

## Questions of Life

- *Why do you need a driver's license to buy liquor when you can't drink & drive?*
- *Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?*
- *Why are there Interstates in Hawaii?*
- *Why do they put Braille dots on the drive-up ATM?*
- *Do you need a silencer if you are going to shoot a mime?*
- *Isn't it cruel to put an "s" in the middle of the word "lisp"?*
- *If a cow laughs, does milk come out of its nose?*
- *If nothing ever sticks to Teflon, how do they make Teflon stick to the pan?*
- *If you are driving at the speed of light & turn on your lights, what happens?*
- *Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?*
- *Why is it that when you transport something by car it's called shipment, and when you transport something by ship it's called cargo?*
- *Why are they called "apart-ments" when they are all stuck together?*
- *Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?*
- *Why is brassiere singular and panties plural?*
- *If bees live in an "apiary", do apes live in a "beeary"?*
- *You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes, why can't they make the whole plane out of the same substance?*
- *If "con" is the opposite of "pro", is Congress the opposite of progress?*
- *If a tree falls in the forest and no one is around to see it, do the other trees make fun of it? How do you know? You weren't there either.*

Each Month A Different Simonson Employee Is Featured

## Spotlight on Matt Skjonsby



**Matt Skjonsby**

Matt Skjonsby works as a Buyer in the St Cloud Distribution Center of Simonson Lumber. He has been there since November of 2004. He says he likes the way Simonsons is so family oriented and allows him to balance work and family. Matt is married to Rhonda who works at The St Cloud Christian School. They have 4 children, Cory (20), Jonathan (14), Sarah (12) and Bryan (9). In his leisure time, Matt enjoys playing softball, all sports, & spending relaxing weekends on the water at the lake.

A favorite childhood memory was in Houston, TX, at his aunt & uncle's when Matt was 4. They were taking him to a "clinic" and he began to worry thinking that he was going to the doctor's office. Much to his relief, it was actually a Houston Astros baseball clinic and there was no doctor or medical procedures involved. A pet peeve is when people say "I can't..." He often tells his kids that there is no such thing as "I can't." The best advice he ever received was from his high school wrestling coach, Virg Vagle, after Matt lost 1-0 in the state team tournament. It was, "Never hang your head if you've done your best as it will only bring the rest of the team down." Something that Matt thinks most people don't know about him is that he was born in Salem, Oregon and his first home was in Roseburg Oregon where his father was a teacher. A keepsake that is very precious to Matt for its sentimental value is his wedding ring which belonged to his Godfather Kelly. His Godmother gave it to Matt after his Godfather's death. Matt says he could never sell the ring.



The tragedy of life is not that  
ends so soon, but that we

## News from the Yards

Congratulations to Darren Kaufman and his new bride, Jessica, who were married in Las Vegas on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Dirk & Tonya Hagedon are celebrating the birth of their son, Tyson Lee Hagedon, who was born March 31<sup>st</sup>, weighed 8lbs 6oz and was 22" long. We wish the family well.

For a second year in a row Doug Berthiaume's son, Jakob, qualified for the State Youth Wrestling tournaments in Rochester. He did well, placing in the top 8 of his 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade division. He is only a third grader so he will have another crack at it next year. Nice work, Jakob!

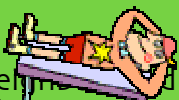
We had a wonderful time bowling at the Granite Bowl South on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you, Events Committee, for your work in planning this fun event. There was a good turn out, lots of prizes and good eats!

As the construction season begins to take off, you will notice new faces at Simonson. Take time to greet and make them feel welcome.

How are you doing in the Shape Up Challenge? There are still a couple of weeks to elevate your score. It's not hard. Put down the remote control, pull yourself off the couch and call a friend. Try a new low fat recipe or take up a new sport/hobby.

Roughhouse outside with your kids. --or-- Walk through the neighborhood & introduce yourself. There are many things that you can do to relieve stress, build muscle, increase your stamina & strengthen your heart. Go for it!

**SHAPE UP CHALLENGE ~ IT'S A BLAST!**



## Celebrating a Simonson Anniversary

Kory Anderson – 1yr, Frank Albert – 1yr,  
Matt Cecko – 1yr, Bradlee Stevens – 1yr,  
Scott Abraham – 2yrs, Cory Broich – 2yrs,  
Eric Eggert – 2yrs,  
Willem Koopman – 2yrs, Steve Skow – 2yrs,  
Darryl Hicks – 3yrs, Pete Lowe – 3yrs,  
Alan Christenson – 4yrs, Paul Nylin – 4yrs,  
Richard Bock – 4yrs, Lee Johnson – 4yrs,  
David Koglin – 4yrs, Josh Sperling – 4yrs,  
Nathan Kuklok – 5yrs,  
Kevin Johannes – 6yrs,  
Jerome Kippley – 7yrs,  
Don Lewandowski – 7yrs,  
Danny Boyer – 10yrs, Brian Knettel – 10 yrs,  
Randy Foss – 11yrs,  
Roger Kaufmann – 18yrs,  
& Elroy Eull – 20yrs.

**Experience is the hardest kind of  
teacher... it gives you the test first  
and the lesson afterward.**

## Happy Birthday!



Bryant Richards 5/01,  
Jon Pojat 5/05, Steve Kiscaden 5/07, Elroy  
Eull 5/08, Scott Kneeland 5/09, Timothy  
Kondrick 5/11,  
Larry Ramey 5/11, Brandon Hutt 5/12, Kris  
Oman 5/13,  
Carolyn Schommer 5/14,  
Matt Hughes 5/15, Joe Helm 5/18, Doug  
Manthey 5/21,  
Richard LaFlex 5/21, Tricia Peters 5/23,  
Nancy Pfeiffer 5/26,  
& Richard Hobbs 5/29.

We extend a warm and hearty **Welcome** to our new controller, Glenn Carnahan. He is busy getting to know all of us, and becoming familiar with our system & procedures. When he visits your yard, please take the time to introduce yourself to him!

The two most common elements in the universe are  
Hydrogen and stupidity.  
-----Harlan Ellison