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June 2024 RACE TRACK

Millstream Speedway being rejuvenated By: Maria Connour, For The Courier

This summer, the old Millstream Speedway will make its triumphant return after being closed for several years.

The speedway, which first opened in 1952, had been a great source of excitement for decades in the area until it became temporarily out of use within the past decade. But <u>soon</u>, Matt and Beth Cogley with MS Properties will bring the speedway back to life.

The Cogley's have begun renovations on the four-tenths-mile dirt track and will be partnering with Rich and Shelly Farmer to further promote any heard people talking about how their grandpa, uncle or brother used to race there."

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anything

and we always

upcoming events.

Beth Cogley said the decision to rejuvenate the track felt like a natural thing to do.

"My husband's been a racer for many years and we've lived near the tracks for many, many years," she said. "It was sad to see it not being used for



Photos provided/Beth Cogley Racers take to the track in competition in this undated photo from a previous Millstream Speedway race.



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According to the Cogleys, back in the day, the Millstream Speedway was founded by a small group — Richard and Jerry August, Bud Russell, Charles Fields, Harold Livingston, Jay Risner, Bob and Jack Zigman, Glen Miller and Frank Litzenberg. They all invested about \$500 dollars to make their vision come to life. The land came from Charles Litzenberg, who donated 63 acres of land just west of Findlay. Since then, it has become a locally-renowned speedway.

"It's a very well-known track. In fact, we were at the Chili Bowl a little while ago and someone asked us where we were from. When we told them, they were like, "That's where the Millstream Track is at!"

Since they announced that the Millstream Speedway will be making a comeback, the Cogleys have seen and heard the buzz of excitement Photos provided/Beth Cogley ABOVE: The Millstream Speedway is being renovated and prepared for its grand reopening June 14. LEFT: Patrons check out food trucks around the stands at the Millstream Speedway in this undated photo

from those around them, some of whom have their own fond memories of the tracks.

"At our open house we had a gentleman come up to us and tell us he had been in the very first race in 1952, which was really cool," Cogley said.

So, what can one expect from the reopening of the Millstream Speedway in the coming year?

As of now, there will be three events in 2024, with the first on June 14 during Ohio Sprint Speedweek, which will also serve as the opening night of the speedway. A second event will take place on Aug. 25, and the final event of the year will be on



Oct. 6.

"Due to the amount of construction required, there will be a limited schedule this year, so we're only doing three nights in 2024," Beth Cogley said.

She said they're planning to charge \$25 admission for the opening night race, since it's during Speedweek, and likely \$20 for the other events. They also plan to offer discounts for youth, seniors and military veterans.

Concessions will be available as well.

"We will have pretty standard concessions like hamburgers, hot dogs, other sandwiches, drinks and popcorn. We'll be opening up the old concession stand, which is neat," Beth Cogley was pleased to report.

For more information regarding the Millstream Speedway and the upcoming events in 2024, visit millstreamspeedway.net.





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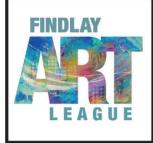
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Introduction to Watercolor-Sundays, 6:00-8:00 pm, June 2, 9, 16; Tuition: \$100, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Jennifer Doyle

Young Adult Pottery, Ages 9-17-Saturdays, 9:00-10:30, Glazing 10:30-noon, June 8, 15, 22; Tuition: \$150, all materials provided. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Charcoal Drawing: "Umbrella Girl"-Friday, 5:00-7:00 pm, June 14; Tuition: \$40, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Watercolor Painting: "Picking Up Seashells"-Friday, 5:00-7:00 pm, June 21; Tuition: \$50, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

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Young Adult Pottery, Ages 9-17-Saturdays, 9:00-10:30, Glazing 10:30-noon, July 13, 20, 27; Tuition: \$150, all materials provided. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Loose Watercolor Wildflowers-Sundays, 6:00-8:00 pm, July 14, 21, 28; Tuition: \$80, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Jennifer Doyle

Watercolor Painting: "Splash"-Friday, 5:00-7:00 pm, July 19; Tuition: \$50, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

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YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

100 Years Ago This Month: Historical events from June 2024

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

• Austrian Chancellor Ignaz Seipel is shot by a disgruntled worker on June 1. Seipel survives after a bullet is extracted from his lung.

• The Chicago radio station WDAP is rechristened "WGN" on June 1 after it is purchased by the Chicago Tribune. The station's new moniker refers to the newspaper's slogan, "World's Greatest Newspaper." Both the WGN station and a television station of the same name continue to be operated out of Chicago today.

• The Indian Citizenship Act is signed into law on June 2 in the United States. The law recognizes all Native Americans who had been born in the United States or its territories as U.S. citizens.

• Influential novelist Franz Kafka dies in Austria on June 3. Kafka, only 40 at the time of his death, suffered from laryngeal tuberculosis and died from starvation after eating became too painful. Kafka, now considered a literary giant of the twentieth century, was a relative unknown at the time of his death.

