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Pick n Play

Letsheng Mall & Eyethu Mall

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ACE Super Maize Meal 10kg
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TASTIC LONG GRAIN PARBOILED WHITE RICE 10kg

ALL 3 R369

Ace Super Maize Meal 10kg, Tastic Long Grain Parboiled Rice 10kg and Golden Cloud Cake Flour 10kg

<p>69⁹⁹</p> <p><small>Wohlfahrt Large Eggs 30s</small></p>	<p>56⁹⁹</p> <p><small>Huletts White Sugar 2.5kg</small></p>	<p>44⁹⁹</p> <p><small>PnP Brown Sugar 2kg</small></p>	<p>BOTH R99</p> <p><small>Bokomo Corn Flakes 1kg and Bokomo Weet-Bix 900g</small></p>	<p>58⁹⁹</p> <p><small>Kellogg's Corn Flakes 750g</small></p>
<p>64⁹⁹</p> <p><small>PnP Sunflower Oil 2Litre</small></p>	<p>38⁹⁹</p> <p><small>Crosse & Blackwell Mayonnaise Assorted 750g Each</small></p>	<p>39⁹⁹</p> <p><small>Wellington's Sweet Chilli Sauce 700ml</small></p>	<p>2 FOR R30</p> <p><small>Koo Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce 410g</small></p>	<p>69⁹⁹</p> <p><small>Rhodes Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce 6 x 410g</small></p>
<p>18⁹⁹</p> <p><small>Rhodes Tomatoes Chopped & Peeled 410g</small></p>	<p>26⁹⁹</p> <p><small>Bull Brand Corned Meat & Cereal 300g</small></p>	<p>19⁹⁹</p> <p><small>Rhodes Mixed Vegetables, Creamstyle Sweetcorn, Butter Beans, Processed Peas in Brine or Chakalaka Assorted 400g - 410g Each</small></p>	<p>ANY 2 R180</p> <p><small>PnP UHT Full Cream Milk Assorted 6 x 1 Litre Per Pack</small></p>	<p>ANY 2 R70</p> <p><small>Black Cat Peanut Butter Assorted 400g</small></p>
<p>ANY 2 R50</p> <p><small>Lucky Star Pilchard in Chilli or in Tomato Sauce 400g</small></p>	<p>ANY 4 R22</p> <p><small>Knorr Soup Assorted 50g</small></p>	<p>19⁹⁹</p> <p><small>Robertson's Rajah Curry Powder Assorted 100g</small></p>	<p>74⁹⁹</p> <p><small>Thokoman Peanut Butter Spread Assorted 1kg</small></p>	<p>38⁹⁹</p> <p><small>All Gold Jam Superfine Apricot 900g</small></p>
<p>ANY 2 R30</p> <p><small>Fattis & Monis Macaroni or Spaghetti Pasta 500g</small></p>	<p>119⁹⁹</p> <p><small>Snowflake Cake Flour 10kg</small></p>	<p>99⁹⁹</p> <p><small>PnP Super Maize Meal 10kg</small></p>	<p>57⁹⁹</p> <p><small>Iwisa Super Maize Meal 5kg</small></p>	<p>189⁹⁹</p> <p><small>Tastic Long Grain Parboiled Rice 10kg</small></p>
<p>2 FOR R68</p> <p><small>Spekko Long Grain Parboiled Rice 2kg</small></p>	<p>COMBO DEAL</p> <p>ALL 5 R800</p> <p><small>Sunfoil Sunflower Oil 5 Litre, Golden Delight Rice 10kg, Huletts Sun Sweet Brown Sugar 8kg, PnP Super Maize Meal 25kg and Golden Cloud Cake Flour 10kg</small></p>	<p>2 FOR R120</p> <p><small>Maq Hand Washing Powder 2kg</small></p>	<p>39⁹⁹</p> <p><small>Private Joy Toilet Paper Recycled 10s</small></p>	<p>1ply 500 Sheets</p>

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Pick n Pay spreads warmth and kindness on Mandela Day!



