

UBISI NEWS

Lucky takes honours

Lucky Khoza was recently honoured by Technoserve and Standard Bank by being awarded seed capital and business support for his vegetable and chicken farming business, which he built up without any financing. Khoza was one of the winners in the Believe Begin Become (BBB) programme, a nationwide entrepreneurship development initiative supported by Standard Bank and run by non-profit economic development organisation, Technoserve.

He is grateful for the break he got from just creating a good business plan and now he is looking forward to making a difference to the country. "I am looking forward to creating more jobs than I have so far," he says.

– Press release



From the left are Sim Tshabalala, chief executive of Standard Bank South Africa, Lucky Khoza and Earl Sampson, Technoserve country director



Trevor Abrahams (left), proud new owner of this registered Angus cow, with minister Gerrit van Rensburg

Agri-partnerships bring success

"Land reform will succeed with partnerships such as these", Gerrit van Rensburg said at the third Boland Kamerade Angus auction, held at Rustenburg Estate, outside Stellenbosch earlier this year. Van Rensburg referred to the commitment made by the Boland Kamerade to support Trevor Abrahams, a new farmer from Ceres, in progressing from a commercial breeder to an Angus stud breeder.

Shoprite Checkers also showed their commitment towards new farmer development, and bought a registered Angus cow, valued at R7 000, for Abrahams. The cow will complement his current commercial herd, consisting of one registered Angus bull and 18 cows. "This high-quality animal will contribute greatly to the genetics in my herd", Abrahams said.

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The big Clover clean-up

The T-shirts especially made for the Clover team for their Big Swartkops River Clean-up said, 'A cleaner tomorrow today'. And that is exactly what the five teams put together by Clover with the help of Swartkops Trust did on Saturday morning, 8 May 2010. Everyone was involved from Clover's CEO, to the cleaning staff, the factory workers as well as some of their families.

Said Swartkops Trust's chairman, Mike Spearpoint: "Full marks for Clover, Perseverance, for doing their bit towards a cleaner environment. A veritable mountain of rubbish was removed, which would eventually have found its way into the Swartkops River, further polluting the already polluted river and estuary. – Phyllis Magda, PRO Swartkops Trust



Limpopo female farmers honoured

Female farmers were honoured for their entrepreneurial spirit at the Ba-Phalaborwa Female Entrepreneur of the year 2010 awards ceremony held on 2 June 2010 at Ba-Phalaborwa Town. The 2009 winner, Francina Makwala, motivated female farmers present at the event. The farmers were also encouraged by Kate Ndlovu, a teacher by profession. She said that a wise woman uses her hands regardless of the educational background.

The top three winners in the subsistence category were Ida Baloyi (first), Elizabeth Ngomane (second) and Rosina Ntwapi (third). In the smallholder section, the top position went to Raleputso farming, followed by Tlarihani Vegetables, while Flora Mathevula received the third position. – www.lida.gov.za

Farmers sought for Nguni project

South Africa's North West province recently called on interested farming communities to apply to participate in the final phase of a stock farming development project. The project is a partnership between the North West Department of Agriculture, Conservation, Environment and Rural Development, the Industrial Development Corporation and the North West University's Mafikeng campus, and has shown remarkable growth since its inception four years ago.

For each successful application, 24 Nguni cattle (23 heifers and one bull) are handed over in a form of a loan. Each beneficiary will enter into a contract, committing to return back to the project 11 heifers and a bull after five years and keep the remaining number and any progeny resulting from efficient management of the herd.

The main objective of this project is to reintroduce the Nguni breed of cattle into the province in large numbers, focusing specifically on emerging black farmers. – SAinfo reporter 