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Detail in every stroke: Artist Mike McEvers of Indianapolis works with his team to complete a mural titled "The Handy Writers Colony" on Friday near the corner of Archer Avenue and Seventh Street in Marshall, Ill. McEvers was working with Anat Ronan as part of the Walldogs weekend in Marshall. At top, artist and teacher Mike Meyer of Mazeppa, Minn., paints while on his knees, as he and his team complete a mural that honors those who have served in the military.

Painting the town

150 'WALLDOGS' FROM AROUND THE WORLD PRODUCING 16 MURALS IN MARSHALL THIS WEEKEND

By LISA TRIGG
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Wade Kibler and his grandfather, Chester Ballard, enjoyed walking around their hometown of Marshall, Ill., on Friday afternoon, watching artists produce artwork that is telling local history.

"I think it's a great idea," Ballard said, standing in the shade of a downtown building while an artist across the street added details to a mural. "They are painting our local stories."

"I like the Mill Creek one," Kibler said, referring to another mural up the street and around a corner. "People in my generation know Mill Creek. It's a lake where we all go in the summer - swimming, boating and camping."

There's also the mural of Dr. George Mitchell, a well-known local physician who had a big impact on the health of the community.

Sixteen murals are being painted this weekend around Marshall. Work began Thursday and will continue through Sunday, as more than 150 artists from around the



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Walldog tough: Not even a trip to the hospital could stop Paris, Ill., resident Andy Anderson from fulfilling a long-time desire to help paint a mural during Walldog weekend in Marshall, Ill., on Friday. Anderson got help from Rusty Pendleton with the much-needed shade of an umbrella.

world converge on the town for a project that has been years in the planning.

The artists are known as Walldogs, a group of sign and mural

artists who come together on special projects to share their talents with the public.

Turn to **WALLDOGS, A5**

Markets reel as world absorbs Brexit shock

Cameron announces resignation; Dow drops 611 points in day after trading

By JILL LAWLESS AND DANICA KIRKA
ASSOCIATED PRESS • London

Britain has jumped. Now it is wildly searching for the parachute.

The U.K.'s unprecedented decision to leave the European Union sent shockwaves through the country and around the world Friday, rocking financial markets, toppling Prime Minister David Cameron and even threatening the ties that bind the United Kingdom.

Britons absorbed the overwhelming realization that their anti-establishment vote has pushed the British economy into treacherous and uncertain territory and sparked a profound crisis for a bloc founded to unify Europe after the devastation of World War II.

"Leave" campaigners

Britain exits EU

UK voted in a historic referendum to leave the European Union, according to tallies of official results.



72 percent voter turnout.

hailed the result as a victory for British democracy against the bureaucratic behemoth of the EU.

Conservative former London Mayor Boris Johnson said "the British people have spoken up for democracy in Britain and across Europe," while Nigel Farage, leader of the hard-right U.K. Independence Party, said "the dawn is breaking on an independent United Kingdom."

Turn to **SHOCK, A4**

Brexit vote pleases some, worries others

Britons in Valley, London weigh in on impact of vote to leave European Union

By SUE LOUGHLIN
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London residents Dasso Alexandrou and his long-time girlfriend, Melissa Hedden - a Vigo County native - understand first-hand the debate over Brexit, in which the United Kingdom on Thursday voted to leave the European Union.

Both are British citizens and voted to remain in the European Union. "I voted to stay in the EU, but for different reasons," Alexandrou explained in a telephone interview Friday night. He's not a big supporter of EU, but "I wanted to maintain stability. I thought it would be wise to remain in it."

Hedden, 47, voted the same way for the same reasons.

Alexandrou, 44, says most people there agree in principle that "most power has gone to EU, and we are los-

ing our powers within our country." EU legislation and regulations are over-reaching in ways such as health and safety, he said. Those regulations can make it difficult for them to run their small business, a hair salon in London.

Providing an example, he described a 17-year-old air conditioning unit that needed a few parts to be repaired; EU implemented legislation saying they couldn't repair or update it for environmental reasons and had to purchase a new unit that would have cost far more.

Still, he and Hedden voted to remain part of EU. "In the bigger scheme of things, although the EU made it difficult for us to conduct business, the bigger picture was ... that [leaving] it could create a lot of instability within Europe and have a negative impact," Alexandrou said.

Turn to **BREXIT, A4**

Nation's mayors take aim at Congress for inaction on gun control

Four-day conference opens in Indy

By MAUREEN HAYDEN
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Wary of gun violence in their cities, U.S. mayors are calling on Congress to abandon partisanship and do something to stem the death toll.

Leaders of the non-partisan U.S. Conference of Mayors, meeting in Indianapolis, said Friday that Congress is irresponsible for letting politics stall action on measures to address gun deaths.

"As mayors, we can't understand gridlock because it's impermissible," said Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, president of the conference, at the start of its annual meeting in Indiana. "There is absolutely no way I

can tell someone because of a political difference I will not be picking up their trash today," she said. "But that is the norm in Congress."

The comments by Rawlings-Blake, a Democrat, at a press conference during the four-day meeting of mayors drew applause from members of both major parties. The mayors' group has endorsed measures to limit access to guns, including expanded back-

ground checks for gun buyers and steps that would make it harder for suspected terrorists to buy firearms.

Attention to the issue has grown during the past two weeks for two reasons - the June 12 mass-shooting at an Orlando nightclub that killed 49 people, and the partisan duel over several gun-control proposals in Washington early this week that again stalled.

"The level of frustration is about their willingness to grandstand on this issue, which makes it all the more shameful," said Rawlings-Blake.

Missing from the opening day of the mayors' assembly was Buddy Dyer, of Orlando, who had been scheduled to lead a Saturday session on innovative partnerships between cities and universities.

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