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**VIRAL VIDEO WINNER:
NORTHEAST OHIO
REGIONAL WINNER**

The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC is proud to sponsor the 2010-11 American Lawyer Academy (ALA) Viral Video Scholarship Contest.



*Northeast Ohio
Regional Winner
Elizabeth Ellis*



The viral video scholarship program is dedicated to the thousands of accident victims who are injured or killed in motor vehicle collisions each year in the United States. We hope to save lives by raising awareness with a positive viral video message. This year, high school and college students nationwide were encouraged to submit their very own homemade videos promoting safe driving.

After two rounds of voting, we are happy to announce that the regional winner for the Northeast region is Elizabeth Ellis! As a regional winner of the Viral Video Scholarship Contest, Elizabeth will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. Elizabeth is a senior at Sylvania Southview High School this year.

She was very involved in high school with not only flag line, but also with "Interact," which is a volunteering group.

Elizabeth will be attending Kent State University in the fall and will major in architecture. Elizabeth has a passion for art and her favorite subject in high school was math - so deciding to major in architecture was easy! Architecture will allow her to use her math skills, her creativity, and her love of art.

Elizabeth's award winning video is called "Texting While Driving = People Hurt." You can watch her video on our website at www.charlesboyk-law.com/library/viral-video-film-contest-regional-finalists-northeast-region.cfm.

CHARLES E. BOYK LAW OFFICES RELEASES IPHONE & ANDROID ACCIDENT APP



- Search for Charles E. Boyk Accident App
- Like us!
- Download our app (if you have a Driod or Android phone please wait until the end of July to download).
- Leave a comment about the App and Newsletter.

Everyone who leaves a comment will be entered in a drawing for a prize pack comprised of Mud Hens and Movie Tickets!



- Tip Checklist
- Flashlight feature helps you see at night
- Request your police report
- The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC Facebook and Twitter feeds
- Access the Charles E. Boyk Law Office, LLC website
- Contact our car accident lawyers to discuss your legal rights and options
- Captures all the auto accident information
- The EXACT features of our very popular

The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC is extremely excited to announce the Charles E. Boyk Accident App for smart phones! The free accident app is the first thing Ohio drivers should reach for if they are involved in a car accident.

Being in a car accident is a frightening experience. It is important that accident victims know exactly what to do immediately after an accident. Fortunately, the new iPhone app from Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC is there to help. It is the first mobile app created by an Ohio law firm for accident and injury victims.

The app is free and has a complete checklist and all of the features needed to gather the necessary information for insurance claims and possible legal action. It guides drivers through exactly what to do and gives them the necessary tools to do it.

To download the free app, just go to the iTunes or App Store and search for "Ohio Car Accident Attorneys – Charles Boyk Law Firm."

Our new app features:

- A 911 fast-call button
- Locations to the nearest hospital (no matter where the accident takes place)
- Locate and call a taxi cab and tow truck immediately by using your phone's GPS

accident kit, which will electronically capture the following information:

- Details of the accident
- Insurance Information
- Police Information
- Driver/Vehicle Information
- Witness Information
- Photos; allows you to take and save photos of your vehicle damage and accident scene
- Audio Statements

The Accident App is now available for the iPhone, and will be available for Andriod users by the end of July 2011. To learn more about our app you can visit our website www.charlesboyk-law.com and also "like" our Facebook page at Charles E. Boyk Accident App!

"We live in an increasingly mobile society in which people have a variety of ways to gather the information they need. This new smart phone application adds another tool to help us stay connected with our clients," said Chuck. "We're on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. And, now when people ask us what to do if they get into an accident - we can say we've got an app for that, too!"

YOU ASK, THE ATTORNEYS ANSWER!



Nicholas M. Dodosh, Esq.

We want to hear from you – Respond to Win Tickets to a Mud Hens Game!

The Boyk Bulletin is intended to be informative as well as entertaining. Are there any stories that you want to see featured inside?

