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Packing and Travel Might Be Overrated

At the end of May, we attended our oldest niece's graduation from high school back East. Since we were going, we decided to make the most of it. Two years ago at Christmas, my generous crew had given us a gift certificate to the Creation Museum, located close to Cincinnati in Kentucky. We had also been hearing about a life size replica of Noah's Ark that sounded intriguing to visit. Our church had a conference going on in the general area as well, so it became a three for one deal.

On Wednesday morning, I harassed everyone out of bed bright and early and off we went to the airport. Thank goodness for TSA as they discovered the extremely dangerous substance of water and Elmer's glue in my daughter's backpack. I went out of security to the restroom to dump the water, donated the glue to the TSA's recreation time, and then went back through security. Thankfully, that ended up being the only real excitement for the day other than the joy of handling more baggage than would fit in a typical New York City apartment.

Thursday, we met some friends from Ohio at the Ark which was about a half hour from our hotel. If you get a chance to go, we (the whole family) would recommend taking a day and touring it. The scale of it and construction was amazing! They put a lot of thought into how eight people could have taken care of all those animals. Of course, no one knows for sure, but it was interesting to think about and let your imagination run with what it would have been like to spend a little over a year in that structure. Even if you don't agree with the possibility of an Ark or believe in creation, I think you would enjoy seeing it. Friday, we toured The Creation Museum which, as you might guess, is a museum based around interpreting science from a creation point of view. That was interesting as well. I highly recommend seeing the planetarium show if you go.

That afternoon, we packed up and headed to Indiana to Marla's parents' house, about a three-hour drive away. We had dinner with the family and stayed there for the next



Paige stands in front of the Ark. Oddly enough, it was pouring down rain the day we visited, adding some realistic ambiance!

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Danz's Vacation With Potatoes

"I'll get that money back," Edwin (Ed) Danz said as he paid the phone company \$700 for them to install a line down his road for phone service to his house. Later, Ed did get his money back and some extra. When the phone company wanted to extend the line past their house, Ed dug the trench for the underground line and sent them a bill.

Edwin and Jane Danz moved to Washington in 1957 after much perseverance. "Every year, Ed and I would apply for a piece of farm land in Washington and every year they'd say, 'Sorry, your number wasn't drawn,'" recalls Jane. So, they waited. Eventually, after six years, their number was drawn. The family bought a new car and drove out from

Illinois, picked a farm unit, drove home and put their Illinois farm up for sale. In June, Ed and a potential buyer negotiated a deal in the middle of their field and the next month the family headed west to Washington. "I can remember thinking we'd live in a motel for a while once we got to Washington and could build some sort of a house on our farm land. However, when we pulled into the Mesa hardware store, Petra, the owner, said she had a place we could rent until our house, a daylight basement, was complete. What a blessing that was."



It was such a pleasure talking with Jane Danz who shared many years of history.

The first winter was very mild allowing Ed to work continuously installing irrigation and leveling ground. The first thing they planted was wheat and pinto beans. "The crop was a disaster. My husband was very disgusted,"

remembers Jane. "Many of the farmers didn't stay. Our spring wheat was just in bloom when suddenly it turned really, really hot. The heat just killed the bloom and it never made a seed. The pinto beans didn't do good either." Due to the poor harvests that year, Ed took a job and operated heavy machinery through the winter to earn some money.