Eyethu and Letsheng Mall's staffers spend their 67 minutes with smiles, compassion and hearts full of service to Orange Farm

On Mandela Day, Pick n Pay continued their tradition of honouring the legacy of Nelson Mandela through acts of service.

At Eyethu Mall, the Pick n Pay team visited the Orange Farm Children's Home in Ext 1, where they donated groceries and served warm soup and fresh bread to children. The visit brought smiles and gratitude from

the young residents, who enjoyed not only the delicious meal but the kindness and presence of the volunteers.

Meanwhile, over in Ext 3, staff from Letsheng Mall Pick n Pay also dedicated their 67 minutes to giving back.

They arrived with groceries and served soup at a home, ensuring that even more

vulnerable families felt the warmth of Mandela Day.

This annual initiative is part of Pick n Pay's long-standing commitment to community upliftment. Year after year, their teams step in to provide not only essential food items but also meaningful engagement and compassion.

The recipients from both centres expressed heartfelt appreciation for the much needed groceries, hot meals, love and fun games children had with the staff. The day's activities were a reminder that a little kindness goes a long way and it takes a village to raise a child.

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Trust in the Lord!

It has always been God's will for us to trust in Him not in ourselves or in other people. He calls us to rely on Him because He cares for us and desires what is best for us.

As **Jeremiah 17:7** declares:

"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him." God is faithful and trustworthy; you can depend on Him. He longs for you to know His love and His power to intervene in your life. No matter what you are facing today or how long you've endured it, believe this: God can deliver you and transform your circumstances.

He is the God of all possibilities, who proclaims "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?" **Jeremiah 32:27.**

Prayer:

Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank you for your unconditional love. Thank you for reminding me to place my trust in you alone for you are faithful and true. I know that with you, nothing is impossible. Today, I surrender all my fears and burdens to you, confident that you care for me. I thank you for working in my life even now. In Jesus' name, Amen!



Ps Jim Mofokeng
King of Glory Chapel - 062 184 6956

Damascus Church promotes compassion and kindness



Church members displaying the items they brought for the "Bring What You Want, Take What You Need" event

On 13 July, The New Damascus Christian Apostolic Church (Ikhayelitsha) in Drieziek 1, hosted a heartfelt event titled "Bring What You Want, Take What You Need."

Led by Bishop Mandla Tshabalala and Mam Bishop Zoliswa Tshabalala, the initiative

encouraged church members to bring items in good condition and freely take what they needed from clothes and shoes to books and household essentials. The event aimed to strengthen relationships within the church and teach the value of giving from the heart. Mam Bishop

Zoliswa Tshabalala, said: "It wasn't about money it was about love in action. We encouraged everyone to look at what they had and ask, 'Who might need this more than I do?' Proposed by the youth of The New DCAC, the initiative addressed an often-overlooked issue in churches maintaining the same love and care shown when welcoming new members. "We recruit with love, but sometimes fail to sustain that love. This reminded us that love must be a daily act," added Bishop Mandla Tshabalala "Our society is full of takers. This was about creating a generation of givers, people who give without expecting anything in return," said a youth leader. Inspired by Acts 20:35 – "It is more blessed to give than to receive". The event turned a simple exchange into a moment of healing, sharing and community building. More than items changed hands that day, kindness, compassion and the true spirit of faith were passed along too.

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Usizo lwemali : Noble Virgins seek help to attend Africa Expo in Lesotho



This organisation is proud to raise the South African flag high in Lesotho!

Palm Springs' Noble Virgins, have been invited to the prestigious Africa Cultural and Trade Expo in Lesotho this September. They are appealing for financial assistance to attend.

