



# Pen City Current

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## ISP officer attacked Wednesday

*Union leader demands meeting with DOC to discuss safety*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The president of the union representing staff at the Iowa State Penitentiary is calling on ISP and Iowa Department of Corrections officials to address safety issues after Wednesday morning's attack on a correctional officer.

The attack is the second on an officer in the last five days and has resulted in lockdowns at the facility. ISP officials confirmed today the officer was attacked this morning with two homemade weapons by offender



HOMAN

Keith Piper, who is serving a 45-year sentence out of Jasper County for being a habitual offender.

The ISP was placed on lockdown/restricted movement after a staff member was beginning an escort when the offender struck the officer multiple times with a weapon. The staff member, with assistance from responding staff, were able to subdue the offender.

The officer was initially sent via ambulance to Fort Madison Community Hospital, but was then transported via ambulance to the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City.

IDOC officials released an updated statement Wednesday afternoon saying the C.O., whose name has not been released, is in stable condition at University of

Iowa Hospitals.

"Iowa State Penitentiary continues to review and investigate this incident. Any incident of this nature is considered critical. Staff safety is the highest priority as the investigation into this matter continues. The department will continue to attend to the needs of the injured officers, of both today's incident and the incident on Saturday, and commends all responding staff for their prompt and excellent response to protect fellow officers and prevent any further harm," according to a release from IDOC officials Wednesday.

AFSCME Council 61 President Danny Homan issued the following statement regarding the attack.

"This morning, a Correctional Officer at the Iowa State Penitentiary was stabbed five times by an inmate

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## HTC holds annual GPD this weekend

*Annual fundraiser set for Saturday and Sunday*

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The annual main fundraiser for the Holy Trinity Catholic school system will be held this weekend at the HTC high school in Fort Madison.

The event kicks off Friday with a fish fry from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and then a live auction starts at 6:30.

Sunday, a breakfast is served from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a bake sale kicking off at 10 a.m. The Driven to Give, where any test drive of a Lincoln vehicle prompts a donation to the school system is going on from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A mass will be held at

10:30 a.m. in Shottenkirk Gymnasium, with a noon Grain followed by the second day's live auction. The silent auction also being at noon.

A hot lunch & dinner is being prepared and will be served from 1 to 7 p.m. with a Kids Zone with games and activities being held from 2 to 4 p.m. There will also be a 50/50 raffle on Sunday.

The following items are some of the items that will be available for auction at the two-day event.

\$400-value gardening basket; blue 110cc four wheeler with (3) kids helmets; Ozark Tan-Tar-A Condo for (1) week; (1) Year family membership to



This is one of the cabins at Ten Acre Treehouse where the highest bidder at this weekend's Holy Trinity God's Portion Day, can get a night away.

YMCA, (2) entries to 2018 Rodeo Stampede 5K, (2) entries to 2018

Triathlon; Italian night w/wine for 10; Beer and

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## Mayor hopes to have Amtrak agreement for council by Nov. 6

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison mayor Brad Randolph said at Tuesday's City Council meeting that he's hoping to have an agreement in place in two weeks for the council to consider regarding the relocation of the Amtrak Depot.



RANDOLPH

Carolyn Foss, a member of the Fort Madison Old Fort Commission, addressed the council about her support in moving the Depot to its former location at the Riverview Park depot.

After Foss spoke to the council, Randolph told her that he hoped to have the agreement in front of the council at the November 6th meeting.

With an agreement in place, the council would be able to forward plans for construction of a rider platform to be built at the proposed depot site. The platform has a \$1.2 million price tag with about \$300,000 coming from the city.

After the meeting, Randolph said Amtrak officials

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## Obituaries/Area News

### OBITUARIES

# BRADLEY W. KEESTER

Bradley W. Keester, 74, of Ft. Madison, passed away on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 4:00 AM at the West Point Care Center.



KEESTER

He was born on January 18, 1943 in Ft. Madison to Arleigh and Mae Story Keester. On April 24, 1965 he married Jeanne Moline in Ft. Madison. Brad worked for BNSF and retired on February 1, 2003 after forty two years of service. He was an avid bowler and also enjoyed golfing, camping, fishing and attending his grandchildren's events. Brad was known by all to tell a good joke.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanne Keester of Ft. Madison; a son, Larry (Carol) Keester of Ft. Madison; a daughter, Karrie (Doug Daines) Keester of Montrose; four grandchildren, Dalton, Devin, Brandon and Faith; two brothers, Larry Keester of Davenport and Roger Keester of Bettendorf; a sister, Karen Gillette of Ft. Madison; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and five sisters.

