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HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CONTEST !!!

We love Halloween, and what better way to celebrate than to show off your decorated pumpkin! All you have to do is decorate your pumpkin, take a picture, post it on our Facebook page and you could be The Winner!!!!

Post your Best Pumpkin picture at:

[facebook.com/Charleston.personal.injury.law.firm](https://www.facebook.com/Charleston.personal.injury.law.firm)

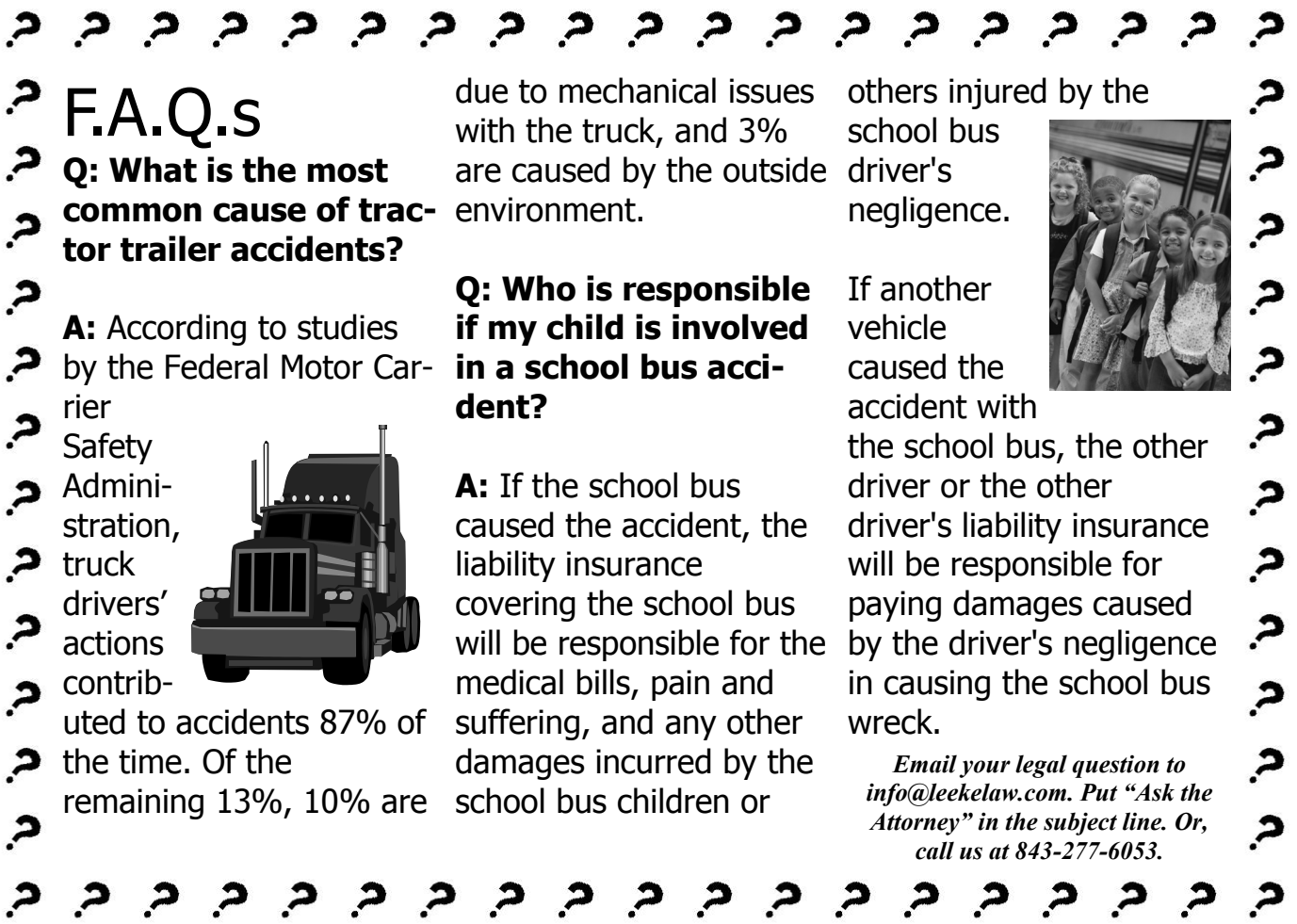
Post the Winning Pumpkin and you win a \$20 gift card! second place will win a \$10 gift card.

WELCOME KIMBERLY, Our New Legal Assistant!!

Kimberly Neumann is the newest addition to Shelly Leeke Law Firm. Kimberly will serve as our new client liaison and is already the point of contact for several clients at the law firm. Kimberly brings 12 years of law firm experience with her to the position. When she's not working, Kimberly enjoys spending time with her family, cooking and photography. We are very excited to have Kimberly on our team, and we hope you will be too!!



Thank You For Your Referrals!



F.A.Q.s

Q: What is the most common cause of tractor trailer accidents?

A: According to studies by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, truck drivers' actions contributed to accidents 87% of the time. Of the remaining 13%, 10% are



due to mechanical issues with the truck, and 3% are caused by the outside environment.

