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MEC: "Spaza snacks linked to Orange Farm learner's death!"



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Gauteng Education MEC Matome Chiloane urges learners, parents and community members to be vigilant when purchasing food items and to avoid purchasing from unauthorised food vendors.

This follows the tragic passing of a Grade 10 girl learner from Orange Farm Secondary School, who passed away on Saturday, 28 June after having allegedly consumed of snacks bought from a spaza shop near her home.

Gauteng Department of Education's spokesperson, Steve Mabona, said: "According to information at our disposal, the learner allegedly ate snacks purchased from a spaza shop close to her family home on Saturday. It is alleged that she fell ill shortly afterwards and was rushed to a local clinic where she was unfortunately certified dead. The incident was formally reported to the school on 1 July. "We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family, the school community and all those affected by this tragic incident," said MEC Chiloane.

MEC Chiloane calls for increased vigilance and urges parents, learners and communities to desist from buying food items from unauthorised spaza shops or unregulated vendors, as such food items continue to pose serious health risks. "It is unfortunate that we are still experiencing tragic outcomes from the consumption of unauthorised or unverified food items. We urge communities to be more cautious and protect our children from avoidable harm, especially from unauthorised spaza shops," added MEC Chiloane.



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Street Talk



Special feature by Mpho Motaung



Tshepo Motloung
"Mental health means peace of mind and strength to keep going, even when life isn't perfect. Many hide their struggles out of fear of being judged. When I feel low, I turn to rest, prayer, family time or just fresh air. If you are struggling, please talk to someone you are not alone and you deserve love and support. A little kindness can change a life."



Mbali Xaba
"Mental health is how we see ourselves, relate to others and cope with life. Sadly, many people still fear talking about it. Staying active, relaxed and connected helps protect our mental well-being. Let's be kind and listen without judgment support, understanding and proper care can help someone heal and live well."



Phineas Mofokeng
"Mental health includes emotional, psychological, spiritual and social well-being and it even affects us physically. We don't talk enough. People are angry, police stations are full, this silence is dangerous. Build healthy relationships, stay active and talk to people you trust. Don't be ashamed to ask for help. Speaking out is powerful-it's the real medicine. Take care of your mind and you will see life improve."



Innocent Dlamini
"Mental health is more than not being ill - it's about being well enough to thrive, handle life's challenges and connect with others. Many suffer in silence out of fear of not being believed. We need to create safe spaces to talk, whether through sports, conversations or activities that ease stress. I hope more people learn from each other and feel free to ask for help, it can reduce anxiety, depression and hopelessness."



Thandi Maseko
"Mental health is feeling okay in your mind and heart, strong enough to face life and still find joy. Many are afraid to speak out, but opening up to someone you trust really helps. Small things like praying, music, walking or being with loved ones can lift your spirit. You are not alone and it's okay to ask for help. Let's listen, support and show more kindness."



Monghadi Ernest Monkoe
"Mental health is about balance feeling well emotionally, spiritually and mentally, despite life's pressures. Many avoid the topic due to a lack of emotional guidance. Hobbies, spirituality and recreation help us cope. If it's hard to talk to people you know, speak to social workers or use government helplines. We should start normalizing mental health talks in churches and schools from a young age."

What you need to know about mental health



Mental health is just as important as physical health - yet, in many communities, it is still misunderstood or ignored. Mental health refers to a person's emotional, psychological and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, behave, handle stress, relate to others and make choices in daily life. One of the biggest facts people need to know is that mental illness is common and treatable. Conditions like depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) affect millions of people worldwide, including children and young adults. Just like you would treat a broken bone, mental health conditions need care and attention.

