

As South Africans, we have two choices regarding the Corona regulations - we can adhere to them and do our best to curb the spread of the virus; or we can ignore them at our own peril. It seems as if Rustenburg's restaurants and pubs have made the wise choice of sticking to the Corona regulations. According to the curfew, pubs must close at 18:00 weekdays and Saturdays and at 13:00 on Sundays and public holidays. Restaurants may stay open, but must stop selling liquor at 18:00 weekdays and Saturdays and at 13:00 on Sundays and public holidays. However, no more than 50 people are allowed at any given time in the restaurant. There is a chance that the regulations might be tightened by President Cyril Ramaphosa. He was expected to address the nation on Sunday night (22 March), but it was postponed to Monday evening at 18:00.

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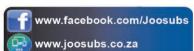




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# Covid-19 update: SA being put to the test, says Cyril

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The number of confirmed coronavirus cases in South Africa has increased to a total of 402, Health minister Zweli Mkhize confirmed.

provinces with confirmed cases with four persons testing positive. A week into the declaration of a national state of disaster, President Cyril Ramaphosa says

South Africa's very existence as a nation is being put to the test.

"The coronavirus pandemic continues to spread at a relentless pace across the globe. As nations of the world we find ourselves in the same fight: to contain the virus, to protect the lives of our people, and to fortify our economies against the inevitable disruption to manufacturing, productivity, growth and employment," Ramaphosa said.

Northwest has now joined the list of He applauded South Africans for taking charge of their own health and those around them, saying it has been heartening. Meanwhile, the rand has slumped to R17.70/\$ as investors

dump risky assets. The losses came as the US Senate failed to agree on a \$1.6 trillion (R28 trillion) stimulus packaged designed to

boost the coronavirus-stricken economy. Moody's is expected to downgrade South African government bonds to "junk" later this week. Nedbank has become the latest bank to offer clients some

relief. The bank says it will offer all clients "individual solutions to cashflow challenges" due to the coronavirus.

# Shopping adjusted to help seniors

# Pick n Pay



BONUS - RUSTENBURG - One good thing coming out of the whole Coronavirus crisis is that retailers are looking more carefully at the shopping needs of senior

The elderly are among those at higher risk of morbidity and mortality associated with the novel coronavirus, says the National Institute for Communicable Disease (NICD). Last week Pick n Pay announced that they will now have a dedicated hour for shopping reserved for senior citizen. People 65 years of age and older will be able to do their shopping every Wednesday between 07:00-08:00. Customers will be carded at the entrance, and will need to bring a valid ID to enter the store during this time. "A special shopping hour for pensioners was a great suggestion by our online community and we very quickly worked with our stores

to make this a reality," said John Bradshaw, retail executive: marketing at Pick n Pay.

In the latest retailer effort to help keep customers safe during coronavirus-linked panic buying, Checkers says it will now introduce pensioner priority till points. "Special till points have been allocated to prioritise speedy checkouts for elderly and vulnerable people including those with disabilities," the supermarket chain said in a statement. Its owners, the Shoprite group, is appealing to senior citizens to shop outside of peak times (early mornings and late afternoons), when stores are quieter to minimise exposure.

# **Community inclusion in CPF** a step in the right direction

BONUS - TLHABANE WEST - Following a spate of house robberies and carjackings in Thabane West residents started community patrols to deter criminals from operating in

Unfortunately, the community was operating without training and they did not have the necessary resources which made them vulnerable to acts of crime. The community approached the DA requesting assistance with integrating them into the Community Policing Forum (CPF) and for the police to give them training on combating criminal activities. The DA then wrote to the Tlhabane SAPS Station Commander, Colonel Moagi and the Public Safety Directorate asking them to prioritize community patrols in Ward 8 especially in Tlhabane West due to the increase in criminal activities. Last Sunday, during a community meeting the Station Commander sent an officer in charge of the CPF to address the community complaints regarding crime in the area. Following the DA's intervention, the community will be incorporated into a formal CPF and they will receive the necessary training and resources to effectively carry out patrols. This move is a step in the right direction in the efforts to fight crime. Crime affects us all and community members and different stakeholders need to collaborate with the police in their efforts to create safer communities. The DA will continue to work with the community and the local SAPS to combat criminal activities to ensure safer communities for all the people living in the area.

# Municipal pools closed with immediate effect

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - This notice serves to inform the public and all swimming pool clubs of the closure of all the municipal pools (Marais Street, Middle Street, Karlienpark, Zinniaville and Monakato) with immediate effect.

