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**Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings!**

**Mashed Sweet Potatoes with  
 Honey and Ginger**

*Ingredients*

- 5 lbs. sweet potatoes
- 1/2 stick butter (1/4 cup)
- 3 Tbsp. honey
- 1 1/2 tsp. grated fresh ginger
- 3/4 tsp. each salt and pepper
- Chopped parsley (for garnish)

*Directions*

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Pierce each potato one with a fork and place in jelly-roll pan.
  2. Bake 50 minutes to 1 1/4 hours until very tender.
  3. When cool, split and scrape pulp into a large bowl.
  4. Add remaining ingredients; mash until smooth.
  5. Spoon into serving bowl; garnish with parsley.
- Makes 12 servings.*

**Bonnie's Best Caramels**

*Ingredients*

- 1 pint half and half
- 1/2 pint whipping cream
- 1 bottle light corn syrup
- 4 cups sugar

*Directions*

1. Combine half and half and cream.
2. Combine one cup of half and half/cream mixture with remaining ingredients in a large pan such as a Dutch oven. Bring to a boil to soft ball stage.
3. Add one half pint of half and half/cream mixture and bring to soft ball stage again.
4. Add remaining half pint of mixture and bring to soft ball stage. Don't go past soft ball stage the third time.
5. Pour into buttered 9x13 pan and refrigerate several hours.
6. Cut into pieces of desired size and wrap in waxed paper.

**Cases of Interest  
 our office is handling**

**A car accident in Kentucky sent a 70-year-old Ohio woman to the hospital.** She suffered a fractured pelvis and had to have a portion of her lower bowels removed. She was taken via ambulance from Kentucky back up to Ohio and is now a resident in a rehabilitation hospital program.

**A pregnant mother was involved in an accident and lost her unborn child.** She and two of her sons were passengers in a car that ran a red light and crashed. The sons suffered minor injuries; one is still treating for a knee injury. The mother, who also suffered a collapsed lung, was Life-Flighted from the scene.

**A Virginia car accident caused injury to a female passenger in the vehicle.** She suffered a broken wrist and pinkie and was taken from the scene to the hospital via EMS. She will have to consult with an orthopedic surgeon in Toledo.



**The Boyk Bulletin**

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**Welcome To Our New Attorney Nicholas Dodosh**

The Charles E. Boyk Law Offices are proud to welcome Nicholas Dodosh to the practice as their newest attorney.

for his career in law. "Everything was defense-oriented, so I learned law from the other side," he said. "Now I know how the defense will work, which is a huge benefit."



Nick earned his undergraduate degree in political science and communication at Miami (Ohio) University before earning his Juris Doctor at The University of Akron. He was sworn in as an attorney in the state of Ohio on November 8.

Since taking a position with our law firm, Nick has moved from his native Cleveland to downtown Toledo. When he's not at work, he enjoys spending time with his friends and family and listening to music.

While in law school, Nick was the assistant editor of the Akron Law Review and was on the Trial Team. He was also a law clerk at Reminger Co., LPA. He said he learned important skills during his time there that have prepared him

Attorney Chuck Boyk said he was impressed with Nick from the beginning.

"He's very smart and organized," Chuck said. "He has the potential to be a superstar attorney." Welcome, Nick!

**Lawsuits Filed on Behalf Of Two Firm Clients**

Our office recently filed two separate lawsuits in U.S. District Court: one concerning the shooting death of Linda Hicks and one regarding the serious injury of Nathaniel Lewis.

Home on behalf of the estate of Ms. Hicks only.

The suits concern the shooting death of Linda Hicks and the serious injury of Nathaniel Lewis.

Ms. Hicks, a 62-year-old woman who suffered from schizophrenia and wore



Linda Hicks

We have filed these suits against the City of Toledo, the Toledo Police Department and Officer Diane Chandler (in her individual capacity) on behalf of both the estate of Ms. Hicks and Mr. Lewis. We have filed suit against Marria's Adult Family

was a resident at Marria's Adult Family Home. On Dec. 14, 2009, police were summoned there because Ms. Hicks was reported to be agitated and holding a pair of craft scissors in her room.

Offier Chandler and another officer

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responded to the scene. Staff at Marria's Adult Family Home allowed the officers to approach Ms. Hicks with weapons drawn.

After being Tasered twice while laying in her bed, Ms. Hicks got up and approached the officers. Officer Chandler proceeded to shoot and kill Ms. Hicks.

Six weeks later, Mr. Lewis was a passenger in a car that was, without his knowledge, stolen. Police gave chase to the vehicle, and the driver fled and crashed.

Mr. Lewis exited the car and proceeded on foot. A police cruiser followed him and pulled into a driveway, blocking his path. Mr. Lewis stopped in the driveway and put his hands up.

Officer Chandler, in her police cruiser, turned into the driveway and struck Mr. Lewis. Witnesses said she made no attempt to avoid him or slow down. He was thrown into the air and was transported from the scene by LifeSquad.

Both of the incidents addressed in the lawsuits were completely avoidable, and the attorneys in our office will do everything they can to make things right.



