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CLYDE CANCER CLUSTER – UPDATE

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Attorney Charles Boyk interviewed by WTOL out of Toledo

The Clyde Cancer Cluster has been prevalent in the news the past few years. If you are living in northwest Ohio, you most likely have seen a story about it on TV or read about it in the paper. Our very own Attorney Charles Boyk is now working alongside Alan Mortensen, an attorney based out of Utah, to seek answers and hold those at fault responsible for the nearly 40 children who have developed cancer, the many adults that have become cancer stricken and the developmental disabilities in some children.

On Tuesday May 14, 2013 a lawsuit was filed in federal court in Toledo, Ohio naming 27 individual plaintiffs against Whirlpool. Our suit seeks to certify three separate classes of plaintiffs: those who have lost children to cancer, those who have gotten sick either from Whirlpool Plant or Whirlpool Park, and those whose property has been stigmatized causing a significant loss in property value in the town of Clyde. On Wednesday May 15, 2013 a press conference was held at our office where many reporters showed up to ask questions regarding the case. Many of the plaintiffs in the case came as well to speak about their personal story and experience. Also during this press conference, the attorneys released very crucial results to testing that was done in the attics of many of the victims.

The dust samples that were taken from the attics by an environmental expert and analyzed show that in each attic there was an elevated level of Benzaldehyde, which is a hazardous substance and a suspected carcinogen. The levels of Benzaldehyde were the same in homes both old and new, leading to the idea that it got there by the negligence of Whirlpool's operations. The attorneys and the families have invited Whirlpool to conduct their own testing to verify the results.

If you would like to stay informed with the Clyde Cancer Cluster lawsuit, visit www.cancerclusterclyde.com. If you have any questions about whether you or a loved one have been a victim of the Clyde cancer cluster, call our office at 800.637.8170 today.



Attorney Alan Mortensen interviewed by Fox 8 out of Cleveland



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HOW TO HAVE 'FUN' THIS SUMMER

When school lets out at the beginning of summer it seems like you and your children will get to do everything you want with the long summer vacation ahead of you. Oftentimes however, as the summer comes to an end and you start preparing to go back to school, you realize there were many more things you wish you would have done. We asked around the office and put together a "must-do" summer checklist with favorites from our staff's childhood. Don't let the summer slip away. Follow this fun and frugal summer checklist and embrace the child in all of us, you can even add some of your own summer "must-do's" to it.

- Go camping-whether it be on vacation or in your own backyard
- Go on a picnic
- Take a hike through the woods, any of Toledo's Metroparks would be great!
- Take a trip to the Toledo Zoo – which has over 9,000 animals representing over 800 species
- Have a big water balloon fight
- Make a sprinkler park in your backyard
- Go fishing along the Maumee River
- Have a barbecue
- Make your own slip and slide
- Join your local library's book club
- Go on a bike ride in one of the great Toledo Metroparks
- Make popsicles & other kid friendly recipes – *See below for Home Made Fruit Roll-Up recipe!*
- Go to the local drive-in – Sundance Kid Drive-In located in Oregon, Ohio off of Navarre Avenue or visit www.drive-ins.com to find a drive-in near you
- Blow bubbles and try to see who can make the biggest one.
- Catch lightning bugs
- Pick wildflowers
- Stargaze
- Collect sea shells from the beach and make something with them
- Read in the shade
- Make a sidewalk chalk mural
- Make an obstacle course from things around your garage and house
- Make lemonade from scratch
- Volunteer for a local charity
- Play volleyball on the beach
- And lastly swim, swim, swim!

HOMEMADE FRUIT ROLL-UPS

INGREDIENTS:

- 2/3 cup fruit preserves (you can use whatever flavor and style you like, although jelly is the easiest to work with because it's smooth)
- 2 tsp corn starch

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 225°.
2. In a small bowl, combine fruit preserves and corn starch.
3. Cut parchment paper into strips, squares, or whatever shape suits your fancy. Spray lightly with cooking spray, then spread evenly with the preserves mixture. (You can make them whatever thickness you like; some prefer them a bit on the thicker side.)
4. Bake for 45 minutes.
5. Cool completely before rolling them up.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: KASSI KEIL



Kassi Keil

Kassi is the latest addition to the Charles Boyk Law Offices family. She started here in early April and has quickly become an important part of the office. She is a litigation legal assistant and says that her favorite part about working here is working on all of the different cases, learning the different parts of personal injury and working with everyone in the office because they are so nice and helpful.

Outside of work Kassi likes to go shopping, try out different restaurants and attend all different types of sporting events. She also loves living in her new house and playing with her dog Tux who is a lab/pointer mix.



