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Our 9th Annual Bikes for Kids Summer Giveaway is Underway! Check Out The First Five Winners!

Boyk Law's Bikes for Kids program provides one bicycle to a deserving child each week of summer, until August 14th. We asked parents, teachers, caregivers, and loved ones to recognize a child who has made a difference in the life of someone else by nominating them to receive a free bicycle from Wersell's Bike Shop, compliments of Boyk Law. Wersell's also donates a helmet and a lock to each winner. While there are no specific guidelines on what makes a child deserving of a new bike, we encourage nominators to tell us about what the child has done for others, or how the child has positively impacted his or her family, friends, community, or classroom. With so many great nominations of well-deserving kids, it was a difficult task for our staff to select this summer's first five winners, but there's no doubt these kids are special ones who have made such a positive impact on others:



Week #4 – Cadence Wallace, age 14, nominated by her mother Betsy Wallace

Cadence is the oldest of four and an amazing sister to all of her siblings, especially to her two brothers with autism and a muscle disease. She wakes up at 4am every morning to help them get ready for the day. She maintains a 4.0 GPA and participates in four sports while holding a part time summer job. Betsy says, "She is the most selfless, well-rounded and disciplined young lady in and out of the home. Never afraid to help or be the friend someone needs and always taking the time to encourage those who view the world a bit different."



Week #1 – Talina Cooper, age 15, nominated by her teacher Missy Stott

Talina is a model scholar at Glenwood Elementary, where she is an AVID student ambassador, excels in math, and tutors others who are struggling. She is an amazing friend and defends those who are being bullied. Missy says, "She is an amazing young woman who deserves to be recognized for her hard work and stellar character."



Week #2 – Rhylen Matre', age 7, nominated by his aunt Audrey David

At 7-years-old, Rhylen is helping his great-grandfather, who was diagnosed with cancer, stay healthy and exercise per doctors' orders. Rhylen also attends handyman jobs with his great-grandfather to help during his illness and to earn money. Audrey says, "Rhylen feels that he is helping to keep his grandfather healthy by bike riding and walking with him. It would be a pleasure to see Rhylen continue on his journey of exercising and enjoying the company of my father."



Week #5 – Sierra, age 6, nominated by her mother Sarah

Sierra suffered from a traumatic event and was determined that her voice be heard as she fought for justice. She has never let what happened stop her from learning, and she is academically above most of the kids in her kindergarten class. She wants to be a victim advocate when she grows up to help be a voice for others. Sarah says, "Sierra in my eyes and in so many others, would be so deserving of this."



Week #3 – Madilynn Hunt, age 9, nominated by her grandmother Crystal Terry

Madilynn is a hard-working student who has a big heart and determination. She is a great role model to her three younger siblings and in her free time she volunteers for a mobile food pantry and hands out food to those in need. Crystal says, "She makes me proud every single day. It is a privilege to be her nanah."

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Boyk Law Expanding Again



We've been busy this summer working on plans to better serve all of our clients across Northwest Ohio. As part of those plans, we are thrilled to have opened our eighth location in Defiance, Ohio this July. We love the community and are happy to be part of the expansion taking place in Defiance. Our new office is located at 1012



North Ralston Avenue, just across the street from Diehl Park and a few doors down from the ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide fantastic representation to the residents of Defiance, who are looking for experienced counsel to have on their side. If you or someone you know is looking for representation in a personal injury, worker's compensation, medical malpractice or wrongful death case we'd love the opportunity to speak with them.

Back-To-School Safety Tips!



It's hard to believe, but summer is almost over and before we know it kids everywhere will be walking, biking, and driving back to school. Just in time, August is Back to School Safety Month and Boyk Law is here with some tips and reminders to keep everyone out of harm's way:

- NEVER pass a school bus if it is stopped to load or unload children
- Traffic MUST stop if the school bus has yellow or red lights flashing and a stop arm out
- ALWAYS stop for school crossing guards
- Do not block the crosswalk – forcing kids to go around you could put them in the path of moving traffic
- Be extra careful in school zones and residential areas
- If biking, always wear a helmet
- Leave at least 3 feet between your car and any bicyclist when passing
- Do not allow kids to walk while using headphones as this can prevent them from hearing traffic
- Practice safe walking habits – always look both ways when crossing a street, walk facing traffic, do not stare at a phone, and use crosswalks whenever they are available
- NEVER drive distracted – sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds and can allow you to drive the length of a football field without looking at the road

RECIPE: Grandma Jenny's Peach Cobbler

INGREDIENTS:

- ½ cup flour
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup milk
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. baking powder
- 1 stick butter
- 2 cups fresh or frozen peaches; ½ cup of sugar add to fruit

INSTRUCTIONS:

Mix flour, sugar, milk, salt, and baking powder. Melt butter in a 9-inch square pan. Pour batter over the melted butter and dump the peaches in the center of the mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.





Johnson & Johnson Faces Criminal Investigation Over Concealing Baby Powder's Cancer Risks

The U.S. Justice Department is pursuing a criminal investigation into whether Johnson & Johnson lied to the public about the possible cancer risks of its talcum powder. Talc is a mineral that is mined and can contain asbestos.