Have you ever wondered about a specific area of the law and want the attorneys to explain it to you? If so, we want to know, as now is your chance to determine the content of an upcoming newsletter! Moreover, just by sending us your suggestion, you'll be entered into a drawing to win a set of Mud Hen's tickets.

All you need to do is send an e-mail to info@charlesboyk-law.com with your suggestion. Remember to include your name and phone number in your e-mail so we can contact you if you win!

Look for our new segment, "You ask, the attorneys answer!" in the upcoming Boyk Bulletins. *(continued on page 3)*

CHARLES E. BOYK LAW OFFICES NAMES **DAVID KAISER** AS GOOD NEWS, GOOD PEOPLE WINNER



*David Kaiser, Good News
Good People Winner*

David Kaiser was recently chosen as the latest winner in the “Good News, Good People” Contest. Good News, Good People is a year-long program, sponsored by Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, that honors ordinary citizens who make a positive impact in their community.

Anonymously nominated, David was chosen because of his dedication and help with the Western Avenue Family Center, formerly known as the Western Avenue Baptist Church. The Family Center has been serving Toledo’s south end for over one hundred years. They hold two services per week, Sundays at 5 p.m. and

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., but what they do does not stop there! Western Avenue Family Center also provides groceries to those in need, hosts free dinners six days a week, provides counseling services, and has an after-school program.

David Kaiser, the pastor of Western Avenue Family Center, oversees the entire operation. He works with other volunteers throughout the area to provide hope to those in Toledo. The area in which the Family Center is trying to focus its efforts is from “the high level bridge to the zoo, and the river to the trail, which is about 6,600 households,” said David.

One of Western Avenue Family Center’s main focuses is young children from ages 0-5 years old. Specifically, they want to focus on how they can help these children so that one day they can go off to college and receive a good education. The Family Center also started “Baby University” in September 2010 and had roughly 60-70 parents enroll their children in the program. They hope to continue the Baby University and help the children progress through the different education levels.

According to David, you should start being active in your child’s education from the time that he or she is very young. “The first step is from when the children are in the age range 0-5 years old - read to them for at least fifteen minutes a day. This can go a long way in their learning and vocabulary. Second, provide the appropriate health care for your children. If you know they may have asthma or some kind of medical condition, make sure they have the appropriate care and medicine they

need. And the third and final step is to teach the parents how to properly discipline their children,” said David.

“David’s dedication to helping people is what the Good News, Good People contest is all about. He is working to build up the people of Toledo and to give them hope despite of their circumstances,” said Charles E. Boyk.

We are happy to recognize David for all of his help and support at the Western Avenue Family Center! If you would like to volunteer or learn more about the Family Center, please call David at 419-344-5844 or visit www.wamteam.org/ for more information!



**NOMINATIONS NOW
BEING ACCEPTED, VISIT
goodnewsgoodpeople.com
TODAY!**

YOU ASK, THE ATTORNEYS ANSWER! (cont.)

Here is a recent question we received from our new section of the Newsletter, “You ask, the attorneys answer!”

If I am an Ohio driver and involved in an accident with a Michigan driver, is it different than being in an accident with an Ohio driver? Isn’t Michigan a no-fault state? - Dave

Dear Dave,
Your question is a good one and it highlights the fact that when a Michigan driver is involved in a traffic accident, the case becomes even more complicated and makes the need to hire an attorney even greater so that you can be sure you are getting the right information.

You are correct that Michigan is a “no-fault” state. In a no-fault state, a person’s own auto insurance company pays for the medical bills, lost wages, and other expenses resulting from his or her injuries after an auto accident, even if that person caused the accident. Essentially, no-fault means that a car accident victim is entitled to certain benefits no matter which driver was at fault for the accident.

