

Looking Back

25 Years Ago - August 29, 2000

Pendleton County resident Eric Ross, 18, won reserve grand champion market steer Aug. 23 at the Kentucky State Fair with his Simmental-Angus.

The 17-month-old, 1,326-pound steer finished second out of 101 entries across 13 classes at the fair. It sold at auction for \$18,000 to Kentucky Cattlemen's Association and Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance.

The steer finished as grand champion earlier in the year at the Pendleton County Youth Fair.

Ross, a freshman at Morehead State University, is the son of Matt and Judy Ross of the Gardnersville neighborhood of Demossville and Mary Ann and David Cummins of Foster.

Pendleton County Fiscal Court set a public hearing date of Sept. 14 on a proposed four-tenths of a percent increase for the 2001 property tax rate.

The proposed rate of 12.8 cents per \$100 assessment would produce \$473,499 in revenue, according to the court. The rate was 12.7 cents the previous year.

Also during the fiscal court meeting, Judge Executive Henry Bertram said the Department of Corrections set Oct. 1 as the date by which the county jail needed to be closed.

It will take a tri-axle turnip truck to haul Alvin Bonar's harvest this year. The Butler man has been a farmer all his life and said he has never seen a crop like this year's.

Last fall, he sowed his turnip seed and allowed it to self-sow this season, covering his former tobacco patch.

The specimen he brought into the Outlook office measured 20 inches in circumference and weighed more than three pounds. He said he has a field full of the giant turnips.

50 Years Ago - August 29, 1975

Fresh off their honorable mention placing at the Kentucky State Fair, the Pendleton County High School Wildcat Marching Band will perform a free concert Sept. 5 on the county courthouse lawn.

The band boosters will serve homemade ice cream and cake, hot dogs and Pepsi Cola. A country store will be featured.

Tickets are being sold on an RCA 12-inch black-and-white TV and a Juliette eight-track player. Tickets can be purchased from any band parent or at Houchens Store.

Sheriff Harold Wright reports that several Pendleton County people have received threatening and harassing telephone calls in the past week.

Some calls have asked for ransom, others say that someone was killed, and in others, the caller says if a sum isn't paid, the recipient of the call will die.

Wright said he has held several stakeouts, but so far, they have been unsuccessful.

From the "Here and There" column:

Mrs. Gaylord Morris, Mrs. Dempsey Biddle and Mrs. Helen Hanselman visited Mr. and Mrs. Clay Cooper and Mrs. Stanley Cannon on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Gene Cooper was a visitor also.

Mrs. Harley Biddle and son Bob, visited Mrs. Paul Faul on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie King were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reed on evening the past week.

Sheila, Sharon and Alicia Reed spent a few days the past week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hamilton.

Mrs. David Sharp returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fonzie Morris after being at her home in Louisville.

75 Years Ago - September 1, 1950

In a crackdown on drunken driving and drunkenness, Falmouth's police judge, Fred H. Fisher, levied fines Monday against several defendants totaling \$734.50. This was thought to be one of the busiest days in city police court history.

There were a total of five who were fined \$100 and \$9.50 costs each for driving while under the influence of liquor.

The total of those fined for being intoxicated in a public place numbered five, each of whom got a fine of \$19.50.

Three were fined \$19.50 for improper driving, one was fined \$19.50 for driving in a reckless manner and one was fined \$11.50 for having no operator's license.

The Pendleton County Court issued warrants late Thursday afternoon against three people for "setting up and operating gambling devices (cigarette machines)." Some cigarette machines offer the chance to win tokens with a package of cigarettes.

Sheriff Jack Dickison stated Monday that the warrants had not been served but that they would be sometime this week.

Dickison and Deputy Jonathan Smith raided the establishments on Aug. 4 and confiscated three cigarette machines, which he has held in his office since.

The sheriff issued a statement March 24 that he would not tolerate any cigarette machines or gambling devices of any kind during the four years he is in office.

100 Years Ago - August 28, 1925

Falmouth folks, and hundreds from nearby cities, showed their interest in our town and county last Thursday when 2,000 people gathered at the fairgrounds to witness and take part in the formal dedication of the eastern branch of the Dixie Highway, from Covington to Lexington.

Hundreds of machines were in the parade which opened the day's program, and it was by far the greatest automobile parade in the city's history.

