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Lebohang Moloi, founder of OilSmart, turns a simple cooking habit into an innovative solution helping township households save money and promote healthier living

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Isithombe: Khonzaphi Mbele

Khonzaphi Mbele receives a certificate of appreciation from Thetha Secondary School, recognising his ongoing dedication to uplifting youth and strengthening the Drieziek community

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Saving every drop:

Kasi entrepreneur launches practical food solution

A 23-year-old entrepreneur from Orange Farm Ext 1 is turning a simple kitchen frustration into a fast-growing business aimed at saving households money and promoting healthier cooking.

Lebohang Moloi, founder of OilSmart, has developed a practical kitchen product designed to control cooking oil usage through a measured spray or pour system. The innovation helps reduce waste, cut costs and encourage healthier meal preparation without compromising taste. The idea was inspired by Moloi's upbringing in Orange Farm, where he observed how easily cooking oil is overused in daily food preparation, often unnoticed. Recognising both the financial and health impact, he set out to create a solution accessible to everyday households and small food vendors. Moloi told *OFN*: "I wanted to create something simple but impactful - a product that helps people save money, cook healthier, and realise that solutions can come from our own

communities." OilSmart is suitable for a range of common meals, including eggs, burgers, and air fryer dishes, making it adaptable for both home kitchens and small-scale food businesses.

What began as a local concept has started gaining traction beyond Orange Farm, with the product already expanding into Soweto. This growth reflects increasing demand for affordable, practical tools that address everyday challenges. Moloi says his journey is not only about business success but also about reshaping perceptions of township communities. He believes places like Orange Farm continue to produce innovative thinkers capable of building impactful solutions. As OilSmart grows, Moloi hopes his story will inspire other young people to think creatively, take initiative, and use their environments as a source of innovation rather than limitation.

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Community unites to roof Drieziek mkhulu's RDP



RESTORING DIGNITY THROUGH UNITY: Drieziek residents, joined by local leaders, come together to install a roof for Sefuli's unfinished RDP house, ending years of hardship and exposure to harsh conditions

In a heartwarming display of unity, members of the Drieziek community, together with City of Johannesburg councillor Lubabalo Magwentshu, assisted 68-year-old Benjamin Sefuli with the installation of a roof on his unfinished RDP house.
Sefuli had been living in challenging conditions since 2023, after his shack was

demolished to make way for an RDP housing project that remained incomplete.
For nearly three years, he endured harsh weather and lacked basic shelter. Recognising his plight, local residents and volunteers rallied to provide support, contributing both materials and labour to help restore dignity to his home.

Community leader Khonzaphi Mbele expressed heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in the initiative. "We would like to thank each and every person who came forward to assist. This shows the true spirit of our community - when we stand together, we can make a real difference in people's lives," said Mbele.



Local elders enjoy an Easter braai in Mountain View, as community members serve food and celebrate togetherness across generations

Abadala baseMountain View bagujwa ngebraai kaPhasika

Elderly residents from Mountain View Extension in Ward 6 were honoured on Easter Monday during a special Family Day gathering held at community leader Jabu Botman's home.
The event celebrated senior citizens recognising their lifelong contribution to families and the community. Organisers said the initiative was aimed at showing gratitude to elders who have

played a vital role in raising younger generations and preserving family values. Botman told OFN "We shared a joyful day with our elders, celebrating Family Day by bringing them together and making them feel special. Many of us were raised by our grandparents, and it's our responsibility to honour them. As Ward 6, we believe that together we are stronger."
The gathering created a warm and

supportive space where elders were treated to food, conversation and companionship, reinforcing their importance within the community. Botman expressed appreciation to all who contributed to the event, noting that continued efforts to support and honour elderly residents remain essential in building a caring and inclusive community. KUDOS TO THE ORGANISERS!



Images: Jabu Botman

Drieziek 4 youth initiative empowers youngsters

Image: Khonzaphi Mbele



Hygiene packs handed over by community leaders to young boys to instil pride, discipline and positive life values

Rise Up community leaders in Drieziek 4 launched a youth-focused intervention to encourage positive lifestyle choices among local boys.

