



Stevenson Klotz Monthly Calendar—July of 2018

International Plastic Bag Free Day, July 3. Only 1% of the 100 billion plastic bags Americans consume are recycled each year. The remaining percentage add to the pollution of our planet and threaten a wide range of ecosystems. Let today be the day you become part of the solution to ending the waste.

National Fried Chicken Day, July 6. We will never agree on which fast food joint does it right, but one thing is certain: Anyone who loves fried chicken will tell you that “momma” makes the best.

Simplicity Day, July 12. Celebrated on the birthday of Henry David Thoreau, this day is observed to raise awareness regarding the need for sustainable living. Find ways to live in harmony with your environment and reduce your ecological footprint.

Toss Away the Could Haves and Should Haves Day, July 21. The third Saturday of July will be the start of new beginnings. Today is the day to put the failures and regrets of the past behind you, root yourself in the here and now, and live each day to the fullest.

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What's up at SKLF?

The Youth Music Project took a rare break last month to make room on our usual YMP corner (on Palafox and Government Streets) for the Galley Night themed "the arts". Chris is on the Gallery Night Board of Directors and was one of the co-planners of the theme for June's Galley Night.

There were so many great artists lined up: dance companies, screen printers, large format painters, acting productions and more...And then the rain. YMP won't be skipping another month, but I hope we can get some of the artists to come back to a Galley Night some day since they had to cancel due to rain.

SKLF will be announcing our July Facebook contest soon. Be sure to tune in to our Facebook page for this contest. June's contest was touching with all of the pictures of people with their Dads. Congratulations to Jimmy Wright who won that photo contest.

Eric will be heading to an amazing advanced school for lawyers soon. He will be at the Gerry Spence Trial Lawyer College learning with none other than the legendary Spence and his amazing faculty. Stevenson Klotz Law Firm will be one of the few firms in Florida where all of the partners have completed this prestigious advanced lawyer's college.

Finally, we have taken to heart all of your requests to get the newsletter out sooner! Thanks for the feedback! Thanks for trusting us with your case!



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Pistachio Pie



This recipe comes from the kitchen of two time Betty Crocker award winner (her awards are featured in *The Sweet Potato Queens' Book of Love: A Fallen Southern Belle's Look at Love, Life, Men, Marriage, and Being Prepared* by Jill Connor Browne) my mother-in-law, Mary Anne Tomlinson, known to my kids and their friends as "Nana." This pie is a great summertime dessert and goes down well with a cool glass of milk!

~ Eric

Ingredients:

- 2 cups shredded coconut
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup small marshmallows
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1/4 cup margarine melted
- 1 envelope of Dream Whip
- 1 package of Jell-O Pistachio Instant Pudding & Pie Filling
- 8 1/4 ounce can of crushed pineapple

Directions:

Combine margarine and coconut. Press into a 9 inch pie pan. Bake at 300°F for 20 minutes. Let it cool. Blend milk, whipped topping mix, and pudding mix in a bowl. Gradually increase heating speed. Beat at high speed for 5 minutes. Fold in drained pineapple, nuts, and marshmallows. Spoon into pie crust. Chill for 3 hours. Garnish with toasted coconut. May substitute Cool Whip for Dream Whip.

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Community Spotlight: Keith Hoffert with eighty:media

Each month, we like to feature people we work with, our neighbors, or people who are influential in our community. This month, we would like to feature Keith Hoffert with eighty:media.

Pensacola's eighty:media is the brainchild of an up-and-coming local talent; Keith Hoffert. Keith is an accomplished painter in his own right, but his business focuses on delivering digital media products and services.

From its fully digital HD studios in downtown Pensacola, eighty:media can facilitate and produce your live streaming needs, video services, drone, augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), audio recording and mastering, and all facets of optimized web media.

Keith also produces Pensacola Business Radio which is live streamed every week. Pensacola Business Radio

spotlights local businesses and provides an outlet for business to promote themselves during the news show.

Most recently, eighty:media has filmed, recorded and produced two Stevenson Klotz Youth Music Project "Live and Unplugged" sessions with two of the YMP featured bands. Those "unplugged sessions" can be seen at www.eightyunplugged.com.

If you are in need of a wonderful local digital media contact for studio audio/video, or any other digital media services, please give Keith a call at (850) 288-9959 or email keith@eightymedia.com. Also, check out his website at eightymedia.com.

Thank you to Keith Hoffert and his business, eighty:media, for supporting local young musicians.

