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Nationwide email spam hits FM

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FORT MADISON - A bogus scam email is making its way across the country and was found Thursday morning at locations in Fort Madison.

Fort Madison Police Chief Tim Sittig sent out a copy of the warning email from Cure Solutions that carries the subject lines, "You can avoid problems", "do not waste your time", and "you can avoid problems" and possibly others.

The email indicates a "mercenary" has carried a bomb into the building where the business is located, however it doesn't specifically mention any buildings. The message also indicates a ransom of 20,000 bitcoin has to be paid for the writer to call off the man with the bomb.

Sittig said the email is a hoax and should be deleted immediately and anyone receiving a threat of violence they believe is credible should call 9-1-1.

The email from CURE Solutions Helpdesk said they have seen the email go through their systems to several customers and it is a nationwide scam to scare people into sending money.

"This is not a real email, please do not reply to the email and just delete it. There is no harm with the email by reading it. They are strictly trying to get you to wire them money," the email indicated.



Puttin' on a clinic

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Seven-year-old Macyn Lampe works a dance routine at halftime of the Fort Madison Bloodhound girls basketball game Thursday at the HoundDome. The girls performed as part of the FMHS Dance squad Kids' Clinic.

FMMS's "FortissiMo" looking for program funding assistance

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Middle School show choir, "FortissiMo," is asking for donations to help fund platform risers to accommodate their growing ensemble.

FortissiMo is an auditioned group with nearly 50 7th and 8th grade musicians. They compete at Central Lee and Quincy show choir competitions, as well as locally at Fort Madison High School "Stars in the Spotlight" show

choir invitational and spring Dinner Theater.

Additional platform risers will allow district show choir and band students to practice and perform at the middle school.

Contributions may be made securely online at: [fundly.com/fortissimo-show-choir-platform-risers](https://www.fundly.com/fortissimo-show-choir-platform-risers) or mailed directly to Fort Madison Middle School.

Jury finds spa owner guilty of felony pandering

Jury sends note to judge that they can't come to unanimous decision minutes before verdict

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - A 12-person jury found a 52-year-old Utah man guilty on Thursday of pandering for prostitution out of a day spa in Fort Madison.

Douglas Fenlaw, 52, of Saratoga Springs, Utah is now facing sentencing for a Class D felony which carries a maximum five years in prison and a \$7,500 fine. A pre-sentence investigation report has been ordered and sentencing will take place in the next two to three months.

The jury appeared to be hung at 11:15 when a note was sent to District Associate Judge Ty Roger that said the jury couldn't come to unanimous decision and needed more direction for the court.

Rogers asked Curt Dial of Keokuk and Johnson County prosecutor Rachel Zimmerman-Smith if they had opinions on the note. Dial said the it should be left to to the jury as his client had a right to a hung jury. Zimmerman-Smith asked for what is called an "Allen charge" which basically is the judge telling the jurors to open their minds to other opinions and go back to work finding a unanimous verdict.

Rogers said he would take the matter under advisement and told the parties to stay at the courthouse while he made a decision. About 15 minutes later, before Rogers gave any jury instruction on the note, the jury came in with the guilty verdict.

Rogers didn't set a date for the sentencing pending the completion of the background report used to determine the penalty for the conviction.

Curt Dial, of Keokuk, who declined to comment after the verdict was handed down, presented his case on Wednesday and had Fenlaw testify on his own behalf.

Zimmerman-Smith and two jurors also declined to comment on the ruling.

The pandering charge has three parts and the state only had to show that Fenlaw took money from a

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PATRICIA A. POWELSON

Patricia A. Powelson, 76, of Denmark, passed away on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at her home.

She was born on November 28, 1942 in Ft. Madison to Earl and Gloria Copeland Sheets. Pat worked at Gleason's and retired after 30 plus years of service. She married Melvin Strunk and they later divorced. Pat loved being outdoors spending time doing yardwork and tending to her flowers. She was an excellent homemaker and loved to clean.

Survivors include three sons, Robert Strunk of Denmark, Randy (Tammy) Strunk of Donnellson and Roger Strunk of Franklin; seven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; three brothers, Kenny Sheets, Richard Sheets and Ralph Sheets all of Ft. Madison; two sisters, Mary Dalrymple of Ft. Madison and Linda Nichols of Springfield, IL; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Roy and David.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A Celebration of Life will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 15, 2018 at the Eagles Club in Ft. Madison.

A memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



POWELSON

OBITUARIES

DOUGLAS EUGENE SHORES

Douglas Eugene Shores, 61, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 11:04 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at Fort Madison Community Hospital. He was born on February 19, 1957 in Iowa City, IA to William & Nola Arhart Shores. He worked at several factories throughout his life and enjoyed watching movies, fishing, camping and spending time with his family and friends.

