

Straight from the Horse's Mouth...

Dear Leimkuehler, Inc. Staff,

I just wanted to write and thank you for all your help with the tendon boots for my horse. Charley has started on the discipline of being a Hunter/Jumper and has a boney growth on his ankle. Tendon boots are made as a one size fits all, however they have no give and really irritate that growth. Thank you so much for being so willing to help out in "customizing" those tendon boots.

Charles Maxwell Johns III (aka: Charley) is my lifelong dream come true. I bought him when he was 7 years old. He is now 13 years old and we couldn't be a happier couple. When I bought him, he had been stall bound for a couple years and as a result his entire body had severe muscle atrophy. He was originally trained as a Western Pleasure horse but I moved him to Dressage and Hunter/Jumper to improve his muscle tone and bring up his top line (the muscles along his spine). I used to call him my droopy-lipped, sway-backed, knock-kneed Quarter Horse. His sway back has improved dramatically and that droopy bottom lip has all but disappeared! He is such a happy boy!!!

Again, thank you so much for your help. He and I are just floating!

Sincerely Yours,

Linda I Johns and Charles Maxwell Johns III (aka: Charley)



THEN: Poor muscle tone/sway back



NOW: Strong jumper

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The steps to receive Orthotic and Prosthetic care:

- MD visit – Simple Rx – O&P visit
- Detailed Rx to MD for signature
- MD notes and detailed Rx to Insurance for Authorization
- Orthosis/Prosthesis fabricated, fit, delivered
- Continued O&P follow up care/maintenance/supplies

How to get your prosthesis, prosthetic supplies or orthosis FASTER:

First, visit your doctor:

Be sure to tell them what you need and why.

Get a prescription:

Ask the office to send the visit note to you or directly to us.

Things to bring to your appointment:

ID, Insurance Card(s), Prescription MD and/or PT medical records if you have them or can get them. Good shoes you wear regularly.

Prosthetic Patient:

Ask your doctor for a prescription at your annual physical for prosthetic supplies and repairs. Have them note that you are still using your prosthesis.

This will allow you to get what you need (liners, socks, repairs) for the rest of the year without another doctor visit.

Take Control of Your Medical Records

Sign up for your electronic medical chart with the medical systems that you use.

For example: My UHCare/MyChart MetroHealth/MyChart Cleveland Clinic

This helps you communicate with your doctor safely and efficiently.



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New Scanning Technology

Leimkuehler is using the latest scanning technology to scan children's heads and amputee's residual limbs. The CurveCapture application converts 2D video images into a 3D model. Scans can be taken with a Samsung smartphone and a special SmartSoc. The precise 3D shapes can be analyzed and used to obtain detailed measurements. The benefits of this new technology are:

- Portable – it can be done almost anywhere
- Accurate
- Quick
- Movement – The patient can move during the scan



Gold Medal Winner

Brooklynn Crist came to Leimkuehler, Inc in 2012 when the prosthesis she was wearing from Baltimore became too small. Brooklyn was born with an underdeveloped hip bone and femur. At age 4 she underwent a rotationplasty surgery. 10 years later she is the youngest woman to be named to the U. S. Women's Sled Hockey Team. Brooklynn said, "I like being aggressive and hockey is as aggressive as you can get". She is a power forward for the team.

Leimkuehler, Inc. was proud to sponsor Brooklyn, helping her to attend the World Cup competition in the Czech Republic on May 1-6 this year. After many days of competition, the US Women's team took home the Gold Medal. Both of her parents attended this once in a lifetime experience. The back story is that during one of the early



Brooklynn Crist with her parents at the World Cup Competition in the Czech Republic

competitions, Brooklynn broke her right leg. She continued to play in all the games eventually leading to the Gold Medal. It was not until she came home that she had her leg x-rayed and casted. A testament to how determined and strong this young lady truly is!

Medicare Issuing New ID Cards in 2018



As of April 1, Medicare is using a new card with a new number that is not your social security number.

New Medicare cards have a new Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) instead of the Social Security Number (SSN) based Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN).

Motivational Energy

Andrew Ford first became an amputee 6 years ago when he lost the lower part of his right arm due to untreatable gout. The loss of Andrew's arm was done in stages, with multiple surgeries. In total, he had about 20 surgeries, ultimately leading to the amputation of his right arm, just below the elbow. If that wasn't enough, a little over a year ago he lost his left leg below the knee. Prior to the amputation of his left leg, he had a few surgeries on his left knee and ankle. Instead of repeating the process he endured with his arm, he decided it wasn't worth it. On May 5th, 2017 he lost his leg and a new life for Andrew began.

Because of his experiences, Andrew started his own support group, Motivational Energy. He spends his time helping other amputees with his support group. Andrew is in the process of opening a center for amputees so that amputees can have a place to go to speak to other amputees, workout, organize group outings, and more. Andrew has also become a certified peer visitor to help other amputees and share his experiences. As a certified peer visitor, he travels to other cities to meet with amputees who are trying to come to terms with their own amputation.

In the spring, Andrew will host *Motivational Energy's First Annual Amputee and Health Awareness Day*. The date is still to be determined. Please contact Andrew Ford at motivationaldrew@gmail.com.



Andrew Ford



Whitney Haligowski is our newest clinician at Leimkuehler Inc. She comes from an athletic training background with several years in the O&P business. Whitney recently moved to the Cleveland area after attending grad school in South Carolina. She has taken on a great deal of pediatric orthotics, including cranial remolding orthoses, in addition to more traditional orthotics. Whitney also has a strong passion for learning the ins and outs of prosthetics. Whitney is a new mom to a 5-month-old boy. She has done an amazing job of balancing a new baby, family, and work.

Whitney with a cranial remodeling patient.

The Exchange

The townhomes behind Leimkuehler, Inc. on Clinton Avenue and Wheat Court in Ohio City are underway! The name; The Exchange, goes back to the 1870's on Clinton and 45th, where there was a fabric mercantile exchange. There will be a total of 7 townhomes once the project is complete.

If you are interested in purchasing one of these units call: 216-220-9158 www.townhomescleveland.com





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Christmas Benefit Gift Shop to Support Youth Challenge

- What:** Vendors such as Pampered Chef, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Party Lite Candle, handmade crafts, gems, gifts, Chinese Gift Basket Raffle and 50/50 Cash Raffle
- When:** **Saturday 11/24/18** from 10:00-3:00 and **Sunday 11/25/18** from 12:00-3:00
- Where:** Leimkuehler, Inc. : 6478 Royalton Road, North Royalton, OH 44133
Phone: 440-582-8000
- Why:** Holiday gifts for friends and family while supporting Youth Challenge – An organization that provides activities for kids with physical disabilities

Come join in the fun!

Leimkuehler, Inc. has a long history of over 70 years of caring for the disabled of Northeastern Ohio. Leimkuehler, Inc. is a BOC accredited facility featuring certified, experienced prosthetists and orthotists. We utilize the most current technologies and state-of-the-art components. We have three offices across Northeast Ohio.