Herbert Belew, 20, of the Grassy Creek neighborhood, was arrested Sunday night at the Mount Moriah Church, charged with theft of automobile accessories from a number of cars belonging to persons attending the revival at that place.

Deputy Sheriff Charles Ravenscraft and Marshal J.O. Perrin were called to the church and arrested Belew. They took him to Falmouth and lodged him in jail.

LIFE IN THE COLE BIN

By Burton W. Cole

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You may not believe this but there was life before Amazon.

No, seriously! You can look it up in your set of encyclopedias.

Oh, that's right, there also was a time before Google and Wikipedia, as well. I am not making this up. I was there.

Back in the time before Prime and FedEx trucks roamed the land, and we scrolled through screens and screens of shopping options, we licked sheets and sheets of S&H Green Stamps.

Every other Saturday, Dad drove Mom to Loblaw's grocery store, where she crammed a cart full of enough groceries in a hopeless attempt to stay ahead of the appetites of three growing boys and a baby girl.

When the cashier finished ringing up the damages, Mom handed over the cash, and the cashier handed back a ribbon of receipt and a corresponding amount of S&H Green Stamps.

(Oh, yeah, we didn't have debit cards back then, either, which is why Mom handed over cash.)

We boys would fight over the chance to lick the stamps and paste

them into collection booklets.

Mom stacked the books in the bottom desk drawer. When you filled enough books full of Green Stamps, you could trade in filled books of stamps for things like dish towels (or toys), chairs (or toys), appliances (or toys) or — my preference that was too often overlooked — toys.

There was a whole catalog of trading stamp premiums from which to drool over and choose. It was like the Sears Christmas Wishbook for adults.

My role in this economy, besides licking the backs of hundreds of stamps, was as financial adviser and premium consultant. I counted the books and circled the toys in the catalog that we could trade for with our stacks of stamps.

Eventually, on a Saturday afternoon, off we'd go to the S&H redemption center — which was like the North Pole, only closer — and swap them for marvelous stuff.

Mom, in my opinion, wasted too many stamps on things like bedsheets and waffle irons and not enough on bicycles and footballs.

But what she did NOT waste her trading stamps on was dinnerware. Everyone knew that those came from gas stations.

I am not kidding. Back in those Googleless, Amazonless and streamless days, gas stations constantly offered drinking glasses (made with real glass) or fine china (I don't know the plates and bowls were made with real china, but they sure shattered if you clobbered your brother with one) or utensils, one piece at a time, free with a minimum purchase of

eight gallons of gasoline.

One station once even offered miniature statues of all 36 U.S. presidents, one fill-up at a time. I think this is where McDonald's got the idea for Happy Meals with toys.

Anyway, when Dad pulled up to the gas pumps, which rang the service bell inside, the attendant would scurry out, pump his gas, clean the windshield, check the oil, and — after Dad handed over the cash for the gas — hand Mom the next piece for the family dinnerware collection.

Has your Amazon or DoorDash driver ever checked your oil or cleaned your windshield? I thought not. And yet you mock me about the backward times of my youth. Ha!

I begged our favorite service station attendant, a burly guy named Ringo, to give away spy glasses or chemistry sets or squirt guns or anything else that would be useful instead of more dinner plates and serving spoons. He ruffled my hair and shook his head, sadly, I thought.

But he was right, kids. I already had a solid source for new toys — they were free inside cereal boxes. Or in the case of music, real live records were free ON the box.

Who needed Amazon to deliver music to your door when you already had Super Sugar Smacks in the cupboard.

The record player, of course, came from S&H Green Stamps.

Trade tales with Burt of riding dinosaurs to school at burton.w.cole@gmail.com or on the Burton W. Cole page on Facebook, which is another new-fangled invention.

What day is it? - National Trail Mix Day, Aug. 31

By Nila Harris

I love trail mix. The mixture of sweet and salty is a great combination to snack on.

Throw in some nuts and you have protein. Even adding raisins counteracts the "unhealthy" M&M's that is a must in my trail mix.

Aug. 31 is National Trail Mix Day — a day to celebrate the nutritious combination of nuts, dried fruit, granola and, yes, chocolate.

This is a snack that is light, healthy, provides an energy boost and can include any manner of ingredients, according to your food preference.

Although the origin of National Trail Mix Day is unknown, the day has been celebrated since at least 2013.

