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Back to School

By David Crane

It feels that school just seems to start earlier and earlier every passing year. I notice this not because it affects my 10 hour a day happy grind, but my wife is a Principal at McIntire School in the Fulton School District. This made me think of the different ways that I and my family have been touched by the school bug. We always say there has been a store keeper and a school teacher in the Crane family for generations, but teaching has also followed my wife's family as well. At times, the conversation during family gatherings consisted of wayyyy too much school talk. I remember as a kid sitting in the backseat with my Aunt Connie Tate as we pretended to "wind up" Grandma Bernice Crane and my mother, Marlene Crane as they talked over each other about the latest school gossip. Bill Crane would famously roll his eyes as school talk took over on Sunday lunch. But I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for all those teachers in my life. Let me reflect on who was in the education business (and I'm sure I am missing some).

My Grandmother Bernice Crane was a teacher at the one room school here in Williamsburg before she married and worked at the store. Great Uncle Joe Crane was a high school algebra teacher in Chico, CA. He famously said, while drinking the spring water from Mineola, that he felt he should go back and teach one more year at age 89. As he said, "Algebra is timeless". Great Aunt Dora Crane taught in Warrensburg. My dad's Aunt Mabel Cunningham was a famous taskmaster of a teacher in Montgomery County. Then of course my mother Marlene Crane taught art and then language arts in Kansas City, Auxvasse, and Williamsburg. My father taught Industrial Arts in Kansas City, and then long time principal in Hatton.

Then on my wife's side, her Grandfather Trask was a teacher and then superintendent in Iron County and in New Bloomfield. Her Grandmother Trask was the school secretary. Then Amy's mother was a long time 1st grade teacher in the Fulton Public Schools. Her mother's twin, Marilyn was a reader teacher in St. Louis. Marilyn's husband was a professor at University of Missouri - St. Louis. Amy's Uncle Kenny was a teacher in St. Louis. And there are other relatives on the Rankin side that I haven't gotten too.

Joe's Corner



White Eagles

Scattered around the museum inside and outside you'll see various white eagle statues. These are the symbols of White Eagle Gas founded in 1911. Early statues were made of cast iron and could be found outside the stations in the 1920s. Other examples were made of concrete. These days aluminum reproductions can be found for those looking for this iconic advertising display. White Eagle Gas was founded in Kansas City and eventually became Mobil Gas.

Smile! It's Good for You!

God created Children... and in the process Grandchildren

To those who have children in their lives - remember this – when our children are out of control.

After creating heaven and earth God created Adam and Eve.

The first thing God said was, don't!

Don't what, Adam replied.

Don't eat the forbidden fruit, God said.

What forbidden fruit? Hey Eve, do we have any forbidden fruit? No way! Yes way! Do not eat the forbidden fruit, God said. Why? Because I'm the Father and I said so.

A few days later God saw his children having an apple break. Didn't I tell you not to eat that fruit? Uh huh said Adam. Then why did you asked God?

I don't know said Eve. Adam replied, she started it! No he did... did not... did too... DID NOT! DID TOO! Needless to say, God was frustrated.

Soooo, what did God do? Well he gave them children of their own. He patterned them after Adam and Eve. This was etched in stone to this very day and will never change.

If you give your children advice and they don't take it don't be too hard on yourself.

If God had trouble raising kids what makes us think it's a piece of cake?

You spend the first two years teaching children to walk and talk. Then you spend the next 16 years telling them to shut up and sit down.

Children seldom misquote you. They usually repeat word for word everything you shouldn't have said.

The main purpose for throwing your kids a party is to remind you there are children worse than yours.

We childproof our homes. They still get in.

A bit of advice. Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.

If you have a lot of tension and get a headache do what it says on the aspirin bottle. Take 2 and keep away from children.

Recipe of the Month

Green Beans and Chicken Casserole

- 1 pkg of triscuits, crush and set aside.
- ¼ cup of crushed triscuits for topping
- 2 16 oz Cans French style green beans, drained
- 1 fryer chicken cooked and boned
- 3 oz can of mushroom pieces
- 1 8 oz can water chestnuts, sliced
- 2 10 oz cans cream of chicken soup
- ½ cup mayonnaise

Put crushed triscuits on the bottom of a 9x13 buttered casserole dish. Add green beans, chicken, mushroom pieces and water chestnuts. Heat soup and mayonnaise together and pour on top. Top with ¼ cup of triscuits.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes. Serves 6 to 8.

