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- Proverbs 3:5

The Eastender

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Family: My husband is Perry Wingard. Daughters are Maddison Caldwell and Tara Lantrip, and son is Dallas Wingard.

Job and volunteer work: Pre-K teacher at Bingham Road Baptist Child Development Center.

What is one thing you would put on your bucket list? Travel to Alaska.

What hobby would you get into if time and money weren't an issue? Flower arrangements and crafts for weddings and for baby showers.

Best advice someone has given me: To be kind to people. Treat people as you would like to be treated.

What could you give a 40-minute presentation on without any preparation? Childcare.

If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? Mexican food.

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Meet Your Neighbor: Julie Wingard



Ready for business

SHS, EEM each hold ribbon-cutting events

Two completed and one more to go. Sheridan School District staff, board members, students and families are celebrating the completion of the 150,000 square-foot addition to Sheridan High School and the brand new 58,000 square-foot East End Middle School. In the meantime, portions of Sheridan Junior High have been demolished to make room for updated facilities next year.

"I was told that new facilities like this were only a dream," said Superintendent Jerrod Williams to a crowd of 400 at the Education Endowment Gala at SHS on Saturday, July 27, which was the first official event in the new high school facility.

"Five years ago, things looked very different. Some said it would never happen. But you helped to sell the dream of a bright future for the community."

In a ribbon-cutting ceremony at East End Middle on Sunday, July 28, recently-hired EEM Principal Lupe Peña de Martínez told that crowd of about 275, "Tell me how you invest your time. Tell me how you invest your money. That is how I will truly know what you value," said Peña de Martínez. "I



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EEFD concludes public meetings to discuss tax

The East End Fire Department held three public meetings over the past two months. The feedback was needed from the community to gauge the interest in a request to increase the fire tax. Fire Commissioners will likely decide at their board meeting in September whether to take a rate-hike proposal to voters.



The town hall meetings were held at the fire department on Baxley Lane on May 20, June 17 and July 19. Chief Noah Harrison says there usually was only about five or six residents at each meeting.

Currently, the tax is \$95 per livable structure or parcel and \$140-\$185 per business on a par-

cel. The proposal is a \$10 yearly increase to \$105 per livable structure and \$150-\$195 per business on a parcel. In 2016, voters passed a fire tax increase from \$65 annually to \$95 by a vote of 204 to 50.

Chief Harrison says the public comments were very positive with only one person voicing objections to the proposal. The other comments did leave him with the understanding that there is no interest in adding a fire tax to vacant lots. "That thought did not go over well," said Harrison. He says it likely will not be considered.

Current tax revenue brings in \$353,115. The proposed rate will increase that amount by \$52,409 for a total of \$401,525. About \$31,000 of that new income is proposed for increased payroll to hire another firefighter.

With the most recent increase,

the department was able to fund two firefighters around the clock seven days a week. Now, they would like to add one more to the staff to allow for three firefighters Monday through Friday.

East End is staffed mostly by volunteers but Harrison says it is tough to recruit and train enough volunteers to staff the department for the size of East End's needs.

Beside additional personnel, Harrison says the cost of equipment is increasing drastically due to the cost of aluminum. In 2016, the price of the new East End fire truck was \$300,000. Today, according to Harrison, the same truck would cost \$460,000.

Fire Commissioners will consider all option at the September board meeting.

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High tech: the state of education

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. And if that doesn't work, try one more time just for good measure.

Perseverance paid dividends for the Sheridan School District and students in East End. After three failed attempts since 2007 to pass a millage that would result in construction of East End Middle School, voters finally approved such a proposal in September 2016. Yesterday, I joined about 275 others for a ribbon-cutting and tour of a great facility right here in East End for sixth-eighth graders. It has been designed to provide the tools they will need to receive a top-notch 21st-century education.

And for high school? Wow. You need to check out the new addition to Sheridan High School. And I'm not just talking about the basketball arena, which is stunning. (Many small colleges in our state would be envious.) I'm talking about the Kohler Acad-



On My Mind

Andy Mayberry

emy that features a robotics lab. Check out the new up-to-date math and science classrooms/labs, state-of-the-art media center, art room, special education classroom and more. It's all wired for the most modern technology and learning tools.

"Toto, I have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore." – Dorothy

According to a book published in 1979 entitled SHS: The First 100 Years, "Before 1865, most children in what was then a part of Saline, Jefferson, and Hot Spring counties received their education, if any, from their parents." An 1873 Arkansas Gazette article says that Sheridan and the

surrounding area was "blessed with quiet law-abiding citizens with a highly cultivated state of morals. Many improvements are being made and the people are determined to build a fine male and female high school as soon as possible."

