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## CASES OF INTEREST: JANUARY 2015

### Young Man Strikes Semi Illegally-Parked That Had No Lights On, Causing Severe Injuries

Our client was travelling down a country road and was unable to stop in time before crashing into a semi that was parked the wrong way in the road without lights on. He was life-flighted from the scene of the accident and spent four days in the hospital after fracturing his right knee cap and his right femur in two places. A rod and screws had to be surgically implanted to repair his femur and he developed a blood clot in his calf as a result of the accident, which required four more days of hospitalization and daily injections. He is still undergoing physical therapy and is in a great deal of pain.

### Two Sisters Hospitalized For Multiple Injuries After A Driver Ran A Stop Sign

One sister required a three-night hospital stay after suffering three fractures in her collarbone which will most likely need surgery to repair, along with a cervical fracture, fractures in both ankles, and a left shoulder fracture after she was thrown out of the back window of the car during the accident. The other sister, who was 27 weeks pregnant at the time of the accident, spent two nights in the hospital as doctors tried to prevent the early labor caused by the accident.

CASE FILE



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# The **BOYK BULLETIN**

## 2nd EDITION OF INJURED TIMES MAGAZINE OFFERS READERS HEARTWARMING STORIES OF STRENGTH & RESILIENCE

Overcoming adversity and refusal to give up are common themes in the 2nd edition of Boyk Law's magazine, *Injured Times*, as we use the publication to try to encourage and empower readers who may be facing similar injuries.

The magazine's purpose is also to illustrate how receiving the proper medical treatment and finding the right attorney can mean the difference between successfully resolving the injury claim or being stuck without any means to overcome the injuries.

Through telling the stories of our clients, readers will be able to relate to their situations and hopefully apply the same actions to their own lives.

Here are a few of the people highlighted in the newest issue:

**Alyssa Jones Crayton**, a young woman who broke both of her legs and her neck while riding in the car with her boyfriend, RJ. Their truck was T-boned after a dump truck failed to stop at a stop sign. You will read about Alyssa's miraculous recovery and how she went on to become the wife and mother she had always dreamed of becoming.



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**Dustin Vogelsong**, a young roofer and father to a one-month-old baby girl who almost lost his life after a car accident that left him with a severe head trauma, shattered leg, and broken jaw. His amazing recovery and ensuing legal battle and victory will leave you inspired.



Craig Parliment

**Craig Parliment**, a father and grandfather who was killed after being rear-ended by a driver while riding his motorcycle. Our tribute to the late Corvette enthusiast highlights the vast impact he made on countless lives during his 27 years of sobriety, from the perspective of his oldest son, Jason.

**Ann Mooney**, a hard-working woman who had to leave her job after 37 rewarding years when a car accident left her with the need for seven surgeries.

You will read stories about families who have rallied together to help their injured loved ones recover and the part that Boyk Law played to ensure that the victims were compensated for their medical bills, lost wages, pain and suffering, and

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emotional distress. It also highlights extraordinary ordinary people around the Glass City, who have been featured in our programs Tribute to Toledo and Bikes for Kids.

Our hope is that the magazine will inspire readers to realize that although recently injured people may feel "down and out" right now, proper medical care combined with competent legal guidance can lead to a full recovery from both a physical and economic perspective.



Ann Mooney



# TRIBUTE TO TOLEDOANS: LOCAL BLACK BELT GIVES FREE MARTIAL ARTS LESSONS TO KIDS IN NEED



that when I got back from Vietnam, I would show our own children here in America good treatment and teach them discipline and how to be a leader instead of a follower, and to work hard in everything that you do."

When 69-year-old Lowell Cherry came into our office for help after being injured in a serious car accident, he was wearing his Vietnam veteran ball cap like a badge of honor.

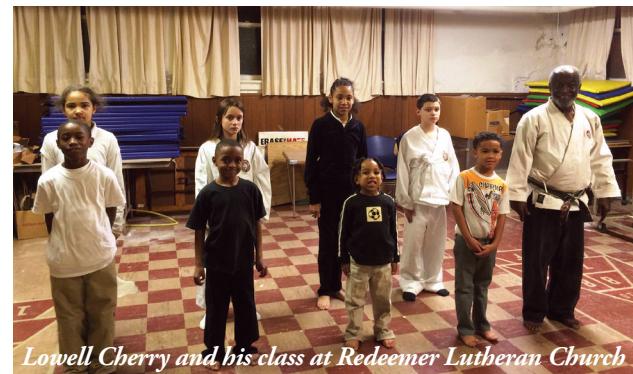
Like most men who served the US Army in Vietnam during the 1970's, the war changed Lowell. But for the former 101st Airborne pointman, the changes had not only a lasting impact on himself, but also on countless others.

"Every morning I would watch the Vietnamese people do Tai Chi," Lowell explained. "The Air Force also had a martial arts program and every day as I helped secure the Air Force base, I would watch them."

The calm, graceful forms of exercise stuck with Lowell and he soon fell in love with martial arts like Tai Chi and Jujitsu.

But what had an even greater impact on the then-22-year-old man were the native children.

