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Masibambane celebrates 30 years of excellence in Orange Farm



Masibambane College, partnered with St John's College, celebrating its 30th Founders Day on Saturday, 30 May, marking three decades of providing quality education and opportunity to the young people of Orange Farm

This milestone brought together learners, alumni, educators, community members and long-standing partners from South Africa and Austria to celebrate the school's remarkable journey from a small community project to one of Orange Farm's leading educational institutions.

The origins of Masibambane College date back to 1994, when the late Walter Sisulu encouraged Education Africa Founder and CEO - James Urdang - to establish a school in Orange Farm, then a community facing high levels of illiteracy, unemployment and limited educational opportunities. Partnered with St John's College and supported by the

City of Vienna, the school officially opened its doors in 1996. Today, it serves more than 1,200 learners annually and continues to provide a pathway to quality education for local families. The celebration welcomed a distinguished Austrian delegation, including Her Excellency Romana Königsbrun, Ambassador of Austria to South Africa; Ing. Christian Meidlinger, First President of the Provincial Parliament of Vienna; Dr Hannes Swoboda, former Member of the European Parliament; Renate Brauner, former Vice Mayor and Deputy Governor of Vienna; and Thomas Zilk, Board Member of Friends of Education Africa Vienna. Thomas Zilk played a pivotal role in the school's history

by introducing Education Africa to the City of Vienna, helping establish a partnership that has endured for more than three decades. A commemorative plaque was unveiled during the event in recognition of the many individuals and organisations whose support helped make the school possible. Reflecting on the occasion, Urdang said: "A special thank you to the City of Vienna for believing in me when I was a young man with a dream of opening a school in Orange Farm. Their support, together with the partnership of St John's College and support from many others, helped transform an idea into a reality and laid the foundation for what Masibambane

College has become today." The event also celebrated current learners and scholarship recipients. Elinor Sisulu joined the celebrations and congratulated the Grade 11 and Matric beneficiaries of the Walter Sisulu Scholarship Fund. Guests enjoyed performances by Education Africa's Marimba programme and sports fixtures between Masibambane College and St John's College. As Masibambane College celebrates this significant milestone, it remains committed to empowering future generations through care and excellence, and ensuring that the vision that inspired its founding continues to change lives for years to come.

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Reverend S Khumalo from
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Seo tumelo e leng sona, le ditholwana tsa yona, le dipallo tsa yona. - Ho uwe ka mehlala ya badumedi ba selekane sa kgale.

1. Jwale, tumelo ke tshepisio e tiileng ya dintho tse lebeleletsweng, ke pontsho e kgodisang ya tse sa bonweng.
2. Ka yona baholo ba bone poko e ntle.
3. Ka tumelo, re a tseba hoba dintho tsohle di bopilwe ke lentse la Modimo, ka mokgwa wa hore tse bonwang ha di a ka tsa etswa ka tse bonahalang.
4. Ka tumelo, Abele o hlalositse pela Modimo sehlabele se fetisang sa Kaine; mme ka baka la yona o pakilwe hore o lokile, hobane Modimo o pakile dineo tsa hae; mme leha a shwele, le jwale o sa bua ka yona tumelo eo.
5. Ka tumelo, Henoke o nkilwe hore a se ke a bona lefu, mme ha a ka a fumanwa, kahobane Modimo o ne o mo nkile; mme enere a eso ho nkwe, o pakilwe hore o kgahlisitse Modimo.
6. Empa tumelo ha e le siyo, ha ho kamoo Modimo o ka kgahliswang kateng; ya atamelang Modimo

e ka kgona a dumele hobane o teng, le hoba ke wona moputsi wa ba o batlang.