One year, the potato crop was horrible for many farmers. The selling price was so low that some of the farmers didn't even harvest their potatoes. However, the Danz's got creative and used these spuds for fun! "Our friend's parents had rented a huge house at Long Beach that summer and they invited four local families to come for a visit," tells Jane. "None of the families had any money but together we got to thinking about all these potatoes laying in different farmers' fields. The men talked to the farmers and asked, 'If we pick up the potatoes out of your field, can we have them?' The farmers agreed, so we dug them spuds ourselves." (In that day, the farmers would plow the potatoes up and then people would take gunny sacks out and pick up the potatoes by hand.) "Our families, kids and adults both, got out in the fields and harvested potatoes. Then we hauled them to the coast and sold potatoes to pay for the cost of our trip. We sold to anyone and everyone. The kids went around house to house selling them. The fellows went to restaurants and even showed them how to make French fries out of potatoes. The fellows wanted to go deep sea fishing, but didn't have the money so they bargained with the captain of the boat to give him potatoes in exchange for a fishing trip. Ed caught a big 36-inch salmon. It was a trip we will always remember."

The family had lived in their daylight basement for six years when the roof started leaking. "My husband didn't believe in borrowing money for anything except the farm so we waited until we had the money,"

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This finished site first required installing a new concrete turnout in the canal, crossing the road to feed the pump and finally laying about two miles of pipe that connected an existing mainline and two circles. This picture might have a thousand words, but it isn't enough!

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two nights. On Saturday morning, we attended our niece's graduation. I couldn't help but feel a bit old when I can still clearly remember visiting her parents in the hospital right after she was born, and holding her as a tiny baby. It was the first graduation I had been to where one of the teachers or administrators spoke about each of the fifty graduates. It was unique, special and after an hour and fifteen minutes, a bit tedious.

Sunday morning found us packing the car again and heading back to Ohio. The next two nights we enjoyed staying at Marla's Uncle & Aunt's house over the Conference. Tuesday, we checked back in to the hotel near the airport and Wednesday we flew home, arriving by noon our time. As we walked in the door, the kids couldn't quit saying how glad they were to be home. As for Marla and I, let's just say we decided that packing and traveling is a bit overrated! But how can you remember how great home is if you never leave?

June - "Woohoo, school's out!"

July - "Where did half of my summer go?"

August - "I don't want to go back to school..."



Three decks with tons of people and still room for more. There were cages equipped with feeders and watering systems along with wax animals and fun times!



I stand at the door and knock! The Wray family paused at the Ark doors for a photo.



The talking Noah was a big hit with the kids! He would answer the questions that you typed in for him.

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Have You...

- Brushed your teeth
- Brushed your hair
- Dressed for the day
- Made your bed
- 20 minutes of reading
- 20 minutes of writing, coloring, or drawing
- 30 minutes of outside play
- Made/built something

Things to Do or Google

THERE'S NOTHING TO DO

Paper plate games

krokotak.com

kidsbowlfree.com

VBS (Vacation Bible School)

June 26-30, 9 AM - 12 noon - [facebook.com/Firstbaptistpasco/](https://www.facebook.com/Firstbaptistpasco/)

LIGO tours - www.ligo.caltech.edu/WA/page/lho-public-tours

Home Depot's free kid's workshops - homedepot.com/workshops/

Bateman Island Bird Walk – (509) 943-2244.

McNary Wildlife Refuge Tours - (509) 543 – 8322

Sandy's Fabrics kids sewing camp – get a free sewing machine – sandysfabrics.com

Boredom Busters!

Swap With Friends

Don't feel like you have to entertain your children all by yourself all of the time. Enlist the help of your friends or the parents of your children's friends. Choose one day a week where you and your friends alternate providing activities for all the kids. You might choose to bake cookies together one week, one friend might have an art activity the second week, and another friend might plan a water day the third week. Depending on the number of parents you enlist, you can have several afternoons free to enjoy yourself.

I'm Bored

Fun At Night

Glow Stick Capture the Flag

Divide the kids into two groups and give each group a glow stick. Next, divide your yard into two halves. Then in place of a flag, each team should hide their glow stick on their side of the yard so that only half of it is showing. Let them follow the remaining rules of the traditional Capture the Flag game.

Team Scare Competition

Divide the kids into two groups. Give each player five buttons or other markers. Tell them to scatter and hide. When you give the signal, they will sneak around as a team or individuals to scare players of the other team. Each time someone is startled, they need to hand over one of their buttons. After a pre-determined time, count up the buttons on each team and the one with the most buttons wins.