Questions about the product's safety have led to more than 14,000 lawsuits filed by individuals who claim that Baby Powder use has caused their ovarian cancer or mesothelioma. To date, jurors who have heard detailed information regarding J&J's knowledge of carcinogens in talc products have awarded claimants more than \$5 billion.

Our firm has a dedicated team that handles product liability cases. If you or a family member have used J&J talcum powder products and developed ovarian cancer or mesothelioma, we want to help you. Please call us for a free and confidential consultation.

Thank You to Our Boyk Law Summer Interns & Employees!

We were very lucky this year to have a smart, fun, helpful group of students either employed by or interning for us over the summer. Pictured below, Caroline Bartholomew, Joshua Boyk, Jake Boyk, Julia Habegger, Chris Drees, and Caleb Thomas have been an indispensable part of our team. They have helped us with everything from copying, filing, and running things to court, to marketing, videos, writing content, researching and maintaining spreadsheets for our 3M campaign, and even contacting clients. All summer, they have consistently given us an extra pair of hands whenever we needed it. "This is such a motivated group of young people," says Attorney Katie Harris, "It's really refreshing to see, and their help has been invaluable in a busy season. Their friendly faces and willingness to step up have made the summer fly by, and the place won't be the same without them."

A few examples of how high achieving this group is: One student was working two jobs and completing internship credit at school this summer, one started his own lifestyle brand/movement using filmmaking as a way of expression, one took the LSAT in preparation for law school, and one hopes to pursue a degree in aerospace engineering after graduating from high school next spring. We will miss this group so much when they head back to their high schools and colleges, and we wish them the best of luck this coming school year! We know they will do great things!



CASES OF INTEREST: AUGUST 2019

Nearly Fatal Accident Leaves Woman with Permanent Injuries

A 40-year-old Grand Rapids, Ohio woman had to be extricated from her vehicle by the jaws-of-life and life-flighted from the scene of a major head-on collision. The accident occurred after a Swanton, Ohio man abruptly drove his truck across the center lane on SR 295 in Lucas County and hit our client's vehicle head-on. Our client was transported and admitted to Toledo Hospital with numerous injuries, including a broken back, two broken femurs, two broken hips, broken fibula and shattered bones in her ankles and elbows. Distracted driving is the suspected cause of the accident.

Farmer Developed Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma After Years of RoundUp Use

Our firm was recently contacted by a man who operates a major farming operation. The farmer regularly used RoundUp weed killer on his 5,000 plus acres for years before developing non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Toxicology experts, including government scientists, have found that to a reasonable degree of scientific certainty, glyphosate-based herbicides like RoundUp cause cancers in humans, particularly non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. If you or a family member developed cancer following exposure to RoundUp, contact our firm for a free and confidential consultation.

Husband & Wife Hit Head-On by Drunk Driver

A repeat drunk driver caused a serious two-car crash near Mount Blanchard in Hancock County. According to the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, a 64-year-old man from Forest, Ohio was driving his pickup truck on a two-lane county road when he suddenly went left of center and hit our clients, a husband and wife from New Riegel. The impact totaled both vehicles. The couple was transported from the scene by EMS to Blanchard Valley Hospital where they were diagnosed with serious injuries, including a broken hip, arm, ribs, and skull fractures.



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August's Raving Fan of the Month

"If you are in need of great lawyers, I would highly recommend Mike Bruno and team! They were committed to my case from day 1 thru the end. I always felt connected to the case and was updated frequently on appropriate actions! I would give more stars if they were available! Thank you so Much!!!"

- Suzanne Slaviero

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Help us stay current by letting us know!

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Boyk's Featured Shelter Project

Boyk Law has partnered with Lucas County Canine Care & Control (LC4) for months and each month we sponsor two of the longest stay shelter dogs. This month the shelter has taken on an abundant amount of dogs with special medical needs. Boyk Law heard the cry for help and decided we would donate our monthly contribution to the Cuties Fund. LC4 established Cutie's Fund in November 2012. Cutie's Fund is dedicated to raising support for the treatment of many injured or ill dogs each year. The Fund pays for medical care provided by the veterinarian in the LC4 shelter and for emergency treatment and/or hospitalization in outside institutions.

The Fund helps dogs like its namesake, Cutie. Cutie is a Chihuahua that LC4 cared for in fall of 2012 that came to them in the middle of the night with a puppy stuck in her birth canal. After some tests and ultimately an emergency surgery, it was determined that her life was danger and she could only be saved with additional procedures. If LC4 hadn't acted quickly, Cutie would not be alive. The bill for only her emergency care exceeded \$1,400, but thanks to fast intervention for desperately needed veterinary care, Cutie is now thriving in a loving, lifetime home.

Each year, with community support, Lucas County helps numerous dogs receive extraordinary medical attention with the Fund's support. By contributing to Cutie's Fund, animal lovers can make a gift to help with emergency and life-saving medical care and for the hospitalization of sick, hurt, or mistreated dogs assisted by LC4. Since the fund was started, it has raised more than \$220,000 to go towards providing extra medical care for more than 415 dogs!

For More information on how you can help.
lucascountydogs.com/cuties-fund

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