CASES OF INTEREST: JANUARY 2015

Young Man Strikes Semi Illegally- Parked That Had No Lights On, Causing Severe Injuries

Our client was travelling down a country road and was unable to stop in time before crashing into a semi that was parked the wrong way in the road without lights on. He was life-flighted from the scene of the accident and spent four days in the hospital. He fractured his right knee cap and his femur and he developed a blood clot in his calf as a result of the accident, which required four more days of hospitalization and daily injections. He is still undergoing physical therapy and is in a great deal of pain.

Two Sisters Hospitalized For Multiple Injuries After A Driver Ran A Stop Sign

One sister required a three-night hospital stay after suffering three fractures in her collarbone which will most likely need surgery to repair, along with a cervical fracture, fractures in both ankles, and a left shoulder fracture after she was thrown out of the back window of the car during the accident. The other sister, who was 27 weeks pregnant at the time of the accident, spent two nights in the hospital as doctors tried to prevent the early labor caused by the accident.

21-Year-Old Woman Killed As A Passenger After The Driver Of The Car She Was Riding In Rear-Ended Another Vehicle

We represent the estate of a young woman whose life was cut short when her co-worker rear-ended another vehicle, causing her to lose control of the car and veer into oncoming traffic. Both women were pronounced dead at the scene.

Dustin Vogelsong, a young roofer and father to one-month-old baby girl who almost lost his life after a car accident that left him with a severe head trauma, shattered leg, and broken jaw. His amazing recovery and ensuing legal battle and victory will leave you inspired.

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TRIBUTE TO TOLEDOANS: LOCAL BLACK BELT GIVES FREE MARTIAL ARTS LESSONS TO KIDS IN NEED

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“He is now a 4th degree black belt working on becoming a 5th degree master and has taught literally thousands of children the art of Ju-Jitsu. But perhaps the most inspiring part is that he has always offered his lessons for free.”

“Is it what I enjoy,” Lowell said. “In the 44 years I have been teaching, I have never changed a kid a dime. My payment is seeing what others achieve.”

Lowell likes to use martial arts as a focusing tool for students with behavioral problems that stem from ADD, ADHD, and Autism.

“When they are in my class, they will listen to everything you say,” Lowell said. "But since they leave the building, that’s the part I have no control over. But many parents say they now sit still in class, have more confidence, and have more discipline.”

All classes are free and open to kids and young adults of all ages and all walks of life. For those who have never encountered martial arts before. Those who are interested in the class may call the respective churches where the classes are held for session times and can be signed up. Glenwood Lutheran Church, located at 2450 Smith Street, Toledo, Ohio 43608, can be reached at 419-255-0085 or parents can also call Redeemer Lutheran Church at 419-536-3781, which is located at 1702 Upton Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43607.

To learn more about Mr. Cherry, visit www.TributeToToledo.com to watch a video about his life and his lessons.

START HIGH SCHOOL’S NOVEMBER STUDENT & TEACHER OF THE MONTH WINNERS

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Ms. McConkey was all smiles when she was handed a $50 Visa gift card and a plaque recognizing her efforts. “I wanted to nominate Ms. McConkey because she is helpful in every way you could expect,” Paris said. “And she’s very nice!”

For taking the time to create a video nomination of a teacher, Paris was awarded a $50 Visa gift card.

Another proud teacher was Michelle McConkey, after learning that her student, Paris Murray, nominated her for Teacher of the Month.

Bikes for Kids Holiday Edition

Eight local children were able to ride toward a better Christmas after they received brand new bicycles, helmets, and locks from the Bikes for Kids program on December 18, 2014.

The Bikes for Kids Holiday Edition took place at Cherry Street Mission Ministry’s Life Revitalization Center and the bikes were given to kids of Cherry Street’s Hope House, which provides transitional housing for families moving from homelessness into permanent residences.

“Two years ago when we decided as a ministry that we were going to expand services to families for the first time in nearly 70 years, this is the kind of day that you hope you get to,” Dan said. “Where you can be in a position where the community would care for the kids that are now staying under our roof at Cherry Street, so for us it completes the circle relative to what we hoped would happen.”

To date, Bikes for Kids has given away 46 bicycles to kids who have made a difference in the lives of another person. Typically held in the summertime, the program was designed inspire children to be kind to their friends, family, classmates, and the community.

“We wanted to do something special around the holidays to recognize kids whose strength helps them endure tough times of transition,” said Attorney Chuck Boyk, founder of Bikes for Kids. “It takes a lot of patience and faith for children to get through the holidays when they don’t have a permanent place to live and hopefully the bicycles will give them the freedom of enjoying a childhood pastime, no matter where they call home.”

The bikes are purchased from Wersell’s Bike Shop, located on Central Avenue in Toledo, and owner Jill Wersell donated a helmet and lock to go along with each bike.

Nominations are already being accepted for the Summer 2015 program and adults can visit www.BikesForKidsToledo.com to tell the story of a child who they believe is deserving of a bike after making a difference.

RECIPE: Emily’s Chicken Enchilada Soup

Give a new twist to Mexican night at your house with this savory and hearty soup. Perfect for the winter months, it pairs well with taco salad or topped with crushed tortilla chips.

INGREDIENTS:
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- One 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed and drained
- One 14-ounce can diced tomatoes
- One 10-ounce package frozen white kernel corn
- One 10-ounce can red enchilada sauce
- One 10-7/8 ounce can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 2 cups milk
- 2 large, cooked chicken breasts, shredded or cubed

INSTRUCTIONS:
- In a large pot, sauté onions in butter until soft.
- Add beans, tomatoes, corn, and chicken
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