

# The BOYK BULLETIN

## High Schooler Who Is Blind Receives Tandem Bicycle After Helping Other Blind Kids Enjoy Life



*Jalen (center) with his St. Francis supporters*

Congratulations are in order for Jalen Ballard, 15, who was top of his class at St. Francis de Sales School the past two years, despite being blind, and who works to help other blind kids by creating computer programs, Braille kids menus, beeping Easter egg hunts, and fishing derbies.

Boyk Law's Bikes for Kids program was honored to give him a tandem bicycle so he can feel the wind in his hair and have a little bit of hard-earned freedom.

A whole crowd of teachers and administrators came out to Wersell's Bike Shop for the surprise giveaway, as well as his multiple nominators who had this to say about the amazing young man:

### **Darlene Limmer, Teacher**

Jalen Ballard, a junior at St. Francis de Sales is blind and relies on braille to read. He now has only light perception. He is a diligent and hardworking honor student, carrying the number 1 rank in his class for both his freshman and sophomore years at St. Francis. Due to his blindness, it is difficult for him to participate in normal sports. If he had a tandem bike, he could participate with family and friends for socialization,

exercise, and health. Jalen is humble, gracious, kind, and generous. He is appreciative for the opportunity to further his education. He has used his computer skills to develop programs for use by former classmates, and menus for other blind people. He and his family unselfishly continue to "give back" by organizing and working on events for blind children and their families, including annual beeping Easter egg hunt and fishing derby.

### **Jen Rygalski, Aunt**

My nephew is blind - but that doesn't let that stop him or dim his spirit. He is amazing and has accomplished a lot. Having a tandem bike would really help as it would enable him to ride with his family, including his younger brother. Their family has racked up a lot of medical expense with the surgeries and treatments for him, so this would really help out. Thank you for helping bring joy to him!

### **Dianne Hornyak-Adams, Grandmother**

Jalen is a wonderful boy who has struggled since birth with very limited vision and at the age of 13 lost the rest of his vision. He underwent many, many surgeries trying to save the vision he was losing to glaucoma. He has always loved bike riding. With help and guidance, he was able to ride short distances when he was younger. Now that he has no vision, it is impossible for him to ride. Both his parents and younger brother love to ride bikes and he is now left out of that family fun time. He needs a Tandem bike in order to again ride. It would be so appreciated if he were to receive that type of bike now.



*Jalen's new tandem bicycle*



*Jalen, Dianne, mom Michelle, brother Eli, and Amanda Fay of WTOL*



*Darlene and Jalen*

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# Fall Festival To Feature Free Bike Helmets, Games, Resources On Traumatic Brain Injuries



Traumatic Brain Injury Resource Center is working to shed more light on how survivors and their families can cope after a traumatic brain injury with their 2nd Annual Fall Festival and Boyk Law will be doing their part by handing out bicycle helmets to kids of all ages.

The Fall Festival is a family-friendly fundraiser to support the continued development of pediatric programming. The MEGA Brain will again be featured this year with a guest appearance by the Amazing Eli and his balloon sculptures. There will also be guest appearances by Spider Man and Poppo from Laurel's Princess Parties to welcome

the children to the festival, games and activity booths for kids and adults to enjoy, as well as access to an educational app to teach them how to recognize when a head bump may be a concussion. Educational resources and the fleece store featuring products made by TBI survivors, caregivers and volunteers will round out the festival offerings! In addition, City Barbecue will donate

25% of all proceeds from purchases made the day of the event.

**What:** Fall Festival, hosted by Traumatic Brain Injury Resource Center, Mercy Health Partners, and Boyk Law

**When:** Saturday, September 22nd from 10am to 3pm

**Where:** Traumatic Brain Injury Resource Center, 7430 W Central Ave, Ste C, Toledo, Ohio 43617

**Who's Invited:** The FREE event is open to the public and all ages are welcome

# Bikes for Kids Ends Summer with Kind & Giving Winners

*Boyk Law's 2018 Bikes for Kids wrapped up with some pretty special winners. Check out Weeks #10-13 and don't forget to send nominations in for next year's contest!*

Started by in 2009, Bikes for Kids has given away nearly 100 bicycles to area kids as a way to raise awareness about child injury accident prevention. To nominate a child in your life, visit [www.BikesforKidsToledo.com](http://www.BikesforKidsToledo.com) – nominations are accepted all year long. Questions about the Bikes for Kids program can be directed to Anneke by emailing [community@charlesboyk-law.com](mailto:community@charlesboyk-law.com) or by calling 419-720-4456.

