

Looking Back

25 Years Ago - August 21, 2001

The Pendleton County High School Ladycats opened their 2001 season against Villa MaDonna in the River City Classic Tournament. They'll play host Holmes on Thursday and, if needed, a final game on Friday.

Second year coach Jim Macht believes that with eight returning starters from last year's 4-12 team, they'll be much improved.

For the Wildcats, Tony Bentley returns to be head coach after a five-year hiatus. He guided the Wildcats through their first 10 seasons.

Six seniors return for the Cats, including five starters from last year's 9-10 squad.

The new school year started Wednesday, Aug. 15, for students in Pendleton County.

Students in the Pendleton County school district are reading at the national norm, according to information presented to board members at the Aug. 16 meeting.

The report indicated that the majority of children in both elementary schools are reading above or at grade level. In the middle school, the numbers began to change with more students falling behind.

At the high school, students seem to read at about the national norm..

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held Aug. 14 for The Cabin restaurant on U.S. 27 in Falmouth. Owners Danny and Jennifer Colemire of Lenoxburg were assisted the ribbon cutting by Falmouth Mayor Gene Flaughter and Councilwoman Virgiline Moore. Walter Moore previously owned the log cabin.

50 Years Ago - August 20, 1976

A mass meeting to obtain two new doctors for Pendleton County was held at Southern Elementary School Monday night, with 250 people in attendance.

Various citizens expressed opinions. Some thoughts were given to such that new doctors here and being accepted was better than just coming here; establish a community scholarship program of \$6,500 per student per year at the UK medical school; solicit doctors from the federal programs through public officials; provide guaranteed salaries or grants to win the competition for doctors over other cities; see if medical schools can be convinced to open their doors for more students to enroll as doctors; and research why Pendleton has to beg for doctors instead of doctors wanting to come here.

Mrs. Bobbie Callahan of Gardnersville is to be congratulated upon winning the B.H. Kroger award. She has given her award money to the Chris Wolfe Memorial Fund, which provides scholarships for deserving Pendleton students to go to college.

Mrs. Callahan is richly deserving of this honor because she has worked hard for many projects in schools in Pendleton County. She is executive secretary to the treasurer of the Kroger Company, which presents the award to a few of their employees in a highly coveted circle each year.

75 Years Ago - August 24, 1951

Orion Lodge 222, Falmouth, and Demoss Lodge 220, Demossville, will celebrate their 100th birthday anniversaries together on Saturday night, Aug. 25, at the Falmouth Public School Building.

The two lodge will be honored by having as their principal speaker Edwin E. Freshney, the grand master of Kentucky.

A history of the Orion Lodge will be given by Walter Hobday. Roy T. Ackman will give the history of Demoss Lodge.

The dining hall at the Falmouth Fairgrounds, with its screened-in porch and all new equipment, is now open daily, the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Breeze, announced.

Serving dinners, sandwiches at all hours, including breakfast, one can have delightful food on the new screened-in, cool porch.

The Falmouth Independent School District posted its financial statement or the school year ending June 30, 1951.

Receipts totaled \$43,917.90. More than half of that came from property taxes, \$25,712; followed by \$11,747.41 from state per capita receipts; \$4,733.70 from franchise corporations; \$665.91, poll tax; \$504.66, tuition; \$462.17, bank shares; and \$92.05, other sources.

The bulk of expenditures went for salaries--\$34,313.81. Salaries included \$3,500 for Superintendent L.H. Lutes. The standard teacher salary was \$1,917. Staff receiving more included Cecil Hellard, \$2,394; John L. Kring, \$2,142; Mrs. L.H. Lutes, \$2,052; Ida M. Waddell, \$1,962; and Mrs. Lawrence Colvin, \$1,944. Custodian Bernard Delaney was paid \$1,875.

100 Years Ago - August 20, 1926

The Pendleton County Board of Education met last Tuesday in regular session and the following schools in the county were supplied with teachers for the 1926-27 school year:

Hilldale, Mrs. Edna Carrier; Mount hope, J.E. Drake; Wood, Archie Ammerman; McKinneysburg, Hazel Mains; Roanoke, Myrtle Clemons; New Zion, Anna M. Cram; McMahan, Lucille Wallace; Licking Valley, N. Crotty.

