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Who wins \$250?

Corey and Beth made it and spent a total of 17 hours and 22 minutes hiking the four 14er's (mountains taller than 14,000 feet high). However, they don't know if they will try 3 days of hiking on their next 6 day trip. About half-way up the first mountain, which did not have a trail, but instead large boulders to maneuver over, Corey commented "I can tell that I am much closer to 40 than I am 30. This does not get easier with age." The two winners who guessed the closest are **John of Newton, Iowa** with an amazing guess of 17:23 and **Wanda of Vinton, Iowa** with a guess of 12:45 hours. They each win \$250. Look for more contests in future newsletters.



Quandry Peak- 14,265, 6.6 miles,
3,200 vertical feet gained, 5:58 hours



Mt. Sherman- 14,036, 4.2 miles,
2,140 vertical feet gained, 4:32 hours



Gray's Peak (14,270) and Torrey's Peaks (14,267) 9 miles, 3,600 vertical feet gained, 6:52 hours



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Facebook and Other Social Media

Social media is rapidly growing among users of all ages. Social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter are becoming the fastest way to find people, see what your friends are doing, and to get information on just about anything. However, posting too much personal information on your social networking pages may get you into trouble, so use some discretion when you create your page. Chances are good that many of your friends, family, co-workers, college and high school classmates are on one or both of these popular social networking sites. Walker, Billingsley & Bair invites you to be our friend on Facebook and to follow Corey Walker on Twitter at www.Twitter.com/IowaAttorney.

Kid's Corner by Sophia and Corbin Walker



Mom and dad took us to the first ever Hole Shot Motorcycle races at the Iowa Speedway on August 22. It was a nice sunny day and we had fun watching people race their motorcycles down the track. We learned that they have special rules to keep the riders safe and that speed is for the racetrack not the roads. Mom and dad had to buy tickets, but we were free. I hope that they have the races again there next year. We also found out that they have Friday night drag races for cars so we asked mom and dad to take us to those sometime. We are back in school now, but we have lots of fun summer memories to think about. Our teachers are Mrs. Bosma (4th grade for Sophie) and Mrs. Johnson (1st grade for Corbin)

Solve the Sudoku

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If you and your family have not been to the Science Center in downtown Des Moines yet, we highly suggest that you do. It is a learning

experience and there are great exhibits and hands-on activities for kids and adults. It costs about the same as going to a movie with ticket costs of Adults- \$9 and Children (2-12)- \$7. You can spend as much times as you want there and we often will spend 2 to 3 hours with our children. For more information go to www.sciowa.org.

Dog Bites- An Increasing Problem in Iowa

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention each year 4.5 million Americans are attacked or bitten by a dog. 20% of those bitten require medical care including thousands of surgeries to repair wounds and scarring. Each year hundreds of Iowans are bitten by dogs and require medical attention. Unfortunately, children are most likely to be injured.

Every week we receive calls and emails from clients asking questions about legal matters. We recently received a few questions about dog bite claims in Iowa so we are going to answer a few common questions here.

Q: If bitten, what should I do?

A: First, call 911. They may send an ambulance, police officer and/or animal control officer to deal with the situation. Try to remain calm and explain what happened to the authorities. Second, seek medical care. The decision as to whether you need rabies shots must be left to you and your doctor. Rabies may not be in your geographic area, but do not delay in seeking medical attention as it could negatively impact your health and your claim. Third, try to identify the dog. Often the police or animal control officers will do this, but you should make sure it is done because if it is a stray, you could end up having to get rabies treatments which can be very painful.

Q: Is the owner of the dog liable?

A: Yes. The owner of a dog is liable to an injured party for all damages done by the dog (attacking or attempting to bite a person). This is true except when the party damaged is doing an unlawful act (because of obvious reasons someone breaking into a home is not allowed to recover if he/she is bitten or attacked by a dog).

Q: What must be proven to win a dog bite case?

A: Iowa has strict liability for dog bite injuries and to recover you must prove that a dog attacked and/or bit you subject to very few exceptions.

Q: Do you really need an attorney to settle your case?

A: No. Some cases are minor. In minor cases, attorney fees and costs might leave little or nothing for you after your medical bills are paid which would not be fair to you.

However, if you or your loved one sustains permanent scarring and injuries you should at least talk to an attorney about the value of the case and what can be done.

What can be done to prevent being bitten? 1. Do not run from a dog or scream; 2. If knocked over by a dog, roll into a ball and lie still; 3. . . A New Book reveals other tips to avoid being bitten, 8 things to do if bitten, what strict liability means, 7 myths about dog bites, what you to do before signing forms or hiring an attorney and much more. The book which sells for \$19.99 is being offered at no cost while supplies last to you, the readers of "The Iowa Legal Insider." Why offer a book at no cost? Because after having represented hundreds of injured Iowans including many bitten and attacked by dogs, we have seen the consequences of Iowans making costly mistakes. Finally, you can learn about dog bites and attacks in the comfort of your own home with no risk or obligation. If you or a loved one have been bitten or attacked by a dog Call Now (800) 707-2552, ext. 213 (24 Hour Recorded Message) or log onto www.DogBiteBook.com. Offer expires on September 30. **Our Guarantee-** If you do not learn at least one thing from the book let us know and we will donate \$100 in your name to your local animal rescue league or shelter.



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 the TOP OF 4 MOUNTAINS
 taller than 14,000 feet?
 How long did it take?**



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 Halloween Costume Contest- Learn How You can Win \$250 for the Best Costume**



Our Mistake, Your Gain

In July we asked for your comments on our new webpage, www.IowaInjured.com. The only problem is that our new webpage was not quite done when the newsletter went out. So we are once again asking for comments. Just go to the page and click on the "Rate My Site Box" (if possible copy the box from the new webpage so they see what it looks like). We will send you not only our \$49 car accident kit, but also our latest book on Car Insurance called "How to Buy Car Insurance to Protect You and Your Family" which reveals what the most important car insurance is. Hint: it is not "full coverage." The book sells for \$14.95 and we will send it to you at no cost. in addition too our car accident kit. Our mistake, your gain.

Answer to Solve the Sudoku

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