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Coca-Cola fuels safer Orange Farm streets



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Stakeholders join forces to support community patrollers during the bicycle hand over drive to boost neighbourhood safety

Orange Farm SAPS and the Community Policing Forum (CPF), in partnership with Coca-Cola Beverages South Africa (CCBSA), have strengthened local safety efforts through the handover of essential patrol equipment to CPF patrollers in Ext 6a.

The event, held at the Multi-Purpose Centre in Orange Farm, brought together SAPS members, community leaders and stakeholders in support of improved crime prevention initiatives and stronger neighbourhood visibility. Among those in

attendance were Acting Sedibeng District Commissioner Brig Mashole Manamela, Acting Station Commander Col Thapelo Mofokeng, Ward Councillor Zakaria Mokoari and CPF Chairperson Andries Macheli. Representatives from Coca-Cola Beverages South Africa (CCBSA) also attended, including Public Affairs Communications and Sustainability Manager Pinky Lebiso, SHE Manager Annell Earle and Public Affairs Communications and Sustainability Specialist Kabelo Mohono. The donated items included bicycles, cable ties, torches

and caps, all aimed at enhancing the efficiency, safety and visibility of CPF patrollers during their daily operations in the community. The initiative is expected to boost patrol capacity, allowing volunteers to respond more effectively while increasing their presence in hotspot areas. Orange Farm SAPS Corporate Communication Officer Sgt Shaan Motsapi said the initiative reflects the importance of collaboration in fighting crime. "Partnerships like these are essential in strengthening community policing.

When SAPS, CPF and stakeholders work together, we improve visibility, responsiveness and overall safety in our communities," said Motsapi. Community leaders and stakeholders welcomed the initiative, highlighting the value of continued cooperation between law enforcement, private sector partners and residents in building safer neighbourhoods. The programme forms part of ongoing efforts to strengthen community policing structures and promote safer communities across Orange Farm.

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God's calling and protection over Jeremiah



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1. The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:
 2. To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah... in the thirteenth year of his reign.
 3. It came also in the days of Jehoiakim... and unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah... unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.
 4. Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
 5. Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.
 6. Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.
 7. But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee...

8. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.
 9. Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth...
 10. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms...
 11. Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree.
 12. Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.
 13. And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot... from the north.
 14. Then the LORD said... out of the north an evil shall break forth...
 15. For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north...
 16. And I will utter my judgments against

them...
 17. Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them...
 18. For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city...
 19. And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.
 No matter what you are facing, this scripture is a reminder that God already knew you before your journey began. Even when challenges rise against you, they cannot overcome you because God's presence is your protection.
 You may feel outnumbered, misunderstood, or pressured - but just like Jeremiah, you are not alone. God's promise still stands: He is with you, and He will deliver you.
 Stay strong, stay faithful, and keep going - because what is against you will not win. Amen!

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FEATURE STREET TALK

UPCOMING ELECTIONS 2026

YOUR DEMOCRACY OWN IT

Lesego Maine: "As young people, we hear many promises every election, especially about fixing schools and creating opportunities for the youth. But after elections, things usually stay the same. I still hope leaders will finally start listening to us because our future depends on the decisions they make now."

Emmanuel Maine: "I have seen many elections in my lifetime, and every time people hope for a better future. Some things have improved over the years, but communities are still facing poverty, crime and unemployment. My wish is for leaders to work honestly and serve the people properly."

Sinethemba Madonsela: "People in our community are tired of empty promises. We want to see safer schools, better facilities and more opportunities for learners after matric. Elections should bring real change, not just posters and campaigns."

Keketso Motloung: "I think many school kids are starting to lose interest in politics because they don't see results in their communities. But at the same time, we know elections are important because the leaders chosen now will affect our future."

Ntando Zwide: "There's a lot of frustration among young people because unemployment is high and many families are struggling. We want leaders who will focus

Rebecca Maine: "As elderly people, we sometimes feel forgotten except during election campaigns. Politicians come to greet us and make promises, but after elections we hardly see them again. We want respect, proper service delivery and safer communities for our grandchildren."