All the schools in Pendleton County are now supplied with teachers for the coming term, which will begin on Monday, Sept. 6.

A new course, "physical science," has been added to the high school curriculum this year. To keep oneself healthy in all situations of our complicated society today requires a clear understanding of the normal activities of the human body.

Fortunately, educators are realizing the threefold development of heart, mind and body as necessary to make our future citizens of the most value to themselves and their community.

Sunday, August 15, will long be remembered by the 30 relatives who gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lancaster with well-filled baskets, which was a great treat at the noon hour.

LIFE IN THE COLE BIN

By Burton W. Cole

What came first, the chicken feathers or nails?



Playing tag in the cornfield with dirt clods had gotten boring. So boring that we even were willing to talk about school.

While my cousin Ollie tried to fix one of the corn stalks that we'd bent, he said, "That was a silly question the teacher asked today: 'If you stood on top of a tall building and dropped a sack of nails and a sack of feathers, both weighing one pound, which would land first?'"

"Yeah," I said. "They'd hit at the same time."

"No way. Feathers are lighter than nails. Unless the feathers are still attached to the chicken."

"You have one pound of nails and one pound of feathers."

"Feathers float. Especially if they're still attached to the chicken."

I looked for a fresh dirt clod that maybe could knock some sense into Ollie. "They're not. Just feathers. No birds. And the feathers are bagged up."

"Nails weigh a lot more."

"Listen!" I huffed. "Each sack weighs one pound. They're exactly the same."

"Feathers fly. Maybe not very well, if they're attached to the chicken. They're a lot different than nails."

"No chickens. Just a little bag of nails and a big bag of feathers."

"Tell you what, Burtie. Let's do one of those spearmint things."

"Experiment?"

"Yeah, that. Pop has a box of nails in the garage. I'll borrow Ma's meat scale and weigh out a pound."

I nodded. "And for the feathers?"

"Be right back." Ollie dashed into the house. A minute later, he zipped back out, a scale tucked under one arm and a pillowcase dangling for his other hand. "We'll put the feathers in this."

I looked around. "What feathers?"

"Race ya to the chicken coop."

I sprinted after him. "We can't pluck the chickens. They'll catch colds."

"And Pop would yell at us. But there are lots of loose feathers in the coop and scattered everywhere in the chicken yard."

Scooping up feathers while trying to avoid other gunk in the grass and dodging chickens and their sharp beaks is a lot harder than it sounds. "This is gonna take forever," I moaned, jamming another three feathers into the still-mostly empty pillowcase.

Ollie eyed the pillowcase. "I've got an idea."

"Uh-oh."

He zipped into the house and tiptoed back out, an old-looking pillow clutched to his chest. The pillow weighed two pounds. Ollie dug out his pocketknife and cut a slit in the pillow.

"We'll take out feathers until the pillow is one pound. Then you can sew it back up."

"Me? I don't know how to sew."

"How hard can it be if even girls

can do it?"

"I guess. My dad sews buttons back onto his own shirts. If my dad can do it..."

"Let's use duct tape. It'll be faster. Race ya to the barn."

We ran up the hayloft and swung open the door. A curl of dizziness swayed me. The gravel driveway looked like it was a long way down.

Ollie handed me the pillow. He held the box of nails. We were ready for the spearmint, er, experiment. "On three, we let go. One... two... THREE!"

A second later there was a simultaneous explosion of nails and feathers. We hadn't taken the time to duct tape either one.

The other thing that happened at that exact moment is that Uncle Rollie and Aunt Tillie walked out the back door. I remember there was a lot of yelling about nails in tractor tires and Grandma's antique pillows, but that part was a blur. And probably not something I'm allowed to repeat.

"Told ya." After picking up every last nail and feather, we had been grounded and sent to Ollie's room for a "month of Sundays," I think is what Aunt Tillie said. "The pound of nails and the pound of feathers hit at the same time."

"If only the pound of parents hadn't hit the back steps at the same time," Ollie muttered.

He looked up and shook his head. "The nails exploded first."

"You've got feathers for brains."

With the chicken still attached."

I needed a dirt clod.

"Spearmint" with Burt's tall tales at news@falmouthoutlook.com.

What day is it? - National Senior Citizen Day, Aug. 21

By Nila Harris



I'm to the point in my life that I am considered a senior citizen. How in the world did THAT happen?