7. Ka tumelo, Nowe, eitse hobane a tsebiswe ke Modimo tse esong ho bonahale, o kile a tshaba Modimo, mme a haha areka ho pholosa ba ntlo ya hae, mme ka tumelo eo o tswile lefatshe, le hona a etswa mojalafa wa ho loka ho leng ka tumelo.
 8. Ka tumelo, Abrahama, mohla a bitswang, o kile a utlwa, a fallala naheng eo a tlang ho e nwa ka mokgwa wa lefa, mme a falla a sa tsebe moo a yang teng.
 9. Ka tumelo, o kile a dula ka mokgwa wa mojaki naheng eo a e baletsweng, a aha ditenteng le Isaaka le Jakobo, bao e bileng majalefa le yena a pallo e le nngwe;
 10. hobane o ne a lebeleletse motse o nang le motheo, oo Modimo e leng mohahi le mothei wa wona.
- Tshepa Modimo le ha tsela e sa hlaka. Se ke wa tela, hobane ka nako ya Hae e nepahetseng, o tla phethahatsa merero ya Hae bophelong ba hao.
- "Tumelo e fetola tshabo hore e be tshapo."



U21 Netball Tournament

SAAYC will host this tourney at 5054 Ext 3 Orange Farm on 27 June. The match will start at 11am - 3pm plus 1 hour aerobics marathon.
More info: 011 850 0913 / 064 759 6165

National Youth Day & Mens Health

Clean Touch will host this event at Drieziek 5 Sports Grounds, next to Solwazi Primary, on 27 June. Services include HIV/ TB/ STI screening, mental health screening, health education, linkage to care and condom distribution. The theme is school uniform with Touch of vinatge.
More info: 082 733 7757 / 079 535 8080

Community Engagement session

Residents are invited to participate in the It Take a Village to Raise a child community enagement on 12 June, at Uniting Reformed Church, Ext 1, The session will focus on

education, sports, arts, culture and recreation issues affecting children aand young people the community

March to March Protest

Community members will take part in the March to March Protest on 14 June. This will begin at the Ext 2 Taxi Rank and proceed to Palm Springs. Residents are encouraged to participate and make their voices heard on issues affecting the community.

Youth Day March

This 16 June March, starts at Sinqobile Sports Ground and ends at Ext 2 Park. The theme is Vintage. Young people are invited to join the march as part of the Youth Day celebrations.

#YouthRegistrationVerificationMarch

Happening on on 16 June, participants will depart from Drieziek 9 and march to Ext 2 Spin City. Attendees are requested to bring their ID documents for registration verification purposes.

Mandela Day plea

Ekuphumuleni Home of Peace & Development Center is collecting clothing, blankets, non-perishable food and monetary donation to help children and families in need. For more info

061 011 6273.

Shoes and Clothes Donation Drive

Young Life Orange Farm, in partnership with community stakeholders, will host a this for amputees and those in need on 16 June. The donation drive will take place at Boxer Ex 4 and run throughout the day. Community members are encouraged to donate clothing and footwear to support vulnerable residents.

Imbewu Arts for Early Learning Launch & International Day of Play

Struggles Theatre Production will launch this programme on 11 June in celebration of the International Day of Play. The event will be hosted at participating ECD centres in Orange Farm, including Masibambane Day Care and Little Angel Day Care. Sessions will run from 9am to 10am and 1pm - 2pm. **More info: Nomusa on 060 430 5025.**

Have a community notice, event, achievement, meeting or announcement to share? Email your notice to southernglobe0@gmail.com for possible publication in OFN Community Notices section HERE.

New clinic brings healthcare closer to Orange Farm



The faces behind the care, Mphathy clinic serving community with professionalism, compassion and excellence

Access to healthcare services in Orange Farm received a boost with the official handover of the Mphathy Clinic at the Ext 2 Taxi Rank on 21 May.