Q: Who is responsible if my child is involved in a school bus accident?

A: If the school bus caused the accident, the liability insurance covering the school bus will be responsible for the medical bills, pain and suffering, and any other damages incurred by the school bus children or

others injured by the school bus driver's negligence.



If another vehicle caused the accident with the school bus, the other driver or the other driver's liability insurance will be responsible for paying damages caused by the driver's negligence in causing the school bus wreck.

Email your legal question to info@leekelaw.com. Put "Ask the Attorney" in the subject line. Or, call us at 843-277-6053.

Cases In the News:

Two Men Arrested After Wrestling a Python at a McDonald's

Two men were arrested after customers at a McDonald's spotted them wrestling a 5-foot python named Boris in the restaurant parking lot.



The men allegedly stole the 8-year-old black-headed python and a lizard from a pet shop. They then brought the snake to the McDonald's parking

lot, where they began wrestling with it in front of puzzled customers, police said.

The men, aged 22 and 24, were arrested and charged with burglary and theft. The snake and lizard were returned to the owner of the Totally Reptiles pet shop.

"GET MONEY" Robber Arrested

Police in Seattle said they arrested a robbery suspect who was easily identified by the words "GET MONEY" shaved into the side of his head.

Investigators said the man robbed two women at gunpoint. The women described the robber to police as having the words "GET MONEY" shaved into one side of his head and tattoos with the word "GET" on one hand and "MONEY" on the other.



Police said the suspect was recognized by an officer who pulled him over for reckless driving. The officer had previously stopped him several times and said another officer had written him a ticket. He was charged with robbery and taken to jail.

Guest Spotlight: Dr. Tharnish

A Properly Positioned Head Restraint Can Save Your Neck

Minimize your risk of neck injury in an accident.



There is one safety feature in your vehicle that few people ever think about, your headrest. The head rest is the part of the seat back that is moveable and the correct name for this piece of dense foam is a head restraint. Its main function is to protect you from injury during an accident. When used properly it has the ability to decrease the severity of injury and when it is not adjusted it is rendered completely ineffective. Research has shown that most people never adjust their head restraint, which leaves it approximately 2-4 inches below where it should be.

Recent changes to federal regulations now require manufactures to increase the height of the seat back, placing the head restraint in a more proper position for the driver. That is great for those driving a 2009 or newer vehicle. However, for the majority of drivers on the road it increases the risk for potentially damaging stress to their spines if ever involved in an accident. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) the top of the restraint should lie between the top of your ears and that top of your head. It should be as close to the head as possible. Grab a friend or family member and go sit in your car to let them look and see where your head restraint is positioned. Whenever you get into a vehicle as a passenger or when passengers get into your vehicle check the head restraint height as well. If you are ever involved in an accident it is imperative to seek medical attention as soon as possible to minimize the long term effects of the accident. Following these simple recommendations may truly save you a major pain in the neck later!

If you have questions for Dr. Angela Tharnish, she can be reached at 843-225-2550. She is a Chiropractic Physician at Charleston Pain Relief Center, which is located in North Charleston at 2294 Otranto Road.

Dealing With Insurance Adjusters



If you are involved in an accident, it is likely that soon after the accident, you will get a phone call from the insurance adjuster for the person that hit you. The adjuster may even offer some amount of money to get you to settle the claim. Although the offer may be tempting, you can bet the amount of money you are offered is less than the adjuster believes your case is worth. Be aware that the insurance adjuster is NOT on your side and will settle your claim for the least amount of money as possible. This is the adjuster's job and it is what they do every day, so it is in your best interest to be cautious when dealing with them. To protect your rights, you should at least consult with a lawyer who is experienced in dealing with insurance companies. You can level the playing field between you and the insurance company if an attorney is on your side.

FALL RECIPE:

Kristen's Caramel Apple Cupcakes

Ingredients

- 1 package (18-1/4 ounces) spice cake mix *or* 1 package (18 ounces) Carrot Cake mix
- 2 cups Chopped peeled tart apples
- 20 Caramels
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans, toasted
- 12 Popsicle sticks



Directions

- Prepare cake batter according to package directions; fold in apples.
- Fill 12 greased or paper-lined jumbo muffin cups three-fourths full. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.
- In a saucepan, cook the caramels and milk over low heat until smooth. Spread over cupcakes. Sprinkle with pecans. Insert a wooden stick into the center of each cupcake. **Yield:** 1 dozen.

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**HALLOWEEN CONTEST!
DETAILS INSIDE!
WIN A PRIZE!**

A Witch Trap

Legend has it that in the 18th century people hung witch balls in their doorways and barns to capture witches inside. What? These stunning pieces of art are blown glass like the one pictured, created to ward off witches and evil spirits. The openings were left at the top, so when the beautiful colors of the glass enticed a witch inside, she would be trapped. Today these ornate glass orbs hang from doorways and in gardens. Next time you see one, you may wonder to yourself is it legend... or is there a witch inside?

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