They recently donated 200 cosmetic hygiene packs containing soap, toothpaste, a toothbrush and roll-on as part of a

broader community effort to promote self-care, discipline and positive behaviour among young people in the area. Community leader Khonzaphi Mbele said the initiative is part of ongoing efforts to restore dignity and provide guidance to youth facing social challenges linked to

substance abuse and criminal activity. "We want to encourage young boys to take care of themselves and stay away from drugs and criminal activities," he told **OFN**. He added that the initiative also seeks to build confidence and responsibility among young people by reinforcing simple daily

habits that support personal development. Mbele extended appreciation to sponsors who supported the drive. "We appreciate the sponsors for their generosity and for helping us make a positive impact in the lives of these young boys," he said.

Healthcare outreach brings essential services to Mokokotlong residents



Image: Clean Touch

Health workers provide TB screening, testing and vital services to hundreds of residents during a high-impact outreach in Mokokotlong informal settlement

Access to healthcare was brought closer to Mokokotlong informal settlement residents on 31 March as several stakeholders delivered a range of services to the community.

The event organised by Clean Touch was led by Ext 7 Clinic in collaboration with Sizanani NGO, Jozi Hlomile and

Masechaba NGO. It was conducted under the supervision of Stretford CHC's Matron, Fikile Dikolomela Lengele. More than 500 residents attended highlighting both the demand for accessible healthcare and the impact of bringing services to the people. The programme offered tuberculosis (TB) screening and awareness alongside

a broader package of care, including immunisation, HIV testing services (HTS), family planning, pap smears, Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), environmental health services and assistance with social challenges amongst other interventions. Residents welcomed the initiative pointing to the difficulties

many face when trying to access clinics. "We thank all stakeholders for their support. Many patients struggle to reach clinics, so these visits make a big difference. We plan to make them more often, as they help residents know their health" Clean Touch's Xolisile Nxumalo, said.

Gauteng Health MEC leads initiative promoting healthcare access at Eyethu Orange Farm Mall



Image: Gauteng Department of Education

Gauteng Health MEC Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko engages with frontline health workers during an integrated outreach at Eyethu Mall, bringing essential services directly to the Orange Farm community

As part of efforts to expand access to essential services, Gauteng MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko, engaged with residents, shoppers and retail workers during an integrated health outreach held at Eyethu Mall late last month.

The initiative forms part of the province's Corner to Corner programme, which

focuses on delivering healthcare directly within communities through mobile clinics and on-site support. A wide range of services including HIV testing, TB screening, diabetes and hypertension checks, child immunisations, STI screening and treatment, Pap smears, PrEP initiation, prostate cancer screening and general health education were made available.

"This programme is about bringing services closer to our people, ensuring access to quality healthcare, and strengthening prevention and early detection to reduce the burden of disease in our communities," said Nkomo-Ralehoko. Health officials indicated that the approach is aimed at improving early detection of illnesses, increasing access to care and

easing the strain on fixed health facilities by reaching people in everyday public spaces. According to Gauteng Department of Health outreach forms part of a broader Integrated Health Services campaign in Orange Farm, which also includes community cleaning initiatives and doorstep service delivery at local clinics, reinforcing a preventative and community-based approach to healthcare.

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Image: Terrific Tone and Mampara Dj

Terrific Tone and Mampara Dj release debut album "Project 40"

Khayelihle Ndlovu and Ntlakanipho Msebenzi affectionately known Terrific Tone and Mampara Dj, dropped their album 'Project 40' on 2 April marking a new chapter in their music journey.

The project reflects their transition into independent artistry, allowing them to take full control of their sound and creative direction. Since 2020, the duo has shaped a style rooted in amapiano and deep house. They have performed at local venues including Paradise Pub & Grill in Vosloorus, Soweto Power Park and Metsing in Orange Farm steadily building a loyal fanbase.

