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City, FMHS talking rehab partnership

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A partnership could be in the works that could result in some properties in Fort Madison getting a rehab.

Fort Madison Mayor Brad Randolph and Fort Madison High School Principal Greg Smith have had conversations about a program that could lead to students in the building trades classes and the agriculture classes helping rehab dilapidated homes.

When Fort Madison High School dedicated the new Richmond Stadium press box, Smith said the project was a result of partnerships that are key to the school and the community.

"This is what high school should be. It's a community partnership with our kids and with them and they learn from one another and that's what it's all about. Partnerships with the community is what we're after. We're trying to do more and more and more," Smith said.

Smith also revealed that he's had internal conversations at the school about the possibility of partnering

the trades program and the agriculture program to get some properties in the city back in shape and usable.

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"We had a conference over the summer. Clint (Kobelt, the building trades instructor) and Bonnie Slee our ag teacher, said you know we could do the landscaping, you do the construction and we could just rehab the property. I called our mayor and Brad said, well let's do

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Members exhibit at FMAAA this month

BY BRIAN RIGGS
Fort Madison Area Arts Association

FORT MADISON - The stockings are most definitely hung with glee at the Member Artists' Annual Exhibition. The best artists in the Tri-state area have brought their best for the annual festive. Reception for this exhibition is December 14th from 5-7pm. Many of your favorite artists will be in attendance, as they enjoy the chance to catch up with one another while hearing the winners of the Best of Show, Best Photograph, Best Two-Dimensional, and Best Three Dimensional. The winners receive monetary stipends from the FMAAA Board of Directors without loss of piece. Besides the allure of the competition, the show provides an exceptional buying opportunity for that special someone, which may be yourself! Lee County Bank is the sponsor for the scintillating styliza-

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Courtesy photo

Trickster

Trickster, a ceramic sculpture by Kristine Souder of Ft. Madison, is part of the December Member Artists' art exhibit at the Fort Madison Area Arts Association. A reception for the artists is planned for Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the FMAAA in downtown Fort Madison.

Prostitution case in jury's hands

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - A north Lee County jury is now deciding whether to charge a Utah man with pandering for prostitution after a business he operated in Fort Madison was roused in 2017.

Douglas Wayne Fenlaw, 52, of Saratoga Springs, Utah, is being charged with pandering for prostitution out of the former Avenue L Day Spa in Fort Madison. He's represented by Curt Dial of Keokuk.

Fenlaw testified on Wednesday on his own behalf as to the financial structure of the Day Spa and his role in the operations.

Fenlaw told the jury that he and Yu Hong, who ran the spa on a daily basis under the name "Lisa", had a business and personal relationship and called each other husband and wife.

Under questioning from Dial, Fenlaw testified that he maintained the business functions of the spa in exchange for \$1,500 a month to be used for the expenses such as the lease, utilities, supplies, and advertising for the establishment. However, Fenlaw said he was unaware of any pay-for-sex activities going on at the spa.

Fenlaw said he was specific that no prostitution or sexual activity was to take place at the spa when he set up the business for Hong. The two met when Fenlaw got a massage from Hong in Waterloo while with a friend. Hong was also charged with prostitution in Mason City where a parlor called Asian Tuina was raided in February of this year. He also testified that he

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Obituaries/For the Record

For the Record

Fort Madison Police report
 12/10/18 - 5:41 p.m.
 - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of burglary in the 600 block of 11th Street. 12/10/18 - 9:34 p.m.
 - Fort Madison Police arrested Andre Dwight Hill, 18, of Fort Madison, on a charge of domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Correctional Center and held. 12/11/18 - 7:03 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Charles Joseph Lazano, 40 of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 34th Street and Avenue O, on a charge of driving while barred. He was released on a promise to appear. 12/11/18 - 12:06 p.m.
 - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2300 block of Avenue E. 12/11/18 - 7:36 p.m.

- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 300 block of Avenue E. 12/11/18 - 6:30 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Matthew Lee Zimmerman, 31, no address given, at the intersection of 27th Street and Avenue O, on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 12/11/18 - 9:12 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested James Stephen Mendenhall, 67 of Fort Madison in the 500 block of 1st Street on a charge of public intoxication and possession of a controlled substance (marijuana). He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff report
 12/10/18 - 11:59 a.m.
 - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kory

Lee Wade, 38, no address given, in the 100 block of South 2nd, Keokuk, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed. 12/10/18 - 12:48 p.m.
 - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dakota Lee Kay, 27, of Keokuk, at the Sheriff's office, on a charge of violation of a no contact order - domestic. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed. 12/11/18 - 7:19 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61 where a vehicle driven by Haley LaShea Jones, 26 of Montrose, struck a vehicle driven by Joshua Jedidia Jones, 26, of Hamilton, Ill. According to the report, Haley Jones was passing in the left lane and struck Joshua

Jones vehicle when she re-entered the right lane without allowing enough room during the pass causing damage to both vehicles. Haley Jones was cited for unsafe passing. No injuries were reported at the scene. 12/11/18 - 8:19 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Daniel Wayne Summers, 53, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for parole violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report
 12/11/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls and one burn complaint. 12/12/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls, one assist, and one call for food burning on a stove.

OBITUARIES

WENDY LOU DENTON

Wendy Lou Denton, 57, of Nauvoo, IL, passed away Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at the Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.



DENTON

Wendy was born November 3, 1961 in Greeley, CO the daughter of K. Douglas and Geogia A. Smith Fitch.

She was a graduate of the Galesburg High School. Following high school she received her nursing degree from Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg. She worked as a nurse in Galesburg, Chicago and Quincy. Mrs. Denton was member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints where she was involved in the Relief Society. She enjoyed photography, quilting and her dogs. She was known as a great friend.

Survivors include one daughter, Moira Roethle of Nauvoo, parents, Doug and Georgia Fitch of Greeley, CO, maternal grandmother, Merle Smith, three sisters, Amy Fitch, Emily Hunter and Elizabeth Canuteson, her dog, Buttons, several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, maternal grandfather and her dog, Niblet.

A memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, December 15, 2018 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Nauvoo. Following the service the family will receive friends. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established for a cemetery monument. A private family burial will be held in the Nauvoo City Cemetery.

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MON 17 Dec	Clear Skies High- 36.8° F Low - 23.0° F

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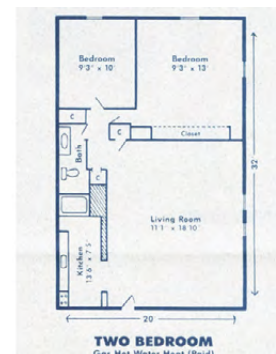
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From the Front

Owner says services never included pay-for-sex

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feared for Hong's safety if activities there turned sexual in nature.

"I showed her where the train station was in Fort Madison so that if she ever needed to get to Chicago this is where she would get her ticket and get on the train. I also told her, 'If you or your sister ever break the law and I catch you, I'll have to put you on the train to Chicago.'" Fenlaw said in court.

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On Tuesday, the state tried to get testimony regarding advertising that Fenlaw had placed on BackPage.com, a site known for paid advertisements for prostitution and trafficking. He also testified that he advertised on Craig's List and Google.

Fenlaw admitted to advertising on the site because he said it's a legitimate site for those looking for body rubs and massages.

Dial produced seven exhibits that showed emails to the Day Spa asking for what are called "happy endings", sex acts, and nudity. Fenlaw testified through reading the responses he said he prepared, that he replied to those emails saying there are no paid sex activities available at the spa.

Rachel Zimmerman-Smith, from the Johnson County Attorney's office, asked Fenlaw if he ever told those

people sending the emails not to come to the spa. The Johnson County attorney's office is handling the case due to a conflict with the Lee County Attorney's office.

"Did you ever tell any of those people not to come to Fort Madison?" Zimmerman-Smith asked.