Although my heart and mind tell me that I'm 39, my body says, "No way!"

With that in mind, resources and information about senior citizens are now appealing to me.

Aug. 21 is National Senior Citizen Day, a celebration to increase awareness of the issues affecting the older population. It's also a day to show our appreciation for the dedication, achievements, and services this generation has shown us.

We are fortunate to have the Pendleton County Senior Center in our community. This place, run by Kristy Sturgill and overseen by the Pendleton County Fiscal Court, allows seniors to gather for activities and games, but it's so much more.

Sturgill explained some of the services they provide, including special activities for National Senior Citizen Day:

ReputationPros

A promising dating profile may no longer be enough to secure a first date in Kentucky.

New research has found that single women in Kentucky want to see an average of four positive online signals before feeling reassured about meeting a man, suggesting that modern dating decisions are increasingly influenced by what appears beyond the dating app.

These signals can include anything from credible media coverage and professional recognition to a substantial online following or evidence that other respected people have engaged with his work.

For well over a decade, searching for someone online before a date has been a normal part of modern dating.

Singles might check Facebook, look through LinkedIn to confirm that someone has a job, or search their name to make

sure their identity and profile appear genuine.

In 2026, however, simply proving that someone is real may no longer be enough.

ReputationPros.com commissioned Cherry Data Signals to survey 3,003 single women about the online signals that make men appear more attractive, successful, trustworthy or dateable.

The survey screened for self-described "picky" daters, defined as women who said they had high standards when deciding who to date.

The findings suggest that a man's digital footprint may now be doing almost as much work as his dating profile.

Kentucky respondents were asked how many positive online signals they would want to find before feeling reassured about meeting a man.

The average response was 4.0.

When asked how many

those connections can happen," Sturgill said.

The center, 1111 Chipman St., Falmouth, is open 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. See the center calendar of events on the Pendleton County Senior Center Facebook page.

Another resource for seniors is Northern Kentucky Area Development District's aging and disability services.

This organization has resources for in-home service/case management, caregiver support, nutrition services, home-delivered meals and congregate meals, senior centers, legal services, help with Medicare open enrollment, and screenings for KY Medicaid waiver and state/federal in-home services.

Staff is available 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday to answer calls and provide direction to resources.

Call 859-692-2479 or visit nkadd.org, aging and disability services, for more information.

On Wednesday, Aug. 19, Northern Kentucky will hold its largest health

and senior expo at 7500 Turfway Road, Florence. This event runs from noon to 3 p.m. and provides health screenings, vaccine information, aging and wellness technology, real estate services and a variety of community programs.

Several restaurants/businesses provide discounts for seniors, some starting at age 55. Seniorcitizensdiscountlist.org has a comprehensive list of restaurants, discounts, stores and travel services such as hotels, rental cars, and airline discounts for seniors.

The US Postal Service helps seniors by delivering mail to your door for rural customers. You would need to fill out a form at the post office and get a mailbox for this service.

For altafiber customers, there are services available for hearing/speech-impaired customers. A telecommunications device or teletypewriter equipped on your telephone can enable a person to type and receive messages.

Contact altafiber at 513-565-4424 for more information.

Online signals Kentucky women want before dating

positive signals they would want to see: 4% said one; 16% said two to three; 42% said four to five; and 15% said more than five.

The results suggest that a single favorable search result may not be enough for many selective daters. Instead, women appear to look for a collection of signals that, taken together, make a man seem credible, established and safe to meet.

A professional profile might confirm that he has a real job, for example, while a media appearance, conference talk or credible following may provide additional reassurance that his achievements and identity extend beyond what he has written about himself.

More than two-thirds of the single women surveyed said they usually search for a man online before meeting him through a dating app.

It is a safety check, a credibility check and a general assessment of whether

the person's wider online presence matches the version presented on his dating profile.

That research can have a direct effect on whether the date happens.

More than four in 10 respondents said they had previously cancelled or avoided a date because of something they discovered about a man online.

That could include worrying search results, questionable social-media posts, inconsistencies between his dating profile and wider digital presence, or content that simply made him appear less trustworthy or attractive.

The findings show that a poor digital footprint is not merely an abstract reputational concern.

Having a strong digital presence may help, but having almost no searchable presence produced more mixed reactions.

Most respondents were either neutral about it or considered it reassuring.