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Home-Cooked Happiness



If you are like me, you did a lot of cooking over the holidays. In my house, I am the chief cook, griller and bottle washer. I guess that is a natural outgrowth of raising two girls on my own. Initially my daughters were too young to cook, and as they got older they really did not develop a desire to cook since I had become so proficient at it. Miraculously after they moved out on their own, they both developed a keen interest in cooking. In fact, they have both turned me onto some great new recipes.

As with most families, mealtime has always been a big deal at our house. Cooking and eating together creates and nurtures bonding and is just plain fun. When the girls were in college, they would often come home with several friends in tow to partake in a home-cooked meal. Many of their friends were from across the country and were unable to get home, and thus the Parker house became somewhat of an occasional hangout.

I began a tradition of cooking an Italian dinner every Valentine’s day so that anyone who did not have a date could come over and have a nice plate of pasta and meatballs. To this day, I still try and cook every Valentine’s, but for some reason the crowd size has dwindled. Go figure. Notwithstanding, whenever I see any of their friends, they continue to mention the memories they have of the meals I would cook and how they want to come over and laugh and eat again.

My favorite form of cooking is to grill or smoke meats and vegetables. My girlfriend Stacie and I oftentimes use Sundays as a day to get all of our girls – boyfriends and spouses – and grandkids over for a cookout. We especially like to do this for Dallas Cowboys games, playoff games, summer swimming outings and of course the holiday weekends. In short, we don’t need much of an excuse to gather the family and cook, laugh and eat. By far some of the most precious memories I have of family and friends center around cooking and eating.

I wanted to share with you the fun we have cooking. Short of having a huge party – which is not totally out of the question – I thought that other than just writing about our experiences that I would share with you a refrigerator magnet that has measurement conversions on it. Hopefully your newsletter got to you with one inside. My hope is that you will place it on your refrigerator for the obvious use it might provide. However, my real wish is that you put it on your refrigerator and it makes you smile every time you pass by it thinking of your own family fun centered around cooking and eating. Enjoy!

Until Next Time,

Brad

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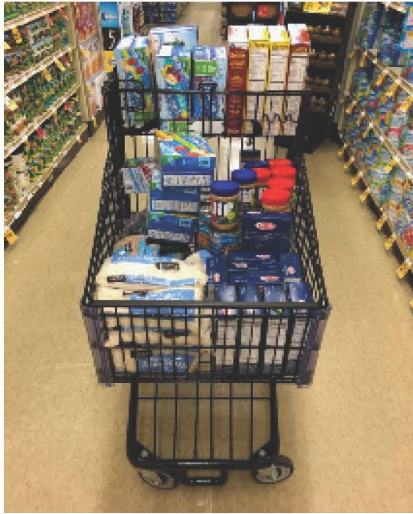
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In the Community

We have been fighting against hunger by collecting food for the Tarrant Area Food Bank. This year we received generous donations from our clients, family and friends of Parker Law Firm to provide more than 200 pounds of food for those in need. We are very happy to have helped serve in a small way.



YMCA Winter Basketball

Jan. 13 - Feb. 24, 2018

Parker Law Firm proudly sponsors the local YMCA. The winter basketball season runs from Jan. 13 - Feb. 24. For more information, visit ymcafw.org.



Winter Word Find

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F P Z Y Q I B S A G T N W J X A O L
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| GLOVES | HATS | HOTCHOCOLATE |
| ICICLES | MITTENS | SCARF |
| SKATING | SLEDDING | SNOW |



Case Study: Tanker Truck Tragedy

Parker Law Firm was recently able to resolve a very tragic case in which two young adults were killed by an 18 wheeler. A young woman and her boyfriend, both in their early 20s, were on their way home for Thanksgiving a few years ago when their car broke down on I-37 south of San Antonio. They were able to get their car completely onto the shoulder and called 911 for help.

It was about 4:30 a.m. and was very cold outside. The 911 operator told them to stay put in the car and that she would call them a tow truck and send an officer out to make sure they were all right. Before either arrived, the driver of a tanker truck veered onto the shoulder and ran over the car the two were in. The young man died instantly. The young woman was not as fortunate. She was thrown from the car and died approximately 30 minutes later. Fortunately, a passerby was able to comfort her and talk to her in the last minutes of her life.