The family will meet with friends from 1-3 PM on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Per his wishes, his body will be cremated following the visitation. The funeral service will be held on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 10 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Rodney Bussard officiating. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for Lee County Hospice and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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# SCC to branch out thanks to Alliant Energy

WEST BURLINGTON – Volunteers will plant 56 trees at Southeastern Community College's West Burlington Campus at 9 a.m. on Saturday. The trees were purchased through a \$10,000 grant from Alliant Energy and Trees Forever's Branching Out partnership. This project is one of more than 30 Branching Out tree-plantings taking place across the state this fall.

The project is being done in conjunction with SCC's Building the Dream campus expansion initiative and coincides with the construction of the new Hall of Sciences.

These new trees will do more than just provide a windbreak and shade for our buildings," says SCC President Dr. Michael Ash. "They're intended to serve as a living lab for our agriculture students and give life to our campus landscape."

College organizers have assembled a small army of volunteers to help with the project including staff, students, local officials, participants in SCC's Choosing Healthy Alternatives to Delinquency (CHAD) program, as well as Alliant En-

ergy representatives and Trees Forever staff. Interested community members and media are also invited to attend.

The planting project will start at 9:00 a.m.. Volunteers will meet in the new parking lot next to the Health Professions Center (accessible via SCC's Gear Avenue entrance).

In addition to providing trees for shade and beautification, Trees Forever Field Coordinator Emily Swihart says the collaboratively-funded grant program is a great way to help people understand how they can help grow and protect an urban forest.

"When you plant a tree, you save energy, improve air quality, and reduce storm water runoff," Swihart explains. "The entire community benefits when you plant even a single tree."

In case of inclement weather, the planting will be rescheduled to October 23 at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Emily Swihart at (563) 260-1000 or [eswihart@treesforever.org](mailto:eswihart@treesforever.org).



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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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Power Play: 2



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## Area News/For the Record

# West Point Car Show winners named

## For the Record

**2017 WEST POINT FIREWORKS 2ND ANNUAL AUTO SHOW WINNERS**

CLASS	CLASS SPONSORS	PL.	NAME	ADDRESS	AUTO DESCRIPTION
Original Pre 1950s	Connection Bank & Insurance	1st	Jim Anderson	New London, Iowa	1935 Ford 5 Window Coupe
	Connection Bank & Insurance	2nd	-	-	-
	Connection Bank & Insurance	3rd	-	-	-
Original 1950 to 1959	Phil's Pub & Sammy's	1st	-	-	-
	Phil's Pub & Sammy's	2nd	-	-	-
	Phil's Pub & Sammy's	3rd	-	-	-
Original 1960 to 1969	Fullenkamp Insurance & Corner Tap	1st	Steve Heyland	Burlington, Iowa	1964 Plymouth Sport Fury
	Fullenkamp Insurance & Corner Tap	2nd	Bill & Cathy Neuweg	West Point, Iowa	1966 Ford Mustang
	Fullenkamp Insurance & Corner Tap	3rd	-	-	-
Original 1970 to 1979	Humburd Auto Service	1st	John Manush	Burlington, Iowa	1971 Plymouth Duster
	Humburd Auto Service	2nd	Donnie & Lori Blint	Burlington, Iowa	1970 Dodge Challenger RT
	Humburd Auto Service	3rd	Ron & Dana Brundies	Keosauqua, Iowa	1971 Chevy Chevelle
Original 1980 to Present	Brozene Hydraulic & Palm Bowl	1st	Brett Johnson	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa	2011 Ford Shelby GT500
	Brozene Hydraulic & Palm Bowl	2nd	Mark Counts	Fort Madison, Iowa	2008 Chevy Corvette
	Brozene Hydraulic & Palm Bowl	3rd	Steve Engberg	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa	2007 Ford Mustang
Modified Pre 1950s	Gregory Concrete	1st	Dave Woodley	Fort Madison, Iowa	1946 Ford Truck
	Gregory Concrete	2nd	-	-	-
	Gregory Concrete	3rd	-	-	-
Modified 1950 to 1959	Pilot Grove Savings Bank	1st	Bill & Kathy Neuweg	West Point, Iowa	1955 Chevy Bel Air
	Pilot Grove Savings Bank	2nd	Denise Montgomery	Hamilton, Illinois	1957 Chevy 210 Sedan
	Pilot Grove Savings Bank	3rd	Jerry & Barb Coffey	Fort Madison, Iowa	1953 Ford Victoria
Modified 1960 to 1969	Southern Iowa & Lee County Insurance	1st	Leroy Neuweg	West Point, Iowa	1972 Chevy Pickup
	Southern Iowa & Lee County Insurance	2nd	Darin Conrad	West Point, Iowa	1968 Dodge Super B
	Southern Iowa & Lee County Insurance	3rd	Ron Sugars	Fort Madison, Iowa	1967 Chevy Chevelle SS



John Manush, of Burlington, holds the trophy for "Best of Show" at the 2nd Annual West Point Fireworks Auto Show. Winners names were released last week.

