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5 Reasons Why the 4th Will Make You Feel Like a Kid

The Fourth of July, Independence Day, America's Birthday. Whatever you call it, we all love it. It screams summer. In a child's eyes, the excitement level is comparable to Christmas. Except without all the commercial hype building up for weeks in advance. It's summer, you're out of school, everything is fun, and then BAM. It's the Fourth of July. Nobody stresses about the 4th, nobody plans meal weeks in advance, nobody shops tirelessly for gifts. Everybody just celebrates. It's truly a carefree holiday that can make you feel like a kid. Here's why:

1) The Fireworks. Besides a few New Year's pops and Disneyworld, when else do you get to enjoy blazing rockets shooting and bursting in the air? From nine months to ninety years old, we are mesmerized by these explosions of color illuminating the dark sky. No plasma tv, iPad or Xbox can compete with fireworks. They are loud and bright and unpredictable and everything you remember from childhood.

2) The Colors. As a kid, you lived in a colorful world. Your toys, books, clothes, and bedroom walls were every color of the rainbow. Even your cereal was colorful. Then you grew up. And it was business suits or uniforms. In a sea of black and grey, the most colorful thing you might see is the red strawberry floating in your bran cereal. But that all changes on this fun holiday. Red, white and blue are everywhere. You can wear the brightest, tackiest shirt sporting patriotic colors and it's cool. (As long as you say 'Merica). Even our desserts are more colorful. Whether you're watching a hometown bicycle parade, or chilling on the beach, there ain't no boring color scheme around.

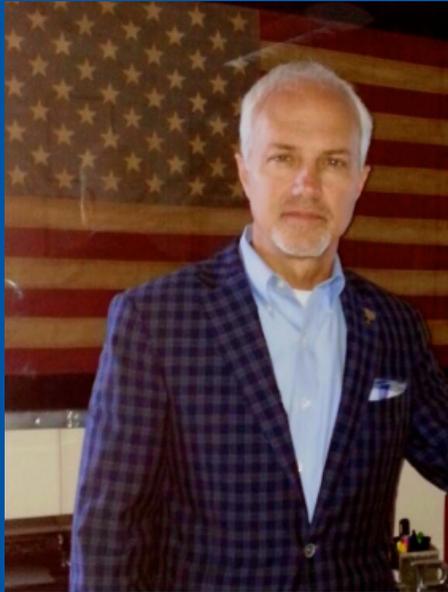


3) The Food. How often do you allow yourself to enjoy a hot dog and s'mores for supper? You think kids worry about their sno-cones being gluten free? Nope. They just want to see how many flavors of syrup they can fit in that icy cone of goodness. Mothers don't rush around making sure the silver is polished, the turkey is basted, and the table arrangement hasn't wilted. Supper is on the grill. And will be served on paper plates. And grandma brought a peach pie and a watermelon. And it's all good. Just like when you were a kid.

4) The Games. Every family has their 4th games. New traditions include games like corn hole or ladder toss, but you probably will still play one or more of the classics. Horseshoes, soccer, volleyball, and let's not forget the all-American sport of baseball. Every good ball player comes out of retirement when the plastic bat and wiffle ball come out. And nothing will make you feel younger than outrunning your high-schooler nephew and making it to third base (which is a paper plate borrowed from the picnic table).

5) The Water. Whether you are beachside, riverside, or lakeside, chances are that on the Fourth—you're on or near a body of water. And everything is good about that. If you're skiing, tubing, fishing, or sailing—you're probably not thinking about P&L's or quality control. You're just enjoying the moment...just like a kid.

However you spend your Fourth of July, chances are you'll end the day just like a kid—worn 'slap out, sticky from watermelon, sno-cones and sweat, and grinning like a mule eating briars. Tomorrow we'll go back to our jobs, our diets, and our very normal lives. And although our day-to-day lives might be far from carefree—it's still America, and we still live free. Happy 4th, y'all. -Linzie Batchelor



What's David Doing?

Have you ever considered that when you try to help people you may actually be hurting them? Is it possible that you are enabling them? Is what you are offering a temporary fix? Giving of your time and money is a good thing. Trying to understand the real needs of the people that you are helping, and getting to the root of the problem is an even better thing. And it is hard.

Helping out instead of handing out is hard because it takes time and the participation of everyone. People providing help many times think they completely understand the needs of the ones they are trying to help and offer a "one-size-fits-all" solution. Maybe we should listen to the ones in need, hear what they say, and integrate their ideas into the solution. Those in need have God-given abilities just like the folks providing the help. Our job should be to not only share our God given abilities, but also to help the person in need discover, learn from, and begin using *their* God given abilities. If we approach aiding others in this way, everyone is truly helped.

