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## From Siamsa to Vault 636



The inside of Vault 636 in Stroudsburg is seen on Aug. 28. EMMANUELLA PIERRE/POCONO RECORD

### A new take in an old Main Street building

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Downtown Stroudsburg has a brand-new vibe inside a very familiar building. What was once Siamsa Irish Pub has been transformed into Vault 636, a modern American restaurant that blends elevated dining, craft cocktails and a sports bar atmosphere, all wrapped inside the walls of a classic Main Street staple.

Michael Corbo, co-owner of Vault 636 (at 636 Main Street), said the idea was simple: Give Stroudsburg something fresh.

“We needed a new concept in town, so we remodeled and brought in a new food menu, a crafted cocktail menu, and kind of an elevated sports bar environment to a classic building in town,” he said.

Corbo and his family officially took ownership earlier this year.

“We heard chatter through town that the previous owners were looking to sell so they can retire. We met with them, talked numbers, and worked out something that made sense for both sides,” he said. After closing on May 23, Corbo said, they ran Siamsa for a few weeks as they transitioned and remodeled the building into Vault 636.

Inside, the space features 75-inch TVs, modern music, and like Siamsa, they still have the private room upstairs where guest can hold showers, rehearsal dinners, banquets and other events, complete with its own private bar.

Vault 636 has already rolled out weekly specials: Monday is burger night, Wednesday is cheesesteak and Thursday is wing night. Live music and DJs also keep the weekends lively, with sets running from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday through Saturday. Popular cocktails include smoked old fashioned and espresso martinis, which have quickly become favorites.

But for Corbo, the heart of this business is the community. He and his mother both work in the medical field and have long been involved locally. He’s also co-owner of Muscle Inc. Gym on Main Street, which has given him ties to other businesses in the area.

“The community response has been great,” he said. “We were already involved, but we want to build more relationships with everyone else, too.”

The team has also made sure to honor the building’s past, keeping its old charm with historical photos provided by the Monroe County Historical Association.

And while the crafted cocktails and live DJs set the tone, Corbo said the bigger goal is to become Stroudsburg’s everyday go-to, a spot where you can grab lunch or meet up with friends late at night. In other words, the kind of place where the food is good, the vibe is always welcoming and everyone’s always glad you came.

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## NJ man drowns in Delaware River

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A Parsippany, New Jersey, man drowned on Sept. 2 while swimming in the Delaware River.

According to the National Park Service, the 30-year-old, whose name was not released, was swimming near the Kittatinny Point picnic area in Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area with family members. He attempted to swim across the river and went under the water, the NPS said.

Rescue crews recovered his body in an area of the river where the water was 17 feet deep. New Jersey State Police and the Portland Volunteer Fire Department assisted National Park rangers and dive team members in responding to the scene.

The National Park Service said that anyone swimming, boating or fishing in or on the Delaware River should wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved, properly fitted life jacket.

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## 3 U.S. states form vaccine alliance

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Responding to the federal government’s shifting guidance on vaccines and turmoil at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, health officials in California, Oregon and Washington state have formed a new West Coast Health Alliance.

The alliance’s goal is to “ensure residents remain protected by science, not politics,” according to a joint announcement Sept. 3 from California Gov. Gavin Newsom, Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek and Washington Gov. Bob Ferguson.

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The Food and Drug Administration approved updated COVID-19 vaccines by Moderna, Pfizer and Novavax in late August, but with new restrictions on who can receive them. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES FILE

## Trump seeks expedited decision to save tariffs

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WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump has asked the Supreme Court to save the sweeping tariffs that are the centerpiece of his economic agenda after lower courts ruled he doesn’t have the authority to impose them.

In an appeal filed Sept. 3, Trump asked the court to expedite its usual appeals process so the issue can be quickly resolved.

The Justice Department wants the justices to decide by Sept. 10 whether they will take the case and to hear arguments in November.

“The stakes in this case could not be higher,” Solicitor General D. John Sauer wrote.

A Supreme Court appeal typically takes months to be heard – and often months more to be decided. But the justices can move more quickly when they want to. For example, the court in January upheld a law aimed at banning TikTok just weeks after the social media giant appealed a lower court’s ruling.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fed-



**The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled Aug. 29 that President Donald Trump overstepped his constitutional powers when he invoked a 1977 law to impose tariffs on imports from most of the world’s countries.** CARLOS BARRIA/REUTERS FILE

eral Circuit ruled Aug. 29 that Trump overstepped his constitutional powers when he invoked a 1977 law to impose tariffs on imports from most of the world’s countries.

But the court allowed the tariffs to remain in effect through Oct. 14, giving the

Trump administration an opportunity to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court, where conservatives have a 6-3 supermajority.

Trump has claimed that refunding the higher taxes he’s put on imports could lead to another Great Depression. His administration is relying on the tariffs to bring in billions of dollars in new revenue and to boost domestic manufacturing.

“If you took away tariffs, we could end up being a Third World country” Trump said Sept. 2.

Still, small businesses and states challenging the tariffs say they have hurt U.S. companies that rely on imports, raised prices for consumers and sparked uncertainty for Americans.

To defend his use of the duties, Trump is citing the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, a law historically used for imposing economic sanctions and other penalties on foreign enemies.

While the law doesn’t mention tariffs, the administration has pointed to

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