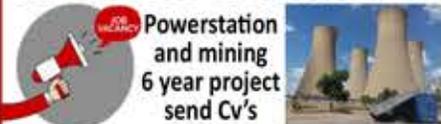
Warning signs of mental health challenges may include:

1. Withdrawing from friends or activities
2. Constant sadness or hopelessness
3. Sudden mood changes or irritability
4. Changes in eating or sleeping habits
5. Feeling overwhelmed or helpless
6. Thoughts of self-harm or suicide

Recognizing these signs early can help prevent the situation from getting worse. But it's important to remember that mental illness is not a weakness and seeking help is a sign of strength. While there may not be a single "cure," many treatments and coping tools are available. These include therapy, medication, support groups, lifestyle changes and learning stress management skills. Talking to a mental health professional, a doctor or even someone you trust can be the first step toward healing. Stigma around mental health often prevents people from speaking up. We need to break that silence. Mental health matters and everyone deserves support. If you or someone you know is struggling, don't suffer in silence. Reach out. Help is available and recovery is possible.

Here are mental health helplines in South Africa that people can call for help, support, or counselling free and confidential:
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Goddess Beauty transforms passion into profit!



Armed with skills and starter kits, these graduates are ready to paint their way into the beauty business world

Zinhle Nqobile Radebe (23) known to many as Zee'nqobile is transforming lives one brushstroke at a time.

A self-employed beauty entrepreneur and founder of Goddess Beauty Trainings, Radebe has made it her mission to empower young people in Orange Farm through beauty and business. She runs 5-day beauty training programs in Ext 10, where she equips aspiring beauty professionals with practical skills to start their own businesses or find work in the beauty industry. I have kept the training fee affordable, understanding the financial challenges many of us are currently facing. Each intensive course costs just R1 300 and includes a starter kit students take home. The program focuses on makeup and nail artistry and is designed to be completely hands-on.

Radebe told **OFN**. "In a society with high unemployment rates, I believe it's important

to create opportunities where young people can thrive - even without formal tertiary education. The training is very practical to make sure each student walks away with real, usable skills. Whether it's to start freelancing, open a small business, or get salon experience, they leave ready to work."

Participants also receive a certificate of completion, boosting their credibility as they take their first steps into the beauty industry. More than just a business, Radebe sees her work as a movement. "I want to inspire others, especially young people to pursue alternative paths to success. With determination, creativity and passion, it's possible to build a meaningful life-even in tough times," added Radebe.

For more info WhatsApp Radebe on 062 010 6026 or call 067 854 3809. Follow her on Facebook: Zee'nqobile Radebe and TikTok at @Zeenqobile.



Officially opening the taxi rank: MMC for Transport - Cllr Kenny Kunene alongside MMCs Mlungisi Mabaso - Human Settlements, Eunice Mgcina - Development Planning, Tebogo Nkokou - Community Development, OFUTA representatives and others

R68-million state-of-the-art taxi rank officially opens in Ext 10

The long-awaited Stretford Public Transport Facility in Orange Farm has officially opened its doors, marking a major milestone in the City of Johannesburg's High-Impact Service Delivery Programme (HISDP). Developed by the Johannesburg Development Agency (JDA) at a cost of R68-million, the new facility is set to transform public transport in the region, improving mobility and stimulating economic activity for local residents and traders. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was led by key city leaders, including MMC for Transport Cllr Kenny Kunene, MMC for Human Settlements Cllr Mlungisi Mabaso, MMC for Development Planning Cllr

Eunice Mgcina, MMC for Community Development Cllr Tebogo Nkokou and Ward 131 Cllr Makhosazana Ndlela. The state-of-the-art facility features a modern guardhouse, administration offices, commuter parking, stormwater infrastructure and a fully covered taxi rank. Local traders will also benefit from designated stalls within the hub-making it more than just a transit point, but a centre of opportunity. Strategically positioned, the hub will connect Orange Farm with key areas including the City of Joburg, Walkerville, Vanderbijlpark, Heidelberg, and surrounding communities paving the way for greater regional integration and access.

Kungani kufanele 'Uzikhokhele Kuqala'

Njalo ngoNtulikazi, siyakhunjuzwa ukubaluleka kokonga ngesikhathi seNyanga Yokonga. Nokho, bambalwa bethu abakwazi ukubhekana nokungabi nakhiwo lokonga. Yingakho i-Smart About Money, umkhankaso owenziwa yi-Association for Savings and Investment South Africa (ASISA), ikhuthaza ukuba #UzikhokheleKuqala.