The facility, to be managed by Sr Mbalenhle Nene, was established through a partnership between Mphathy Clinics, Rhiza Holdings, the Orange Farm United Taxi Association (OFUTA) and the Gauteng Department of Health. Designed to address healthcare challenges faced by men, the clinic offers services aimed at the prevention, early detection and treatment of conditions such as HIV and Tuberculosis (TB). Speaking at the handover, representatives from Mphathy Clinics said many men delay seeking medical attention due to demanding work schedules and limited access to healthcare facilities. City of Johannesburg HAST Programme Deputy Director Makgabo Gaegake noted that men often seek treatment only when illnesses have progressed, making early intervention initiatives such as the clinic essential. Sr Nene welcomed the opportunity to lead the facility and said its location at the taxi rank was strategic. "Taxi operators, drivers and commuters spend most of their day at the rank. Having healthcare services available where they work makes it easier for them to access care without losing valuable working time," she said. The clinic operates Monday to Friday from 8 am to 5pm and on two selected Saturdays each month.

SELTE empowers learners with disabilities

Founded on 25 November 2022, SELTE – Special Education is Logical in Technical Equality – is an organisation started by former learners from different special schools who are living with intellectual disabilities.

The initiative was created to provide opportunities, support, and inclusion for learners with intellectual disabilities who are often excluded from the education system. It was established by Phumelele Tshatani together with a co-founder who did not attend a special school but actively participates in the organisation's programmes and activities. The organisation remains committed to ensuring that no learner is left behind. Although the founders established the organisation, the daily operations are led by president Zanokuhle Tshedzani and deputy president Mthokozisi Radebe. The organisation says it was formed after many learners with intellectual disabilities experienced

rejection and exclusion within the education system.

"We started SELTE because our learners were rejected by the system. We want to make sure that no learner with an intellectual disability is left behind," said Tshedzani.

The organisation focuses on supporting both learners and parents through various educational and developmental programmes. One of its key roles is guiding parents in finding and accessing suitable schools for their children.

It also provides mentorship and motivation to learners with intellectual disabilities, helping them build confidence, stay encouraged, and remain engaged in their education. In addition, the organisation runs a DIY Special Education Skills Programme, a practical initiative for learners who did not get the opportunity to attend special schools. Through this programme, participants gain hands-on life and work skills while learning from shared experiences.



Learners gaining skills and hope through inclusive education and empowerment programmes

Community members shape safety budget discussions in Orange Farm



Deputy Speaker, Hon N Mhlakaza-Manamela, joins stakeholders, community members and the Portfolio Committee on Community Safety during a public engagement on the Department of Community Safety's 2026/27 Budget Vote

On 29 May, The Gauteng Legislature's Portfolio Committee on Community Safety hosted a public stakeholder engagement at the Uniting Reformed Church in Ext 1, Orange Farm, to gather community input on the Department of Community Safety's 2026/27 Budget Vote.

The session brought together community members, civil society organisations,

Community Policing Forums (CPFs), government officials and other stakeholders to discuss key issues affecting safety and service delivery in Gauteng. The engagement was attended by Deputy Speaker of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, Hon N Mhlakaza-Manamela, alongside members of the Portfolio Committee and representatives of the Department of

Community Safety. During the meeting, the Department, led by Premier Panyaza Lesufi, presented its proposed budget and outlined strategic priorities aimed at enhancing community safety, combating crime, strengthening law enforcement coordination and improving service delivery across the province. Stakeholders were given an opportunity

to engage directly with the Committee and the Department, sharing concerns and recommendations on crime prevention, policing and community safety initiatives. The consultation forms part of the Gauteng Legislature's ongoing efforts to promote meaningful public participation and ensure that community voices contribute to shaping government priorities and budget decisions.

uMasipala uvala ama-spaza shops angahambisani nemithetho eDrieziek



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UMasipala waseGoli uvale izitolo eziningana zama-spaza eDrieziek, e-Orange Farm, kulandela umkhankaso wokuhlola ukuthotshelwa kwemithetho yebhizinisi.

Lo mkhankaso obuhlanganise izinhlaka ezahlukene ubugxile ezitolo eziseduze neDrieziek Transport Facility, ngemuva kokukhathazeka ngezinkinga zokuphepha, impilo yomphakathi kanye nokungahambisani nemithetho. Kulo msebenzi kubambe iqhaza iSouth African Police Service, iEnvironmental Health Services, iJohannesburg Metropolitan Police Department kanye nezinye izinhlaka zikamasipala nezokuphepha. Ngesikhathi kuhlolwa, kutholakale ukwepulwa kwemithetho okuningana. Kwenye yezitolo kutholwe amasilinda egesi amaningi egcinwe endaweni yokuthengisa, okudala ukukhathazeka okukhulu ngezingozi ezingaba khona zokuphepha.

