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Tommy Burner adds to family furniture footprint

Son tackles running his own business for the first time

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – After being in the family business for close to three decades, Tommy Burner has opened his own furniture outlet on Avenue G.

His family has been in the furniture business with outlets in Fort Madison and Burlington for almost 35 years. Burner's new location at 734 Avenue G, is the third location the Burner's have had in Fort Madison

A fire destroyed the family's first business at 15th and G, and then they moved operations downtown until they moved it to the current facility at the corner of Main and Harrison in Burlington.

The new location at 734 Avenue G, opened just before the end of the year and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and by appointment.

Burner said this is the first time he's been the owner of the business and things have been moving quickly.

"We opened up the third week of December," he said. "We signed the papers on Tuesday and by the next Tuesday we had four trucks of furniture in the store."

He said his family's history in the furniture business has been an asset moving forward.

"Dad is really helping me out a lot. I wouldn't be able to do this without their help. They're focusing on just new

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Gibb bringing 11,000 lb. coal fire oven to Coal Haus 337



BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Not quite a year after bringing his wildly popular Buffalo menu to Fort Madison, Chase Gibb has another iconic restaurant in the works, and is about two months from literally "firing" it up.

Gibb is bringing an 11,000 lb. coal fire oven into the former The Italian restaurant building at 337 N. Roosevelt in Burlington.

Those that follow the Buffalo brand and Gibb on Facebook, may have seen threads of Gibb playing around with oven-baked pizzas and other foods for a week.

Gibb is bringing that knowledge back to Burlington and will be opening Coal Haus 337 this spring, with former Burlington Golf Club food manager, Carlee McIntyre leading the way.

The oven will be the center-piece of the restaurant and Gibb said it will be something for people to come and experience.

"This thing weighs about 11,000 pounds and is about 10 feet long by nine foot wide. It has to be loaded and

"
I feel like it's going to be a destination for people who want nice pizza, good food, with a really neat atmosphere."

-Chase Gibb,
owner Coal Haus 337

off-loaded with crane. And it has to cure so it's about a 12-week production time," Gibb said.

While a lot of the plans for the endeavor are focused on creating unique pizzas with ingredients from around the world, Gibb said it's not a pizza joint.

The coal fire grill will be just the third in operation in restaurants in the state.. The oven burns anthracite, often referred to as hard coal with a submetallic luster. It has the highest carbon content, the fewest impurities, and the highest energy density of all types of coal.



GIBB

Gibb said it provides culinary opportunities unmatched in this area.

"This won't just be a pizza place and it's not an Italian place," he said. "We're going to be doing coal fired steaks in these ovens too. You can cook those right on the coals, they're called 'dirty steaks'. If you look into it, it was a favorite of Dwight Eisenhower."

The oven will also be used to make appetizers, ingredi-

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EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



MP pilot part of historic recovery

U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander Kent White's team found the wrecked Hercules C-130 Transport Airplane by using radar. Its tail fin, with the numbers "321," was barely visible, sticking up through the snow and ice on the Polar Plateau of Antarctica. It was -40° F in early December, 1987.

Seventeen years earlier, the C-130 Transport had crashed during take off from a French Scientific Camp. The U.S. Navy abandoned it, classifying the 321 as a "Strike" aircraft. The French were now asking permission to recover and restore the buried C-130.

Not wanting another country to reclaim its downed aircraft, the U.S. State Department, like a dog guarding a food bowl, said no to the French. The Navy then ordered Lt. Cm. Kent White to find, restore, and fly the downed aircraft out of Antarctica.

Tail fin of the Hercules C-130 sticking out of the ice and snow in Antarctica as recovery begins.

A daunting task? Yes! But Kent White was used to extraordinary accomplishments. You see, when he was in high school in Mt. Pleasant, he was a member of the famed football team of 1963 that went undefeated, untied, and un-scored upon.

White's Navy team went to work with bulldozers and construction equipment (they never shut off due to the cold) to dig out the downed aircraft. They had it mostly

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Obituaries

TERRY L. BLINT

Terry L. Blint, 72, of Burlington passed away on Saturday, February 02, 2019 at 5:35 AM at the Prairie Ridge Care Center in Mediapolis.