Reginah Sithole: "People are struggling with expensive food, electricity and poor services, especially older people

Fana Mphanya: "Sometimes it feels like politicians only remember poor communities when elections are close. After voting day, people continue struggling with the same issues like unemployment, crime and bad roads."

Vava: "I think communities are divided between hope and frustration. Some people still believe voting

Nomonde Daza: "I'm not expecting miracles from these elections, but I do hope whoever wins will focus more on creating jobs and improving service delivery. Communities deserve better living conditions."

Mduduzi Tshaka: "Most unemployed youth want change, but many are losing faith because life keeps getting harder. We need leaders to take youth development seriously and stop making promises they can't keep."

Kamohelo Mokhele: "People are angry because there are many qualified young people sitting at home with no work. Elections should not only be about politics but about bringing real opportunities to communities."

Kamohelo Mokoena: "This election season feels different because more young people are speaking openly about corruption and unemployment. We want accountability from leaders and real progress in our communities."

Siphokazi Tshabalala: "I just finished matric, and honestly the future feels uncertain because many young people cannot find jobs or opportunities to study further. I hope the next leaders focus on youth development because many drop outs are feeling hopeless."

Angela Khumalo: "Running a small business is not easy with the economy struggling. We need local government that supports small businesses, improves safety and creates an environment where businesses can grow."

Biki Bareki: "As a politician, I believe communities are demanding accountability and better leadership from all political parties. People want service delivery, job opportunities and leaders who are close to the people on the ground."

who depend on grants. We just want leaders who care about ordinary citizens and not only about politics."

Samkelisiwe Majobe: "Young people are frustrated because there are no jobs, and many of us sit at home every day despite looking for work. Elections bring hope, but also disappointment because we've heard promises before."

Sindi Mbatha: "I think this election will be important because many unemployed youth are angry about the lack of opportunities. Leaders need to understand that young people are tired of surviving without jobs."

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SAPS officials engage during a policing resource consultation in Ext1

I-SAPS ilalela izikhalo zomphakathi

Community members, local leaders and stakeholders gathered at the Ext 1 Community Hall on 29 April for a South African Police Service (SAPS) consultation aimed at improving policing and service delivery in the area.

The engagement focused on the Station Post Requirement Tool, a system used to assess staffing and resource needs at police stations. Residents raised concerns about crime levels, police visibility, response times and ongoing service delivery challenges affecting the community. Discussions also highlighted the need for stronger cooperation between SAPS and residents, as well as improved manpower and operational capacity to address crime more effectively.

Orange Farm SAPS Corporate Communication Officer Sgt Shaan Motsapi said community input is critical in strengthening policing efforts. "Community input plays a vital role in helping SAPS understand the challenges residents face daily. These consultations help us improve service delivery and strengthen partnerships in the fight against crime," Motsapi told OFN. Residents welcomed the platform, saying it provides an opportunity for communities to be heard while contributing to practical solutions for safer neighbourhoods. The consultation forms part of SAPS' ongoing drive to improve transparency, accountability and community participation in policing matters.

Umphakathi wase Mountain View unikelwa ngezicathulo nokudla



Community members in Ward 6, hand over food parcels to elderly residents in Mountain View

Earlier this month, members of the Ward 6 community in Mountain View, led by local leader Jabu Botman, continued their outreach programme by distributing food parcels to elderly residents following a school shoe donation campaign at Thulamtwana Combined School.

The initiative formed part of ongoing community support efforts aimed at assisting vulnerable groups within the area. Food parcels containing mealie meal, cooking oil, milk and tinned food were handed over to senior citizens.

Community members said the outreach demonstrated the importance of caring for both children and the elderly, especially during challenging economic conditions. Botman said unity and community support remain important in building a stronger society. "Together we are stronger. We must continue taking care of our community, especially our elders and children because they are important to the future of Ward 6," said Botman. Residents welcomed the initiative and praised community members for working together to support those in need.