Kwesinye isitolo kutholakale ukuthi umnikazi unezincwadi zokuba yisiphephelo, kanti kuphinde kwaphawulwa ukuthi ubebonakala ehlala endaweni efanayo lapho edayisa khona ukudla.

Abahloli bezempilo baphinde bathola izinkinga zokuhlazeka, okubalwa nokutholakala kwekati ngaphakathi esitolo sokudla, okuyinto engavumelekile ezindaweni ezithengisa ukudla. Kuphinde kwatholakala ukudla okudlulelwe yisikhathi okufana nemifino, isoso kanye nokunye ukudla okupakishiwe, okuthathwa njengengozi empilweni yabathengi. UMasipala uthethe kuzoba nokuhlolwa okulandelayo ukuze kuqinisekise ukuthi lezi zitolo ziyalungisa izinkinga ezitholakele futhi zithobele imithetho efanele. Abahlali bakhuthazwa ukuthi babikele umasipala uma bebona izitolo ezingahambisani nemithetho, ukuze kuqinisekise ukuphepha komphakathi.

Ward 4 advances power upgrades



Technicians carry out transformer installation work in Ward 4 as part of ongoing electricity infrastructure

As part of an ongoing programme aimed at improving electricity supply and reducing outages in the community, more than 50 transformers have been replaced in Ward 04 since 2021.

Ward 4 Cllr, Simon Molefe, said the project remains one of the ward's key service delivery priorities, with only five transformers still outstanding. "The replacement of transformers is an ongoing process which started in 2021 when we entered office. He said residents previously endured lengthy periods without electricity, with some communities waiting for three to four years before power challenges were addressed. According to Molefe, meter boxes and cables have been installed in some areas, which

await delivery and installation of the remaining transformers. He said the new infrastructure helps reduce outages and pressure on the network. "Installation of new transformers reduces load reduction because in most parts of the ward where new transformers were installed we see fewer electricity interruptions," he said. The ward is also awaiting budget approval for several projects, including roads and stormwater upgrades, sewer improvements, solar highmast lighting, title deed distribution and the completion of unfinished houses. "We hope programmes such as Orange Farm Renewal continue because they have the potential to bring major infrastructure progress to Orange Farm," Molefe said.

Sebokeng FCS Unit observes Child Protection Week in Orange Farm



Outreach programme at Thato KeMatla Orphanage brought together various stakeholders to encourage safer environment for children and families

The Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit marked Child Protection Week with a community outreach held at Thato KeMatla Orphanage in Ext 2 on 27 May.

The initiative forms part of ongoing efforts to raise awareness about child safety and protection and is linked to the National Child Protection Week observed annually from 29 May to 05 June. The campaign highlights issues such as child abuse, neglect, and exploitation while also promoting the safety of children in homes, schools, and online environments. The outreach brought together several stakeholders, including National FCS, Sedibeng FCS, Orange Farms SAPS, Provincial Corporate Communication, Provincial Social Crime Prevention, Women's Network, Ekurhuleni Metro Police Department,

as well as local community members. Other partners included the Department of Social Development, Men as Safety Promoters (MASP) under Community Safety, and various sponsors. The programme focused on strengthening collaboration between law enforcement, government departments, and civil society to ensure a unified approach to protecting children and improving community safety. Thato KeMatla Orphanage, which currently cares for about 30 children, has been operating for 20 years and only started receiving funding a year ago. This highlights the ongoing challenges faced in supporting vulnerable children. Officials emphasised that Child Protection Week serves as a reminder of the shared responsibility to safeguard children and build safer communities for all.