"Project 40 shares our story as we take a new direction in our music journey. It reflects our growth and our decision to take full control of our work as independent artists," the duo told **OFN**.

The album is available on streaming platforms such as Spotify, YouTube and Boomplay amongst others.

Orange Farm artists gear up for 2026 music releases



Image: XVKAY and Blxck Ghost

Nyiko Radebe (XVKAY) and Siyabonga Dlamini (Blxck Ghost) are preparing multiple music releases for 2026 as they expand their reach beyond the township.

Radebe, who began writing in 2012 and recording in 2019, is known for mixing Amapiano and rap into a style he calls "PianoRap," alongside SA emo rap influences. Dlamini, active since 2016, focuses on hip hop and developed his craft through freestyle sessions with Radebe and Sbuda Kau. The trio later formed Ama International Gvng in 2019.

Radebe has performed at venues including Gandhi Square, Club Dubai, and local hotspots across Orange Farm.

He is currently working on Farmton's Finest 3, Ghostboyyy 2, 1997 EP, and 21, an album marking his birthday on 27 November 2026. Blxck Ghost is also preparing an EP.

New releases will be shared via Stwetla Entertainment platforms.

Yung Berry positions "D.I.A" EP as step towards industry breakthrough



Image: Yung Berry

On 30 May, rising artist, Jabulane Mthimunye, known as Yung Berry (Sweedi eLiMnandi) will release his upcoming EP 'D.I.A' (Dreamers In Africa) on all the major streaming platforms.

The release marks the artist's strategic move as he continues to carve out his place in the Amapiano scene. He aims to use it to showcase both growth and versatility. Starting his music journey in 2014, Yung Berry has gradually refined his sound and now focuses on Amapiano as his primary genre.

Beyond music, D.I.A represents an effort to connect with a broader audience while strengthening his identity as an artist.

"This project is my truth, I went through a lot in silence, and this EP is me finally opening up," said Yung Berry.

The artist has performed at venues including KopanoMix Lounge, Eleven 45 and JVC in Soweto, building a steady following.

Watch the space for more updates.



Image: Knighy.RSA

Young Orange Farm DJ uses music to tell real stories

Emerging DJ and producer Katlego Lekoko (15), popularly known as Knighy.RSA, is using music to reflect real-life experiences as he builds his name in the local scene.

The Orange Farm Ext 2 artist began DJing at just 10-years-old developing a sound rooted in Amapiano and deep house. His journey from early passion to performing live has taken him to stages at the Orange Farm Ext 2 Park and in Soweto.

Knighy.RSA has released a track titled Multiplayer, featuring Bayanda RSA, as part of his growing catalogue, which currently consists of music samples as he continues refining his craft.

He is set to release new music on 25 October, a project he says carries a deeper message.

"This release is about showing people the reality," he said. As he develops his sound, Knighy.RSA aims to connect with listeners through honest storytelling while expanding his reach beyond his community.



Image: Slykiller

Slykiller ignites fans with "Reburn"

Ext 1's Slykiller born Mfanafuthi Mashinini, is capitalising on growth following the release of his joint EP Reburn, with plans to deliver more music before year-end.

The artist has steadily developed his craft since entering the music scene in 2015 as a primary school learner. His consistency has earned him performance slots at popular local venues including G-Spot, Ext 1 Park, Jola Park and Kweneng Pub.

Reburn highlights a continuation of his creative direction, building on earlier work that blended storytelling with conceptual structure. Through his music, Slykiller explores themes of ambition, resilience and navigating life beyond township limitations.

"It's about pushing forward and not settling, no matter where you come from," he said.

With a growing audience and music already available on Audiomack, Slykiller is focused on expanding his reach and refining his sound as he prepares for his next release. Updates on upcoming projects are shared across his social media platforms.

Township drops new track "Shova"



Image: Township

Mbuyiselwa Mazibuko, known by his stage alias 'Township' is driven by rhythm and street-inspired energy, his latest single, Shova, reflects the sound Township has become known for over the years.