The event, hosted by M Legacy Tour and Adventure International, aims to bring together traditional groups and entrepreneurs from across the continent to celebrate African heritage, unity and tourism. The Africa Cultural

and Trade Expo will take place from 2 to 7 September 2025 in Ha 'Meta Mokhotlong, Lesotho. Dignitaries including kings, ministries of tourism and cultural leaders from over 15 African countries are expected to attend. The celebration will also include a special visit to His Majesty's palace on 3 September. M Legacy is building an Africa Cultural Village Park in Mokhotlong to promote "The Kingdom in the Sky," Africa's first village park model. Noble Virgins' presence at the event would be an inspiration to other African nations and a proud moment for South Africa. However, the group is currently appealing for financial assistance to cover their transport and accommodation costs. They are asking for support from community members, businesses and cultural patrons to help them showcase South Africa's rich traditions on an international stage. To offer assistance or donations, please contact: 076 120 9648.

DA demands bold action against alarming gang violence and the spread of illegal firearms

Gauteng remains a dangerous place to live due to the rising gang violence and alarming surge in illegal firearms, particularly within coloured communities.

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Gauteng is deeply concerned about this trend. We demand that Gauteng Premier Panyaza Lesufi take decisive action to address the escalating trend that threatens the safety and stability of our communities. Since September 2024, Gauteng, under the watchful eye of Premier Lesufi, has recorded at least 15 gang-related violent incidents, whilst many go unreported. From drive-by shootings to targeted assassinations, gang violence is no longer isolated; it's spilling into our neighbourhoods, disrupting lives and instilling fear. Key hotspot areas include Westbury, Eldorado Park, Orange Farm, Johannesburg South (specifically South Hills, Moffatview and Chrisville). At the heart of this wave of violence is one common thread: illegal weapons and firearms. The flood of unregistered, untraceable weapons onto our streets is fuelling turf wars and empowering gangs to act with deadly force and impunity. The response from the Lesufi-led government has been lacklustre. Promises made by the Premier during press conferences and public addresses have not translated into effective policies or initiatives.

The DA demands that the Lesufi-led government take urgent, coordinated, and sustained action to combat gang violence and eliminate illegal firearms. A government that continues to invest millions in CCTV cameras and drones – many of which remain unused – has no excuse for failing to tackle gangs and illegal guns directly terrorising our communities. A DA-led Gauteng provincial government would initiate a province-wide drive to recover illegal firearms, offering incentives for anonymous tips and enforcing stricter firearm control laws. Would improve community-police partnerships, including resourcing community safety initiatives and implementing targeted awareness campaigns in areas prone to gang activity. Additionally, the DA would implement gunshot detection and smart surveillance in hotspot areas to enhance response times and support investigations. The DA stands in solidarity with communities that have been neglected and left vulnerable to gang-related violence and illegal guns. The DA is committed to pressuring the Gauteng government to respect the right to safety and security of these communities.

Issued by Michael Sun MPL – DA Gauteng Spokesperson for Community Safety

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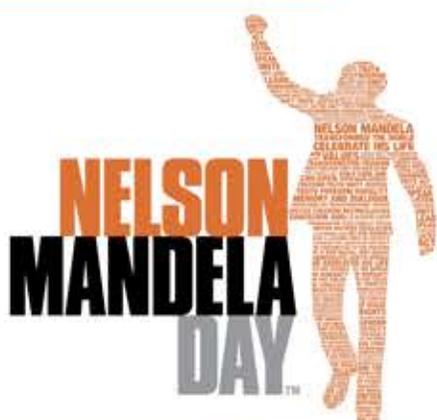
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Roots Butchery brings hope and smiles to Drieziek learners



Learners proudly show off their new school bags, stationery and fruit hampers in Drieziek 4

In celebration of Mandela Day, Roots Butchery at Eyethu Mall brought joy to young learners in Drieziek 4 with a generous donation aimed at supporting education.

On 19 July, the butchery handed over 20 brand new school bags, complete with stationery and fruit hampers, to beneficiaries of Help a Sister Foundation. The donation could not have come at a better time, many of the children had been using torn and worn-out bags for months. Their excitement was clear as they received their new supplies, along with hampers filled with fresh, tasty fruit treats. Ten of the school bags were also donated to the Abantu Literacy League in Drieziek 3, extending the impact across both communities. Help a Sister Foundation's Adelia Nqubuka, expressed heartfelt gratitude for the gesture. She told *OFN*: "We are truly grateful to Roots Butchery for the generous donation. It made a huge difference. These children desperately needed new school bags and stationery. We appreciate their continued contribution to education. It takes a village to raise a child."