The current SDS administration building was constructed in 1913. It was first used as a school that had been expanded to 10 grades. The land where it was built cost \$18.50. There was a \$12,000 mortgage for construction and "to equip" the building. Mr. Sam L. McDonald was the sole graduate of that 1913 class.

Today, about 1,200 walk the halls of the SHS campus. About 3,000 more are on the various other campuses in the district. The multi-phase construction projects funded by the 2016 millage were projected to cost more than \$45 million. (Curiously, we pay 36 mills in taxes for schools, ver-

sus the 65 mills our parents and grandparents paid in 1979.)

It is indeed a different day. Growing up in rural Grant County, neither of my mother's parents finished high school. My mom was valedictorian of the 1956 graduating class of Sheridan High School.

I am the first in my family to complete a four-year college degree. Our oldest daughter, Ellie, is well on her way to a degree in business technology. She will seek a masters degree maybe more. I expect big things from her sisters, as well. Their new instructional facilities should certainly help.

I hope that we continue to provide our children with greater and greater opportunities. But in the end, it still comes back to the people. Teachers who want to teach, students who want to learn, and parents who want to support those goals.

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And the "Thumbs Up" Award goes to ... Mary Bonnie Daughtry

This month's Thumbs Up Award goes to Mary Bonnie Daughtry. She was nominated by Anita Milligan, who wrote, "This young lady just celebrated her 75th birthday. She works everyday outside doing gardening, mowing and general yard work. She has so much energy. But the reason I would like to nominate her is because she does so much volunteering in the neighborhood here at Maple Creek Farms. She helps keep the playground cleaned up, planting, and yard work. Mary Bonnie recently planted a rose to honor a neighbor who had passed away. She helped a group cleaning, weeding and removing yard debris. Later, Mary Bonnie loaded a mower on her trailer, unloaded and helped mow the same yard in 90-degree weather. She never fails to help wherever she is needed. Mary Bonnie is one special lady."

If you would like to nominate



someone you know for a "Thumbs Up of the Month" ... let us know. We want to give people a pat on the back when they do something good, like lose a lot of weight, stop smoking, help someone in need, etc.

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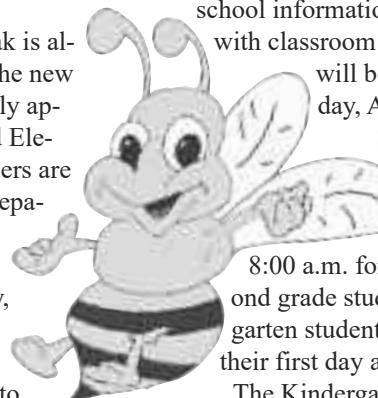
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EEE prepares for start

By Vickie Easley
EEE Principal

The summer break is almost over and the new school year is quickly approaching. East End Elementary staff members are currently making preparations for Open House which will be held on Thursday, Aug. 8 between 5:30-7:30 p.m. This will be a great time to meet your child's new



teacher and find out important school information. Postcards with classroom assignments will be mailed on Friday, Aug. 2.

School will begin on Wednesday, Aug. 14 at

8:00 a.m. for first and second grade students. Kindergarten students will begin their first day at 9:00 a.m.

The Kindergarten parents are invited to a "Boo Hoo" Breakfast

immediately following the 9 a.m. drop off. It is always an emotional day for Kindergarten parents, so there will be plenty of tissues available.

The 2019-2020 theme at EEE is Capturing Hearts, Building Relationships, and Growing Minds. Teachers want to connect with students and families to help all children reach their full potential. We are looking forward to a wonderful beginning to the new school year.

EEE is a great place to be!

EEI getting ready for new year

By Jayme Steinbeck
EEI Principal

The beginning of school is right around the corner! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and made memories that will last a lifetime.

Back-to-school Open House will be held Monday, Aug. 12. It is a drop-in event anytime from 5:30-7:30 p.m. You can tour the school, meet your teacher, and take supplies to the classrooms. Supply lists are available at sheridanschools.org, EEI, and in some local businesses.

We will not post class lists on the front doors. Instead, postcards from homeroom teachers will be sent to parents and students Aug. 2 to welcome them to EEI. The first day of school is Wednesday, Aug. 14. Don't forget to bring a picture of you reading a book during your summer break.

