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Thoughts to Ponder While Being Thankful!

Recently I had the privilege of attending a conference where I heard several interesting speakers. One was Amanda Lindhout whose story equal parts depressed and inspired me, an effect that I believe was felt across the crowd. A friend there with me commented that he wasn't sure how to process that, which summed it up for me as well. In fact, the final speaker who was to follow Amanda, and who was the sponsor and host of the conference, came on stage and, in tears said, "I just can't talk right now. Goodbye, my friends. You are dismissed." It was a very moving experience. Her book is called "A House in the Sky" if you wish to read her story. A movie is in the making as well. What inspired me was her focus on thankfulness, her goal of finding one thing to be truly grateful for each day no matter how small. Some days, in the midst of my very comfortable life with every physical need met, every spiritual need available to be met, and abundance and safety on every side, I forget to be thankful. It seems like every year over the thanksgiving season, I resolve to be more thankful and it works for a while. Which is why I'm extremely grateful to live in a country that sets aside one day each year to be thankful, to remind me to be thankful the whole year.



Now is a GREAT time to schedule your pond clean out! When you schedule work with us, claim your scrumptious home-baked cinnamon roll tea ring today! We will deliver one of these when we complete any service for you between now and January 31, 2017. (See details on page 3.)

Another speaker at the same conference and the one that really motivated me to grab a plane at the last minute and head south, was Greg Brenneman. Greg is known for being a large part of the turnaround of Continental Airlines in 1993, of Burger King later on and other companies as well. But more interesting to me personally was that Greg was born in Kansas and raised in a church with a similar background as mine. (As a side note, many of you know or know of Scotty and Tiffany Smiley. Greg happened to mention on stage that he and his wife had spent some time with them at his home in Colorado... small world.) If you are interested in hearing more about his life and lessons learned along the way, I highly recommend his book "Right Away and All at Once" as an easy and enjoyable read. While I went to hear him speak hoping to pick up some tips to help in business, I was most

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Clark Electric Carries On

When I tell you that your local electrician has a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Economics and speaks Russian, I'm guessing you will be a bit surprised. But once you know Jeff Clark, the third generation of Clark Electric, you will soon see that he is just a down to earth type of guy who loves his family and this area.



Jeff Clark keeps the power on to many farm pumps and circle pivots.

Jeff's grandfather, John Clark, is the reason Jeff is here running Clark Electric. After serving in the military, John lived in Seattle and dabbled in many business ventures. It was around that time that John became eligible to be entered into the lottery system in hopes of securing a piece of farm ground in the dust bowl of the Columbia Basin and downwind from Hanford. John's friends were no doubt puzzled as to why a successful Seattle businessman would move his wife and two boys across the state to farm in sand, live in a tent and bathe in a pond. But when John's number came up, he quickly loaded up his family and headed off for a life of adventure. John settled his family in a large tent near Ironwood Road and began farming the land that is now Juanita Heinen's place. In fact, in our July 2010 newsletter, we wrote about the Heinen's history. The Heinen's purchased the land that John Clark originally farmed. Many of you will recall the exact location when I mention 'Clark's Pond' that is located on John's farm.

Upon arriving in the Columbia Basin, John began leveling land, establishing rill irrigation and attempting to farm with what was available. As he conquered the virgin land, he drew upon every ounce of his past knowledge of owning a restaurant, operating a painting business, servicing pinball machines, and many other entrepreneurship endeavors in order to feed his family.

"Grandpa was never afraid of adventure," comments Jeff. "Installing pressurized irrigation throughout the Columbia Basin was an adventure that kept him busy for the rest of his career." John's farm was one of the first farms in the Columbia Basin to have pressurized irrigation. One can only imagine the gawking as first one pickup truck, then another, would slow down and stare in excitement at the sprinkler irrigation that would soon be available to many farms as the result of pressurized irrigation.

Soon John Clark was installing pumps for many farmers throughout Eastern Washington and Oregon. "I still service some of the same systems that my Grandfather helped establish. It is a neat reminder of the great man he was when I open a panel and see his writing on the paperwork or hear an "old-timer" relay the honest and hardworking traits my grandfather possessed.

Like with every pioneer family, hardships were around every corner. The family lost all of their possessions when their tent burned down. In the 70's, Jeff's dad, Gerald, suffered extensive electrical burns but was able to return to work after a year of recovery. In the 80's, Jeff's Uncle Larry died from an electrical burn. Though times were tough, the family persevered and continued serving the farmers throughout the Columbia *Continued on page 5*



Here's a picture of the "new" Eric, tying down a new broom for our new skid steer. (Sorry, got a bit carried away with all the "new's".) Unfortunately for us, the "old" Eric took a job with my Dad in his tree nursery.

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struck by his talk on personal turnarounds. He mentioned focusing on eulogy virtues versus resume virtues, about how easy it is to be successful in business or career and miss out on the more important relationships with your wife, children, family, and friends.