Image: Mpho Motaung

Matieho currently facing challenges in obtaining identity documents, leaving her unable to access employment opportunities

A 22-year-old young woman from Ext 7b is appealing for public assistance as she battles to obtain her identity documents, a situation that has left her unable to secure employment despite completing her matric.

Matieho Bookholoane has been facing ongoing challenges with her documentation since the passing of her mother in 2022. She says she has not been able to obtain a birth certificate or identity document, despite numerous efforts to resolve the matter through the Department of Home Affairs. According to her, Home Affairs has requested that she undergo a DNA test with her aunt as part of the verification

DNA test stands between Matieho and her ID card

process needed to confirm her identity. However, the process requires an estimated R1 500 - an amount she says she is unable to afford due to unemployment. "I finished matric, but I can't work or apply for jobs because I don't have an ID. I just want to fix my documents so I can move forward with my life," she said.

Although she does not have a birth certificate, Matieho does possess a clinic card issued at birth, which she believes supports her case and confirms her place of birth. Her lack of documentation has left her in a difficult position, unable to access job opportunities or progress with her future plans after school. She is now appealing to the public for help in raising the funds required for the DNA test so she can complete the process and finally obtain her identity documents, which she says are essential to rebuilding her life and becoming independent.

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Indoda Wednesday breaks health stigma for men in Orange Farm



Image: Wendy Poopedi

Men speaking. Men listening. Men healing. Indoda Wednesday continues to create a safe space for open dialogue, support and better health for men in Orange Farm

The Indoda Wednesday initiative at Stredford Clinic is creating a male-friendly space where men are encouraged to prioritise their health without fear, stigma or long waiting times.

Started in January this year, the programme focuses on helping men and boys from Orange Farm, Drieziek, Stredford and Lakeside access healthcare services such as HIV testing, TB screening, blood pressure checks, diabetes screening, STI treatment, mental health support and prostate cancer awareness. The initiative also offers fast-track services aimed at reducing long queues and encouraging more men to visit the clinic regularly. Community health workers say attendance continues to grow as more men become comfortable seeking medical help and encouraging others to do the same. Lebohlang Mofokeng said the programme is about restoring men's confidence in healthcare services. "Brother, your health is your strength. Indoda Wednesday is a space with no judgement, just men taking care of themselves. Strong men ask for help," said Lebohlang Mofokeng. The initiative is supported through partnerships with the Department of Health, NGOs and local sports clubs working together to improve men's health and wellbeing in the community.

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FEATURE ENTERTAINMENT

Mvex RSA gains momentum with new single and growing film success



Image: Mvex and Petrol Dancer

Orange Farm artist and filmmaker Mvelase Sithole "Mvex RSA" is gaining recognition in the entertainment industry following the release of his latest single, "Kgale ba Nyatsa," featuring dancer and vocalist Sihle Nkocy, known as the Petrol Dancer. The track is receiving increasing radio airplay on stations including Lesedi FM and several Vaal-based stations, and has also entered CUT FM's Free State Local Top 20. The song's visuals, released on YouTube, continue to attract growing attention online. Mvex says the song carries a message of perseverance. "No matter how much people doubt you, keep pushing and believe in yourself," he said. He is currently preparing for his upcoming EP, "KOPA MATLA," set for release on 21 August. According to Mvex, the project reflects his personal journey and artistic growth. His previous single, "Pula Diyana," is also still enjoying steady radio support.

Beyond music, Mvex continues to grow his film brand, Mvex Films, which has surpassed one million YouTube views. His productions focus on real-life stories and gender-based violence awareness, using film as a tool for education and social change. "We tell stories that people relate to, while also inspiring change in our communities," he said. "Kgale ba Nyatsa" was produced by Orange Farm producer Fury Rampage, adding another local creative collaboration to Mvex's rising success.

