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The Plague of the Potholes

Potholes, everyone hates them. They damage your vehicle, they cause a hassle in your life, and they continue to be an issue in our area. Recent attention to potholes has caused government entities to blame one another on who is responsible, and it even lead to the state's voters to pass one of the most significant bond issues in the history of the state designated to fixing our infrastructure.

As I drove around a few potholes on my way to work, I began to wonder what chaos potholes cause. Other than the alignment issues and flat tires, what is the actual cost of potholes on residents in our area and what else do potholes lead too.

Searching potholes on Google may not be the best option, as hundreds of thousands of results will magically appear from the internet. Looking through them will only cause a headache slightly more powerful than the one caused by the potholes to begin with. So I turned to the experts and what did I find? **Potholes cause accidents.**

That's right, you may not realize as you are dodging them on your way to the store, or work, but those giant holes in the pavement can lead to severe accidents. Time and again, cars dodging potholes and drivers getting distracted because of them, has resulted in a number of collisions in our area. Cars can hit potholes so hard that they are jerked loose of the drivers control, leading them to run off the road or into the lane of oncoming traffic. Let's not even get started on the dangers of potholes to bikers.



Pothole.info, yes, that is a website, reports that not only are car accidents caused by potholes, but also slip and fall claims as well. Time and time again, pedestrians are tripping and falling on huge gaping holes in the pavement creating medical claims that cost thousands and thousands of dollars.

How does this affect the public? While other than the costs to get a car fixed, accident claims due to potholes also create a burden for taxpayers who have to not only pay for the potential claims through local governments, but also pay to have the holes fixed either way. You can report a pothole on your street to the DOH online at transportation.wv.gov, click on "Request for Road Repair".

So the next time you are driving or walking on pothole-infested streets, keep in mind that other dangers lurk beside the busted tires and rims.

Your Family: Kids & YouTube

The online video world can be overwhelming for children and more than a little confusing for parents. The web is full of child-friendly fun such as games, funny animal videos and homework assistance, but there are also many videos and websites children should not be viewing.

The good news is there are ways parents can be sure their kids are viewing only safe sites. One good tip is to limit your child's access to video creators you know you can trust.



There are many well-known brands for children on YouTube. The best way to find suitable material is to search for videos on while in "restricted mode", which can help to introduce exciting new channels to your family while screening out bad results.

Subscribing to trusted channels allows kids to easily scroll through many safe videos while you will also receive email alerts for new additions. Enabling restricted mode will mean children are protected from bullying and other unwanted interactions by removing posted comments from other people below the videos.

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MLG and WBOY Celebrating Volunteers Chrissy Musta and Clint Monroe of Bikers for a Cure



Chrissy Musta and Clint Monroe both know first hand the havoc and devastation that cancer can heap on a family. With both feeling the effects of cancer, Chrissy herself and Clint through his father, each have had an experience that only encouraged them to work for a cure. So with that, both began to volunteer at Bikers for a Cure, whose primary fundraiser is through the motorcycle ride, Bikers for Life.

With Chrissy getting involved from the beginning of the event, going on its 18th anniversary, and Clint joining soon thereafter, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised by bikers from all across our region and donated to worthy organizations, such as the American Cancer Society.

Chrissy and Clint make up a small portion of the number of volunteers that work to make the dice run a success each year. The annual ride, this year held on August 17th, begins in Clarksburg and travels through Lewis, Upshur, Barbour and Taylor counties before ending

back in Harrison. Their hard work and dedication to this cause and awesome group of people were why Chrissy and Clint were selected as this month's Celebrating Volunteer Award winners.

"I see the impact of cancer on families everyday," stated Tim Miley of The Miley Legal Group. "The work that Chrissy and Clint do to raise funds to support organizations searching for a cure not only affects the community, but it also provides a way for those directly impacted to have a way to feel the support of others, raise funds for a good cause and enjoy themselves while doing so."

To learn more about Bikers for a Cure and the Bikers for Life dice run, visit [Facebook.com/BikersforaCure](https://www.facebook.com/BikersforaCure). To learn more about our Celebrating Volunteer Program, visit our website, www.MileyLegal.com and click on the logo.



★★★★★ "My time with The Miley Legal Group was fantastic. I dealt with very friendly people. Thank you for everything you have done." - Ruby S. (Grafton)

★★★★★ "If you would like to get your cases resolved efficiently, you should go see Doug Miley." -Joseph C (Clarksburg)

★★★★★ "They took the time to explain everything so I understood what was going to happen with my case." -Cynthia D (Fairmont)

Pet Peeves: New Family Member!

Did you hear the news? We have a new family member! Everyone meet Clara Belle! Mom and Dad adopted her from the HARRISON COUNTY Animal Shelter after spotting her on Facebook. We tried really hard to welcome her with open arms, but it was very difficult.

We appreciate Mom and Dad's patience through this process, but it is taking a little while for us to warm up to her. They even brought in a another person to help us get a long. (She had treats!)

