

# BOYK BULLETIN

## Boyk Law Kicks Off Fall With Two Programs To Support Glass City

After a great summer of rewarding eleven amazing kids from northwest Ohio with brand new bicycles, Boyk Law is ready to take on the fall season with two new programs.

### TPS Proud Student & Teacher of the Month

Since the Start High School Student and Teacher of the Month contest was so well-received the past two school years, Boyk Law pitched an idea to Toledo Public Schools Superintendent Romulus Durant to allow us to bring the program to the entire school district. Dr. Durant was integral in the creation of the new *TPS Proud Student and Teacher of the Month* program and is thrilled that kids from additional schools will also benefit.

"Toledo Public Schools is excited to be part of a program that recognizes the accomplishments and kindness of our students," Dr. Durant said. "And to have a Start graduate leading this initiative is even more rewarding. This is what it means to be TPS Proud!"

**Here are the details:**

- Who:** One student and one teacher at each of the TPS high schools
- What:** Will win \$150 Visa gift card and a plaque (plus a \$50 Visa gift card for the nominating student!)
- When:** One school each month during the 2015-2016 school year
- Why:** To recognize awesome students who make a difference in the lives of others
- How to nominate:** Boyk Law will bring video cameras to each TPS high school to record students nominating their favorite teachers. TPS teachers can visit [www.TPSProudContest.com](http://www.TPSProudContest.com) to nominate a deserving student.
- BONUS:** Elementary school teachers and parents can also visit [www.TPSProudContest.com](http://www.TPSProudContest.com) to nominate a student to win a classroom pizza party!

Check out next month's Boyk Bulletin to find out who won from our first school, Start High School. Until then, visit [www.TPSProudContest.com](http://www.TPSProudContest.com) to view the schedule of schools and to view photos and videos of the winners through the school year.



### Toledo VIP

Are you someone who loves to eat and shop at locally-owned establishments? Then we've got a FREE program for you! As a way to encourage people to patronize local businesses and show some love for the community, Boyk Law created the *Toledo VIP* card.

**Here are the details:**

- What is it?** A benefit card that gives discounts, specials, and promotions to cardholders. (Think of it like a Kroger Plus Card for your life!)
- Where is it accepted?** Multiple businesses all over northwest Ohio, including hair salons, body shops, restaurants, and jewelry stores, among others.
- Why should I put the Toledo VIP card on my key ring?** In addition to the perks, the Toledo VIP card also doubles as a free Key Return program. Toledo VIP will give a reward to anyone who turns in your keys if they are ever lost!
- How do I see the discounts?** First, register your card at [www.ToledoVIP.com](http://www.ToledoVIP.com), and then you will be able to see the available benefits. After that, simply show the card at those places to receive the perk!
- Who can request a card?** Anyone! Simply visit [www.ToledoVIP.com](http://www.ToledoVIP.com) to request your free card.

"Our goal with the Toledo VIP program is to highlight locally owned and operated businesses and recognize their hard work and dedication to the city," Chuck Boyk said. "We hope to spread the word about these great places and introduce consumers to local options."

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# Bikes For Kids Winners Give To Others At Home, At School, In Community



Araya Smith

## Week #4 – Araya Smith

*Age: 11 School: Bridges Community Academy  
Nominator: Stephanie Oulale, Araya's great-aunt  
Stephanie's nomination of Araya:*

After complications from a surgery caused Stephanie to have a stroke, she was not able to speak or walk or shower or do many things that she used to do. Araya took very good care of Stephanie and helped her with her speech and physical therapy, in addition to spending time encouraging her. "Araya was a blessing to me," Stephanie said. "She's a very sweet girl and I love her."

## Week #5 – Destiny Martinez

*Age: 9 School: St. Kateri  
Nominator: Rosemary Flores, Destiny's great-aunt  
Rosemary's nomination of Destiny:*

Destiny is a very loving, caring, and generous young girl. She is very helpful to her fellow classmates and she initiated the "Blue Jean Go Green" Charity Campaign at her school and collected 936 pair of jeans. The material was recycled and used for insulation in Habitat for Humanity homes. Last school year, she collected over 200 pair of shoes for the "Soles for Souls" program.



Destiny Martinez

## Week #6 – Logan Werner

*Age: 11 School: Edgewater Elementary  
Nominator: Deedra Werner, Logan's grandmother  
Deedra's nomination of Logan:*

Logan is a sensitive, caring person. One day at school, kids were bullying a particular girl with ADD/ADHD and Logan had had enough and he just stood up for her and told them to leave her alone, among other words of wisdom. Most kids just laugh, ridicule and/or walk away from it. He is the most caring and unselfish child I've ever known and is always putting everyone else before himself. I can't wait to see how he will transform into an awesome young man one day.



Logan Werner

## Week #7 – Jace Gillespie

*Age: 6 School: Ottawa River Elementary  
Nominator: Brenda White, Jace's teacher  
Brenda's nomination of Jace:*

"Jace G. is a fine young man who is very caring and helpful to everyone in the classroom. I call him 'The Computer Expert'. When a child needed help at the beginning of the school year to log in on the computer, he would go to them and help unselfishly. Throughout the school year he has shared his knowledge of Math, Reading & Language Arts, Social Studies & Science. The one thing that stands out about Jace G. is his willingness to share his knowledge when called upon to do so, and doing it willingly with joy, patience and love. Jace is an awesome giver of his talent, knowledge, and time – he never complains and is always willing to help."



Jace Gillespie

Thank you to everyone who nominated a child in our Bikes for Kids program this year. To view all of the past winners, visit [www.BikesforKidsToledo.com](http://www.BikesforKidsToledo.com) and be sure to check out next month's issue of the *Boyk Bulletin* to learn about winners from the remaining weeks of summer.