Ukuzikhokhela kuqala kuyindlela yokwenza isabelomali lapho uqala ngokubeka eceleni imali yokonga njalo lapho uthola iholo, ngaphambi kokuba uyisebenzise kwezinye izinto. Lo mkhuba usiza ukuthi ube nokuzithiba futhi ufinyelele imigomo yakho yezezimali.

Uma ulinda kuze kuphele inyanga ukuze uqale ukonga, uzokhangwa yizinto ezingabalulekile njengempahla, ezokuzijabulisa noma ukudla ngaphandle. Uzothi awusenaso isikhwama sokonga. Uma uzikhokhela kuqala, imali yakho yokonga iyasuswa ku-akhawunti yakho ngokuqondile uma uthola iholo. Ngokuhamba kwesikhathi, lokhu kuzoba sengathi yizinkokhelo ezijwayelekile noma i-debit order, futhi uzofunda ukuphila ngaphandle kwale mali.

Uzikhokhele kuqala

Okubalulekile ukuthi uvule i-akhawunti yokonga ehlukile noma utshalomali, njengama-unit trusts noma ama-ETF (exchange-traded funds), bese usetha ukuhanjiswa kwemali ngokuzenzakalelayo ngosuku uthola ngalo iholo.

Ukuze ugcine imali yokuphuthumayo noma imigomo yesikhathi esifushane (njengesikhathi sokuvakasha noma ukuvuselela ikhaya), khetha i-akhawunti enesikhathi esinqunyiwe esihambisana nesikhathi ozongela kuso.

Uma imigomo yakho iphakathi nendawo noma yesikhathi eside, bheka ezitshalweni ezifana nama-unit trusts noma ama-ETF anenzuzo engaphezulu ngokuhamba kwesikhathi. Nikeza umgomo wakho wokonga igama, usethe inani olifunayo, bese ucabanga ukuthi kuzothatha isikhathi esingakanani ukufinyelela kulowo mgomo. Lokhu kuzokugwema ekutheni udle imali yakho yokonga.

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Noma ngabe uqala ngama-R50, ukuqonda ukuthi unomgomo wokonga kuzokwenza ungathengi izinto ungalindelekile futhi kukhuthaze ukuthi wengeze uma iholo lakho lenyuka noma izindleko zehla.

Ukubeka imigomo

Ungaqala ngokubeka umgomo owodwa,

bese ngokuhamba kwesikhathi uvula ama-akhawunti ahlukene noma utshalomali ukuze uhlangebezane nemigomo ethile nesikhathi sawo.

Umgomo wokonga weziphuthumayo

Qala ngezimali eziphuthumayo. Lokhu kukuvikela uma kuba nezimo eziphuthumayo ezifana nokugula, ingozi noma ukulungiswa kwekhaya noma imoto futhi lokhu kusiza ukuthi ungangeni ezikweletini.

Umgomo wesikhathi esifushane

Lona ungaba phakathi konyaka no-3 iminyaka. Ukonga ngalolu hlobo kusiza ngezindleko ezifana nokuthenga umshini, uhambo oluncane, noma izindleko zikaZibandlela.

Umgomo wesikhathi esimaphakathi Kubalulekile ukonga izinto ezinkulu njengohambo lwaphesheya, umshado, idiphozithi yendlu noma imoto. Lokhu kuthatha phakathi kweminyaka emithathu kuya kweyishumi.

Umgomo wesikhathi eside

Lokhu kufaka phakathi impesheni noma izimali zemfundo yabantwana. Sebenzisa i-Smart About Money Retirement Savings Calculator. Kubalulekile ukuthi kudingeka ugcine malini. Bheka i-retirement annuity uma inkampani yakho ingenaso isikhwama.

Uma unomsebenzi

Uma unesikweletu esibizayo sesikhashana, njengesikweletu somuntu siqu noma ikhadi lesikweletu, uzikhokhela kuqala ngokunciphisa lezo zikweletu. Ukukhokha ngaphezu kwenkokhelo encane kuzokwenza usheshise ukukhipha isikweletu. Gwema izikweletu ezintsha ngokulungiselela izimo ezingalindelekile.

