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Madiba shapes another life

A STUDENT LUCKY enough to have been selected for the first Mandela-Rhodes Foundation (MRF) scholarship and to meet Madiba says that the future belongs to those who empower themselves with knowledge.

Allison Cooper

Struggle icon former President Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, the son of a mine worker can become head of the mine and the child of a farm worker can become the president of a great nation".

Dr Buntu Godongwana (35), one of eight students to receive an inaugural MRF scholarship in 2005, is proof of this.

"Our progression from humble beginnings in Guguletu, Cape Town, to sharing ideas on international platforms, with world leaders in our discipline, is living testimony of Madiba's words," he said.

Dr Godongwana, now a lecturer at the Department of Chemical Engineering at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT), said the scholarship is a special award.

"Being selected in the inaugural cohort will always be a highlight of my aca-

ademic career. It's more than a monetary award, it served as affirmation of our values and recognition of our leadership potential.

"It came with the responsibility of setting the tone and benchmark for future scholars; living the principles of leadership, as embodied by patron Mandela; and giving substance and form to his vision of building exceptional leadership capacity in Africa. I was truly humbled and honoured to be a part of this great vision."

Born in Guguletu in 1983, Dr Godong-

wana matriculated from Fezeka Senior Secondary School as the best academic achiever in 2000. He completed his undergraduate studies in Chemical Engineering in 2004 and, along with being awarded the scholarship, was named the Learning Cape Festival Icon by the Western Cape



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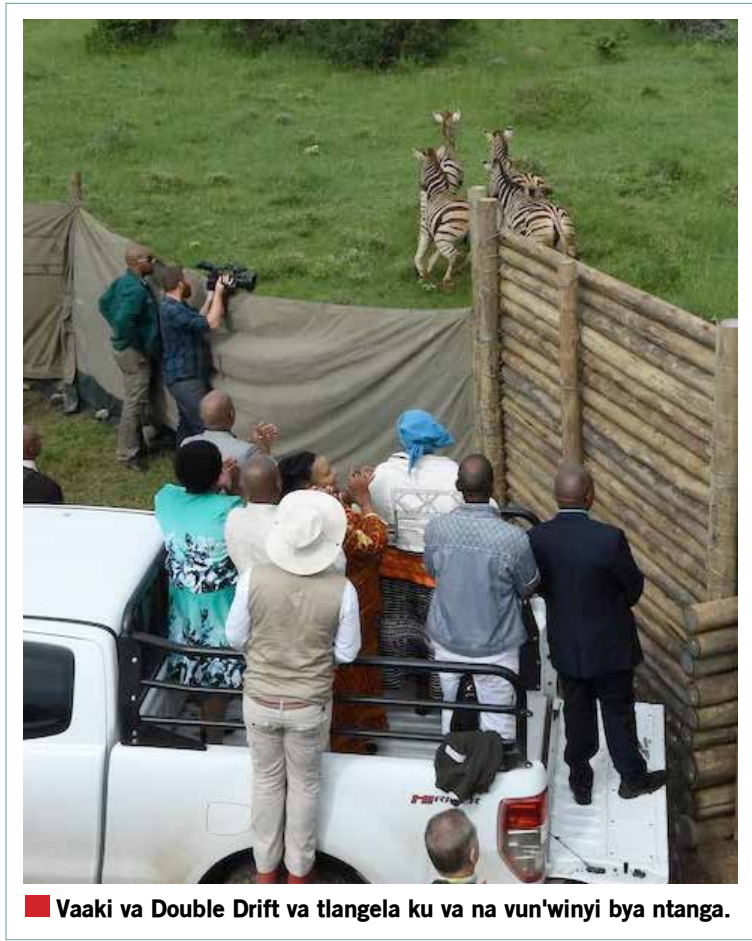
"A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special."

Nelson Mandela



Vaakatiko va tlangela ntwanano wa misava wa R21 wa timiliyoni

NTWANANO WA MISAVA ekusuhi na le Alice eKapa-Vuxa wu tivisa ximfumo ku nghenelela ka vantima votala eka sekithara ya swa vupfhumba.



■ Vaaki va Double Drift va tlangela ku va na vun'winyi bya ntanga.

