

# The BOYK BULLETIN

## OVERCOMING ADVERSITY: YOUNG WOMAN FIGHTS ACCIDENT INJURIES TO BECOME WIFE, MOTHER

*RJ, Alyssa, and Ryder Crayton*



### Finding the Right Lawyer

Alyssa enlisted the help of Boyk Law after reading an article that we wrote on our website discussing legal rights on accidents involving semi-trucks. She and RJ contacted Chuck Boyk for a consult and decided to hire Chuck Boyk almost immediately.

### The Recovery Process

Before the accident, Alyssa was a hardworking, active young woman who was looking forward to

enjoying life as an independent 21-year-old. Instead, Alyssa was faced with a year of physical therapy and the probability that she would never work again. It was more than a year that Alyssa was stuck inside, unable to freely move around.

after the accident, and while she was thankful for such a miracle, she is constantly worried that the permanent medical restrictions placed on her following the accident will affect her ability to care for him. For instance, Alyssa is unable to lift more than 25 pounds at a time, so by the time her son reaches the age of two he will have surpassed that weight limit and she will technically not be able to pick him up or carry him more than a few feet. Being a mother for the first time, the realization of this scenario was completely devastating.

### The Successful Outcome

After a tough legal battle, Boyk Law was able to secure a substantial settlement for the family, which allowed them to cover the medical bills incurred and compensate Alyssa for her future medical bills.

Alyssa was thankful that the money she received will allow her and RJ to provide for her family.

“Had I not hired Chuck, I would be lost in the pile of medical bills and creditor calls and have no idea even where to start,” Alyssa said. “Now we’re going to be able to buy a house and start going to school. We’ll also be able to put away money for Ryder’s college.”

### The Accident

On November 6, 2012, Alyssa Jones and her boyfriend, Ronald “RJ” Crayton, were traveling westbound on County Road E just outside of Wauseon, Ohio when their lives were changed forever. The driver of a bigrig dump truck ran a stop sign and plowed into the couple’s pickup truck, causing such severe injuries that Alyssa had to be airlifted to a local trauma hospital.

### The Injuries

Alyssa had fractured her femur and right ankle, and had broken her neck. Eight days in the hospital and three surgeries were required to repair her left femur and a right tibia/fibula fracture. She was then transferred to an inpatient skilled nursing facility for three weeks.

It was soon discovered that her injuries were not healing properly, as a result of misaligned hardware that was originally implanted to fix the fractures in each leg. This misalignment caused the need for two additional surgeries to fix the mistakes and attempt to alleviate her pain.

“The biggest challenge I think was not being able to walk without help of some sort of device for over six months,” Alyssa said. “But hiring an attorney helped. The office took care of the entire lawsuit process, from filing to insurance to finding the doctors that could help me best. It was all about how to help me get better.”

### The Fight for Justice

A lawsuit was filed against the driver and his employer, in an attempt to collect monetary damages since Alyssa was facing nearly \$275,000 of medical bills and over \$1.5 million in lost wages and future economic loss due to her inability to work.

RJ and Alyssa had married and she gave birth to a beautiful baby boy named Ryder a year and a half



*RJ and Alyssa’s pick-up after the accident*

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# HELPING OTHERS IS SECOND NATURE FOR THE FINAL BIKES FOR KIDS WINNERS



Employees Kassi Kiel (left) and Emily Revenaugh (right) with Kalob Hoot



Alexis Bowman and Alexis Malkowski

For many kids, summertime is usually spent playing in the neighborhood, enjoying the sunshine with other children. But 11-year-old Kalob Hoot wanted to make sure that even the elderly had the chance to enjoy life, which is why he takes it upon himself to help his older neighbors with everything from taking out the trash to helping unload groceries.

Kalob's mom, Heather Hoot, has been watching him do this – completely on his own – for years, and is proud of the young man that he is becoming.

“Kalob is the type of child that would willingly go without just so someone else doesn't have to,” Heather said. “He goes out to help the elderly in the neighborhood every single day! He walks their dogs, gets their mail, takes out their trash, and never accepts any of the money they offer. Kalob simply tells them, ‘My mom gives me an allowance, but thank you anyway.’ He even plays cards with them to keep them company.”

“Any kid who takes time out of his summer to regularly give back to the elderly is a winner in my book,” Attorney Chuck Boyk said. “I am sure that his neighbors appreciate the acts of kindness

and he is certainly setting a good example for his peers.”

Another kid who makes it her daily goal to be kind and friendly to others, quietly going along and leading by example, is 8-year-old Alexis Malkowski.

Alexis was nominated by her teacher Northpoint Academy teacher, Alexis Bowman.