## OWNER OF LOCAL ASIAN MARKET HELPS CUSTOMERS EXPAND PALETTES THROUGH HER LOVE OF COOKING

As the owner of Asian Grocery on N. McCord Rd., Boyk Law client Houng Dhar enjoys sharing her love of food and teaching people how to make and enjoy their own Asian dishes. As a former restaurant owner, Houng often invites the community to participate in private cooking classes, welcomes new students to the area to come in for advice and tips, and will even help patrons meal plan by selecting ingredients for them. It is this personal service and fantastic selection that makes Asian Grocery our favorite place to shop when creating meals from the Far East.



Houng Dhar

## RECIPE: Houng Dhar's Chicken Lo Mein Noodles

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 pack frozen Lo Mein noodles
- 2 Tablespoons oyster sauce (LKK Premium is preferred!)
- 1 ½ Tablespoons ABC Sweet Soy Sauce
- 1 Tablespoon Golden Mountain Soy Sauce
- 1 Tablespoon Mega brand Fish Sauce
- 1 ½ lbs. chicken breast, sliced
- 2 Tablespoons Kadoya brand sesame oil
- 1 Tablespoon LKK chicken bouillon powder/ chicken seasoning
- 2 lbs. bok choy
- 2 whole carrots, cut into strips
- 1 bunch green onion, chopped
- 1 bunch cilantro, chopped
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 5 cloves garlic, minced

### DIRECTIONS

1. Thaw noodles.
2. Bring 1 gallon of water to boil, add 2 Tablespoons of cooking oil to the water. Loosen the noodles, put them in the boiling water for six minutes, then drain all water.
3. Add oil to a pan set over medium-high heat, add garlic, and cook until light brown. Add



chicken, oyster sauce, soy sauce, sweet soy sauce, and fish sauce, and allow to cook for a few minutes. Add sesame oil and chicken seasoning and once the chicken is just about done, add bok choy and carrot strips. After letting the vegetables cook for a few minutes, add the cooked noodles into the pan, mix well, then garnish with green onions and cilantro. Enjoy!

*All ingredients can be purchased at Asian Grocery located at 1801 N. McCord Rd., Suite C in Toledo. Questions? Call Houng Dhar at 419-866-2102*



*Marie Bush from Big Brothers Big Sisters, Amanda Fay, Sarah Sharpe (Shaylynn's Big Sister), Shaylynn Wymer, and Kim Wymer (Shaylynn's grandmother)*

lives with cousins and siblings and has a very active house, but she always does what she can to help out. When she spends time with her Big Sister mentor she always wants Big Sister at Christmas time, she got so excited when she learned they adopt a family in need. Most kids are excited to get but she was more excited to give. There isn't a more deserving little girl."

**Week #10 – Shaylynn Wymer, 9**  
**Nominated by: Carol Hanley, Match Support Specialist, Big Brothers Big Sisters of NW Ohio**

**Carol's nomination:** "Shaylynn comes from a very broken home but has never once gone through tough times without a smile. She is such a kind, caring little girl. Her grandma is the one who takes care of her and when she got sick this past winter, Shaylynn cleaned the entire house. This is a normal activity for this little girl. Shaylynn



*Camp Fire Sandusky County CEO Tory Thompson, Lydia Kropp, and WTOL Anchor Amanda Fay*

go without being asked. She is very deserving, plus she rides her bike to get here and it recently broke, so a new bike would be perfect for her." Lydia volunteered more than 300 hours in just one summer at Camp Fire this past year!

**Week #11 – Lydia Kropp, 14**  
**Nominated by: Julie Young, Camp Director, Camp Fire Sandusky County**  
**Julie's nomination:** "Lydia is a CIT – Counselor in Training. She always helps out without being told and she is really great with the kids. Wherever I needed her to go, she would



*Kate Seem and Awakening Minds Founder and Executive Director, Sarah Crisp*

positive outlet and identity which is something we are so proud of."