Siya Miti

Vaakatiko va le Kapa-Vuxa va langutele ku va na mavonavona

endzhaku ko kuma mpfuneto hi swa timali eka mfumo ku hlanganisa nongonoko wo lawula swiharhi lowu rhange-riweke hi vaakatiko.

Muganga wa Double Drift eku-suhi na Grahamstown wu vumbiwe hi 1 500 wa vanhu ku suka eka 264 wa mindyangu. Va susiwile eka misava ya vona hi mfumo wa Ciskei hi 1991 ku endlela leswaku ku va na ntanga wo hlayisa swiharhi lowu nga ehan-si ka vun'winyi bya valungu.

Vaakatiko va ha ku kuma matsalwa ya xinawu yo kombi-sa vun'winyi bya misava leyi va nga tlieriseriwa yona hi ku ya hi nongonoko wo tlhela ku hangalasiwa misava.

Hi ku ya hi Holobyenkulu wa Kapa-Vuxa Phumulo Masualle, R21 wa timiliyoni ti kunguhati-we ku tirhisiwa eka mintwanano ya misava, naswona yi ta tlieri-seriwa hi swiyenge.

“Leri i goza ra nkoka swinene hi ku ya hi vuhlayisi na ku cinca. Ndhawu leyi yi ta hluvu-kisiwa leswaku yi ta phikizana kahle na mitanga yo hlayisa swiharhi yin'wana, naswona mfumo wu seketela vaakatiko hi swa timali, ku nyikeriwa ka swiharhi na vuleteri,” ku vula

Masualle.

Vaakatiko lava va lawulaka swin'we ntanga wo hlayisa swiharhi na Ejensi ya Mitanga na Vupfhumba ya Kapa-Vuxa (ECPTA) ehansi ka vito ra Nhlangano wa Tinhundzu ta Vaaka-tiko wa Likhayaletu (LCPA) wu amukele R6 wa timiliyoni ku suka eka Ndzawulo ya Mbangu ku kurisa ku ringeta ka swa ikho-nomi ya swiharhi eka purasi ra swiharhi ra 1 400 wa tihekitara leri va nga xaveriwa rona hi Ndzawulo ya Nhluvukiso wa Tindhawu ta le Makaya na Mpfu-xeto wa Misava.

Mutshamaxitulu wa LCPA, Mxolisi Ngesi u vule leswaku vaakatiko va endle xikoxo xa vona hi 1998. Hi 2012 swirho swa vaakatiko swi nyikiwile 23 500 wa tihekitara leti ku sukela kwalaho ti nga tatisiwa hi 1 400 wa tihekitara ta ntanga wo hlayisa swiharhi.

“Hi tsake ngopfu swinene hikuva emakumu hi kume hinkwaswo leswi a hi swi lava. Mfumo wu hi nyikile mali yo pfuneta ya switirhisiwankulu. Hi na swiharhi leswi katsaka 10 ra timangwa ta le tintshaveni, 15 wa mizaza na 10 wa timhofu,” ku vula Ngesi, a tatisela leswaku

tinyarhi na timhala ti ta kumeka ku nga ri khale.

U tatisela leswaku vaakatiko a va ri ku kumeni ka vuleteri byo fambisa ntanga wo hlayisa swiharhi ku suka eka ECPTA.

“Kungu i ku aka tindlu to rhurhela vaendzi timbirhi, naswona eka nkarhi wa sweswi hi le ku akeni ka tindhawu to rhurhela vahlayisi va ntanga wa swiharhi na xivala xo ehli-se-la swiharhi eka xona,” ku vula Ngesi.

“Hi ku bihiwa ka darata ya 10 wa tikhilomitara no aka gedeyo nghena, 61 wa swivandlanene swa mitirho swi tumbuluxiwele vaakatiko,” ku vula Holobye wa Mbangu hi nkarhi wo nyikiwa ximfumo. ■

New bee saving buzz

WESTERN CAPE environmentalists swarm to the rescue of the humble honeybee.

Like water, land and air, the honeybee is vital to agriculture.

According to the South African National Biodiversity Institute more than 50 different crops in South Africa are reliant on the insect for pollination.

