

In This Corner

“The Road Less Traveled”

By Bob Robison, Pastor  
First Christian Church

Sometimes we make it too hard. Too complicated. We set the bar at a height that hardly anyone can achieve. We set norms and standards, and sometimes even make rules. “This is what it takes to walk with the Lord” or “This is how we can be acceptable in His sight.” And then we despair because we fall short of our own benchmarks. But it doesn’t really have to be so challenging.

The prophet Micah addresses that same question in the sixth chapter of his writings. Let me quote: “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression (horrors!),

the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:6-8). Some would be aghast! “You mean to say that’s all one has to do? Just do what’s right, be kind and be humble? You gotta be kidding me!”

No. Not kidding. If we could just do these things. But even that’s not as easy as we make it sound. In fact, to seek justice in everything, to response to all kinds of interactions with kindness, and to walk through life without thinking too highly of ourselves (pride!) is well-nigh impossible without the abiding presence of the Constant Companion that has been promised. The Holy Spirit. Only then ... and only with Him!

Of course, we certainly believe (and preach!) the

need for Him, His wisdom, strength and guidance, if we’re going to jump through all the hoops and over the hurdles others might put before us. And there’s usually nothing wrong with those other ‘requirements’. They could be for our good. They might make us study a little longer and try a little harder. They might help us make sense of things that sometimes seem to be beyond us. They could bring us into a closer relationship with the One Who loves us more than we can imagine. I’m not suggesting that we forego or abandon those other things.

But these characteristics that Micah mentions are the basics. This is the foundation upon which we build. These are the qualities we manifest (or fail to!!!) in our interactions with others. Do the right thing. Not just when it feels good. Or when someone is watching. But always. Justice matters. Be kind with

your words and your mannerisms. Kindness goes a long way in creating and building relationships, and in helping people deal with past hurts. And humility. The Apostle Paul puts it this way: “... count others better than yourself” (Philippians 2:3). That’s a 180 degree turn from the direction most of the world is traveling right now. But it is God’s way. And it must be our way if we’re really going to walk with Him.

People speak sometimes of the road less traveled. And granted, most of us would like to step away from the crush of the crowd. And just as true, there are those who aspire to a high and holy way that might be too demanding for some of us. But spiritually speaking, in the world we live in today, Micah’s way seems to be the road less traveled. But it can lead us into a close and meaningful relationship with the Almighty. Justice ... kindness ... and humility. Try it .....

Another Madison’s  
Old-Timer -  
Frank H. Parkhurst

By Marcie Harrison  
The Madison News

Some came to stay. Others weren’t here all that long. But all of them had a hand in the making of Madison. Descendants of some are still in the area, whereas others have disappeared and hardly left a trace as to who and what they were. Yet each of these had an impact, some in their own time; others for all time.

Parkhurst was one of those who, whether he planned it that way or not, was here but for a short time. Yet his impact lingered long after he left.

That’s Frank H. Parkhurst that we’re talking about. He seems to have been sent to Madison by the Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad in January 1880, to be the de-

pot agent, taking over that position from a man by the name of W. B. Biddle.

Though unheard on the streets of Madison anymore, the name ‘Parkhurst’ would have been well known in an earlier day. And this, actually, for several reasons. We know he was in Madison by the end of January 1880, sent by the Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad to the depot agent. In this position he followed the first agent, a man by the name of W. B. Biddle. Thus, if one traveled by train, or had freight brought into town by rail, he or she would probably have known, or at least met, Frank Parkhurst.

One would think being the depot agent would have been a fulltime job, but, somehow, Parkhurst was invested in other business endeavors.

CATTLE CHAT: EATING WHILE IN PAIN

K-State beef cattle experts study how the rate of feed consumption varies when cattle are injured

By Lisa Moser,  
K-State Research and  
extension news service

When seated at the dinner table, it is easy to detect who are the fast eaters in the group. But if those people are unwell, the desire to eat and the amount of food consumed can change.

While that is true for people, cattle also change their eating habits when they are uncomfortable, say the experts at Kansas State University’s Beef Cattle Institute.

Changes in eating habits when cattle are managing an injury was the topic of discussion on a recent Cattle Chat podcast. The experts spoke with guest doctoral graduate student and veterinarian Jordana Zimmermann, who is conducting a trial focused on how fast cattle eat when they are in pain.

“Our preliminary data showed that some animals with a leg injury ate more



K-State researchers are studying the connection between pain and the pace at which cattle eat.

quickly when they were coping (with an injury). Once they were done coping, they reduced the velocity at which they ate,” Zimmermann said.

Zimmermann is compar-

ing current data to an earlier trial in which the eating habits of newly castrated steers were studied. In that study, some of the steers were given pain management medicine to help them cope with

the discomfort following the procedure.

“What is different about this study is that Dr. Zimmermann is measuring the rate at which the cattle ate over a period of time, and

that may have a correlation to the total feed consumption,” K-State veterinarian Brad White said.

Just as people eat at different rates, even within the injured group, Zimmermann

said the pace at which they ate ranged among the cattle.

“The speed at which they ate ranged from .7 ounces per minute to 63,” Zimmermann said.

Zimmermann hopes that once this research is validated, farmers can use this information to adapt their management to better support injured animals as they recover.

White agreed, adding: “When monitoring cattle health, it is good to have a plan, but it is also important to be able to easily modify your plan as needed.”

To hear the full discussion, listen to Cattle Chat on your preferred streaming platform.



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DEWITT APPEARS IN COURT ON RAPE CHARGE

By Jessie Wagoner  
The Madison News

Nathaniel Stephen DeWitt, of Madison, appeared in the 15th Judicial District Court in Eureka for a Preliminary

Hearing on June 6. DeWitt has been charged with one count of Rape and one count of Aggravated Sexual Battery related to an incident in mid April.

DeWitt posted a \$150,000 bond on May 1 and agreed

to all conditions of the bond, including no contact with any victim or witness in the case.

Following the hearing on the June 6, DeWitt was ordered to appear in court for

his next hearing on Aug. 1 at 1:30 p.m.

Hartsel Storrer's family would like to thank all of you that remembered us with all the comforting words and many, many acts of kindness. It is greatly appreciated.

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