Reamohetsoe shines as Top Gauteng Values in Education winners



Proud moment as the school secures first place in the colour of Nation Pride



Reamohetsoe Primary School has secured first place in the Johannesburg South District D11 round of the Kool 2B South African "Colours of National Pride" Competition, a programme celebrating Values in Education across Gauteng.

The school's achievement reflects its strong commitment to instilling values such as respect, responsibility, honesty, ubuntu, fairness, and social cohesion among learners, which are central to the initiative's mission of shaping character alongside academic learning. Speaking on the achievement, Nqobile Mbatha, Values in Education Coordinator at Reamohetsoe Primary, told OFN the recognition reflects the

school's dedication and teamwork. "This victory is a true reflection of the commitment of our learners, educators, and parents. At Reamohetsoe Primary, we believe in building not only bright minds but good citizens grounded in values that shape their future," Mbatha said. The school also participated in the South African flag celebration on 20 April 2026, which formed part of the provincial competition activities leading up to the finals. Reamohetsoe Primary's success has been hailed as a proud moment for the school community, highlighting the role of Values in Education in strengthening learner development and school culture.

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Help Orange Farm Choir bring CIMA home



Lefelleng Apostolic Church Choir has been nominated for the Best Apostolic Music Award at the 2nd Annual Choral Indigenous Music Awards, bringing pride to the Orange Farm community

Lefelleng Apostolic Church Choir from Orange Farm Ext 7b nominated for the Best Apostolic Music Award at the 2nd Annual Choral Indigenous Music Awards (CIMA) 2026 seeks support.

The choir calls on community members, supporters and church congregants to vote and help them secure the prestigious award. Voting lines will close on 19 July. To vote for Lefelleng Apostolic Church Choir send an SMS with the code CIMA 2651 to 40439. Each SMS costs R2, no limits apply to the number of votes that can be cast.

The nomination reflects the choir's commitment to preserving apostolic and indigenous choral music while inspiring worship and unity through song. It is a proud achievement for the Orange Farm community, highlighting local talent on a national platform that celebrates indigenous choral music and cultural heritage.

Organised by Sounds of Azania, the Choral Indigenous Music Awards recognise outstanding contributions to indigenous and choral music across South Africa. The awards ceremony will take place on 25 July at AMPD Studios in Johannesburg and will be streamed live on digital platforms.



Knighy.RSA expands platforms, releases project on Spotify

Young DJ and producer Katlego Lekoko is taking a major step forward in his music journey with the release of his latest work on Spotify.

Affectionately known as Knighy.RSA, the artist from Ext 2 has been steadily building his reputation through his unique fusion of Amapiano and deep house sounds. His latest release reflects his growth as both a producer and storyteller, introducing listeners to a more polished and mature sound. For Knighy.RSA, having his music available on Spotify represents more than just exposure - it is proof of how far he has come since first experimenting with DJ equipment at the age of 10. The project also highlights his commitment to creating music that speaks to everyday experiences while remaining true to the township culture that shaped him. By placing his work on one of the world's biggest streaming platforms, the young producer hopes to connect with a wider audience and showcase the talent emerging from Orange Farm. Knighy.RSA has already gained local recognition through performances in Orange Farm and Soweto, while also collaborating with artists including Bayanda RSA and Lungile. As he continues to grow his catalogue and sharpen his craft, Knighy.RSA remains focused on pushing his sound beyond local borders and establishing himself as one of the promising new voices in South Africa's evolving music scene.

Brownboy Laser builds creative independence



Siphelele Buthelezi, popularly known as Brownboy Laser, is expanding his creative footprint by independently producing music and directing his own visuals while building a unique multi-genre sound.

