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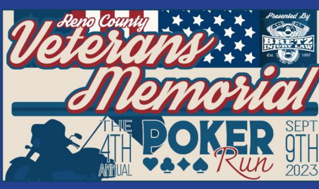
Over $2,000 Raised for Veterans' Memorial



Reno County
Veterans Memorial
Presented By
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THE 4TH ANNUAL
POKER Run
SEPT 9TH 2023

We had great success with the 4th Annual Reno County Veterans' Memorial Poker Run last month.

We had 90 to 100 riders show up, over 125 hands played, and raised $2055 for the Veterans' Memorial. We were very happy with the turnout. In fact, we had to go get more food, which is a good problem to have.

Having the Veterans' Memorial as one of the stops on the run was a positive. It was a great way for people to physically see what it was that they are supporting.

It's also important to note that the timing of the event is purposeful. It's always on the weekend closest to Sept. 11, to commemorate those who have sacrificed for our country, both here and abroad. It's not only the Veterans that we were celebrating, we were celebrating our first responders, as well.

From all of us at Bretz Injury Law, thank you for participating and supporting a great cause.

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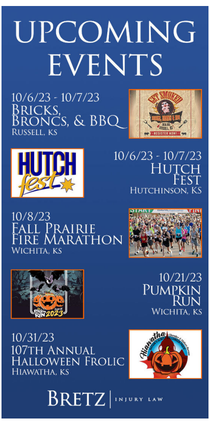

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/6/23 - 10/7/23
BRICKS, BRONCS, & BBQ
RUSSELL, KS

10/6/23 - 10/7/23
HUTCH FEST
HUTCHINSON, KS

10/8/23
FALL PRAIRIE FIRE MARATHON
WICHITA, KS

10/21/23
PUMPKIN RUN
WICHITA, KS

10/31/23
107TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FROLIC
HIAWATHA, KS

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GET SMOKED
REGISTER NOW!
HUTCH fest
Pumpkin RUN 2023
Hiawatha

What's going on?

October is here! There are plenty of fall festivals, 5k runs, and community events going on in Kansas. Wherever you're at, there's something to do! Click the button below for more events near you.

EVENTS NEAR ME

Happy Halloween
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MADD's 43rd Anniversary

From MADD CEO, Stacey D. Stewart:

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NO MORE VICTIMS

"As I reflect on Mothers Against Drunk Driving's (MADD) 43rd anniversary, I am humbled to serve as the CEO of an organization founded by a group of determined and resilient women who were instrumental in mobilizing the groundswell of support that has improved the health and safety of our nation's roads and communities.

As the preeminent leader on the front lines addressing drunk and drugged driving and underage drinking, MADD has come a long way in 43 years. We have worked to change hearts and minds and created a culture of accountability. From our earliest days, we have worked tirelessly to enact the laws that raised the minimum drinking age to 21, made it illegal to drive with a blood alcohol content at .08% or above, introduced the concept of "designated drivers" and cut drunk driving deaths by 50%."

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What is Modified Comparative Fault?

Car and truck accidents in Kansas can happen to anyone. In 2021, there were 5.4 million car accident injuries in the U.S. and 46,980 fatalities. No matter how good a driver you are, you could suffer pain and losses in a traffic accident.

Pain and suffering are just part of the equation. Car and truck accidents are also costly. Bretz Injury Law is dedicated to maximizing financial recovery in traffic collision cases because we understand that the costs of medical care, car repairs, property damage, income loss, and other concerns can be overwhelming.

One thing we discuss with our clients is modified comparative fault. Understanding this concept can help you work to maximize your recovery and make a claim. We've put together a guide so you can understand the basics of modified comparative fault in Kansas.

When you're in a car or truck accident in Kansas, the cause of the accident is not always perfectly clear. Each party may have contributed somewhat to the crash.

In Kansas, modified comparative fault is a legal principle used to assign fault when multiple parties are involved in a car or truck accident or another personal injury claim. Modified comparative fault in Kansas effectively assigns a percentage of fault to each party in the collision and adjusts compensation accordingly. If you're injured but are found to be partly to blame for the accident, your compensation is reduced in accordance with the percentage you're found to be at fault. If you're found to be 50 percent or more at fault, than there is no recovery. That's why an early and thorough investigation is so important.

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Matt's Monthly Minute

One of the most common questions we receive from potential clients is, "How do I know if I have a personal injury case worth pursuing?" It's a valid question, and I'd like to shed some light on the factors we consider when evaluating the viability of a case.

To have a viable personal injury case, there must be evidence of liability, meaning someone else's negligence or intentional actions led to your injuries. This could be a negligent driver causing a car crash, a property owner not maintaining its property in a safe condition, or a product manufacturer designing or manufacturing a product in a way that makes it unreasonably dangerous.