This is why the Western Cape Department of Agriculture and the Western Cape Bee Industry Association have developed a new strategy aimed at ensuring the sustainability of the bee population in the province.

The strategy comes after the bee industry identified several problems affecting bees. These include insufficient food, theft and vandalism, disease,

environmental hazards such as pollution, and exposure to external factors such as fires and drought.

According to the Department of Agriculture, the single largest concern is that there will not be enough food for bees in the Western Cape. South Africa's honeybee species rely on both indigenous and exotic species like eucalyptus, flowering crops and suburban plants to provide year-round food sources.

However, as an alien invasive plant, six species of eucalyptus have been targeted for removal explains the provincial Department of Agriculture.

The strategy proposes that a Bee Forage Commission be

established, which will be composed of players from various provincial and national government departments as well as universities and representatives from the bee industry.

Among the projects this commission will undertake are the development of a book exploring bee-friendly plants, a campaign with nurseries to mark plants as 'bee friendly' in much the same way some species are being marketed as 'water friendly' and exploring the possibilities of a mass bee food planting project.

The Western Cape MEC for Economic Opportunities Alan Winde said the report shows that South Africa has imported 2 000 tonnes of honey annually since 2010. "This is an agri-processing opportunity to produce local honey and honey-related products, right here in the Western Cape," he said.

The chairman of the Western Cape Bee Industry Association, Dr Tlou Masehela, said the industry at large must pull together and make the initiative work. ■



On twitter

Reaction to the story of a domestic worker who is now Dr Pamela Phumzile Sithole:

Laura (@AbesVan)
I admire your brave struggles and your amazing achievements.

Dithandis (@thandiwetwala03)
Indeed Sky is not the limit 🙌🙌🙌

Marhumekani @God_be_with_yal she was like a big sister to students at school big ups Pamela leadership!!!

msimelelo @msimza_boss
Woow wonderful sister, that is what Hector Peterson and others fought for, may it shall be even to others. Freedom came yesterday

Youth Month

Facebook

Sindi Tshabalala
Young Lions Day of South Africa

Chippas Tshepo Makou
Government and private sectors must provide capital for YOUTH MONTH

Amanda Gawe
That day made me cry when I watched the movie ...its so painful that most of our youth are doing bad think like getting drunk and all that instead of making an event and do speeches poems, drama and all the amazing things.

On twitter

Lusanda Sima @LusandaSima
Many student died in Soweto is popular known as the Soweto uprising or June 16 the uprisings tragically ended with hundreds of young people killed by the apartheid government when they protested against the imposition of Afrikaans as medium instruction

Van'watifeme ta tikhemikali va vantima va le Free State va tumbuluxa mitirho

XIKIMU XA VAN'WATIFEME va Vantima xi seketeriwa hi Kevali Chemicals ku kuma michini na swingolongondzwani ku sungula bindzu.

More Matshediso

Khamphani yo endla tikhemikhali ya laha kaya yi pfuneta ku lwisana na ku pfumaleka ka mitirho hi ku tumbuluxa kwalomu ka 70 wa mitirho leyi nga hetaka nkarhi wo leha eFree State.

Kevali Chemicals i vaendli va tikhemikhali vo sungula lava nga le hansi ka vun'winyi bya vantima eFree State lava endla-ka tikhemikhali to basisa mati to hambanahambana, min'oko ya nsivelamavabyi na nkululo xikan'we na swo namarheta.

Khamphani yi tumbuluxiwele hi 2014 hi vanghana va ntlhanu lava nga na vutivinkulu bya tikhemikhali, tinhundzu leti vaxavi xa ti xavaka ngopfu, ku endliwa ka tinhundzu na tifeme ta swo namarheta.

Mufambisinkulu wa Kevali Chemicals Funeka Khumalo u vula leswaku Xikimu xa Van'wa-



tifeme va vantima xi seketele khamphani ya yena ku kuma michini na swingolongondzwani ku sungula layini yo endla yo basisa mati, ku basisa no dlaya switsongwatsongwana xikan'we na swo namarheta.