Mizzou Extension Program Calendar

Forage Systems Research Center Field Day 2018-September 11

Featured presentations: Winter feeding options to help cow-calf producers through drought induced feed shortages; Evaluation of forage nutritive values of common pasture weeds; Stretching winter stockpile resources; Managing timber resources during drought; Sunn hemp/tall fescue graduate research project; Economic impact of drought on livestock operations; Missouri drought and how all Missourians can participate in the drought assessment process.

Farm, Family & ME!-September 13-14

This fun and educational Summit has been designed and planned for women involved with agriculture. The two days will include a variety of breakout sessions, general sessions, welcome from Governor Mike Parson and Greg Peterson (of the Peterson Farm Brothers) and wife BrookeAnna and much more. Visit <http://extension.missouri.edu/audrain/ffm.aspx> for more information.

Missouri Farm Leases-September 17

Topics include: Current cash rent in Missouri and trends; Specific items to agree on in a lease; Livestock/crop share arrangements-Keep it fair; Terminating farm leases-What & How; Recreational (hunting) leases-Understanding items

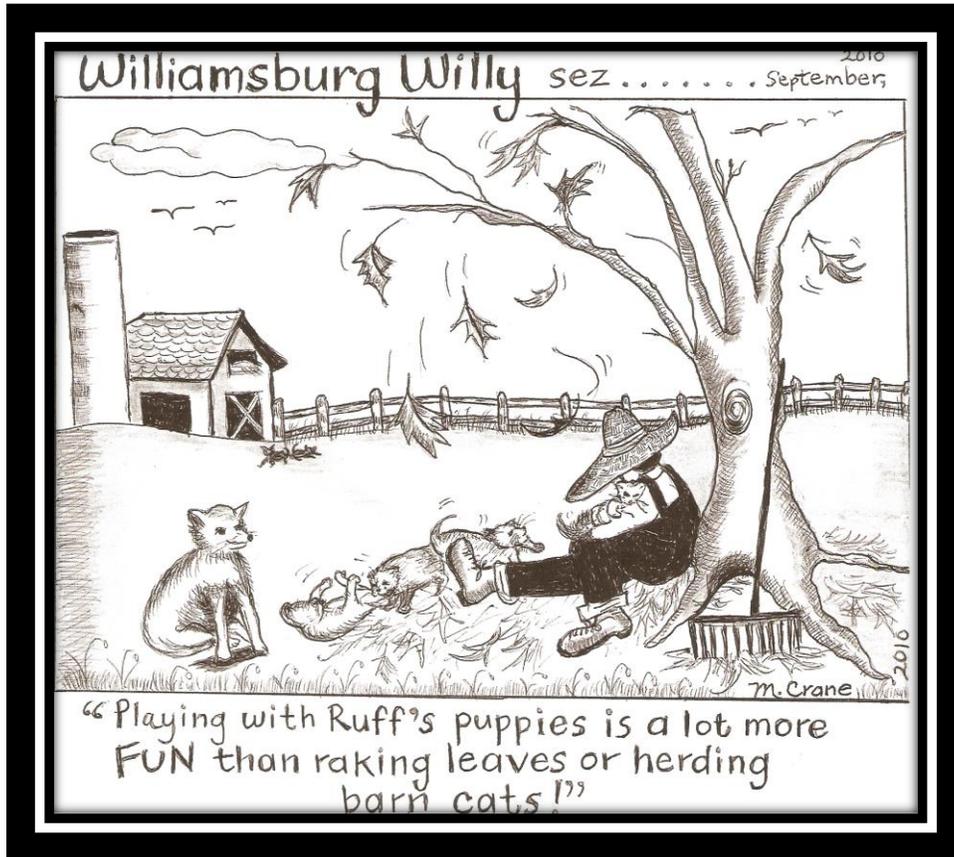
Beef Cattle Artificial Insemination School-October 12-13

Lincoln Farm in Jefferson City. Stay tuned for more details to come.

Pearls of Production-November 2-3

Pearls of Production is a hands-on educational program for women involved in livestock production. The program consists of a classroom setting and focused on key animal production topics presented by female industry leaders, issues related to females in agriculture, current issues in the livestock industry, farm safety, taking care of yourself, and being a leader in a man's world. The other portion of the program focuses on hands on training in areas, which are key to the Missouri economy. The objective is to provide a leadership and hands-on training opportunity for women involved in livestock production in Missouri.





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