Qala kancane

Uma kudingekile, qala kancane kodwa uqhubeke njalo. Ngisho nezindleko ezincane zingakhula ngokuhamba kwesikhathi. Uma ungagcini izikweletu eziningi, uyokwazi ukonga okukhulu.

Khumbula:

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54⁹⁹

Joko Teabags Tagless 100s

BOKOMO VEET-BIX

28⁹⁹

Bokomo Weet Bix 450g

no name CORN FLAKES

44⁹⁹

no name Corn Flakes 1kg

Kellogg's CORN FLAKES

69⁹⁹

Kellogg's Corn Flakes 1kg

LIVEWELL no name QUICK COOKING OATS

34⁹⁹

no name Oats 1kg

LIVEWELL SUPER MAIZE MEAL

99⁹⁹

PnP Livewell Super Maize Meal 10kg

TUSK SUPER MAIZE MEAL

84⁹⁹

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34⁹⁹

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36⁹⁹

All Gold Jam Superfine Apricot 900g

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21⁹⁹

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16⁹⁹ SWIPE IT

Blue Ribbon Classic White Sliced 700g

14⁹⁹ SWIPE IT

Sasko Premium Slices Brown Bread 700g

FRIDGE & FREEZER

42⁹⁹

Sunshine D Lite Medium Fat Spread In Tub 1kg

32⁹⁹

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27⁹⁹

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27⁹⁹

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29⁹⁹

Douglasdale Amasi Full Cream Maas 2 Litre

29⁹⁹

Clover Tropika Dairy Blend Assorted 2 Litre Each

32⁹⁹

no name™ Mixed Vegetables 900g

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no name™ French Polony 1kg

44⁹⁹

Dairymaid Farmhouse Ice Cream Assorted 1.8 Litre Each

36⁹⁹

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39⁹⁹

PnP Citrus Family Pocket Value

109⁹⁹

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64⁹⁹

Sea Harvest Fish Fingers 600g

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239⁹⁹ SWIPE IT

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16⁹⁹ SWIPE IT

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44⁹⁹ SWIPE IT

no name™ Foam Bath Assorted 2 Litre Each

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HOUSEHOLD

23⁹⁹ SWIPE IT

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22⁹⁹ SWIPE IT

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29⁹⁹ SWIPE IT

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27⁹⁹

no name™ Bleach Assorted 1.5 Litre Each

21⁹⁹ SWIPE IT

Sunlight Laundry Soap 500g

28⁹⁹ SWIPE IT

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Queer Awareness event encourages empathy and action



Parents, Families & Friends Of South African Queers
Educating the community: Bonginkosi Buthelezi, Keitumetse Skonta, Cynthia Mahlatsi, Virginia Magwaza, Tumi Ndweni, Lwazi Mazibuko and Thandeka Gcasamba

In a powerful push for inclusion and understanding, residents, activists and members of the LGBTIQ+ community came together for the Information Sharing and Fun Queer Learning event.

Held on 1 and 2 July in Drieziek 5, the gathering echoed a clear message: no one should be left behind or silenced. The event was spearheaded by Thandeka Gcasamba of We Strive To Live and Ntombizodwa Rannyadi of Parents, Families and Friends of South African Queers (PFSAQ). Rannyadi told *OFN* "We want to educate people about the LGBTI community. We don't want to be treated as something special. We just want to be treated like everybody else: loved and accepted.

Workshops, open dialogues and fun, inclusive activities created a safe space for honest conversations and connection. From tackling bullying in schools to confronting the hidden struggles of queer youth including mental health and suicide.

The event encouraged reflection, empathy and action. Various local stakeholders lent their voices and support, underlining the shared responsibility to build safer schools and more compassionate communities. Participants agreed: awareness is the first step towards change and everyone deserves the freedom to live openly and authentically in the place they call home.

