

National Nurses Day was May 6, 2020, and we couldn't think of a better group of people to celebrate - especially this year. During the COVID-19 pandemic, nurses all across the world have worked tirelessly to care for patients, putting their own health at risk and making sacrifices every single day to make sure we have the best healthcare possible during this unprecedented time. Although we will never be able to thank them enough, we asked our readers to nominate the extra special nurses they know so we could pick three winners, highlight these amazing people, and give them a little token of our gratitude. The winners will each receive a gift card, and we can't wait for everyone to read a little about the work they have been doing:

#### **Michelle Ahleman**

Nominated by Paula Stoll, Michelle is a nurse at St. Luke's Hospital in Maumee who has been working 12 hour shifts during the pandemic and is also on-call during her days off. Michelle feels it is her calling to help people and has been described to us as an amazing nurse, amazing woman, and amazing human being. In fact, Paula calls Michelle her "superhero" nurse. Thank you, Michelle, for being a hero in these scary times!

#### **Emily Meyer**

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Emily Meyer is an RN at ProMedica Toledo Hospital working in the ER. Her nominator Stefanie Miller describes her as a devoted mother of two young boys, who is also expecting a baby girl this August. While working long hours caring for patients at the ER, Emily is also balancing raising and protecting her family at home. Dedicated to her job and caring for the sick, Emily is a brave and strong young woman who always works hard to make sure everyone who comes through those ER doors is taken care of, something that is especially scary right now. We are proud to celebrate Emily for her brave dedication to her patients.

#### **Megan Saddoris**

Megan is an RN who works at a local hospital that has been treating COVID-19 patients. She was nominated by her mom Dana Saddoris, who says that each and every member of these medical teams should be honored daily for the amount

of giving they offer their patients. Oftentimes the nursing staff is the only familiar face a patient sees every day, and sadly, in some cases it could be the last person they see in their lives. Megan's mom notes that these frontline workers are having a hard time not only with the long hours, but also the emotional toll of treating patients during a pandemic. We join her in humbly thanking Megan, and all the others, for their service.

#### **Julia Benfield**

Even while celebrating those outside our firm, we couldn't miss this opportunity to celebrate and give an extra thank you to our very own nurse paralegal, Julia Benfield. Not only is Julia working as an ER nurse at a local hospital, but she is still helping us on our cases and even stepped up to help with a video Q&A on our Facebook page, answering questions about how to stay safe during the pandemic and talking candidly about her own decontamination process when she gets home from the hospital. Julia, we are so lucky to have you on our team, and we know all your patients are equally as lucky. Thanks for all you do!



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# **Celebrating Moms On Mother's Day, In The Wake Of The Coronavirus**

The U.S. has been celebrating moms on the second Sunday of May since 1918. Though traditionally we've showered our mothers with flowers, cards, and gifts, this year may look a little different due to social distancing guidelines impacting our community. However, we can't let our moms down because they sure deserve extra celebrating this year, don't they?

During this unprecedented time, moms are working from home, homeschooling the kids, getting them their exercise, and trying to entertain them, all while obeying the shelter-at-home order in place since mid-March. We know plenty of dads are holding down the fort too, but this is all about celebrating the moms out there, who are doing it all! How do we celebrate mom this year if we can't take her brunch, buy her a new sweater from the mall or take her to the farmer's market to buy a beautiful bouquet? Even if some of the restrictions are lifted, Mother's Day is definitely going to look and feel different.

For all of you out there who still want to make a big to-do this year for mom, there are plenty of ways! Treat Mom to her favorite meal. There are over 200 restaurants open for delivery in the Toledo area through Grub Hub and Uber Eats. Make a gratitude video, or have the grandkids make a video to send her. If you're looking to see each other in real time, there are plenty of apps out there to support video chatting for free like FaceTime, House Party, Zoom, and Skype. Whip out the arts and crafts and send a homemade card. The USPS is still delivering mail, but you may need to account for some extra days to be sure she gets it before May 10. Drive by mom's house with posters and balloons. This way she feels celebrated and gets to physically see her loved ones even with everyone practicing social distancing. Even though you can't spend the day picking flowers or visiting garden centers together, you can still send her flowers. There are plenty of Northwest Ohio florists open and still making deliveries. Be sure to plan ahead and make sure you reserve some flowers and delivery time.

We want to take this time to thank all the moms out there doing the best they can. We know these times are challenging you mentally, physically, emotionally, and even financially. We are all in this tough time together and we know and appreciate the great job you're doing. Thank you again MOMs for all you've done, are doing, and will continue to do. We're sending virtual hugs and paper hugs your way!



# **MOTORCYCLE** SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH May 2020



Motorcyclists are 28x more likely to die in a crash than those in passenger cars

Most motorcycle accidents occur in JUNE, JULY, and AUGUST

Most car-motorcycle crashes involve the car making a LEFT-HAND TURN **90,000** Motorcyclists Injured in Crashes Each year

5,000+ MOTORCYCLISTS KILLED IN CRASHES EACH YEAR

QUICK TIPS FOR INTERACTING WITH MOTORCYCLES



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"One morning, I was on my way to work on my motorcycle when a vehicle turned in front of me. I sustained very serious injuries and was transported to the ER. Chuck and the team he assembled handled everything. They were always right there. The end result of all the time and energy they spent on my case resulted in me receiving the full value of my motorcycle and the full policy limits from the insurance company."

