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Free book teaches bikers' rights after an Ohio motorcycle accident

Rew experiences are scarier than being involved in a motorcycle accident.

Added to that fear are difficult questions that arise on liability, medical bills, and insurance companies.

That is why the attorneys in our office wrote a new book called, *The Ohio Motorcycle Accident Book: The Ultimate Guide to Motorcycle Accidents in Ohio.*

Motorcyclists are vulnerable out on the road and, unfortunately, acci-



dents do happen. After an accident, the injured rider needs solid, practical advice about how to deal with insurance companies, medical providers, and the courts.

Trying to navigate those unfamiliar roads can make an already difficult and painful time even more confusing and frustrating.

"The Ohio Motorcycle Accident Book not only provides ways for bikers to maximize their recovery after an accident, it also provides valuable information to the families of riders," Attorney Chuck Boyk said. "Unfortunately after a

And, unfortunately, acci- with insurance compa- See *Motorcycle Book*, page 2 Attorneys launch Bikes for Kids to honor deserving kids

n the spirit of child safety and the launch of our book, *Little Kids, Big Accidents: The Ultimate Guide*

to Child Accidents in Ohio, the attorneys at our office have created a program to provide new bicycles to deserving kids around northwest Ohio.

Bikes for Kids will be broadcast on 101.5 The River, and Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC will give away one bike each week for 13 weeks to a deserving



child.

"We hope that Bikes for Kids will bring child and bicycle safety awareness to the community," Attorney Chuck Boyk said. "We want to provide worthy kids with the opportunity to get outside this summer and practice bicycle safety."

Information on Bikes for

Kids will air on 101.5's morning show with Mary Beth and Rick, and throughout the day. Bikes for Kids can also be heard on The

River's streaming website, so you can listen to the station live from any computer.

To enter, visit OhioChildAccidentBook.com and click on the Bikes for Kids logo. You will be directed to 101.5 The River's site where you can tell us in 150 words or less why the child

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Important questions to ask after a child injury

ealing with your child's injury accident can be more than overwhelming. Deciding whether or not you need an attorney to help you can be even harder.

Read the following excerpt from *Lit-tle Kids*, *Big Accidents*, which can help you learn what to look for when hiring a lawyer.

All but the most straightforward of child injury cases can become very complicated even for experienced attorneys. Dealing with insurance adjusters, healthcare insurers, doctors, chiropractors, insurance-company attorneys, and structured settlement plans can make resolving a child-injury claim a long, frustrating journey. Hiring a lawyer to help you obtain fair compensation makes sense unless you've been involved in a very minor accident.

If you hire a lawyer, he has a few options when trying to resolve your child's case. Some lawyers file a lawsuit immediately, which has the benefit of putting you quickly on a trial track. The other path the attorney might take is negotiating with the insurance adjuster to resolve the case without hav-

Motorcycle Book, *cont. from page 1* motorcycle accident, many times the rider is unable to communicate and must depend on their loved ones, which is why they need this book."

Those who haven't been involved in a serious motorcycle or car accident often expect that an insurance company will take care of their bills and compensate them for the pain and suffering they've endured. But for many the nightmare is just beginning.

The pain caused by the wreck becomes almost secondary to the unfair treatment the victim receives from insurance companies that have one objective – closing the file for as little money as possible without fair compensation for the injured.

You're at a natural disadvantage

ing to file a lawsuit. Most attorneys, including those in our office, prefer the second approach.

Lawsuits are time-consuming, expensive, and unpredictable. The benefit of settling a claim with the adjuster is that we can give the parents and child a certain outcome. We only file suit quickly if the adjuster makes an unfair offer that we know isn't going to get any better or if the statute of limitations is about to expire. For a routine traffic accident case, the injured person has two years after the accident to file a lawsuit. The statute of limitations for a minor's traffic-accident case is two years after the child turns 18.

Even with our approach, you shouldn't expect a quick settlement. As we stated earlier, we think it's best for the child to follow a doctor's treatment plan – even if it takes more than a year – rather than settling the case prematurely. This benefits the child's health and case.

Ultimately, the settlement or verdict will be based to some degree on the cost and length of your child's treatment.

when you deal with insurance adjusters who handle claims for a living. They do it every day and all day. It's the way they feed their families and pay for their homes. In short, they're professionals and you're not. It has nothing to do with how smart or successful you are in other areas of your life.

We hope our book serves as a guide for people who are struggling with injuries from a motorcycle accident or for the families who have lost a loved one as a result of someone else's negligence.

It focuses primarily on how to handle motorcycle injury accident claims, but we've also included information about motorcycle laws in Ohio as well as safe-riding tips. Do you know what to do if your child is injured in an accident?

Who is going to pay your child's medical bills? Should you talk to the insurance adjustor?



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to learn the **FREE** answers

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Discover the BIGGEST mistakes BIKERS make after a motorcycle ACCIDENT



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Local coach teaches lessons on and off the field

ike many Americans, Jorge Diaz came to the United States in search of his own version of The American Dream. His dream was to play soccer.