"Eku sunguleni hi boheke ku tirhisa mali leswaku bindzu ri ta sungula, kambe emakumu hi kume ku pfuniwa hi swa timali hi Ndzawulo ya Mabindzu na Vumaki (dti) hi ku tirhisa Xikimu xa Van'watifeme va Vantima xikan'we na Nhlangano wo Hlu-vukisa Tifeme (IDC)", a tatisela.

Xikimu xa Van'watifeme va Vantima xi seketele Kevali Chemicals ku kuma michini na swingolongondzwani ku sungula layini yo endla leyintshwa yo basisa mati, ku basisa no dlaya switsongwatsongwana xikan'we na swo namarheta.

Xikimu i nongonoko wo pfuna wa Pholisi ya Van'watifeme va Vantima lexi kongomeke ku humesela erivaleni vuswikoti exikarhi ka van'watifeme va vantima lava tirhaka eka ikhonomi ya Afrika-Dzonga hi ku tirhisa ku nghenelela loku ehleketiweke hi

swa timali na swo kala swi nga ri swa timali loku ehleketiweke kahle, ku kongomeke no hlamseriwa kahle.

Khumalo u vule leswaku swi teke R18 wa timiliyoni ku sungula bindzu na kwalomu ka tin'hwetini ta 11 ku sungula ku kuma ntswalo.

Khamphani yi hangalasa swimakiwa swa yona eAfrika-Dzonga hinkwayo xikan'we na le Uganda, Namibia na Tanzania.

Khumalo u vule leswaku ntshikelelo lowu khamphani yi nga na wona eka vutomi bya vaakitiko va le ka ndhawu yoleyo i wukulu ku tlula ku tumbuluxiwa ka mitirho.

"Handle ka ku tumbuluxiwa ka mitirho eka vaakitiko va laha kaya, hi na nongonoko wo vekisa wa vaaki lowu hi ku tirhisa wona hi pfunetaka vamanana va le ka tindhawu ta le malokixini na ta le matikoxikaya ku sungula mabindzu lamatsongo lawa ma kongomisaka ntsena eka ku

endla swimakiwa swa nsivelamavabyi na nkululo wa le makaya," ku vula yena.

U vule leswaku van'wama-bindzu lavatsongo va fanele va tiva leswaku ku sungula bindzu a swi olovi, kambe a va fanelanga va hela timbilu hikuva va ta tiphina hi mivuyelo eka nkarhi lowu taka.

Xandla xa Holobye wa swa Mabindzu na Vumaki, Bulelani Magwanishe u vule leswaku Kevali yi na nkateko wo va khamphani yo sungula ku tokota swinene eka sekithara ya swa tikhemikhali, mirhi na mapulasitiki ku va yi pasisiwile ku sukela loko ku tumbuluxiwele Nongonoko wa Van'watifeme va Vantima hi 2016.

"Khamphani yi ta nyika swivandlanene swa mitirho leswi lavekaka eka miganga leyina ekusuhi na Harrismith leyikongomaneke na tilevhele ta le henhla ta ku pfumaleka ka mitirho," ku vula Xandla xa Holobye Magwanishe. **U**

Corks pop for KZN community winery

A KZN COMMUNITY is seeing grapes with new eyes, thanks to a community winery that is empowering people and creating jobs.

Hlengiwe Ngobese

Wine vineyards and the Cape are intertwined but a KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) co-operative winery hopes to break this perception with the introduction of a fine coastal wine made with grapes grown in rural vineyards.

The 12 hectares of vineyards are spread across the Ilembe District Municipality in the rural areas of Mandeni, Ndwedwe and Maphumulo. The project is run by a local Ilembe co-operative and supported by the KZN Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, which has injected R19,5 million into the development of the vineyards and processing facility.

Named Seventeen 87 (the year in which Zulu King Shaka was born), the wine not only

pays tribute to one of the province's most legendary leaders but is a proudly KZN product, with all processes done locally.

Mandeni, Nyoni Ilembe Co-operative supervisor Siphon Gumedede who is a member of the cooperative that is producing the wine said the business has changed the lives of people in Mandeni.

"We were sitting at home hopeless without jobs but now we are able to take care of our families. To hold this bottle of wine makes me emotional and proud at the same time since this is something I was part of from scratch."