- Mike Keller

# **Grandma Steffen's Pear Tart**

# **INGREDIENTS:**

### Pastry

- 1/2 C butter
- 1/3 C sugar
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 3/4 C flour
- 2/3 C pecans, finely chopped

## Filling

- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1/2 C sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- ripe pears, thinly sliced
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp sugar

# **INSTRUCTIONS:**

### Pastry

For pastry dough, cream butter and sugar. Stir in vanilla, flour, and pecans. Press dough into 10" tart pan (greased). Bake at 350° for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.

## Filling

For filling, beat cream cheese and sugar.



Add egg and vanilla. Pour into baked crust. Fan sliced pears over the top and dust with cinnamon and sugar.

Place tart pan on cookie sheet and bake at  $375^{\circ}$  for 25 minutes or until set.

# FDA REQUESTS Removal of Zantac from Stores

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced its request for the removal of Zantac products from drugstore shelves.

In its press release, the FDA called for the withdrawal of "all prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) ranitidine drugs from the market immediately." The decision comes as a result of the FDA's ongoing investigation into contamination of the product. The FDA discovered N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) in Zantac. The chemical is a known carcinogen that is used in research to develop tumors in lab animals.

Consumers taking over-the-counter Zantac are advised to stop taking the medication. For patients taking prescription ranitidine, the FDA advises you should talk to your doctor about other treatment options before stopping.

Our firm is investigating cases for individuals who took Zantac and were later diagnosed with cancer.



# CASES OF INTEREST: MAY 2020MOTORCYCLIST SUFFERS SEVEREELDERLY WOMAN PASSES AWAYFATAL MOTOR

## MOTORCYCLIST SUFFERS SEVERE Injuries After At-Fault Driver Turns in Front of Him

Our client was operating a motorcycle southbound on Telegraph Road in Toledo, Ohio when another driver traveling northbound on Telegraph Road made a left turn directly into our client's path of travel. Upon impact our client was launched over the top of the at-fault driver's vehicle and lost consciousness due to the impact. The Life Squad came to the scene and transported our client to St. Vincent Hospital Emergency Department. Our client remained unconscious and in the hospital for two days. He suffered a fractured skull, a broken nose, six broken toes, black eyes and extensive bruising. Our client has a long road to recovery and will require extensive medical treatment.

# ELDERLY WOMAN PASSES AWAY After Falling at Hospital and Suffering brain bleed

An elderly woman was taken to the hospital due to low blood pressure. She was very weak, was deemed a fall risk, and was required to have a two-person-assist. A single staff member allowed the elderly woman to walk on her own. As she was returning to her bed, she fell and hit her head on the corner of a couch. Complaining of a headache, the woman was given medication and then left unattended in her bed. The elderly woman fell asleep and never woke up. An autopsy was performed and was determined that she suffered a brain bleed and passed away as a result of falling and hitting her head. The family came to the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices for help with opening an estate and pursuing a wrongful death case against the hospital. CASE FILE

# FATAL MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT IN Toledo, ohio

Our client was a passenger on the back of her boyfriend's motorcycle, traveling northbound on East Broadway Street in Toledo, Ohio. Another driver traveling westbound on Liberty Street failed to stop at a stop sign, entering the intersection directly in our client's path of travel. The at-fault-driver was believed to be under the influence of alcohol and cocaine at the time of the accident. Tragically, our client's boyfriend died at the scene. She was taken by Life Squad to St. Vincent Hospital Emergency Department where she was treated for extensive injuries including a fractured skull, fractured back, and a fracture to her right hip and pelvis. Our client remained in the hospital for four days before being transferred to St. Charles Rehab Facility. She has undergone immeasurable pain and suffering due to her injuries and the loss of a loved one.





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# May's Raving Fan of the Month

"I hired Mr. Bruno due a worker's comp case and he explained the process to me every step of the way. I felt well informed and confident that he was doing his utmost to get my case settled satisfactorily, and as quickly as possible. I am pleased with the results of my case and the settlement that I was awarded. I would highly recommend Mr. Bruno and the Boyk law firm." – Anonymous

\*For a chance to be featured as our Raving Fan and to win a gift card, leave us an online review at Google, our Facebook or AVVO.

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# **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: DEET'S BBQ**



You may know Deet's BBQ as a locally owned and operated homestyle barbeque restaurant that smokes fresh meats daily and serves up delicious meals at several locations in the Toledo area. But today, Deet's BBQ is quickly becoming known for its philanthropic

efforts, giving back to the Toledo and surrounding communities through its community outreach initiative #grubsforscrubs. Due to social distancing enforcement, Deet's BBQ, along with other area restaurants and bars, has been forced to close its dine-in services. However, owners Trevor Deeter and Tim Haye got creative and came up with a way to keep their staff employed and at the same time provide warm meals to those serving on the front lines

of the pandemic. Through generous donations from people throughout the community, Deet's makes fresh meals and delivers them to the local hospital workers who are on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. To keep the #grubsforscrubs initiative going, Deet's BBQ is taking donations at area Deet's BBQ locations, online at deetsbbq.com, or by calling 419-893-2335.