The Michigan no-fault law applies in Michigan and does not apply in Ohio. Therefore, if a driver from Ohio is involved in an accident in Ohio with a driver from Michigan, the situation will generally pan out

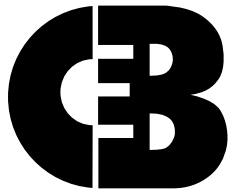
the same as if both drivers were from Ohio. As such, you can collect from the at-fault driver for medical bills, lost wages, pain, suffering, and inconvenience. Hiring an attorney is a good way to make sure that you are properly compensated for each of these aspects of damages.

On the flip side of the coin, a driver from Ohio who is injured in a car accident in Michigan may be able to make a claim for Michigan no-fault insurance benefits, even though they live in Ohio and have an Ohio insurance policy. Some of the no-fault benefits that a non-Michigan resident could receive include attendant care services, medical bills, prescription costs, expense benefits, wage and income loss benefits, household chores/replacement services, funeral expenses, lost wages, case management services, medical mileage/ mileage expense benefits, and more. In addition, if the injuries meet the Michigan law threshold of a “serious impairment of body function,” the injured party can also make an additional claim for non-economic damages such as pain and suffering. This determination is subjective, and a knowledgeable attorney will help you put forth the best argument based on the statutes and case law.

Under Michigan no-fault law generally, the amount of medical expenses paid is unlimited, and there is no time limit restricting the span during which the benefits can be paid. If an injury is permanent, it is possible that the benefits will last for the injured person’s lifetime. No-fault benefits are limited to \$500,000 in cases where there is a certified out-of-state insurance policy. Despite the generous no-fault benefits, you should also know that many Ohio courts have held that due to the way the Michigan no-fault law works, a driver from Ohio who is injured in an accident in Michigan is not entitled to collect uninsured motorist benefits from his or her own insurer, unless the accident reaches a certain severity threshold.

As in any traffic accident case, a situation that seems relatively simple at first glance can quickly become very complicated, especially when Michigan no-fault laws come into play. The attorneys at Charles E. Boyk Law Offices are here to help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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STRAWBERRY JELLO PIE

Ingredients

- 1 package (4 serving size) Jello, Your flavor of choice
- 2/3 C boiling water
- 1/2 C cold water
- ice cubes
- 1 8 oz tub of Cool Whip
- 1 cup or so of the chopped fruit of your choice (save some big ones for the top of the pie!)
- 1 prepared no bake crust (Regular pie crust or the dark chocolate Oreo flavor pie crust!)

Directions

Stir boiling water into gelatin in large bowl for 2 min. until dissolved. Mix cold water and ice to make 1 1/4 cups. Add to gelatin, stirring until slightly thickened. Remove any remaining ice. Stir in 8 oz of Cool Whip with wire whisk until smooth. Mix in fruit.

Put in fridge (in the bowl) for 30 min until mixture is thicker and smooth.

Spoon into prepared crust.

Refrigerate at least 6 hours or overnight if possible, till firm.

Garnish with more fruit!

Store leftovers in fridge. Makes 8 servings

CASES OF INTEREST: JULY 2011

DOG BITE INJURY

Viscous guard dog bites client

Our client was at a local scrap yard where several dogs were tied up on a chain. One of the dogs came too close and bit our client's leg. He was treated at the local urgent care for several wounds on his leg.

HIT BY CAR ON BIKE

15-year-old girl ran over by her boyfriend's father, while on a bike

Our client was run over by a friends vehicle while riding her bicycle. She is suffering from excruciating pain in her hip and leg. She also has large amounts of bruising.

BAD PRODUCT REACTION

Bad reaction to Bigen Hair Product

Our client came to us after having a very bad reaction to the Bigen Hair Product. This is the third case dealing with Bigen Hair Product. Our client first had severe itching, which then became a rash. Soon after the rash developed, our client's head started to severely swell. She had to be treated at the hospital for the swelling.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REFERRALS

We appreciate your referrals of family and friends to our office. Thank you for remembering us.

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