Ext 3's Problem announces new short film "Isibophezelo"



Image: Supplied by Problem

Drama exploring obligation, betrayal, and consequence set for release soon Orange Farm content creator and filmmaker Sibusiso Ntsuntsha known as Problem has officially announced a new short film titled Isibophezelo, produced under Nan's Ingozi Lifestyle. The upcoming production is described as a gripping township drama that delves into themes of obligation, betrayal, and the consequences of difficult life choices within South African communities. The film features a rising local cast including Joe Mbatha, Thandeka Khanyeza, Nyiko Hlungwane, Lehlohonolo Mphana, and Promise Mashaba. Early online reactions to the promotional poster suggest growing anticipation among fans of grassroots South African storytelling. Problem, who continues to build his footprint in the local entertainment space, says the project is rooted in lived

experience and community reality. "This project is about telling our own stories, the way we live them," he said. "We want to reflect the real struggles, loyalty, and choices people face in our communities, while giving local talent a platform to shine. People must expect something powerful from Isibophezelo." The production also aims to spotlight emerging actors and crew from Orange Farm and surrounding areas, continuing Problem's focus on community-driven creative development. The official release date is expected to be announced soon via Nan's Ingozi Lifestyle social media platforms, with behind-the-scenes content and premiere updates to follow. Booking enquiries: Sibusisontsuntsha@gmail.com | WhatsApp: 067 832 5409 Follow updates: Facebook - Nan's Ingozi Lifestyle, TikTok - @Problem963 Facebook - @P RO BLEM

Township is ready to deliver electrifying performance at Mafatsane Park



Image: Township

Vaal entertainer Mbuyiselwa Mazibuko, popularly known as Township, is preparing to give fans an energetic and memorable live performance at Mafatsane Park on 5 September. Known for his vibrant township sound and ability to keep crowds entertained, Township is expected to bring high energy, dance and crowd interaction during his set. Supporters who have attended his previous performances describe him as a performer who knows how to connect with the audience and create an exciting atmosphere.

The local artist continues to grow his presence within the entertainment scene, gaining support from music lovers across Orange Farm and surrounding communities. His performances have helped him build a name for himself as one of the entertainers representing local talent and kasi culture. Fans can expect a lively show filled with music, entertainment and the signature township vibe that has become associated with Township's performances. Many supporters are already looking forward to seeing him take to the stage once again.

Ink and intent: Marcus rocks his craft



Image: Mpho Motaung

Artist in action: Above - Working on a tattoo with precision and focus as each design reflects skill, creativity, and years of dedication to his craft

Marcus Tsotetsi, a tattoo and piercing artist, has been steadily growing his name in the body art industry for more than three years. Known for his steady hand, attention to detail and creative designs, he has become a trusted artist for clients looking to express themselves through body art. What started as a passion for art and self-expression has developed into a growing skill that Marcus continues to refine with each session. Over the years, he has worked with a variety of clients, each bringing different ideas and styles, allowing him to expand his creativity and experience.

Marcus says the journey has not always been easy, but consistency and dedication have kept him going. He believes tattooing and piercing is more than just a service - it is a form of storytelling and personal expression. "I take my work seriously because every design means something to the person getting it. It's not just ink or jewellery, it's personal," he explained. He also shared that building trust with clients has been one of the most important parts of his work, as safety, hygiene and professionalism remain top priorities in his studio.