“From excellent grades to outstanding behavior, Alexis is an all around wonderful student,” said Mrs. Bowman. “From making the honor roll to rising to the top of our behavior chart daily, she is a role model to her peers and a friend to everyone in our class.”

Attorney Chuck Boyk hopes that the gift of a new bike will encourage and inspire other kids to follow suit.

“Any time we can recognize even the littlest things that kids do to be model students and classmates, we will,” Chuck said. “It is important for kids to realize just how much of an impact being kind and courteous can have on themselves and on others.”

Now that school has started up again, it is hard

to ignore the fact that there are some kids who may dread waking up early to sit in class all day. But not 10-year-old Serenity Proffitt. Instead, Serenity Proffitt is looking forward to earning another perfect attendance award for the third year in a row.

Serenity only missed two hours of school for a dental appointment in third grade and was not one minute late and missed not one day in fourth grade, making the challenge for the Whittier 5th grader that much more appealing.

In addition to making the honor roll the past two years, Serenity also works hard to help her mother, Debbie Proffitt, with the foster children that the family helps care for.

“Serenity came to me [as a foster child] the week after her second birthday,” Debbie said. “Serenity is truly a miracle. She does well in school. I still do respite care for other foster kids from CSB and Serenity helps me a lot with the kids, playing with them and running and getting the supplies for me. She is so deserving.”

“We are proud of the hard work that Serenity has done to do well in school and to help her mother with her foster kids,” said Attorney Chuck Boyk, founder of Bikes for Kids. “It takes a lot of dedication and faith in yourself to give so freely to others and we commend Serenity for that.”



Debbie, Sevario, and Serenity Proffitt

## TRIBUTE TO TOLEDOANS: COMPASSION, KINDNESS MAKE TOM FINCH A BUILDING FAVORITE



Tom Finch

Every Monday as Boyk Law employees leave the PNC Bank Building at the end of the day, they are told to have a great night by a soft-spoken

man sitting behind the security desk in the lobby. This may seem like a common practice, but the difference is that this man takes the time to address everyone by name. Despite the fact that there are hundreds of employees working in the building, 79-year-old Tom Finch knows nearly everyone's name and where they work, which is why Boyk Law wanted to take time out to find out more about the man who has spent more than six decades working at various jobs with no plan to retire any time soon.

Before working to protect those in the PNC Bank Building, Tom worked for General Motors at their Toledo Powertrain plant on Alexis and also as the Captain of the Sylvania Township Fire Department.

He remembers how having fun while growing up as a “farm kid” meant helping others. “We always went to one house,” Tom said. “One old man and old lady would have us kids there and we would mow their grass and she would feed us and everything. That was our enjoyment. We took care of those old people.”

While Tom also enjoyed eating at the old Krotzer's Steakhouse on Monroe Street, his favorite pastime was enjoying his wife, Justine's, cooking. “When she used to cook, I always loved her food,” Tom said. “She always fed me good. She's Japanese, so I always had all Japanese food.”

Now that Justine is wheelchair bound, Tom takes

over in the kitchen and cares for her. “She is my life,” Tom said. “We get along good and have been married 48 and a half years. I take care of her every day. I used to watch her cook, so now I make some of the food.”

It's that caring and compassionate attitude that has made Tom a favorite amongst nearly everyone who works in the building.

“Tom is one of those people who genuinely cares for others and it shows,” Attorney Chuck Boyk said.

“I always enjoy talking to him and we are lucky to have someone like him looking out for us.”



Tom and Justine in the 1960's

# FULTON CO. FAIR BRINGS EMPLOYEES TOGETHER, GIVES COMMUNITY PHOTOS & PRIZES



1. Evelyn F.



2. Kaitlin



3. Rob H.



4. Michelle H.



6. Sara N.



8. Jessie M. and her family



9. Adam B.

People from all over the states of Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana took a moment to have a free photo taken at Boyk Law's booth at the Fulton County Fair from August 28th to September 4th and enter to win one of nine prizes given away this year.

The employees were excited to each spend a day talking to fairgoers and each other at the event that took place in Wauseon, Ohio, and more than 260,000 were expected to attend.

We would like to congratulate everyone who won a prize this year and thank all of our clients and colleagues for coming out to visit the booth. We are excited to provide all fairgoers with free photos from the Boyk Law Photo Booth again next year!