RECIPE

GLUTEN-FREE BREAKFAST COOKIES



Laura Hanley

A simple and easy way to make a gluten-free on-the-go breakfast option! – Laura Hanley; Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC Blogger and founder of www.gfreelaura.com. Visit her website for more gluten-free recipes!

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Total time: 25 minutes

Serves: 30-35 cookies

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 ½ cup rolled gluten-free oats (I used Bob's Red Mill)
- 2 ripe bananas, mashed
- 1 cup unsweetened applesauce
- ½ cup raisins or cranberries (or a mix of both if that's how you roll)
- ¼ cup chopped walnuts
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp cinnamon (or more, if that's how you like it)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Mix vanilla extract and cinnamon in the applesauce.
- Add all ingredients together and let sit for 10 minutes.
- Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper. Drop spoonfuls of cookie mixture onto parchment paper. Flatten into rounds.
- Bake 20-25 minutes or until golden and done.
- Remove from oven, let sit on baking sheet for 5 minutes, then move to cooling rack.
- Store in an airtight container.



DANGEROUS DRUGS: IS YOUR HEALTH AT RISK?

Discovering Which Pharmaceutical Medications & Medical Implants Are Dangerous For Your Health

Pharmaceutical companies are meant to provide medication to help patients with their health conditions, but unfortunately sometimes these medications are the cause of patient harm instead of patient help. There have been several instances where pharmaceutical companies knowingly offer their patients medications that can cause serious side effects.

Errors with medications may occur for many reasons. One of these reasons may be the simple fact that the medication was brought to the market too soon, and did not receive as much testing as it should have. Drug testing is very important, and if the testing period is not long enough, it may not allow the company to find any errors that exist within the medication. When the patient is the one who pays in the form of injury and sometimes death, while a company profits, there should be legal consequences.

At this time, there are several medications with thousands of lawsuits against them. The cause of this may be a lack of proper testing, or it could be the fact that the company was more concerned with profit than patient safety. Some of the medications you may have read about in the news are as follows:

- GranuFlo
- SSRI antidepressants (Paxil, Zoloft)
- Praxada
- Fosamax

Another issue that currently exists within the medical community is faulty medical equipment that many patients have had implanted. Devices that are meant to help improve the lives of patients have in turn caused serious health conditions, and some have even resulted in disability issues. Many patients with the below implants now suffer from lifelong conditions and unknowingly put their health at serious risk:

- Transvaginal Mesh Implants
- Mirena Intrauterine Device
- Metal-on-Metal Hip Replacements (Depuy, Stryker)

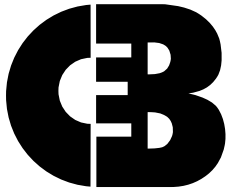
Our law office can help those that have suffered at the hands of pharmaceutical companies. We will do what we can to ensure that pharmaceutical companies stop putting profit ahead of patient safety, and that they conduct the proper tests on medication and equipment before putting it on the market. If you have been put at risk, call our office at 800.637.8170.

JOSHUA BOYK RECEIVES MOST IMPROVED READER AWARD

This year, Charles Boyk's son, Joshua Boyk, was one of the students honored at the 12th Annual C.A.R.E Awards for Claire's Day in Maumee, Ohio and received the title of most improved reader in his grade. Good job, Joshua!



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CASES OF INTEREST: JUNE 2013

Elementary Student Ran Over By Ice Cream Truck

Our client, a young elementary student, rode her bike up to an ice cream truck. She was hoping to buy ice cream, but instead was run over by the ice cream truck driver. The driver swore at her and drove off. He was later found and charged with leaving the scene of an accident and improper backing. The young girl was transported to Wood County Hospital and his following up with an orthopedic surgeon for a possible fracture.

Woman Ejected From Vehicle & Nearly Dies

Our client was the passenger in her friend's vehicle, when he lost control of his vehicle. She was ejected from the vehicle and nearly died from her injuries. Following the accident, she was life flighted to St. Rita's Hospital with a lacerated spleen, rib, cervical spine, lumbar and pelvic fractures. Since the accident, she has undergone numerous surgeries and will likely need more in the future. This accident happened in March 2013 and this young lady is still in a nursing home trying to recover. Both of the rear seat passengers suffered fractures and they are also recovering.

Distracted Driver Striking Our Client On I-75 Southbound

Our client was involved in a terrible automobile accident on I-75 Southbound. He was stopped for traffic construction and another driver, who was not paying attention, failed to slow down striking two cars. The force of the collision was so horrific, our client's vehicle was less than a foot high following the accident. The jaws of life were used and he was rushed to Toledo Hospital. He sustained a fractured pelvis, numerous rib fractures and a traumatic brain bleed. Following his discharge from the hospital, he was placed in a nearby nursing home where he is still recovering. The other driver is being charged with vehicle assault and DUI.



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