Traffic flow and times

Drop off for 3rd-5th grade car-riders has a few minor changes. In the morning, the pattern is the same. Turn in the circle drive behind the cafeteria and drop off at the awning by the gym. However, when you leave, you must turn right toward East End Elementary. There is no left turn in the morning car line. In the afternoon, the pattern is the

same. Cars turn in the farthest part of the circle drive and double-stack up to the awning by the gym. When you leave, you must turn left toward Sawmill Road. There is no right turn in the afternoon car line. You can view the morning and afternoon traffic patterns for EEI at sheridanschools.org.

Start/stop times

In the morning, the earliest

students can be dropped off is 7:20 a.m. Students must be in their classrooms ready for instruction at 8:00 a.m. Afternoon dismissal for car riders is 3:10 p.m. Please do not get in the afternoon car line before 2:30 p.m.

EEI will be the third stop for bus riders. They will load and leave EEI between 3:20-3:30 p.m. We will try to have all car riders gone before the buses arrive at EEI.

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The timeline: How EE Middle School came to be

In 2002, under then-Superintendent David Robinson, the Sheridan School District purchased 80 acres from International Paper for about \$250,000-300,000 with full intention of building a middle school.

In September 2007, under Superintendent Scott Spainhour, a 4.7-millage increase proposal failed 52 percent to 48 percent, with 88 percent of East Enders voting for the millage.

Immediately following, the school board responded by placing the same millage increase proposal back on the ballot.

At the time, School Board member Gart Pitts told *The East Ender* newspaper, "The board voted unanimously to place the same question on the ballot for one reason...we all strongly agree that this is the best decision for our students."

But once again, in January 2008, that proposal failed 59 percent to 41 percent, even with

86 percent of East End residents voting for the millage increase. It was also a record turnout for a school election in East End, with 1,500 East Enders voting.

In May 2015, with the current Superintendent Jerrod Williams, a 3.8-millage increase proposal was once again attempted. It too failed, 54 percent to 45 percent, with 75 percent of East End residents supporting it.

The School Board made big financial decisions immediately. One of the most notable changes was the closure of the Sheridan Freshman Academy.

In September 2016, one more attempt was made. It passed with 2,576 votes "for" (59.93 percent) and 1,722 votes against. In East End, 83 percent (1,044-209) voted in favor of the increase with 50.31 percent (1,532-1,513) of Grant County voters supporting a 3.8-mill increase. The current millage is now 36.



Former Superintendent David Robinson and former Board President Bobby Pierce had dreamed of a new high school arena and a middle school in East End. It was under their direction in 2002 that the district purchased the 80-acre lot along Hwy. 367 and Hwy. 167.



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According to Williams, EEM is the first completely new campus for the district in almost two decades, and combined with the high school facility, is one of the largest school construction projects in South Arkansas.

"We have (among) the lowest millage rates in the state and have some of the highest teacher salaries in the state. We are blessed," said Williams.

In addition to typical classrooms, EEM has a competition floor gymnasium with dressing rooms, a 400-seat cafeteria, a media center, career tech classrooms, six science classrooms, band and choir space. The building has plenty of space and built-in pads for future expansion.

School Board President Jody



Seventh-grader Zach B. (left) and eighth-grader Lawrence Gossage enjoy the media center at EEM and are most excited that the tables include USB ports and electric sockets.



Spann, who also graduated from SHS in 1978, said at the EEM ribbon-cutting ceremony that East End and Sheridan Schools merged in 1949 and since then, thousands of kids have spent millions of hours riding a bus up and down Hwy. 167 to Sheridan from East End.

"Thankfully, because of this campus and this school, there will be a few hundred who don't have to do that this year. They are going to be closer to home for a couple more years. Their parents and grandparents will be closer," said Spann.

Students' reaction

Families toured the facilities after the official ribbon-cutting of EEM. Lawrence Gossage will be in the first set of eighth-graders to be enrolled at EEM. After the tour, he said he was most excited about the new access to technology.

"There is a power bar in the library that has plug-ins and USB ports," said Gossage. "There are lots of outlets."

He also said he was looking forward to lunch time at the new cafeteria.

"I like the shape of the kitchen

serving area. It's not behind a wall. We can see it," said Gossage.

Zack B., who will be one of the first seventh-graders at EEM, says he really was impressed with the big trophy case at the front entryway.

"Everyone can see it. At EEI, it was in the office and barely anyone goes in there," said Zack.