Queer lives matter: LGBTQIA+Rainbow Event promotes safety and inclusion



Orange Farm Rainbow Event founder Nkululeko Sogula, Refiloe Mitso - Isithunzi Media House, Fikile Xinzelele - SAQueer representative, artist Joddie Grace and Calvin Nkosi - President of SAQueer Movement at Metsing Car Wash

The vibrant Metsing Car Wash and Shisanyama came alive with music, colour and purpose as the SA Queer Movement hosted the first-ever Orange Farm Rainbow Event late last month.

The celebration, held under the banner of #SAQueerMovement, marked a historic moment in the township's journey toward equality, inclusion and safety for the LGBTQIA+ community. The event drew an impressive crowd and featured a dynamic lineup of artists, including Buju, Phelo Musiq, Letroy, Smoke Mirror, DJ De Carpe, DJ Kipstar, Nezy, Real Fistos, Tebza and DJ Magic Touch, among others. But beyond the music and entertainment, the event carried a powerful message: Queer lives matter and deserve dignity, safety and respect. "Our goal is to ensure that Orange Farm becomes a safe space for everyone and that the LGBTQIA+ community is not just included, but celebrated. This is only the beginning. I'm planning to go even bigger next year," said Nkululeko Sogula, chairperson of SA Queer Movement and founder of the Orange Farm Rainbow Event. Calvin Nkosi, president of the SA Queer Movement and founder of the

Midrand Rainbow Event, highlighted the broader vision of the organisation: "We are advocating for LGBTQIA+ rights not only in communities, but also at parliamentary level, pushing for policies that stop violence, promote equality and encourage coexistence, humanity and compassion."

In partnership with local stakeholders, the event also featured educational and empowerment initiatives, including: unisex toilet allocation; security and hospitality training on diversity and inclusion; customer service and pronoun workshops; career counselling and wellness promotion and support for small businesses. The SA Queer Movement has been active for over three years, mobilising Pride events across South Africa. The Orange Farm Rainbow Event is part of a larger, long-term strategy to combat hate crimes and discrimination while building bridges between the LGBTQIA+ community and the wider public. Inclusive & Impactful Programming. This programme offers a unique opportunity to drive positive change, promote diversity and empower the LGBTQIA+ community - while uniting Farnton in the spirit of acceptance, education and pride.



Orange Farm streets turned blue as police and stakeholders unite to raise awareness and encourage communities to report all incidents to ensure a quick response by SAPS

Police on the frontlines against GBVF

In a determined effort to combat gender-based violence and rape, Orange Farm SAPS held a community awareness campaign on 1 July in Drieziek 1 and Ext 8 along the Golden Highway on 1 July.

More than 500 pamphlets were distributed to residents, as SAPS officials and partners engaged directly with the community. The initiative brought together several key units and stakeholders: Sector Commanders; Social Crime Prevention Coordinators; GBV Coordinators; Communication Officers; FCS PRO; the Bicycle Squad and Community in Blue patrollers. These teams collaborated to educate residents on the importance of reporting GBV and rape. The message was clear - these crimes must be reported immediately to ensure swift police response and the arrest of perpetrators.

Orange Farm SAPS communication officer, Sergeant Shaan Motsapi, said: "The aim is to tackle the scourge of GBV, rape and femicide within Orange Farm's policing area. We are focusing especially on areas where violence against women is most severe and working hard to positively change the attitudes of men and boys towards women. Orange Farm SAPS continues to lead the charge in creating safer, more informed communities - one conversation at a time."

The campaign also raised awareness about the legal responsibility to report abuse. Acting station commander, Colonel TG Mofokeng, praised the initiative, emphasizing the importance of community cooperation. "Failure to report domestic violence, sexual offences against children, older persons and persons with disabilities is a criminal offence," he warned.

Ext 1's Skyfall lands role in Mzansi Magic's Genesis



Sibonelo Khumalo lights up the big screen with a powerful story of resilience and hope

Nhlanhla Skyfall is turning dreams into reality, one screen at a time. The 21-year-old actor, comedian, content creator and scriptwriter has landed his biggest role yet, appearing in episodes of *Genesis* on Mzansi Magic (Channel 161).