The U-13 Perrysburg Elite girls soccer team recently finished their fall season with a 24-2-2 record, with wins at tournaments including the Fishers Halloween Invitational in Indianapolis, the Bowling Green Fall Soccer Challenge and the Levis Commons Cup. They also won their league championship and were finalists in the CASA Fall Finale Tournament. Team members are (front row, from left): Addison Young, Bri Boyd, Sarah Boyk, and Caroline Bartholomew; Second row: Emma Barney, Tori Jeffries, Josie Fowler, Maddie Pendry, and Morgan Swerlein; Back row: coach Jorge Diaz, Erika Joldrichsen, Nicole Silverheart, Ahalya Rai, Bethany Glowacki, Rachael Brown, Megan Christopher, and Sammie Korn. Not pictured is Alyssa Galernik.

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## Hunting Injury Case Settles for \$350,000

**A** client of the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices recently saw his case settle for \$350,000. Our client was injured while out hunting with some friends. His companion's gun accidentally discharged, and our client was shot in his ankle. The shot took out his Achilles' tendon and shattered his ankle and heel.

Following his injury, our client endured four surgeries. These removed bone fragments and put plates into his foot. He now has to wear a brace, can't walk over uneven surfaces and can't carry more than 20 pounds of weight.

With his medical costs covered, our client was able to use some of his settlement to take care of other financial obligations. And even though his injury was a painful experience both physically and emotionally, he says he was glad it allowed him the opportunity to spend more time with his children.

Although his case was not necessarily an example of a typical settlement, our office was happy to be able to assist our client in getting the compensation he deserved following his accident.

To read some of our office's hunting safety tips or to see more information about cases we have settled, visit [www.CharlesBoyk-Law.com](http://www.CharlesBoyk-Law.com).

## What Our Clients Are Saying

"Every time I came in everybody was very friendly. I would most definitely send someone here if they needed a lawyer." --Alex B.

"Everyone was always very professional, they returned calls promptly and they answered all my questions." --Patricia B.

"The best part about my experience was how we went from a meager offer to a greatly higher offer." --Pamela D.

"They explained each step in the process and maximized results." --Chad L.

## Charles E. Boyk Law Offices In The News

Chuck was interviewed recently by several members of the local media, including Fox 36, 13 ABC, WTOL Channel 11 (CBS), The Toledo Blade and Voces Latinas TV Magazine. To see video of Chuck's appearances and to read the articles written about our firm, visit our website at [www.CharlesBoyk-Law.com](http://www.CharlesBoyk-Law.com)!

## Employee Spotlight

### Ashley Henninger

If you've called into our office lately, Ashley Henninger probably greeted you.

Ashley spends three days a week with us here at the law firm. Her job doesn't just end with answering phones, though.

"Ashley is a huge help to me," said Paige Aten, marketing director. "She makes my job a lot easier and makes my days run a lot smoother."



Ashley Henninger

This is because Ashley has stepped into the role of a marketing assistant in addition to her responsibilities at the front desk. She writes blogs for several of the firm's websites, sends welcome letters to new clients and helps with any other marketing tasks as they arise.

Ashley, who is a senior at UT double-majoring in marketing and professional sales, says she used to want to be a pharmaceutical sales rep, but her plans have changed.

"I've learned a lot about marketing, and I would love to have a marketing director position at a major company or firm," she said.

When Ashley is not at work or in class she enjoys spending time with her friends, roommates and family.

With her organizational skills and willingness to always help others, Ashley has proven to be a tremendous asset to our office, and we're happy to spotlight her this month.

## Ramblings of a 52-Year-Old Man: Attorney Chuck Boyk's Guide to a Happy Life

**W**hen I was 15 years old I was sure I had all the answers about life. In the 37 years since, though, I've realized that I've gotten dumber every day. My 15-year-old daughter Emily, who is "right about everything" (sound familiar?), constantly reminds me of my lack of knowledge.

Whatever my current knowledge level actually is, here are 10 lessons I've learned over the years that have made life more enjoyable:

- 1. Make goals in every area of your life** and create a plan to accomplish each goal. Life without goals and plans is not productive.
- 2. Under-promise and over-deliver.** Your credibility is everything. I try to accomplish this both as an attorney and in my personal life.
- 3. Spend time alone and just think** and brainstorm. The best ideas and creativity come to an uncluttered mind.
- 4. Exercise daily.** Your mental and physical health need it.
- 5. Go the extra mile.** The people who get ahead do much more than just what is required. Extra work is an opportunity, not a burden, to the go-getter.
- 6. Continue to learn every day.** I have acquired most of my knowledge since graduating college and law school. Real world experience, books, seminars, tapes, brainstorming with others and making mistakes have been the keys to my continued learning.
- 7. Find something you love to do** and you'll never work another day in your life. I love being an attorney and my kids tease me that work is just play for me.
- 8. Keep your word.** Your reputation is crucial, and once it's lost it's almost impossible to get back.
- 9. Take intelligent risks and don't follow the crowd.** If you want to get ahead, taking the "safe" route will not distinguish you from the pack.
- 10. Admit your mistakes.** This is not easy but solving problems is more important than bruising your ego.