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**Popular Oktoberfest** celebrates 10 years in Findlay By Maria Connour

Everyone is a little bit German the last weekend in September in the Findlay area, thanks to what has been a great addition to the community, Oktoberfest.

This area has no shortage of activities to get excited about in the fall, but one of the most popular ones will take place Saturday, Sept. 28 in Oktoberfest, which celebrates its 10th year of Bavarianthemed community fun in the heart of Downtown Findlay.

According to Sarah Foltz, the executive

director for the Hancock Historical Museum, which puts on the

event, this year's festival is one you don't want to miss.

"So, for being the 10th year we're planning for the biggest and best year yet. This is already one of the biggest one-day festivals in our area, and you'll see a lot of 10-year anniversary decorations as we go along," Foltz said. "We will definitely be using this anniversary as an opportunity to add some enhancements."

Oktoberfest is something the Historical Museum has a lot of pride in.

"I've had the pleasure of helping plan Oktoberfest in Findlay since its

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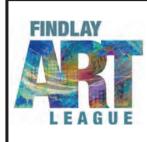
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Fall Homeschool Art, Grades 5-12-Fridays, 1:00-3:00 pm, September 6, 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25; Tuition: \$80, all materials provided. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Parent & Child "Play-in-Clay" Wheel Throwing-Saturday, 9:00-11:00 am, September 7; Tuition: \$100 (for 2), all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Watercolor Painting: "Fall Landscape"-Sunday, 6:00-8:00 pm, September 8, 15; Tuition: \$80, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Jennifer Doyle

OR 12; Tuition: \$10, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome (18+). Instructor: Marcie Allen

Young Adult Pottery, Ages 7-17-Saturdays, 9:00-10:30 am, Glazing 10:30 am-noon, September 14, 21, 28; Tuition: \$135, all materials provided. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Watercolor Painting: Eugene Boudin "Le Havre L'avant Port 2"-Friday, 5:00-7:00 pm, September 20; Tuition: \$40, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Charcoal & Graphite Portrait Drawing-Saturdays, 6:00-7:30 pm, September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26; Tuition: \$100,

all materials provided, all skill levels welcome (17+). Instructor: Landon Smith

September 25 OR 26; Tuition: \$35, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome (18+). Instructor: Marcie Allen

Clay Ghost Decoration-(Fun for All Grant)- Wednesday OR Thursday, 7:00-8:00 pm, October 2 OR 3; Tuition: \$10, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome (18+). Instructor: Marcie Allen

**Parent & Child "Play-in-Clay" Wheel Throwing**-Saturday, 9:00-11:00 am, October 5; Tuition: \$100 (for 2), all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Watercolor Painting: "Wildflowers"-Sunday, 6:00-8:00 pm, October 5, 12; Tuition: \$80, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Jennifer Doyle

Ceramic Pumpkin Mug-(Fun for All Grant)-Thursday, 7:00-8:30 pm, October 10; Tuition: \$35, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome (18+). Instructor: Marcie Allen

Painting on Tea Bags-Saturday, October 12, 10am-12pm. Tuition \$40. Create art using recycled teas bags mounted on decorative paper. All materials provided, all skill levels welcome (18+) Instructor: Patty Brown

Young Adult Pottery, Ages 7-17-Saturdays, 9:00-10:30 am, Glazing 10:30-noon, October 12, 19, 26; Tuition: \$135, all materials provided. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Watercolor Painting: "Asian Sunscape"-Friday, 5:00-7:00 pm, October 18; Tuition: \$40, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

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inception in 2014," Foltz said. "I was working for The Arts Partnership in Findlay at the time and planning outdoor festivals was a key part of my job, so it was a perfect fit. It has been a joy seeing the event evolve and grow over the years. Helping to bring people together to make memories in our community is a passion of mine. Oktoberfest is especially meaningful to the Hancock Historical Museum as it is the primary fundraiser for our privately funded organization. All proceeds of Oktoberfest go directly to our annual operations allowing us to preserve our local history and provide educational opportunities for all ages year-round."

Oktoberfest was first celebrated in Findlay after people were inspired by

other festivals in the area, like a similar celebration in nearby Jenera. Findlay was a natural fit because of the German heritage that is shared by many in Hancock County. Bill Wolf, owner and founder of Wolfie's Nuts, was one of the people who had fond memories of the Jenera festival that ended about 30 years ago.

"Starting Oktoberfest was a very grassroots effort with members of the Hancock County Homebrewers Club, Downtown Findlay and various community members," Foltz said.

That being said, Findlay's Oktoberfest certainly has made a name for itself and has managed to draw a crowd based on its own merit.