Born in Soweto and raised in Ext 7b, the artist discovered his passion for music during a Grade 4 school arts assessment. Inspired by hip hop's storytelling culture, he later developed a style that blends rap, reggae, afrobeat, amapiano, R&B, and alternative music. His stage name "Laser" was given to him by fellow rapper Protocol during his early music journey, while his brother, Bongani Buthelezi, encouraged him to pursue music seriously. Beyond recording songs, Brownboy Laser has taken a hands-on approach to his artistry by directing, shooting, and editing his own music visuals to ensure every project reflects his creative vision. "Music is more than entertainment to me. It's a mission. I believe it has the power to heal, uplift and unite people and that's the energy I put into every song I create," he said. In 2021, he co-founded Chromatic Music Group alongside Zekkeraps and JD.S, creating a platform focused on artistic freedom and originality. Through his music and visuals, Brownboy Laser continues using creativity as a tool for expression, positivity and connection while representing the growing talent emerging from Orange Farm.

Kasi artists team up for heartfelt single by "My Side"



Family, gratitude and real-life experiences are at the centre of a powerful new hip-hop single by Austin, Kaycee and Mehluko.

The upcoming collaboration titled *By My Side* is a track dedicated to appreciating parents and recognising the sacrifices they make behind the scenes. The single is expected to be released later this month on major streaming platforms.

Blending soulful production with emotional storytelling, the song reflects on childhood struggles, lessons learned at home and the unwavering support many parents provide through difficult times. Mehluko opens the track with a melodic hook that delivers a heartfelt thank-you message, while Austin and Kaycee follow with personal verses inspired by their own life experiences growing up.

"We wanted to make something people can relate to on a deeper level, especially about appreciating parents while they are still here," said Austin.

Unlike many fast-paced commercial releases, *By My Side* takes a more reflective approach. The production features soulful samples, steady drums and a calm hip-hop rhythm that allows the lyrics and emotions to stand out. The collaboration also highlights the growing talent emerging from Orange Farm, with the artists hoping the song will connect with listeners who value meaningful music and authentic storytelling. *By My Side* will officially be available on all major streaming platforms later this month.



Sibusiso finds healing and purpose through art

For 22-year-old visual artist Sibusiso Nkwanyana, painting has become more than a creative outlet - it is a way of healing, storytelling, and expressing personal experiences.

Ext 6b's Nkwanyana is gaining recognition for emotionally driven artworks that explore identity, spirituality, pain, and hope through abstract visual expression. The young painter began developing his artistic abilities after joining the Creative Mentorship Hub in 2019, where he received mentorship from Tshepo Motaung.

Despite being diagnosed with a learning disability in Grade 4, Nkwanyana continued pursuing his education with support from his family while discovering painting as a source of comfort and emotional release. "Art brings me healing and comfort," he said. "In the process of discovering my love for art, I learnt that life is full of challenges and that God gave me a gift to give people faith, healing and hope through my art."

His work features abstract human forms, textured layers, and bold colour compositions inspired by lived experiences, spirituality, and ancestral guidance.

With continued support from the Creative Mentorship Hub, Nkwanyana is refining his craft and steadily building his identity as one of Orange Farm's emerging young visual artists.

"We are more than just a music group, we are hood brothers"

What started as a shared love for music among friends in Orange Farm has grown into a movement known as Vibe City Gang.

The hip-hop collective, operating under Spoils Production, has been crafting music since 2022, using their experiences of township life to create songs that resonate with listeners. Consisting of Earl Tjay, Lil Rhyme, King Zee, Queen Nah, Rhyder, Daisy B, Central B, Scaler, Naizer, Lordy G and Melanin, the group meets three times a week to write, collaborate and shape their sound. Their latest project, *Soft Hurting World*, released earlier this year dives into the emotional realities of love, heartbreak and loss. Through the album, the artists hope to



comfort and inspire people going through difficult relationships.

Drawing inspiration from both local experiences and international hip-hop, Vibe City Gang blends heavy beats with a distinctive style that sets them apart. For the group, music is more than entertainment it's brotherhood, purpose and a voice for their community. "We are more than just a music group, we are hood brothers," said member Lukhanya Mbedzi.

uSakhile uveza uhambo lwakhe lobunkondlo

USakhile Khowane, ongumbongi kanye nombhali wezinkondlo waseDrieziek 4, uthi uhambo lwakhe kwezobuciko luqale ngo-2010 lapho aqala khona ukubhala izinkondlo zakhe zokuqala.

