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# Discover

## July 2024



### Becoming a cornhole champ



#### Findlay teen wins national competition

By: Maria Connour, Photos provided

There's a new pro sport on the rise and it may be something you've been doing for years.

For many, cornhole is a leisurely game to play in the backyard on a warm summer night, but for local teenager Carsen Stevers, it's a way of life.

Findlay's Stevers is on the rise in the competitive game and he's not

messing around. The 17-year-old recently won a Pro-Am for the Youth Cornhole organization, and played in the American Cornhole League's world championship, where he placed 3rd in doubles at a USA cornhole event.

Locally, he makes it a point to put in the practice, as he plays in Michigan and Ohio usually seven days a week. This past fall, he switched to online school so he could better balance his education and his sport.



Stevens poses with a cornhole board.

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Carsten Stevers, left, readies a cornhole bag during a recent competition.



Carsten Stevers, left, poses with a cornhole board at a recent national competition.

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While playing at Worlds, Stevers caught the attention of another player from Minnesota who approached him about playing American Cornhole League open events as his partner. Stevers has also been noticed by a Canadian cornhole bag company, which gave him a travel agreement and sponsorship.

On his sponsorship with Oktane Cornhole League, he said, "At the World's competition I talked to the owner of Oktane and he watched me play and decided to take a leap of faith."

In the future, Stevers will be making his way to South Carolina, Wisconsin, Iowa, Tennessee, Rhode Island and Milwaukee to compete.

When speaking with Stevers about his decision to go into competitive cornhole, he said, "I had been kind of playing cornhole my whole life, but I went to Buffalo Wild Wings one night and played cornhole where we were given a random partner. Mine was a blind girl, and after helping her,

it kind of made me realize I wanted to do this."

After being asked about his future and if he plans to play in adult or senior leagues one day, he said, "I think cornhole is definitely something that will stay in my life forever."

Although he puts a lot of work into perfecting his play, Stevers attributes part of his success to his mother, who has supported his endeavors and has been a positive force for him while he pursues what he wants to do.

"It's definitely helpful having

someone believe in you so much and be able to help plan," he said.

Although he's been to many places to compete at a higher level, he maintains that his favorite so far is South Carolina.

"I went there for a world tournament and stayed for about a week and a half, which was awesome," Stevers said.

Stevens maintains his studies with online schooling, which he does through Liberty-Benton to better accommodate his schedule, which includes coming home from Asheville Cornhole League around 1 a.m. every Wednesday. Another way he spends his time is with his junk removal business, where he makes money by helping to haul unwanted items and garbage from people's yards.

While there's no telling what's in store for Stevers, he's had a great deal of success in competitive cornhole at such a young age already, and he said he doesn't plan on slowing down any time soon.



Carsten Stevers with his mother, Emily Stevers.

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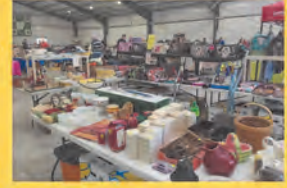
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# 100 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

## 100 Years Ago This Month: Historical events from July 1924

The month of July has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in July 1924.

- Full-time airmail service begins on July 1. A fleet of airplanes are used to transport mail day and night, and the time to send mail between New York and San Francisco is 35 hours, a reduction of 50 percent.
- A political dispute prompts a sword duel between Álvaro de Castro, the Prime Minister of Portugal, and Flight Captain Teófilo José Ribeiro da Fonseca on July 2. Ribeiro suffers a wounded arm during the duel.
- The Caesar salad is created in Mexico on July 4. Italian-born restaurateur Caesar Cardini is inspired to create the dish by Americans crossing the border into Tijuana to legally purchase alcohol from his eatery during the holiday weekend.
- The opening ceremonies of the Summer Olympics are conducted at Colombes Stadium in Paris on July 5. The Organizing Committee decides against inviting Germany for the second straight Olympics.
- English Jew Harold Abrahams wins the 100 meter sprint at the Summer Olympics in Paris on July 7. Abrahams, who was the target of antisemitic prejudice during the Games, is later profiled in the 1981 film, "Chariots of Fire."

• Panama receives diplomatic recognition from Colombia on July 9, more than 20 years after the country seceded from Colombia at the urging of the United States.

• The Kimberly-Clark Corporation files the original trademark application for Kleenex on July 12.

• Horacio Vásquez is inaugurated as president of the Dominican Republic on July 13, officially ending the United States' administration of the island.

• Éamon de Valera and other political prisoners are released from incarceration by the Irish Free State on July 15.

• The legend of "Bigfoot" begins on July 16 when The Oregonian publishes the first nationwide news story about a tall and hair-covered "apeman." The creature is not described as "Bigfoot" until 1958.

