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Bretz Injury Law Announces 4th Annual Reno County Veterans' Memorial Poker Run

Bretz Injury Law is excited to present the 4th Annual Reno County Veterans' Memorial Poker Run happening in Hutchinson, KS on Saturday, September 9th. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with engines starting at 10:30 a.m..

The Poker Run will begin at Salty Cycles, 129 E Sherman, Hutchinson, KS. Poker run stops include Sterling City Park, Shane Love Insurance Agency in Arlington, Shep Chevrolet in Haven, the Reno County Veterans' Memorial in South Hutchinson, and Bretz Injury Law in Hutchinson. The entry fee is $25/hand and $10 for each additional hand with donations also being accepted. All vehicles are welcome to participate.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning hand, the second best hand, and the worst hand. The winning hand will receive 25%, the second best hand will receive 15%, and the worst hand will receive 10%. The remaining 50% will be donated to the Reno County Veterans' Memorial. Door prizes and a meal will be provided following the run. Raffles will be held at the last stop, Bretz Injury Law, with proceeds benefiting the Veterans' Memorial.

Kelly Danyluk, President of the Reno County Veterans Association, shares his appreciation for community support. "We are excited for the 4th Annual Reno County Veterans' Memorial Poker Run sponsored by Bretz Injury Law. The proceeds we receive from this event help us continue to improve the memorial site by keeping the flags fresh and new, engraving new names on the granite panels, and planning for future expansion to include a military vehicle display. The Reno County Veterans' Memorial was built to honor all the Veterans of Reno County and let them know how much we appreciate their service and sacrifices. We could not have built this great memorial without the help of community support like Bretz Injury Law," says Mr. Danyluk.

Event Info

What's going on?

Fall is almost upon us! Enjoy events like the 2023 Sunflower Festival or visiting the Kansas State Fair. Wherever you're at, there's something to do! Click the button below for more events near you.

EVENTS NEAR ME

Voices of Victims: Ryan Nealon

"I remember my mother in fragments.

I know that her name was Terri and that she was 44 when I was born. I know that we lived in a one-bedroom apartment in San Diego, just the two of us and our cat. I know we didn't have a lot of money, so it wasn't an ideal situation, but it was our situation. We made the best of it and she did everything she could for me.

I know she loved listening to music and making me laugh. She played a lot of records – she loved artists like the Commodores and Toto and Earth, Wind and Fire. I know she worked very hard to make ends meet and keep a roof over our heads.

But that's where my memories mostly end. My mother was killed by a drunk driver on New Year's Day 2000 when I was just 5 years old."

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MADD's Impact on DUI Laws

Drunk driving is a serious problem in Kansas. According to the Kansas Department of Transportation, in 2021, alcohol-impaired driving fatalities accounted for 22.5% of total traffic fatalities in the state. In 2021, the report states there were 2,158 crashes involving alcohol, resulting in 86 deaths.

Kansas has implemented stringent DUI laws against drunk driving to combat the issue. Despite these efforts, drunk driving is still a problem in the state, and everyone needs to recognize the dangers of driving under the influence.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is an organization that works to end drunk driving and advocates for stricter DUI laws and penalties to help reduce the number of drunk driving deaths and injuries. MADD believes harsher penalties are necessary to deter people from driving while intoxicated and to protect the public from the dangers of drunk drivers.

MADD has worked with Kansas lawmakers to ensure that Kansas DUI laws are enforced and updated. MADD is a strong advocate for victims of drunk driving and works to ensure they receive the support and justice they need.

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Matt's Monthly Minute

When faced with a serious injury, hiring an attorney can be a crucial step towards protecting your rights and ensuring fair compensation. Dealing with the aftermath of a severe injury can be overwhelming, both physically and emotionally. An experienced attorney can provide invaluable guidance and support throughout the legal process, allowing you to focus on your recovery.

First and foremost, an attorney can help navigate the complex legal system on your behalf. They possess the knowledge and expertise to handle the intricacies of personal injury cases, including gathering evidence, negotiating with insurance companies, and advocating for your best interests. By having an attorney by your side, you can rest assured that your case is being handled professionally and efficiently.

Furthermore, an attorney can help assess the full extent of your damages and fight for fair compensation. Serious injuries often result in significant medical expenses, lost wages, and long-term rehabilitation needs. An attorney will work diligently to gather evidence, consult with medical experts, and calculate the true value of your claim. They will then negotiate with insurance companies or, if necessary, take your case to court to ensure you receive the compensation you deserve.

In summary, hiring an attorney after a serious injury can provide you with the legal expertise, support, and advocacy needed to navigate the complexities of your case. They will work tirelessly to protect your rights, assess your damages accurately, and fight for fair compensation. By entrusting your case to an attorney, you can focus on your recovery while knowing that your legal matters are in capable hands.

