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Grew up eating at Auction Barn Restaurant; now they revived it

By Ben Westcott
 Chronicle Staff Writer

Last January **Tom Williams and Brian Hafner** reopened the closed **Auction Barn Restaurant in Argyle**, well aware of the challenges like high food prices and finding employees that face locally-owned restaurants in rural areas. In fact, it's why their predecessors quit.

The recent disquieting news that the long-standing Burger Den in Cambridge closed certainly makes them think.

"When you hear about someone that's been in business for so many years going out, and we're just getting in it, it's scary," says Mr. Williams. "The last thing you want to hear is that a good business that has a clientele that's a great base is going out."

But 11 months into it, Mr. Williams and Mr. Hafner say business is going well. "Of course, it can always be better," Mr. Williams said.

Mr. Hafner said, "Since we didn't know anything, anywhere we'd go we'd ask people running

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Argyle: No experience in restaurant biz but they say, so far, so good



Mark Levack's Elm St. building transformed ▶ 6

JG3 stays hot for now #13 Clemson

Joe Girard III poured in a team-high 21 points for undefeated Clemson Saturday night, en route to a 74-66 victory against previously undefeated TCU. Clemson is now ranked 13th nationally.

JG3 transferred to Clemson for his final year of college eligibility after four seasons and



125 games for Syracuse.

He stands seventh all time in Atlantic Coast Conference 3-pointers made (since 1986). He could reach #6 next game.

GF's Wooddell in UAlbany semifinal, ESPN2

Glens Falls graduate Griffin Wooddell's rookie of the year season has the UAlbany running back playing in their first ever national FCS Semifinal game **Friday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. against #1 South Dakota State**, telecast on **ESPN2**.

Wooddell's 29-yard touchdown run with 46 seconds left sealed UAlbany's 30-22 win over Idaho in last Saturday's semi-final.



Native Italians Giovanni and Francesca Casanica. Francesca is expecting; she's due in January.

Chronicle photo/Zander Frost

Giovanni Fresco now open

By Zander Frost
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Giovanni Fresco, the Italian food favorite at the Shirt Factory Food Truck Corral, opened its first brick and mortar location this past weekend at 47 Lawrence Street in Glens Falls. It's the former home of the Open Door Soup Kitchen, and long ago of a Pizza Hut.

Owners Giovanni and Francesca Casanica, from Rieti, Italy, bought the building in January and are still renovating it.

"We wanted to wait, but we just can't wait anymore, we

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Italian couple's food a favorite at Shirt Factory corral; now own building, a block away, for takeout

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