Image: Mpho Motaung

Samantha at work in her salon, where creativity and care come together in every set she does

Ext 7b beauty technician boosts women confidence through her services

Samantha Dube, a nail and eyelash technician from Ext 7b, is making a name for herself in the local beauty industry through her creativity, hard work and commitment to customer satisfaction. Having worked in the beauty industry for years, Samantha has become known in her community for her quality nail sets, eyelash applications and friendly customer service. Through hard work and consistency, she has managed to grow her small business while helping women feel more confident and beautiful. Dube says her love for beauty started from a young age and grew into a business that now serves clients from all over. She believes beauty is not only about appearance but, also about helping people feel good about themselves. "I enjoy making people feel happy and

confident. When a client leaves satisfied and smiling, that motivates me to keep pushing," she said. Despite challenges faced by many small business owners, including tough economic conditions and competition in the beauty industry, Dube continues to remain focused on improving her skills and expanding her business. Patience, consistency and good customer relation have played an important role in her journey," she added. Over the years Dube has built a loyal client base through dedication and professionalism. She will be hosting beauty classes aimed at sharing her skills, empowering aspiring beauty professionals. Residents interested in booking appointments for nails, lashes and other beauty services are encouraged to contact Samantha on 063 956 9861

Vutomi High hosts career summit to inspire learners



Different local schools engage with exhibitors and professionals during the career summit aimed at guiding young people on future study opportunities

Excitement and curiosity filled the air as Vutomi High School hosted the summit bringing together representative from tertiary institutions, businesses and various professionals who shared their light.

The event brought together representatives from tertiary institutions, businesses and various professional sectors who engaged with learners on career opportunities, subject choices and the skills required in today's job market.

Learners were exposed to different career paths including healthcare, education, business, technology, engineering and entrepreneurship. The summit created a platform for learners to interact directly with professionals and ask questions about university applications, bursaries, training opportunities and workplace expectations. Organisers said the initiative was designed to motivate learners and encourage them to start planning for their future at an early

stage. "One conversation can change a learner's future. We want our pupils to leave here believing that their goals are achievable," said one of the organisers during the event. Teachers at the school welcomed the initiative, saying many learners benefit from career guidance programmes because they are often unaware of the opportunities available to them after matric. They added that exposure to professionals and institutions

helps learners gain confidence and direction. Learners described the summit as informative and inspiring, with many saying it gave them a clearer understanding of the qualifications and dedication needed to succeed in different professions. The school expressed gratitude to all stakeholders and guests who participated in the event and encouraged learners to use the information shared to build brighter futures for themselves and their communities.

Fitness meets community at Magic Gym



Participants in an energetic fitness session at Magic Gym during a community wellness event aimed at promoting healthy lifestyles and unity

Residents came together in the spirit of health, fitness and unity during a vibrant community event hosted at Magic Gym in Orange Farm.

The event attracted fitness enthusiasts, young people and local residents who took part in workout sessions and wellness activities aimed at promoting healthy lifestyles and positive community engagement. The initiative encouraged residents to prioritise their physical wellbeing while creating a supportive environment for people of all ages. Organiser Mduduzi Mthembu said the event was about more than fitness, highlighting the importance of keeping young people active and away from negative influences. "Fitness is not just about building muscles, it's about building

discipline, confidence and a stronger community. We want young people to see that there are positive spaces where they can grow, stay healthy and support each other," Mthembu told *OFN*. Participants praised the initiative for bringing the community together in an energetic and uplifting atmosphere. Many said the event motivated them to take better care of their health and become more active. Community members also noted the role fitness programmes can play in addressing social challenges such as substance abuse, crime and youth inactivity. The event ended on a positive note, with organisers thanking residents for their support and promising more activities focused on health, wellness and community development in the future.

Local soccer tournament keeps initiates off the street



Initiates from different schools unite through soccer in Orange Farm - no fight, no rivalry, just brotherhood, discipline and talent on display.

A community soccer tournament held at Spokong Ground brought together young football talent from Orange Farm, Soweto and Sedibeng in an effort to promote unity, discipline and positive youth development for boys from initiation school through sport.

The tournament featured eight teams and aimed to keep young people away from drugs, crime and gangsterism while giving local talent a platform to shine.