He was born on February 22, 1946 in Burlington to Louis and Ruth Smith Blint. Terry married Patricia Devaux and they later divorced. He worked at Chittendon and Eastman for twenty nine years and then worked for the Burlington School District doing maintenance and mowing. Terry loved being outdoors, especially mowing. He enjoyed playing pool and bowling in his early years. Terry also enjoyed frying fish, chicken and spending time with his family.



BLINT

Survivors include his Mom, Ruth Blint of Mediapolis; one daughter, Tammy (Randy) Strunk of Donnellson; three grandchildren, Ashley (Adam Hayes) Strunk, Jacob (Kristen) Strunk and Jared Strunk; one great grandson, Hudson Hayes. He was preceded in death by his father and grandparents.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

CAROL SUE SIMPSON

Carol Sue Simpson, 60 of Keokuk, IA died Thursday, January 31, 2019 at her home. She was born December 26, 1958 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Alfred and Charlette Elaine Bird Bowen.

Carol had been employed at Henniges Automotive in Keokuk until her retirement.

She loved animals and had three four legged companions that were always by her side. She enjoyed spending time outdoors gardening. Carol was handy at fixing things and was a very independent lady.



SIMPSON

Carol is survived by two daughters, Christie Mortimer of Keokuk and Brandie Broadwell (Matt Gerdes) of Keokuk, one son, Bryan Simpson, ten grandchildren, Britini Simpson, Larry Simpson, Michael Simpson, Tracy Simpson, Drake Simpson, Haylee Altgilbers (Devon), Jensen Broadwell, Abigail Broadwell, Allison Gerdes and Greyson Gerdes, one sister, Penny Ford (Tom) of Ames, IA, one brother-in-law, Steven Yates of Luray, MO and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Ron Bowen and Mark Bowen and one sister, Beverly Yates.

A Gathering of Remembrance for family and friends will be held from 4-6 p.m., Wednesday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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The Current runs obituaries at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

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RAYMOND WILLIAM WATZNAUER

Raymond William Watznauer, 83 years, of West Point, Iowa died Thursday, January 31, 2019 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa.

He was born August 8, 1935 in Fort Madison, Iowa, a son of William and Genevieve (Kramer) Watznauer. Ray's family moved to Miami Beach, Florida when he was a child. He returned to Iowa when he was 15 years old and went to work for his sister, Evelyn & Joe Schneider, at the Blue Grass Dairy.



WATZNAUER



At 18 years old, he joined the United States Army and served during the Korean War from 1954 - 1956. On April 4, 1959 in West Point, he married Marilyn Menke. He worked as a guard at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant for 39 years. He also farmed for many years. He was a member of St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church. He enjoyed fishing, telling stories and jokes, was a Miami Dolphins fan, and loved driving his 57 Chevy in the Sweet Corn Festival Parade.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn Watznauer of West Point; four sons: Jeffrey (Lora) Watznauer of La Fayette, Illinois; Timothy (Renee) Watznauer of West Point; Thomas (Cherie) Watznauer of New London, Iowa; and Jay (Angie) Watznauer of Taylor Ridge, Illinois; three daughters: Liza Enke (JC Lambert) of West Point; Michelle (Jay) Baldwin of West Point; and Jan (Matt) Morris of Fort Madison, Iowa; one brother Floyd (Deloris) Watznauer of Fort Madison; two sisters, Rita Miller of Burlington and Vera (Richard) Boeding of West Point; 23 grandchildren: Jeremy, Jodi, Josh, Portia, Kelsey, Randi, Courtney, Danielle, Brittany, Brandon, Mykayla, Justin, Jordan, Josey, Colton, Drake, Tanner, Parker, Jackson, Henry, Derek, Nathan, and Lindsey; eight great grandchildren: Cassidy, Lathan, Eric, Lexie, Rory, Elle, Gracie, and Paisley; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Wilbert, Clarence, and Bernard Watznauer, and six sisters: Martha Boeddeker, Evelyn Schneider, Laverne Boeding, Lucille Fedler, Pauline Blint, and Eileen Dingman.

