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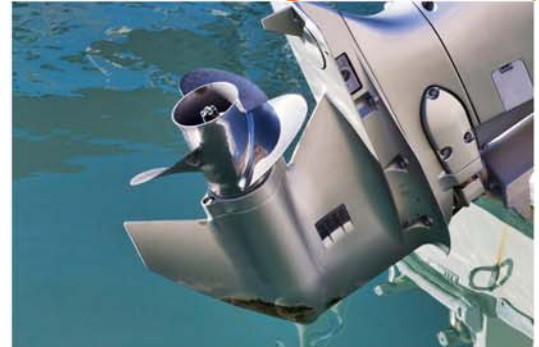
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## Fun in the Sun: Boating Safety

With the arrival of summer, people take advantage of the warm weather and the sunny days and begin to spend more of their time outdoors with their family and friends. This would include boating, a favorite activity that is enjoyed by many. But with large groups of people flocking to the nearest lake, or even to a local river, to enjoy this recreational activity, safety is a major concern for those wanting to enjoy being out on the water safely.



There are a few things to take into consideration when planning an outing on the water. Number one, always be sure that you check the weather forecast. If you notice dark clouds, strong winds, or a drop in temperature, the safest decision would be to get off the water or to postpone your plans to do so. **Additionally, it is always a good practice to have another person on board your boat that is familiar with operating it in case you become ill or injured.** Also, one of the most important safety aspects of boating is to ensure that there is an approved lifejacket for every occupant of the boat and that they are being used at all times. More importantly, keep in mind that boating and alcohol DO NOT mix! The effects of alcohol are exacerbated by the sun and wind; therefore, the probability of being involved in a boating accident doubles when alcohol is involved. It is also very important that you learn to swim. Classes are usually offered at your local YMCA. Taking a boating course prior to operating a boat is also very important so that you are familiar with boating safety rules.

Statistics compiled by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Coast Guard, 4,291 accidents occurred with 658 of those resulting in death, 2,629 injuries and approximately \$46 million dollars of damage to property. Operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, excessive speed, and alcohol use rank as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents, with alcohol use as the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents.

We hope that you are able to enjoy the warm summer months out on the water safely with your family and friends without incident. However, if you, one of your family members, or one of your friends are injured in a boating accident due to the negligence of a boat operator, we at MLG want you to have the information you need to make the best decisions for any potential claim that you may have. Feel free to reach out to us with any questions or visit our website at [MileyLegal.com](http://MileyLegal.com)

According to the 2017 Recreational Boating



The Miley Legal Group would like to thank everyone that provided referrals to our office this past month:

- Joseph W.**
- Amanda S.**
- Daniel B.**
- Terry B.**
- Amy E.**
- Salena M.**

## Your Travel: Airline Etiquette

Bad behavior seems rife in the air these days. Check out any social media platform and you will see a recent article describing some sort of bad behavior on an airplane.

In order to ensure that everyone makes it to their destination in as good a mood as possible, there are some basic airline etiquette tips for all air travelers.

It is always best to have chosen your seats prior to getting on the plane. Seat issues make up a major portion of conflicts.



If you want to be able to sit with family members or friends, this should be planned out in advance. Asking fellow travelers to move from their booked seats to accommodate you is really not the best option.

Bad behavior in the air can also result from frustration caused by poor planning.

Preparation is the key, so make sure to bring along snacks in the event of closed eateries at airports or delayed flights, eye masks, noise cancelling headphones, a power pack to keep the likes of tablets and smartphones charged, and a travel pillow.

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# MLG and WBOY Celebrating Volunteers

## Patricia Rummel of the Shinn's Run CEOS Club



The Shinn's Run Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS) Club has a primary focus on education and community service. As part of a statewide organization supported by WVU Extension, CEOS clubs across the state provide programs that emphasize the building of families and their communities. Each local project focuses on a specific need within the community and a program is developed to ensure the largest impact possible.

More specifically, the Shinn's Run CEOS club has focused on providing brown bags of snacks to ensure veterans taking the long trip to the VA facility in Pittsburgh have a healthy snack to eat along the way. With the strict time table of the buses, most veterans do not have the time to grab a bite to eat during, before or after the appointment. These snacks have become invaluable, especially to those that are heading to appointments where fasting is required. Patricia Rummel's hard work and dedication to this and other programs is why she was selected as an honoree of the Celebrating Volunteers Award.

"Patricia and the CEOS clubs statewide have identified needs throughout our community that may not receive a lot of attention," stated Tim Miley of The Miley Legal Group. "They then create a workable project to not only meet that specific need but turn it into a community effort that increases both the involvement and awareness for other citizens and groups in our neighborhoods."

