

# Local Press Helps Boyk Law Celebrate Winners of Bikes for Kids nation. "They have been very eager to learn and are

A huge thank you to WTOL, 13abc, NBC 24. the Toledo Blade, and Toledo Parent Magazine for helping us spread the word about the awesome first winners of our 5th Annual Bikes for Kids program.



### Week #1

Lucas County Children Services Public Information Officer Julie Malkin accepted a bike on behalf of the unnamed 13-year-old girl who heroically escaped her Noble Street home after being shackled to a basement beam for more than a year by her stepfather. The girl was found wandering near downtown Toledo in search of a family member's home when she was rescued by two good Samaritans before being place with Children Services.

WTOL reporter Dick Berry had suggested the girl from Noble Street as a Bikes for Kids nomination and made the connection for Boyk Law to Julie Malkin so that the giveaway could be arranged. Two additional bikes were donated by Maumee Valley Movers to be given to the girl's siblings.

"We can't reveal their names or where they are at

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AUTO ACCIDENTS • MEDICAL MALPRACTICE WORKERS' COMPENSATION . DOG BITES WRONGFUL DEATH • ATV & MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS because of safety reasons, but these are kids who really need that new lease on life," Julie Malkin said. "Being in foster care, there are so many things that you cannot do since there are so many restrictions, but the one thing kids can do is ride a bike. And these bicycles I think might be the first for these kids and will really give them a chance to do that; that freedom that a bicycle will bring and maybe bring a little bit of joy to their lives as they begin a new adventure."



### Week #2

Two kids who came to America with just the clothes on their backs after escaping war-torn Syria will now have the freedom of riding around their new neighborhood, thanks to the Bikes for Kids nominations submitted by their Strahanan Elementary teachers, Diane Bihn and John Beck.

Aisha Alkhowailed, 10, and her younger brother, Huthaifa, 8, were nominated for the hard work they've done since December learning English and acclimating to a new culture.

"Both children entered our classrooms speaking no English," wrote Bihn and Beck in their nomi-

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Huthaifa and Aisha Alkhowailed riding

working hard every day. Aisha and Huthaifa are

slowly adapting to our culture and starting to make

friends. We feel if they won bikes this would give

them another opportunity this summer to 'fit in' and have fun with family and friends in America."

A crowd gathered for the giveaway, including

translator, and reporters.

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the Stranahan Elementary's Principal, guidance

Toledo Blade reporter Lauren Lindstrom took a special interest in this story as a follow up to her pieces on Syrian refugees in Toledo and it was wonderful to see a photo gallery dedicated to the kids at www.toledoblade.com/gallery/Bikes-for-

While there are no specific guidelines on what

makes a nominee deserving of a new bike, we encourage nominators to think about how the child

has positively impacted his or her family, friends,

community, or classroom. We are asking everyone

in Toledo to nominate a deserving child for a new

bike by visiting www.BikesforKidsToledo.com.

counselor, multiple teachers, Aisha and Huthaifa's



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### Wedding Bells For The Blackburns

Congratulations to Boyk Law paralegal Lisa Niscior on her recent nuptials to John Blackburn. The new Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn were married on May 21, 2016 in Nassau, Bahamas then had a fantastic Memorial Day Weekend reception at one of their favorite camping spots Stateside, Mohican Adventures, in Loudonville, Ohio. Congrats John and Lisa!

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: NANCY THOMAS



Since joining Boyk Law in February, Nancy has been a welcome addition in the litigation department, handling cases after they are filed in court. Friendly (and extremely fashionable!), Nancy has been integral in helping clients understand the litigation process.

What do you like to do in your spare time? I love spending time with my family and French bulldogs, Dexter and Penny, and enjoy all types of do-it-yourself crafts and projects.

**Tell us about your family.** I have two beautiful kids: Caleb, 14, and Carys, almost 13

**Favorite ice cream?** Chocolate Peanut Butter Cup

**Favorite food?** Anything Mexican!

What book are you reading right now? Game of Thrones

Favorite Pixar movie? "Finding Nemo"

What's the farthest you've ever been from home? The Caribbean Islands on a Disney Cruise with my family.