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Uthando Youth Club inika intsha amandla ngomdanso



Intsha ye-Uthando Youth Club ikhombisa ithalente nomdlandla womdanso, iqhubeka nokugquzela ushintsho oluhle emphakathini

I-Uthando Youth Club yasungulwa eminyakeni emihlanu edlule nguPortia Minwas Thwala ngenhloso yokugcina izingane zingekho emigwaqweni futhi zizimele ezintweni ezingezinhle. Le kilabhu isebenzisa umdanso kanye nokwelulekwa ukuze inike intsha indawo ephiphile yokufunda, ukukhula nokuziveza. UTwala uthethe waqala le kilabhu ngoba izingane eziningi zibhekene nezinsalelo emakhaya futhi azihlali zikhululekile ukukhuluma nabazali bazo ngezinkinga zazo. "Ngifuna izingane zibe nendawo ephiphile lapho zingakhuluma khona futhi zizizwe zisekelwe ngesikhathi somdanso," kusho yena. Uphinde wathi ingane ngayinye ivela emlandweni ohlukile, kanti kwabanye amalungu, le kilabhu isiphenduke indawo yokuphepha lapho bezizwa bamukelekile futhi bekhuthazwa khona. Kusakela yasungulwa, i-Uthando Youth Club

isikhule kakhulu futhi manje inamagatsha e-Evaton, Jackson naseSebokeng Zone 3, okuvumela ukuthi ifinyelele intsha eningi emphakathini. Nokho le kilabhu isabhekene nezinsalelo ezithile. Enye yezinkinga ezinkulu ukushoda kwemali yokuthutha, okwenza kube nzima ukuthi amalungu aye emicimbini nasemidlalweni. Ngenxa yalokhu, iqembu livame ukudlala ezitolo ezinkulu nakwezinye izindawo zomphakathi ukuze lithole imali. Enye inselelo ukuthi ezinye izingane kwesinye isikhathi zitshela abazali bazo ukuthi ziya ezifundweni zomdanso kanti azihambi, okudala ukungaqondi phakathi kwakilabhu nabazali. Naphezu kwalezi zinsalelo, i-Uthando Youth Club iyaqhubeka nokuzibophezela ekuthuthukiseni intsha ngomdanso, isiyalo kanye nokwelulekwa, ikhuthaza izingane ukuthi zigxile emigomweni yazo futhi zenze izinqumo ezinhle ngekusasa lazo.

Young Juventus crowned Diski Ya Rona U23 Champions



Diski Ya Rona U23 Soccer Tournament was hosted at Mighty Green Ground in Orange Farm Ext 1 last week

Young Juventus FC emerged as champions of the Diski Ya Rona U23 Soccer Tournament after defeating Lakeside Sakhile FC on penalties in a thrilling final held at Mighty Green Ground in Orange Farm Ext 1 on 31 May. The two-day winner-takes-all tournament featured eight teams competing for the R4 000 first prize. The final ended 1-1 after regulation time before Young Juventus held their nerve to secure victory in the penalty shootout. Other participating teams were Lakeside Arsenal FC, Black Stimela FC, Black Vulture FC, Rich Boys FC, Amadamara FC and

Swidi Wodwa FC. Tournament organiser, Sifiso Mtsi, praised the teams for their discipline and sportsmanship throughout the competition. "The tournament was a success because of the teams' discipline and fair play. At the end of the day, it's all about football and giving players an opportunity to showcase their talent," he said. Young Juventus coach, Paradise, thanked the organisers for hosting the event and supporting football development in Orange Farm. The tournament provided local players with a platform to display their skills while promoting community unity through sport.



Fire Ants Rugby Club players as the continue its mission of developing rugby talent

Join Fire Ants Rugby Club!