• The United States Vice Consul to Iran, Robert Imbrie, is beaten to death by an angry mob in Tehran on July 18. Imbrie photographed a well in the city's bazaar where a miracle was believed to have occurred, and some who assaulted him believed he poisoned the well. Imbrie survives the initial beating and is taken to a hospital, but the mob follows him there and beats him again, leading to his death.

• Herman "Hi" Bell of the St. Louis Cardinals pitches all 18 innings of the St. Louis Cardinals' doubleheader on July

19. Bell earns the victory in both contests, and remains the last Major League pitcher to pitch all 18 innings of a twinbill on the same day.

• Film catches on fire in a movie house in Veracruz, Mexico on July 23. Twenty children are subsequently trampled to death as patrons attempt to flee the fire.

• Greece announces the expulsion of 50,000 Armenians on July 25.

• American League umpires are ordered to cut short arguments about balls and strikes in an effort to speed up the pace of play on July 25. The directive, issued by league president Ban Johnson, also prevents players from taking too much time inspecting baseballs for signs of tampering.

• Rebels affiliated with the Brazilian Army quietly withdraw from Sao Paulo on July 28. The rebels are gone for five hours before the government realizes they had quit.

• The prosecution rests in the Leopold and Loeb case on July 30. Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb are subsequently each convicted of the murder of 14-year-old Bobby Franks and sentenced to life imprisonment plus 99 years, though Leopold is released on parole in 1958. Loeb is murdered in a prison shower room in January 1936.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JULY

**JULY 4**

## **FOURTH OF JULY PARADE**



**Downtown Findlay 11 am - 12 pm**

There's no better place to celebrate Independence Day than in Flag City USA! The parade route begins at Main and Lincoln Street. The parade will then proceed north through Downtown Findlay, ending at the Veterans Memorial on Center Street.

**JULY 4**

## **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**



**Hancock Historical Museum 12 - 2 pm**

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After the Fourth of July parade in downtown Findlay, The Hancock Historical Museum will host its annual ice cream social on the front porch of the historic Hull-Flater House. Dietsch's ice cream, ice cream bars and root beer floats will be available for purchase. The museum will be open, free of charge, during the social to view the exhibits and enjoy crafts and games.

**JULY 20 & 21**

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- Bellevue July 5
- Bowling Green July 3
- Clyde July 5
- Defiance July 5
- Delta July 12
- Findlay July 3
- Fostoria July 6
- Fremont July 6
- Holgate June 29
- Lakeside July 4
- Maumee/Perrysburg July 3 (Rain Date July 5)
- Napoleon July 4
- Oak Harbor July 3
- Oregon July 13
- Port Clinton July 4
- Put-in-Bay July 4
- Sandusky (Cedar Point) July 4
- Swanton June 29
- Sylvania July 3
- Tiffin July 4
- Toledo July 4
- Upper Sandusky July 5
- Waterville July 6
- Wauseon July 3
- Whitehouse July 5
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# Interesting facts related to Independence Day

Americans celebrate Independence Day every July 4. The holiday has become synonymous with summer fun, as grand fireworks displays and backyard barbecues are integral components of many people's July 4 celebrations.

As Americans and residents of the United States prepare for some festive Fourth of July celebrations, they can keep these interesting facts related to Independence Day in mind.

- There have been many iterations of the American flag. The American flag has become an iconic symbol of freedom recognized across the globe since the United States declared their independence from Great Britain in 1776. But few July 4 celebrants may know that the current version is the 27th iteration of the American flag. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the current version of the flag officially became the flag on July 4, 1960.

- More than half of all Americans own an American flag. A 2023 poll from WalletHub found that 57 percent of Americans own an American flag. And that's not the only way Americans show their national pride, as the same poll found that roughly one in three Americans intended to purchase patriotic merchandise for July 4.

- The United States is not the only place to celebrate American independence. Such celebrations occur in various countries, including Australia, Denmark, Ireland, and Norway. The festivities in Rebild National Park



in Denmark is believed to be the largest celebration of American independence outside the United States.

- The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council estimates that 150 million hot dogs are consumed on July 4. Though there's no corresponding estimate related to how many hamburgers Americans eat on July 4, various reports suggest Americans eat roughly 50 billion burgers annually, so it's fair to conclude many a burger will be consumed this Independence Day.

- July is a popular month for nations to celebrate their independence. In addition to the United States, various countries, including Algeria (July 5),

Argentina (July 9), The Bahamas (July 10), Belarus (July 3), Burundi (July 1), Canada (July 1), Cape Verde (July 1), Colombia (July 20), Kiribati (July 12), and Liberia (July 26), celebrate their Independence Day in July.

- John Adams, a Founding Father of the United States and the second president in the country's history, felt Americans should celebrate their independence from Great Britain on July 2. That's because the Continental Congress voted for independence on July 2, 1776. However, the Declaration of Independence was not approved for two more days, thus making July 4 the day to celebrate America's independence from Great Britain.