We may be biased, but Clara Belle will find out just how lucky she is to have been adopted into our family! (We may even let her help us write our next letter!)

Love Mia, Dexter & Regis



Recipe of the Month:

Bacon-Ranch Chicken Enchiliadas

Ingredients:

2 Tbsp olive oil
1/4 cup chopped yellow onion
1/2 leftover rotisserie chicken, chopped
1/4 cup crumbled cooked bacon
2 Tbsp roasted garlic
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
1/2 tsp garlic powder
1 bunch green onions, chopped
2 Tbsp ranch dressing
2 Tbsp sour cream
15 (6 in) corn tortillas
2 cups shredded Cheddar- Jack cheese
1 cup mild enchilada sauce



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Spray 9 x 12 inch pan with cooking spray
2. Heat olive oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add onion, cook until soft. Stir in chicken, bacon and garlic. Season with salt, pepper and garlic powder. Stir in green onions.
3. Mix ranch dressing with sour cream in small bowl add to chicken mixture and remove from heat. Fill each tortilla by spooning 2 Tbsp of chicken mixture across the middle and top with 1 Tbsp of cheese, roll and repeat. Place seam sides down, filling pan with enchiladas.
4. Pour enchilada sauce on top of tortillas and sprinkle remaining cheese on top. Bake until bubbling on top, about 15 minutes.

Recipe & Picture Courtesy of Allrecipes.com. Submit recipes to mlg@mileylegal.com

Words of Encouragement

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

- Romans 8:28

"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast"

- 1 Peter 5:10

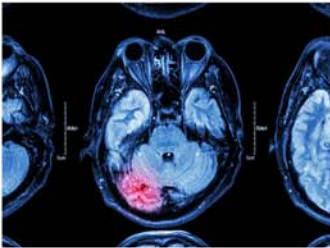
"In three words, I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."

- Robert Frost

July's Cases of Interest

Accident Leads to Blackouts, Potential Brain Injury!

Our client was a passenger in a vehicle that was leaving a local retail location when they were struck on the side by another vehicle. Initially, our client did not receive treatment, however later that evening, a trip to the local ER was necessary as our client began having periods of blackouts at work. This along with the persistent headaches, had led our client's doctors to believe that there must have been a blow to the head during the accident, unknown to our client.



Our firm sees this type of injury all the time. Someone is in an accident, does not realize that they may have struck their head during the crash, either on a window or door frame. They refuse treatment at the scene only to be diagnosed with a concussion later on. Head injuries can be dangerous, it is important that even if an accident victim does not "feel" hurt at the scene, that they are checked out anyway.

Client Hires Us Almost One Year After Accident.

We were contacted by our client in September of 2018, after he was injured in a car accident. After speaking with him and answering his questions, he chose not to hire our firm at that time and went with another law firm not specializing in accident injuries. After almost a year with the other firm, he decided that a firm that has experience and specializes in injury claims was a better fit. After some additional research, and reading our reviews, he decided that MLG was the right fit for his case. We are now in the process of reviewing and putting together the pieces of his claim left by the previous firm.

"The greatest compliment we can receive is the referral of your family and friends."

5 Tips for Safe Bicycling

1. Wear a Helmet
2. Wear Bright Clothing
3. Use Lighting
4. Obey Traffic Laws
5. Make Sure to have Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage



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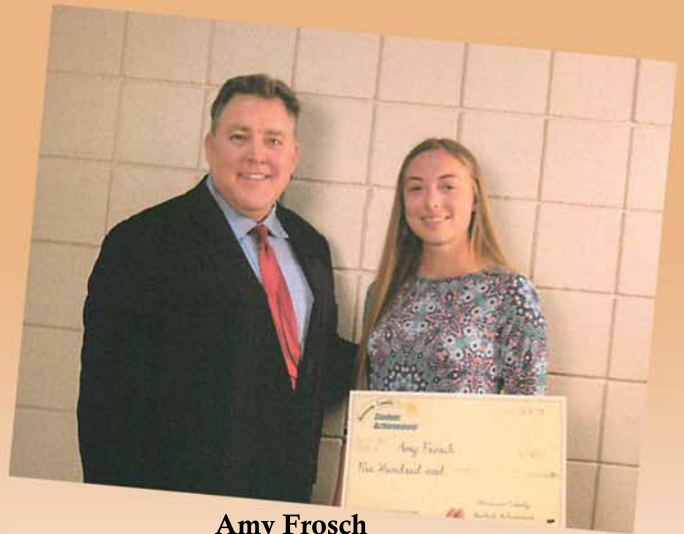
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Megan Murray
Bridgeport High School

Each selected recipient received a scholarship check to use for their future education.



Amy Frosch
Notre Dame High School

Not Pictured:
Jordan Stout - South Harrison High School
Emily Shaw - Robert C. Byrd High School
Connor Wickline - Liberty High School