"I now know how to plant, nurture and spray the crops. I am able to pass this knowledge to someone else. I did know about the varieties of grapes but being here I am able to differentiate them," said Gumedede.

He said what he enjoys most



Induna Siphon Gumedede with the first harvest of grapes in Mandeni.

about the project is that he is working with members of his community and they are building a business that belongs to them.

Seventeen 87 was introduced at Africa's Travel Indaba held in Durban recently.

The vineyards in the Mandeni

and Maphumulo local municipalities saw their first harvest in February, with the testing of the winery equipment conducted by a viticulturist in the same month.

In the three months that followed, eight tons of grapes were processed and 8 000 litres

of wine produced.

Winemaker Daniel Maerkl who was teaching the cooperative how to cultivate the wine explained that the community owns the project and will be empowered to eventually manage all the winery's processes on their own. **U**

Ku tumbuluxiwa mintirho ya vantshwa va le KZN

VUTIRHISANI BYA mfumo na mihlangano leyi nga riki ya mfumo byi ta vona lavantshwa va kuma swikili swo endla timovha.

Hlengiwe Ngobese

Ku tlula 20 wa lavantshwa ku suka eKwaZulu-Natal va ta vuyeriwa ku suka eka ndhawu leyi-ntshwa yo endla timovha ya Mahindra ya R5 wa timiliyoni leyi nga ta endla muxaka lowuntshwa wa swibebe swa mavati ya mune na switulu swimbirhi leswi vitaniwaka Pik Up ehandle ka le Durban.

Makumembirhintlanu ya lavantshwa eKwaZulu-Natal va kume vuleteri na mitirho hi ku pfuriwa ka ndhawu leyintshwa yo endla timovha ya Mahindra.

Vatirhi va kume vuleteri hi ku tirhisana na ntlawa wa Mahindra na Mahindra wa matiko ya misava na vutleketli bya AIH, naswona va ta rhumeriwa eIndiya ku ya kuma vuleteri byo tatisela laha swi faneleke.

Vumaki byo ringeta eka ndhawu leyi byi le ku humeleleni laha ku languteri-waka ku endliwa kwalomu ka 2 000 wa timovha lembe na lembe, leswi nga ta hi yisa eka 4 000 watimovha leyi nga ta endliwa hi lembe.

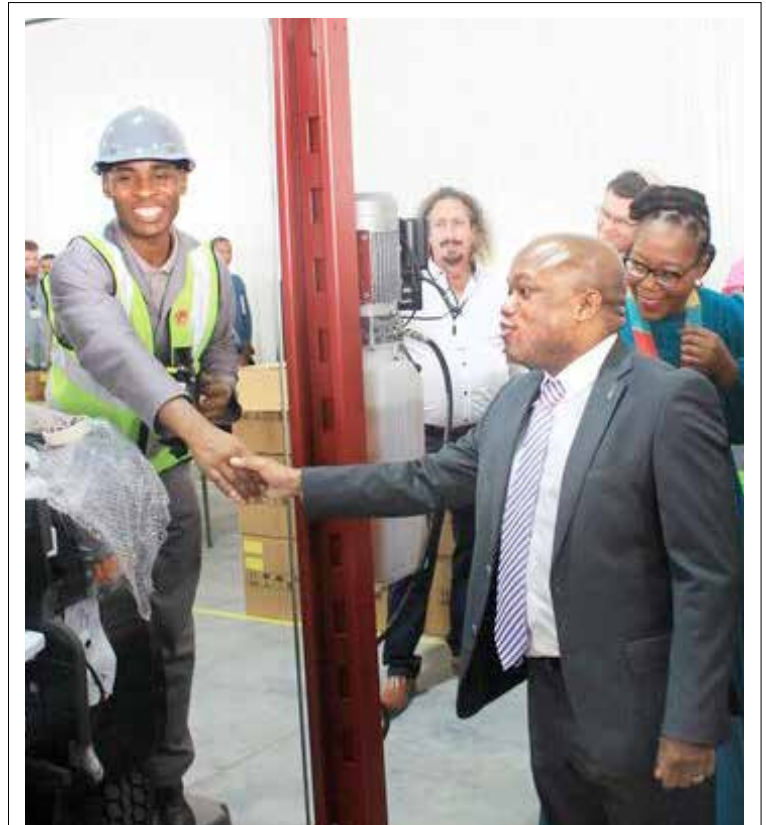
“Vuvekisi byi kahle eka ku tshemba ka van’wama-bindzu. Swi ya emahlweni swi kombisa leswaku laha KwaZulu-Natal i ndhawu leyi lulameleke eka vavekisi. Swi tlhela swi rhumela mahungu eka lava va ha kanakanaka leswaku Durban i ndhawu leyi nga tekeri-waka enhlokweni loko swi ta eka vuvekisi,” ku vula MEC wa Nhluvukiso wa Ikhonomi, Vupfumba na Timhaka ta Mbangu hi nkarhi wa nsimeko.