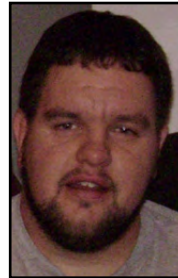
Visitation will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 pm Sunday, February 3, 2019 at the Barr-Holtkamp Funeral Home, West Point, a Rosary will begin at 4:00 pm Sunday, at the funeral home.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am Monday, February 4, 2019 at the St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church, West Point with Reverend Dennis Hoffman as Celebrant. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, West Point with full military rites.

STEVEN LYNN FRANCIS

Steven Lynn Francis, 43, of Keokuk, died Thursday, January 31, 2019 at the Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.

He was born on February 13, 1975, in Ft. Madison, IA, the son of Oscar and Dona Boley Francis.



FRANCIS

He graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1993. Steven had been employed at Gregory Manufacturing in Ft. Madison for twenty years.

He was a car enthusiast and enjoyed watching drag racing and going to car shows. He especially liked early model Fords. Steven was a devoted dad and loved his children more than anything. His greatest joy in life was spending time with them and lots of special memories were made while taking car rides with his daughter and teaching his son to work on cars.

He is survived by his son, Colton Francis of Keokuk, his daughter, Alyssa Francis of Keokuk, his parents, Oscar and Dona Francis of Keokuk, his brother, Matt Francis and his wife Shelly of Canton, MI, aunts and uncles, Rowdy and Penny Boley, Don and Kendra Boley, Dee and Tina Boley, Dave and Dorothy Francis all of Hamilton, IL, Terry and Dana Lavarn of Florida, Don and Mary Francis of Keokuk, Jesse and Beth Francis of Grand Island NE, Shari and James Brookins of Wichita, KS And Julia Champlin of Des Moines.

He was preceded in death by one son, Seth Michael Francis, his grandparents, Don and Charlotte Boley and Nina and Oscar Francis, Sr. and two aunts, Pat Boley Pults and Wanda Campbell and one uncle, Lindy Campbell.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor Mark Nichols officiating. Burial will in the Oakland Cemetery in Warsaw, IL.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 12 noon - 2 p.m. at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to his Children's Education Fund.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police report

01/29/19 – 8:10 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Samantha Dawn Schneider, 21, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of 48th Street, on a charge of driving under suspension. She was released upon citation.
 01/29/19 – 8:32 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 800 block of Avenue E.
 01/29/19 – 4:29 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 300 block of 18th Street.
 01/29/19 – 6:07 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of Avenue G.
 01/30/19 – No report.
 01/31/19 – 12 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jason Michael David Meyer, 18, of Fort Madison at the police department on a charge of serious assault. He was released on a promise to appear.
 01/31/19 – 11:31 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of 20th Street.
 01/31/19 – 1:03 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the

2500 block of Avenue L.
 01/31/19 – 4:01 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Cody Sheridan Collins, 29, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of Avenue G on a charge of violation of a no contact order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 01/31/19 – 9:52 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Randy Allen Akers, 45, of Fort Madison, on a warrant for violation of a no contact order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's report

01/29/19 – 9:41 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Sophia McKenna Gregory, 20, of Hamilton, Ill., at the sheriff's office on a charge of 5th degree criminal trespass. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 01/30/19 – 6:46 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David Elmer Keefe, 52, of Arygle, no location given, on a judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 01/31/19 – 7:32 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David James Markell, 22, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee

County Jail and held.
 01/31/19 – 9:11 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on 295th Street where a vehicle driven by Danielle Linette Bertelli lost control and left the roadway, rolling onto it's side and coming to rest on a utility poll. Bertellie was cited for OWI-2nd offense and failure to maintain control and was taken to the Lee County Jail.
 02/01/19 – 2:50 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Chad Richard Barker, 40, of Montrose, in the 1100 block of Croton Road on a warrant for contempt. He was released on bond. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

01/31/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls, and one false alarm.
 02/01/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and an ammonia tank leak.
 02/02/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call and a false alarm.

WILLIAM "BILL" P. CROM

William "Bill" P. Crom, 80, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 1:58 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at his home. He was born on June 25, 1938 in Washington, IA to Sherman "Luther" & Icle E. Nelson Crom. He owned & operated Bill's Towing in Fort Madison for more than 45 years.



