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Your Biggest Regret

If someone asked you to name your biggest regret, what would you say? Strayer University conducted an experiment in New York City to discover how random people would respond to this very question. For one day, they displayed a chalkboard on the sidewalk near Lieutenant Petrosino Square with the words, "Write Your Biggest Regret." Researchers supplied chalk and began videoing the responses.

Folks walking by the chalkboard paused and pondered their responses, some took photographs with their phones, and others wrote responses to the question. Not much time passed before the chalkboard was filled with regrets that were straightforward and intriguing.

Some examples included:

- Never speaking up
- Not being a good husband
- Should have spent more time with family
- Staying in my comfort zone
- Not saying "I love you"
- Never applying to med school
- Not making the most of every day
- Not being a better friend
- Not getting my MBA

Do you see a common theme in these responses? Almost all of the regrets listed on the board had something in common. They were all about things NOT done, chances NOT taken, words NOT spoken, dreams NEVER pursued. A few responders shared with the team why they didn't do the things they listed. Common responses were: couldn't find the time, fear of failure, wasted time, and one young lady said of her regret of chasing her dream., she "just never did it."

At the end of the experiment, the board was wiped clean and the words "CLEAN SLATE" were written at the top of the chalkboard. One teary-eyed young woman looked at the board and said, "I feel hopeful. It means that there are possibilities."

Watch the video for yourself at aplus.com/a/clean-slate-blackboard-experiment and be inspired to go do those things you want to do.



EVERY DAY IS A CLEAN SLATE.
DO THE THINGS YOU'LL REGRET NOT DOING.



What's Bob Doing?

I had the pleasure of having another birthday a few weeks ago, and as a part of celebrating, my wife gave me the entire weekend to do whatever I wanted to do. Because the weather was so nice that Saturday and because I need to do a better job of exercising our dogs, we decided to spend a few hours exploring around 40-Acre Rock here in southeastern Lancaster County. I'm embarrassed to say that this was my first trip out to the area, but needless to say, this won't be my last.

We spent the afternoon hiking over the rock and down below along the creek that flows through the property. It was a very easy hike down to the creek, and the climb back up wasn't so bad, either. Our dogs even got into the creek for a brief swim to cool off. The small waterfall was really neat to see and needless to say, my wife made us take quite a few selfies along the way. All in all, we had a great afternoon and now we have decided to do more day trips like this just to see all of the state parks and other natural wonders close by. We've already planned to visit Lansford Canal and Hanging Rock in the coming weeks.

I would encourage each of you to get out and explore all of the natural wonders of Lancaster County and the surrounding area. I'll be the first to admit I've taken all of these great places for granted simply because I live so close to them. The next time you're sitting at home and bored on a weekend or day off, get up off the couch and go somewhere! You (and your wife, kids and doggies, too) will enjoy the time outside and all of the fresh air. It will be fun, refreshing, and best of all, cheap entertainment! Shoot me an email and let me know about your Lancaster County adventures! bob@blackwellcooklaw.com

Buying Car Insurance

Don't let car insurance wreck your life! Check out David Blackwell's newest book--A Lawyer's Look at Buying Car Insurance.

Buying car insurance can be confusing. By taking a lawyer's look at buying insurance, you can learn how to protect your family and yourself. Most people only find out the type of insurance they have on their car after a wreck when it's too late.

In this book, you will learn:

- How you can protect your family and yourself through your own car insurance company, even if the at fault driver has little or no insurance, and for a minimal increase to your insurance bill.
- What exactly you must ask to get this important insurance coverage.
- How to protect your assets if you are at fault.
- Why it is important to understand your policy.
- How your health insurance company may get all of any insurance settlement you get--leaving you with nothing.

For your free copy of David's book, email david@blackwellcooklaw.com or call us at 803.285.0225

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Buying Car Insurance
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Includes Information on How To:

- Protect Assets
- Cover Medical Bills
- Receive Full Compensation For an Injury & Your Car

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School Days

We enjoyed being in the schools lately, reading at Andrew Jackson Middle School and participating at the Career Fair at Indian Land High School. We'd love to come to your school, too!



People Matter

Lindsay Pettus is not only THE authority on Lancaster County history, he is a champion for the betterment of Lancaster County. A man so passionate about what makes our county so great, and so concerned about how we can make it even better might make you wonder—how does Lindsay Pettus know so much about Lancaster County?