The track is built to get people on their feet, blending vibrant beats with a feel-good atmosphere that connects instantly with listeners.

Speaking about the release, Township shared that the song is all about creating a moment. "Shova is about bringing people together through movement and energy. It's the beat you feel the moment it plays," he said.

Since entering the music scene in 2013, he has continued to grow his footprint, performing at well known venues such as Yolo Club in Vereeniging, Theta FM events, 707 in White City Soweto, Miss Thabong Mall peagant, along with various events across the Vaal. With Shova now out, Township keeps building momentum, strengthening his connection with fans through both his music and live performances.

Fans can follow his journey on Facebook via Township ZA and Township Shelela for the latest updates.

CSVR leads violence prevention talks in Orange Farm



Participants engage in a constructive dialogue session focused on violence prevention, inclusion and community healing in Orange Farm

The Orange Farm community is taking meaningful steps toward building a more inclusive and peaceful community as the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation continues to lead efforts addressing violence, exclusion and xenophobia through its Making Migration Safe (MMS) project.

Last week, CSVR's Gender Officer, Lindokuhle Malambe, together with MHPSS Officer Elizabeth Zanele Zondo, led Violence Prevention and Inclusion Dialogues in Orange Farm, Mayfair and Sunnyside, bringing communities together to engage on some of the most pressing social challenges facing these areas. The sessions focused on equipping residents with practical knowledge on violence prevention while also promoting greater understanding around migration. In communities like Orange Farm, where unemployment, poverty and limited access to services remain ongoing challenges, these conversations are critical in addressing the root causes of tension and conflict. "Communities are not powerless in the face of violence and exclusion," said Malambe. "When people are given safe spaces to engage, reflect and listen to one another, we begin to see shifts in attitudes, stronger relationships and a shared commitment to peaceful coexistence." She emphasised that many of the tensions are not simply about migration, but are deeply connected to broader socio-economic pressures. "What we are seeing is frustration driven by inequality and lack of opportunity. Without platforms for constructive dialogue, that frustration can easily be directed toward those seen as 'outsiders'." Through structured dialogues, participants were encouraged to challenge harmful stereotypes, unpack misinformation and begin building trust across different groups. These engagements are complemented by healing circles, which

focus on addressing trauma and restoring a sense of belonging among participants. "Healing is a critical part of prevention," Malambe explained. "If we don't address the emotional and psychological impact of violence, it continues to shape how communities respond to one another." The initiative also places a strong emphasis on community-led solutions, supporting local leaders, youth and organisations to take ownership of interventions such as awareness campaigns, peer education and support networks. This approach ensures that solutions are relevant, sustainable and rooted in the lived realities of the community. "It is important that communities lead the change," Malambe added. "When people are part of designing the solutions, they are more likely to protect and sustain them." The project further provides psychosocial support to victims and survivors of violence, helping them cope with trauma while connecting them to essential services. This holistic approach recognises that building safer communities requires both prevention and care. Early feedback from the sessions in Orange Farm and surrounding areas points to growing engagement, improved understanding and a willingness among residents to address tensions constructively. While challenges linked to poverty and inequality persist, the work led by CSVR is contributing to stronger social cohesion and more inclusive community spaces. "The work we are doing shows that change is possible," Malambe said. "When communities come together, speak openly and support one another, we begin to rebuild trust and create safer, more inclusive environments for everyone." Residents are encouraged to participate in ongoing dialogues and support local initiatives aimed at promoting inclusion and peaceful coexistence, as Orange Farm continues to position itself as a community actively working toward solutions.

Uyavuth' umlilo at the high-energy Mlilo Aerobic Marathon



Community members and fitness enthusiasts captured during a Magic Gym gathering, reflecting growing interest in group-based aerobic

Fitness enthusiasts are invited to attend the Mlilo Aerobic Marathon, set to be hosted by Magic Gym on 2 May at Bakgatlang Pub and Grill from 9am to 1pm.