New players eager to develop their skills, and be part a rugby team are invited to join the Fire Ants family. The team which trains every Monday to Friday from 2.30pm to 5pm at the Multi-Purpose Centre in Ext 6b, opposite Boxer Supermarket encourages prospective players to bring a copy of their ID or birth certificate, as well as a photograph, to register. With a strong focus on discipline,

teamwork and sporting excellence, the club provides young people with an opportunity to grow through rugby while proudly representing Orange Farm on and off the field. Those interested in joining can visit the training grounds and become part of the club's exciting journey.

For more info contact Lebohlang on 081 561 6502.

Orange Farm Region G2 Netball League starts on high note



Young netball players during the opening round of the Netball League

On 31 May, teams from across the community converged for an exciting start to the Orange Farm Netball Association (OFNA) Region G2 Netball League at Masibambane College.

The league which features Under-13, Under-15, Under-19 and Senior divisions, provides opportunities for players of different ages to showcase their talent and develop their skills. Among the participating clubs are Hawks NC, Ballers NC, Lintony NC, SK United NC, Mountain Angels NC, VYD NC, Stone Breakers NC, Black Seven NC and OFU NC. Several teams made strong statements in the opening fixtures. In the Under-13 division, OFUNC defeated Black Seven 8-0, SK United beat Mountain Angels 9-3. Ballers while Hawks and OFUNC all recorded convincing victories in the Under-15 category. Lintony and Mountain Angels emerged victorious in the Under-19 division, with OFUNC and Lintony claiming wins in the Senior section. OFNA's Sibusiso, welcomed the successful start to the competition.

"The league creates a platform for players to develop their talent, build teamwork and compete at a higher level. We are encouraged by the enthusiasm shown by players, coaches and supporters and look forward to a successful season," Sibusiso told OFN. The opening round highlighted the growing popularity of netball in Orange Farm, with more exciting matches expected throughout the season.

For updates, call Sbu on 081 034 8545.



Future Stars Ladies FC whipped by Kaizer Chiefs Ladies FC



Future Stars Ladies in action against Kaizer Chiefs Ladies, displaying determination and resilience throughout the match despite being the underdog

On 31 May, Kaizer Chiefs Ladies proved their dominance after walking away with a 7-0 victory over Future Stars. The AmaKhoshi Ladies made a strong start and opened the scoring through a set piece before adding two more goals from similar situations. Future Stars found themselves under pressure for much of the first half and went into the break trailing 5-0. Despite the difficult opening

half, Future Stars returned with renewed determination. The team showed greater organisation, composure, and defensive discipline, producing a much-improved second-half performance. While Kaizer Chiefs added two more goals, Future Stars competed with more confidence and worked hard to limit further scoring opportunities. Although the result was not the one the team had hoped

for, the match provided valuable lessons against a quality opposition. The players displayed resilience and continued to fight until the final whistle, showing the spirit and commitment that the club is known for. With plenty of football still ahead, Future Stars look to build on their stronger second-half display and continue their development in the coming matches.

Orange Farm athlete reaches National Championships



Oliver Sithole's hard work and dedication earned her a place at the SASA National Championships in Pretoria

After years of dedication on the athletics track, Leshata Secondary Grade 11 learner, Oliver Sithole, earned a place at the South African Schools Athletics (SASA) National Championships held in Pretoria recently.

Born and raised in Orange Farm, Oliver, developed a passion for sport at a young age and participated in local and school athletics for many years. This year, that commitment paid off when she earned a place among the country's top young athletes, finishing seventh in the national 800m race.

"Making it to the SASA National Championships was a victory for me. I may not have achieved everything I wanted at nationals, but I am proud of the experience I gained and hope to do even better next year," Oliver told OFN. She credited her achievement to the unwavering support of teachers Ntswaki Mokoena, Sipho Nkosi and Ayanda Mthombeni, as well as local coaches and family members who provided guidance and encouragement throughout the journey. Educator, Ntswaki Mokoena, described Oliver as "a disciplined learner who excels both academically and in sport," adding that the achievement proves "learners from township schools can compete and succeed on the national stage."

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