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## TRAGIC TREND OF 2012: WRONG-WAY ACCIDENTS IN THE TOLEDO, OHIO AREA

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As each year comes to a close, we have time to reflect on the happenings of the past 365 days. Looking back, you remember what was trending online, or the hottest gadget everyone HAD to have.

You may also look back on the year's news events that took the media by storm. Everything from the secret celebrity wedding, the First Lady's designer duds, and what boyfriend Taylor Swift is referring to in her new song has been dissected by various blogs, journals, and entertainment magazines.

But, at the close of 2012, many Ohioans seemed to remember a different kind of trend that occurred in the Toledo area. Several people took to their favorite social media platforms to post about the trend, although it was not one that collected 'Likes' and 'Retweets' because it was funny meme, or a cute, cuddly animal picture. This trend was one that hit deep, caused tears, and unfortunately affected many families and friends throughout the area.

#### Toledo, OH trend of 2012: Wrong-Way Accidents

March, 2012 seemed to be a month full of tragedy and confusion, as the area's news outlets reported three separate wrong-way accidents in a period of only 11 days.

The first wrong-way accident, which received the most publicity, involved Bowling Green State University sorority sisters as they began their long-awaited Spring Break trip. Christina Goyett was driving four of her Alpha Xi Delta sorority sisters to the Detroit Airport when a Perrysburg woman, Winifred Lein, collided head-on with their vehicle. Driver Christina Goyett and two of her four passengers, Sarah Hammond and Rebecca Blakkolb, were killed on impact, along with the 69-year-old driver of the other vehicle. This incident brought many tears to the community, and the nation, as the start to an exciting girl's trip turned into a deadly crash.

Two other wrong-way crashes occurred after the BGSU incident. One involved a local woman entering the wrong ramp after leaving a bar at Levis Commons. Fortunately, this incident did not end in tragedy, but a crash occurring not even a week later did.

On March 12th, a Dodge Charger smashed head-on into a truck. Two people were killed in this crash, leaving another taste of disgust and confusion in the minds of many Toledo area residents.

Why had so much tragedy been condensed into such a short period of time? What was the cause of these wrong-way accidents, and more importantly, what could be done to prevent them?

Lt. Dean Laubacher of The Ohio State Patrol released a statement explaining that the public has been more aware of wrong-way accidents due to recent tragedy, but there had been no significant rise in the number of such accidents. The Lieutenant explained that, when arresting individuals for driving the wrong way, there is only publicity if a crash occurs.

Since the highly publicized crash involving the BGSU sorority girls, it seems the public has taken an interest in these types of crashes, and the misfortune that results from them.

#### Round Two of Wrong-Way Accidents occurs in December, 2012

What had seemed to be a painful coincidence occurring in March turned out to be just a warm up for December.

December 24th, an evening to be spent with family and close friends, turned into a night of sorrow.

Many woke up to tragedy on Christmas Day as they turned on the morning news. Two wrong-way accidents had occurred during the hours of the night, killing a total of five people.

The first accident took place near Ottawa River Road, claiming the life of Juan Garcia while traveling on I-280. Mr. Garcia had been driving back to Toledo after attending midnight mass in Michigan with a friend. He was hit by wrong-way driver Adam Tunison, who is believed to have been drinking prior to the accident. Tunison only suffered minor injuries, and charges are pending.

The second fatal accident occurred in Southwestern

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# THE CHUCK BOYK CHALLENGE

*Want to learn a little more about the charities participating in The Chuck Boyk Challenge? Here is some information on nine of the 15 charities participating. Don't forget February 14, 2013 is the last day to vote! Spread the word with friends and family and get them to vote for their favorite charity today! The winners will be announced on February 15, 2013.*

## St. Jude Children's Hospital

The mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is to advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. Consistent with the vision of our founder Danny Thomas, no child is denied treatment based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay.

