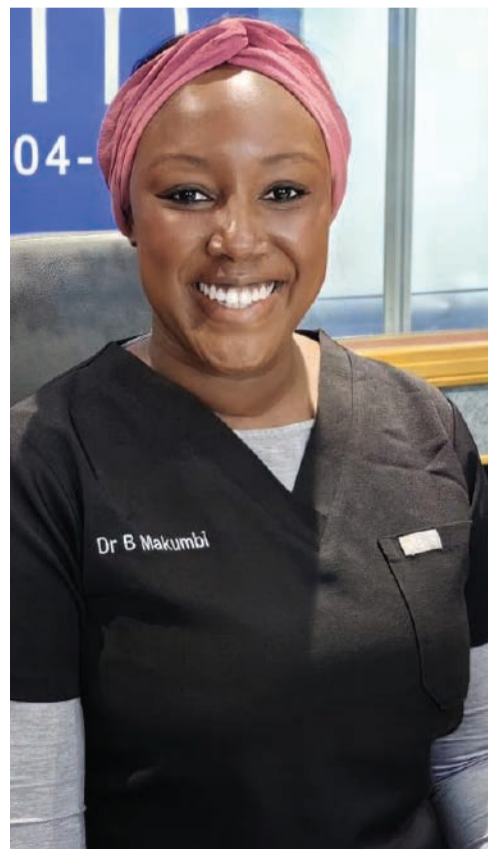
Typical symptoms: Heartburn is a burning sensation usually felt in the centre of the chest that often occurs after meals and worsens when lying down; Regurgitation – When the digestive fluid comes up the oesophagus, this can result in a bitter taste in the mouth; Belching (burping); Nausea or vomiting; Experiencing a sensation of fullness sooner when eating.

Dr Makumbi says that in more severe cases, complications involving damage to the oesophagus and nearby anatomy can result in atypical symptoms, including the following: Inflammation of the lining of the oesophagus leading to difficulty swallowing or painful swallowing and bleeding; Laryngitis or pharyngitis: Throat inflammation resulting in a sore throat or hoarse voice; Small amounts of the acidic gastric fluid can enter the airways of the lung, resulting in chronic cough, new or worsening asthma and scarring of the lung tissue called fibrosis; Dental complications can occur when the teeth are exposed to regurgitated stomach acid, including erosion of tooth enamel, tooth decay and bad breath.

GORD risk factors may include: Structural changes to the sphincter muscle, such as a hiatus hernia, where the stomach bulges into the chest above the diaphragm; Abdominal fat, weight gain, or being overweight or obese; Pregnancy; Diet and habits that can weaken the oesophageal sphincter, including fatty foods, caffeine, smoking, alcohol, and carbonated drinks; Certain medications' side effects; Having large meals or eating too close to bedtime.

Tips for coping with GORD: Elevate your head and upper body with a few extra pillows when you sleep, this allows gravity to assist in reducing reflux; Shedding excess kilos can help reduce upward abdominal and gastric pressure that contributes to reflux; Try sleeping on your left side; Eat dinner three hours before bedtime; Avoid lying

down after meals; Avoid alcohol and smoking; Reduce the size of meals; Consult a dietician and avoid fat, citrus, spicy food, tomato-based products, chocolate, peppermint, and caffeinated or fizzy drinks; Keep a food diary to help identify your individual triggers.



Dr Barbara Makumbi, a gastroenterologist practising at Netcare Sunward Park Hospital.

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 h/v Fatima Bhayat & Bosch str, (oorkant Laerskool Rustenburg)  
 Kontak: Manny Lourenco 076 416 2037 of Lettie Lourenco 072 619 8306. Almal is welkom!!

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**RUSTENBURG FARMERS MARKET**  
 Date: Saturday, 1 MARCH 2025 Time: 09H00 - 15H00  
 Venue: Rustenburg Show Grounds, Agricultural Portion, McGregor str, Rustenburg  
 Bring the whole family, lots of stalls and produce available.  
 Free entrance.  
 Contact: 069 694 6897

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**BUFFELSPOORT KARNAVAL**  
 Datum: 8 Maart 2025 Tyd: 06H00 tot 20H00  
 Rustenburg Gemeenskapskerk bied die Buffelspoort Kamaval by die ATKV Buffelspoort aan. Kom geniet uitstallings, kunsmark, kosstalletjies, biertuin en die musiekfees.  
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 Date: 10 April 2025 Time: 13H00 to 17H00  
 Place: Rustenburg Impala Rugby Club, Fatima Bhayat str  
 Join us for an informative and engaging day at the MTE Rustenburg Mining & Industrial Exhibition.  
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## Rusties - Interhoër-wenners 2025

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - Die Noordwes Interhoër het op Vrydag, 14 Februarie in Potchefstroom plaasgevind en die Rusties het nie net oor die wenstreep gevlieg nie, maar het hard gewerk om as algehele wenners uit die stryd te tree.

Baie geluk aan die atlete wat gedurende die dag die volgende prestasies behaal het: Junior Victor Ludorum Veld - Nathan van Staden, Beste Veldatleet - Nathan van Staden en Senior Victor Ludorum Baan - JP Blignaut.

Hoërskool Rustenburg het ook die trofee vir die beste seunsspan en algehele wenners gewen!



RHS se Groenmasjien het ook die Interhoër bygewoon.

## Absa Run Your City Series and Puma South Africa confirm four-year partnership extension

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - Stillwater Sports, the organisers of the Absa Run Your City Series, proudly welcomes Puma's renewed commitment as the official footwear and apparel partner of South Africa's premier road running series.

Puma has confirmed its involvement for another four-year period, extending a remarkable partnership that has been instrumental to the series' success since its inception.

In 2024, Glenrose Xaba, representing the Boxer Athletics Club (AC) and competing in Puma, set a new South African Women's 10km record at the Absa Run Your City Durban 10K, finishing fourth in an extraordinary time of 31:12, shaving a second off of Elana Meyer's record (31:13) that was set in 2001. Fellow Boxer AC athlete Lebo Phalula, also in Puma gear, shattered the veteran women's national record with a time of 34:01, surpassing Sonja Laxton's 1989 record of 34:17. Xaba's phenomenal form continued with gold-medal victories at the Absa Run Your City Tshwane 10K and Absa Run Your City Joburg 10K.

2025 Absa Run Your City Series: Sunday 13 April - Absa Run Your City Gqeberha 10K, Sunday 11 May - Absa Run Your City Cape Town 10K, Sunday 13 July - Absa Run Your City Durban 10K, Sunday 24 August - Absa Run Your City Tshwane 10K, Wednesday 24 September - Absa Run Your City Joburg 10K.

The Absa Run Your City Series proudly supports the Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA) as the official charity of the entire series of events. A non-profit leader in the fight against cancer since 1931, CANSA enables research, educates the public and advocates for and supports all people affected by cancer, while leading SA towards a cancer-free society.

When entering an Absa Run Your City Series event online, runners can show their support by donating towards CANSA.

For further information please visit <https://runyourcityseries.com>



The "Puma Forever Faster 100" on route activation is the source of endless excitement at the Absa Run Your City Series. (Photo Credit: Anton Opperman)

Brett Bellinger (Marketing Director – Puma) with Michael Meyer (Managing Director of Stillwater Sports and Series Founder). (Photo Credit: Rae Trew-Browne)

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