

Looking Back

25 Years Ago - July 24 2001

The Pendleton County School Board took the first step toward bringing a new emergency services facility into the county last week.

Members of the school board voted unanimously to turn over to the county at the July 19 meeting a portion of its property next to Pendleton County High School to be used for both a temporary and permanent easement.

The driveway leading back to the site earmarked by county leaders for its new Disaster and Emergency Services Facility.

The residents of Pendleton County are invited to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for 28 miles of water main extension.

Water mains are being extended in the East Pendleton Water District with CDBG funds secured through the Pendleton County Fiscal Court, a Rural Development loan and grant and local contributions.

Baby Miss Cutie Pie and her court were crowned July 11 at the Pendleton County Youth Fair. Baby Miss is Brianna Cain, first runner-up was Micheala Pitman and second runner-up, Sierra Baucom.

Baby Mister Cutie Pie is Kenton Wells, first runner-up was Ian Tackett and second runner-up Noah Whittaker.

Tiny Miss Cutie Pie was Makayla Reed, and Tiny Mister Cutie Pie was Chase Owens.

50 Years Ago - July 23, 1976

Falmouth's modern and beautiful post office was broken into early Sunday morning. More than 1,000 letters were stolen and many dollars worth of mail merchandise taken.

The burglary was discovered at 7:30 a.m. by postal clerk George Lach, and by Monday, a warrant was issued in Pendleton County Court for a suspect, Terry L. Gooden of Falmouth, charged by Kentucky State Police Detective Elmer Ray with burglary in the third degree.

Gooden was arrested in Dayton, Kentucky, Monday evening and now is in jail in Falmouth.

Postmaster Wilbur T. Ritter reported that all mail cases of city and rural carriers, plus city boxes, had been rifled.

Falmouth police Chief Wayne Oliver heads the investigation with Ray.

At the July meeting of the Pendleton Hospital Board, Lloyd Bockerstete was named as a director of the hospital board. He takes the place of J.L. "Jay" Beyersdoerfer, who served faithfully for many years.

The business of the board also included election of officers for the fiscal year: Frank Harris, chairman; Joe Kearns, vice chair; Loraine Conrad, secretary; and Gary Barnard, treasurer.

Other directors are Alex Caldwell, Roy Harwell, Hil-dreth Kidd and Louis McClanahan.

Pendleton County's youngsters made a good showing July 12 at the annual District Dairy Show at the 4-H fairgrounds near Cynthiana.

Tom Moore showed his fall senior calf, which stood first in the class. His junior yearling finished fourth in the class.

Brent Moore showed two senior calves, which were placed second and fourth in the class. His sister Ann showed one of the calves.

Karen Neal had a junior calf, which placed third in the class. Her 3-yr-old cow also placed third.

75 Years Ago - July 27, 1951

Clark Thomas and Charles Flaughner, two outstanding businessmen and gentlemen farmers, have been very successful in operating Thomas and Flaughner Trucking Co. Their fleet of milk trucks haul fresh, Grade A milk from Bracken, Pendleton and Mason counties into Cincinnati daily.

They have installed two 1,000-gallon propane tanks for operating their trucks on bottle gas. Thomas and Flaughner know they can effect quite a savings in fuel gas, oil and repair bills with the change.

It has been proven by petroleum companies that they can operate their trucks on 50 percent savings on oil and also reduce repair cost by 40 percent.

B.N. Wilson, well-known Pendleton County farmer residing just west of Falmouth, placed his loss of his larger dairy and tobacco barn on Hayes Road at \$5,000.

The barn was struck by lightning at 7 o'clock Monday night during the violent rainstorm.

Mr. Wilson had about 18 tons of hay in the barn and had just hauled 124 bales from Ohio and placed in the barn that day. A Brown Swiss bull valued at \$500 was also consumed in the blaze.

Mr. Wilson and two sons, Holton and Sonny, were standing at the milk house when the barn was struck. They believe that the bull was killed instantly.

In classified ads, Roy Abercrombie posted, "I am hauling water from Falmouth to any section in 1,000-gallon tanks. Call butler 6441."

100 Years Ago - July 23, 1926

Louis Caldwell, of near Demossville, has a unique relic of antiquity at his home. It is a petrified mastodon tooth weighing 2 pounds, 3 ounces.

The tooth was found by his son, Bert Caldwell, at Bloomfield, Indiana, on the White Water River. Mr. Caldwell was dredging for gravel when he unearthed this tooth which belonged to a species of animal thousands of years extinct.