But Skyfall's rise wasn't overnight it's a story of perseverance, grit and a relentless belief in his talent. He told *OFN*: "I sometimes look back and I can't believe how far I've come. From missing out on major roles because I couldn't afford professional headshots, to now seeing myself on TV it's overwhelming. Every struggle shaped me. This is just the beginning." His journey began in 2023 during his matric year, when he discovered his love for acting. He took a leap of faith and joined workshops hosted by OCA Model Agency and later, Rise Mpumalanga Talent. Industry scouts quickly noticed his potential. But setbacks followed opportunities with major productions like *uShaka iLembe* and *Isitha: The Enemy* slipped through his fingers, simply because he didn't have a professional portfolio. Then, heartbreak struck, the death of his

grandmother nearly made him quit.

"I was deeply hurt and discouraged but three days after the funeral, I told myself that I have to keep going not just for me, but for her," said Nhlanhla. That decision became a turning point. He enrolled in masterclasses at Hlophe Casting Agency and finally invested in the tools every aspiring actor needs: a Z-card and professional headshots. The hustle paid off. His breakout role in *Genesis* came shortly after a moment that still feels surreal. "I'm especially grateful to The Real Queen Phindile from Rise Mpumalanga Talent for believing in me and to Patrick Mofokeng from Scandal! I wouldn't be where I am without that early experience. Meeting big stars has always been a dream and now I get to work alongside them. It's a dream come true," he added. When he's not on set, Nhlanhla is creating hilarious skits and directing short adverts. His TikTok presence is growing fast you can follow his journey at @nhlanhla.skyfall. With talent, heart and hustle, Skyfall is proving that even in a place like Orange Farm where opportunities are scarce, stars can rise.



Image: supplied by Phil Cash

Phil Cash

Let's bring it home! Vote for Phil Cash at the LNMAs

Hip hop artist Happy Mokoena, better known by his stage name Phil Cash, is calling on his community and fans across South Africa to help him secure a landmark win at the prestigious 2nd Lesotho National Music Awards where he has been nominated for the highly competitive Best Hip Hop Artist category.

"This is the biggest category of my life. Till this point, I'm still dealing with disbelief," said anelated Phil Cash. The nomination comes off the back of his debut single, 1st Marathon, which has been steadily making waves beyond South African borders. The track is currently hosted on SlikourOnLife.co.za and gaining traction in Lesotho, thanks in part to loyal fans like Khombat Lehloholo, who reached out last year with promising news. "One of my supporters from Lesotho, Khombat Lehloholo, called me and said he is still pushing my music that side and it's doing very well. He told me something big might be coming," Phil shared.

That "something big" turned into reality earlier this year when Lehloholo sent Phil the submission link for the awards. Now, Phil finds himself among a powerful lineup of nominees including Ntate Stunna, Sannere, Omali Thamba and Puleng Phoofole – names he has long admired. "Sharing this award ceremony with them is not just a personal milestone – it's history for me, for Orange Farm, for my supporters and for South Africa as a whole," he said. Now, the artist is turning to his community for support. "As the saying goes, it takes a village to raise a child. I believe my support should come from where I'm currently located – Orange Farm," he concluded.

How to vote: SMS NMA260 to 47439, SMS costs R2. Free SMSs do not apply. Follow on Facebook: Phil Cas



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Pearl Nrateng Zwane

Pearl Nrateng Zwane (22) is making bold moves as she prepares to represent her community in the finals of a prestigious beauty pageant set for 18 October at the Boksburg Auditorium.

She calls for Orange Farm to support her with sponsorships including funds, pairs of size 6 shoes, a dress or any form of help to make her journey to the finals possible. She also needs votes and supporters can use her name, Pearl, as per the official voting poster. Look for this poster on OFN's Facebook page. More than just a pageant contestant, Pearl is a passionate mental health

Ext 1's Pearl asks for your support to win Miss Boksburg

advocate who wants to use the platform to raise awareness and drive change within her community. Pearl told OFN: "What inspired me to enter the pageant is the opportunity to spread awareness about mental health. I have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and epilepsy. The Miss Boksburg platform values sisterhood, purpose and as a confident woman living with a disability, I'm proud to be part of something so powerful. I don't live under the 'what will people say' syndrome - I walk in confidence."