He explained that he hopes he is able to bring home a chess team trophy to be one of the first on display in the cabinet.

He too liked the cafeteria mostly because of the extra space and the long tables.

"At EEI, the tables are in circles and the most room is in the middle of the table, making us sit shoulder to shoulder."



EEM teacher Alan Braden greets eighth-grader Callie Kilburn.

rooms, much of the excitement was in two areas: the arena and the Kohler Academy.

The two-story 2,200-seat arena, has video boards, high-tech lighting, hospitality suites, a large concession area with commercial cooking equipment and extra space for dance and cheer teams to practice.

The Kohler Academy features a robotics lab with equipment that is used in Kohler manufacturing plants. The company donated \$130,000 worth of equipment to support the new career tech program. Students can choose between a computer-integrated manufacturing career path or an engineering college track with the program.

"We have 21st Century education in a small town environment," said Williams.

"It is impressive to see what citizens from two counties and one school district can do when they are thinking of what is best for the students in their district," said State Senator Kim Hammer. "The residents of Sheridan and East End have provided one more reason why people can continue to make Central Arkansas their permanent home because of the long-range planning of leadership in the district. I'm proud to represent a portion of the school district as your state senator."



Dennis Emerson, director of administrative services, leads a group tour of the SHS addition during the Educational Endowment Gala.



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EEM in and out

Detailed drop-off and pick-up at new school

School traffic is often frustrating during the first week of school until new families know the routine. Since all families and staff will be new to East End Middle School, it is important to share the new traffic patterns and rules for dropping off and picking up students as well as the bus schedule.

There are two entrances to EEM. One is on Hwy. 167 and the other is off Hwy. 367, also known as Arch Street.

The only traffic that is directed to enter from Hwy. 167 is staff parking or visitor parking. All drop-off and pick-up will take place from the Arch Street entrance.

In the mornings, vehicles will follow the perimeter of the parking lot from the Hwy. 367 (Arch Street) entrance and will line up with the passenger door facing the school to drop off middle schoolers. In the afternoons for school pick-up, the vehicles will park in

the parking lot close to Arch Street and will wait for the student to find their vehicle. There is no line, according to Sheridan's communication's director, Lauren Goins.

The school district plans to post a video showing the traffic routes on the school webpage. It will be located on the EEM tab.

Students riding the bus to school will be dropped off on the opposite side of the school. The school buses will drive on the dirt roadway from the Arch Street entrance.

"With the addition of East End Middle, we will be transitioning from a K-6 bus route to a K-8 bus route. Buses will stop at all three East End campuses. We will post specific bus routes on the website," said Goins.

Pick-up

**Enter from Arch St.,
then park**



Rhonda Harris, transportation director for the Sheridan School District, says all the bus routes and times of pick-up and drop-off are located on the school website. The information can be found under the "parent" tab on the district website sheridanschools.org.

Harris explained that the school now uses a system called "Infofinder" that allows users to look up their bus number, pick-up time and drop-off time just by entering an address. However, if anyone has a question, Harris said she is happy to assist through phone calls. Her number is (870) 942-5522.

Drop-off

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SOFTBALL CAMP IN EAST END

Sheridan Coach Tamara Strawn hosted the Little Lady Jacket Softball Camp July 24-25 in East End following a two-day camp in Sheridan. The SHS Lady Jackets have won the past three state championships. Pictured with Strawn is Tinsley Geddings, who is entering the sixth grade.



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Wolfe takes on new responsibilities at EEI

He is no longer leading the march on the field but rather leading the march through the halls at East End Intermediate School. Longtime assistant band director Dennis Wolfe is looking forward to the next step in his educational career as assistant principal at EEI.

"This is the first time since 1991 that I have not been at marching camp," said Wolfe. "It certainly felt strange."

As practice for the high school band began at SHS on Monday, July 22, Wolfe was busy learning the ropes in East End.

"It's not that I wanted to leave band. I was very pleased working with Mr. (Gregg) Scott (band director), my wife (Kelly Wolfe) and Mrs. (Rachel) Loretz, and the band students and families, but my interest has grown in promoting more services to families," said Wolfe. "They are one of the biggest reasons I am who I am. I can't thank them enough for the love and support. I am extremely grateful."

"I am always in pursuit of gaining more skills," said Wolfe.

He says it started with him earning the National Board Certification, then a Masters in Education Specialist degree through Arkansas State. He says that gave him the ability to move into administration.