"The kids in Vietnam were mistreated, even by American GI's," Lowell said. "I promised myself



they leave the building, that's the part I have no control over. But many parents say they now sit still in class, have more confidence, and have more discipline."

All classes are free and open to kids and young adults of all ages and all experience levels – even those who have never encountered martial arts before. Those who are interested in the class may call the respective churches where the classes are held for session times and to sign-up. Glenwood Lutheran Church, located at 2545 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio 43620, can be reached at 419-255-0886 or parents can also call Redeemer Lutheran Church at 419-536-3781, which is located at 1702 Upton Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43607.

He is now a 4th degree black belt working on becoming a 5th degree master and has taught literally thousands of children the art of Jujitsu. But perhaps the most inspiring part is that he has always offered his lessons for free.

"It is what I enjoy," Lowell said. "In the 44 years I have been teaching, I have never charged a kid a dime. My payment is seeing what others achieve."

Lowell likes to use martial arts as a focusing tool for students with behavioral problems that stem from ADD, ADHD, and Autism.

To learn more about Mr. Cherry, visit [www.TributeToToledo.com](http://www.TributeToToledo.com) to watch a video about his life and his lessons.

## START HIGH SCHOOL'S NOVEMBER STUDENT & TEACHER OF THE MONTH WINNERS



Start High Junior Tomas Martinez made such an impact on his Precision Machining/Industrial Technologies teacher, Karl Borko, that it won him the title of November Student of the Month, along with a \$50 Visa gift card.

"Along with his full schedule here, he also is taking post-secondary evening classes at the University of Toledo and holding down a part time job at Kroger's," Mr. Borko said. "He is extremely bright and very good natured and



helps other students at the drop of a hat in our lab. I hope we can get more kids like him into this program and watch him and they turn into fantastic adults. Kids like this will save manufacturing in our area."

Another proud teacher was Michelle McConkey, after learning that her student, Paris Murray, nominated her for Teacher of the Month.

Ms. McConkey was all smiles when she was handed a \$250 Visa gift card and a plaque recognizing her efforts.

"I wanted to nominate Ms. McConkey because she is helpful in every way you could expect," Paris said. "And she's very nice!"

For taking the time to create a video nomination of a teacher, Paris was awarded a \$50 Visa gift card.

Each month, Boyk Law chooses one teacher and one student from a pool of nominations to win various gift cards. Students must submit a video nomination and teachers recognize students using a survey. To watch the heartwarming videos on the Student and Teacher winners, visit [www.NominateAStudent.com](http://www.NominateAStudent.com).

# BIKES FOR KIDS HOLIDAY EDITION BRIGHTENS LIVES OF EIGHT LOCAL KIDS



Boyk Law's Multimedia Designer Josh Nagel films while Jill Wersell adjusts new bikes for brothers, 8 and 7

classmates, and the community.

"We wanted to do something special around the holidays to recognize kids whose strength helps them endure tough times of transition," said Attorney Chuck Boyk, founder of Bikes for Kids. "It takes a lot of patience and faith for children to get through the holidays when they don't have a permanent place to live and hopefully the bicycles will give them the freedom of enjoying a childhood pastime, no matter where they call home."

The bikes are purchased from Wersell's Bike Shop on Central Avenue in Toledo, and owner Jill Wersell donated a helmet and lock to go along with each bike.

Nominations are already being accepted for the Summer 2015 program and adults can visit [www.BikesforKidsToledo.com](http://www.BikesforKidsToledo.com) to tell the story of a child who they believe is deserving of a bike after making a difference.



Eight local children were able to ride toward a better Christmas after they received brand new bicycles, helmets, and locks from the Bikes for Kids program on December 18, 2014.

The Bikes for Kids Holiday Edition took place at Cherry Street Mission Ministry's Life Revitalization Center and the bikes were given to kids of Cherry Street's Hope House, which provides transitional housing for families moving from homelessness into permanent residences.

Dan Rodgers, President and CEO of Cherry Street Mission Ministries, was overwhelmed by the generous gift and was thrilled to learn the news that four families would be able to benefit from the program.

To date, Bikes for Kids has given away 40 bicycles to kids who have made a difference in the lives of another person. Typically held in the summertime, the program was designed to inspire children to be kind to their friends, family,

## RECIPE: Emily's Chicken Enchilada Soup

*Give a new twist to Mexican night at your house with this savory and hearty soup. Perfect for the winter months, it pairs well with taco salad or topped with crushed tortilla chips.*

### INGREDIENTS:

- ½ cup chopped onion
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- One 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed and drained
- One 14.5-ounce can diced tomatoes
- One 10-ounce package frozen whole kernel corn
- One 10-ounce can red enchilada sauce
- One 10.75-ounce can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 2 cups milk

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In a large pot, sauté onions in butter until soft
2. Add beans, tomatoes, corn, and chicken
3. In a large bowl, mix together enchilada sauce and cream of chicken soup. Add mixture to veggies.
4. Add milk and cook until hot.
5. Before serving, top with cheese. Enjoy!

