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Don't Get Burned by the Statute of Limitations

In most states, the time you have to file a claim after you were injured—the Statute of Limitations (SOL)—is generally two years from when you were hurt in an accident (there can be exceptions, though, and your best bet is always to reach out to an experienced personal injury attorney to review the facts of your situation).



Unfortunately, some folks that we speak with are under the mistaken impression that as long as they have initiated conversations with the insurance company, exchanged paperwork, or are actively negotiating with the adjuster, they're in good shape as far as the SOL is concerned. This could not be further from the truth.

Fact is, in order to meet the requirements of the SOL, your injury claim has to be filed in court within the timeframe allowed by the SOL.

Simply getting things rolling and chatting with the insurance adjuster are not enough. Remember, the insurance adjuster is not your friend and is not your buddy. His or her job is to settle your claim for as little money as possible...or to get it thrown out entirely or just make it go away (what better way for that to happen than to have the SOL run out).

To make matters worse, if the SOL does run out, you're out of luck. You can't file to get an extension or get an exception—your opportunity to collect compensation for your injuries is gone.

So, do yourself a favor: if you get injured in an accident and feel you may have a legitimate claim, give our office a call. 



The Miley Legal Group and WBOY TV Announce the Winners of the *Celebrating Volunteers* Award Program

Carl and Shirley Funk of the Preston Memorial Hospital Foundation as April's Volunteer



WBOY's Gretchen Ross, Carl and Shirley Funk, and Tim Miley



Walking into a medical facility, especially a hospital, can make the strongest person instantly nervous. The uncertainty of potential news, upcoming surgery or visiting with family members has gotten to the best of all of us. In order to calm some of those nerves, while creating a more welcoming environment, the Preston Memorial Hospital has created a team of volunteers, led by Shirley and Carl Funk, that guide each patient and their family through the entire process from check-in to surgery and beyond. This program has not only increased patient satisfaction, but has created an environment to combat nervousness while enhancing patient care. Volunteers are what make this program work, Shirley and Carl are key assets to the program and keep it running each day. That is why The Miley Legal Group and WBOY have selected Shirley and Carl Funk as this month's *Celebrating Volunteers* Award winners.

To speak with the couple, you can see how important their service is to the hospital, the patients and to the overall community in which they live. The exhaustive hours they put in, 13-15 hours on the days they volunteer, are only extended by the additional programs they participate in. Each with their own separate roles, Shirley as the warm and comforting greeter and Carl as the humorous, yet strict schedule keeper, create an environment that is both welcoming and soothing to those that enter the newly opened facility. "They are truly a remarkable couple and we are very grateful for their kindness and service to our hospital and community," states Kim Liston, the Community Programs Coordinator for Preston Memorial Hospital. "They have been commended by many patients for their support and by staff members for their dedication and helpfulness."

In addition to their volunteer functions as part of the welcoming and surgery transport teams, both Shirley and Carl participate and lead a number of other projects throughout the hospital. Shirley participates in and spends a number of hours volunteering for the Preston Memorial Hospital's crafting group, which makes hand made items that are sold through the gift case in the lobby to raise funds for the hospital's foundation. She also participates in the volunteer pastoral services, which allows her to comfort and pray with patients upon their request. They both participate and assist in the numerous hospital sponsored health fairs and blood drives that occur throughout the community. This allows them to not only connect with the community but to also increase the health and wellness of their friends and family.

The volunteer hours spent within the hospital are not the only community service that makes up a large portion of Shirley and Carl's lives. They also spend a number of hours volunteering throughout the community of Kingwood through various organizations and groups. You will rarely find a day that either of the Funks are not volunteering or sharing their time to help someone or some group working to enhance the livelihood of those that surround them.

"This month we recognize two very hardworking individuals that spend a lot of their time welcoming and comforting patients as they work through the healthcare maze," Gretchen Ross of WBOY stated. "They provide one of the most important functions of our healthcare industry, concern and care. Their work not only impacts the patient, but their friends and family. I gladly honor their work for their community and the impact they make on each and every patient of Preston Memorial."

"Shirley and Carl Funk are the bright spots that ease the minds of patients, while reassuring their friends and families through what could be a very traumatic experience," said Tim Miley, owner of The Miley Legal Group. "Honoring their work at Preston Memorial not only reflects on the importance of what they do, but also shows the dedication that they have for the hospital, its patients, staff and the entire Kingwood community."

"I enjoyed getting to know Shirley and Carl and the long history and tradition they hold within the community and the hospital itself. Both have had a great impact on many and will continue to do so for years to come."



The Celebrating Volunteers awardees receive public recognition for not only themselves, but their organization. They also receive a \$500 contribution to the organization they represent in their name. Gretchen Ross of WBOY TV and Tim Miley of The Miley Legal Group work together to select the awardee from the many nominations received from the public. The volunteer selected will have demonstrated their commitment to an organization through volunteerism and support.

"I am an avid supporter of volunteerism in our communities." Miley stated. "The Celebrating Volunteers program is a way that we can recognize the hard work and dedication of individuals across our region."

We look forward to recognizing a number of worthy individuals while giving their organizations a part of the spotlight. The program will continue recognizing volunteers throughout the coming year. In order to nominate a volunteer to receive this award, please visit MileyLegal.com and click on the *Celebrating Volunteers* logo.