Equally important is the presence of damages. You must have suffered actual harm or losses as a result of the incident. These damages can include medical expenses, lost wages, future medical expenses or loss of earning capacity, disability, pain and suffering, property damage, and more. There should be a direct link, or causation, between the other party's actions (liability) and your injuries and damages. In other words, we must be able to demonstrate that the other party's actions caused your injuries.

Ultimately, the best way to determine if you have a case worth pursuing is to call us. We can assess your specific situation and the details surrounding liability and damages, analyze the strengths and weaknesses of your case, and provide guidance on the most effective course of action and strategy. We offer free consultations for this reason. It allows us to listen to your story, evaluate the circumstances surrounding your injury, and provide you with a assessment of your case's viability based on over 30 years of experience handling injury cases like yours. Remember that every case is unique.

If you've been injured, don't delay. Reach out to us for a free consultation. We will help you and give you the attention you rightfully need and deserve.

- Matthew L. Bretz

Community News

COLD CASES
Case 003-090719
SOLVED

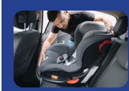
Child of infamous BTK serial killer is aiding in resolving cold cases

In 2005, Kerri Rawson learned her father was the BTK serial killer. She's now helping with cold case investigations, aiming to bring closure to families and survivors, including the case of Cindi Kinney, believing it's the right path to healing and justice. Read More: tinyurl.com/mudmxj2u

KANSAS STATE FAIR

Kansas State Fair attendance exceeds 330,000

This year's Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson saw a total of 330,044 attendees, marking its highest attendance since the pandemic. Despite some rainy days, the fair's general manager, Bryan Schulz, expressed happiness at the strong turnout, with a standout day that saw nearly 60,000 visitors. Plans for the 2024 state fair are already in progress. Read More: tinyurl.com/bdhfrk9x



Local groups provide complimentary car seat inspections

Nearly half of car seats are used incorrectly, raising the risk of injury in accidents. Local organizations, like the Wichita Fire Department, provide free car seat inspections to help parents ensure their child's safety while driving. Certified experts guide parents through proper installation, considering factors like weight, height, seat history, and vehicle compatibility, following NHTSA guidelines. Read More: tinyurl.com/45jea9cc

Giveaway Winners

KANSAS STATE FAIR GIVEAWAY SERIES
WEEK 5
BRETZ
LA FIERA DE OJINAGA
2 Tickets
LA FIERA DE OJINAGA
MONSTER TRUCKS
4 Tickets
ALL STAR MONSTER TRUCK TOUR
It's our last week of the Kansas State Fair Giveaway Series. Enter for a chance to win 2 tickets to La Fiera De Ojinaga or 4 tickets to the All Star Monster Truck Tour!

Kansas State Fair Giveaway Series - Week 5 Winner: Rosa Contreras & Brenda Marquez

Rosa won two tickets to La Fiera de Ojinaga and Brenda won 4 tickets to the All-Star Monster Truck Tour at the Kansas State Fair!

FIELD OF SCREAMS TICKET GIVEAWAY
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COUPLES PACK
(SET OF 2 TICKETS)
FRIENDS PACK
(SET OF 4 TICKETS)
ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN TICKETS TO THE FIELD OF SCREAMS IN WICHITA. TICKETS ARE FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH AT 8PM.

Field of Screams Ticket Giveaway Winners: Ginger Louise & Brenna Reusser

Ginger Louise won the couples pack and Brenna Reusser won the friends pack to the Field of Screams. Each of them also won one of our spooky candy baskets we added to the giveaway!

Pumpkin Patch Family Day Giveaway
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4 Tickets
4 Tickets
Cedar Creek FARM
Enjoy a day of family fun at the Cedar Creek Farm!
Enter for a chance to win a pack of 4 tickets for your family.

Pumpkin Patch Family Day Giveaway Winners: Carla-Jason Latham & Sara Dietrich

Carla and Sara both won a pack of four tickets to the Cedar Creek Farm and Pumpkin Patch in Maize! They also each won a family pumpkin carving kit.

Giveaways are posted Mondays on the Bretz Injury Law Facebook page. Visit www.facebook.com/bretzinjurylaw to enter for your chance to win!

Ghost S'mores Dip

Ingredients:

1 bag ghost marshmallows (or 4 packages ghost Peeps)
2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
1/4 cup heavy cream, warmed
Graham crackers, for serving
Mini chocolate chips, for ghost eyes

Directions:

Step 1 - Preheat oven to 450°. In the bottom of a 9" oven-proof skillet, baking dish, or pie dish, spread out chocolate chips and pour cream on top. Cover completely with a single layer of ghost marshmallows.

Step 2 - Place mini chocolate chips over eyes and mouth. (The already-drawn faces will fade in the oven.)

Step 3 - Bake until the chocolate has melted and the ghosts are golden, 8 to 10 minutes.

Step 4 - Serve warm with graham crackers for dipping.

For more fun Halloween food recipes, visit: delish.com/holiday-recipes/halloween/g366/scary-halloween-recipes/

Full Recipe

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