**Fort Madison Police Report**  
 10/17/17 - 8:19 a.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police responded to a property damage accident in the 3200 block of Avenue K. 10/17/17 - 5:37 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Avenue G. 10/17/17 - 7:56 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police arrested John Michael Petit, 51, of Cedar Rapids in the 4500 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for violation of a no contact order. He was taken to the Lee

County Jail and held. 10/17/17 - 11:14 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police arrested Angela Marie Woodbury, 50, of Fort Madison in the 2800 block of Avenue J, on a warrant for 5th degree theft. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 10/18/17 - 7:05 a.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2300 block of Avenue L.  
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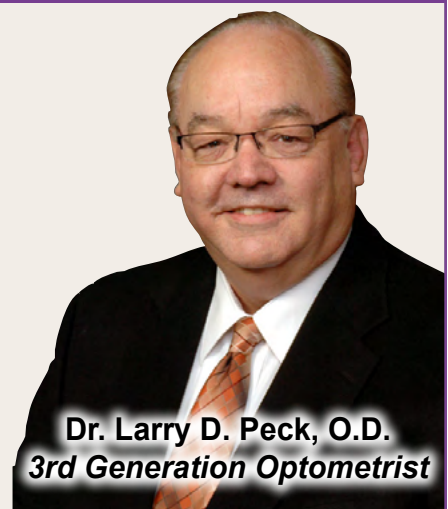
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**Sports**

# Hounds winning season on line Friday night

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Bloodhound football team will put their winning season on the line Friday night with a tough matchup against 7-1 Washington.

The Demons have been without starting quarterback Ryan Reighard for most of the season, but their only loss was to district powerhouse Solon, a 40-0 setback. The Demons have a few lopsided wins to their credit as well including a 73-0 bombing of West Burlington two weeks ago. But Reighard could see some action at quarterback as Washington gears up for the playoffs.

Washington sophomore Luke Turner is having a good season behind center completing 60 of 100 passes for 905 yards and nine touchdowns against four interceptions. Turner also leads the Demons on the ground with 719 yards rushing.

But Fort Madison has the district's top rusher in yards with Alex Gully at 1,122 yards on the ground. He also has 15 touchdowns, including five last week in a 48-24 win over Keokuk on the road, just one behind Oskaloosa quarterback Seth Howard with 16 rushing scores.

Fort Madison Head Coach Tony Shiffman said Washington will most likely come out in a spread offense and try to move the ball around. However, the Demons should get senior Reighard back under center. Reighard broke his forearm early in the season and has been playing defense but not playing on the other side of the line.

"They're a very good football team. They're a big, physical football team and well-coached and hit the weight room," Shiffman said.

He said his Bloodhounds again are going to go on the field with a mindset of having fun, but thinking about their final game.

"It's their legacy," he said. "It's how they're remembered. Ten years down the road people are going to



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Fort Madison seniors will have one last game to try and pull a winning season for the Hounds Friday night at Richmond Stadium. The Hounds take on 7-1 Washington for a shot at a 5-4 record in head coach Tony Shiffman's first year.

remember a lot of games, but they'll remember if you come out and beat a top 10 team like Washington."

He said the Demons will come out in a spread offense and test the Hounds' speed and corners.

"They're spread. They'll get in some two and three wide stuff, but they like to run the power and a power read game and they have a good physical line so they can get out and run, too," Shiffman said.

The Hounds were a bit banged up last week with starting linebacker Diego Lozano out with a shoulder injury, Danen Settles, who has been having a decent season on the line also didn't play last week.

"We're a little banged up right now and it's hit or miss on who's practicing, but they don't want to get embarrassed. I'm more worried about going out and just executing our offense. We're just gonna go out and play and see what happens.

The Hounds are 4-4 on the season and Shiffman said he's a bit frustrated by that record, but also realizes that the Hounds have taken some important strides this year.

"I'm kind of indifferent right now," Shiffman said of this being the last game of the season. "I'm a bit frus-

trated that we're 4-4 and I think we should be 6-2. It is what it is, but we've done leaps and bounds better than previous years."

He said the team's mantra "brick-by-brick" is taking hold and he said that has had a big impact on the successes the team did have this year.

"That's not going to be something we get rid of either. That's been our battle cry and we're going to keep putting those bricks together, in the weight room, recruiting in the hallways - it's a big part of what we do and we're going to keep using that."

Shance Redd-Donald, despite missing the Solon game three weeks ago, is still leading the district in receiving with 688 yards and nine touchdowns. Washington's Jaiyovon Willis is right behind Redd-Donald with 593 yards and seven touchdowns. The Demons' Dalton Myers is fifth in the district with 319 yards and three TDs. Fort Madison's Lorenzo Riles II has 213 yards and one touchdown.