Their vision is to be the world leader in advancing the treatment and prevention of catastrophic diseases in children. This vision will be pursued by providing outstanding patient care; by conducting basic, translational and clinical research designed to elucidate biological mechanisms, understand disease pathogenesis, improve diagnosis, enhance treatment outcome, prevent diseases and minimize adverse consequences of treatment; and by educating health care and scientific research professionals. Through these efforts we seek to cure and enhance the quality of life for an increasing proportion of children who come to us for treatment, and by expanding and sharing knowledge, to advance treatment of children with catastrophic diseases worldwide, while developing strategies to prevent catastrophic diseases in children.

## Padua Center

The Padua Center opened in October 2006 in the vacated rectory of St. Anthony of Padua Parish. Immediately the Center developed a tutoring program, a summer community garden, and five summer camps. The Center was transferred from Diocesan sponsor to St. Martin de Porres parish in July 2008 when Sr. Virginia Welsh, Director, became Pastoral Leader of the parish.

In addition to the tutoring and five summer camps, they have a garden, a small flock of chickens for educational purposes, and an 'Edible, Playable, Fitness Ground.' The Padua Possibilities program is a recognized alternative to suspension for children from grades K-6.

## Susan G. Komen for the Cure – Northwest Ohio

They are the Northwest Ohio Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Their vision is a world without breast cancer. Thanks to community

support over the past 19 years, the Northwest Ohio Affiliate has funded \$8 million in local grants for life-saving breast health education, screening and treatment. In addition, nearly \$2 million has been



contributed to national research initiatives to find the cures. They serve 24 counties in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

## Life Connection of Ohio

Life Connection of Ohio promotes and facilitates organ donation in northwest and west central Ohio. There are more than 116,000 people awaiting life-saving organ transplants in the United States, including over 3,400 Ohioans. The good news: One person can save up to eight lives through organ donation and 50 more through tissue donation.



## Because Our Love Is Needed, Inc.

BeCause Our Love Is Needed exists to help children that suffer from illness, poverty or significant life challenges by offering financial relief to them and their families.



When a serious accident, illness, or other adverse circumstance strikes a family, the effects can be severe. But when these things strike a child, the results can be disastrous - even ruinous to the family. Normal life comes to a halt; dreams are shattered; finances are strained if not completely destroyed; careers may be forfeited; and all too often the marriage is in jeopardy.

If the family is fortunate, they will have the support of caring neighbors, close friends, church members and extended family to help them carry the burden of the adversity. The not-so-fortunate will feel the weight of the world on their shoulders as they battle seemingly insurmountable obstacles - and many will lose hope.

When the founders of this organization became victims of adversity it cost them the life of their five year old son, Colin. The love and support that they received from their community showed them that people can come together and make a difference in the lives of those in impossible circumstances and became the inspiration for this organization.

BeCause Our Love Is Needed seeks to create an environment that will bring the community

together to love and support those families with children in severely adverse circumstances. Specifically, it will undertake to alleviate some of the financial burden that accompanies such events so the families can focus their energy and attention on the child, where it belongs.

## Aurora House

Aurora Project, Inc. was established in 1986 to provide service enriched housing to homeless women and their children. The primary cause of homelessness is drug addiction and the chaos resulting from chronic, long term use; as well as mental health issues and domestic violence. The goal of Aurora Project, Inc. is threefold: to increase a woman's employability potential; to stabilize her family; and to provide her with the skills necessary to obtain and maintain permanent housing. The environment for this transition is safe and secure housing.



Aurora operates 18 units of housing at three sites: Aurora House has 13 units of housing; two apartments and two units of permanent housing. The apartments are a component of Aurora's step-up housing program which offers more independence for women as they learn to use the skills they have acquired in the Congregate Living component of Aurora House.

## Tie One On – University of Toledo Basketball

Head Coach Tod Kowalczyk and the UT basketball team are looking for your vote to help with prostate cancer care. They are raising money for the effort at their Tie One On Event. If they receive the most votes, the additional winnings will go to The University of Toledo Dana Cancer Center to help with prostate care.