Lindsay and his family grew up on US-521 in Indian Land. He spent his early years working on their family farm where they had a large garden, peach trees, Black Angus cows, timber, and cotton. Lindsay also spent time working in their family businesses, Pettus Store and Pettus Coin Co. Lindsay shared that he was always proud of his parents who, during our country's depression & WWII, helped so many Indian Land area people through the family store and cotton business.

Pettus graduated from Indian Land Schools and strongly believes, "the University of South Carolina in Lancaster is a real educational treasure for our Lancaster area community." His love for history, serving others, and Lancaster County is evident through his life's work and hobbies.

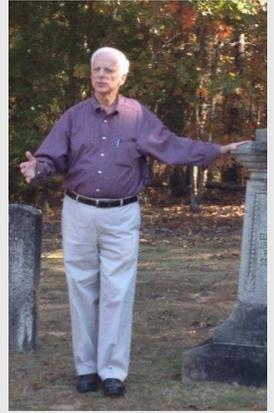
A little known fact about Lindsay Pettus is that he owns more Catawba Indian Pottery than anyone else in the nation. His pottery contributions to the USCL Native American Studies Center were crucial to the creation and success of the center. Not only does he enjoy collecting old postcards, Pettus collects photographs of buildings, scenes, and people of Lancaster and Chester County because they tell so much history of a time gone by.

Pettus, now a real estate broker in Lancaster, once served a six-year term on the National Park Service Advisory Board at the Department of the Interior. This position, appointed by President Jimmy Carter, allowed him to travel with park services personnel to various national parks throughout the US and make recommendations of how to increase the quality of experience.

Dean Faile, Lancaster County Chamber President states, "Lindsay is the Chamber's walking, talking direct conduit to our County's past. For the past 27 years, Lindsay has led our Leadership Lancaster History Day and has taught more than 500 graduates the history of our county and how past leaders helped shape the community we call home. Through Lindsay's teaching style, these current and future leaders are inspired to not only embrace Lancaster, but to strive to have a lasting positive impact and make Lancaster County a better community for future generations."

Mr. Pettus currently serves as president of the Lancaster County Society for Historical Preservation, and founder and vice-president of the Catawba Valley Land Trust. Overall, he enjoys helping people and working with others for a better Lancaster County. Mr. Pettus—we appreciate you!

Know someone great in the community? Contact Linzie@blackwellcooklaw.com



Give Me a Minute

A minute is a funny amount of time. It's long enough to notice, but it's too short to do much of anything with. There are only about five hundred thousand of them in a year. But when you add all of humanity together, a lot starts to happen in that lowly minute. Consider what happens before the second hand of a clock repeats one rotation:

- 25 Americans will get a passport, according to the the US Department of State
- 58 airplanes will take off around the world, according to the International Air Traffic Association
- 116 people will get married, according to data from the United Nations
- 144 people will move to a new home, according to Gallup
- 11,319 packages will be delivered by UPS
- 243,000 photos will be uploaded to Facebook
- 5,441,400 pounds of garbage will be created, according to the World Bank
- 7,150,000,000 human hearts (according to the United States Census Bureau) will beat...
- 500,500,000,000 times, according to the American Heart Association, as their bodies create...
- 858,282,240,000,000 new red blood cells, according to the National Institutes of Health

From Robinson Meyer's "What Happens in a Minute Around the World?" The Atlantic



Dirt Cake

Make this delicious dessert up for April Fool's Day, or just a pretty (and edible) centerpiece for your spring gathering. Recipe: Marthastewart.com

Ingredients

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| 1 package Oreo cookies | 4 3/4 cups milk |
| 12 oz cream cheese, room temp | 16 oz—carton frozen whipped topping, thawed |
| 6 tablespoons unsalted butter | Gummy worm candy for decorating |
| 4 packages instant choc pudding | |

Instructions

Place cookies in a food processor. Process until mixture resembles dirt. Set aside. In a large bowl, combine cream cheese and butter, and stir until creamy. Set aside. In another large bowl, whisk together instant-pudding mixes and milk; stir until well blended. Using a rubber spatula, fold pudding mixture into cream-cheese mixture. Fold in whipped cream. In a flowerpot or bucket with a 5-quart capacity, alternate layers of cookie "dirt" and pudding mixture, starting and ending with cookie "dirt." Chill at least 4 hours or overnight before serving. Garnish with candy.



What's your favorite recipe? Send it to us! linzie@blackwellcooklaw.com

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Our team loves dogs. Can you match the owners with their pups?



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