This decision comes after the concerning the coronavirus. The pools announcement made by the President of South Africa for immediate precautions

have been envisaged to open again on 1 September.

# Covid-19 takes its toll in poor nutrition

RUSTENBURG HERALD - RUSTENBURG - With most of the country scrambling to find a way to keep children studying at home, the plight of poorer communities seems to be all but forgotten. But as the COVID-19 virus spreads, it now has left thousands of children without their primary source of

"President Ramaphosa announced last week that all schools, including Early Child Development centres

(ECD) will be closed until after Easter weekend. This decision, though warranted, has created a crisis for many children whose only meal is served at school. In addition to having no food at home, the majority of these children have no adult supervision during the day and live in densely populated living conditions with between 8 and 9 people in a house." savs Nelie Viljoen of the South African Vrouefederasie (SAVF) head office.

According to the SAVF – a non-profit organization aimed at creating a better life for vulnerable communities like children and elderly - sending children home is far from the safest option for many in poorer communities. The SAVF runs 31 ECD centres around some of the poorest communities in the country, providing a haven for more than 5000 children from infancy to Grade R.

"The extended holiday is putting immense strain on households," says Lizelle Minnaar, manager at SAVF Teletubbies in Pretoria-North. "Medicine and basic sanitation products have increased – in some cases doubled - since the beginning of the year. It is basically impossible to have these kids in an isolated environment, so all we can do is boost their immune system with healthy food and vitamins.

"Many of the SAVF's ECD centres will be providing the children, as well as their families, with food hampers to get through the extended holiday. "With winter around the corner we need warm clothing and even blanket as much as we need groceries and vitamins,", according to Viljoen.

However, it is not only toddlers who are suffering but also the 9 million learners who receive food thanks to the Department of Basic Education's nutrition project. Now more than ever South Africans need to stand together and not just think about themselves, this goes further than just using hand sanitizer and coughing in our elbows. We need to help those less fortunate and provide them with basic necessities like ample food and a safe

environment during this pandemic. To get involved or to donate clothing, food or vitamins, contact **SAVF** National Office in Pretoria on 012 325 3920 or send an email to nviljoentoet@savf.co.za



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# Missing person alert



The police would like your assistance in finding a missing person in Marikana. 29-year-old Thabiso Albert Mokhu was last seen on 12 October 2019 at about 00:00 at Laura Mantsho Tavern, Wonderkop in Marikana. The SAPS is urging the public to come forward with any information regarding this missing person. The Investigating Officer in this case is Capt Nkabi of Marikana Detective Service. He can be contacted on the following numbers: 078 052 5463/073 900 1914.

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# JST hospital implements restrictions to curb spread of COVID-19

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Job Shimankana Tabane Hospital is implementing restrictions for in-hospital visitations in order to limit the risk of spreading COVID-19, with effect from Friday (20 March).

The new visiting hours are: 15:00- 16:00 daily.

The adjustment of hospital visitation will also include the following: One visitor per patient in all wards; no rotation of visitors; limited visiting hours; no children

under 12 years. Also applicable to religious visits.

This is to ensure that minimal interaction is ensured and ultimately help in reducing the spread of the new

# Strumosa Str Landfill site not open

**BONUS -RUSTENBURG - Last** vear the Rustenburg Local Municipality issued a statement on 28 June stating that since to city has been experiencing illegal dumping it would be developing garden waste facility at Strumosa, near Olympia Stadium in Tlhabane.

The site, according to the municipality would strictly allow garden waste only from the public. Public or commercial garden services would not be allowed on

The operating time for this site would be from 08:00 to 16:00 on Saturdays and Sundays.

We received a letter form one of our readers stating that he was there at the site on Saturday (21 March) and from what he observed the site was closed and has been so for quite some time now. We asked the Rustenburg Local Municipality about this, please read this week's edition of the Rustenburg Herald for more information on this.

# Wanted house robber caught

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - A man who can be connected to a number of housebreakings in the city has been caught.

The robber who were allegedly very active in the Cashan/Safari Gardens area and can be linked to a number of cases.

Capt Elsabé Augoustides, Rustenburg police liaison officer, confirmed the arrest. Capt Augoustides added that the suspect appeared in court on Monday. At the time of going to press the latest development in the case was not yet known.