The high-energy event will feature a lineup of guest instructors who will lead participants through various aerobic sessions aimed at promoting health, fitness and community engagement.

Attendees are encouraged to dress according to the Black & Red or All Black theme. Organisers say the marathon is designed to bring together people of all fitness levels for a fun and active experience while encouraging a healthy lifestyle.

More details can be obtained from Magic Gym organisers. Entrance is R50, refreshments will served.



TAKING BACK THE GAME: Mountain View residents roll up their sleeves to clean and restore a neglected soccer field, creating a safe space for children to play and dream again

Abahlali bahlangana ukuze bakhe indawo ephihle yezingane

On 21 March, the Mountain View Extension residents in Ward 6 united to clean and restore a neglected local soccer field to encourage young people to actively participate in sport.

The initiative, led by community members and supported by parents and volunteers, highlighted a growing determination to tackle issues such as substance abuse, crime and the lack of safe spaces for youth. Community leader Jabu Botman said the day was about more than just cleaning a field. "What I witnessed today was powerful. Parents came together with one purpose to create a better environment for their children. That kind of unity speaks volumes," he told OFN. Botman stressed that community

involvement is key in shaping the future of young people.

He said: "We cannot always blame external factors. As parents and guardians, we must ask ourselves what we are doing to guide and protect our children."

The strong turnout from residents across Ward 6 reflected a shared belief that meaningful change begins at community level. Both men and women played an active role, reinforcing the importance of collective responsibility. Organisers hope the restored field will serve as a positive outlet for children - a space that promotes health, discipline, and hope - while also inspiring similar initiatives across neighbouring areas.

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2. past tense of drive
4. a car needs this to run
5. not at home
6. past tense of go
8. a vehicle that has four wheels and an engine
9. when you travel somewhere quickly, you can say that you "made good ____"
11. to leave a car in a particular place
12. a vehicle that is larger than a car
13. a picture showing the roads of an area

ACROSS

3. take something with you
7. "____ are we going?"
8. a place where people live that is larger than a town
10. a journey to a place
14. a hard flat surface for vehicles to travel on
15. Kids often ask: "Are we there ____?"
16. to put things into a bag to take with you





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Junior Stars crowned OFLFA Stokvel Cup champs



Medal-winning Junior Stars smile as they celebrate their OFLFA Stokvel Cup victory in style

On Easter Monday, Junior Stars were crowned Orange Farm Local Football Association (OFLFA) Stokvel Cup champions after a triumphant performance at the Multipurpose Ground.

The tournament featured strong competition from teams including Young Juventus, TLC, Blue Whales, AZ Ramblers Ajax18 and Kweneng FC with matches played during the Easter weekend. On Friday, Young Juventus edged TLC 4 -2, while Kweneng FC and Ajax18 played a

2 all draw. AZ Ramblers defeated Blue Whales 4 -1 and Junior Stars made an early statement with 5 - 0 win over Young Tigers. The final played on Monday, saw Junior Stars face Young Tigers, where they delivered a disciplined performance securing a 1 nil victory. The team received medals and a trophy, highlighting its hard work and determination throughout the tournament.

OFLFA secretary, Sam Mokoena, told OFN: "This tournament is about more than just football. It's about giving young people

a platform to grow, stay active and believe in themselves. What we witnessed is the future of our football in Orange Farm." The OFLFA Stokvel Cup continues to serve as an important platform for youth development, bringing together teams, families, and supporters in a positive and uplifting environment. Community members, coaches and supporters turned out in numbers to witness the matches. With this victory, Junior Stars not only took home the trophy but also set a high standard for future competitions.



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Local cricketers set to shine at Mr Mbele Community Tournament

Itemoheng Primary School will host the Mr Mbele Community Cricket Tournament on Saturday, 25 April from 9am.

The tournament which will feature 6 teams competing across 2 divisions promises an exciting day of competitive cricket and community spirit. The event aims to promote unity and sports development within the community while providing a platform for players to hone their skills. Organisers call on residents to come out in numbers to support local talent and enjoy the game.



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