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## Ziouis acquire Parthenon Steakhouse

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - It didn't take even take a month for the The Parthenon Family Steakhouse in Fort Madison to be taken off the "for sale" list.

According to Jadi Zioui, her and husband Amine, the head chef at Atlas Smokehouse, announced the acquisition of the business Wednesday evening.

"We're not going to change a whole lot," Jadi said Wednesday evening. "We're going to clean it up a bit, but it's going to be the same style just upgraded a little. It's a fixture in Fort Madison and what I'm doing with other groups of people is trying to turn this into a resort town, but we want to preserve as much of it as we can without alienating those that are already here and love it."

The restaurant was put up for sale by Nick

Hantzeas, who owns the business along with his mother Maria, on August 1.

Jadi said she and Amine were interested in acquiring the building as soon as it went up for sale. Amine will be the head chef and she will run the front of the house.

"My husband is from the Mediterranean so he's gon-

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Your Heat and Air Guy's Tom Schulz works on a sheet metal brake in his shop Wednesday afternoon. Schulz' heating and air conditioning business has seen rapid expansion in his nine years in Fort Madison including the Burlington and western Illinois areas.

### *He's quite simply...Your Heat and Air Guy*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A name that is generic by nature, says a ton about the uniqueness of the product of a man who still does business the old-fashioned way.

Tom Schulz has been working in the heating and air conditioning business since he was 12 years old cleaning offices in his dad's heating and air conditioning business in Des Moines.

Now Schulz has one of the most recognizable names in the business in southeast Iowa and certainly has the most unique name - Your Heat and Air Guy.

It's a name he came up with sitting one night trying to put a name to the face.

"I was just sitting up one night thinking of possible names and I thought, you know these people are sitting at gas stations and coffee shops in the morning and when their furnace goes down they don't say, 'My furnace broke down last night and I had to call ABC company to come out and fix it.' They say, 'My furnace broke down last night and I had to call my heat and air guy,'" Schulz said.

Now those tan trucks can be seen running on

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## Vinnie's makes another family transition

*Fourth Vincent family to own bar took ownership Aug. 5*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - After three generations of family ownership, Vinnie's Santa Fe Tap, is now once again Vinnie's Longbranch.

Chris and Tara Vincent purchased the business on Aug. 1 and officially opened the doors under the new ownership on August 5.

The couple hasn't planned a lot of changes for the business, but Tara said a few changes have been made already, including purchasing a new outdoor sign.

"We're still waiting for the new sign, they're backed up just a bit but we're hoping to have it up by Saturday," she said.

For generations the bar, which Tara defines as a dive bar, has been home to many local musicians. She

said she won't touch that part of the business.

"We're still going to have the live Saturday music and we'll pop one on Friday every now and then, but we'll never charge a cover and we still want this to be a venue for local musicians to play," she said.

Chris said the bar was originally called the Longbranch when his grandparents Earl and Lorraine Vincent opened it decades ago. Those two sold the business to Jackie Vincent-Patton and Harold Vincent who then sold it in 1996 to Louis and Debbie Vincent, who are Chris' uncle and aunt. He and Tara have now purchased the bar from them.

Tara said they don't see changing much as they want to preserve the tradition of the bar through the years.

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## Obituaries/Local News

### OBITUARIES

# ALAN JAKE LITTLE

Alan Jake Little, 24 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Wednesday morning, August 16, 2017 in Fort Madison. Arrangements are pending at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison.

# Absentee ballots available for Sept. 12 school board election

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor, announces that absentee ballots for the School Election to be held Tuesday, September 12, 2017 are now available in the Auditor's Office.

You may vote in person at the Auditor's Office located at 933 Avenue H Fort Madison daily from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday, through Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 11:00 am. You may also vote in person at the South Lee County Courthouse, 25 North 7th Street, Keokuk, located in the west hall across from the Lee County Assessor's Office from 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Eligible voters wishing to vote early may complete THE IOWA OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM available from the Lee County Auditor or by downloading the form at <http://sos.iowa.gov>. The request for an absentee ballot may be hand delivered to the Auditor's office in Fort Madison, dropped off at the Lee County Courthouse in Keokuk or mailed to the Lee County Auditor, P.O. Box 190, Fort Madison, IA 52627.

A voter may also request a ballot on paper no smaller than 3 inches by 5 inches and must contain the voter's name, mailing address, date of birth and signature and the name of the election for which the voter is requesting a ballot. Requests must be received by 5:00 P.M., Friday, September 8th.

Requests may be faxed to 319-372-7033. However, the original request document must be received by the Auditor's Office. If mailed, it must be postmarked by Friday, September 8, 2017. The original request can also be hand delivered to the Auditor's Office no later than 8:00 P.M. on Election Day in order for the ballot to be counted.