# Repo rate cut by 100 basis points

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - In line with market expectation, the Reserve Bank has cut the repo rate by 100 basis points to 5.25% per annum, Governor Lesetja Kganyago announced on Thursday (19 March).

"The MPC decided to cut the repo rate by 100 basis points. This takes the repo rate to 5.25% per annum, with effect from 20 March. The decision was unanimous," said the Governer following the twoday meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).

The decision came as the globe is fighting the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

The Governor said since the January meeting of the committee, the bank's forecast for inflation has continued to moderate, in line with monthly inflation data and recent lower oil prices.





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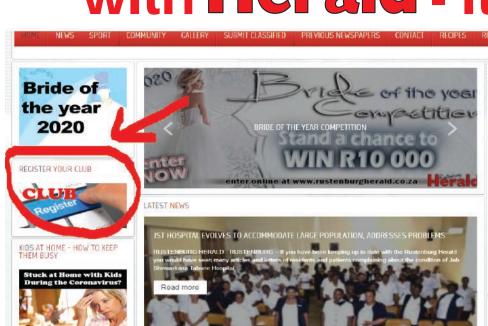




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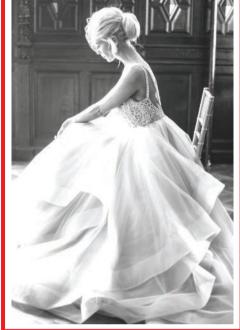
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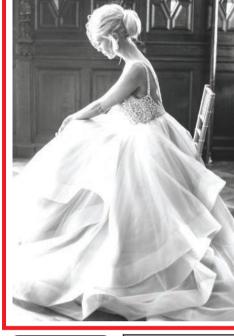
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# at Thaba Trails

On Saturday 14 March 2020 the Gauteng XCO League 2 took place at Thaba Trails in Gauteng. Youth girls results: Lauriesian Brett (third), Caitlin Thompson (Rustenburg Cycling Club, first) and Kita Uys (second).

# Beneficiaries urged to stagger collecting grants

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BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) has advised social grant beneficiaries to avoid collecting their grants on the first day of payment as the country fights against the COVID-19 pandemic.

:Beneficiaries are requested to avoid collecting their grants on the first day of payment due to the high pedestrian traffic at shopping malls and other outlets. Once SASSA has paid money into a beneficiary's account, the money will stay there and can be accessed at any day of the month instead of taking a health risk of visiting an outlet on the first day of the month," SASSA said

SASSA said it was heeding the President's call and taking the following precautionary measures:

Drawing money on first payment day. Beneficiaries are advised to avoid collecting their grants on the first day of payment due to the high pedestrian traffic at shopping malls and other outlets, which is a health risk during this period; outreach programmes are suspended. All Integrated Community Registration Outreach Programmes (ICROP) are suspended with immediate effect as most outreach programmes are attended by more than 100 people, including children and the elderly; home visits. Home, clinic and hospital visits by SASSA officials are suspended with immediate effect.

"Where a client is above 75 years of age and is bedridden and unable to report to a SASSA office, an application process can be completed under section 15 and Regulation 10 (1) of Social Assistant Act, 2004 to have a procurator or proxy apply on behalf of the affected client. The chosen procurator must be appointed in writing and produce that letter together with all their documents including identity card so that the application can be processed. The application will follow normal process," explained SASSA.

# Larries chess players excel

Learners of Laerskool Rustenburg participated in a chess tournament at Hoërskool Brits and did very well. Pictured here are Lourein J van Vuuren, Mari J van Vuuren, Douglas Morkel, Shanel Baker, Pieter de Jager, Amelia du Preez, Liard Blignaut, Miquele Jonas, Keanu dos Santos and Armand Beyneveld. Congratulations to Shanel Baker who came seventh in the u/12 team and received a bronze medal, she also received a gold medal for best girl in the u/12 team. Douglas Morkel



# **Builder of an empire** passes away

in Cape Town early on Saturday evening. Kerzner died of cancer, his former wife, among the top of the world's holiday and

In spite of his success, he will be remembered by many for his modesty and his generosity. Kerzer was married four times, among his former wives are Annelien Kriel - a former Miss South Africa and Miss World in the late 1970s.



BONUS - HERALD - Sol Kerzner, the man who built an empire of international hotels and entertainment resorts throughout the world, has passed away at he age of 84 years Annelien Kriel confirmed over the weekend. Kerzner is widely regarded as one of South Africa's most successful businessmen ever and has had extensive business interests entertainment industry.



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