Community members came out in numbers to support the games, with parents selling food, providing water and gogos cheering proudly from the sidelines. Organiser Lebohang Mofokeng said the initiative was about building a better future for young people through sport. "In communities like Orange Farm and Lakeside, soccer gives boys structure, discipline and hope. We want to keep our youth on the field

and off the streets," Mofokeng told *OFN*. The tournament delivered exciting football, especially during the semi-finals and finals, where local players showcased impressive skill and determination. A 16-year-old striker from Lakeside was among the standout performers after scoring four goals during the competition. Mofokeng said one of the proudest moments was awarding players with medals and certificates in recognition of their hard work and sportsmanship.

Despite challenges including limited funding, field maintenance and last-minute team withdrawals, organisers described the tournament as a success and hope to make it an annual event officially recognised in the future. "Win or lose, the boys showed heart and commitment. This tournament proves what communities can achieve when we work together," Mofokeng added.



Jessica Mkhwanazi proudly puts Orange Farm on the map

Jabulile's Jessica shines at Gauteng Provincial Championships

This 17-year-old athlete from Orange Farm is making waves in South African athletics following a series of impressive performances at both provincial and national level competitions.

Jessica Mkhwanazi, a Grade 11 learner at Jabulile Secondary School, has established herself as one of Gauteng's promising young middle-distance runners after a strong showing in the 3000m events this season. Her breakthrough came at the Gauteng provincial championships, where she secured third place in the girls' 3000m race, clocking an impressive time of 10:24. The performance earned her selection to Team Gauteng, giving her the opportunity to compete against the country's best young athletes. Mkhwanazi went on to represent the province at the South African Schools Athletics Championships, held at Pilditch Stadium in Pretoria from 28 April to 2 May. Competing in the under-17 girls' 3000m final, she delivered another solid performance, finishing sixth with a time of 10:26. She trains with Flexible Athletics Club, a development-focused programme aimed at nurturing young sporting talent. The club is led by former professional athlete Thato Tsoetsi and supported by a dedicated team including Jabu Msibi, Sifiso Mtsi, Khanyisani, Bathabile Tladi, Goodness Lichaba and Dirocious Makhabulo. Her personal coaching team - Siphon Mhlanga, David Mokoena, Sifiso Moloi and Clarke Nkeane - has also played a significant role in her growth and consistency on the track. Based in Orange Farm, Mkhwanazi continues to represent her school, club, and community with pride, becoming a symbol of hope and determination for many young athletes in the area. Her achievements highlight the importance and impact of local development programmes in creating opportunities for emerging talent to compete at higher levels. With continued hard work and support, Jessica Mkhwanazi is seen as one of the promising young athletes capable of taking Orange Farm athletics to even greater heights in the future.



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Images: Khonzaphi Mbele



Mr Mbele Tournament winners Scorpions, show off their victory cup. Also pictured above are the U12 and U15 winners

The Itemoheng Primary grounds in Drieziek 4, recently came into the spotlight when Khonzaphi Mbele hosted a cricket tournament aimed at promoting sport development and encouraging youth participation within the community.

The gathering brought together learners from different schools who competed in friendly matches, with cricket emerging as one of the standout highlights of the

day. Coaches and community organisers praised the energy, discipline, and improvement shown by the young players, many of whom are still in the early stages of developing their skills.

Beyond competition, the event focused on creating a positive and structured environment for young people. Organiser, Khonzaphi Mbele, emphasised that sport plays a key role in keeping learners engaged, building teamwork, and

encouraging healthy lifestyles. Speaking to **OFN** Mbele said: "The importance of this initiatives, opportunities like these help young people stay focused while developing their sporting abilities." The sentiment echoed throughout the event, with many agreeing that consistent grassroots programmes are essential for nurturing future talent. Parents and community members who attended also expressed appreciation for

the initiative, highlighting how events like the Mr Mbele Tournament provide safe and productive spaces for youth engagement. As the day concluded, the excitement on and off the field made one thing clear Mbele added: "Orange Farm has promising cricket talent, and with continued support, these young players could go on to achieve much more in the sport. We are grateful for the support we received, It really shows we are loved."

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