Despite challenges, including the pressure to sell R300 worth of tickets, a compulsory requirement for finalists Pearl found a way. She created a sponsorship form and reached out for donations, determined not to let finances hold her back. She says this is the best pageant she has ever entered and encourages other young models to take similar opportunities seriously.

Pearl's message is clear: "Never let your circumstances stop you from chasing your dreams."

To support Pearl on her journey, whether through sponsorship, clothing, or encouragement, you can call or WhatsApp her on 079 550 6541.

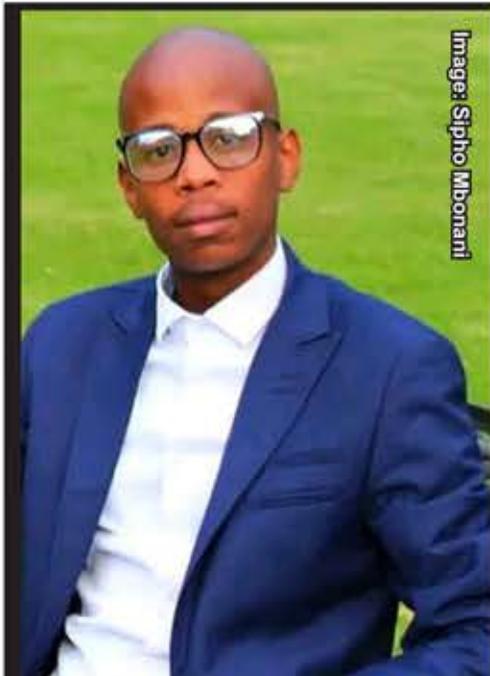


Image: Sipho Mbonani

Orange Farm's Tebogo Rapakgadi named 2025 Sunday World Unsung Hero

Tebogo Rapakgadi (26), has been honoured as unsung hero - a recognition that shines a spotlight on changemakers making a real impact in their communities.

Adding to the celebration, the Orange Farm Academy has also been selected to be profiled in the Sunday World's special national edition, highlighting projects that are changing lives across South Africa.

Rapakgadi is the co-founder of Orange Farm Academy NPO based in Ext 1. The Academy offers Saturday classes to Grade 10 and 11's on key subjects. Rapakgadi is a Unisa and Young African Leaders Initiative alumni. He is the current Thuli Madonsela Foundation ambassador and a current affairs blogger.

"I'm incredibly proud and humbled to be recognised among such inspiring young trailblazers. This award is not just for me - it belongs to the dedicated tutors, staff and leadership at Orange Farm Academy who work tirelessly every Saturday to give our youth a better future. To the mothers who help us with meals and the CPF members who support our work on the ground - this is your award too. Siyabonga," he told OFN.

The recognition highlights the collective efforts behind Orange Farm Academy's mission to keep young people off the streets and on the path to empowerment.

Nombuso needs your vote to claim Miss Qhawekazi SA title!



Image: Nombuso Mabaso

This kasi beauty queen is on a mission to bring the crown home with your support

Nombuso Mabaso (21) is turning dreams into reality - one step at a time, and this time, it's on one of the country's biggest stages.

She is a finalist in the Miss Qhawekazi South Africa 2025 and is calling on her community to help her claim the

crown by casting their votes. On 30 August, the spotlight will shine brightly on the Pretoria State Theatre, where Nombuso will represent not just herself, but every young woman who told she isn't enough. Nombuso said: "Miss Qhawekazi is more than a pageant It's a platform to tell my story, honour my culture and empower young women to believe in themselves." Rooted in values of wellness, self-love and authenticity, Nombuso's journey has been shaped by resilience. Growing up on Mshengu Street, in Ext 1 she faced the same insecurities many young girls battle but she chose to rise above. "I used to doubt myself. Now I don't compare, I focus, I grow and I enjoy every moment on stage," she said. With confidence, grace and a mission bigger than the sash, Nombuso is asking for your support.