CROM

He married Elaine D. Sincox on April 7, 1961 in Apple River, IL. They later divorced. He then married Leatha M. Hayes on November 5, 1973 in Fort Madison, IA. She preceded him in death on March 10, 2017. He served in the U.S. Army and attended the Nazarene Church in Montrose, IA. He was the past president of Towing & Recovery Professionals of Iowa and was an Explorer Scout in the Boy Scouts when he was young. He loved racing, fishing, hunting and going to his Army reunions. He loved everybody and never knew a stranger. A stranger or a customer was simply a friend he hadn't met yet.



Bill is survived by: 2-daughters: Paula (Robert) Myers & Beverly (Terry) Strah both of New London, IA; 1-step daughter: Sandy (Stan) Pflingsten of Fort Madison, IA; 4-step sons: John (Sheila) Gray of Missouri, Ron (Mary) Gray of Fort Madison, IA, Jim Gray of Burlington, IA & David Gray of Arkansas; "the boy": Jeremy (Kayla) Enke of West Point, IA; many grandchildren, several great grandchildren and a few great great grandchildren; 2-sisters: Myrtle "Sally" (Wayne) Reighard of Washington, IA & Ruth (Ray) Meth of Olds, IA and 1-brother: John Crom of Mason City, IA. To Bill, family is love and he loved all his family. He was preceded in death by: his parents, a step father: Wallace, his wife, 1-step daughter: Shirley & 1-brother: Don.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2019 with the family to receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 1, 2019 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Preston Smith officiating. Burial will be held at Soldiers' Circle in Oakland Cemetery with military rites performed by the Fort Madison Veterans Honor Guard. A memorial has been established in Bill's memory. Online condolences and a video tribute of Bills life may be viewed at www.kinglynk.com.

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Sports/Lottery Numbers

Holy Trinity boys drop two

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Holy Trinity Crusaders dropped two games in two days as regional action looms next week.

The Crusaders fell 62-55 Friday night in the boy's edition of the Southeast Iowa Superconference Shootout on the road at Lone Tree.

After spotting the Falcons a 5-point first quarter lead, the Crusaders closed the gap to just two points at the half behind Fehseke's nine points.

Holy Trinity tied the score two minutes into the third period at 31, but Louisa-Muscatine went on a 9-2 run to lead 40-33. The Crusaders cut the lead two again at 42-40 with a 7-2 run to close out the third period.

Junior Quentin Schneider scored seven for the Crusaders in the third period.

Trailing by just four to start the final period, L-M turned to senior Karson Cantrell who broke loose for 10 points to help the Falcons to a 18-15 4th quarter advantage and seal the win. Hellige had five in the period for HTC.

Fesheke led Holy Trinity with 20 points followed by Schneider with 14, while Hellige had 13 for the 4-13 Crusaders. Brant Holtkamp had six and Adam Rauenbuehler had two in the loss.

On Thursday's Senior Night, HTC couldn't find an answer for Cardinal freshman Landon Becker who exploded for 31 points including eight three-pointers, as Cardinal ruined the night 57-55.

Becker was averaging less than seven points a game coming into the contest.

Senior Brant Holtkamp led the Crusaders with 14 points on the night and was fouled on a three-pointer in the final second with HTC down by three. Holtkamp hit the first, but missed the second and intentionally missed the third to try and get a quick put back but time expired.

The Crusaders held a seven point first half lead, but Becker hit six three pointers in the second half, three in each period and closed the gap to one at 42-41 going into the final period. HTC had a four-point lead in the fourth quarter but a Becker 3-pointer with two minutes left tied up the game at 51.

Holtkamp and Hellige led the Crusaders with 14 Thursday night. Fehseke had nine points. Blake Crabtree and Kyle Bredemeyer each had six on the night. Schneider and Rauenbuehler both had four.

The Crusaders have three games this week taking on Burlington Notre Dame on Monday and then traveling to Central Lee on Tuesday. They wrap up the regular season on Thursday at home against WACO. Regionals start on Feb. 14 in District 8. Holy Trinity takes on Pekin at Pekin High School starting at 7 p.m. The winner will face the winner of WACO and Lone Tree at a location to be determined.

