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BENEFITTING THE CANCER COUNCIL OF RENO COUNTY

**REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 930AM. KICKSTANDS UP AT 1030AM**  
**\$0 SALTY CYCLES, 129 E SHERMAN, HUTCHINSON, KS**  
**\$25/HAND. \$50 /3 HANDS. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CCRC**  
**BEST HAND 25%, SECOND 15%, WORST 10%**  
**FREE LUNCH SERVED ALL VEHICLES WELCOME DONATIONS ACCEPTED**

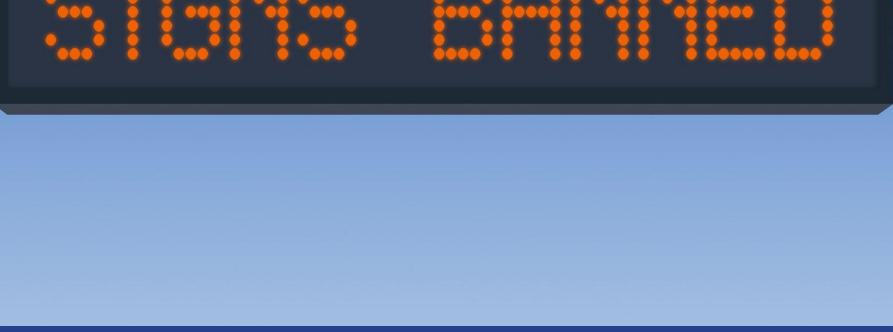
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Special Thanks to:  
**\$0 SALTY CYCLES**  
**GREAT PLAINS MOTORSPORTS**  
**MILLER CYCLE SHOP**  
**BUHLER GAS CO**

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Cruise for the Cure Poker Run benefitting the Cancer Council of Reno County! Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with engines starting at 10:30 a.m. The Poker Run will begin at Salty Cycles, 129 E Sherman, Hutchinson, KS. Poker run stops include Buhler Gas Co. in Buhler, Miller Cycle Shop in Inman, Nickerson Community Center in Nickerson, Great Plains Motorsports in South Hutchinson, and Bretz Injury Law in Hutchinson. The entry fee is \$25/hand or \$50 for 3 hands with donations also being accepted. All road-legal vehicles are welcome to participate.

[MORE INFO](#)

## Funny signs banned from roadways



The Federal Highway Administration has mandated that all states cease using electronic signs for humorous or pop culture-related safety messages, instead opting for simple, direct, and clear messages. This directive, outlined in a comprehensive 1,100-page manual published in December, aims to prevent distractions and ensure universal comprehension. While some states, like New Jersey, Ohio, and Massachusetts, have embraced quirky and funny messages to grab attention, federal regulators caution against potential risks and emphasize the importance of straightforward safety reminders. The new federal guidelines provide examples of acceptable language for highway safety messages, prioritizing clarity and effectiveness. This mandate prohibits using playful messages by 2026.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**03/16/24**  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE  
ATCHISON, KS

**03/16/24**  
DELANO PADDY DAY PARADE  
WICHITA, KS

**03/16/24**  
HUTCH MINI-CON  
HUTCHINSON, KS

**03/16/24**  
HUTCH MINI Comic Con  
March 16th, 2024  
HUTCHINSON, KS

**03/23/24**  
VAFFELDAGEN CELEBRATION  
LINDSBORG, KS

**03/24/24 - 03/30/24**  
NJCAA DI MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP  
HUTCHINSON, KS

### What's going on?

There is plenty to do in Kansas! Click the button below for more events in your area.

[EVENTS NEAR ME](#)

### Kansas Drive to Zero

Seat belts are the single most effective way to limit injuries in a crash, reducing the risk of serious injury or death by 50%. Seatbelts prevent occupants from being ejected during a collision and distribute the force of impact, reducing the risk of serious injuries or fatalities. Set a positive example by wearing a seatbelt and encourage others to do the same.

**DRIVE TO ZERO**  
KANSAS TRAFFIC DEATHS

**WHY DO WE BUCKLE UP?**

Wearing a seat belt helps keep you safe inside your vehicle. If you aren't buckled up in a crash, you can be thrown out of your vehicle and badly hurt or killed.

Air bags are not enough to protect you if you aren't buckled up. Air bags can seriously injure or even kill you if you aren't buckled up.

Wearing a seat belt incorrectly by putting the strap beneath your arm or behind your back puts you at risk for severe injury or a crash.

**Remember you're wearing a seat belt and you're safe!**

## Matt's Monthly Minute

This month's "monthly minute" covers what all is included in a liability claim and possible avenues of recovery.