"Oktoberfest in Findlay, as we see it today, is much different from the Jenera Oktoberfest, but the community pride, camaraderie and celebratory atmosphere remains much the same," Foltz said. "We utilize our gorgeous downtown landscape and collaborate with many businesses and organizations to make it a fun event for our community and visitors. It's not possible without the support of sponsors and volunteers, which allows our community to put our best foot forward and celebrate the German influence that runs strong in Hancock County today."

Foltz said the planning team is dedicated to making this Oktoberfest the best year yet, with over 20 children's activities, a VIP tent, live music, dancing, German-inspired food options and an array of German, craft and domestic beers. Over 6,000 visitors are expected.

"It is truly a community celebration for everyone," Foltz said.

Find out more at oktoberfestfindlay.com.







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#### **SEPTEMBER 1-2**

#### HANCOCK COUNTY FAIR

Gates Open Daily at 7:30 am WHERE: Hancock County Fairgrounds 1017 E. Sandusky St, Findlay



Don't miss the final days of the fair! Animals, shows, rides, food, entertainment, games and more await you at the Hancock County Fair. Plan to enjoy all the fair has to offer each and every day.

A full list of events can be found online at hancockfairgrounds.org/fair-events

#### SEPTEMBER 6-8 BLACK SWAMP ARTS FESTIVAL



**SEPTEMBER 7** 

**3 Day Event** WHERE: Downtown Bowling Green

Experience three days of free concerts and fine art shows in historic downtown Bowling Green. The award-winning festival is the largest free live music festival in Ohio with over 150 booths lining Main Street. The festival has something for everyone!

> Friday, September 6: 5 p.m.-midnight Saturday, September 7: 9 a.m.-midnight Sunday, September 8: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Complete schedule and information at blackswampfest.org

#### HISTORIC BARN TOUR

10 am - 4 pm WHERE: Southern Hancock County Area

Enjoy a self-guided tour of six historic barns in the Jenera/Rawson area of southern Hancock County, dating from the mid-1800s to the early 1900s. Each barn tells the unique story of the farm and families who have owned it. The tour also offers a wide array of activities, including antique machinery and blacksmithing demonstrations, local food vendors, timber-framing and hewing demonstrations, and live music; children 16 and under are free. Tickets are available at hancockhistoricalmuseum.org or at any barn on the day of the tour.

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Register: 9 am WHERE: Hillcrest Golf Club 800 W Bigelow Ave, Findlay

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#### SEPTEMBER 21 PUMPKIN TRAIN



1-5 pm WHERE: Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation 12505 CR 99, Findlay

Starting September 21 and running each weekend through October 20, you can ride NWORRP's quarter-scale trains to a pumpkin patch where you can pick a pumpkin and return to the station. Enjoy games, decorations, and family-friendly activities throughout the museum during your visit. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under, with pumpkins available for purchase at an additional charge.

More details are available at nworrp.org/pumpkin-train.html.

#### SEPTEMBER 28 UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY HOMECOMING





#### Football Tailgate 12:00 - 1:30 PM

Visit with UF alumni and friends, enjoy food, games and Thumbtack Mechanics. Football Game 2:00 PM

University of Findlay Oilers vs Hillsdale College Chargers

Cheer on the Findlay Oilers as they take on the Hillsdale College Chargers at this year's Homecoming football game! Wear your orange and black with pride, and support the Oilers to victory!

#### SEPTEMBER 28 FOSTORIA RAIL FESTIVAL

10 am - 4 pm



#### WHERE: Fostoria Junior/Senior High School 1001 Park Ave, Fostoria Fostoria Elementary School 1202 HL Ford Dr, Fostoria

Join the Fostoria Rail Preservation Society for their 22nd Annual Fostoria Rail Festival. Model train layouts, train memorabilia, train rides, lens-eye view photo contest, soup contest, food and so much more! The festival is held in two school buildings. \$5/person, children under 10 are free.

Visit fostoriairontriangle.com for more information.

#### SEPTEMBER 28 BLUFFTON FALL FESTIVAL



#### 10 am - 4pm WHERE: Bluffton

Bluffton Fall Festival gives you a taste of what Bluffton is all about! The festival is for everyone, but the emphasis is on family. There are many things to see and do together throughout the day. The community opens its doors with horse-and-wagon rides plus family-oriented events at the Bluffton Hospital, Mennonite Memorial Home, Maple Crest Senior Living Community, downtown Bluffton and Swiss homestead. Event includes pony rides, farmers' market, antique tractor show, animal displays and inflatables for kids.

