Main St. kitchen treats Main St. supporters

Fundraiser nets $2,600 for local Main Street group

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FORT MADISON - It was an evening of great food, and wine some music, along with fellowship and fundraising.

The Fort Madison Main Street district held one of their two annual Sensational Chefs events on Saturday at the ever-popular Elliott Test Kitchen at 827 Avenue G.

Around 35 local supporters of Main Street dined on a five-course meal complete with service and select wines and beverages, all sponsored by Hall Towing Inc. of Fort Madison.

As a new flare to annual event, Fred Knoch, who is one of the main volunteer chefs at the Test Kitchen worked with students from local schools to prepare and serve those coming to hear about the Main Street program, and see how the students learn to prepare food as part of the Test Kitchen experience.

Knoch spends every Tuesday cooking with Test Kitchen students and polishing his culinary talents by working alongside Kumar Wickramasingha, who is a former award-winning chef and restaurateur.

"Elliott Test Kitchen students love to work with Fred, and they learn how to cook because of his friendly, patient manner," Wickramasingha said.

The first course appetizers, prepared by students, included a complimentary glass of wine.

The main course began with fried meatloaf, followed by braised beef brisket and rosemary potatoes, and a lemon dessert.

After dinner, the group was invited to tour the Elliott Test Kitchen facilities.

Proceeds from the event at the Elliott Test Kitchen will be divided between the Fort Madison Main Street program and the Boy Scouts of America.

FMHS wrestlers notches 100th

Steffensmeier takes 3rd at DM invite

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FORT MADISON - FMHS junior Harlan Steffensmeier notched his second 3rd place finish at tournaments with top ranked wrestlers, and notched the 100th win of his career as well.

"It was an incredible tournament," Head Coach Ryan Smith said. "There were lots of No. 1 and No. 2 state ranked opponents in the finals."

FMHS musicians show talent at Variety Show

FMHS Musicians

At far left, Nakia Ross belts out a solo as part of the Jazz 3 group that performed at Sunday’s Variety Show at FMHS. At left, Aniah Ross sings Dolly Parton’s "Jolene" and at top Jazz Lab 2 performs.

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ers included Gulf Shrimp on a baguette, homemade guacamole and chips and cheesy quesadillas. Then as a warm up to the main courses, the students, including Alexis Rehm & Ellie Schulte from Fort Madison Middle School, Jayden Fedler from Fort Madison High School and Brett Azinger from Central Lee Middle School, helped prepare and dish chicken curry on Basmati rice and mint chutney.

Then attendees were then treated to a baked Tilapia on Asian coleslaw with a mango salsa before the main dish of lemon glazed pork loin and a brandy mushroom sauce, rosemary red potatoes and a braised cabbage.

The whole meal was topped of with apple cobbler and cinnamon ice cream.

Main Street director Cassie Gilbert, who worked the room while refilling wines and talking with guests, said there were 35 patrons to the event at $75 per person. The funds will go directly to help Main Street programming throughout the year.

A 5-courser

Saturday night’s Main Street fundraiser at the Elliott Test Kitchen brought out culinary specialties like the brandy mushroom sauce Alexis Rehm is stirring at top left, and the lemon-glazed pork loin at top right. The event was prepared and served by Jayden Fedler, Ellie Schulte, Brett Azinger, Alexis Rehm and Fred Knoc and sponsored by Hall Towing Inc.

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Thirty-five get five-course gourmet meal
Two FM grapplers place at Ed Winger Invitational

FMHS' Harlan Steffensmeier has an opponent tied up in this file photo from December. Steffensmeier won his 100th match on Saturday and several other Hound wrestlers either placed or showed well at the Ed Winger Invitational in Urbandale.

One of the 100

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Steffensmeier (32-3) got caught in a cradle by Col- lin Lewis of North School at the 2:49 mark to send him to the consolation round for 3rd place. The FMHS junior had beaten Lewis by decision at the Lancer Duals in North School two weeks ago. Steffensmeier pinned Trevor Stanley of Glen- wood 1:18 into the match to get his first win of the day. Then in the quarter- finals he scored a major decision over Zach Fisher of Indianola 11-0 for his 100th win in his high school career. In the con- solation round he scored a technical fall over Zach Oldham of West Des Moines 16-0. He then scored a major decision over Skyler Noftger of Ballard 12-1 to get the third-place medal. Noft- ger was 31-3 going into the match and rated 6th in the state in Class 2A.

Aaron Steffensmeier (132) took 7th place at the event winning four of five matches. He lost in the first round to Will Jeff- erson of Bettendorf 10-0 to put him in the consolation bracket where he went on to pin his next two opponents, Todd Robin- son of W. Des Moines and Luke Stuart of Urbandale. He then took a decision from Ames' Humberto Alvarado, 5-1 setting up the 7th place match with Cade Moss. Steffensmeier pinned Moss at 2:48.

Ryan Steffensmeier (113) lost in the 7th place match to Jackson Luke- hart of West Des Moines Valley. He won his first match of the day over Keaton Speicher of Iowa City West with a 12-4 de- cision. Then was pinned by Kohey Pritchard of In- dianola at the 4:50 mark, which sent him into the 7th place bracket. There he met Cade Pahl of Des Moines Roosevelt and pinned him at the 2:49 mark to set up the match with Lukehart.

Nathan Steffensmeier lost his first match of the day in a 10-1 decision to Ethan Wagner of Center- ville. Schau then got two byes in a row to set up a match with Voyan Ad- amson of Bettendorf who scored a technical fall at 16-0 to end Schau's day.

At 185 lbs. Diego Leza- no (13-14) was pinned in his first two matches of the day, the first at the hands of Ben Lee of Ballard and the second by Tristan Richardson of North School.

Danen Settles, wrestling at 195 lbs. for the Hounds, lost in the first round by pin to Isaiah Bales in 52. But Settles battled back and won two decisions in the consolation bracket over Jacob Martin of Waukee 12-6 and Kaden Sutton of Adel-Deso- to-Minburn, 5-0. Settles was on his way to the 7th place match but was stopped quickly by Reece Bowlin of Indianola by pin at 42.

On Tuesday the Hounds travel to Kirkville, Mis- souri for a 6 p.m. match.