The liability claim includes all of the damages which have been suffered as a result of the wreck. These damages can include almost anything suffered as a result of the wreck, and most commonly include past and future medical bills, lost wages, pain, suffering and disability, other consequential damages, and loss of consortium.

Medical bills incurred prior to making the liability claim are fairly straight-forward. You get the medical records and bills and itemize the bills which are related to the wreck. What can be more difficult is establishing what injuries, medical treatment and bills were caused by the wreck. This can be especially difficult if you have had prior injuries, problems, or treatment to the body parts which were injured in the wreck. As attorneys, we frequently have to get reports from treating physicians or need to hire medical specialists to prove what injuries were caused by a wreck. By obtaining such reports and producing them as part of the initial liability claim we show the insurance adjuster that we know what evidence is needed to substantiate the claims and that we have the evidence to win at trial if they refuse to make a reasonable settlement offer.

Future medical bills are a bit less straight-forward. Most states only allow future medical bills to be recovered if you prove that, and prove the value of the necessary future medical treatment. So, if it is possible but not probable that you will need medical treatment in the future then you don't get money for future medical treatment. And if you cannot prove the likely cost of necessary medical treatment then you don't get money for future medical treatment.

In order to make a claim for future medical bills it is important for your attorney to meet with your doctor or to hire a medical specialist to address likely future medical needs and costs. Frankly, it is easier for a lawyer to get the required information on future medical needs and costs than it is for a patient to get this information. While a doctor may tell you during the course of treatment that you may have more problems in the future, may develop arthritis in the future, or that the problems may get worse over time eventually required to get those opinions into evidence or to turn those statements into money for future medical treatment. An experienced lawyer who knows the standard of proof and who can explain the process to the doctor, will have much better success at getting a written opinion about future medical needs and costs.

Making a claim for lost wages or future lost wages is similar to making a claim for past and future medical bills, but there are additional things which need to be done to make the wage loss claim. To make a wage loss claim you need proof of your job, a record of earnings, restrictions or an off-work slip from a doctor, and a statement from your employer verifying that you are off work due to injuries from the wreck. To make a claim for future lost wages you also need a statement from your doctor or from a medical expert which addresses the need to be off work in the future due to injuries from the wreck.

In cases involving serious or disabling injuries, we often retain vocational experts to address future losses. A vocational expert can review your medical records, medical restrictions, educational background and vocational history and address your anticipated future loss of income. We usually use a vocational expert who is a professor at a college or university in the state where our client lives, or in the state where trial will be held. This can help with credibility in front of a judge or jury, and can also help get a case settled without a trial.

A liability claim can also include money for pain, suffering, and disability. There is no mathematical formula for calculating how much money should be given for pain, for suffering, or for disability. Some insurance companies use a computer program to assist them in making this determination, and some lawyers say that money for pain and suffering should be a multiple of the medical bills. A good attorney will use his or her experience in handling cases like yours to make recommendations to you about the value of pain and suffering in your case.

Many states also allow claims for "loss of consortium." Loss of consortium deals with one spouse's losses as a result of injuries to the other spouse. These may include loss of economic contributions by the injured spouse to the household, care and affection, and even sex. These losses are normally divided into two categories including loss of services which normally would have been provided by the injured spouse, and emotional or romantic losses. Some states require the loss of consortium claim to be brought in the name of the injured spouse, and other states require the claim to be brought in the name of the non-injured spouse. Your lawyer should pay attention to the specific requirements in your state.

Most people who have been injured, and even many lawyers, fail to include loss of consortium as part of the liability claim. If your attorney allows a loss of consortium claim to be pursued it is something which should be investigated and considered. This is especially important given that a loss of consortium claim can be one way around statutory caps if it is properly pled and proven.

Finally, there may be other damages which you have suffered as a consequence of the wreck. These "consequential damages" can include almost any other losses which you have suffered or incurred, and like the other claims it must be proven that they were caused by the wreck.

At Bretz Injury Law, we understand liability and explore every possible avenue of recovery for our clients. If you have any questions regarding a possible claim, call us today. Let our experienced team answer your questions and help protect your future.

- Matthew L. Bretz

## Community News

### League 42 statue theft leads to donations



Wichita police arrested Ricky Alderete for stealing and burning a Jackie Robinson statue in McAdams Park, which was donated to League 42. League 42 founder Bob Lutz expressed a desire to understand the motivations behind the crime and hopes to use excess funds from a successful GoFundMe campaign to improve the baseball complex. Over \$300,000 has been raised for the organization. Read more [here](#).

