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People enjoy the rides during the 2024 West Side Nut Club Fall Festival in Evansville on Oct. 9. MACABE BROWN/COURIER & PRESS

## Falling for some fun

### Evansville festival returns Monday with food booths, carnival rides

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EVANSVILLE — The Fall Festival is back for another year, promising plenty of food to eat and nonprofits to support.

The West Side Nut Club Fall Festival runs Monday through Saturday night on Franklin Street. Around 200,000 people will flow through the festival during a typical year.

There will be more than 100 food booths run by local nonprofits from schools, churches and animal shelters.

Here are a few things to know before heading to the West Side.

#### Where does the Fall Festival take place?

The West Side Nut Club Fall Festival takes place along Franklin Street on Evansville's West Side. There are two Fall Festival live camera feeds that visitors can see from 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

#### When does the Fall Festival start?

The Fall Festival fully kicks into gear Oct. 6, but for those hoping to miss the big crowds, Family Day is set for Oct. 5.

Kiddie rides only will be open from 1 to 7 p.m. The nonprofit food booths will not be open at this time

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On Monday, it all opens up for visitors to flood Franklin Street. Food booths are open Monday-Saturday of the festival from around lunch time to 9 p.m., depending on crowd flow.

Carnival rides are open from 2-10 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. **Wednesday**:

- Kiddie rides open from noon to 10 p.m.
- All rides open from 2 to 10 p.m.

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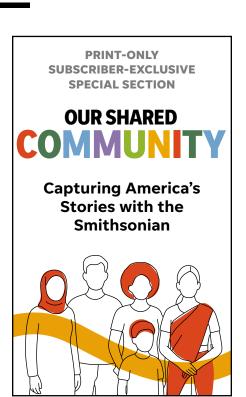


Lilly Thurston, 2, of Haubstadt nibbles on an ear of corn from the University of Southern Indiana's Art Club Booth 38 at the 98th West Side Nut Club Fall Festival in 2019. DENNY SIMMONS/COURIER & PRESS



People wave while riding the Super Nova 360 during the 2024 West Side Nut Club Fall Festival.

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#### Lawmakers push back against sales of hemp products

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A federal push by some lawmakers to close a legal loophole that allows sales of intoxicating hemp products has left Kentucky's congressional delegation divided.

In a letter sent to House Speaker Mike Johnson on Sept. 26, four of Kentucky's six U.S. House members -Reps. Andy Barr, James Comer, Thomas Massie and Morgan McGarvey were among 26 representatives urging chamber leaders to reject language included in an appropriations bill that would crack down on sales of hempderived products such as delta-8, arguing it would "deal a fatal blow to American farmers supplying the regulated hemp industry and small businesses, and jeopardize tens of billions of dollars in economic activity around the country."

U.S. Reps. Brett Guthrie and Hal Rogers did not sign the letter. A representative for Guthrie did not respond to a request for comment, while Rogers' spokesperson said he "understands the issues addressed in the letter" but "shares law enforcement concerns about hemp products, like Delta-8 THC, that have ended up in the hands of high school students."

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