• The German Reichstag approves the Dawes Plan on June 6. The plan staggers German reparations payments that were mandated in the aftermath of World War I.

· The United States enacts the Clarke-Mc-

Nary Act on June 7. The act facilitates the purchase of land to expand the country's National Forest System.

· Geologist and mountaineer Noel Odell watches British mountain climbers George Mallory and Andrew Irvine ascend from their base camp at Mount Everest on June 8. Mallory and Irvine are never again seen alive, and no trace of either man is discovered until 1999, when Mallory's body is discovered at an altitude of more than 26,000 feet.

• Ecuador extends the right to vote to women on June 9, becoming the first country in South America to do so.

• The Newton Gang carries out the largest train robbery in American history on June 12. The gang makes off with more than \$3 million (the equivalent of roughly \$54 million in 2024) after stopping mail train number 57 near Rondout, Illinois.

• The International Football Association Board legalizes the scoring of a goal by corner kick on June 14.

• On June 16, Italian Fascist politician Cesare Rossi surrenders to police in connection with the kidnapping of socialist and Italian Chamber of Deputies member Giacomo Matteoti earlier in the month. Matteoti's body is ultimately found in August and signs suggest he was beaten to death. Though Rossi ultimately serves ample prison time for anti-fascist activities, he is not arrested for his involvement in Matteotti's murder until 1947. • The Grand National Assembly of Turkey passes the Surname Act on June 21. The act requires every Turkish citizen to have a surname.

• Fritz Haarmann is arrested in Hanover, Germany, on June 23. Prior to his arrest, Haarmann was seen stalking boys, and a subsequent search of his apartment uncovers evidence that Haarmann is a serial killer. Sometimes referred to as the "Butcher of Hanover," Haarmann is ultimately found guilty of murdering 24 young men and boys and is executed by guillotine in April 1925.

• Publisher William Randolph Hearst launches the New York Daily Mirror on June 24. Hearst launches the paper to compete against the New York Daily News.

• Brothers Jesse Barnes of the Boston Braves and Virgil Barnes of the New York Giants toe the rubber against one another on June 26. The game marks the first pitching matchup between brothers in Major League Baseball history.

• American President Calvin Coolidge's 16-year-old son, Calvin, Jr., plays tennis on the White House tennis court on June 30. The president's son plays wearing tennis shoes but no socks and develops a blister on his toe that develops into sepsis. The younger Coolidge passes away on July 7.









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Mt. Blanchard 4 - 8:30 pm

Head to Mt. Blanchard for the village's first cruise night! Cruise historical Main Street and stop by Corner Dairy Bar & Grill for dinner or a snack, or enjoy vendors set up for the event. This is a free event! Parking available along Main Street.

JUNE 5 KEEP ACTIVE, KEEP HEALTHY - WIFFLEBALL



Eagle Creek Park 6 - 7:30 pm 526 Hancock St., Findlay

The City of Findlay Recreation Department presents the Keep Active, Keep Healthy program. All activities are free and all equipment will be provided. Come and try a new activity and get moving this summer!

NOTE: Repeats on June 18 (Putt Putt) @ All Star Playground.

JUNE 7

BOOGIE ON THE BLOCK



Marathon Center for the Performing Arts 6 pm 200 W Main Cross St, Findlay

Findlay's biggest block party returns to MCPA this summer! Live music from North to Nashville with guests the Eric Sowers Band with food trucks, dancing and fun. This is a family-friendly event! Admission is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children, and strollers are free.

JUNE 8

9TH ANNUAL BICYCLE RODEO



Marathon Center for the Performing Arts 9 - 11 am 200 W Main Cross St, Findlay

The Findlay Police Department's Bicycle Rodeo is a free, family-friendly event promoting healthy living and bicycle safety. This year's event includes a light breakfast, live entertainment, children's activities, and prizes. Youth will learn various aspects of bicycle safety at several safety stations and practice on road and obstacle courses. Free helmets and bicycle licenses will be provided, and emergency vehicles will be on display alongside other organizations. Geared towards ages 4-12, but the event welcomes all and has a rain date of June 15. Registration is required at the event.

JUNE 14

RALLY IN THE ALLEY



Latham Courtyard **5 - 8 pm** 510 S. Main St, Findlay

Fridays in the summer mean its Rally in the Alley season! Enjoy snacks from local restaurants as you tap your toes to some of the region's best bands. This is a free event, libations available for purchase. GSJ plays on June 14.

NOTE: This event repeats on June 21 (Tongue N Groove) and June 28 (Spoiled Rotten).

FLAG CITY 5K



Marathon Petroleum Corporation 9 - 10:30 am 539 S. Main St, Findlay

Take a 3.1-mile tour of Findlay on foot to celebrate the one and only Flag City, USA. There'll be something for everyone, including food and brew from local establishments, a fun course, activities for the kids, as well as a one-of-a-kind t-shirt, refreshments, free photos, finish line video and finisher certificate, plus much more. Bring the whole family to join in the celebration. Kids run sign up is \$5 and the 5K sign up is \$32.50.