Greg's talk was quite touching as I had just attended a memorial service for a young man that was part of our church congregation who died suddenly. It hit me again as I was flying home when word came of another young man from our area who was killed in a random act of violence while driving home from an evening church service. While attending that young man's memorial service, I spoke with an older man who seemed to be the picture of health. On Monday, we received word that he had died suddenly. So all that to say, eulogies are fresh on my mind and I think that is a positive thing for us and probably why Ecclesiastes 7:2 says "Better to spend your time at funerals than at parties. After all, everyone dies--so the living should take this to heart." Life is short, even if you live to be 100.

Finally, I want to personally wish you a very enjoyable Thanksgiving, hopefully one in which you can make memories with your spouse, your family, and your friends and that is full of thankfulness, hope and fun!



Jack & Nick working on installing a 12' wide by 30' deep concrete wet well for a sewer lift station in the King City area.

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*What did the hen tell the naughty chicks?
If your father could see you now he would
turn in his gravy.*

The checkout clerk at the supermarket was unusually cheerful even though it was near closing time. "You must have picked up a ton of groceries today," a customer said to the checker. "How can you stay so pleasant?"

"We can all count our blessings," the clerk replied. "The hardest part of this job is the turkeys and the watermelons. I just thank God that Thanksgiving doesn't come in July."

Grandma was showing the children a painting of the Pilgrim family on a Thanksgiving Day card that they had received and she commented, 'The Pilgrim children enjoyed going to church with their mothers and fathers and praying to God.'

Her youngest grandson looked at her doubtfully and asked, 'Then why is their Dad carrying that rifle?'

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Welcome to C&E

We thrive on referrals.
Adan Suarez
Cassie Burton



Aaron, foreground, and Cwentin work on adjusting valve boxes for a water main. This picture is an indication of the willing flexibility of the C&E team. Cwentin is a star operator who took on the foreman role for this project, while Aaron, our main guy in the shop, jumped on board, helping in the field to pull this project off!

When a Butterball Talk-Line staffer asked a caller what state her turkey was in (meaning how thawed was it) the caller responded with, "Florida".

A woman in her seventies, cooking Thanksgiving dinner for the first time, called Butterball for help because her mother said she was tired of cooking and it was time her daughter learned how to prepare the Thanksgiving meal.

A proud gentleman called to tell the Butterball staff how he wrapped his turkey in a towel and stomped on it several times, breaking the bones so it would fit in his pan.



Don't forget to set your scales back ten pounds this week

How many cooks does it take to stuff a turkey? Only one, but you REALLY have to squeeze to get him in.

Stop By, Say "Hi!"

Stop by the 43rd annual Hermiston Farm Fair and say "Hi" to the C&E crew. We'll be there beginning Wednesday, November 30, through Friday, December 2, 2016. The show will be held at a NEW LOCATION in the Eastern Oregon Trade & Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Rd, Hermiston. There will be farm related displays inside and outside the event center. Come learn at the agriculture-related seminars offered all three days. Check out www.oregonstate.edu for more information. See you there!



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Basin who supported them.

And now it's Jeff's turn to carry on. Jeff returned to Tri-Cities with the intent of helping out his Dad with the business administration side of Clark Electric. However, it soon became obvious that he needed to become a licensed electrician and get his hands "dirty" in order for Clark Electric to be successful. Jeff jumped in full-time, obtained his license and applied his business degree to the intricate workings of Clark Electric. After many years of successfully leading Clark Electric, Gerald retired, leaving the business in Jeff's capable hands. Jeff and his excellent employees work hard every day to live up to the reputation that Clark Electric has always maintained. "When you put your name on your business, you have to live up to it," Jeff states. "I get a lot of people telling me, 'I knew your grandpa...'" and that makes me want to work hard for him."

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I worked on a toll road, answering the phone, collecting money and issuing toll tickets. One Thanksgiving Day, a woman called to ask about road conditions on the turnpike. After I said everything was A-OKay, she told me a friend was coming for dinner. Then came the stumper. "If my friend just left from exit twelve," she asked, "what time should I put the turkey in?"



Nate is putting the final touches on this drain field prior to installing the rock. Below: Sal operates the skid steer in tight quarters under Nate's watchful eye!



Here the C&E team is helping Tesoro improve their existing containment. The existing was earthen with a clay core, while the new is HDPE. While this picture isn't super exciting, we enjoy helping make infrastructure safer!



Tis the season! This year we kicked off our tradeshow season with the Pacific Northwest AGIE show. Here are the winners!



Maygan & Hayley Heller



Don Rommereim



Kevin Hebert

33 Small Talk Starters

Headed to a holiday party this year? Take this list of facts to help keep the conversation going.

