

VALENTINE'S DAY ON A TRAIN

Rustenburg - The elegant Perron 8 at Orion Safari Lodge Hotel & Convention Centre officially opened on Friday 14 February. During the grand opening, love was in the air for a very special Valentine's Day experience. The Coach twin dining car was retired from the track in 1978 and in 1985 found its home at Orion Safari Lodge Hotel & Convention Centre. Here it was turned into a restaurant which became a favourite among the community until it burned down in 2015. It has since risen from the ashes and under its new name Perron 8 you can expect a

fine dining experience inside the old train dining car. To add to the authenticity, each 'passenger' received a train ticket to board and at the entrance, a 'conductor' was waiting to check the tickets. The five-course meal was exquisite and Smoke The Guitarist together with Maletsky Audio Visual added to the fantastic atmosphere. The restauration includes meticulous detail like engraved chairs and a 'train window' view of the lovely Kloof. **For more information or to book your table for a terrific night out contact Perron 8 on 014 597 9000 or email on perron8@safarirustenburg.co.za.**



Orion Hotels marketing manager Antoinette Kleyn, cutting the ribbon for the official opening.



The inside of Perron 8 has the real feel of dining on a train.



A twin dining car was converted into a restaurant.



Cliff Ndlovu and Toby Ndlovu enjoying a romantic Valentine's Day on a train.

EDUCATORS MAKE ZINNIIVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL PROUD

Zinniaville – The National Teacher's Awards (NTA) and Zinniaville Secondary School have become synonymous. Yet again, their educators have displayed their true potential as well as expressed how passionate they are of the teaching profession. On Saturday 15 February, two of their educators; Mr Sahaboodin Abdull and Mrs Ayesha Ismail attended the NTA as finalists in their respective categories at Soshanguve High School in Pretoria. Abdull, the school's recently retired principal, entered the Excellence in Secondary School Leadership category and was aptly placed in this category as he is a true leader. His passion has been rewarded time and again during previous NTA's where he won three national winners as well as three-second place runner-ups all from the school. Although he was amongst a very competitive group of educators and principals from all over the country, he achieved the second position

in his category. Ismail, a lady of few words but an extremely passionate educator, entered the Excellence in Teaching Natural Science general education and training phase category. After endless and nerve-wracking interviews with a panel of judges, she was placed third in her category out of nine other candidates - a truly significant achievement. The achievement of both Abdull and Ismail at the NTA was celebrated by the school on 17 February with a *braai*. A special guard of honour by the learners, the winners were chauffeured to school in a Ferrari and Mustang courtesy of Y&R Motors. The special assembly was attended by members of the victors' families, friends, departmental officials, colleagues and community members. Both Abdull and Ismail were praised for their achievements. The two educators expressed their gratitude to the learners and their colleagues for support.



From left: Agnes Rasesemole, Sharifa Suliman, Sauda Abdull, Sahaboodin Abdull, Jenny Nel, Farzana Suliman, Ayesha Ismail, Shaheen Ebrahim and Mohamed Ami.

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ALL I WANT TO DO IS DANCE!

Rustenburg – From a very young age, Mogomotsi Maphuta knew that he wanted to pursue his passion for dancing. He started the company Youth in Motion to teach Dancesport in his community and then he reached out to local schools in Rustenburg. Youth In Motion Dance Studio started with just six learners and now has over 30 dancers. His learners are now actively participating in dancing as a sport. "Not everyone is good at contact sports, but they still want to be active. It allows learners to be part of a team environment, participate competitively and teaches them the same discipline and structure of other sports. It allows mass participation, development and growth for the youth," said Maphuta. In an interview with *Platinum Weekly*, Sacred Hearts Private Primary School principal Michael Atuheiwe said he could see the positive impact the sport has had on the learners who pursued it. "They have more self-confidence and you can see that they are truly enjoying themselves," he said. Through the programme, young aspiring dancers are taught a variety of genres that include hip hop, jive and even ballroom dancing. Maphuta hopes to extend the programme to more schools. "We have something for everyone, and we would like to raise more awareness for the sport," he added. The youth are also inspired to pursue a career in dancing and can train to become a choreographer, coach, judge, examiner, scrutineer, educator, skills development dancer and lots more. This in return tackles tough social and environmental problems. Although there are still many challenges the company faces,

they have already won many awards. Last year they won third place in the 2019 North West Sports Awards' school team of the year category and Maphuta is determined to keep on reaching for the sky. "Our dream is to have a learner in the Olympic Games one day". Dancesport can be expensive and the company relies on sponsorships. Youth in motion offers a place where confidence, hard work and talent thrive and because they are members of DanceSport South Africa, they have access to formal sports platforms. **For more information on Dancesport, contact Michael Maphuta on 071 228 1408.**



Rethabile Mphuti (left) and Blessing Mutuka.

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Shantel Mushonga (left) and Refilwe Sione.



From left: Sacred Hearts Private Primary School principal Michael Atuheiwe and Youth In Motion directors Lesedi Masombuka and Mogomotsi Maphuta.

Weather Report North West
RUSTENBURG

Friday	21	February 2020	33°C - 20°C	Rainfall probability (%)
Saturday	22	February 2020	31°C - 19°C	0
Sunday	23	February 2020	27°C - 16°C	
Monday	24	February 2020	27°C - 16°C	
Tuesday	25	February 2020	29°C - 17°C	

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FINANCIAL INDICATORS

ZAR / USD	14.95
Rand/Pound	19.41
Rand/Euro	16.15
Rand/Aus Dollar	10.01
Dollar/Pound	1.30
Pound/Euro	1.20
GOLD	1,610.94
Platinum	1,015.15
Palladium	2,685.00

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Young aspiring dancers living out their passion.