More information available at blufftonfallfestival.com

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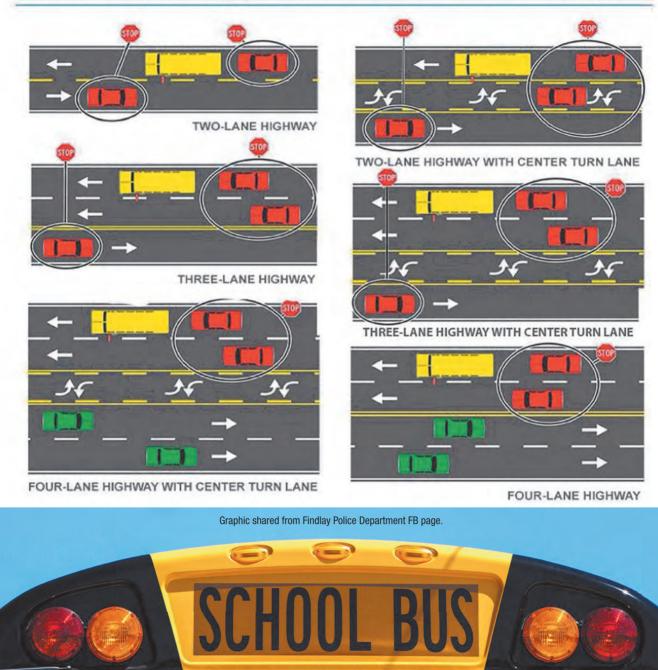
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# YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

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

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

• The Dawes Plan goes into effect on September 1. The plan details a restructuring of reparations payments Germany owes to the Allied Powers in the aftermath of World War I. Charles G. Dawes, who was integral in developing the plan, would be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1925 for his contributions.

• On September 2, Negro National League President Rube Foster announces the first "Negro World Series" would be played in October. Foster announces the series will feature the champion of his league and the champion of the Eastern Colored League.

• At least 300 civilians are killed during the Taif massacre in the Kingdom of Hejaz on September 3.

• The fourth annual Miss America Pageant is held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on September 6. Miss Philadelphia, Ruth Malcomson, wins the pageant. Miss Columbus, Mary Katherine Campbell of Ohio, finishes as First Runner-Up after winning the pageant the previous two years.

• John Dillinger, who would ultimately be identified as the mastermind behind a gang accused of robbing 24 banks and four police stations, attempts to rob a grocery store in Indiana on September 6. The attempt marked Dillinger's first attempt at a major crime, but he and his accomplice are quickly apprehended and sent to jail. • Twenty people, including four police officers, are killed during a gun battle in the American territory of Hawaii on September 9. The Hanapepe massacre stemmed from a dispute amongst striking workers at the McBryde sugar plantation on the island of Kauai.

• The sensational trial of Nathan F. Leopold, Jr. and Richard Albert Loeb ends on September 10. Each man is sentenced to life plus 99 years for the kidnapping and murder of Bobby Franks in May.

• Pengiran Ahmad Tajuddin becomes the new Sultan of Brunei on September 11. Ahmad Tajuddin serves until his death in 1950.

• Thomas Wade Landry is born in Mission, Texas, on September 11. Landry would become the first head coach of the Dallas Cowboys in the National Football League, a job he held for 29 seasons.

• General of the Armies John J. Pershing retires from the United States Army on September 13. The highly decorated General Pershing is the last American military officer to achieve the rank of a six-star general.

• Horace Saks and Bernard Gimbel open the luxury department store Saks Fifth Avenue at 611 Fifth Avenue in Manhattan on September 15.

• First baseman Jim Bottomley of the St. Louis Cardinals sets a major league record when he drives in 12 runs in a nine-inning game on September 16. The record still stands, though Bottomley now shares it with a fellow St. Louis Cardinal, Mark Whiten, who drove in 12 runs against the Cincinnati Reds in the second game of a doubleheader on September 7, 1993.

• On September 18, the United States military occupation of the Dominican Republic ends after more than eight years.

· Joseph Stalin orders the arrest of Alexander Krasnoshchyokov on September 19. Krasnoshchyokov is the first prominent Bolshevik to be arrested under the leadership of Stalin, who ultimately allows Krasnoshchyokov to rejoin the government in 1925. That second chance would prove somewhat brief, as Stalin would order Krasnoshchyokov's execution in 1937.

• The American freighter SS Clifton sinks in Lake Huron on September 22. All 26 crew members perish, and the wreckage of the Clifton would not be found until 2016.

• British racer Malcolm Campbell breaks the record for the fastest speed on land on September 24. Campbell, driving a Sunbeam 350HP with a V12 engine, reaches a speed of 146.18 miles per hour, narrowly breaking the record set by Ernest Eldridge just months earlier.

• Controls on the German Navy are relaxed on September 30 in recognition of improved relations between the Allied Powers and Germany.

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