1. In 1889, the Queen of Italy, Margherita Savoy, ordered the first pizza delivery.
2. You can buy eel flavored ice cream in Japan.
3. It's considered rude to write in red ink in Portugal.
4. Although the bobcat is rarely seen, it is the most common wildcat in North America.
5. A cat's tail contains nearly 10 percent of all the bones in its body.
6. Gecko feet have millions of tiny hairs that stick to surfaces with a special chemical bond and let them climb walls and hang on by just one toe.
7. The Nile crocodile can hold its breath underwater for up to 2 hours while waiting for prey.
8. Jellyfish, or jellies as scientists call them, are not fish. They have no brain, no heart, and no bones.
9. The Chinese giant salamander can grow to be 6 feet (1.8 m) long, making it the largest salamander in the world.
10. Some people used to believe that kissing a donkey could relieve a toothache.
11. Scientists say that the best time to take a nap is between 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. because that's when a dip in body temperature makes us feel sleepy.
12. Hummingbirds' wings can beat 200 times a second.
13. A seahorse can move its eyes in opposite directions—all the better to scan the water for food and predators.
14. To cook an egg, a sidewalk needs to be 158°F.
15. A group of jellyfish is not a herd, or a school, or a flock; but a smack.
16. Less than 1 percent of Antarctica is ice-free.
17. The highest wave ever surfed was as tall as a 10-story building.
18. The Beagle Brigade, used in 21 international airports in the U.S., keeps a yearly average of 75,000 illegal items out of the country.
19. Some apples can weigh about as much as a half gallon of milk.
20. Corn is grown on every continent except Antarctica.
21. Unlike most fish, seahorses are covered in bony plates instead of scales.
22. You lose about 50 to 100 hairs a day.
23. The world's smallest fruit—a utricle—is the size of a small ant.
24. New Jersey has the highest concentration of shopping malls.
25. Komodo dragons can devour 5 pounds (2 kg) of meat in less than a minute. Any extra fat they eat is stored in their tails.
26. The quills on African porcupines are as long as 3 pencils.
27. Scientists believe that people who dream about an activity will actually get better at it in real life.
28. Depending on the speed of the wind, some clouds travel up to 100 miles per hour across the sky.
29. It takes a gallon and a half of milk (5.7 L) to make a gallon (3.8 L) of ice cream.
30. The TV remote is the dirtiest item in a typical household, hospital, or hotel room.
31. The Hercules beetle can grow big enough to cover an adult human hand.
32. The finest quality emeralds are more valuable than diamonds.
33. Hearing is the fastest human sense. A person can recognize a sound in as little as 0.05 seconds.

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ACROSS

2. Unto you, O God, do we give thanks, unto you do we give thanks: for that your name is near your wondrous _____ declare. Ps 75:1
6. Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His _____. Ps 30:4
8. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a _____ noise unto Him with psalms.
10. Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the _____ unto our God. Ps 147:7
12. Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His _____ endures forever. Ps 106:1
14. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be _____ unto Him, and bless His name. Ps 100:4
16. I will praise the name of God with a song, and will _____ Him with thanksgiving. Ps 69:30
17. O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name: make known His _____ among the people. Ps 105:1
21. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto your _____, O Most High. Ps 92:1
22. O give thanks unto the _____ of gods: for His mercy endures forever. Ps 136:2
23. O give thanks unto the God of _____: for His mercy endures forever. Ps 136:26
24. That I may publish with the _____ of thanksgiving, and tell of all your wondrous works. Ps 26:7
25. Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the _____ of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord. Ps 122:4
26. I will give thanks in the great _____: I will praise you among much people. Ps 35:18

DOWN

1. So we your _____ and sheep of your pasture will give you thanks for ever: we will show forth your praise to all generations. Ps 79:13
3. And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with _____. Ps 107:22
4. At _____ I will rise to give thanks unto you because of your righteous judgments. Ps 119:62
5. Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the _____, and sing praises unto your name. Ps 18:49
7. I will offer to you the _____ of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord. Ps 116:17
9. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; and give thanks at the _____ of His holiness. Ps 97:12
11. Offer unto God _____; and pay your vows unto the Most High. Ps 50:14
13. Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto your holy name, and to _____ in your praise. Ps 106:47
15. O give thanks to the _____ of lords: for His mercy endures forever. Ps 136:3
18. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy _____ forever. Ps 107:1
19. To the end that my glory may sing praises to you, and not be _____. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto you forever. Ps 30:12
20. Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto your name: the upright shall dwell in your _____. Ps 140:13
22. For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the _____ who shall give thee thanks? Ps 6:5



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Ben Carson on Powerball: "I already won the lottery. I was born in America and know the Lord."

Photo Contest

The Latest Dirt visits Ohio.



It's always nice to go home. Laura Brubaker and her husband Clyde visited Laura's parents in Ohio then headed on to Canada and enjoyed the annual family fishing trip. Thanks for taking us along!

Win Big!!

Get that camera out and snap some pictures, then send them to us. The catch? Every picture submitted must show a copy of our newsletter. So when on vacation, sitting around a cozy fire, jumping out of an airplane or pulling an Evil Knievel stunt, hold a copy of our newsletter and take a photo. Then send it in to us and you will be entered to win one of our custom C&E dump trucks loaded with C&E prizes. Send your picture to news@candetrenching.com.



Sorry, cute girl not included.

