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Land

By Taylor Emerson

A family-owned ranch and farm outside Corinne, Utah, buffers two distinct geographies, creating both challenges and opportunities for managing the land. JY Ferry & Son, Inc. have proven adept at navigating both.





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Collision Course: Birds and the Built Environment

By Jeff Hunter '96

More than 350 million birds die in the United States each year due to collisions with buildings.

Utah State University researchers are trying to mitigate the risk of deadly collisions on USU campuses.



Photo by Levi Sim.

The Evolution of Big Blue

By Jeff Hunter '96

If the genesis of Utah State's beloved mascot was shared like a comic-book origin story, that tale would encompass four years and three very pivotal individuals.



Restoring Degraded Rivers, One Pest at a Time

By Kristen Munson

The desert rivers of southern Utah have been diminished over the last century, decimating fish populations that depend on them to survive. **A furry rodent may help degraded riverways thrive.**



Photo by Levi Sim.

Let's Ride! By Jeff Hunter '96

USU's rodeo teams put in long hours, suffer battered bones, and love every minute of it.

What Animals Can Teach Us By Ethan Brightbill

While many people think of their pets as part of the family, human-animal bonds are sometimes viewed as less meaningful than other relationships. Science, however, is beginning to paint a different picture.

Rewilding A Landscape By Kristen Munson

In the 1990s, a few ecologists suggested populating tracts of North America with Asian elephants and African lions. The idea, largely philosophical, changed thinking on what it means to restore habitat.

Running Like Jane

By Dennis Hinkamp

Like vintage cars, older runners are almost always in some stage of disrepair. For **Jane Kelly, Ph.D. '93,** there are the usual muscle and sinew pains, but she is also missing a couple parts under the hood.



Photo by Jim Shane.

Saving California Condors by Understanding Utah Hunters

By Lael Gilbert

California condors have plenty of challenges working against their survival, from predators to electrocution. One group that may help them back from the brink of extinction? Utah Hunters.

Licking Her Wounds

By Kristen Munson

Sunni Brown Wilkinson's poetry collection *The Ache and The Wing* was born from loss. Wilkinson '01 found her way back with words.

Field Notes: A Consummate Pest

By Kristen Munson

A coyote brain is about the size and shape of a small avocado. The wild canid's brain may offer clues about the neuroscience of social bonds.



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Dissected: Animal Crossings

By Kristen Munson

States from California to Florida

are investing millions to build wildlife crossings that connect habitat. Here's how some of the most common crossing types work.

Campus Scene: From the Ground on Up

By Kristen Munson

A small dirt arena. A dozen head of horses. A few acres of pasture. The horse management program at USU Blanding is building from the ground up.

DIY Life: Learning to Live with Wildlife

By Julene Reese '88

The unprecedented drought of this past year has had both short-term and far-reaching effects, and created a perfect storm for increased human-wildlife conflicts. Tips for living responsibly with wildlife.

A Note from Noelle: Planning for a More Stable Future

USU's new Janet Quinney Lawson Institute for Land, Water, and Air

will connect policymakers and the public with vital findings that address issues important to Utahns, their livelihoods, and their shared natural resources.



Photo by Edward Harimoto.

We asked, you answered with your tastiest recipes for the season.

- Better Baked Beans
- Apple Surplus Fritter
- Kid-Friendly Sloppy Joes
- Improving Your Chili Game
- A Winning Combination: Sweet and Meat



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