### Cheers to the winners of these NINE prizes:

1. Boy's bicycle - Evelyn F. of Adrian, MI
2. Girl's bicycle - Kaitlin of Napoleon, OH
3. 32" LCD TV - Rob H. of Maumee, OH

4. iPad Mini - Michelle H. of Bradner, OH
5. \$100 Visa gift card - Amy C. of Bryan, OH
6. Deer stuffed animal - Sara N. of Walbridge, OH
7. \$100 Visa gift card - Keith O. of Archbold, OH
8. HUGE Gorilla stuffed animal - Jessie M. of Toledo, OH
9. Digital camera - Logan B. of Wayne, OH

## LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: MAUMEE VALLEY MOVERS



Owner Tony Fox (center) stands with employees Ben Huenefeld (left) and Tim Ulmer (right)

When 20-year-old Rossford, Ohio local Tony Fox bought a moving truck to help friends and family move in and out of their homes, he didn't realize that he had started the journey to becoming the full-time business owner of Maumee Valley Movers.

Ten years and ten trucks later, Maumee Valley Movers has grown to handling residential

and commercial jobs that help families and businesses all over the country. But despite the rapid growth that takes the trucks outside of northwest Ohio, they still have only two goals: to provide employment to those living in and around the Toledo area, and to provide exceptional customer service so that customers want to call Maumee Valley Movers the next time they need to move, even if they no longer live in the area.

"Our guys are local, professional, and are properly trained in techniques meant to protect your property and themselves in the most efficient way possible," Tony said. "I always tell the customers, 'Questions during your move are always welcomed and encouraged. Help us be better; give us constructive criticism so we can continue to grow – as people and as a company.'"

Maumee Valley Movers specializes in moves big or small, including:

- In-home moving of furniture from one room to another
- Commercial moves that include taking apart and reassembling of office furniture or equipment
- Transporting fragile, heavy, or bulky items like pianos or gun safes

"My wife and I used Maumee Valley Movers to move a piano from our home in Bowling Green to a location in West Toledo," Chuck Boyk. "Not only were we impressed with their competitive pricing, but you could tell that every employee we came in contact seemed to uphold the same company culture of efficiency and courtesy. As a fellow business owner, I really appreciated that."

For questions about an upcoming move or to schedule a free, in-home or office quote, contact Maumee Valley Movers at 419-478-6979 or visit [www.maumeevalleymovers.com](http://www.maumeevalleymovers.com). Mention the Boyk Bulletin to receive a special discount on both residential and commercial moves.

## RECIPE:

# Edwina's It-Can't-Really-Be-This-Easy Roasted Chicken

*This dish is one that your family and friends will not believe came out of a slow-cooker and the leftovers make a perfect chicken stock for your favorite soup!*

### INGREDIENTS:

- Chicken rub (see below)
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 4 to 5 carrots, halved
- 4 celery stalks, halved
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled and smashed
- 1 whole lemon quartered
- 3½ to 4½ lb whole roasting or fryer chicken

### For the rub:

- 4 tsp salt
- 2 tsp paprika

- 1 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp thyme
- 1 tsp white pepper
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- ½ tsp black pepper

(feel free to use all or a few of these spices to suit your taste)

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Add vegetables to the bottom of a slowcooker (Crockpot).
2. Remove the chicken neck and pouch. Rinse inside and out, then pat dry with paper towels.
3. Rub garlic all over outside of chicken, then put garlic cloves and quartered lemon into the chicken



cavity. Put the rub all over the outside of the chicken and place on top of the vegetables.

4. Cover the slow cooker and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours, until the internal temperature of the leg is 160°F.



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# LOOK WHO MET OPRAH! CASES OF INTEREST: SEPTEMBER 2014



*Office Manager Leslie Rombkowski poses with Oprah Winfrey*

## Man's Eyesight Is Jeopardized After Drug Interaction

After a visit to the ophthalmologist to treat shadowy vision, it was discovered that our client had an eye infection and he was sent to the emergency room for treatment. While being administered antiviral medication to treat the infection, our client was also mistakenly given a drug known to have serious side effects when combined with the antiviral. The drug interaction caused our client to have acute renal failure requiring hospitalization and permanent loss of sight in one eye.

## Car Turns In Front Of Motorcyclist, Causing Wreck & Serious Injuries To Biker

Two surgeries were needed after our client was injured when striking a car that had pulled out in front of him. He suffered from a closed traumatic dislocation of the AC joint in his shoulder and had to have wires surgically implanted to help the joint heal properly. After discovering that the wire implant was not remedying the problem, a second surgery was needed. Our client now must undergo months of physical therapy and will also no longer be able to enjoy working out like he did prior to the accident.

## Car Veers Left Of Center, Lands Client In Hospital For Two Weeks

Our client was a passenger when the car he was riding in was hit head-on, causing him to suffer a fractured and dislocated hip, a fractured femur, injuries to his small intestine, and a liver laceration. He arrived at the hospital with a head laceration, facial abrasions, and a bruised lung, and had to have a feeding tube inserted due to the severity of his abdominal injury. After surgery to repair his hip, our client spent nearly two weeks in the hospital to treat his other medical issues and had to undergo physical therapy upon discharge.



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