Eric's Corner

Summer is here in full effect. The kids are out of school and have been busy with various summer camps. Lucy Adams went to a Harry Potter day camp at University of West Florida for a week and had a great time. She has also been busying herself with summer math and reading assignments for school. Don't feel sorry for her, she enjoys math! She starts middle school at Episcopal Day School this Fall, and they have given out some work to make sure students keep their skills up during the summer.

Cole had a great experience at Sea Base, a Boy Scout camp in the Florida Keys. He and nine other scouts from his troop sailed from Islamorada to Key West and back over the course of about six days. They snorkeled, fished, kayaked, and cooked burgers and steaks and had some time on shore exploring. He had the time of his life and managed not to get sunburned somehow! I guess all those warnings from his mom about wearing a hat and sunscreen paid off.

I am getting ready to attend the Trial Lawyer's College to increase my trial skills. I will give more information about the course in a future newsletter, but part of the preparation is to read a book, *On Becoming a Person: A Therapist's Guide to Psychotherapy* by Carl R. Rogers. The book is full of good information about how to listen

and get others to tell you their story. It is also tedious and repetitive, so I have been listening to it on Audible at one and a half speed! It is a 14-hour recording, so I listen to it in 10 to 15 minute snippets on my way to and from work or in between court appearances.

I am almost done, and it truly has been invaluable. What strikes me the most about the book is how similar lawyers and therapists should approach listening to their clients.

At the end of the day, for me to tell my client's story in trial, I need to know their whole story which means they need to be comfortable telling me their whole story. To do that, just like a therapist, I have to be present and nonjudgmental for them to feel comfortable enough to share with me.

Many times, as lawyers, we fail to pay attention to other professions or industries to see what we can learn from them. I am glad that the Trial Lawyer's College had me read (listen to) this book, because I had not considered before how the same techniques a therapist uses could be applicable in my practice.

I am excited about getting the opportunity to increase my trial skills, and I know that it will benefit all of my clients. Also, if it gets me to shut up and listen better, it will probably be better for my home life!

Practice Area: Car Wrecks & Uninsured Motorist Coverage

If you are reading this article and do not have uninsured motorist coverage for your automobile, stop reading, call your insurance agent and get it. Then, come back and read this article to understand why it is so important.

Seriously, uninsured motorist coverage is so important that you should not waste time. Get it! Generally, uninsured motorist coverage does not cost much more on your policy, and if you are in an accident, you will be glad you have it.

Here is how uninsured motorist coverage works. If you are driving and another car runs into you and does not have bodily injury coverage, then your uninsured motorist coverage would help pay for your injuries. In Florida and Alabama, drivers are not required to carry bodily injury coverage on their insurance meaning that many drivers on the roads do not have any insurance to pay for injuries when they cause an accident.

Additionally, for those people who do carry bodily injury coverage, many of them have coverage that is inadequate to pay for substantial injuries that a car wreck can cause. In both Florida and Alabama, uninsured motorist coverage also covers you if the other driver is under-insured meaning that your injuries require more coverage than

the other driver has. For instance, if you were in a car wreck and the person that runs into you has only \$10,000 worth of bodily injury coverage but you have \$100,000 in medical bills, then that driver is under-insured. Your uninsured motorist coverage would pay for any damages above the \$10,000 up to the limits of your uninsured motorist coverage.

It is important that you have uninsured motorist coverage because many drivers on the road are either uninsured or under-insured. If you are in an accident and need your medical bills paid and the other person either has no insurance or not enough insurance, then you need uninsured motorist coverage. Look out for yourself, because no one else will, and get uninsured motorist coverage.

Your coverage should be the same as your bodily injury coverage. And, if you have multiple vehicles, you should also get stacked coverage which means that the amount of insurance available to you is multiplied by the number of cars on the policy. Because none of us has the luxury of knowing what the future holds, it is worth paying a little extra to protect yourself and your family.

Check your policy today and see if you need to get uninsured motorist coverage.

Have a Safe Road Trip

Family car trips are a summer standard. Here's how to make your next long-distance car trip enjoyable and safe:

- Pack a first-aid kit, water, blankets, snacks, and a flashlight.
- Bring headphones for all electronic devices so noise doesn't distract the driver.
- Schedule frequent rest stops so the kids don't get restless.
- Keep all of the car doors locked. If you have electric windows that can be controlled by the driver, lock them, too.
- Do not let kids lie down in the car. They can't be protected by seat belts in the prone position.

- Never put infants in the front seat.
- Never store materials like books and stereo equipment on the shelf behind the back seat. If you stop suddenly, these items may be thrown forward with tremendous force and may cause injury.