For more information on the Preston Memorial Foundation, please visit their website at <https://www.prestonmemorial.org/foundation.aspx> or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PrestonMemorial.

Client Victories

- ✓ Having an experienced lawyer on his side, our client was able to reach a settlement with an insurance company after a car accident that lead him to collect over triple what their original offer was. Our attorney knew the value of his case and pushed the insurance company to reach a specific number before our client agreed to settle.
- ✓ Our client was injured while on the job due to a third party. Not only did we find him a reliable attorney to assist him with his worker's compensation claim, we were able to bring a claim to the insurance company of his employer after it was determined that the equipment he had been working on was not maintained and precautions to protect the employee was not taken.
- ✓ Motorcycle season is in full swing. If you ride, it is important that you understand what to do after an accident. Be on the lookout for an awesome resource that you will want to share with every biker in your life coming from MLG in the very near future!

Really Easy Fruit Cobbler:

For those times when you have a surplus of berries or other fruit!

Ingredients:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ¾ white sugar
- ¾ cup of milk
- ¼ cup of butter
- 2 cups of sliced or small fresh fruit

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Melt butter in a 9 x 9 inch baking dish.
2. Blend together flour, baking powder, sugar and milk.
3. Pour batter in baking dish over the butter. Sprinkle fruit on top of the batter, do not stir.
4. Bake for 1 hour or until golden brown.
5. Eat!

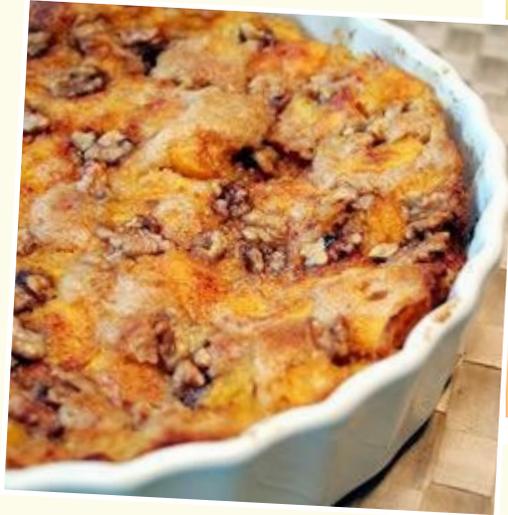


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Words of Encouragement

“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.”

– Proverbs 17:17

“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.”

– 1 Corinthians 16:13

“In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can.”

–Nikos Kazantzakis
(Greek philosopher)

Pet Peeves – Time to Vote!

Hey Friends! Dexter and Mia here with the Primary Election Season Scoop. It is time to vote in our state’s Primary. We want to encourage you to take the time and vote. Why is it important to us, you ask? Well, there are a few reasons why your pets would want you to cast a ballot. The first, is that it is important to everyone in your family, including your pets. Legislators, governors and even judges pass laws and decide on cases that affect both human voters and animals!

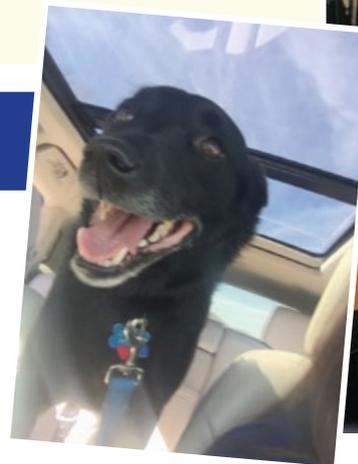
According to the Animal Legal Defense Fund, West Virginia ranks #6 among the 50 states with their animal protection laws on the books. That’s a good thing for all animals, including your pets! Help us protect our friends and vote for those candidates that love their furry companions!

The second important reason that we encourage you to vote, is that every single vote counts. In some cases, it may be THE vote that counts. Here are a few examples of races where one vote decided the election:

- Texas became the 28th state in 1845 by one vote in the U.S. Senate.
- One vote saved President Andrew Johnson in 1868 from being removed from office.
- One vote in each precinct in Ohio and California gave the 1948 Presidential election to Harry S. Truman.
- One vote per precinct during the 1960 Presidential election would have handed the win to Nixon over Kennedy.

So you can see that in each of these circumstances, and there are a number of others, single vote decided major elections changes in our history!

Well, that’s all we got this month! Check us out next month to see what awesome pet information we have to share 🐾 🐾 🐾





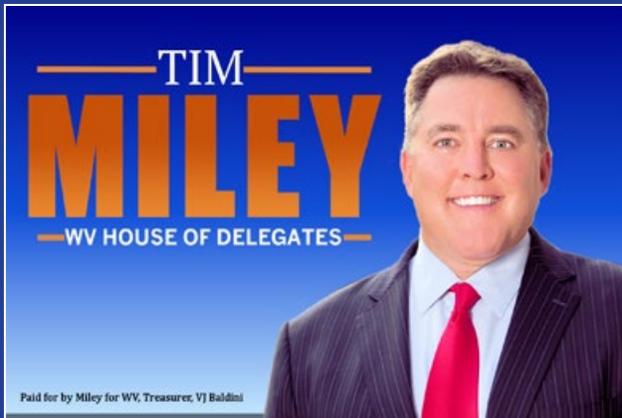
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Tim with his nieces and nephews that were able to attend his celebration