Rashid scores 17 in Lady Hounds loss

BY PCC STAFF

WASHINGTON – Fort Madison sophomore Maddie Rashid scored a season-high 17 as Fort Madison fell to Washington on the road Friday night.

The Hounds had an 11-10 lead just before the end of the first quarter, but Washington converted a bucket in the last minute to hold a 12-11 at the end of one.

Then the Lady Demons held the Bloodhounds scoreless for seven minutes extending the lead to 20-11. In the final minute of the half, Fort Madison would break out of the slump and put up five points to trail by six 22-16 at the break.

Out of the break, Fort Madison again hit a buzzsaw on the offense side of the court and were held scoreless for the entire third period as Washington moved the lead to 31-16. The Hounds couldn't get any closer than 12 the rest of the game.

"The score doesn't show it but the girls played pretty well. We lost Nadia (Boeding) in the third and had to shuffle some people around," said head coach Todd McGhghy.

"We are executing, we are running our schemes. Just not finishing right now. Once again absolutely no effort issue. These girls work very hard. Maddie Rashid worked so hard on defense tonight. I was totally oblivious to her having 17 points. These girls are gonna be ok if they just stay the course."

Outside of Rashid's 17, Fort Madison got three from Braxtyn McGhghy, two from Brandy Walker and one each from Anna Kester and Anna Lynk.

The Hounds (1-17) head to Burlington on Monday and then travel to Durant on Tuesday before going to Fairfield on Friday.

Regional action begins on Feb. 13. Fort Madison takes on Burlington at Burlington beginning at 7 p.m. with the winner taking on Keokuk in Keokuk at 7 p.m. in the bottom half of the Region 6, Class 4A bracket.

The top half of the bracket includes Clinton, Maquoketa and North Scott.

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Sports

FM 'Hounds better than Burlington on Senior Night

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – It was the last night for seniors on the black and red wrestling mat at the HoundDome, and all four seniors got wins, as Fort Madison put away Burlington 60-21 Friday night.

Seniors Sam Hayes at 195 lbs., and Alex Lauber at 220 lbs. both recorded pins and Dayne Corday and Elton Kruse both won by forfeit.

The Bloodhounds have one more dual meet with North Scott on Wednesday before state qualifying takes place at districts in Cedar Rapids at Prairie High School on Feb. 9 beginning at noon.

Hayes, who's been hampered with health issues during the season, has been ranked by The Predicament and Iowa Wrestle as high as 3rd in the state. He currently sits at 6th in both publications' most recent listings.

He squared off against Burlington's Elias Cordero and, at the whistle, the two got locked up and moved to the east side of the mat near the circle. Cordero got a hold of Hayes' leg and the two spun to the ground.

Hayes countered and spun on top of Cordero, where about 30 seconds later the referee slapped the mat.

"In the beginning, if you haven't wrestled somebody you kinda gotta feel 'em out for so long, but then you get your stuff going," he said. "He got in on my leg. It was a good scramble actually, and then I was able to finish it off," Hayes said.

Despite the health issues, Hayes said he's going into districts with the same mentality.

"I'm going in the same way as if I didn't get injured. My mindset is one set at a time, but dominating every match... every second," he said.

Lauber, who hasn't seen a lot of match action this year, slipped in at the 220 lb. class for a senior night match against the Grayhounds' Nash Garlow.

Lauber recorded a take down right at the end of period 1, a take down that was questioned by the Burlington sideline. In period 2, Lauber scored an escape after starting down, and recorded another take down that he rolled into a pin 19 seconds into the period.

Lauber's pin put the meet out of Burlington's reach, but junior Danen Settles iced the win with a fall in his heavyweight match against Burlington's Tyler Bailey.

Settles had the match in hand early after getting a quick take down about 30 seconds off the whistle. Settles slid over on top of Bailey and was able to wrench him over and get the pin chest to chest.

Junior Nathan Steffensmeier scored a dramatic 3rd period fall with a lateral drop when he hugged up Burlington's Owen George at 145 lbs. and then twisted him to the ground at the 4:20 mark.

Steffensmeier trailed 4-3 at the end of one, but a high-scoring second period yielded a take down and a 2-point near fall before George scored a reversal. Steffensmeier escaped to

end the 2nd period and then escaped again after starting the 3rd period down.

