



Douglasville Resident Wins Fantasy 5

Nolan Johnson of Douglasville checked his Fantasy 5 ticket at a store near Pizza Hut in Douglasville, Georgia.

The Pizza Hut cook stared at the ticket: 11-14-15-26-32. They were the winning numbers for the April 29, 2010, drawing. Johnson, 43, was one of three players to match all five, giving him \$225,987. "I ran out the store, up the street, jumped up and down and hollered, 'I won! I won!'" he said. "I ran all the way back to work. They were happier than I was." But his real prize came at the Georgia Lottery headquarters where he proposed to his girlfriend of two years, Dana Butler.

"There's something I've been wanting to do," he said at the lottery office. "Marry my girl."

Butler, 39, said she'd marry Johnson even without the money. Johnson picked up his winning Fantasy 5 ticket at the Douglasville Food Mart. It was free because he matched two of the five numbers in the previous Quik Pik drawing.

The other two winners bought their tickets in Hartwell and Lithia Springs, Georgia.

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Insurance Pays on Client's Stolen Vehicle

Recently we had a client whose car was stolen while it was waiting to be repaired at a local repair shop in Douglasville. After the police investigated the incident and were not able to follow up on any leads, the officer informed our client that the auto repair facility was not responsible for his loss. Unless he had some type of insurance coverage that protected him in the event his car was stolen, he was just going to be out of luck. This did not sound quite right to us so we wrote to the automobile repair facility where our client's vehicle was stolen.

We were pleased to find out that the business had something called "Garage Keeper's Comprehensive Coverage". This insurance was additional insurance that the owner of the repair shop had purchased in the event of vehicles being stolen or damaged while on his premises. Our client is now in the process of recovering a claim against the repair shop's insurance company and it appears he will be compensated for his stolen vehicle.

If you have suffered a financial loss or have been injured through no fault of your own, it always pays to consult with a attorney to discuss how you can be compensated. Our office offers free phone consultations to discuss your legal situation.

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Firm Spotlight: Lisa Callahan



Lisa joined Murphy & Associates in March of 2009. She and her husband Darren have two children and are active members of Ephesus Baptist Church where she teaches Sunday School in the youth department.

Through her own personal life experiences and losses Lisa handles each case passionately and is a strong advocate for her clients. Her past experience in the medical field gives her a great understanding and working knowledge of the medical problems her clients are experiencing.

Lisa has worked as a legal assistant for the past 5 years. When asked what she enjoys most about working at Murphy & Associates, she responded, "I really enjoy the rewarding feeling from helping a client who is going through a difficult time." Lisa handles workers' compensation cases and serious personal injury claims.

Douglasville June and July Happenings:

Juneteenth - June 19th - 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. - Downtown Douglasville

The Black Educational History Exhibit (BEHE) presents a festival celebrating black history. Free and open to the public. www.behejuneteenth.com

Friday Night Flicks - Raiders of the Lost Ark - July 2nd - 8:00 p.m. - O'Neal Plaza

Enjoy a free movie on the plaza with pre-show contests & entertainment. Free and open to the public www.visitdouglasville.com

Fourth of July Parade and Festival - July 5th - 10:00 a.m. - Downtown Douglasville

Enjoy a parade through Downtown Douglasville and festival on O'Neal Plaza. Free and open to the public

Teen Entrepreneurship Camp - July 7th - 9th

Downtown Douglasville Conference Center. Open to teens interested in becoming entrepreneurs. 40 Scholarships Available to Douglas County Teens. Register on-line at www.KPunlimited.com

Friday Night Flicks - How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days - July 30th - 8:00 p.m. - O'Neal Plaza

Enjoy a free movie on the plaza with pre-show contests & entertainment. Free and open to the public

Douglasville Summer Sampler - July 29th - 31st - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. each evening

The City of Douglasville Downtown Development Authority presents a wine tasting at historic sites throughout the downtown featuring wines from Georgia vineyards. www.downtowndouglasville.org

Swimming Pool Safety Tips

Drowning is one of the major causes of premature death of children in the United States. Often these tragedy's can occur even though the child knows how to swim. These incidents can occur suddenly and without warning.

It is very important that all parents follow these basic safety tips especially if there is a swimming pool at home:

- ◆Never allow your child to swim alone without any adult supervision.
- ◆Do not allow children who cannot swim in or around the pool.

◆Enclose your pool with high fences, which can be locked.

◆Avoid leaving your kids alone even with small portable pools or water bodies like buckets, fountains, and barrels.

◆In case of a backyard swimming pool, make sure that the cover of the pool is completely lifted over the pool.

◆For good pool safety, you can make sure that there is always a life saving flotation device handy near the pool.

Governor Purdue Signed Ban on Texting While Driving

On July 1, 2010, texting while driving will be illegal for all Georgia drivers, and young drivers with provisional licenses will be banned from any cellphone use behind the wheel. A violation can cost the driver \$150. But the texting ban is likely to change. As Gov. Sonny Perdue signed the two bills Friday, he said the texting part was unclear, and that legislators had promised to go back at the bill in next year's legislative session.

Pointing to his own BlackBerry, Perdue noted that though reading texts will be illegal, when a phone buzzes, the driver won't know whether it's from an incoming call or a text. "The most distracting part is my looking at the keyboard to type and send a message," Perdue said. "That's more distracting than picking up and reading a message and I'll call them when I get home."

Mandi Sorohan, whose son Caleb died in a crash while texting, said reading the phone screen should be banned whether it was a call or a text. But she said she was "extremely happy" that Perdue had signed the texting bill despite his reservations, and she would be lobbying again next year if changes are made. After her daughter met with Perdue last week, she said, "We thought he had his mind made up and he was set to veto it."

The texting ban is named the Caleb Sorohan Act. Perdue said that criminalizing the act of looking at a phone screen while driving could lead to a rise in lawsuits and prosecutions. "As a society, we don't accept anything as an accident anymore," he said. "It's got to be someone's fault."

One of the bills signed Friday (HB 23) applies only to drivers under 18 who have provisional licenses. Those drivers may not text, talk on a cellphone, or even listen to one.

A second bill (SB 360) applies to underage drivers with normal licenses, and all adult drivers. It only bans texting, including reading texts: "using a wireless telecommunications device to write, send or read any text based communication." Using a CB radio or navigation devices or making emergency calls on the road is still legal.



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