"I see what Patricia does with the CEOS club and I am in awe," stated Marisa Matoyla of WBOY. "Not only do they have a huge impact on the veteran's community, but on North Central West Virginia as a whole."

To learn more about Shin's Run CEOS club and the statewide network, visit the WVU Extension website and click on the Community Tab. To learn more about our Celebrating Volunteer Program, visit our website, [www.MileyLegal.com](http://www.MileyLegal.com) and click on the logo.



✓ We had a client's health insurance refuse to submit payment to medical providers when they were treated after an accident. Our office stepped in to "remind" the insurance company of their obligations and the medical bills were paid within the next few weeks.

✓ We worked to secure our client a settlement check over FIVE times the amount the insurance company originally offered. This coupled with the work our staff did in negotiating subrogation with health insurance companies, our client received a significant amount when the final check was cut.

★★★★★ **Google Review:** "The Miley Legal Group helped me and my family through one of the most trying times in my life." -E. Furbee

## VIP Ticket Giveaway!

Plan on going to Mountainfest this year? Have tickets? If not and you want to go VIP, then this contest is for you!

### We are giving away 2 VIP Full Event Passes!

These tickets will give you the "Full Weekend Experience," which includes the VIP Experience for ALL 3 Days. Check out headline acts such as Jackyl, Peter Frampton, The Charlie Daniels Band and Cheap Trick near the front of the stage. The VIP Experience also includes complimentary food, complimentary drink vouchers, access to VIP area restrooms and the experience of a lifetime!



Enter to WIN at [MileyLegal.com/ticket-giveaway](http://MileyLegal.com/ticket-giveaway)

**Deadline to Enter: July 1, 2019**

\*MUST BE 21 to ENTER! Entry must be received by deadline. Odds of winning depend on the number of entries received. Drawing held on July 2, 2019 at The Miley Legal Group, winner will be announced on Facebook.

## Recipe of the Month: Stuffed Zucchini

### Ingredients:

3 zucchini  
1 lb. pork sausage  
1 cup dry bread crumbs  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1 (32 oz.) jar spaghetti sauce  
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese



### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F
2. Trim stems from zucchini and slice lengthwise. Scoop out seeds and put in bowl. Mix seeds with sausage, garlic, bread crumbs, and parmesan cheese. Stuff squash with sausage mixture and place in 9x13 inch baking pan. Pour sauce over squash and cover pan with foil.
3. Bake in preheated oven for 45 minutes, or until sausage is cooked. Remove foil and cover with mozzarella cheese. Cook until cheese is melted.

*Recipe & Picture Courtesy of Allrecipes.com.  
Submit recipes to [mlg@mileylegal.com](mailto:mlg@mileylegal.com)*

## Words of Encouragement

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might."

- Ephesians 6:10

"My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word!"

- Psalm 119:28

"Life shrinks or expands in proportion with one's courage."

- Anaïs Nin, Author

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

- Eleanor Roosevelt

## June's Cases of Interest

### Video Leads Insurance Adjuster to Settle!

Video can play an important part in an accident claim. It can either help or even hurt a victim of an accident. In this instance it only served to assist our client who was involved in an accident in a local parking lot.



Our client was attempting to walk across a designated walkway in front of a national retailer when he was struck by a distracted driver. The resulting injuries included a broken arm and a concussion.

The insurance company refused to believe our client, siding with their insured who claimed that our client walked directly in front of a moving vehicle. However, once evidence was gathered, including a video that clearly showed the other driver to be at fault, the insurance company immediately offered to settle.

### Downed Power Line Leads to Electrocution

We received a phone call from a past client asking us for help with a potential injury and property claim. During a family horse back riding trip, a horse stepped on a downed power line that was still live. Unfortunately for our client, a young relative was riding the horse and when the horse stepped on the live wire, both the horse and the child were injured. Worse yet, the horse was immediately killed, all while the power company knew the line was down and still active.

We have begun the official investigation into the incident and will be holding those responsible accountable for their actions, including the negligence by the power company for the downed wire. June 2019

"The greatest compliment we can receive is the referral of your family and friends."

### RENTING A CAR? MAKE SURE YOU'RE COVERED!

Think twice before you opt out of rental car insurance on your next trip. Even if you have an auto policy, consider reading the fine print to ensure you are covered!

When renting a car and you have no auto policy, you should consider the following:

- A loss-damage waiver, in case the car is damaged or stolen.
- Liability insurance to cover against lawsuits.
- Personal accident insurance for medical bills.
- Personal effects coverage against theft of belongings.

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# Miley Family Fun



**Our Niece Ellie Graduates  
High School!**



**Jordin Started Her  
Internship in Uber's Legal  
Dept. in San Francisco.**



**Congratulations Ellie for  
Winning 1st Place in Dance!**