Junior Tristin Westphal-Edwards and senior Tanner Murphy have combined for close to 100 tackles on the year to lead the Demons. Lozano and junior Sam Hayes lead FMHS with a combined 74 tackles.

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## From the Front/Weather

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Driven to Give- drive a Lincoln vehicle and Holy Trinity receives a donation; Chicago Condo off Lakeshore Dr. for Weekend; Pontoon party and meal for 14 from Dennis and Kate Menke and family, sponsored by GPD; Atlas Prime Rib and 10 Wagyu T-Bones; 4 Box Tickets for Cubs Game; handmade King quilt (made by the Houghton ladies years ago); HTC Crusader flag made by Anthony Grogan; Dinner for \* at Holy Family Rectory; and a Traeger grill.

# Randolph says delays hinder city's ability to bid work

**DEPOT** - Continued from Page 1

were being very helpful as the city worked to reduce some of the costs associated with operating and maintaining the depot at the new location, but was cautious about saying anything specific, simply because he doesn't have a working document in front him.

"Until I see something in my hand, in writing, and we can say, 'Hey, you know what, this looks pretty good,' and we can present it - I just don't want to say too much."

Randolph said he's been working with Amtrak railroad personnel on certain costs he thought were maybe a bit high to make the operation a bit easier on the city's budget.

"I would just say that the numbers that we were getting on the insurance, we're trying to massage that number to make it more economical for us to go forward. We've looked at that, we've looked at other communities and how they are doing it, just to get a handle on why the costs are so high for us and how other communities are dealing with that."

Councilman Chris Greenwald said once the city has the agreement in hand he's going to push for the approval.

"Whether its more palpable or not, once we have that agreement in our hands, we'll be fighting to get it passed," Greenwald said.

Randolph said he's very pleased with the efforts being put forth by the railroad's personnel in helping Fort Madison get to an agreement.

"Amtrak has been very understanding of our position on that and we've been working with risk management personnel and they're trying to work to come to a common understanding with us and we're seeing some positive movement there. That's what we're hoping for."

He said he does have a concern, however, about the process being incomplete because it pushes back the process to get the Iowa Department of Transportation on board and get bids out for construction of the platform.

"My concern is that the DOT is waiting for signed agreements and, until they get it, nothing is happen-

“*Amtrak has been very understanding of our position on that and we've been working with risk management personnel and they're trying to work to come to a common understanding with us and we're seeing some positive movement there.*”

-Brad Randolph, Fort Madison Mayor

ing. While this continues to happen, we keep getting bumped on the bid let. If we keep pushing that back we're gonna be late summer or fall before we get going on construction," Randolph said.

Randolph reached out to the CEO of Amtrak earlier this year about the project and the fact that it had fallen dead with the Amtrak officials. He said the CEO responded with an email that said they were going to get the project done and assigned a new person to the project.

At a meeting earlier this summer City Manager David Varley said the project could cost the city up to \$50,000 per year to run the depot, but Randolph said at that meeting he thought those numbers were high, but would continue to work with Amtrak to see if some of those costs could be reduced.

"Again, this person with Amtrak is a really good guy. It's been a fluid process and we get these numbers and we kind of peeled through them line by line and said, 'we don't know why you'd charge us this and this.' I think David's numbers were too high, but I needed some figures to back that up. I didn't just want to say that."

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**FRI 20 Oct**  
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**SAT 21 Oct**  
 Moderate Rain  
 High - 70.4° F | Low - 54.4° F

**SUN 22 Oct**  
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**AFSCME head wants DOC to talk security**

**INCIDENT** - Continued from Page 1

wielding two ten-inch shanks. The officer has been transferred to the University of Iowa Hospital, where he is receiving medical treatment. This incident comes on the heels of another assault against a Correctional Officer that took place on Saturday. In that incident, the inmate involved was escorted by the Correctional Officer who was stabbed this morning. Both assaults were carried out by inmates associated with white supremacist gangs.

Homan said the AFSCME has been trying to bring attention to a lack of staffing at the local prison.

“We have been sounding the alarm on the increased frequency of brutal assaults within our correctional facilities with absolutely zero change taking place. Our thoughts are with the two Correctional Officers who were the victims of the Department of Correction’s inaction. Thoughts only go so far; I hope their assaults will be taken seriously and acted upon with the urgency they deserve. We are demanding that the Department of Corrections meet with us to discuss this health and safety crisis before someone gets killed.”



Photo courtesy of Iowa Department of Corrections

An Iowa State Penitentiary officer was attacked Wednesday morning, the second attack in five days on a staffer at the facility, and was taken by ambulance to Fort Madison Community Hospital and then transferred to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in stable condition.

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