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## Montrose selected for county's annual disaster drill

Lee County Emergency Preparedness Task Force will be conducting a county-wide disaster drill on Wednesday, May 24. This mock disaster will take place at the Ivor Fowler Center in Montrose, and drill a mass shooting incident.

The drill will begin at 8:30 a.m. Each community partner participating in this mock disaster drill has set organizational goals and objectives to accomplish to better prepare them for a real-life incident.

Emergency service agencies participating include: Lee County EMS, Fort Madison Community Hospital, Keokuk Area Hospital, Lee County Health Department, Lee County Sheriff, Montrose Fire and Police Department, Fort Madison Police Department and Lee County Emergency Management.

Area residents are urged to note the date and time of the disaster drill so as not to be alarmed when the large number of Emergency Service vehicles make their way to the scene for the drill. Also if you are visiting one of the participating organizations during the drill there may be some mock precautions put in place.

Lee County runs an annual county-wide disaster drill to formulate a plan for the distribution of resources and communication among our community partners.

## Elliott Test Kitchen to be on IPTV's 'Iowa Ingredient'

Elliott Test Kitchen, at 807 Ave. G in Fort Madison, will be featured on Iowa Public Television's "Iowa Ingredient" series on Thursday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m. and again at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 3.

Viewers will also learn how the Elliott Test Kitchen, under of the guidance of founder Kumar Wickramasingha, combines homework and cooking skills in a clever after school program.

The Elliott Test Kitchen is named for James T. Elliott IV, successful Chicago businessman and former math teacher who encouraged Wickramasingha to pursue the unique academic concept: offer a safe place to study in a structured setting and provide a meal after the after-school session.

The episode will also focus on Iowa-produced sweet potatoes.

Just outside of Grinnell, Middle Way Farm tops the charts in growing impressively-sized, and flavorful, sweet potatoes. Learn how they do it. Then, Chef Walter Jahncke from The Northside Cafe in Winterset joins host Charity Nebbe in the studio kitchen to prepare two unforgettable sweet potato recipes: a sweet potato burrito, and a sweet potato crème brûlée. Now in its sixth season, "Iowa Ingredient" profiles the farms, restaurants and ingredients that make Iowa food uniquely Iowan.

# Advocate, author gives advice on growing Lee County workforce

## 75 on hand to hear message

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Although the meeting was to be an educational session for educators, there were business and industry leaders on hand as well. In fact, when the Lee County Workforce Summit brought Dr. Kevin J. Fleming to the summit Monday morning at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Fort Madison, about 75 people were on hand to hear what he had to say.

"We invited Fleming in because we can gain a lot from his philosophies and teachings," Dennis Fraise, Chief Operating Officer of Lee County EDG, said. "We wanted to have a regional audience to hear his story and give people a lot to think about in terms of workers."

Fraise said there were many educators in the audience.

"That was part of the plan, but we also have many manu-



**Dr. Kevin J. Fleming is an advocate for ensuring all students enter the labor market with a competitive advantage. He spoke to about 75 attending the Lee County Workforce Summit Monday at the Fort Madison Comfort Inn & Suites.**

facturers and businesses as well," Fraise said. "It's a broad spectrum or people. It's a great room."

Dana Millard, Lee County EDG Marketing & Communications Manager, said the meeting Monday was more than just the average workforce summit.

"It is an opportunity for our original partners to come together," Millard said. "And we brought in Dr. Fleming to talk to the group on how we can move forward."

Millard said the purpose of the meeting was to develop action steps to see how progress can be made in the workforce in Lee County.

Millard said Fleming has covered the change in the Lee County economy.

"It used to be that people were encouraged to go to a four-year university," Millard said. "Now that needs to change and has started to decide if they are looking for a job where skills are needed more than a degree is needed."

She said traditionally students are asked what college they wanted to go to.

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## Rainy Days and Mondays

It went from dreary on Monday morning to rainy by the afternoon. And still, Michela Bowen, holding an umbrella, was able to work her position as crossing guard at Lincoln Elementary School making it possible for the children to get home safely.

# Alley Cat Rally returns Saturday

KEOKUK – "There is no greater sense of freedom than the one you get as a kid just released from school," said Joyce Glasscock, executive director of Main Street Keokuk Inc. "With the endless days of summer stretching before you, the town is yours to explore on the back of your two wheeler – the clicking sound of a playing card perfectly positioned in the wheel spokes feeding your imagined engine-powered ride."

The Power City USA Alley Cat Bicycle Rally will launch summer freedom with three challenging and fun rides for

bicycle enthusiasts of all skill levels on Saturday, May 27, in Keokuk.



Glasscock

At 20-plus miles, the City to City ride is for the serious cyclist. The Easy Ten is 10-plus miles around town.

Just before the air horn starts, riders will be given a map and a list of checkpoints. Part of the strategy is determining whether to spend a few minutes plotting a route or taking off and plotting the route on the fly.

## WHY 'ALLEY CAT?'

The Alley Cat is a form of unsanctioned street racing on bicycles. Created decades ago by bike messengers, Alley Cats send riders around a city to a series of checkpoints. Traffic, stoplights, potholes, pedestrians and car exhaust are all part of the experience.

Riders combine navigation skills with raw speed to complete courses that might crisscross a community for miles with no set route between the mandatory checkpoints.

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## NEW OPTION

Parents of children on the autism spectrum will have a new resource for services this summer.

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## NEW GEAR

Des Moines Township firefighters in Argyle now have the money for new gear.

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## NOTABLE



## RYAN ALFRED

was recognized for organizing the pre-election straw poll at Holy Trinity Jr./Sr. High School. See Page 16.

## DEATHS

**Peggy M. Miller, 60**, formerly of Fort Madison  
**Kenneth Morris, 57**, Fort Madison  
**Jerome W. Bray, 70**, Fort Madison  
**David Hornung, 61**, Keokuk

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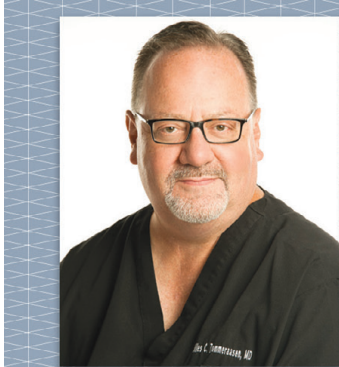
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