The Emnambithi/Ladysmith municipality’s Youth Development Section working with the Department of Education recently hosted an Examination prayer for scholar in the Ladysmith and surrounding areas. Full story on page 3.
EMNAMBITHI/LADYSMITH
MUNICIPALITY
RELAUNCHES ITS BR&E

The Emnambithi/Ladysmith Municipalities LED section hosted an event to re-launch the Business retention and expansion programme at the Royal Hotel this month. The event took place amongst some of the prominent business men and women of Ladysmith as well as with Trade and Investment KZN.

The business retention and expansion programme is an initiative which commenced in 2009 for all municipalities in KZN with the purpose of assisting existing businesses to remain within the municipality and not close down and relocate, also to assist the existing businesses to expand within the municipality and create job opportunities and increase the municipalities revenue base (rates).

The key performance of the LED in this regard is therefore to visit at least 30 businesses within the financial year.

Ever since the programme was introduced, the Emnambithi/Ladysmith Municipality LED portfolio representatives have been visiting several businesses in an aid to interact, assist and engage with the businesses on their business related issues and how the municipality can assist in sustaining the business and avoid relocation into other towns.

Development, Planning and Human Settlements Executive Manager Mr Mkhize addresses the guests at the re-launch of the BR&E

Emnambithi/Ladysmith Deputy Mayor Cllr SR Mfusi with Jennifer from the Business Chamber. On the left are some of the guests who were present at the re-launch
Scholars from Ladysmith and surrounding areas were gathered at the Indoor sports complex on Friday 19 September for an examination prayer.

Scholars from Ladysmith gathered with their teachers at the Indoor Sports complex on Friday 19 September at the 2014 exam prayer. This year the scholars were exposed to motivation and prayer from well known Pastor Zondo, motivation from Ukhozi FM’s Sbu Buthelezi and gospel artist Sgwili. The event proved emotional for others who were present as tears were seen when some of the songs were sang.

Pastor Zondo spoke to the young people telling them that in order to get to the top you need to have been at the bottom. Department of Education officials as well as Emnambithi/Ladysmith officials were also at the event.

Gospel Artist Sgwili was performing inspirational music at the event.

At the main table were the guest speakers at the event, in the front addressing the pupils is Sbu Buthelezi.
LITERACY FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF DEMOCRACY

Emnambithi Ladysmith Municipality Library Services held their 2nd Inter Library Spelling Bee Mega Challenge on 10 September 2014 at the Utility Hall to commence with a sequence of activities to celebrate Literacy Month. The competition was held in three levels. Inter class, inter school and finally the Inter Library Mega Challenge. A total of 13 schools participated with only 8 schools reaching the Inter Library Mega Challenge level. The eager grade 5 spellers made a calm and steady start, displaying confidence with each progressive round. After a nail-biting 10 rounds, the top speller of the day and winner of the competition was Bonga Dlada, representing Colenso Library (M.L.Sultan Colenso Primary), in second place was Anele Mchunu representing Agra Crescent Library (M.C.Varman Primary) and third was Andiswa Vilakazi also representing Colenso Library (Colenso Primary School).

To continue with our celebration and promotion of literacy, a Quiz Mega Challenge was held on 11 September 2014 at the same venue with grade 6 and grade 9 learners. This event was held in two segments. In part one, contestants faced 20 questions on democracy in South Africa. Prior research had to be done by contestants for this round. In part two, questions were based on a general knowledge booklet which were given to all contestants in preparation for the quiz competition. In the grade 6 category, 17 schools entered the competition with only 7 schools making it to the Mega Challenge. The winner in the grade 6 category was Sean Garridigan representing Agra Crescent Library (Acaciavale Primary), in second place was Lusanele Nhlangothi representing Colenso Library (Colenso Primary), and in third place was Wandile Hadebe representing Agra Crescent Library (M.L Sultan Primary). The winner in the grade 9 category was Humera Ismail representing Agra Crescent Library (Islamic Education Centre), second place went to Sanele Hlongwane representing Ladysmith Public Library (Klipriver High) and third place went to Denelle Ramsamy representing Agra Crescent Library (Ladysmith Secondary).

The top three contestants in each category were rewarded for their efforts with books prizes and Gift Vouchers. All contestants were given certificates for participating. In execution of the quiz competition, we found that learners were motivated to study in a relaxed, informal manner improving their retrieval and retention skills. It also helped them to identify gaps in their general knowledge and work towards improving areas in which they performed poorly.

Ladysmith Library Services would like to thank everyone who made this competition a success – from the hardworking learners to the sacrificing educators, parents and sponsors.

The event built up to a climax after a total of 34 rounds, when spectators, parents and contestants rooted and cheered for the remaining four Spelling Bee contenders who were battling it out for first place. The judges were challenged to use the elimination list to declare the top speller.

At the end of the day, an Awards Ceremony to honor the top spellers with well-deserved prizes. Applause and cheers filled the room as the winners were announced. The top speller for the day was Aishwari Parthab, followed very closely by Alisha Naidoo, Zuhairaa Sardiwalla and Tashfiq Rahman. Thank you to everyone who made this competition a success – from the hardworking learners to the sacrificing educators and parents. Sincere gratitude goes out to One-Stop Computers for sponsoring a Mercer tablet for the top speller. Dictionaries sponsored by Cambridge University Press and books sponsored by Oxford University Press were given to each learner who made it to the Mega finals. Our special thanks also goes to Concept Advertising and Mac signs for their kind contributions. Congratulations to all who participated and we hope to see all of you again next year!
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KwaZulu-Natal Premier Senzo Mchunu has reiterated his commitment to working with big business to unlock the potential of this province. He was speaking today in his capacity as the co-chairperson of the KZN Growth Coalition during the executive breakfast attended by more than 300 members of the coalition.

“It was in 2005, exactly ten years ago when my predecessor Cde Sbu Ndebele officially launched the KwaZulu-Natal Growth Coalition. At that time, the ANC as the ruling party in the province took a conscious decision to form this partnership in order to drive economic growth in the province. I want to pay tribute to the former Ndebele and the former premier Dr Zweli Mkhize for laying the foundation for government to work with the private sector.”

“We need to do is to build on the success that we have made since the launch of the coalition ten years ago. The desired outcomes we have set in respect of the economy and job creation, is a situation where everyone who wants to work can find work, or start his or her own business. For now we want to half unemployment and ensure that total value of output of all sectors within the provincial economy increases from 2010 value of R 267 200 million to R 450 000 million in 2020 and to R 750 000 million in 2030, as measured in 2005 Rand value.”

“We want the total employment within the provincial economy of KZN to increase from 2,4 million in 2010, to 3,3 million in 2020 and 4,5 million in 2030. This translates to us having to create 2.1 million jobs by 2030, of which 900 000 have to be created by 2020; and the GDP per Capita within the provincial economy of KZN should increase from R28 110 per capita in 2010, to R39 760 in 2020 and R56 230 in 2030. This implies doubling of GDP Per Capita as a target set in the National Development Plan.”

“To achieve these targets, we will have to ensure that where the cost of doing business is low, attracting new and protecting existing ventures in all sectors, growing the economy and creating employment. We recognise that we will not be able to achieve the social development, nor the economic development objectives of our Province if we do not develop our human resource capacity to its full potential. It is for these reasons that we have launched the Human Resources Development Council which will guide KZN on how to drive skills revolution in the province.”

“We are focusing on the whole education continuum, starting with early childhood development, through school and adult basic education, as well as artisan and technical training, and higher education rendered at tertiary education level.”

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