But when Jorge came here in 1987 from Mexico City, not only did he only speak Spanish, but he also found that the only scholarship money available was in football. Even with no football experience, he adapted, and went on to play as a kicker on full scholarship for Morningside College, and taught himself English. He went on to become a GE Academic All-American and Division II Kodak All-American in the same year.

After college, he wanted to get back into playing soccer, and pass on the lessons he received while growing up.

"I got in to coaching to give back," Jorge said. "People took the time when I was young to teach me how to play soccer and football, and I had wonderful coaches along my sports career. I tried to take in as much as I could to be able



Coach Diaz & the Perrysburg Elite Girls U12 team

Bikes for Kids, *cont. from page 1* in your life deserves a new bicycle. Bikes will be purchased from Wersell's Bike and Ski Shop, and each week the winner will be invited to come out to the



store where they can choose their bike, and be fitted for a helmet. We will even take a video of the child riding their new bicycle, which will be featured



to pass it on to the next generation of athletes."

His passion for sports and for helping others is apparent in the way he coaches the Perrysburg Elite Girls U12 team. He has been with the U12 team players since they were 7 years old.

"I try to instill a good work ethic, and I embrace their goals," Jorge said of his players. "I let them know my goals, too, and encourage them to join in with me on the ride."

The players' parents, like Attorney Chuck Boyk, whose 11-year-old daughter, Sarah, plays for Jorge, appreciate the life lessons he gives the girls, like attention to detail, 100% contribution regardless of your role on a team, and always working hard at the things you want to accomplish.

"Not only is Jorge a fantastic coach and friend, he is a role model for all of his players," Chuck said. "He helps kids dream big and reach their potential."

During interviews for this story, there was an overwhelming response from parents who wanted to share how much Jorge has meant both on and off the soccer field.

"Jorge sees the positive in people and focuses on that," Robin Fowler, mother to player Josie, said. "He attempts to bring out the best in everyone. He has been such a positive in-

on our website.

A special thanks goes out to Jill Wersell, who was happy to participate in Bikes for Kids by donating helmets and bike locks to all of the kids.

"It's great to be a part of a program that encourages kids to get outside and get active," Jill Wersell said. "Exercise is such an important part of a child's life, and Wersell's tries to foster that idea. Now Bikes and Kids does that, too."

fluence on my children."

Rachelle and Joe Young, whose daughter, Addison, also plays for Jorge, agree.

"The girls have all grown tremendously, not only as soccer



Jorge Diaz

players, but more importantly as people" Rachelle said. "What he teaches the girls is used in real life. He teaches them to set goals and to work hard to reach those goals. When they fall short, he teaches them that they need to get back up and try again."

Jorge's perseverance and encouragement has helped players win countless games and tournaments, including the 2008 Ohio State Championship won by the Ottawa Hills boys soccer team, where he was co-coach. Jorge coached the Perrysburg Elite girls to Northern Ohio State Cup, where they placed second two years in a row as U10's and U11's. They are currently ranked second in Northern Ohio. He is currently the assistant coach for the Perrysburg High School girl's varsity soccer team.

Although Jorge puts in way more time as a soccer coach than he will ever accept compensation for, he still finds time to be a pharmaceutical representative during the day. He and his wife Jenny have two children; six-year-old Elizabeth loves swimming, and three-yearold Alexander enjoys playing with anything that involves a ball.

Do you know a deserving child who would love a new bicycle? Enter Bikes for Kids! Visit OhioChildAccidentBook.com and click on this logo

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Sally's Secret Parmesan French Fries Shhh...Don't tell!

5 russet potatoes 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil Salt and black pepper 1/2 cup grated Parmesan

Preheat the oven to 400° F.
Peel potatoes and cut into half-inch thick slices (lengthwise) cut again into 1/2-inch thick fries.

3. Place the potatoes into a pot with cold water and 1 tablespoon of salt. Bring up to a gentle boil and simmer until a paring knife tip goes through easily. Cook about 3/4 of the way through.

4. Drain carefully and put in a bowl. Add olive oil, 1 tablespoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon black pepper. Toss well and lay out in 1 layer on nonstick baking sheet. Bake until light brown.

5. When brown, sprinkle with parmesan cheese and continue to bake until well-browned and crispy and the cheese is melted and caramelized, about 6 to 7 more minutes. Remove and let cool for 2 minutes.

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Cases of Interest our office is handling

Husband and wife are taken to hospital by ambulance after they are struck by car and thrown from their motorcycle. Both suffered severe injuries, including the husband's fractured skull and pelvis, and the wife's injuries to knees, ribs, back, and toes.

An 8-year-old special needs girl is sexually assaulted by a security guard at her school. The man, who was worked for a private security company employed by the school, was convicted of the crime and had prior sex-related convictions.

3-year-old boy is injured by a piece of metal that flew off of a lawn mower while at an elementary school graduation. The boy had to have 13 stitches on one leg and six stitches on the other.