Voted ballots may be returned by mail, but must be postmarked no later than Monday, September 11th and received by Friday, September 15th. Prepaid postage is affixed to all ballot return envelopes. The voter's ballot may be hand delivered to the County Auditor's Office before 8:00 P.M., Election Day, September 12, 2017, by the voter or any person the voter designates.

Anyone having questions regarding absentee voting may contact the Auditor's office at 319-372-3705.

## 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

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SAT 19 Aug



Light rain  
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SUN 20 Aug



Light rain  
High - 80.8° F | Low - 65.5° F

MON 21 Aug



Light rain  
High - 84.3° F | Low - 73.2° F

TUE 22 Aug



Clear skies  
High - 88.2° F | Low - 71.4° F

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## New Parthenon will have personalized menu

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na be doing some more authentic dishes that he did when he was in Miami. He may change the sauces with the spaghetti and stuff and he's bringing Rockefeller chicken, which is off the chain. Oh

and the bacon butter... that's gonna change your life."

Jadi also owns the Fort Mad Emporium, 718 Avenue G, and is marketing director for the Kingsley Inn, and hosts Friday

meetings at the Emporium for anyone interesting in helping improve Fort Madison.

If anyone wants to get more information we have meetings at 1 p.m. every Friday.

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## For the Record/Lottery Numbers

# Schulz cultivating a reputation for top-notch service, fair prices

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one highway or another throughout Lee and Des Moines counties and even into the Hancock County market.

Schulz said the heart of his business will always be Fort Madison, and the growth really has been more of a word-of-mouth marketing.

He started in the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning business in his father's shop eventually moving into warehousing and then field calls before he even had a driver's license. Then he moved to Florida from Des Moines after a stint in the reserves beginning 1981 and opened his own business in Sarasota, Florida.

The business was eventually purchased by a larger company and Schulz managed those operations for an absentee owner.

"We didn't talk very much but he was a great guy. I sent him reports and money and he let me run the operations," Schulz said.

But that company was swallowed by a larger corporation run by a younger accountant.

"He didn't know his butt from a banjo. I was in Fort Madison for my late grandmother's 90 birthday and got a call from the

office. I was so red-faced when I got off the phone, I told my wife I'm done. I remember it very clearly, I was standing outside Aldi's here and saw a real estate office. I told Joanne I was going over to see if they had any commercial properties for sale."

He said that was on a Thursday and the couple flew back to Florida on Monday and by the following Thursday had a building at 723 Avenue G where Schulz set up shop in the back.

"We pretty much kept it close to home at first. Our growth has been more word of mouth. The first year I was here we did a trade show in Burlington and sold about 13 systems up there after that, but Fort Madison is, and will continue to be, the heart of our operation. It's my home."

Schulz said he's seen a reduction in the quality of service of late and more contractors are moving to larger-scale jobs leaving a void in the market.

"The level of service has gone up in this town and the price has gone down and I think we're solely responsible for that," he said.

"When we looked at starting a business here I went through town and

talked with people. And almost to a person they said we don't need another heating and cooling company, we have plenty. I asked them if they were happy with the service they were getting and it was common to hear, 'well they don't always show up when they say they will or you can't get anyone on the phone', and I thought, you know, this is exactly the place to start this business."

He said the cost of media marketing was also a big reason. "It's better here and those are big costs. In larger communities those costs can be stifling."

But he said focusing on training and staying up on the latest technologies in the industry has kept his service at peak levels, all the while being able to hold prices down.

"One way we are able to keep our prices in line is we negotiate like we're a multi-million dollar company even though we're not."

Schulz has grown to a staff of three that includes his father, Jerry.

He says he's take on the business is that he will never become a rich man monetarily, but the people he comes into contact with make his life richer.

"It's the people. I love

being able to help people," he said. "When Joanne had her restaurant downtown, she would say I don't miss the restaurant one bit - she hated it, but she loved the people she got to interact with all the time.

Joanne ran businesses out of the front of 723 Avenue G called Angel Scent and then the RiverRat Restaurant but they closed when she ran up against some health issues.

"I make a fair profit," he said. "I will never be a rich man in this industry, but I sleep well every night when I go home to bed."

"When I go about this business I want everybody to understand, when I make a recommendation to a customer, its the same recommendation I would make to my mother and the day I can't say that will be my last day. I guess, in short, we want to be the standard by which others are measured.

## For the Record

**Fort Madison Police report**  
08/15/17 - 10:08 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue H.  
08/15/17 - 10:08 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue.  
08/15/17 - 10:08 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited and released Ricky Wibbell, 57, of Dallas City, Ill., in the 1700 block of Avenue H for following too closely.  
08/15/17 - 10:47 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 2100 block of Avenue E.  
08/15/17 - 3:15 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Chaquinterra Newhouse, 18, of Fort Madison at the Fort Madison Police Department on charges of fifth-degree theft. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
08/15/17 - 7:23 p.m. - Fort

Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 900 block of Avenue E.  
08/15/17 - 8:29 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2400 block of Avenue H.