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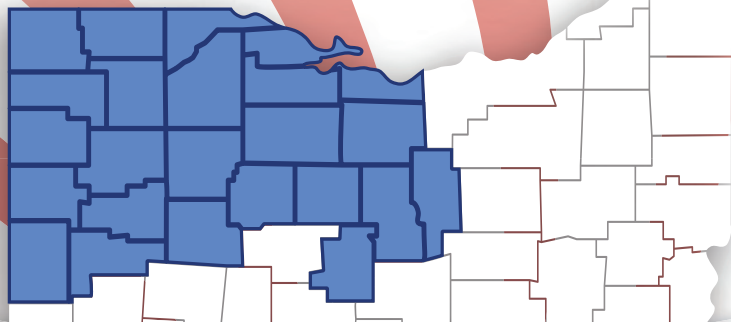
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<b>8th - 14th</b>	Lucas County Fair ( <b>Maumee</b> )	<a href="http://lucascountyfair.com">lucascountyfair.com</a>
<b>15th - 20th</b>	Crawford County Fair ( <b>Bucyrus</b> )	<a href="http://crawfordcofair.com">crawfordcofair.com</a>
<b>15th - 21st</b>	Ottawa County Fair ( <b>Oak Harbor</b> )	<a href="http://ottawacountyfair.com">ottawacountyfair.com</a>
<b>21st - 28th</b>	Seneca County Fair ( <b>Tiffin</b> )	<a href="http://senecacountyfair.org">senecacountyfair.org</a>
<b>28th - 8/3</b>	Auglaize County Fair ( <b>Wapakoneta</b> )	<a href="http://auglaizecountyfair.org">auglaizecountyfair.org</a>
<b>28th - 8/4</b>	Wood County Fair ( <b>Bowling Green</b> )	<a href="http://woodcounty-fair.com">woodcounty-fair.com</a>

## AUGUST

<b>4th - 10th</b>	Richland County Fair ( <b>Mansfield</b> )	<a href="http://richlandcountyfair.com">richlandcountyfair.com</a>
<b>5th - 11th</b>	Erie County Fair ( <b>Sandusky</b> )	<a href="http://eriefair.com">eriefair.com</a>
<b>8th - 14th</b>	Mercer County Fair ( <b>Celina</b> )	<a href="http://mercercountyohiofair.com">mercercountyohiofair.com</a>
<b>8th - 15th</b>	Henry County Fair ( <b>Napoleon</b> )	<a href="http://henrycountyfair.org">henrycountyfair.org</a>
<b>12th - 17th</b>	Huron County Fair ( <b>Norwalk</b> )	<a href="http://huroncountyfair.com">huroncountyfair.com</a>
<b>16th - 24th</b>	Allen County Fair ( <b>Lima</b> )	<a href="http://allencofair.com">allencofair.com</a>
<b>17th - 24th</b>	Defiance County Fair ( <b>Hicksville</b> )	<a href="http://defiancefair.com">defiancefair.com</a>
<b>19th - 25th</b>	Sandusky County Fair ( <b>Fremont</b> )	<a href="http://sanduskycountyfair.com">sanduskycountyfair.com</a>
<b>26th - 9/2</b>	Morrow County Fair ( <b>Mt. Gilead</b> )	<a href="http://morrowcountyfair.org">morrowcountyfair.org</a>
<b>27th - 9/2</b>	Van Wert County Fair ( <b>Van Wert</b> )	<a href="http://vanwertcountyfair.com">vanwertcountyfair.com</a>
<b>27th - 9/2</b>	Hancock County Fair ( <b>Findlay</b> )	<a href="http://hancockfairgrounds.org">hancockfairgrounds.org</a>
<b>30th - 9/5</b>	Fulton County Fair ( <b>Wauseon</b> )	<a href="http://fultoncountyfair.com">fultoncountyfair.com</a>

## SEPTEMBER

<b>3rd - 8th</b>	Hardin County Fair ( <b>Kenton</b> )	<a href="http://hardincountyfair.org">hardincountyfair.org</a>
<b>7th - 14th</b>	Williams County Fair ( <b>Montpelier</b> )	<a href="http://wcofair.com">wcofair.com</a>
<b>9th - 14th</b>	Wyandot County Fair ( <b>Upper Sandusky</b> )	<a href="http://thewyandotcountyfair.com">thewyandotcountyfair.com</a>
<b>15th - 21st</b>	Ashland County Fair ( <b>Ashland</b> )	<a href="http://ashlandcountyfair.org">ashlandcountyfair.org</a>

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## Cowboy Characters

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## Kids Korral

## Games & Bounce House

## Barrel Train

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