The donation highlighted how local businesses can positively impact their communities and carry forward Mandela's legacy of kindness, equality and upliftment - one child at a time.



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Orange Farm icon, Solly Mkhabela, with a happy mkhulu while other senior citizens enjoy snacks while waiting for their blankets at Solwazi Primary in Drieziek 5

In celebration of Mandela Day on 18 July, the Solly Mkhabela Foundation continued its annual tradition of giving blankets to senior citizens.

This year, the focus was once again on caring for the elderly. A large number of senior citizens received warm blankets an essential gift during the cold winter months. The gesture was more than just practical support;

it was a symbol of love, dignity and community spirit. This ongoing initiative reflects the deep commitment of local businessman and philanthropist, Solly Mkhabela, whose passion for uplifting others continues to leave a lasting impact. The Foundation's Nobuntu Fatima, said: "This is not just about blankets it's about reminding our elders that they are valued

and remembered." The elderly expressed heartfelt gratitude, saying the warmth they felt was not just from the blankets, but from the kindness shown to them. As Mandela Day marks the call on all South Africans to take action and inspire change, the Solly Mkhabela Foundation once again led by example serving with compassion, consistency, and care.

Bikers give their #67minutes to Thato keMatla Orphanage



Riders spreading Madiba magic

In a moving show of compassion, the Soweto Motorbike School (SMS) Mandela Day Charity Ride brought warmth and joy to Thato keMatla Orphanage in Ext 8a.

The ride kicked off from World of Yamaha in Kelvin, with bikers from across Gauteng determined to beat the cold for a worthy cause. Their mission: to donate clothes, food, bedding, cleaning products and a TV. More than just a drop-off, the initiative

was about connection, compassion and showing the children that they are not forgotten. When the bikers arrived, the children excitedly watched biker stunts and the atmosphere was filled with joy. A prayer was led by Dimple Narsi, the Calvary Bikers Ministry MC national president from Johannesburg South as part of a tradition to bless the children and the home each year. "It's bikers' cultures to give back to not

expect anything in return. We are happy to spend 67 minutes with children, seeing smiles on children faces made us happy," said SMS chairperson, Alfred Matamela. The SMS Mandela Day Ride continues to be a beacon of unity, drawing support from clubs, individuals and sponsors including Swazi Rally, Goldwagen SA, Yamaha SA and community members who contributed through donation boxes placed at Yamaha. As winter tightens its grip, fire risks and hardships rise for vulnerable families and shelters. This initiative stands as a powerful reminder that empathy and collective action can make a meaningful difference. Narsi added: "To the bikers, sponsors and every helping hand - your kindness has left a lasting mark." Thato keMatla Orphanage felt the warmth not only from the blankets and food but from the hearts that delivered them.

Isolomzi Patrollers bring joy to Little Pina Pina Day Care on Mandela Day



These dedicated patrollers clean and paint in community-led solutions for the little ones

In the true spirit of Nelson Mandela Day, the team dedicated their 67 minutes to uplifting the day care centre in Ext 1.

The team spent the day washing carpets and mattresses, giving the little ones a cleaner, healthier space to learn and play. They also added a splash of colour and care by painting the day care's garage doors, helping restore the centre's welcoming environment. Pina Pina founder Maki Hlatshwayo expressed her gratitude for the selfless act: "We at Little Pina Pina Day Care Centre were honoured today. Isolomzi Patrollers came out to serve their 67 minutes by washing carpets and mattresses and even painted our gates. Their support means so much to us and the children we care for." The gesture was more than a clean-up it was a reminder of the power of community and giving back, one small act of kindness at a time.

