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## CELEBRATING A SLICE OF GERMANY AT VOLKSFEST



Hunter Schuler, left, and Liza Neeley pose for a photo during the Germania Männerchor’s 63rd Annual Volksfest July 31. PHOTOS BY MACABE BROWN/COURIER & PRESS



The alphorns are played during the Germania Männerchor’s 63rd Annual Volksfest.



Evansville Mayor Stephanie Terry taps the ceremonial keg during the 63nd annual Germania Maennerchor Volksfest.

## Arcademie set to open alcohol-free bar

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A Downtown favorite is adding a new element to its offerings: a non-alcoholic bar in Evansville.

The Altar Bar at Arcademie is set to open Aug. 8, offering non-alcoholic cocktails and beer on Friday and Saturday nights. Hours on Aug. 8 will be 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Arcademie, which opened in 2021, is located at 22 NW Sixth St. in the historic O’Donnell building. This new offering will open on the second floor, which has rooftop access for patrons.

The lower level houses Arcademie’s cocktail bar and free classic arcade games and pinball.

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The Arcademie at 22 NW Sixth St. in Downtown Evansville offers a full bar, free classic arcade games and pinball machines. MACABE BROWN/COURIER & PRESS

## Local venue’s leadership is shifting

VenuWorks to lead Old National Events Plaza

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In September, a new (but familiar) management company will take over Old National Events Plaza in Downtown Evansville.

Vanderburgh County Commissioners Justin Elpers, Amy Canterbury and Mike Goebel all voted in favor of VenuWorks taking over management of ONEP, as well as the Old Courthouse Ballroom during a Tuesday morning meeting.

VenuWorks, based in Iowa, currently manages The Ford Center and the Victory Theatre.

ONEP is a venue that hosts graduations, conventions and touring acts throughout the year.

Current management company ASM Global will wind down its services over the next month as outlined in an agreement also approved Tuesday.

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## Education officials are celebrating test scores

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Advanced Placement test scores for 2025 are in, and Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp. is celebrating, well, advancement.

So is Evansville Day School, which reports 100% of its students take at least one AP course.

EVSC officials hailed improvements at Monday’s school board meeting in the number of exams taken, the exam pass rate and AP Scholars – students who received an award from the College Board, a non-profit organization created to improve access to higher education for American students, for doing well on several AP exams.

AP exams, taken each May, test students’ mastery of first-year college courses and are scored on a scale from 1-5. They determine whether incoming college students can earn university credit by skipping some general education courses in their respective degrees.

Key data points for EVSC are:

- This year, EVSC students took 2,175 AP exams, up from 2,016 and 1,993 in the previous two years.
- The number of exams passed was 1,045, up from 794 and 874 in the previous two years.

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