## RECIPE: Katie's Buffalo Chicken Dip with Homemade Pita Chips

*This is the perfect appetizer for the big game – just make sure to bring extra copies of the recipe since you'll be asked for it!*

### INGREDIENTS: Pita Chips

- 3 pitas, each cut into 8 wedges
- 4 Tablespoons olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, smashed
- Salt and pepper

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F and line baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Combine olive oil, garlic, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Brush over pita chips then bake for 12 to 15 minutes. Sprinkle with additional salt and pepper to taste.

### INGREDIENTS: Buffalo Chicken Dip

- 2 cups shredded, cooked chicken
- 1 – 8oz package cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup hot sauce (like Frank's RedHot)
- ½ cup blue cheese dressing OR ranch dressing
- ½ cup crumbled blue cheese OR shredded cheddar

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.



2. Combine all ingredients and pour into a shallow, 1-quart baking dish.
3. Bake for 20 minutes or until heated through. Stir and serve immediately.

*\*This recipe can also be made in a crock pot.*



# Pregnant Woman Follows Doctor's Orders To Take Zofran For Nausea, Causes Birth Defects In Baby

According to the National Institutes of Health, approximately 85% of all pregnant women experience morning sickness early in their pregnancy. But imagine discovering that the morning sickness medication your doctor prescribed – Zofran – was really meant for the severe nausea of cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy and that the drug could be the cause of your baby's medical problems.

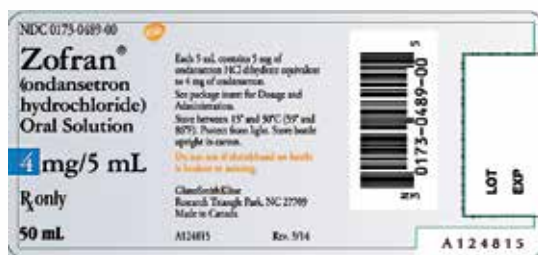
That is the nightmare that one local family that is facing, nearly 11 years after their son was born. In addition to multiple heart surgeries and daily medication, the now-10-year-old boy is facing a lifetime of medical treatment simply because the makers of Zofran, Glaxo-Smith-Kline (GSK), illegally promoted the drug for uses not approved by the FDA. GSK also gave kickbacks to doctors to prescribe Zofran to expectant mothers, even though the drug company knew that the drug passes through the placenta to developing babies. Boyk Law represents the local family and is investigating claims on behalf of others.

## What is Zofran?

Zofran (ondansetron), is a prescription drug approved by the FDA for the prevention of nausea and vomiting associated with chemotherapy, radiation, and/or surgery. The drug can be taken orally or through injections or IV. It is not intended for pregnant mothers experiencing "morning sickness".

## Why is Zofran dangerous for unborn babies?

According to the FDA and multiple studies, taking Zofran while pregnant can potentially lead to a two-fold risk of serious, sometimes fatal, birth defects, including:



- Heart defects
- Cleft palates
- Kidney defects

The greatest risk to the unborn child is when the drug is taken during the first-trimester of pregnancy.

## What to Do if you took Zofran while pregnant

GSK agreed to pay \$3 billion and plead guilty for unlawfully promoting drugs for "off label uses", like Zofran, but that did not include payments for injuries suffered due to the use of Zofran. Instead, families of babies who suffered birth defects because of exposure to Zofran are lining up to bring suit against the giant drug maker for compensation for:

- Pain and suffering
- Medical costs
- Medical monitoring
- Loss of income
- Emotional distress and other damages

Boyk Law represents such families and is involved in this litigation and we are offering free, no-obligation case analyses for anyone who was taking Zofran during pregnancy.

To schedule your consultation, simply call 419-241-1395, Live Chat on our website, [www.BoykLaw.com](http://www.BoykLaw.com), or email Chuck Boyk at [cboyk@charlesboyk-law.com](mailto:cboyk@charlesboyk-law.com).

# THERE'S STILL TIME TO APPLY FOR THE BOYK VETERAN SCHOLARSHIP!



U.S. Veterans and their children have until October 31st to apply for the 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.

Visit [www.BoykVeteranScholarship.com](http://www.BoykVeteranScholarship.com) for application instructions or call 419-241-1395 with questions.

# CASES OF INTEREST: SEPTEMBER 2015

## Boyk Law Investigates Medical Malpractice Claim After Woman Dies From Undiagnosed Car Accident Injuries

The passing of our client weeks after her car accident may have been the result of medical negligence, which is why we are investigating a medical malpractice claim on her family's behalf. Our client was a passenger in a car that hit a drunk driver that was parked in the middle of a country road with no lights on. She suffered fractures to her wrist, arm, finger, and two ribs, and was hospitalized for three days. Sadly, the woman passed away three weeks after the car accident from additional injuries that went undiagnosed.

## Drunk Driver Strikes ATV, Leaves Massive Injuries In Its Wake

Our client was pushing a child back home on an ATV after the vehicle ran out of gas. A drunk driver slammed into them, striking the woman and throwing the little girl from the four-wheeler. The impact of the accident resulted in the amputation of both of the woman's legs and she was hospitalized for weeks in Intensive Care. The little girl was hospitalized for two days with a traumatic brain injury, a laceration to her right ear, and cuts and bruises.

## Truck Strikes Car, Throwing Driver From The Car & Breaking His Back

A young man faced two weeks in the hospital, multiple fractures, and

surgery after being ejected from his car during an accident. He and his girlfriend were struck by an industrial lawn care truck and they were hit with such force that he suffered a "burst" fracture of two vertebrae that required spinal surgery and the implant of two rods and six screws into his back. He is facing weeks of physical therapy, additional surgeries, and it will be months before he will be able to return to work.





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