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## DATES ON THE CALENDAR

“Well,....it’s on the calendar!”

Those are the words I hear when I’m brave enough to admit that I didn’t know about a school event, a kid’s doctor appointment, a ball game, or anything else my wife claims she has told me about.

When you read that first sentence, be sure to drag out the “well” and make it a bit icy, emphasize the word “on”, and don’t forget the exclamation point at the end of the sentence.

“Well,.... it’s ON the calendar!

You know me, I just calmly reply, “Yes dear, my mistake. I know you’re right. And I love you.”

No! I’m not that smart. Instead, I raise my voice and say, “Well, it’s NOT on MY calendar!”

And then it gets ugly.

There are a few dates on my calendar that you might actually want to put on yours too. Here is a list of some upcoming Extension Educational Events for you to consider.

- January 26 — Coffee Shop Agronomy @ Nelson’s Landing in Leonardville, 10:30 a.m. The topic for the day is Cover Crop Impact on Subsequent Crop Yields, with DeAnn Presley presenting.
- January 26 — Coffee Shop Horticulture @ Nelson’s Landing, 10:30 a.m. Gregg

Eyestone will present a program titled “Totally Tomatoes”.

- January 30 — Riley County Livestock Association Annual Meeting @ Pottorf Hall in Manhattan. \$15 for a great steak dinner. The program will be about NBAF, the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility, and will be presented by Ron Trewyn.
- January 31 — Women Involved in Agriculture, 12:30-5:30 p.m. in Marysville. This is a series of six meetings, held each week. We have hosted this series in the Manhattan area the last six years. This year we’ll try Marysville. \$75 fee, lunches included. Register online at [www.marshall.ksu.edu](http://www.marshall.ksu.edu) by January 25.
- February 9 — Coffee Shop Agronomy @ Nelson’s Landing. Starts at 10:30 a.m. and adjourns at noon. The topic is Crop Rotations/Sequencing – why certain crops should or shouldn’t follow another crop. Kraig Roozeboom is the speaker.
- February 15 — Winter Ranch Management @ McCormick Elementary School in Olsburg. Bob Weaber, AJ Tarpoff, Dale Blasi and Jaymelynn Farney are on the program. \$10 registration includes supper. Reservations are needed by February 7 and can be made online at [www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu](http://www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu).

That’s enough dates for today. Now, if you want to have some fun, do what I do. Pick a couple of things you want to attend and write them on your spouse’s calendar. Then, tell him or her about it at a time when you’re sure they aren’t listening.

About a week later, bring it up and ask if they are still planning to go with you. When they act like they don’t know anything about it, then you say, “I told you about that last week. It’s ON your calendar!”

Yeah, I’m still married. Happily too,....most of the time....when I don’t do stupid stuff

like I just suggested.

If you have questions about any of these events, you can reach me at the Riley County Extension Office at 785/537-6350. Or, you can send e-mail to [gmcclure@ksu.edu](mailto:gmcclure@ksu.edu).

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