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Smiles and kindness served on Mandela Day in Ext 1

On Mandela Day, Isivumelwano Organisation Project, founded by Mbali Khumalo, brought joy and dignity to the Ext 1 Home

As part of their 67 minutes for Mandela Drive, the team delivered food, clothes and much-needed care. But, they didn't stop there, they rolled up their sleeves and cleaned the Home's surroundings, turning giving into a shared act of humanity. "This wasn't just about giving. It was about connecting and showing kindness and love," said Isivumelwano director Thulani Ngidi. Residents and staff greeted the volunteers with smiles and gratitude, proving that real change comes from minutes spent with intention and heart.

In commemoration of Mandela Month, help the Joburg Ombudsman, Adv Sdu Gumede and his office to “cover soles and inspire souls” in Poortjie!

ADVERTORIAL

Joburg Ombudsman calls on residents to donate socks and books for dignity and development.

This Mandela Day, the City of Johannesburg's Office of the Ombudsman invites residents, businesses and organisations to partner in a meaningful act of service by bringing warmth and opportunity to the resilient community of Poortjie in Region G through the donation of new socks and books.

While Mandela Day reminds us that “it is in your hands” to build a better country, the Office of the Ombudsman remains grounded in its daily mandate, to promote administrative justice, uphold citizens' dignity and ensure fair treatment by the City.

“Our role goes beyond handling complaints. We advocate for systemic fairness and human dignity and this Mandela Day, that means prioritising overlooked communities like Poortjie,” says Advocate Siduduzo Gumede, Johannesburg Ombudsman.

Why Socks and Books?

1. Socks are often taken for granted - provide warmth, protection and a sense of dignity.
2. Books ignite learning, encourage self-worth and inspire dreams.

These small items have a big impact, especially in communities where access to such basics remains a barrier to development and opportunity. As part of the Ombudsman's commitment to responsive governance and social equity, this drive brings the City's values closer to the people.

“Every book says, ‘You matter.’ Every pair of socks says, ‘You are seen.’ These are powerful messages for a child or adult living in underserved areas,” Advocate Gumede adds.

Building Trust, One Act of Care at a Time
According to the Office of the Ombudsman By-law, the office is tasked with investigating complaints, promoting accountability, and improving public administration. But often, the issues residents face often go beyond paperwork, they are about everyday survival, access and feeling heard.

This Mandela Day initiative represents a proactive approach to this mandate, offering both symbolic and practical relief to those who need it most.

How You Can Help

- Donate:**
- New socks (all sizes)
 - New or gently used books (for ages 5- 60, any official South African language)

- Deadline:**
- Drop off donations by Monday, 28 July 2025
 - Distribution to the Poortjie community: Friday, 31 July 2025

Contact:
Corrine Lekhoane on 081 309 8360 or email corrine.lekhoane@joburgombudsman.org.za

Let's Cover Their Soles and Inspire Their Souls

Your small act of giving aligns with a broader mission: restoring trust between the city and communities, advancing development, and reaffirming the Ombudsman's role as a champion of fairness, humanity and hope.

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While the location may feel familiar, Ubuntu Build has no ties or affiliation with the previous hardware business that occupied the space. Customers can expect a new standard of professionalism, transparency, and friendly service from a team that cares about getting it right the first time.

"Ubuntu means 'I am because we are,'" says Ebrahim. "It's a reminder that when we support one another, we all grow. That's what this store stands for."

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Community Safety Forum members doing their 67 minutes for change in Drieziek 4

To honour Mandela Day on 18 July, the Orange Farm Community Safety Forum, led by Khonzaphi Mbele, hosted a community clean - up in Drieziek 4. Patrollers from all blocks joined forces to clean the streets and open spaces, reinforcing their daily mission to keep the area safe and clean.

"This was more than a clean - up; it was about living Madiba's values," said Mbele. The Forum, funded by monthly community contributions, also provides small stipends to its patrollers as a token of appreciation for their service. Beyond Mandela Day, the Forum is driving lasting change. It runs a monthly sanitary towel drive to support young girls who miss school due to lack of access to hygiene products. Thanks to community donations, the initiative has already reached several homes and continues to grow. Through acts of service and community - driven solutions, the Orange Farm Community Safety Forum remains a strong force for positive change in Drieziek 4.