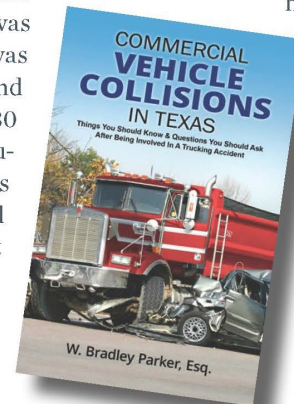
We were successful in showing that the

driver had been speeding up and slowing down for several minutes before the crash and that at the time of the crash he did not hit his brakes until after impact. In short, we were able to establish that he either fell asleep at the wheel or was very distracted at the time of the crash.

After more than two years of protracted litigation, we were able to obtain a settlement for the estate of the young woman who was killed. While no amount of money will ever bring back this young woman or erase the pain the family has endured, it was important to hold the trucking company responsible for the actions of its driver.

If you or a loved one are seriously injured in a crash involving a commercial vehicle, down-

load the free book that Brad has written about the law surrounding these types of crashes. Visit parkerlawfirm.com/reports/commercial-vehicle-collisions-in-texas.cfm.





When Children are Injured

As a parent, our No. 1 priority is the safety of our children. Sometimes the negligence of other individuals endanger or cause injury to a child, leaving us feeling helpless and unsure of what to do next.

Common injuries include slips and falls, swimming accidents, sporting injuries, dog attacks, car accidents or injuries that occur while a child is at daycare.

If a child is seriously hurt, there may be significant medical bills, follow-up care, and in some instances, a need for life-long care. When disabled, a child may not be able to earn a living upon reaching adulthood. Less common, but also actionable, are injuries resulting from intentional physical or sexual abuse by a caregiver.

In some cases, a lack of adult supervision at daycare, school or a playmate's house leads to child injuries. When a child is entrusted to another parent's care or to a school or daycare, the adults in

charge may be liable for injuries that arise under a theory of negligent supervision. In most states, if an adult knowingly accepts responsibility for a child, he or she has a duty of care to make sure the child is safe in his or her care. If the adult breaches that duty, causing injuries to the child, the child will be entitled to compensation for both economic and noneconomic damages, including medical costs, out-of-pocket costs and pain and suffering.

Just because your child is under the age of 18 does not mean they are disqualified from obtaining compensation for their injuries. You as their parent have the authority to file a claim on their behalf and may be successful in recovering recompense for all costs related to the accident and injury. Having served Fort Worth families since 1985, our firm is capable of handling even the most complex cases with ease. Call us today at 817.330.8611 for a free consultation.

“Perfect” Hot Cocoa

INGREDIENTS:

- 3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 cups milk (1 qt.)
- 1/3 cup water hot
- 1/2 cup sugar
- Dash salt
- 1/4 cup HERSHEY'S Cocoa

DIRECTIONS:

- Mix sugar, cocoa and salt in medium saucepan; stir in water. Bring to boil over medium heat, stirring constantly; boil and stir two minutes.
- Add milk; stir and heat until hot. **DO NOT BOIL.** Remove from heat; add vanilla. Beat with whisk until foamy. About six 6-ounce servings.
- Top with whipped cream or marshmallows if you prefer.



Koozie Challenge Winner

Luke Tarazewich of Frisco, Texas won Parker Law Firm's 2017 Koozie Challenge. Our koozies traveled to sandy

beaches, exotic retreats and all the way to Wrigley Field in Chicago, Illinois. Thank you to all of the participants. We look forward to our 2018 koozie contest.



Calling High School Seniors

Each year we proudly offer scholarship opportunities to a senior at Euless Trinity High School or Lawrence D. Bell High School. Created to assist students with plans of attending a two or four-year university, the scholarship is awarded to those possessing a minimum GPA of 3.0. Visit parkerlawfirm.com to apply for 2018.



Happy New Year!



Trivia Treasures

On Jan. 3, 1959, which state was admitted as the 49th U.S. State?

A. Hawaii B. Kentucky C. Alaska D. Ohio

If you answer correctly, you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win two free tickets for admission to a local movie theater. Call the firm at 817.330.8611 or email Kami Fox at kami@parkerlawfirm.com before Jan. 22 to participate.

Our December trivia challenge winner was Joyce Ring of Granbury, Texas.

