



Keith Francis shows some of his artwork, including his rendition of The Station Pure Art.

Local artist makes use of bald spot

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Local resident Keith Francis decided to make good use of his bald spot. He got a tattoo on the top of his head. "This is something I've been threatening to do since 1965," said Francis, 71, who says he has long had the bald spot. Francis said he was told by the tattoo artist the top of the head is certainly a unique spot for a tattoo. It's also a spot he can't see so he was eager to look at a picture of the tattoo once it was made. "They do a lot of neck tattoos so he told me to expect it to be really painful," said Francis. "I never really felt a thing. I kept


asking when he was going to start. It was a little pressure. That's about it." Asked why he got the tattoo of a boy pushing an old-fashioned lawnmower, Francis said, "That's what I grew up mowing the grass with. I grew up with my uncle beating me with a stick, getting me out there to mow the lawn, and that's the type of mower I used." It's the first tattoo for Francis, who wants to add another. "I want to get one more of a '65 Mustang, my first car," said Francis. "Then that will be it." As a hobby, Francis enjoys creating his own artwork and does paintings on canvas and even saw blades.



Keith Francis now has a tattoo atop his head, his first tattoo at age 71.

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Q: What can I do about Kudzu infestations?

A: Kudzu is a difficult plant to control due to the deep tuberous roots that grow up to 16' deep. Multiple treatments of herbicide is the only proven method of control. Control with goats, livestock, dozer, or mowing will reduce the spread of the vine, but will not eliminate it. Most large patches of Kudzu were originally planted for erosion control in the early 1900's. It is a high protein nitrogen fixing vine that spreads vigorously by rooting at nodes, but the spread by seed is limited. Once a patch is eliminated, the potential for re-colonization is limited. This is unlike Ailanthus (Tree of Heaven) that spread vigorously by seed and root sprouts.


We have eliminated many patches of Kudzu with appropriate mixtures of Milestone or Escort products using backpack sprayers. Cutting of all vines from trees is critical to the success of the process. In addition, follow up spot treatments in later years should be expected.

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A: Exploring health care options can be a complicated task and in today's economy, being concerned about costs only adds to the stress. The good news is that his Medicare Part A will cover up to 100 days of care if he continues to meet certain medical criteria. His first 20 days will be covered 100%. If he continues to need therapy and is progressing well, the next 80 days are covered, but he will need to pay \$152 a day co-insurance and Medicare will pay the rest. If he has a Medicare supplemental policy, it usually will pay the co-insurance amount so in essence he will continue to have zero costs out-of-pocket. If he doesn't have a supplemental policy, he will either have to pay out-of-pocket or apply for Medicaid which will pay the co-insurance amount. This is the case in any Long-term care setting you may take him. If at the end of his therapy and he still needs to stay long-term, your options would be paying out-of-pocket, a Long-term insurance policy or Medicaid. Again, any center you choose, a long-term care policy or Medicaid will cover his stay at the same costs. I would advise talking to the Admission's Coordinators at a center and they can walk you through all this in more detail. At NHC HealthCare, McMinnville you can talk with Rosemary Melton and she will be glad to help answer any of your questions or concerns in more detail.

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"With our new facility expected to open later this year, this is something we wanted to do to get our name out there as a community outreach service," said LG Electronics representative Phoebe Dinner.

There are 50 washers and dryers on site just down from the iconic Bonnaroo arch.

The free laundry service might not be able to cleanse the unwashed masses frolicking around the 700-acre farm, but it can clean their clothes.

"You'll be refreshed with mind, body and wardrobe," said LG representative Katherine O'Keefe.

LG is also offering a clothing swap. Any person can browse through a selection of some 3,000 items and pick out a shirt, belt, or boots to their liking. The only requirement is they must leave an item to pick up an item. The item traded will then be washed, dried and set out for others to see.

"There's no limit to how many times you can do a clothing swap," said O'Keefe. "You can treat it like a costume party and change several times a day."

The laundry service is the latest in a long list of upgrades that has seen the Bonnaroo grounds add permanent showers and bathrooms with flushing com-

modes over the past two years.

And, to accommodate all of life's milestones, a section has even been added to conduct wedding ceremonies at Bonnaroo due to the high volume of requests that have been made.

"People will often come up to me and say, 'I have the greatest idea. I want to get married at Bonnaroo and I want to get married on the main stage,'" said Jeff Cuellar, one of the promoters. "I always say 1) it's not that unique of an idea because several people ask every year, and 2) no you can't get married on the main stage."

One of the permanent Bonnaroo barns has been renamed The Ville to pay homage to Nashville and all its influences, including food, music and art.

There's an old Volkswagen bus set up at The Ville that serves as a photo studio. Participants can pose for four consecutive shots in the backseat, then enter their phone number to have the pictures texted to their phone.

Tickets for the festival remain on sale at Bonnaroo.com. Headliners are Eminem, The Killers, and Muse. Sheryl Crow, Chromeo, Khalid, Sturgill Simpson, and Old Crow Medicine Show are among others in the lineup.

Trump commutes Johnson's sentence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Flexing his clemency powers once again, President Donald Trump on Wednesday commuted the life sentence of a woman whose cause was championed by reality TV star Kim Kardashian West.

"BEST NEWS EVER!!!!" was the exuberant Twitter response from Kardashian West, who visited the White House last week to press the case.

Alice Marie Johnson, 63, had spent more than two decades behind bars, serving life without parole for drug offenses. She was released hours after the White House announcement and ran into her family members' arms.

Johnson was convicted in 1996 on eight criminal counts related to a Memphis-based cocaine trafficking operation involving more than a dozen people. The 1994 indictment describes dozens of deliveries and drug transactions, many involving Johnson.

Federal courts, including the Supreme Court, rejected her appeals. Court records show she had a motion pending for a reduction in her sentence, but prosecutors were opposed, saying the sentence was in accord with federal guidelines based on the large quantity of drugs involved.

"I'm just so thankful. I feel like my life is starting over again," Johnson said moments after her release, calling Kardashian West an "angel" and thanking Trump "for giving me another chance at life and restoring me to my family."

Unlike a pardon, the commutation will not erase Johnson's conviction, only end her sentence.

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