SAPS's #67minutes of serving the vulnerable in Poortjie



Image: Sgt S.J. Molsapi

Orange Farm officers and partners dedicated their time making a positive impact in the community, providing breakfast, clothing, compassion and kindness

The South African Police Service (SAPS) Orange Farms marked Nelson Mandela Day on 18 July by dedicating 67 minutes to meaningful community service.

Working alongside key partners - including the Women's Network, Men for Change, Lifeline Johannesburg, the Department of Social Development and the Lekoa Women's Forum they reached out to the community's most

vulnerable in Poortjie.

As part of the initiative, the Social Crime Prevention team served warm soup to children and the elderly for breakfast. They also handed out groceries, fresh vegetables, fruit, bread, snacks and clothing to those in need. The day was a reminder of Mandela's enduring legacy of compassion, unity and service to others.



Stwetla Entertainment amplifies young voices, one mic at a time!



XVKAY (Nyiko Radebe)

This independent record label, based in Orange Farm, is shaking things up in the local music scene.

Founded last year by artist XVKAY (Nyiko Radebe) and his manager Simphiwe Ncube, the label was born to uplift XVKAY's music and discover raw local talent. Since its launch, it has signed a roster of dynamic artists including \$treet Tella, Sbuda Kau, O.J PHABLO, Shine, Emza Kay 901, and many others.

In just over a year, Stwetla has hosted crowd-pulling events like Mandela Park Shutdown and Kingdom of Dancers, giving a stage to homegrown talent.

XVKAY has already notched a Best Amapiano Artist nomination at the VSM Awards, performed outside Orange Farm and gained over 2.5 million streams across platforms.

Despite challenges, the label bounced back hard. Emza Kay 901's album Stena hit 300K streams in a week. XVKAY's Eps B.O.M.B.S and Farnton's Finest 2 reached over 255K streams. Sbuda Kau's Ghost EP and \$treet Tella's collab with XVKAY on \$treet X EP are still to come.

Through it all, Stwetla Entertainment continues to rise loud, bold and proudly Orange Farm.

Mvex film premier set for August



Image: Mvex

The Isifiso Sami crew brings a gripping drama filled with passion, betrayal and the realities of chasing fame

A gripping drama set in the heart of Slovoville, Soweto, by multi-talented singer, producer and songwriter Mvelase "Mvex" Sithole is set to premier on 21 August.

Though filmed in Slovoville, the production

proudly features talented actors from Orange Farm, blending two vibrant communities to bring authenticity and depth to the story.

The film follows the unraveling of a music group torn apart by jealousy, betrayal and

the harsh realities of the music industry. At the core of the story is the rocky relationship between Sbu and Lebo, shaken by rising materialistic expectations and personal ambition.

Meanwhile, Amanda's intentions are unmasked, her interest in Lebo driven more by fame and fortune than genuine love. As the characters are pulled in different directions, they are forced to confront the cost of their choices in a world where loyalty is tested and dreams can fade in an instant.

Mvex told *OFN* "I created Isifiso Sami from my own journey as an artist. I've seen how small things like pride, pressure or misplaced priorities can stand in the way of a dream. This film is a reminder; never sacrifice your happiness for someone else and always think ahead about the consequences of your choices." The project is a full creative vision brought to life by Mvex, who wrote, directed, shot, edited and produced the film under Four Skeem Production.

The official trailer is now available on YouTube.

Abantu Literacy League crowns kasi's essay champions



From left: Abantu Literacy teachers Senelisiwe Ngubeni and Tshepang Mizo with winners Njabulo Ntuli, Melokuhle Shelembe and Francisca Bembere

This organisation celebrated its one year anniversary in a meaningful and impactful way by giving back to the community that has supported it from day one.