This is not his first time at EEI. He helped start the band program for sixth graders at EEI in 2009. He worked on the campus for a few years but not to the degree he will be working with students and faculty now. He is looking forward to meeting all the staff. Since teachers are not on the campus yet, he has not met all the staff yet.

On July 29, he will be attending the state-mandated train-



ing for new administrators through the Arkansas Department of Education to learn about new laws regarding education as well as other issues. He plans to take that knowledge back to the school to support the staff.

"Mrs. Steinbeck (EEI principal) is an innovator and energizing leader. She has lots of programs and events for the families," said Wolfe.

He will be taking over most of the responsibilities that were completed by former EEI Assistant Principal Lynn Cardin, who retired last year. He says he will be coordinating ACT Aspire and 504 plans to name some specific duties.

"Every time I walk in, there is a new memo on my desk," said Wolfe. He says he will be kept very busy.

"It's an incredible time to be in the district. This new middle school is a game-changer. I thank the families and community for allowing the Sheridan School District to add these facilities. Change can be challenging, but we are optimistic. We are seizing the moment and want to be on the forefront of expectations."

Williams returns to be assistant at EEE



Rodney Williams is pictured at his May 2018 retirement ceremony with Teresa Knight and Stacy Stockton. Williams, a former principal at SHS, has returned to the Sheridan School District. He will be assistant principal at East End Elementary this year.

One school district employee went from retirement to part-time to full-time within a year's time. Former Sheridan High School Principal Rodney Williams left that role at the end of the 2018 school year, took a short break, and became the dean of students at East End Elementary for 2018-19 school year. He has now been hired as the school's assistant principal.

Williams says this will be his 40th year in education, with 38 in the high school or middle school level.

"There is a learning curve," said Williams. "I've gone from the oldest in the district (with seniors) to the youngest (pre-K). The teachers here are experts, and I have learned from the staff (last year)."

His role last year had him working 2-3 days per week at EEE. He says although the students are different ages than he is used to, there are many similarities and he wants all of them to achieve their potential.

One of the most obvious differences in the age groups is how the students transition through the school.

"At the bell, the high school students move on their own. Maturity allows them to handle that freedom with little supervision. This group, I have learned, needs more structure, routine, and con-

sistency," said Williams.

His decision to leave high school was based more on night-time activities. At the high school level there are many evening events the administration is expected to attend and not as many at the elementary level.

"This allows me the opportunity to still be involved in the educational process and stay involved in the district," said Williams. "It was fun. We had a blast, but over a period of time, I knew it was time to scale back."

His experience in management, curriculum, assessments, data analysis, and intervention will all be utilized at the elementary level.

"I hope to build a rapport with the faculty. I hope to support families," said Williams.

He says his role as assistant principal will focus on PLC (Professional Learning Curriculum).

"We want to promote a culture with teachers of effective teams and collaborate efforts," said Williams. "The idea is that we are better together than working in isolation."

He says the teachers can help each other. Each school in the district is working to create more like-groups for team approaches to learning. At the high school level, that might mean all the math teachers working together, however at the elementary level, it is

broken down more by grade level.

Lynn Cardin, the former assistant principal at both EEI and EEE, retired last year, so many of her responsibilities are being passed onto Williams. He will handle all the 504 accommodations for EEE students with disabilities.

Williams said there is a little part of him that is sad to not be at the high school, especially with

the opening of the new high school facilities. Williams was part of a team of district employees who traveled to other schools and even out of state to brainstorm ideas for Sheridan.

"Superintendent Jerod Williams did an outstanding job involving teachers, administration, coaches and stakeholders. It's not just a building. These new facilities offer new opportunities for our

kids and their future careers," said Williams.

In the meantime, he will focus on the start of a student's education instead of the final years.

"There is always a level of excitement at the start of a new school year. In education, you can hit a reset button. Every year, you can learn from the previous year and continue to improve," said Williams.

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Annual ‘Birthday Bash’ is a fun fund-raiser for I CAN!

Friends of I CAN! are planning the annual “Birthday Bash” fundraiser. This event is open to the public and raises not only funds for the non-profit, but also awareness of the need for the programs.

I CAN! of Arkansas offers extra-curricular activities to children and adults with disabilities. In East End that includes dance, tumbling, art, music and cooking classes. I CAN! also offers the dance class at 10 other locations in Arkansas, including Maumelle, Benton, North Little Rock, Sherwood, Fountain Lake, Lakeside, Arkadelphia, Jonesboro, Conway and Little Rock.