"I did not," Fenlaw said after repeatedly telling Zimmerman-Smith that he told them all there would be no sexual conduct. The two were stopped by the court reporter multiple times during the exchange after several instances of interrupting each other. At one point, District Associate Judge Ty Rogers had to intervene.

In a redirect, Dial let Fenlaw finish his statement.

"I said they couldn't come in for anything illegal," Fenlaw told the jury.

Dial also called Joseph McAllister to testify that he took Fenlaw to the Waterloo spa after locating the spa on BackPage.com. McAllister testified that the two got massages but no sexual activity took place.

During closing remarks, the state said that Fenlaw set the spa up to operate very similar to how illegal spas are set up and did everything an owner would do if they didn't want to get caught - using cash only pricing, paying leases in cash, and advertising in places like BackPage.

Dial contended the state hadn't proven that any sexual activities took place at the spa and they hadn't

cleared the hurdle of showing that Fenlaw would have had any knowledge of activity, specifically citing testimony that on multiple occasions he communicated with Hong and potential clients that no sexual or illegal acts would take place at the spa.

The jury began deliberations at about 3:40 p.m. and stopped at 5 p.m. and will resume at 9 a.m. Thursday.

Fenlaw is facing a Class D felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a possible \$7,500 fine.

Pandering is defined in Iowa as a person who persuades, arranges, coerces, or otherwise causes another, not a minor, to become a prostitute or to return to the practice of prostitution after having abandoned it, or keeps or maintains any premises for the purposes of prostitution, or takes a share in the income from such premises knowing the character and content of such income, commits a class "D" felony.

A search of Utah public documents revealed Fenlaw has had two health and healing companies, the first of which is Phoenix Natural Healthcare, LLC out of Saratoga Springs, Utah and the other was Healing Humanity International, registered in Blanding, Utah. The Phoenix Natural Healthcare license with the Utah Department of Commerce expired on Feb. 23, 2017. The license for Healing Humanity International expired in 2002, also in Utah, after the renewal was not filed. He also currently has active licenses in Utah for Superior Pilots, LLC., a domestic pilot car service.

Mayor says plan may need a non-profit piece

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that," Smith said.

Randolph said he sees the project as a win-win for everyone.

"It sounded like a great idea when Greg pitched it to me. They've got a well-run program there and everyone needs that hands-on experience. Taking a property that is substandard and recreating something out of that, builds confidence with the students and helps the community," the mayor said.

But tight city budgets could put a hamper on the project unless a component could be found that would help with material costs. Randolph said that might require a third, non-profit partnership to

help bring things along.

"The city doesn't want to be in the real estate business. You'd have to have some kind of non-profit arm," he said. "Say the city got deeded with the property and worked it out with high school programs to rehab the property. You get it up to code and standard and then that property was put on the market, you'd probably have to deed it over to a non-profit and sell it."

Only a few conversations have taken place regarding the project and Randolph said he wished they were a little further along in hashing out the details.

"Boy that sounds like

a win for the community and the district," he said. "When you're able to use the horsepower of the trades program and get that group learning experience in working on a property that might not otherwise see that benefit, the community could recognize a saved building or future use and you can't help but that think that wouldn't be a great idea."

One group that could possibly help with the non-profit piece could be the local Habitat for Humanity chapter.

Local chapter president Tony Wolfe said it could be a consideration but is out of the scope of what Habitat projects usually

entail.

"While our chapter does not mandate ground up construction, my understanding is that our focus locally has been on new construction in Fort Madison," Wolfe said. "That said, with the continued rise in costs to complete a project, rehabs might be a future consideration. Funding and labor to build are current challenges in completing projects more frequently."

Randolph said out of the gate the city would need to identify one or two properties that would fit the project and were readily available.

He said part of a bigger problem is for the city to take possession of

properties that could be rehabbed. Randolph said a lot of times, the properties fall into serious disrepair from neglect before the city has the resources or the authority to take ownership.