On 10 July, they hosted a regional essay competition at its centre in Drieziek 3, bringing together young minds from across Orange Farm. The event was a celebration of the power of storytelling and literacy, especially among the youth.

The competition targeted learners from Grade 3 to Grade 10 and invited them to write positive stories about Orange Farm - a township close to their hearts and filled with untapped potential. For Abantu Literacy League, this was not just a competition, but an extension of their mission to nurture a reading and writing culture in under-resourced communities. Submissions opened on 10 April and closed on 10 June. Although the number of entries received was

lower than expected, the team was encouraged by the efforts of those who participated. The process revealed just how deep the literacy challenges run in the community, prompting the League to organise writing clinics to support participants in refining their work. While some entrants dropped out after being asked to revise their essays, others returned stronger and more determined, giving themselves a better chance of being selected as winners. In the end, the first category Grades 3 to 5 did not yield any final submissions, leaving only two categories to be judged.

The Grade 6 to 8 group received a particularly high number of quality entries and the judges decided to award two winners from that category. Three outstanding young writers were ultimately crowned as this year's champions. Njabulo Ntuli, a Grade 9 learner from Vulanidlela Secondary School, Melokuhle Shelembe, a Grade 8 learner from Raphela Secondary School and Francisca Bembere, a Grade 6 learner from Itemoheng Primary School, each received R1 000 along with a certificate to recognise their achievement. "We couldn't think of a better way to celebrate than to uplift the young minds of Orange Farm. Literacy is our passion and purpose. We believe that every story matters," said Abantu Literacy League's Ndweni. The competition is set to become an annual event. Looking ahead to 2026, the organisation aims to expand the competition to include adult participants and open it up to neighbouring areas such as Evaton, Majazana, Finetown, Lakeside and beyond. The League extended heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the event, including Bashley Mashego, Boxer Superstores, Dr Fikile Cynthia Mabena, Nobuhle Nkambule, Palesa Mavundla, Senelisiwe Ngubeni, Sihle Gaba and Tshepang Mizo.

"Our aim is to build a culture of reading and writing in communities where literacy has long been overlooked" – Abantu Literacy League.



Macgyver turns grease into gold

In the heart of Ext 6a, 37-year-old Bafana Joseph Ndweni better known as Macgyver is proof that passion and persistence can drive success, even without formal training.

From the front yard of his modest home, this self-taught mechanic keeps the community moving, one engine at a time. Macgyver didn't go to school to become a mechanic. His skills were born from observation, nurtured by necessity and refined by daily grind.

He told OFN "My dad wasn't a mechanic but he fixed our cars when we couldn't afford to pay a mechanic. I watched him

closely, learned from his hands and that's how it all started."

What began as a spark has now become a full-blown engine of hustle. Today, Macgyver runs an informal garage right at home, where he tackles everything from brake repairs to full engine overhauls using only his hands, experience and a fierce work ethic.

The work is no walk in the park it's hot, dirty and physically demanding. But, Macgyver wears the grit with pride.

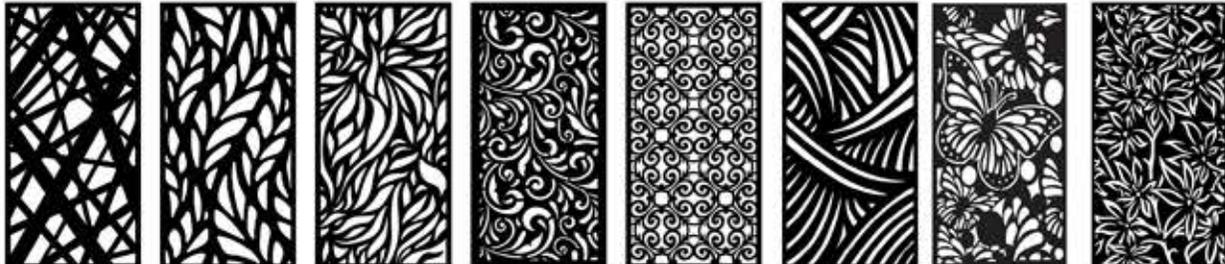
"People look down on this job because of the oil and the mess. But that oil that's where the money is. The dirt is the

hustle," Macgyver shared.