Doug is survived by: 1-daughter: Nola Shores of Fort Madison, IA; 1-son: Eric Shores of Dows, IA; 2-brothers: Bill Shores of Burlington, IA & Randy Shores of Chicago, IL & 1-sister: Pam Smith of Mountain home, AR. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned. Online condolences to Doug's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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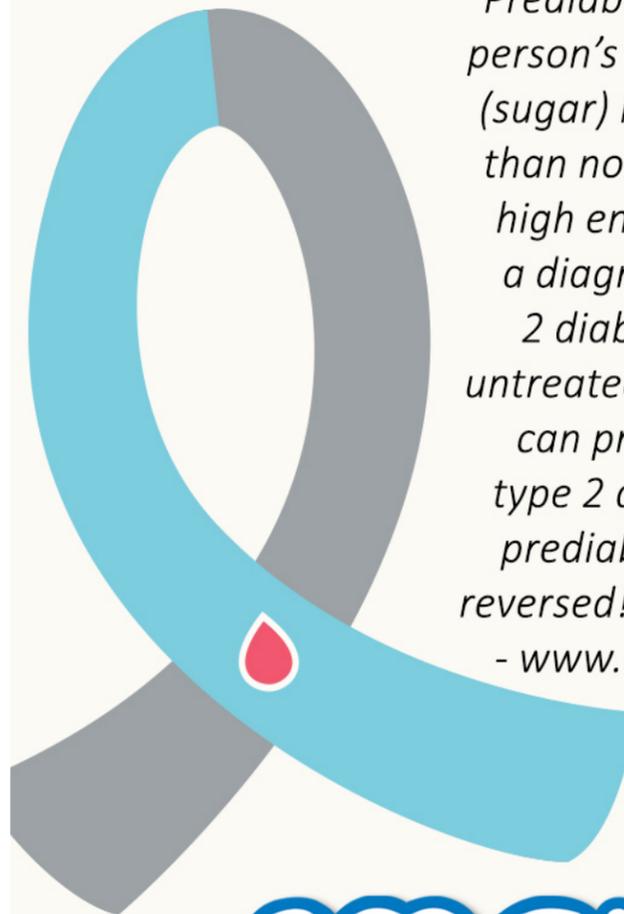


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Sports

Fedler's 41 in win just three shy of school record

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS senior Jayden Fedler gets fouled in the first period as he tries to put in two of his 41 on the night as Fort Madison rolled to a 72-63 win over Danville Thursday night.

did," Fedler said.

The first quarter started with the teams exchanging leads after Fort Madison jumped out to a 5-1 lead on Parker Den-

ning's 3-ball from the left wing. Danville's Tristan Miller brought the Bears back with a bucket and a 3-pointer back-to-back to give Danville its first

lead at 6-5. Fort Madison's Logan Rashid would counter with a 3-pointer off a nice dribble move at the top of the key and the Hounds would knot the

game at 10s when Brandon Keester slid a bounce pass down the baseline to Fedler for two of his 15 first half points.

After trading leads the rest of the way, Danville's Max Wilcox hit to put Danville up by four, but freshman Dayton Davis hit a 3-ball from the left baseline with just :02 left on the clock to cut the lead to 15-16 at the end of the first.

With Fedler getting a breather out of the break, senior Jordyn Gerdes took over inside for Fort Madison and scored in back-to-back possessions to give the Hounds a 19-18 lead. Wilcox would hit again to turn the lead back to Danville before senior Brandon Keester buried a long ball on the left baseline in front of the Danville bench for a 22-20 Hound lead.

Miller would then hit a three for the Bears before Gerdes would miss three straight under the basket and the Hounds turned it over. Danville's Reid Yaley then hit to give Danville a three point lead with 3:54 left in the half.

Fedler would pull Fort Madison back with a bucket and four unanswered from the free throw line to put Fort Madison up 28-27, which would be a lead they would never relinquish. Danville would only score

one more point in the half when senior Bryce Carr hit on the front end of a one-and-one. Keester would score five points in the final two minutes and Rashid would cap the half with a 3-pointer in a 14-1 run that gave Fort Madison a 38-28 lead at the break.

Danville would make a couple runs late in the third period to get back in the game. Bryce Carr would score back-to-back buckets and Taran Nelson would score at the end of the period in a 7-0 run to cut Fort Madison's lead to four at 50-46.

Miller's three pointer to open the fourth cut the lead to one point. Fedler would score again inside and complete a three-point play to put the Hounds back up by 4. Carr hit a three pointer for Danville to make it a 59-57 game, Keester would answer on the next trip down, and then the Hounds would go on a 7-4 run to make it 66-61. Danville would only muster one more bucket from Taylor Kensett and Fedler scored six straight to seal the win.

Wilson said the Hounds are just getting comfortable with each other and the play is starting to come around.

"The kids are becoming

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Pen City Current will not publish an e-Edition Sunday, December 23 through Tuesday, January 1. Our special 2018 Recap editions will publish Wednesday, January 2 through Tuesday, January 8. Breaking news will continue to be published on our website 24/7.

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Sports/From the front

Hounds head to Notre Dame Saturday night

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more comfortable and they're adapting. The game is slowing down and they're reacting better," Wilson said. "But don't get me wrong, we've got a long ways to go yet, especially defensively. It's nice to get these two wins in a row. As long as they stay patient and run the things they are coached to run they'll be successful."