Each year, the Birthday Bash has included performances from the special needs dancers, but also has included other local talents, such as Jettway Performance students. It also features carnival type

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games, a cake decorating contest, bounce houses, dunking booth, food and drink, silent auction items, and this year will include a vendor area.

The event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 3 - 7 p.m. at I CAN! Arts and Resource Center, 1040 Angel Court, behind the Dollar General.

Entry is free, but some of the events and concession do cost.

“This is our big fundraiser for the year. Support from the community means a lot to us,” said Kristy Summerhill, assistant di-

rector of I CAN! of Arkansas.

“We hope families will come and enjoy a day at the park with all the extra events. We try to make it very affordable, but hope families do realize that their financial support helps us maintain our program and helps us to plant seeds in other communities so that the programs can reach special needs families all over the state.”

The annual cake-decorating contest will once again have four categories, including a child division, amateur and professional categories but will also add the “ugly but good” category based more on taste rather than looks. The winner in each division will receive a \$25 gift card from Edward’s Food Giant. Registration can be submitted the day of the event, but forms can also be accepted in advance. Please call 501-888-4140 for more information.

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“I will listen to what God will say; surely the Lord will ... not let them go back to foolish ways.” — Psalm 85:8

Although our divine Shepherd seeks to lead us in the paths that are right, often we are so stubborn and self-centered that we decline to follow. We prefer our own way even though it may lead us straight into trouble.

When challenged about this issue, many of us, of course, strongly deny it. Yet in actual fact, comparatively few of God’s people follow continually in His path. We say: “I want to do God’s will and be led by Him in all that I do”—and then promptly proceed to follow our own self-determined desires. We sing beautiful hymns and choruses that contain such words as: “The Lord knows the way through the wilderness, all I have to do is follow”—then take the path that we think is best.

This is an issue that we must come to grips with right now, for unless we learn how to give up our self-centeredness, we will fall into serious trou-



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ble — no matter how loving and concerned is our Shepherd. I recognize that this is a difficult issue for many Christians, for our civilization teaches us self-interest as the primary motivating force in life — “every man for himself and the Devil take the hindmost.” Actually if self-interest is primary, then the result is self-destruction, for the self-centered soon become the self-disrupted. They are making themselves God, and they are not God, so the universe won’t back their way of life.

For additional studies see: 1 Chronicles 21:1-23:13; Psalm 85:8-13; Proverbs 18:9-11; Acts 18:24-19:20.

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Lovin' on East End



East Union Baptist Church held its annual "Lovin' on East End" event on Wednesday, July 10. Church members served free hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks in the Edwards Food Giant parking lot. Attendees were entertained with live music while they enjoyed their meal. Others spent their evening washing cars for free at East End Water Department.



Registration for I CAN! classes underway



Registration is now open for special needs dance and tumbling classes at I CAN! Arts and Resource Center in East End. Students must be at least four years old to participate and adults are welcome to take part as well.

For ages 4-10, the free dance class is offered from Aug. 27-Oct. 29 at 5:45 p.m. each Tuesday. On Thursdays from Aug. 29-Nov. 7, children ages 10-15 years-old practice at 6-6:45 p.m. and 15 year-olds to adults practice from 7-7:45 p.m. for 10 weeks.

A tumbling class is offered

each class. Buddies must be at least in third grade or older, unless they are a sibling of a student.

"Buddies are an integral part of the program. They help our dancers stay focused, provide emotional support, and often are helping them move to the beat," said I CAN! Director Julie Mayberry.

"It's been wonderful to see our special needs dancers in this program but it also has been inspiring to see the impact it has made on our buddies."

Registration is completed online at icanarkansas.com.

Lions prepare for Sept. 28 Sizzler 5K/10K, Health Fair

Lions Club members are gearing up for the 11th annual East End Sizzler, which includes both a 5K and 10K race. There will also be a Health Fair/Vendor Marketplace on Saturday, Sept. 22. The event is located at East Union Missionary Baptist Church.

Proceeds will benefit pediatric cancer research, according to promotional materials from the organization.

Dr. Sarah Lunsford, president of the Little Rock Lions Club, said that Harding University students will be there as usual to provide free health screenings. Additionally, there will be representatives from East End Pharmacy and the American Cancer Society in attendance, along with assorted local vendors. The Health Fair/Vendor Marketplace will be 8-11 a.m. in the East Union Missionary Baptist Church Life Center.

The races will also begin at the church, which is located at 20422 N. Springlake Road, starting at 8 a.m. Race-day registration begins at 7 a.m.