## ABATE of Ohio

The ABATE of Ohio Foundation is a charitable non-profit focused on motorcycle safety, education, and awareness. The Foundation Board is staffed by five volunteers, all non-compensated, that represent a combined 100+ years of motorcycling. It is their intention to make roads and highways safer, and friendlier toward motorcycles.

Their most notable endeavor is the "Look Twice, Save a Life" yard sign. Over 3,000 of these signs have been produced and sold to date. The signs provide a method of increasing motorcycle awareness at the



through research and treatment. Consistent with the vision of our

# RECIPE

## GLUTEN FREE, GRAIN FREE CHEESY GARLIC CAULIFLOWER BREAD STICKS

"This recipe is a healthy and delicious alternative to the usual bread stick!" - Laura Hanley; Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC Blogger and founder of [www.gfreelaura.com](http://www.gfreelaura.com)

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup cooked, riced cauliflower
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp crushed garlic
- 1/2 tsp garlic salt
- Olive oil

### FOR TOPPING:

- 2 tablespoons softened salted butter
- 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup grated mozzarella cheese
- \*Optional Marinara sauce for dipping

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Chop the cauliflower florets into chunks and steam them in a steamer or on the stove until slightly soft for 15 minutes. Place in a ricer or grate. One large head should produce approximately 3 cups of riced cauliflower.

The remainder can be used to make additional pizza crusts immediately, or can be stored in the refrigerator for up to one week.

### TO MAKE THE BREAD:

Prepare your baking stone or sheet by spreading a small amount of olive oil on it and top with parchment paper. In a medium bowl, stir together 1 cup cauliflower, egg, Parmesan and Mozzarella. Add oregano, crushed garlic and garlic salt, stir. Transfer to the baking stone or sheet, and using your hands, pat out into a large rectangle. Mix 2 TBSP butter and garlic in a small bowl and spread the butter and garlic mixture over baked cauliflower bread and top with Parmesan and Mozzarella cheeses. Place back in the 450 degree oven until all cheese is melted. *Slice and Serve!*



## THE CHUCK BOYK CHALLENGE (continued)

individual level. This logo has also been duplicated onto bumper stickers, silicone wrist bands, large semi-truck stickers, and most recently onto digital billboards.

### JDRF – Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

JDRF Northwest Ohio serves the city of Toledo and 13 counties surrounding the city. Their primary goal is helping support national research with local involvement.

Locally, JDRF receives support from two events (Ottawa Park walk, Toledo and North Coast Poker Run, Lakeside-Marblehead). Our branch receives support from local corporate leaders and the community in which we reside.

JDRF is the leading charitable funder and advocate for research on type 1 (juvenile) diabetes and its complications. The mission of JDRF is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research. Founded in 1970 by parents to find a cure for diabetes, JDRF has directed more than \$1 billion in grants for diabetes research to the world's leading laboratories, universities, and medical centers.

### So, how does one vote?

Visit [www.thechuckboykchallenge.com](http://www.thechuckboykchallenge.com) and click the "VOTE NOW!" button and fill out

the official voting form. In order for a vote to be valid, the voter must provide his or her valid first and last name, physical address, and email address as requested on "The Chuck Boyk Challenge" voting web page. Don't forget that February 14, 2013 at 11:59 PM EST will be your last chance to cast your vote, so go online now and vote for your favorite charity!

The three (3) organizations receiving the largest amount of votes will be announced on February 15, 2013 at 9:00 am EST. Be sure to check the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices Facebook and Twitter accounts, as we will be providing information on each of the charities participating!



Spread the word to your friends and family and have them vote for their favorite charity! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call our office at 419-241-1395 or e-mail us at [marketing@charlesboyk-law.com](mailto:marketing@charlesboyk-law.com). Don't forget you can view videos of each of the charities on our website and YouTube Channel ([www.youtube.com/ceboyk](http://www.youtube.com/ceboyk))! Good luck to all the charities!