**Lee County Sheriff's report**  
08/15/17 - 11:36 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jessica Charleen Blaise, 28, of Keokuk at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

**Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report**  
08/15/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one lift assist, four medical calls, a shorted out phone charger, and one-room contents fire.

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Pick 3 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
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### “Cold beer and hot music”, still the pride at Vinnie’s

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“We’ve leveled out the floor and put some new carpet down. We’re just going to do some minor changes right now. We’re trying to update the dive, without taking out the “dive” feel if that makes any sense,” she said with a chuckle.

“We’re just going to market a lot of local and live music like they’ve always had here. We’re changing the name back to the Longbranch paying homage to Chris’ grandma and grandpa.”

One of the most popular traditions is the annual Dry Creek Festival and Tara said she didn’t see that changing too much either.

“We haven’t decided what to do there..if we’ll move it inside like this year or leave it outside in the heat. There are some kinks to figure out, but right now we’re just getting going and

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-Tara Vincent, co-owner Vinnie’s Longbranch

trying to keep this a family business,” she said.

“There are so many regulars here and so many different walks of life you see. That’s the joy of what’s been built here through the generations and we just want to do our part to keep that legacy going.”

Chris said his business philosophy will be simple.

“My wife’s really the better person to do the talking, but we want to continue with cold beer and hot music.”

The bar has a new vendor for pool tables in Great River Amusements who’s brought in new pool

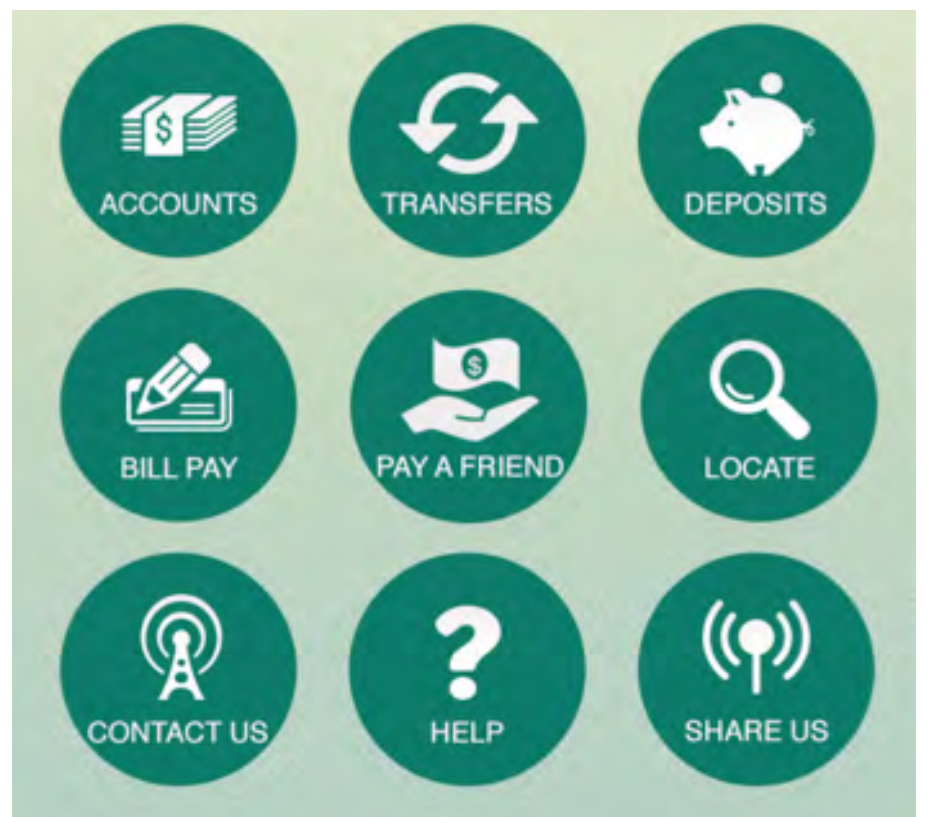
tables. Tara said the bar, which is open 10 a.m to 2 a.m., will still feature pool tournaments and horse-shoe tournaments, but beer and liquor selections will stay the same as they work through the transition. This Saturday Spazm is scheduled to be the live music entertainment on Saturday beginning at 9 p.m.

The pub is located at 2601 Avenue L in Fort Madison just across from the Hy-Vee on the west side of the creek bed. For more information contact the Vincents at 319-372-7987

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