Uvuleleswakuswivandlanelene swa mitirho swo rhanga leswi tumbuluxiweke swi ta hoxa xandla eka ku kurisa tshaku ra

swikili eka xifundzankulu.

Wun’wana wa vatirhi i thwasana ra vuinjiniyara Sthembiso Mthembu loyi a nga vula leswaku u tsake ngopfu ku va a ri na ntirho, “Ndzi tshame ekaya ku ringana lembe ndzi ri hava ntirho wihi kumbe wihi. Xivandlanene lexi xi ndzi pfunile ku va ndzi kota ku hlayisa muti no tihlayisa. Hambileswi ndzi nga na digiri ya vuinjiniyara bya mekhenikhali, a ndzi nga swi tivi swinene mhaka yo hlanganisa movha. Vuleteri lebyi va hi nyikeke byona byi hi pfune ku kuma ku titsheмба eka vutivinkulu,” ku vula yena.

Mufambisinkulu wa swa Matirhelo wa Matiko ya Misava wa Mahindra, Arvind Mathew u vule leswaku khamphani yi kongome ku kuma 40 wa tiphesente ta swivumbo swa xibebe xa *Pik Up* eka vaendli va laha kaya.



■ Sthembiso Mthembu u thoriwile hi Mahindra Assembly Plant eDurban u xeweta MEC wa Nhluvukiso wa Ikhonomi, Vupfumba na Timhaka ta Mbangu eka nsimeko wa phurogireme.

“Ku hlanganisiwa ka *Pik Up* i goza ro rhanga eka kungu ra hina ra nkarhi wo leha leri nga ta hi vona

hi tatisa mitirho no kuma swivumbo laha kaya eKwaZulu-Natal,” ku vula yena. **V**

Pig farmer brings home the bacon

A FEMALE FARMER is making a go of it in the agriculture sector which she believes is a great driver of food security, poverty alleviation, job creation and economic growth.

Betty Nyambi cannot believe that she is a successful pig farmer with 150 sows on her Bronkhorstspuit far in Gauteng.

“I am so proud of myself because I am able to contribute to the economy and employ people on my farm. That I am a successful woman in a man’s world makes me even prouder.”

Nyambi, who has named her farming business Sinco-bile Trading and Agriculture Piggery, owns 173 hectares of land that she acquired through the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform to start her farming business.

She employs four people and is able to send about 100 pigs to the local abattoir each month.

“I have always had an interest in farming. After completing matric I decid-



■ Betty Nyambi believes that every South African must play their part in food security.



ed to study agriculture at the Tshwane University of Technology. I proceeded to work on different farms to get practical experience. Anything that involves the soil and nature excites me.”

Nyambi started her business with only six pigs in 2015. The business took off when the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) provided her with 26 pigs.

Currently, she has 150 sows and two boars. She also uses artificial insemination as part of her farming method.

“There is no reason why South Africans should not farm. Even if it’s a small

garden in your backyard, your family will never go hungry. I enjoy my piggery and it has given me a chance to provide for my family and my community.”

Nyambi adds that she received accolades for her hard work when she was the first runner-up in the Female Entrepreneur Farmer of the Year Awards in 2016. Despite her success she believes that her business has room to grow.

She has dispelled misconceptions that farming is for old people and encourages young women to enter the agriculture sector.

“I cannot stress enough the reasons why women and young people should follow the farming route. This field is easy especially once you get to understand it. I really encourage other South Africans to join me.” **V**