### Location announced for new Kansas City Royals ballpark



Kansas City Royals select site for new ballpark in Crossroads neighborhood, set to replace Kauffman Stadium. Funding for the ballpark will come from private-public partnership. The ballpark is set to be finished by 2028. Read more [here](#).

### Lawmakers advocate for suspended license reform



Kansas lawmakers are considering a bill to allow restricted driving privileges for those with traffic violations who have missed payments. White Sedgwick County Commissioner Jim Howell notes the challenges of license restoration, groups like Kansas Applesedge argue the bill doesn't fully address underlying issues. Time is running out for lawmakers to advance the bill. Read more [here](#).

### Chiefs collaborate with United Way on #KCStrong emergency response fund



The Kansas City Chiefs are partnering with the United Way to support victims and families affected by a recent shooting. Donations to the #KCStrong Fund will aid those impacted and support violence prevention and recovery efforts, including mental health services. Sales of "Kansas City Strong" T-shirts will also contribute to the fund, with proceeds directed to the United Way. Read more [here](#).

## Work Anniversaries

**Vickie Lohmeyer - Paralegal**  
Vickie is one of the longest tenured staff at Bretz Injury Law. This month, we are celebrating her 18-year anniversary at Bretz Injury Law! Thank you for your dedication, Vickie!

**Rachel Green - Bookkeeper**  
Help us congratulate our bookkeeper, Rachel, for her 3-year anniversary at Bretz Injury Law. Congrats Rachel!

**Stephen Brubaker - Brand Manager**  
Help us celebrate Stephen, our brand manager, on his 2-year mark at Bretz Injury Law! Congrats Stephen!

## February Giveaway Winners

**Disney On Ice Ticket Giveaway**  
**Winner: Nayelly Chavez**  
Nayelly won four tickets to Disney on Ice at INTRUST Bank Arena on March 23rd! She also won a Disney gift card to get some swag for the event.

**Harlem Globetrotters Ticket Giveaway**  
**Winner: Candida Jeronimo**  
Candida won four tickets to the Harlem Globetrotters 2024 World Tour at INTRUST Bank Arena on April 5th! She also won a basketball set for the kiddos!

**Blake Shelton Concert Giveaway**  
**Winner: Kaitlyn Harbert**  
Kaitlyn won two tickets to the Blake Shelton Back to the Honky Tonk Tour at INTRUST Bank Arena! She also won a gift card to Boot Barn!

Giveaways are posted Mondays on the Bretz Injury Law Facebook page. Visit [www.facebook.com/bretzinjurylaw](https://www.facebook.com/bretzinjurylaw) to enter for your chance to win!

## Featured Recipe: Corned-Beef Egg Cups

**Ingredients:**

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted
- 6 slices potato sandwich bread
- 1 small shallot, sliced
- 1 ½ ounces corned beef, chopped
- ½ cup baby spinach
- 6 large eggs
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

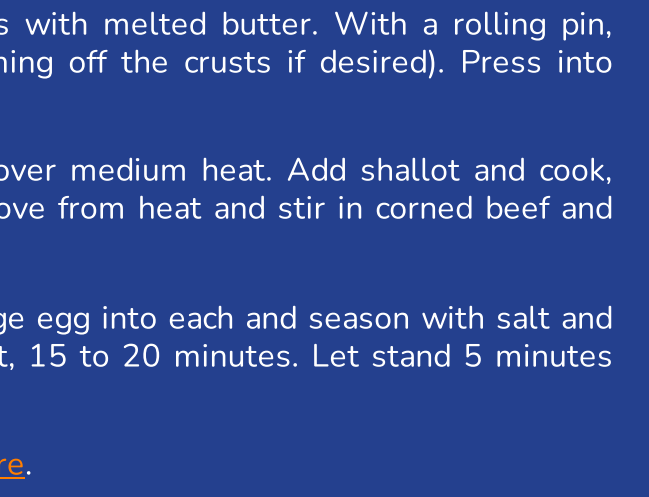
**Directions:**

Preheat oven to 375°F. Brush 6 muffin cups with melted butter. With a rolling pin, slightly flatten slices of potato bread (trimming off the crusts if desired), a roll into prepared cups and brush with more butter.

Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a small skillet over medium heat. Add shallot and cook, stirring, until softened, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in corned beef and baby spinach.

Divide filling evenly among cups. Crack 1 large egg into each and season with salt and pepper. Bake until egg whites are almost set, 15 to 20 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

For more fun St. Patrick's Day recipes, click [here](#).



[Full Recipe](#)



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