Online signup for the races is available at the following link: runsignup.com/race/ar/little-rockhensley/eastendsizzler. For those who wish to register by mail, registration forms are available in The East Ender (at right). Early registration is \$30 for the 5K and \$45 for the 10K. The cost is \$10 more for both on race day. Group discounts are also available.

East End Sizzler 5K/10

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Event

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Run/Walk Registration

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Entry Fee

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Saturday, Sept 28, 2019 | Race begins at 8 am Registration begins at 7:00am

Course

The course will start and finish at East Union Missionary Baptist. Registration is located in the breezeway and post-race refreshments will be located inside. It is recommended that runners start up front and walker's line-up in back.

East End Sizzler 5K 10K

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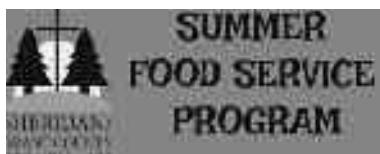
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4,000+ free lunches served in East End

More than 4,000 meals were served to children in East End thanks to a summer lunch program offered through The Well and the Grant County Ministerial Alliance.

Monrella Buchanan of The Well says many people donated money and time to make it happen. She wanted to thank area churches such as East End Baptist, East Union, Springlake Church of the Nazarene, Grace Church and Fairview Missionary Baptist as well as area businesses such as Peoples Bank, Carson Physical Therapy and Ace Sanders Hardware for supplying volunteers to hand-deliver meals.

"It's a very humbling ex-



perience to see first-hand the need we have in the community," said Buchanan.

The Well plans to continue with the program next year and hopes to continuously fundraise for it. Donations can be made at Sanders Ace Hardware. At the register, a customer may choose to round up their sale to the nearest dollar, allowing those extra cents to be donated to the feeding program. You can also make a direct donation at the store as well. A \$15 donation will serve one child food for a whole week.

East End area crime reported

*T*he information below was provided by the Saline County Sheriff's Department.

(Editor's note: The following is an incomplete report of area crime. However, it was all that was available through the Sheriff's Office as of press time.)

July 16, Native Green Wellness at 26225 Hwy. 167, Hensley, reported that a Bobcat generator was stolen from the property. Video of the incident showed two men on a four-wheeler attempt to place the generator on the four-

wheeler but failed. It appeared as if they came back later that night with a small trailer to remove it from the property. The trailer has a missing fender. It left

toward Neighborhood Drive. July 21, a suspect, Marquis DeShazier, was charged with reckless driving, possession of a controlled substance, refusal to submit, unauthorized use of property, failure to signal, driving on the wrong side of the road, no seat belt and driving with a suspended license near White Oak Pond Drive.



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The East End Fire Department had the following calls for the previous month through July 25:

- Vehicle fire, 1
- Structure fires, 6
- Wildland fire, 1
- Illegal burn, 1
- Medical, 51
- MVAs, 6
- Public assist, 3
- Cancelled, 10
- False alarm, 2
- Power lines down, 1
- Missed call, 1

For the period, East End Fire Department took 83 calls. Call 888-5170 with questions or concerns. Hours are Mon.-Fri., 8a.m.-6p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Aug. 1Upward soccer online registration; East Union (see pg. 13)
 Aug. 8.....East End Elementary Open House; 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 Aug. 12East End Intermediate Open House; 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 Aug. 14First day of school; Sheridan/East End schools
 Aug. 23.....Sheridan Yellowjacket football scrimmage against Lakeside; War Memorial Stadium; 6 p.m.
 Aug. 27I CAN! Dance classes begin; (see page 14)
 Aug. 30.....Yellowjacket football vs. Mt. Home @ Arkansas Tech; 7 p.m.
 Sept. 3Saline Co. Fair Parade; downtown Benton; 6 p.m.
 Sept. 6Yellowjacket football vs. Searcy @ Sheridan; 7 p.m.
 Sept. 3-7Saline Co. Fair/Rodeo (see page 4 for details)
 Sept. 28EE Sizzler 5K/10K and Health/Vendor Fair; located at East Union, sponsored by Lions Club; 8 a.m.; (see pg. 15)
 Sept. 28I CAN! Birthday Bash; 3-7 p.m. (see page 13)