Punography

I tried to catch some fog. I mist.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

They told me I had Type A blood, but it was a Type O.

A dyslexic man walks into a bra.

PMS jokes aren't funny. Period.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.

Energizer Bunny arrested: Charged with battery.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

How do you make holy water? Boil the hell out of it!

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

Broken pencils are pointless.

Source: Some wise guy on the web.

T-Ball Team

Congratulations to our 2015 T-Ball Team on a great season. Thank you to all coaches, parents, and others that invest in the lives of these kids.



People Matter

Blackwell Cook Law is excited to have Ashley Sinclair join our team! Ashley began working with our firm in June as a paralegal. Ashley is no stranger to our firm—she was David’s runner for three years during her college years. Ashley will be working mostly in our Heath Springs and Indian Land offices with Bob Cook.

A graduate of Lancaster High School, Ashley furthered her education at USCL where she received an Associate in Arts, then transferred to USC where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree. Ashley is a native of Lancaster and enjoys playing softball and church volleyball. She loves to read, do jigsaw puzzles, and watch movies. Her summer bucket list is short and simple—go to the beach!

Ashley says she is looking forward to her new career and is excited about helping others. We are thankful to have Ashley on board and we know you’ll enjoy getting to know her better. If you’d like to get in touch with Ashley, send her an email ashley@blackwellcooklaw.com or call (803) 273-9200.



Cut this out and keep it in your car!



TIPS TO REMEMBER IF YOU ARE IN A CAR ACCIDENT*		✓
1	STOP. You are required to stop your vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close as possible without obstructing traffic.	
2	ASSIST THE INJURED. If someone is seriously injured, make arrangements for a doctor to come to the scene or call an ambulance.	
3	CALL A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. Even in minor accidents where there are no serious injuries or property damage, notify the authorities immediately.	
4	WITNESSES. Get the names, addresses, and numbers of all witnesses. Ask them to write down what happened. Always have pencil, paper and this guide in your car.	
5	TAKE NOTES AND PHOTOS. Document the accident on paper and take photos. Be sure to include license tags in the photos and anything else that will disappear after the scene is clear.	
6	REMAIN AT THE SCENE. Unless injuries make it necessary for you to leave, remain there until you have completed the above and the officer releases you.	
7	COMMENTING ON THE ACCIDENT. You are only required to give your name, address, phone number, driver's license number and vehicle registration number. Anything you say can be held against you. CALL BLACKWELL COOK LAW 803.285.0225	
8	FILE REPORTS. South Carolina requires drivers to report the accident within 15 days to the SCDOT. The investigating officer will give you a form to fill out to prove that you have the proper liability insurance.	
9	NOTIFY AN INSURANCE COMPANY. Report the accident to your insurance company. Failure to make a prompt and correct report may affect your rights.	
10	PAY NOTHING. Do not make or promise to make immediate payment of any kind to the other party.	
11	CONSULT A LAWYER. If you have any questions about your rights, your responsibilities, your insurance coverage, or any legal proceedings that are brought against you, call BLACKWELL COOK LAW at 803.285.0225.	

*Based on South Carolina laws and South Carolina Bar Association brochure *Auto Accidents and the Law*.

5-Minute 4th of July Fudge

Ingredients

- 1 pkg white chocolate chips
- 1 tub of Cream Cheese icing
- 1 pkg York Peppermint Patty pieces
- Red, white & blue sprinkles

Instructions

Melt chocolate chips. Mix in frosting and spread on parchment lined pan. Sprinkle candy and sprinkles on top and chill to set. Cut into shapes with a cookie cutter. Bam. "Murica.

—by Pauline Molinari



Send us your favorite recipe! linzie@blackwellcooklaw.com

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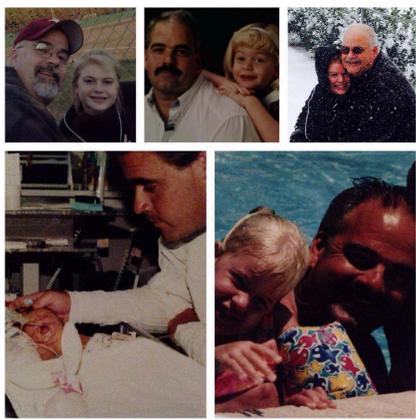
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7 Biggest Mistakes to Avoid After Your Wreck
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Congratulations to JAMES JOLLIE

This DAD is the Coolest!

James Jollie was the winner of our Father's Day contest because he had the most 'likes!' We hope you enjoy your new YETI cooler Mr. Jollie! We enjoyed reading all the wonderful stories about your fathers. Thanks to all who participated!



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