Keester finished with 11 points on the night and Rashid was also in double figures with 10 points. Davis and Denning both had three points and Gerdes finished with six.

The Hounds travel to Burlington-Notre Dame on Saturday for a boys/girls varsity double header. The Nikes, who were ranked in the top 15 in the state in Class 1A last week, lost for the first time to a ranked New London squad Tuesday night.



Junior Parker Denning tries to slip in from the baseline for a layup in the early minutes Thursday night over Danville Thursday night.

Jury was hung...for about 15 minutes

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premises knowing the character and content of the income, or that he kept or maintained a premises for the purpose of prostitution.

A person can also be charged with pandering if that person persuades, arranges, coerces someone to become a prostitute or return to the practice of prostitution. Prosecutors didn't pursue Fenlaw on that part of the pandering definition.

Law enforcement executed several search warrants on the day spa located at 2621 Avenue L in Fort Madison at the end of 2017 and the beginning of 2018, after a sitting City Councilman visited the spa for a massage.

Chad Cangas testified on Tuesday, the first day of the trial, that he visited the spa for an Asian shiatsu type massage and found the massage to be unlike any he'd had before. After his visit he went to the city's police department and notified authorities to what he said could be an "illegitimate" business.

Investigators then set up several undercover visits to the spa that included both men and women and found that although no sexual activity or offers for "pay for sex" activities were discovered, inferences and overtures were made to sexual activity to several of the undercover

officers.

State laws on prostitution don't mandate an act occur, but even an offer of selling or buying sex can be considered prostitution.

The case was prosecuted by Johnson County attorney Rachel Zimmerman-Smith and Andrea Jenses due to a conflict in the case with the Lee County Attorney's office.

Fenlaw testified that he took \$1,500 a month from the facility for business expenses including lease payments, utilities, supplies and advertisements. Dial produced evidence during the trial in the form of emails and testimony where Fenlaw dismissed requests

for pay for sex activities through BackPage.com. The website is home to many advertisements for illegal activity and has been shut down by the federal government, only to resurface under a different website.

Yu Hong, an Asian woman who went by "Lisa" at the spa, operated the facility on a daily basis. Fenlaw testified he had a personal relationship with Hong and threatened to send her to Chicago on a train if he ever caught her breaking the law.

Fenlaw is out on bond and will be required to return to the North Lee County Court for sentencing in 2019.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

FRI 14 Dec

Clear Skies
High— 36.7° F | Low — 25.7° F

SAT 15 Dec

Clear Skies
High— 40.5° F | Low — 19.9° F

SUN 16 Dec

Clear Skies
High— 38.9° F | Low — 22.6° F

MON 17 Dec

Clear Skies
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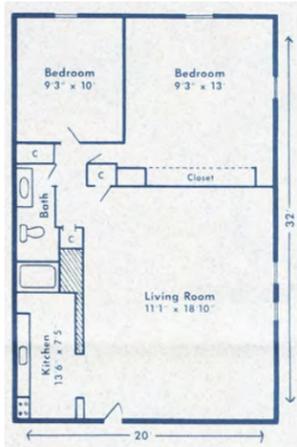
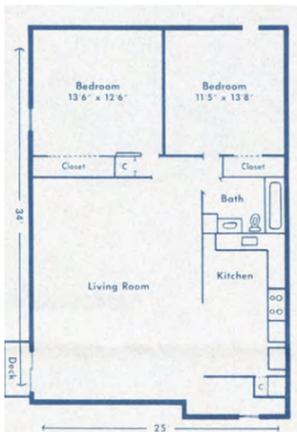
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Downtown Enchanted Forest

The Fort Madison downtown Enchanted Forest will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lee County Bank Building at 803 Avenue G on Dec. 15 and 22, with visits with Santa from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Council of Churches offers "Singspiration"

The Mid-Lee County Council of Churches presents the program Good News Singspiration "What Happened in Bethlehem...DIDN'T STAY in Bethlehem" on December 16, 2018, beginning at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ 401 Maple in Donnellson. Fellowship and a light meal of maidrites, cheese and crackers, raw vegetables with dip, and cookies will follow the program. A free-will offering will be taken to support the benevolent ministries of the council.

Caregivers Connection at The Kensington

The Kensington hosts this monthly gathering to help educate attendees about all dementia types. Held at noon the 4th Tuesday of every month in The Kensington's private dining room, 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. Call 319-372-4233 to RSVP or for more information. The December luncheon will not be held due to the Christmas holiday. The next luncheon will be held January 22, 2019.

Fort Madison Day at Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Tickets are now on sale for the Iowa vs. Bryant University on Dec. 29, 2018 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the Fort Madison Partners office at 614 9th Street through Dec. 13. Prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for youth and \$5 if you want to ride a Trailways Bus to the game.

Senior Community BINGO at The Kensington

Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded. December's BINGO games will be held Wednesday, January 9.

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for \$15. Add a photo for \$5. Non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of \$10 per 25 words and \$3 per photo. To place your listing, click here or call Lee at (319)371.4125.

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