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Mural painting will provide a visual reminder of Evansville's storied past



EVANSVILLE, WI (May 11, 2023) – One of the City's most prominent corners will be getting the circus treatment over summer 2023. Annie Larsen has been commissioned by the Evansville Tourism Commission to paint a 14' x 42' mural on the west side of 1 E. Main Street. The mural will commemorate the traveling circus of Colonel George Washington "Popcorn" Hall. The circus was based out of Evansville from the 1860s to the turn of the twentieth century.

While the mural is being painted, sidewalk access and parking will be limited on the east side of South Madison Street. The first step will involve sandblasting the wall and painting a base layer, followed by mural itself. Ms. Larsen will also cover the painting with a tarp between work sessions to protect her work from dust and debris. This is Evansville's first on-brick mural, and care is being taken to ensure the final product lasts a long time. She estimates the mural will be fully complete by mid-July.

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In addition to support from the Tourism Commission, the Historic Preservation Commission has given its approval and support for this public art project.

Special thanks to Lindsay and Sean Kennedy, the building owners, for being open to transforming their wall space, and to Slice Golf and Evansville Realty, the current tenants of the building, for being willing and welcoming neighbors.

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