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Unbelievable Excuses?

Of course no Simonson Employee would ever call in sick when they were really OK but just wanted a day away from work. However, believe it or not, there are some employees who do. Listed below are a few of the more unusual reasons offered by employees seeking a day off.

1. I tripped over my dog and was knocked unconscious.
2. My bus was held up by robbers.
3. My curling iron burned my hair & I had to go to the hairdresser.
4. I forgot where I parked my car and spent the day looking for it.
5. I was arrested as a result of mistaken identity.
6. I forgot to come back to work after lunch.
7. I couldn't find my shoes.
8. I set off the security alarm and waited all day for the police to come.
9. I took the detour, got lost, & kept trying to find my way back.
10. I was sprayed by a skunk.
11. A hitman was looking for me.
12. My cat unplugged the alarm clock.
13. I had to be at my husband's grand jury trial.
14. A tree fell on my car.
15. I forgot what day of the week it was.
16. I think someone slipped drugs in my drink last night.



Each Month a Different Simonson Employee is Featured

Spotlight on Kelli Dille



Kelli Dille

Kelli Dille works as an accountant in Simonson's corporate office. She has worked in this position since August. Previously, she was a "temp" at the St Cloud yard learning Joyce Kriesel's job in Accounts Receivable. Kelli says she likes working at Simonsons because "the vacation time is hard to beat and the other employees are so friendly & great to work with." Kelli has a daughter who will be turning 7 this month. Other members of the family include a Shetland sheepdog, a black cat and a Beta fish.

Kelli's favorite childhood memory is baking homemade bread with her grandmother. Yum! Las Vegas is her favorite vacation destination because her father lives there. If she had the opportunity, she would love to travel more. The best advice she ever received came from her mother who said to, "Treat others the way that you would want to be treated." When we asked Kelli if she had a pet peeve, she mentioned something that irritates many others as well. She said, "People who drive too slowly drive me crazy – no pun intended." Kelli thinks an invention that is needed is an instruction manual specific for each child. (Spoken like the mother of a 7 yr old.) If she could talk to anyone either living or dead, Kelli said she didn't know who she would ask, but she wonders, "Is the Hokey Pokey really what it's all about???"

Congratulations to Chris & Tracy Hendrickson on the birth of their 3rd little daughter, Rory, Feb 20th.



She weighed 6 lbs 13 oz & was 18" tall.

What word, written in capital letters, is the same forwards, backwards & upside down??

(Answer in "News from Yards" column)

Happy Birthday!

**Darrell Tucker 3/04, Tom Fanjoy 3/11,
Darren Sundgaard 3/11,
Rob Meininger 3/14,
Richard Bock 3/18, Seth Hewitt 3/19,
Randy Hadrath 3/20,
David Koglin 3/24,
Susan Reiller 3/27
& Ann Harren 2/29**



Celebrating a Simonson Anniversary

Larry Goenner 1 yr, Randy Hadrath 1 yr,
Lori Vance 1 yr, Steven Weiser 1 yr,
Ricky Haus 2 yrs, Melissa Murphy 2 yrs,
Brandon VanDriel 2 yrs, Brandon Hutt 2 yrs,
David Fanslow 3yrs, Kim Wieneke 3 yrs,
Roxanne Jergens 4 yrs, Wayne Holbeck 4 yrs,
Cory Guck 5 yrs, Steve Schmitz 6 yrs,
Janice Saatzer 8 yrs, Betsy Rakotz 9 yrs,
Scott Kneeland 9 yrs, Jon Wilson 11 yrs,
Gary Statz 12 yrs, Wayne Hartwig 13 yrs,
Leon Zierden 20 yrs,
Mark Klaverkamp 28 yrs,
And Carolyn Tufte 31 yrs.

News from the Yards

Several of our Simonson employees took a tour of the Marvin Windows facility & visited the new visitor center. They learned a lot and really enjoyed the experience. A couple of employees from the St Cloud Yard went to Packaging for Paslode training.

Our employees have exceptional kids. Connor Knettel (a 1st grader and son of Brian, Brainerd's Manager) took 1st place for his grade in the Nisswa Elementary basketball shoot contest. Scott Carnahan (son of coach Glenn, Simonson Controller) and his team of 5th & 6th graders took 1st place in their division during the PAA School Basketball season & finished undefeated for the year. Ronnie Wilkins (son of Denise, Brainerd's bookkeeper) proudly made the 7th grade honor roll again this quarter. Way to go, Kids!!!

Brainerd's Pete & Lynn Lowe spent a wonderful week in Freeport, Bahamas, visiting their children who are working on the set of the movie "Pirates of the Caribbean Parts 2 & 3." Other vacationers included St Cloud's Don & Cindy Lewandowski who took a week long cruise and Greg Voss & family who spent a week in Mexico.

The St Cloud Yard said goodbye to Melissa Gram's this month. She will be staying at home and raising her young son, Mason. She worked at Simonson Lumber for 19 years and will be missed.

Answer to Riddle: NOON



Hungry? Here's some food for thought: Fast Food Calories – or - Healthy Food Choices

The calories in 1 of your favorite fast food items equal the number of servings for the healthier choice.

	Medium Apples	1 cup raw Broccoli	12 Baby Carrots	Bananas	Hard Boiled Eggs
Arby's Giant Roast Beef	6	22	10	4	5
BK Whopper w/Cheese	11	40	19	7	10
KFC Chicken Strip Meal	10	38	18	7	9
Big N Tasty	7	27	12	5	6
Taco Supreme	3	13	6	2	3
Nacho Supreme	6	22	10	4	5
7 Layer Burrito	7	26	12	5	6

If you are watching your caloric intake and want to make sure you are getting the vitamins & minerals your body needs to stay healthy and live long, maybe it's time to limit or even skip the fast food!