The state purchasing commission last week awarded the contract for the 1927 motor vehicle license tags to the National Colortype Co. of Bellevue at 15 cents a set. The delivery of the plates to the county clerks must be made between the first and fifteenth of November, according to the contract.

The license tags for 1927 will have a bright blue background with white numerals. The commission adopted a new design patented by Charles C. Wilhelm of Covington in which each county's plates will carry the name of the county and well be numbered numerically, beginning with No. 1.

Fly, robin... anybody remember the next word?



Music, they say, restores memories. We hear a tune and are transported back to whatever was happening in our lives when that song came out.

Music, however, does NOT restore my memory for lost lyrics.

There are nearly 70 years' worth of songs crammed into my brain, which wasn't built for that capacity, not when it also holds onto random phone numbers, eighth-grade locker combinations, the complete statistics from 1970 of my favorite NBA time, and so forth.

With so much jammed and packed into all the swirls and crevices of my gray matter, it's no wonder I can't sing along when the songs of my teens play elevators and doctors' offices.

A lot of words get squeezed out. They leak right out of my ears, where bouncers give them the boot. The bouncers also block any new lyrics from sneaking in so no one's batting averages get squashed.

I sat in a restaurant absently munching on a burger with extra

ketchup, when a song from my youth flew through the store speakers.

"It's been ages." I pulled a french fry from the box and tapped it against my temple. "How did those lyrics go? I used to know it."

Over a disco beat, singers crooned, "Fly, robin, fly."

That's it! That's how it goes. Sing "fly, robin, fly" 117 times. About every 20th time or so, insert "Up, up to the sky."

When Silver Convention released that song back in 1975, I don't suspect they knew that it would come in handy 50-plus years later as a blessing for us silver foxes.

Not all of our songs back then were so old-person-memory friendly.

In 1976, Gordon Lightfoot released "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald." As I recall, the epic story song had roughly 63 verses and no chorus. It was hauntingly masterful, especially for those of us who grew up along the Great Lakes with their ore boats. But not even when I was 17 years old, when my brain still boasted a lot of vacancy, could I remember all the lyrics. I have no hope now.

These days, I wait for songs like "Fly, Robin, Fly" before I can sing along.

As a writer, Billy Joel's "Piano Man" (1973) is the epitome of songwriting. He painted vivid pictures of the imagination in an economy of words.

Fifty-three years later, the economy of words feels like an abundance of storytelling.

I still love "Piano Man," but I have a better chance of singing along to, say, "The Hustle" (1975).

I bet I still can remember all the lyrics. Let's see, there's "Do it," and "Do the Hustle."

That's it. Those two lines get repeated a lot, but whenever it's time to sing, you know it's one phrase or the other. Memory barely required.

In a few years, when even more facts are crammed into my head, pushing out a lifetime of song lyrics, I'll probably be left with only the original version of "Wipeout" (1963). There's just one word in the whole song — "wipeout." Sung just once.

If the laugh at the beginning ("Ah ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha") gets too complicated, I can always resort to "Tequila."

I've never had the drink, but the lyric to the song is easy to remember. It's "tequila." One word. Not overly taxing on the brain. Unless, I suppose, you've imbibed in tequila before singing.

Or maybe I can bank on something like Earth, Wind and Fire's "September." A lot of words, but a good deal of them are made up — "ba-dee-yah" and "ba-du-da."

It doesn't really count as forgotten lyrics when the words aren't real in the first place, right?

"Ba-dee-yah, say do you remember?" No. No I don't. Not anymore. Fa-la-la-la-la.

Hum the tune to Burt at burton.w.cole@gmail.com.

What day is it? - National Hammock Day, July 22

By Nila Harris

On a recent trip with my grown children to the Outer Banks, North Carolina, my son-in-law packed an unusual creature comfort from home — a hammock. He set it up beneath the house we were staying in, where it overlooked the ocean and swayed in the sea breeze.

July 22 is National Hammock Day, a day to celebrate the relaxing, portable bed.

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, a hammock is a swinging couch or bed usually made of netting or canvas and slung by cords from supports at each end.

Phillip's hammock is made of blue canvas, and I found it to be quite "airy" when I tried it out. In fact, it almost felt like it was air-conditioned!

My daughter later asked if I fell asleep in it, and I said, "No, but I felt quite relaxed."

Unbeknownst to me, Devin had taken a photo of me, snoozing away.

Although the exact origin of National Hammock Day is unknown, hammocks are believed to have



been first used by the indigenous peoples in Central and South America.