Night Time Reflector Hunt

Think of an Easter egg hunt but way more fun! Buy some cheap reflectors and glue them to index cards with a whole punched in them. Hang them up or hide them outside in various places. Separate the players into teams and let them go searching for them. Whoever finds the most, wins!

YouTube.com - Learn and Create

Make this summer a survival challenge. Every week, give your child or children a week to perfect a new survival challenge. Have them watch YouTube videos and research websites to learn how to master the following list. Not only will it be a fun challenge for them, but it is a great life lesson to learn.

- Cook a meal over an open fire (hobo bags or cast iron).
- Open a can of food without a can opener.
- How to use a compass – Plan a treasure hunt as a reward.
- How to read the sky for directions, time and approaching bad weather.
- How to sew - mend clothing, make a kite, or sew on a button.
- How to splint an arm or leg using branches and old shirts.
- Make a sundial clock.
- How to collect water - plan this when rain is predicted then have a water fight with the water that is collected. The one with the best system has the most ammo. :-)

THIS IS SO BORING

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remembers Jane. "I went away with a friend for a bit and told her, 'My roof is leaking everywhere except my bedroom.' When I got home, it was leaking in my bedroom on my side of the bed!" The family decided it was time and hired a contractor to frame up the house on the basement foundation. With a promising harvest check, the contractor finished it all inside and out. The neighbors threw a surprise house warming party. "There was so many people in our house at that party. It was so fun."

Through the years, both Ed and Jane were instrumental in establishing and maintaining medical and fire needs in the Basin area. Jane worked as a nurse at the Othello Hospital for ten years during the extreme nurse shortage. At one point, the hospital felt it might need to close if they couldn't get more nurses. Ed worked tirelessly with the County to return tax money that they had collected to the Basin City community to build the fire station and establish fire coverage. There was enough money and the community wanted a community building. They labeled the additional large room as a fireman training facility and then used it to house trainees as well as many other community events through the years.

Surviving the early years was not easy. Jane tells, "I remember one potluck we went to and everybody brought beans fixed in a variety of ways. Some of our friends lived in a two-bedroom army tent. They'd laugh about the fact that they had 'running water'. It was just a big 30-gallon tank outside the tent with a pipe that came into the tent but they made the best of what they had. It was rough in those days but our friends made it so much more enjoyable." After retiring from farming, Edwin and Jane moved to the Oregon coast for a while before Jane moved back to the Tri-Cities in the early 2000's. "I loved it on the coast but I really think it is paradise here."



Apparently, we are in the wildlife conservation business, saving one gopher at a time! Or someone had too much time on their hands?

The only trip you will ever regret is the one you didn't take.



I can do it, I can do it! Our small loader has a "can do" attitude. It has no idea it's the smallest in the fleet. Matt loads out some extra dirt from a soon-to-be new parking lot.



Some of our larger equipment working on a new reservoir that will be owned by the KID and will supply a new vineyard outside of West Richland.

Strawberry Shortcake

Crumb mixture:

- 2 cups flour
- 4 tsp baking powder
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 1/2 cup shortening

Cut the above ingredients together to make crumbs, then stir in:

- 2/3 cup milk
- 1 beaten egg

Spread the mixture in an 8x8-inch pan. Set aside. Mix together the following to make crumbs.

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup flour
- 3 Tbsp butter

Sprinkle topping over mixture in the 8x8-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes. Serve with fresh fruit and whipped cream.



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Eric's Umpiring Moment

At an 8-year old baseball game, I'm standing beside a gentleman who is heckling the young umpire over his ball and strike calls. After the second kid gets out, he turns to me and says, "That was my grandson who just got called out on that third strike." Then he said, "Who are you? Are you from the other team?" I replied, "No, I'm the umpire's mom." We both enjoyed a laugh. However, I think I enjoyed it more than he did.