He executed the drop for a two-point take down and a 3-point near fall in the third before getting the pin.

"When he sets it up properly that's his go to move, but sometimes he throws himself onto his own back," Smith said of Steffensmeier's move. "He's gotta get better at being patient and making sure it's there. He forces it sometimes."

The Hounds also got pins from Gavin Wiseman at 126 lbs and Diego Lozano at 182 lbs.

Smith said the Hounds are building momentum at the right time.

"Our guys are feeling good and they're getting a good head of steam. Their attitude – their energy –



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Sam Hayes gets the upper hand on Burlington's Elias Cordero in the early going of the 195 lb match Friday night at the HoundDome.

their effort has all been good," he said. "So they just need to keep it up."

Complete results of Friday's meet are below.
120: Dayne Cordray (FOMA) over (BURL) (For.) 126: Gavin Wiseman (FOMA) over River Belger (BURL) (Fall 1:08) 132: Duncan Delzell (BURL) over

Will Larson (FOMA) (Dec 12-5) 138: Quinton Ross (FOMA) over (BURL) (For.) 145: Nathan Steffensmeier (FOMA) over Owen George (BURL) (Fall 4:20) 152: Bryce Angle (BURL) over Jakob McGowan (FOMA) (Fall 1:21) 160: Preston Terry (BURL) over Chance Decker (FOMA) (Fall 2:00) 170: Landon Wynn (BURL) over Chance Hocker (FOMA) (Fall 1:58) 182: Diego

Lozano (FOMA) over Drake Bailey (BURL) (Fall 0:27) 195: Sam Hayes (FOMA) over Elias Cordero (BURL) (Fall 1:06) 220: Alex Lauber (FOMA) over Nash Garlow (BURL) (Fall 2:19) 285: Danen Settles (FOMA) over Tyler Bailey (BURL) (Fall 1:40) 106: Owen Kruse (FOMA) over (BURL) (For.) 113: Elton Kruse (FOMA) over (BURL) (For.)

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From the Front

Burner opens downtown spot

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furniture now and the moving service. But we really missed being in Fort Madison," Burner said.

After the fire, Burner said he managed the one at 717 Avenue G for about 2.5 years where his father Tom, was providing the inventory.

"My whole life I've been involved with the business. As a boy, I used to do my homework at the auction. It was common to see me at the auctions Corey Fraise used to do out on Ortho Road, with a book. I'd do my homework there and then help load trucks for dad and Francis Holmes," Burner said

Burner said all the inventory at the new location is used furniture with the exception of new bed mattresses and box springs.

The used furniture has been repaired in some cases and cleaned up and sold at rates competitive to some of the furniture kits you can get at box stores.

"There's a lot of people realizing that this furniture is better than the pressed wood products," he said. "The majority of our business is people who come in here and

say, 'well, this is the same price as some of the pressed wood stuff'; and it's solid wood and will hold up for generations."

He said owning the business is a lot different that being on the delivery crew or managing the operations for someone else.

"This is a bit more overwhelming being in charge of buying and selling. I have to watch my spending a whole lot more, but if you want to run a successful business you have to take the bad with the good," Burner said.

He said he thinks business is going well in the downtown area, but he said he would like to have a store front eventually that has more parking. Everything that comes or leaves the store has to go out the front because he has no alley access.

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Burner said he also is in the market for bidding on estate property for people who don't want to haul property around the area after a loved one passes.



Tommy Burner has opened Fort Madison Furniture at 734 Avenue G in Fort Madison with two full show rooms of used furniture pieces.

321 memory stays with pilot

SWARM - Continued from Page 1

uncovered, when "summer" was over in Antarctica, and they had to leave. They came back the next year to find the aircraft buried once again, but not as packed in as before.

This time they replaced props, engines and whatever it took to get the crippled aircraft ready to fly. The landing gear, which was on skis, would not retract, but they could fly it that way. The cabin would also not pressurize—but White and his crew, using oxygen, could manage. White took note that the rear fuselage seemed to be bent from being buried in the snow and ice. However, the engineers deemed her airworthy, or at least enough to fly it to McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

On January 10th, 1988, they prayed, lifted off the ice, and made it to McMurdo. The real danger was still ahead of them. They were to fly the C-130 to Christchurch, New Zealand, which was an eight-hour flight over water. Still with a landing gear that would not retract, a cabin that would not pressurize, and following a "pathfinder" airplane because they had no navigation equipment (not an easy task), they made it safely to Christchurch.