But who knows? Maybe the day started farther back in the 1970s or '80s as trail mix popularity grew, and



people began experimenting with different snacky combinations.

Some reports say that the first trail mix was invented by two California hikers in 1968 who put peanuts and raisins together for a quick healthy treat.

But trail mix extends farther back in time with Native Americans creating quick "trail mix like" mixtures which usually included buffalo meat.

Each year at Christmas-time, a business sends my husband a large container of peanuts as a thank you because he does quality

electrical work for the company.

We have made peanut brittle, which tends to be a monumental task, but truthfully, no one in our household likes to eat peanuts by the handful.

So, what do you do with a big can of peanuts? You can add a little bit of this and a lot of that (chocolate), and it turns the Christmas gift into a long lasting, yummy treat.

To celebrate National Trail Mix Day, you might want to hit the trail with your own trail mix.

Buy a premade bag of treats or make your own.

Have a trail mix party where attendees can create their own yummy combination.

Make a yogurt parfait with your favorite dairy product and trail mix additions.

Keep a bagful in the car for those busy nights at the athletic field when you

know it's going to be a late supper.

Try some of the following ingredients to make your own trail mix and share with some friends. Choose your own combination, mix and store in a baggie, and enjoy a quick snack on the go.

Candy: M&M's, carob chips, chocolate chips, marshmallows, toffee, yogurt clusters;

Cereal: corn flakes, cheerios, rolled oats, mini shredded wheat;

Fruit: raisins, or dried apples, apricots, bananas, strawberries, mangoes, dates;

Nuts: peanuts, almonds, pecans, cashews, pistachios, walnuts, pine nuts;

Seeds: sunflower, chia, pumpkin;

Other: mini crackers, pretzels, granola, graham cracker pieces.

And, of course, you may put in as much chocolate (or as little) as you want.

Falmouth officer graduates from state sergeant's academy

FALMOUTH — Falmouth police Sgt. Broderick Schmeing was one of 23 law enforcement officers from around the commonwealth to graduate Aug. 15 from the Academy of Police Supervision Class 103.

Chief of Police Marty Hart commended Schmeing "for not only his continued dedication to the Falmouth Police Department and the community, but also, for his drive to continually better himself and advance his knowledge and skillset."

The Academy of Police Supervision, also called the sergeant's academy, is a three-week, 122-hour training

program targeted for newly promoted sergeants or officers who are on their agency's promotion list to become sergeants.

The academy was launched in 2003 as a leadership course aimed at developing and shaping future and current leaders in law enforcement agencies across the commonwealth.

The program provides a deep dive into how to positively influence groups of people, as well as how to apply situational leadership, demonstrate an understanding of constitutional and administrative law, emotional and social intelligence, ethical



Broderick Schmeing

decision-making, problem-solving, emotional survival and public speaking.

"Completion of this course is invaluable as you

step into leadership roles with your agencies," DOC-JT Commissioner Mike Bosse said.

"I am excited to see how you take the knowledge you've gained back to your departments and use it to better your community," Bosse said.

Gov. Andy Beshear told the graduates, "Your commitment to public service and leading by example is something each of you should take pride in as you continue to help make our commonwealth a safer place for families to call home. Congratulations to each of you on this accomplishment."

Kentuckians sought for child abuse advocates

Prevent Child Abuse

LEXINGTON — Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky is on the hunt for Kentuckians that can step up to be an advocate for child abuse prevention with the goal of training individuals from each of our 120 counties.

Upstream Academy is a training designed to equip passionate Kentuckians from each of the state's 120 counties to become local

advocates in child abuse prevention.

The initiative offers free, evidence-based training and provides stipends to remove barriers for those ready to step up.

"Upstream Academy will help build a safer, more prosperous Kentucky for all our kids and grandkids," Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, a former educator who spent her career in the classroom, said.

"Community members taking the lead to proactively prevent child abuse and neglect beautifully represents the Team Kentucky spirit. Upstream Academy has the power to change the trajectory of entire communities."

Upstream trainings will be held Oct. 20 and 21 in Bowling Green and Nov. 13 and 14 in Lexington. Kentuckians from all backgrounds and all counties

are encouraged to apply.

Learn more about Upstream and sign up to become an advocate at pckay.org.

The training covers proven strategies to prevent abuse by addressing challenges before they become crises. Graduates will leave equipped to lead prevention efforts, connect families to resources, and build stronger, healthier communities.