"The city's dilemma is acquiring a property at a time that it still has the ability to be fixed. A lot of those properties that are dilapidated - we don't have ownership of them and we

can't just go out and get ownership," he said "It sits there for too long and we can't get access. We can't get a hold of the owner and there's a legal process for us to be able to take it over."

Randolph said he's hoping to have more conversations about the project in the spring and at that time see if there are any properties that could fit a test project.

FMAAA Members' exhibit reception Friday

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tion combinations.

FMAAA is so pleased to showcase works from the following area artists: Rebecca Butler, Kelly Peters, Dr. Marie Brady-Whitcanack, Ray McKee, Karla Mundt, Lois di Prima, Barb Zumdom, Harriet Souder, Annie Swarm Guldberg, Linda Ross, Molly Dillon, Tom Stack, Tim Laffey, Curt Swarm, Teresa Dearing, Jan&Dean Rockwell, Erika Wolfe, Linda Hardy, Carol

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rary and metal to wet felt. The show is always exceptional with this year yielding the same outstanding results.

Deck your halls with balls of bountiful holly on the other side of the museum with the Member Artist Gallery, showcasing works from over 90 artists in a two-hour radius from FMAAA. So many wares made from dexterous hands and creative minds. When prices are as reasonable or lower than big box, why

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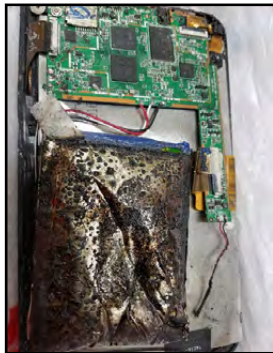


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Lady Hounds can't find win at West Hancock

Rashid goes for 11 at FMHS falls to 0-6

PCC STAFF

HAMILTON - The Fort Madison Bloodhound girls basketball team is still searching for its first win of the year after dropping a 51-27 loss on the road to West Hancock on Tuesday night.

Sophomore Maddie Rashid led Fort Madison with 11 points.

FMHS got behind early when West Hancock put up 17 points in the first quarter while the Hounds got buckets from junior Anna Kester and senior Eleesha Estrada.

West Hancock's Myah Gray scored seven in the period including a 3-pointer quick off the tip.

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Fort Madison pulled things together in the second quarter picking up their defense and holding the Lady Titans to ten, while Rashid put up five points and sophomore Nadia Boeding added three, but the Hounds were down 27-12 at the half.

"West Hancock is a very experienced team. They have multiple schemes and they execute them pretty well," head coach Todd McGhghy said.

"We are getting decent looks, we just aren't knocking them down. Just gotta keep working. We don't have an effort issue. We don't have an attitude issue. We just gotta keep plugging away and get better."

West Hancock came out of the locker room and put up another 17 in the third quarter again led by Gray's five points and Josi Radel's five. With Fort Madison only putting up seven in the period, West Hancock had the game well in hand going into the final period 44-19.

Fort Madison got five points each from Boeding and Estrada. Kester finished with three points, Jassmine Bass had two, and Dezire Kline added one point.

Little Hounds go 18-4 at own meet

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - FMMS hosted a triangular meet on Tuesday with Keokuk and Ottumwa.

Fort Madison won 18 matches and lost only four. Joe Hartman, Hayden Woolever, Tanner Settles, Christian Vincent, Teague Smith, and Aiden Pennock were all 2-0 with two pins.

Emmett Kruse and Daniel Sokolik were 1-0 each pinning their opponents. Brandt Booten went 2-0 with a fall and a 6-4 decision. Landon Rudd and Ike Thatcher were both 1-1. Taylor High also competed. Brandt Booten was the wrestler of the meet.

The Little Hounds next competition is a make-up meet at home on Monday at 4:30 p.m.

Iowa Lottery WINNING NUMBERS

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Pick 3 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



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 4 38 39 54 59
 Mega Ball: 12
 Megaplier: 2



12/11 MID-DAY
 5 4 1
12/11 EVENING
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12/11 MID-DAY
 8 1 4 7
12/11 EVENING
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