

The BOYK BULLETIN

11-Year-Old Raises \$1,000 For Cystic Fibrosis, Earns Bicycle From Bikes For Kids



Blake gets ready for his NBC 24 news debut

The first Bikes for Kids winner left many people with happy tears as 11-year-old Blake Oliver Pierce was recognized on June 17th on NBC 24's show, "Better Living." Blake received a new bike for raising nearly \$1,000 for cystic fibrosis research.

On the show, Better Living host Charity Freeman choked back tears while praising Blake for focusing on others.

"It's so nice to be able to point kids out for doing things to help other kids," Charity said. "You have to know that this is really special. You are a very special young man and you have a great future ahead of you, that is for sure!"

Blake was nominated by his grandmother, Peggy Sears, for his outstanding dedication to his friends, school, and community.

"This kid has compassion beyond belief," Peggy said. "He sold bottles of water and food at soccer games to raise money for Sal's Pals, an organization for cystic fibrosis awareness. He is a mentor at school against bullying. He is always there to help when needed for any reason and usually the first to volunteer."

Blake's mom, Colleen Pierce, was thrilled to learn that her son's giving spirit had won him a new bike. She described his love of volunteering and his dedication to helping his friends, even at a young age.

"Blake is very passionate about the Lake Township Food Pantry where he volunteers every month," Colleen said. "He never wants to miss it and loves helping there. It is ran by the Ladies Auxiliary and hosted at the Walbridge Firestation and through the mobile food truck, Food For Thought. He loves working there and the folks that come through think he is pretty great."

Amy Crofts, one of the Lake Township Ladies Auxiliary "Firebells," showed up at Wersell's on June 16th when Blake received the bike and had nothing but awesome things to say about the young volunteer.

"Blake is always willing to lend a hand and is so eager to do anything that is asked of him," Amy said. "His enthusiasm to help in any situation is one that deserves to be commended and replicated. He gives 110% to everything he does!"

Charles Boyk Law Offices and Bikes for Kids were excited to kick off their 2015 season by purchasing a bicycle for Blake from Wersell's Bike and Ski Shop and it was the first of ten that will be given away all summer. One bike each week will be given away, along with a helmet and lock donated by Jill Wersell, and the child will also be featured on NBC 24 the day after the bike giveaway. The child will receive a video of the entire experience, created by our in-house videographer, and he or she will be featured in our newsletter and eNewsletter, as well as on NBC 24's website.

"Blake is exactly the type of kid we are looking to reward this summer," Bikes for Kids founder Attorney Chuck Boyk said. "We want to highlight kids who have worked to make a difference in the lives of other people, whether it is through simple acts of kindness at home or on a larger scale in the community."

If you know of a child who exhibits Blake's same dedication to selflessly helping others, please let us know by visiting www.BikesforKidsToledo.com and telling their story. Together we can work to recognize kids who make a difference in the lives of others and inspire children to be kind to their friends, family, classmates, and community.

Blake being interviewed by an NBC reporter at Wersell's Bike and Ski Shop



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In Our Clients' Shoes: My Experience With Throne Auto Service, Inc.

By: Lisa Niscior, Boyk Law employee



Lisa Niscior and Dave Throne in front of Throne Auto Service, Inc.

Dealing with the damage to your vehicle is one of the worst headaches many clients have shortly after an accident. Most times, it is in addition to also dealing with significant physical injuries. Clients often struggle with finding a good body shop that they can trust to do the job right and to restore their vehicle back to its original condition.

It's my job to assist clients navigating their treatment plans and help them with their property damage. For years, I have listened to horror stories about how their cars will never be the same after a wreck and ask, "Shouldn't my car just be totaled?"

I like to relate to what people are going through

whenever I try to help, yet I would only recommend a place based on my own personal experience.

Unfortunately, my truck was involved in two accidents, with each one causing substantial damage. Luckily, no one was injured, however, twice I had to find a repair shop. I was pretty much throwing darts at a dartboard. The problem was that I had heard something terrible about almost every place in town.

After the first crash, I went with a local shop that had been recommended by family. It ended up taking two months and the end result was not satisfactory. I was left feeling very bitter about the entire situation, just like many of the clients had felt about the repairs that they had done to their own vehicles. I would always look at my truck and think, "If it hadn't been for that accident..."

After the second crash, I was very worried. And boy, was my truck hit good! The damage had been done by a semi truck that sent my little truck into a tailspin on the highway and the entire bed had to be replaced. I called Thrones Auto Service, Inc. and they took care of my truck from the tow down to the last decal. I was so pleased with how they kept me informed of the progression of the repairs. Dave Throne himself took me on a tour of the shop and invited me back to the garage on several occasions to get my approval.

When I asked Dave why he insists on communicating with his customers before the work is complete, he explained that he is just doing what he would want done if he were the client.



"I always like to call the customer to let them know what stage the repairs are at," Dave said. "If the shoe were on the other foot, I'd want to know, especially if it was a large dollar amount. I invite my customers to come by any time to see how the repairs are going. It builds a strong level of trust when they know that they can pop in; they know that I have nothing to hide."

From start to finish, this major repair only took three weeks. I have to say, my truck actually ended up in better shape than it had been after the first crash because not only did they fix everything, but he also fixed what the first shop had done. There was expert attention to details.

Dave Throne is the third generation company president and Throne Auto Service, Inc. has been in business since 1931, which was started as an offshoot of his great-grandfather's downtown car dealership in the 1910's, Throne Chevrolet.

"My great-grandfather started the company with \$400 in his pocket and the rest is history," Dave said.

Throne Auto Service is located at 3266 Upton Ave. and is a one-stop shop for body repairs, towing, mechanical work, and basic maintenance.

So now, when a client is wondering where they should take their car after a bad accident, I gladly tell them, "Better call Dave!"