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Ohio, as Joshua Nkansah, driving with his two sons, abruptly turned around on the freeway near Franklin, OH. Nkansah began traveling south in the northbound lanes, and then collided head-on with another minivan carrying a Tennessee family. Nkansah and son David were killed instantly along with the Tennessee parents Michele and Scott Barhorst, passengers in the other minivan.

If you or a loved one has been involved in a wrong-way accident, call the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC at 800.637.8170 for a free case evaluation.

## OUR PERSONAL CONNECTION TO WRONG-WAY ACCIDENTS

The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices have personal experience dealing with wrong-way accidents. Throughout the last few years, our attorneys have represented those injured in accidents of this nature and successfully helped our clients to receive compensation.

This type of accident is both confusing and overwhelming. Our attorneys know the correct steps to take with all parties involved, ending in a favorable resolution.

In 2011, The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC closed a case in which a man was injured in a wrong-way accident two years prior. The client suffered serious back, ankle, knee, and wrist complications resulting in an inability to continue working. After numerous doctor visits, tests, and several procedures, our client found himself with a massive amount of medical bills.

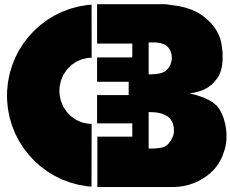
Since this particular wrong-way accident occurred in Michigan, our Ohio attorneys, with Michigan co-counsel, were forced to file suit out-of-state. But, by working through the proper channels, we were able to settle with the insurance company, and our client received compensation amounting to \$550,000.

A pending case that The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices are dealing with is a drunk driver on the US 23, Monroe Street exit ramp in Sylvania, Ohio. While exiting the ramp, our client was struck by a driver traveling the opposite way of traffic. Blood alcohol tests confirmed the wrong-way driver was under the influence of drugs and alcohol at the time of the accident. This man's decision to drive under the influence put others on the roadway in danger, ultimately resulting in our client's daily neck, back, shoulder, and knee pain. The attorneys at our office are working with the client, ensuring the appropriate compensation is given for the numerous medical expenses accrued.

The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC can only wish that the number of Ohio wrong-way accidents decreases this year. No other drivers should have to suffer the life-changing injuries that our clients have faced.

If you or a loved one has been injured in an accident of this nature, call our accident attorneys at 800.637.8170 for a free case evaluation, or request your free copy of The Ohio Accident Book.

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## CASES OF INTEREST: JANUARY 2013

### MOTORCYCLE DRIVER & PASSENGER THROWN FROM BIKE AFTER VEHICLE PULLED OUT IN FRONT OF THEM

Our client, a 40 year-old Toledo woman, was a passenger on her friend's motorcycle when another vehicle pulled out in front of them. There was no time to stop and the motorcycle struck the side of the vehicle throwing both the driver and our client onto the pavement. Our client suffered numerous abrasions to the body including her legs, face, arm and back. She also was knocked unconscious and is now suffering from a closed head brain injury. She was taken from the scene by ambulance and is now treating with a neurologist for her head injury.

### UNLIKELY TO RETURN TO WORK AFTER REAR-END ACCIDENT

Our client, a wife and mother of one, was stopped at a stop light when a vehicle slammed into the rear of her vehicle. She was treated at the hospital for a concussion and pain to her knee and back. After receiving physical therapy for nearly three months, she has since had to undergo two knee surgeries and will likely need another surgery to repair the damage to her knee. She has been told that it is unlikely that she will be able to return to her former job which required lifting and bending.

### CONFUSED DRIVER'S NEGLIGENCE CAUSES MAN'S DEATH

Our client, a 70 year-old Toledo resident lost his life due to the negligence of the driver. He was a loving husband and father of two. Our client was a passenger in a one vehicle accident. He was riding with one of his friends on a rural road. As it was foggy out that day, the police suspect that that driver became confused and overcorrected on a curve, throwing the pickup into a six foot ditch along the road. The pickup ended up on its roof. Our client died as a result of the accident a week later. The driver is now paralyzed and is still in critical condition.



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