There on the ground, White walked away from the C-130 and said, looking back at her, "There you SOB, I'm done with you!" Almost.

The C-130 was totally rebuilt and White flew her with a five-man crew to Navy Point Mugu in Southern California. That was the end of it for White. From there, the 321 went to Pensacola, Florida where she was on static display at the Naval Aviation Museum. The 321 is now laid to rest at a boneyard in Arizona.

White retired from the Navy two years later after serving 20 years. If he had stayed, he would have become a desk jockey, something he did not want to do, since he loved flying so much.

As a side note, earlier in his career, White accidentally met the commander of the 321 that crashed in Antarctica. After recovering the 321, White tracked the fellow down and told him, "We got your airplane back for you!"

After the Navy, White became a pilot for Evergreen International Airlines, flying 747s. He is now 71, retired and living in Mt. Pleasant with his wife, Pat.

He has been on the Henry County Board of Supervisors and is currently on the Mt. Pleasant City Council. Because of his Masters Degree in Human Relations, he is also a mediator working with truant kids.

Like the pilot of the 321, he leads the city and kids through troubled waters and icy conditions. He feels fortunate to have had a career where he was able to do everyday what he loved to do—fly.

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Gibb bringing the world to bear on Coal Haus menu

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ents for salads and other fares. And Gibb said the ingredients will be made homemade from scratch. He doesn't even think he'll need a freezer on site.

"I feel like it's going to be a destination for people who want nice pizza, good food with a really neat atmosphere. It will be something people will drive an hour and half to experience," Gibb said Thursday from Buffalo61 in Fort Madison.

He said people are already getting wind of the new concept and some staff has been retained. He said there will probably be about 20 wait and cook staff, split almost evenly, with McIntyre overseeing operations.

"She's very good at what she does and is very detail-oriented. People are going to really enjoy this experience."

Gibb said he is shooting to have the restaurant open by April 1. But right now the building, which housed The Italian most recently and has housed Sarducci's and was a former site of Pizza Hut, has been gutted to the frame.

"We're not sparing any expense on this. We've taken it down to the frame and we're going to redo the interior. We want this to be a very rustic antique-y, but modern

facility with a different atmosphere than what you get at the Buffalos," he said. "This is a pet-project for me that I've wanted to do for a while."

He isn't going cheap on the ingredients either. Gibb is bringing in all foreign wines from countries like Italy, France and Portugal. He will also have close to a half-dozen craft beers on top including the Italian Peroni.

His cheese will be from the Grande Company, which is a company setting standards on "cow comfort" to produce some of the best cheeses in the world.

"This Grande cheese is known to be the best cheese in the world. I think these cows that are massaged and exposed to Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra music," Gibb quipped.

Tomatoes will be imported from Europe through Stanislaus, an Italian originated canning company with a reputation for some of the best canned produce in the world.

"We're bringing in all Stanislaus Tomato products from Italy. And our flours are Caputo, which are Italian flours and the best in the world," Gibb said. "The products we are using are great and they cost a little more, but I'm a firm believer that you get what you pay for. It doesn't mean were going to be expensive by any means, but you

won't find \$5 Wednesday here."

In addition to the steaks and pizza and salads, Gibb said his chefs will be preparing fried calzones in sunflower oil.

"We'll have a fryer in there and instead of baked calzones, we'll do a fried calzone in sunflower oil. Sunflower oil is really light and gives it a fluffiness that when you eat it, you can't even tell it was fried," he said.

"Pizza will be our big seller I know that. but we're gonna make that oven the center-piece. When people come in they can see everything being made. There will actually be a small bar in there where you can sit and watch that process."

He's hoping to have seating capacity for close to 100. He said that seating capacity may require some parking in the lot behind in the strip mall behind the restaurant.

"We're excited to get things going up there. I'm at the point where I've got everything situated well here in Fort Madison and Burlington, so we're going to focus on this for the next couple of months," he said.

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