His day starts early, but he always makes time for what matters most - his family.

"Work is important, but my family keeps me grounded. I make time for them every morning and evening, no matter how busy I get," he added.

Macgyver's ultimate dream is to open a formal workshop, complete with proper equipment and space. But, for now his makeshift yard garage is a powerful symbol of resilience proving that with determination, skill and a little grease, greatness can be built from the ground up.



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Mshengu XI crowned Kwamshayazafe kings



This U15 team delivered outstanding performances from start to finish!

The 2nd Annual Kwamshayazafe Winter Games wrapped up on 20 July, after nearly a month of exciting youth football action that kicked off later last month. Hosted by Inkabi Yama Feleb Foundation and Themba Thenjekwayo the thrilling matches took place at Orange Farm Ext 1 City Park and Qoqa Primary School Grounds. Inkabi Yamafeleb told **OFN**: "The tournament went well, thanks to everyone who made it possible. The games featured competitive group stages in the U13, U15 and U17 divisions. The U21 category ran

as a Top 8 showdown, delivering thrilling encounters up to the final whistle." All winning teams from U13 to U21 received trophies and medals, celebrating their dedication, talent and sportsmanship. One of the standout teams was Mshengu XI FC U15, who impressed with a strong campaign throughout the tournament. Kwamshayazafe Winter Games's goal is to empower the youth, community engagement through sport, bring hope, unity and excitement to Orange Farm every winter. The organisers thanked the participants and the community.



Image: Siviwe Mau-Mau

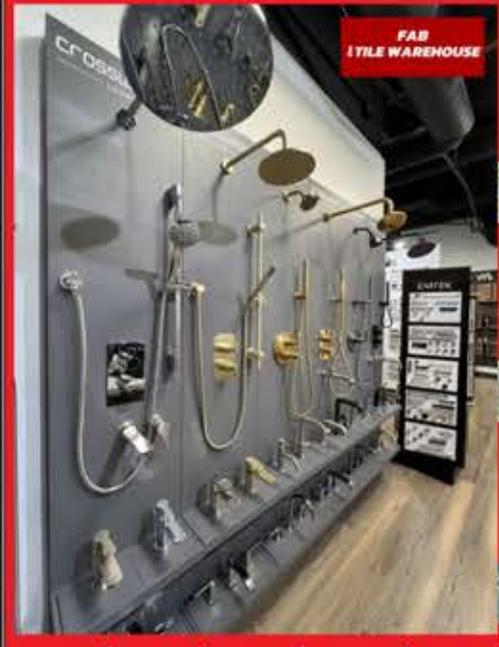
Drieziek Lions win MYSL Unity Games

The champions in navy and red kit celebrate their victory, with the spirited Young Tigers finishing as proud runner-up

The MYSL Unity Games concluded on 20 July after a thrilling six-day football showcase. Held at Bhengu's Ground, Solwazi Primary and Drieziek 5, the tournament brought together youth teams across five age divisions. Chokie Junior Stars FC emerged as champions in both the U10 and U12 categories. They defeated Dangerous Dakies in the U10 final, while Young Tigers fell to their U12 squad. Nathi Stars claimed third place in the U10s. Young Tigers took top honours in the U14 division, edging past Drieziek Lions. However, Drieziek Lions made a

powerful comeback in the U16 and U18 finals, beating Dangerous Dakies and Young Tigers respectively to claim both titles. Winners received gold medals and trophies, capping a week of talent, teamwork and sportsmanship. Tournament organiser Siviwe Mau-Mau, praised the event's impact: "The MYSL Unity Games are about building dreams and empowering youth through sport." "The MYSL Games will continue to grow as a vital platform for grassroots football and youth development in the south of Johannesburg. The aim is to keep boys off the streets," added Mau-Mau.

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