The beginnings of the new walking path. See picture on right for the almost finished product.



Putting the final touches on a new asphalt bike/walking path in Richland. Our thanks to the City of Richland for letting us partner with them on this project.

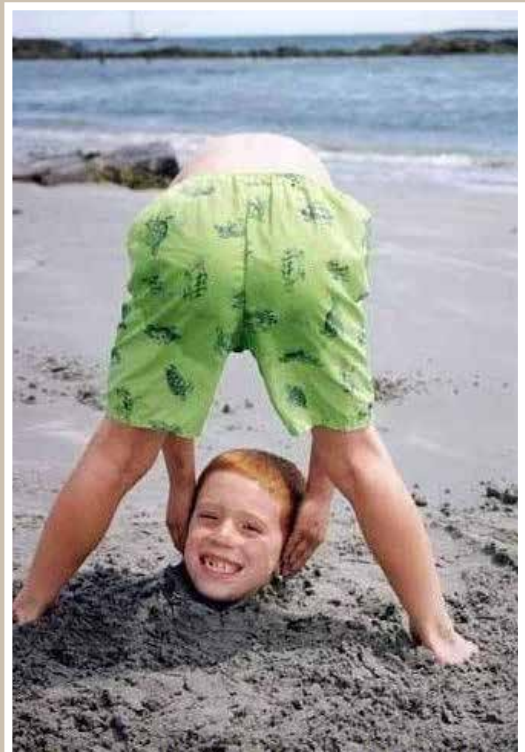
Riddle Fun

1. A man leaves home, makes a left turn, makes another left, then another left turn and goes home again. When he gets home there are two men wearing masks waiting for him. Who are they?
2. If you have it, you want to share it. If you share it, you don't have it. What is it?
3. If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?
4. I travel all over the world, but always stay in my corner. What am I?
5. A truck driver is going opposite of traffic on a one-way street. A police officer sees him but doesn't stop him. Why didn't the officer stop him?
6. Something different to show every week, but I'm still in the same place. If you're eating, it's probably butter that you taste. What am I?
7. How do you make the number one disappear by adding to it?
8. There is an ancient invention still used in some parts of the world today that allows people to see through walls. What is it?
9. A thief enters a shop and threatens the clerk, forcing him to open the safe. The clerk says, "The code for the safe is different every day, and if you hurt me you'll never get the code." But the thief manages to guess the code on his own. How did he do it?
10. What asks but never answers?
11. You are my brother, but I am not your brother. Who am I?
12. I'm very easy to get into, but it is hard to get out of me. What am I?
13. How many seconds are there in a year?
14. Which side of the cat has the most fur?
15. It turns into a different story. What is it?
16. A man shaves several times a day, and yet he still has a beard. Who is this man?

Answers: 1. The catcher and the umpire; 2. A secret; 3. One, they are now one big stack; 4. A stamp; 5. He was walking; 6. A movie theater; 7. Add the letter 'G' and it's 'Gone'; 8. A window; 9. The code is 'different'; 10. An owl; 11. Your sister; 12. Trouble; 13. Only 12, January 2nd, February 2nd, etc; 14. The outside; 15. A spiral staircase; 16. A barber.



Gone, but not forgotten! The newest dump truck in the Anchor Hauling fleet is driven mostly by Elvin, who requested "In memory of Aaron" on the door.



Get out. Have fun. Send your staged photo to news@candetrenching.com. P.S. It would be even better if our newsletter was in the picture.

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Photo Contest

**The Latest Dirt went to...
...Ritzville then Idaho!**



You probably recognize Josie Albin (right). Josie worked for the Adams County Auditors office at the Othello branch. Josie and family, Victoria, Isaac and Jeff (l-r), took us along on their visit to the Ritzville main office and Cabelas.

Send Us Your Picture

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