

NW Consumer Affairs Court officially launched



MEC Wendy Nelson flanked by members of the Consumers Affairs Court, Adv. Ruth Dzanibe; Director: Consumer Affairs, Dr Lydia Sebege; NW Provincial DG; and Cllr. Ntombi Koloti.

Mahikeng – The long anticipated North West Consumer Affairs Court was officially launched in Mmabatho on Friday, 24 March 2017, promising consumer’s protection against unscrupulous dealers and businesses. According to Departmental MEC, Hon Wendy Nelson, the Court will finally see consumers in the province getting redress through ceasing of unfair business practices. The Court established in terms of Section 11 of Consumer Affairs Act No. 4 of 1996, as amended, will amongst others make orders declaring business practise to be unfair, interdict any prohibited conduct, confirm arrangements and order any appropriate relief to consumers. “The Consumer Affairs Court will focus on matters concerning the sale of goods or rendering of services by businesses to consumers. In this instance, emphasis will be on cases where consumers and traders could not reach an amicable solution after the matter had been referred to Consumer Affairs. We

urge our communities and businesses to utilise this court and adhere to the orders that will be issued,” MEC Nelson said. The department has observed an increase in disparities between businesses and consumers as a result of unfair business practices. Consumers are urged to have a strong voice to know their rights and responsibilities and how to enforce them. “The court will function like a normal court; the only difference is that the consumer affairs court will have three presiding officers, which means there will be three different minds which will be applied when dealing with cases,” John Nkomo, Chairperson of the Court, said. The Consumer Affairs Court will operate under the mandate of the Department of Economy and Enterprise Development. **Issued by Department of Economy and Enterprise Development, 27 March 2017**

ACCOLADES TO ZINNIIVILLE SECONDARY

Rustenburg – Zinniaville Secondary School has once again proved to be a school of excellence. On Saturday, 25 March 2017, at a Gala event held at the Gallagher Estate in Johannesburg, one of Zinniaville Secondary School’s most well deserving educators and principal walked away with accolades from the National Teachers Awards. A truly prestigious event with the President of the Republic of South Africa, Mr Jacob Zuma as well as the Minister of Education, Angie Motshekga and Deputy Minister of Education, Mr Enver Surty were amongst the dignitaries present. Mrs Faziln Kola, Zinniaville Secondary School’s maths educator and Head of Department for Maths and Science, won the first prize in the category of Excellence in FET Maths. For this, she won a brand-new Chevrolet Spark vehicle, an additional R10 000.00 cash, a tablet, a smart phone, airtime and other smaller items. Mr Abdull, Principal of Zinniaville Secondary School, won the second prize in the Kader Asmal Category. Mr Abdull received R10 000.00 in cash, a smart phone and tablet as well as airtime and other smaller

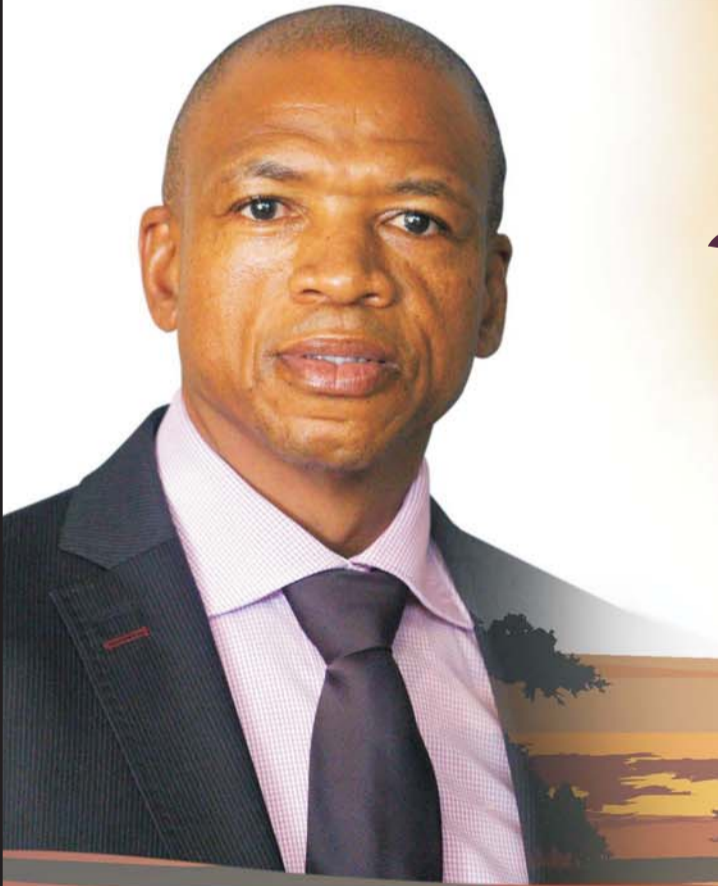
prizes. Although placed in second position, Mr Abdull is still number one in the eyes of the learners, teachers and SGB. This momentous occasion was celebrated by everyone at Zinniaville Secondary School when both Mr Abdull and Mrs Kola were given a warm reception and ‘guard of honour’. Mrs Kola and Mr Abdull were beaming with pride when they were received with congratulatory shouts and applause. Mrs Kola expressed her sentiments on winning the first prize for Excellence in Maths. She thanked the Almighty, her family, the learners and especially Mr Abdull – the driving force behind her participation in the NTA. “If it was not for our leader and principal, Mr Abdull, I would certainly not have been standing here today.” In his acceptance speech, Mr Abdull thanked the Almighty, his family and lovely wife – without whom he could not have achieved the success he has today, as well as all the educators, SGB, staff and learners. This is the second time in five years that Zinniaville Secondary School walked away with this prestigious award.



Mrs Faziln Kola and Mr Abdull walking with a Guard of Honour.



From left; Mrs Kola (first position for Excellence in Maths); Mr Abdull (second position for Kader Asmal Award); and Ms Suliman (deputy principal).



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