"When Nancy joined the firm, one of the things I really liked was her ability to hit the ground running; she has a wealth of experience as a paralegal," Attorney Mike Bruno said. "Especially helpful is her ability to critically analyze issues on medical negligence cases and provide sound advice, which I appreciate."

To learn more about Nancy or if you have any questions for her, feel free to reach out at nthomas@charlesboyk-law.com.

### RECIPE: Penny's Perfect Potato Packets for the Grill

These easy set-it-and-forget potato packets are delicious, a breeze to clean up, and perfect for a BBQ!

### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 2-3 medium Idaho potatoes, cubed
- 2 Tablespoons salted butter or olive oil
- = 1 small sweet onion, chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Preheat grill to medium heat.

2. Cross over two layers of tin foil, approximately 10 inches long each.

3. Lightly grease the foil where the potatoes will be. Add potatoes and onion, then cover top with butter or olive oil. Season with salt and pepper. 4. Fold up foil to make a tight, enclosed packet. Place on grill and cook for 25-35 minutes until potatoes are cooked all the way through. Serve hot.

Variations: After opening the packet, top with shredded cheese, crisp bacon and sour cream.



# Boyk Law Employee Kiara Hurley Receives Full Ride Softball Scholarship To Eastern Michigan University



Although we will miss all the hard work Kiara has does around our office for the past three years after she graduates from Maumee High School in 2017, we are thrilled at the opportunity she earned! Kiara verbally committed to play softball for Eastern Michigan University, where she will be attending on nearly full-ride, athletic scholarship. Kiara's team had a great 20-6 year and were District Champions and Regional runner-ups, partially thanks to Kiara's Earned Run Average of 2.02, 187 strikeouts, and 17-5 pitching record. Kiara earned 2nd team NLL, 1st Team for the District and Honorable Mention for States. Since she is only a junior, we look forward to watching her be a dominate force on the high school softball circuit in the fall!

Innings Pitched – 149.33 Batters Faced – 626 Runs – 67 Earned Runs – 43 Earned Run Average – 2.02 Strikeouts – 187 Hits – 118 Walks – 32 Hit Batters – 32 Home Runs – 16 Batting Average Against – 0.209

### Third Time's A Charm! Boyk Law Multimedia Designer Josh Nagel Welcomes Daughter Number Three



Welcome to the world, Rowan Renee Nagel! Ms. Rowan was born on June 21st, weighing in at 6lbs 5 oz., to the delight of big sisters Armani and Norah. Congratulations Josh and fiancé Emily!

# **CASES OF INTEREST: JULY 2016**

#### Lack of Safety Equipment Causes Worker To Fall 30 Feet Through A Roof To The Ground, Shattering His Heel

While tearing out rotten roofing deck, our client fell 30 feet to the ground, shattering his heel and cutting open his neck. After being transported to a local hospital for x-rays and an MRI, it was determined that surgery was needed to implant two screws into his foot. He was off work for four months after the accident and has permanent foot limitations. None of the proper safety equipment was used and a claim is being pursued against his employer.

#### Boy, 10, Suffers Serious Brain Injury Due To Private School's Lack of Common Sense

The school was aware that a 4th grade student had multiple incidents of bullying and harming other students on his record when they held an event without any adult supervision. During the event, the 4th grader attacked our 10-year-old client, hitting him in the head with a football, basketball, and medicine ball. Our client suffered a severe traumatic brain injury resulting in a long hospitalization, missing months of school and he now has permanent limitations.

#### Woman's Legs Do The "Splits" After Slipping & Falling, Leaving Her Hospitalized

After slipping and falling on water in a jewelry store in Texas, our client's hamstring pulled away from the bone, leaving her with the need for surgery to repair the damage. After being rushed to the hospital, she had to endure a painful trip back to Ohio where she underwent the surgery. Our client still faces months of physical therapy as she tries to recover.

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## July's Raving Fan of the Month

"This was my first time ever having to deal with an attorney for an auto accident. The staff was very informative, welcoming and helpful. Everyone at Chuck Boyk's office took the time to explain everything to me, answered all my questions and concerns. They are very friendly, fast and awesome at what they do!" – *Nicole Litwin* 





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