Awakening Minds Art provides a place for people to be themselves and not judged. Therapeutic Programs are carefully designed for special needs individuals of all ages, as well as Educational Programs for all walks of life. For more information on their program, call 419-302-3892 or visit [awakeningmindsart.org](http://awakeningmindsart.org).

**Week #12 – Kate Seem, 14**  
**Nominated by: Sarah Crisp, Founding Executive Director of Awakening Minds Art**

**Sarah's nomination:** "Kate has been a student at Awakening Minds Art for roughly seven years. We have seen tremendous growth in maturity, behavior and artistic talent. All of us at Awakening Minds are proud of the hard work that Kate and her mother, Crystal, put forth to be successful in their community. Through art programming, Kate has found a



*Coach Darren Selmon, Quintin Henderson, and mom Tiaria Cleveland*

him special. He plays running back for the Longfellow Steelers. On Wednesday August 9, he was riding his bike home and was ran over by a car (it was a hit and run) by the grace of god he sustained no internal injuries and no broken bones. But his bike was totally unrepairable. He uses his bike every day to come to practice. It would be awesome if he could receive a new bike."

**Week #13 – Quintin Henderson, 11**  
**Nominated by: Darren Selmon, Quintin's Long-fellow Elementary football coach**  
**Darren's nomination:** "This child is nothing short of amazing, his strength, his confidence and his ability to empower other is what makes

## CASES OF INTEREST: SEPTEMBER 2018

### Mother's Worst Nightmare: Mom Witnesses 8-Year-Old Son's Auto Accident, Resuscitates Him After Car Lands In Water-Field Ditch

Our client was riding as a passenger in a truck that was driving in front of his mother when the driver lost control, eventually landing in a water-filled ditch. His mother pulled her son from the wreckage and resuscitated him before he was life-flighted to the nearest trauma hospital where he was on a ventilator for nine days. The boy underwent surgery on his broken leg and spent two weeks in the hospital to treat his fractured wrist and neck, three fractures in his lower back, and brain swelling.

### Bicyclist Struck By Uber Driver A Month Before A Second Auto Accident

Our client had the right of way while crossing the street in a crosswalk when he was struck by an Uber driver who was not paying attention. The emergency room MRI revealed a fracture on his femur and it was determined at follow-up orthopedic appointments that he would need surgery to repair the damage. Just three weeks later, he was driving when another driver lost control and struck him in an intersection, causing even more injuries. Boyk Law is helping him sort through the insurance nightmares that come along with having to deal with multiple accidents.

### Babysitter Ends Up Hospitalized In Accident That Involved Multiple Drunk Drivers

Our client was the only person not under the influence when the car she was riding in struck another car, spun out of control, eventually striking a tree. She had been babysitting for the driver's kids and the dad was allegedly intoxicated, as were the occupants of the other vehicle. Three pelvic fractures, a severe concussion, and hospitalizations caused the need for extensive medical treatment and caused her to miss weeks of school.



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## September's Raving Fan of the Month

**"They have great communication skills and they don't try to get you to agree to something unfair. I really felt like they have always had my best interest at heart. I've been using Mike Bruno for years and wouldn't go anywhere else. The staff is pleasant and really polite. Definitely use them if you need legal advice or help. No need to look around!!!"** – Jackie Jackson

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## Thank You Boyk Law Intern, Chris Drees!

Our summer interns never disappoint and we were lucky to have Miami University student Chris Drees for the past few months. Chris was responsible for writing and research and was always a huge help around the office.

"Chris was a class-act," Attorney Chuck Boyk said. "He was a great addition to our team, had great ideas, and produced top-notch work. We hope he joins us again next summer."



*Chris with Bikes for Kids winner, Shaylynn*



*Chris and Office Dog Prince*

## Dogs Doing Good

Office Dog Prince loves to hang out on the windowsill in the office of his owner Sarah Sharpe. He helps her with her paralegal and bookkeeping duties from high above Madison Avenue. Good thing he's not afraid of heights!