The earliest known hammocks were constructed using plant and tree fibers.

"For these communities, hammocks were more than functional; they were a reflection of their connection to nature," according to hammockuniverse.com. "The simplicity of the design, combined with the resourcefulness of using local available materials, made hammocks a vital part of daily life."

These indigenous tribes found the hammock useful because it kept the snoozers off the ground and away from snakes, insects and other wild animals. Breathable materials kept people cool on hot nights. Hammocks were lightweight and easily transported.

When Christopher Co-

lumbus traveled to the Bahamas in the late 1400s, he saw hammocks in use and brought the concept back to Europe. Sailors and pirates began utilizing the swinging beds aboard their ships. The crews found the hammocks to be cheap, lightweight, safer (it was easier to fall out of a bed on rough seas than a hammock!), used less space and even helped prevent seasickness with its continuous swaying vs. a stationary bed staying in one place.

Over the years, hammocks became popular for some of the same reasons the early tribes, sailors, pirates and Europeans employed their use. They are comfortable, portable, easy to use and do not use much space.

Modern hammocks are available in a wide range of materials and designs, depending on personal preference or needs. Classic style rope hammocks offer excellent airflow, whereas fabric hammocks provide a softer surface. Quilted hammocks are also available with extra padding for the hammock snoozer.

You might want to purchase a foldable stand with your hammock to eliminate

the need of finding two trees/posts to connect to or buy a hammock ready for use in a permanent stand.

There are health benefits to using a hammock other than just chilling out. The gentle rocking motion calms the nervous system, making it a great place to unwind after a stressful day. It can reduce muscle tension by equally distributing your body weight.

While in a hammock, you can not only enjoy fresh air and sunshine, but you can also read a book, meditate or spend time in prayer.

Celebrate National Hammock Day on July 22 by trying out a hammock. Even though I'm not very agile, I was able to get out of Phillip's hammock rather easily.

Consider purchasing your own hammock. They are available at many nearby stores. Some campgrounds, parks and resorts offer hammocks, available for use.

I would prefer to use a hammock while staying in the Outer Banks, but God's country here in Pendleton County can offer some amazing views from a hammock too.

Survey will help determine economic strategy

NKADD

FLORENCE — The Northern Kentucky Area Development District invites residents, businesses, community organizations and local leaders to help shape the region's economic future by participating in a series of public surveys as part of the development of the 2027 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is a locally developed, regionally driven plan that guides economic development across Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen and Pendleton counties.

The economic development strategy is designed to identify regional strengths, challenges and opportunities while helping guide investments that support job creation, infrastructure, workforce development, business growth and long-term economic prosperity.

As the U.S. Economic Development Administra-

tion's designated Economic Development District for Northern Kentucky, NKADD develops and maintains the economic development strategy through a collaborative planning process that engages local governments, businesses, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations and residents from across the region.

Community participation is a critical part of the planning process.

To gather broad public input, NKADD has launched three community surveys that will help identify regional priorities, evaluate community needs, and collect potential projects for inclusion in the CEDS.

The surveys include:

- Primary Survey — Collects baseline feedback on the region's strengths, challenges, opportunities, and overall economic development needs.

Approximate completion time, 15 to 20 minutes.

Find it online by clicking on <https://arcg>.

is/1WHPzr4

- Priorities Survey — Asks participants to identify the priorities that should receive the greatest regional focus over the next five years. Approximate completion time, 15 minutes.

Find it online at <https://arcg.is/1qe50z1>

- Projects Survey — Invites participants to identify projects in each of the eight-counties in the NKADD region that support economic development and could be considered as part of the CEDS implementation strategy. Approximate completion time, 10 to 15 minutes.

Take the survey online at <https://arcg.is/0qTF182>

All three surveys are open to anyone who lives or works in Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen or Pendleton County.

NKADD encourages residents, businesses, local governments, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions and community partners to participate and share the surveys through-

out their networks to help ensure diverse representation from across the region.

The current Northern Kentucky Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy can be viewed at www.nkadd.org/ceds/.

For more information about the economic development strategy process or the public engagement surveys, contact the Northern Kentucky Area Development District at 859-283-1885 or visit www.nkadd.org.

NKADD is a collaboration of local leaders and staff supporting and empowering communities across Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen and Pendleton counties.

As one of 15 Area Development Districts in Kentucky, NKADD provides expertise in aging and disability services, community development, local government, and workforce development to foster regional strategies and improve quality of life throughout Northern Kentucky.