RIVERSIDE CIVIC CONCERT SERIES



Bandshell in Riverside Park 7 pm

231 McManness Ave, Findlay

This summertime favorite is free to the public and features area civic and community bands. The June 19 performance is the Fostoria Community Band.

NOTE: This event repeats on June 26 with the Findlay Civic Band.

JUNE 22

MT BLANCHARD BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL



Island Park 1 - 11 pm 100 Park St., Mt. Blanchard

Enjoy a day of fun at the Mt. Blanchard Bluegrass Festival! Live bluegrass bands will play all day, and you'll find delicious food from local vendors, kids' activities, and more. The event also features a car and truck show.

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19 facts related to Juneteenth

The abolition of slavery in the United States marked the end of a long and winding road. President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, a point in time when the American Civil War had already been raging for years. President Lincoln's proclamation declared that "slaves within any State, or designated part of a State. in rebellion. shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free." While this was an important step toward enslaved individuals receiving their freedom, the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment after the conclusion of the Civil War in 1865 officially abolished slavery.

Although many people were immediately granted freedom after the Emancipation Proclamation, a large number in various Confederate territories were not. On June 19, 1865, enslaved Africans living in Texas finally received news of their freedom, prompting a celebration and marking the unofficial beginning of Juneteenth. Here are 19 facts related to Juneteenth.

1. On June 19, 1865, roughly 2,000 Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas to announce to the more than 250,000 enslaved Black people in the state they were free by executive decree.

2. The newly freed people in Texas came to refer to this day as "Juneteenth."

3. While Juneteenth has perhaps become the most notable holiday, many other celebrations commemorate the end of slavery. Many individual states commemorate their own emancipation days.



4. General Gordon Granger arrived with the Union troops to enforce the end of slavery in Texas. Granger commanded the Headquarters District of Texas.

5. On June 19, 1866, freedmen in Texas organized the first annual celebration, which they called "Jubilee Day."

6. Juneteenth celebrations often feature music, prayer services, fun activities, and barbecues. When Black people migrated to other states, they brought their celebratory traditions with them.

7. Texas made Juneteenth an official holiday in 1979. Additional states, and eventually the Federal government, followed the lead throughout the years.

8. The United States Congress passed a resolution establishing Juneteenth as a federal holiday and President Joseph Biden signed the bill on June 17, 2021. The first commemoration occurred two days later.

9. Juneteenth is the first day to obtain legal observance as a federal holiday since Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was designated in 1983.

10. Juneteenth goes by other names, including Emancipation Day, Black Independence Day and Freedom Day.

11. There is an official Juneteenth flag. It features blue over red and a white central star, surrounded by an outer star. The red, white and blue is a nod to the formerly enslaved people being recognized as Americans. The inner star represents Texas, and the outer star symbolizes new freedom and new people.

12. Red foods and beverages are staples of Juneteenth festivities because they are said to represent the bloodshed by ancestors.

13. Juneteenth is the longestrunning African American holiday.

14. Part of the General Order No. 3 that freed Texas slaves encouraged the newly emancipated people to remain with their past owners and work for wages. Despite this recommendation, many Black people left the area in a period known as "the scatter."

15. Emancipation Park in Houston was bought by former slaves. The 10-acre parcel was purchased specifically to celebrate Juneteenth.

16. Although Juneteenth celebrations waned during the early twentieth century, they were revived during the Civil Rights Movement.

17. The official title for the federal holiday of Juneteenth is Juneteenth National Independence Day.

18. Each year, a Juneteenth Flag-raising ceremony is held in Galveston.

19. Estimates suggest there were 3,953,760 enslaved people in the United States in 1860, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.

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12th - 17th	Huron County Fair (Norwalk)		
16th - 24th	Allen County Fair (Lima)		
17th - 24th	Defiance County Fair (Hicksville)		
19th - 25th	Sandusky County Fair (Fremont)		
26th - 9/2	Morrow County Fair (Mt. Gilead)		
27th - 9/2	Van Wert County Fair (Van Wert)		
27th - 9/2	Hancock County Fair (Findlay)		
30th - 9/5	Fulton County Fair (Wauseon)		

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	Wyandot County Fair (Upper Sandusky) Ashland County Fair (Ashland)	thewyandotcountyfair.com ashlandcountyfair.org

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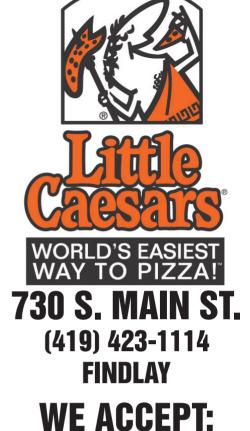


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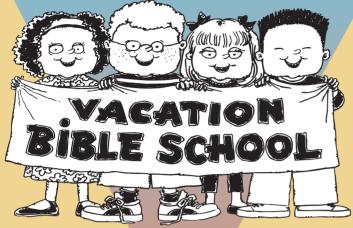


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