How OFN readers can help: SMS "MQSA NOMBUSO" to 40439. Each SMS costs R2, and voting closes on 31 July. Whether she takes home the crown or not, one thing is certain: Nombuso is already royalty in the eyes of her community.

Mau-Mau Youth Soccer League set to change the face of football



Image: MYSL

This league was officially launched last month at Solwazi Primary in Drieziek 5, ushering in a bold new era for youth development through sport. More than just a league, Mau-Mau Youth Soccer League (MYSL) positions itself as a social movement using football to inspire discipline, unlock potential and instill pride in young players across Orange Farm.

The energy at the launch signaled the community's faith in the league's mission. Even before the official launch, Drieziek Lions FC had already registered their team a powerful endorsement of the MYSL vision. The league announced its first official tournament, scheduled for 11, 12, 14 and 15 July at Bhengu Ground, Drieziek 5. Age categories include U8, U12, U14 and U17, with entry fees ranging from R80 to R200. Both boys and girls will compete in their divisions and prizes include participation

certificates, trophies and medals. A team in a further step toward professionalising local football, MYSL hosted its first Referees Workshop on 28 June at Old Multipurpose, led by seasoned PSL referee Clifford Motaung. The session covered rules, conduct and matchday procedures, marking a milestone in building a fair and structured league. MYSL's founder Lucas Mau-Mau, told OFN: "This is not just football it's a tool to guide our youth into futures filled with dreams and discipline. Our aim is to produce top class and disciplined players."

With growing interest, MYSL plans a second workshop open to coaches, referees and players. Certificates will be issued to participants, laying the groundwork for future opportunities even in top-tier competitions.

To support or join this movement, please call 065 371 9681.

Lucas Mau-Mau joins coaches and players at the launch event, showcasing the trophies and match balls up for grabs in this month's soccer battle



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Orange Farm's rising golf stars shine at Sun Valley



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UNSTOPPABLE: Tournament winner, Tshiamo Makamedi (pictured right) while 2nd placed Anandi Makhadi receives his prizes from Danny Makamedi

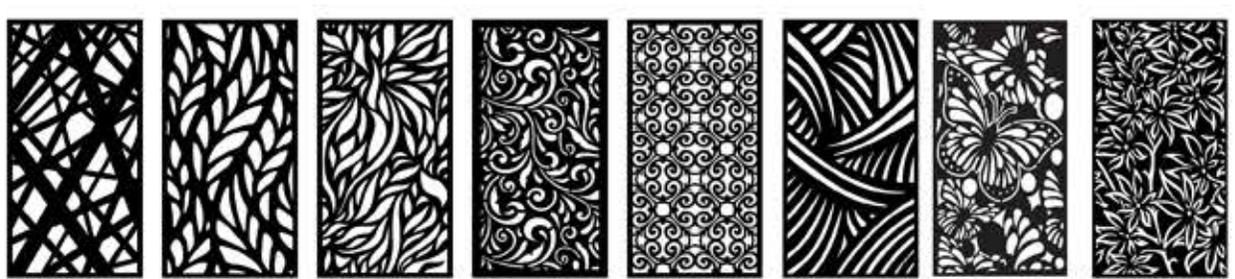
In a community where sporting facilities are limited and resources scarce, a group of determined young golfers from Orange Farm are proving that talent, passion and perseverance can still drive success.

At just 7 to 13-years-old, these budding athletes showcased their skills at the

prestigious Sun Valley Golf Resort, where the Smart Golf Academy hosted a junior tournament that brought together young talent from across the region. While the event coincided with the Youth Day commemorations on 16 June, the real celebration was watching these youngsters challenge themselves on the fairways many

for the first time on a course of this calibre. The top 3 winners in the Junior League stood out for their composure and talent: 1st placed Tshiamo "Tshitshi" Makamedi took the tourney title while Andani Makhadi and Serafim Leite were placed 2nd and 3rd respectively. Proud parents and community members cheered from the sidelines, some

walking the course alongside the players, while others took to the greens themselves. The tournament was not just about scores, it was a powerful reminder of what's possible when youth are given opportunities to thrive. With continued support, these young golfers are poised to break barriers in a sport still seen as elitist.



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