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Obituaries —

Ernest Gregory "Greg" Krisell

Ernest Gregory "Greg" Krisell, 58, of Springdale, died Saturday, July 27, 2019. He was born July 6, 1961 in Little Rock. Greg was a proud truck driver for 35 years. He enjoyed bass fishing and salt water taffy. Above all, Greg was a Christian, loved the Lord, and was devoted to his family.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer (Dicus) Krisell; one son, Jayson Krisell and wife Casey, and his first grandchild, Cope Gregory, expected in November; parents, Ernest Junior and Delores (Brooks) Krisell;

twin brothers, Tony Krisell and wife Shelia, Tim Krisell and wife Joni; two nephews and one niece, Garrett and wife Kayla and their daughter, Winnie, Hayden and wife Grace, and Meredith; one brother-in-law, Butch Dicus and wife Debbie; an additional nephew, Justin and wife Heather and their son, Parker; and a host of cousins, aunts, uncles and many

family friends.

Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. followed by a funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 30, at Heritage Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at Friendship Cemetery.

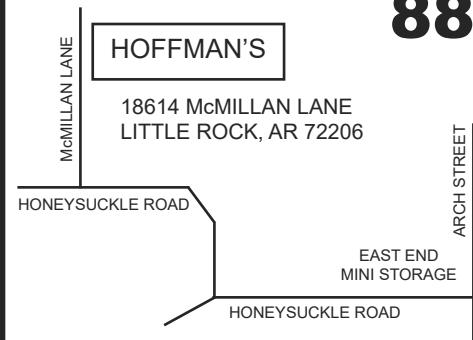


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No one thinks they can't handle it, but the statistics prove many many people can't. And it doesn't matter how strong you are or how strong you think you are. This stuff can kill you.

A Spiritual Perspective

Tommy Jones
Pastor
Grace Church



ity and heavy monitoring. I'm tired of seeing this. I'm tired of seeing the pain this is causing. I don't think people have any idea the danger they are playing with when they say yes to these killers. It is unnecessary.

I wish I knew what to do, but it's time we start to talk openly and honestly about the problem. It's never too late. I believe there is hope for any situation, no matter how desperate it is. It may not be easy, but I believe our God is gracious and will provide a way for those who will fight to seek it.

If you want help or you know someone who needs help please feel free to contact me: tommy@thegracechurch.net

The Well accepts applications for free after-school program

The Well is still accepting applications for their free after school program that starts this school year.

For the initial phase of the program, The Well will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 6 p.m. It is located at 5500 W. Sawmill Rd., next to East End Intermediate School.

The students in grades K-5 will be led in a Bible study, tutored, fed and loved on, according to Monrella Buchanan, director of The Well. She says they will start with up to 50 students and hope to grow it to more students and to more days of the week, as volunteers allow.

"We need volunteers to make it run," said Buchanan. The program is offered at no cost.

They plan to have someone at East End Elementary and East End Intermediate to help get children safely to The Well on those days, walking across the parking lot to the facility.

To register your child, contact



The Well will offer free after-school programs beginning in August. It is located at 5500 W. Sawmill Road, next to East End Intermediate School.

The Well at 501-920-2022 or check out the website thewelljohn4.com. They also have a Facebook page with information and updates.

Donations for the program are greatly appreciated. Besides financial donations, The Well is also accepting school supplies such as crayons, glue, and craft

items. Buchanan also says they are trying to complete their library and could use book donations and seating options such as bean bags and blow-up chairs.

"We don't want it to look like a classroom," she said. "They've been in class all day. We want a relaxed feel to make it more like a home."

East End Gardeners Club attempts to form

Volunteers needed for park upkeep

An East End Gardeners Club is trying to form in the community. Due to the increasing needs at "The Crossing at Angel Court" for upkeep, a few members in the community are hoping they can find others with similar interests to help maintain and design new garden areas in the park.

The park is owned by the Saline County, however the county does not maintain the facilities. It is volunteer-based through the non-profit, "The Crossing at Angel Court."

Norma Van Brunt has been an active volunteer since last summer and is seeking others to help her from 8-10 a.m.

each Saturday morning. She says if those hours do not work with another volunteer's schedule, she can work with a different time frame.

"It's not just a park. It is OUR park," said Van Brunt. "I would like for it to look nice."

She has been asking neighbors for plant donations, and would also appreciate any other donations, such as hostas, lilies, etc.

Van Brunt is reaching out to local gardening clubs as well, and would appreciate any tips or connections someone in the community might have to other resources.

Van Brunt may be contacted by email at majo77@yahoo.com or call (501) 246-1079.



Norma VanBrunt is pictured planting hostas at the park, The Crossing at Angel Court.

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