RECIPE: Red, White, and Blue Dessert Pizza

In honor of our Nation's birthday, enjoy this 4th of July themed dessert all month long!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (18oz) package of refrigerated cookie dough
- 2 (8oz) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 pint fresh raspberries (or sliced strawberries, if preferred)
- 1 pint fresh blueberries

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Press cookie dough evenly onto a 12 inch round pizza pan. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, until golden brown. Allow to cool completely on a wire rack.
3. Mix together cream cheese, vanilla, and sugar. Spread over cooled cookie.
4. Arrange fruit in whatever decorative pattern you'd like. Refrigerate until ready to serve.



Baseballs & Babies: Soon-To-Be Grandpa Mike Bruno Throws Mud Hens First Pitch After Office Baby Shower



Mike holds up a Detroit Tigers onesie from the staff



Mike prepares to take the mound

One of Attorney Mike Bruno's all-time favorite things to do is watch the Detroit Tigers play baseball. He dons the ball caps, his office is covered with Tiger memorabilia, and every once in a while he turns on the conference room television to keep an eye on the score.

But this #1 favorite will probably be bumped down to #2 after the birth of his first grandchild, due in July, to his son and daughter-in-law, Nick and Vanessa Bruno. In honor of these two favorite things, Boyk Law threw Mr. Bruno a surprise baby shower on the same day that he threw out the first pitch

at a Toledo Mud Hens baseball game. The first pitch experience was his birthday present from the staff, since the Mud Hens are Detroit's AAA team; when a Hen is called up to the Major Leagues, they get to play for the Tigers.

On June 18th, after receiving for his grandson baseball-themed baby clothes and hats earlier in the day, Mr. Bruno threw a fast one in front of more than 40 friends, family members, and co-workers cheering from the stands. Boyk Law Multimedia Designer, Josh Nagel, filmed the whole thing, while others took photographs.

Mr. Bruno joked that his wife, Renee, had deemed it "Mike Bruno Day" after all of the special attention he received.

"I was very surprised and delighted by the generosity of the Boyk Law staff," Mike said. "The game brought on feelings of nervousness until the ball left my hand. I'm waiting on video evidence as to whether the pitch was a ball or strike."

Congratulations, Mike and Renee, on your upcoming grandparenthood!

NY Times, Washington Post Cover Story On Boyk Law Clients Looking For Answers

When the Associated Press picked up the press release Boyk Law sent out after filing a lawsuit on behalf of their clients, the New York Times was one of the first newspapers to report on the suit. The story gave attention to a devastating situation involving the improper treatment of the body of Thomas Gaston by Tate Funeral Services in Toledo. The Washington Post, Fox News, and ABC soon reported, along with other news sources across the country, which helped shed light on the lawsuit and hopefully get answers for Mr. Gaston's family. The Cleveland Plain Dealer also did an in-depth expose on the case, which spoke to the emotions felt by the families.

Mr. Gaston passed away in his home at May 17, 2015, at the age of 55. His body was taken immediately to Tate Funeral Services, with the intention of being shown at the May 26th funeral before ultimately being cremated. On May 30th, Mr. Gaston's wife, Michelle Day Gaston, was notified by the Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors that Mr. Gaston's body was

one of eleven bodies that were discovered to have been potentially mistreated. A lawsuit was filed in June against Tate Funeral Services and its owner, Robert O. Tate, Jr., on behalf of Thomas' wife and daughters.

"It is a shock to the conscience of the community to treat the body of a deceased individual with anything less than the utmost care and respect," Mr. Boyk said. "The family would like answers and to place Mr. Tate under oath. The lawsuit will provide the opportunity to get complete answers and hopefully some closure to this tragic event."



Thomas & Michelle Gaston



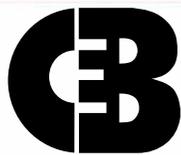
\$2,000 College Scholarship Offered To U.S. Veterans & Their Children

We are proud to announce our 2015 Boyk Law Veteran Scholarship, which will award \$2,000 to a college student on November 30, 2015.

Eligibility:

- Applicant has served in the United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Reserves OR is the child or stepchild of someone who has.
- Applicant is a U.S. citizen currently attending an accredited college or university within the United States
- Student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and have completed at least one semester of classes at an accredited college or university.

The deadline to apply is October 31, 2015 and all application instructions can be found on www.BoykVeteranScholarship.com or by calling 419-241-1395.



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CASES OF INTEREST: JULY 2015

Young Woman Hit By Driver Who Failed To Yield, Still Having Problems Two Years Later

It wasn't until a few days after a serious accident that x-rays and CT scans indicated that our client was hurt more seriously than she thought. After multiple rounds of physical therapy for numbness in her neck and pain in her back and left shoulder, she was referred to a vascular surgeon who discovered that our client was suffering from thoracic outlet syndrome and ordered immediate surgery. She is still facing problems nearly two years after the accident and doctors anticipate additional treatment and surgery.

Worker Fractures Hand & Wrist After Company Fails To Properly Guard Machine

Our client's hand was pulled into a machine and crushed between two rollers, causing fractures to his right forearm and wrist. Two bolts had to be cut off of the machine with a torch in order to get his hand out, and surgery was needed to implant two pins to repair the fractures. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is currently investigating the incident, since it is believed that the machine our client was working on was not properly guarded to prevent serious crushing injuries like this one.

Man Faces Surgery After Head-On Collision Fractures Back

After being hit head-on by a car that went left of center, our client was transported by ambulance to a local trauma hospital where he was admitted overnight. He suffered a fractured neck and two disk fractures as a result of the accident and is still dealing with pain in his arm. Surgery is scheduled to repair the damage and his is facing physical therapy and ongoing treatment for a possible head injury.

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