- Matthew L. Bretz

Community News

Kansas teachers step in to address shortages in education

Amid ongoing teacher shortages in Kansas, educators are taking on additional responsibilities and filling in gaps to ensure students receive the education they need. Educators are employing creative solutions to provide quality education despite the staffing issues. Read More: tinyurl.com/yc3dyk44

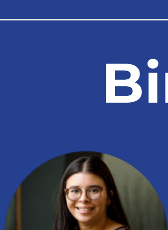
Lawmakers introduce legislation following Marion newspaper raid

Lawmakers have taken legislative action in response to the recent newspaper raid in Marion. They have introduced new bills aimed at addressing the concerns and implications arising from the incident. Read More: tinyurl.com/4m7cub5n

Reno County witnesses a surge in drug-related overdoses

The Reno County Health Department issued a health alert due to a recent surge in nonfatal overdoses, with five cases reported in the last 24 hours. Four of these incidents involved methamphetamine, while one was linked to fentanyl, emphasizing the need for naloxone (Narcan) training and availability. Read More: tinyurl.com/4nw72kfe

Birthdays/Anniversaries



Nedra Gallegos

Nedra, one of our fantastic paralegals, turns 23 this month on September 16th! Make sure to wish her a happy birthday when you see her!

Giveaway Winners

Chiefs Ticket Giveaway
Winner: Michele Kocher

Michele was the winner of our Chiefs Ticket Giveaway. She won 4 tickets to the Chiefs vs. Browns game on August 27th, along with a parking pass and KC Chiefs Swag Bag.

Royals Family Ticket Giveaway
Winners: Thomas Dixon, Kristie Miller, Jeremy Irvin

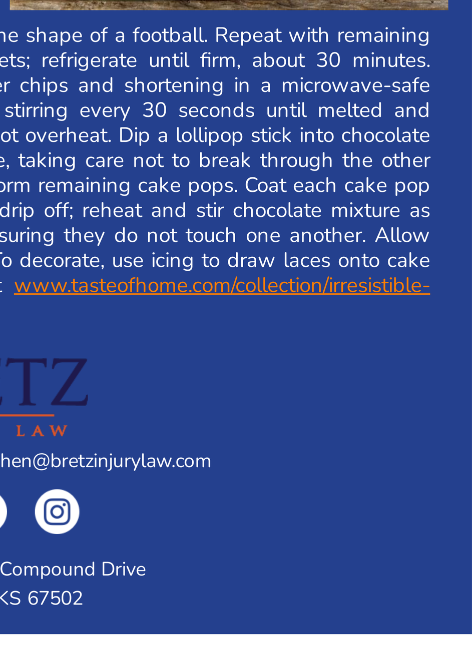
Each winner won a Family 4-Pack to a Kansas City Royals game including 4 tickets, 4 hotdogs, 4 sodas, and a parking pass. Jeremy also won our Royals Swag Bag.

Kansas State Fair Giveaway Series - Week 1
Winners: Kyla McLean, Madylynn Strausberg

Kyla won the KSF couples pack along with two midway wristbands and Madylynn won the KSF family pack, also with two midway wristbands.

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

Football Cake Pops



Ingredients:

1 chocolate cake mix
1 cup cream cheese frosting
1 cup dark chocolate chips
1 cup peanut butter chips
1 tablespoon shortening
48 4-inch lollipop sticks
1/4 cup white decorating icing

Directions:

Bake cake according to package directions; cool completely. In a large bowl, break cake into fine crumbles. Add frosting and stir until fully incorporated, adding more frosting if needed, until mixture maintains its shape when squeezed together with palm of hand. Shape 1 tablespoon into a ball, then mold into the shape of a football. Repeat with remaining mixture. Place on parchment-lined baking sheets; refrigerate until firm, about 30 minutes. Meanwhile, place chocolate chips, peanut butter chips and shortening in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave 30 seconds and stir; repeat, stirring every 30 seconds until melted and smooth, adding more shortening if needed. Do not overheat. Dip a lollipop stick into chocolate mixture; insert halfway through a football shape, taking care not to break through the other side. Return to baking sheet until set; repeat to form remaining cake pops. Coat each cake pop with the chocolate mixture, allowing excess to drip off; reheat and stir chocolate mixture as needed. Return cake pops to baking sheets, ensuring they do not touch one another. Allow chocolate coating to set until firm to the touch. To decorate, use icing to draw laces onto cake pops. For more fun football food recipes, visit www.tasteofhome.com/collection/irresistible-football-food/

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