

The BOYK BULLETIN

TPS Proud Names School Year's First Student & Teacher of the Month



Brenda Wilhelm, Tyler Kirian, and his mom Rebecca



John Campbell with Amy Netter

After his best friend and classmate Joscelyn Jones, 16, lost her life to domestic violence at the hands of her ex-boyfriend, **Start Junior Tyler Kirian** made it his mission to honor Joscelyn and raise awareness about teen dating violence. Joscelyn's younger brother, Johnny Jones, III, was set to be a freshman at Start this fall, but was also stabbed to death by the ex-boyfriend. Immediately after their deaths, Tyler put together a memorial for Joscelyn and Johnny in the school cafeteria, painted the school rock purple in support of domestic violence awareness, tied purple ribbons around the trees on campus, and put posters up at the school.

It is because of his resilience to take such a horrible tragedy and try to do something positive in Joscelyn and Johnny's memory that he was named September's TPS Proud Student of the Month.

Tyler's ultimate goal is to start a hotline for teens who are involved in abusive relationships to call and speak with other teens. He wants to make sure that kids who feel angry and need help can get it before they turn to violence, which is one of the many reasons he was selected to be trained as a Peer Counselor and Educator for Start High School's Teen PEP Program by ProMedica.

"Tyler is an amazing young man who is strong in faith, strong in character, and strong in friendship to others," said Brenda Wilhelm, Start's Teen PEP advisor and counselor and also the one who nominated Tyler for Student

of the Month. "He is a leader on the rise who is making a difference in the lives of others around him in memory of his friendship to Joscelyn."

Congratulations are also in order for **Social Studies teacher Amy Netter**, who was chosen as September's TPS Proud Teacher of the Month. Ms. Netter was nominated by her student, John Campbell. In his video nomination of Ms. Netter, John describes the teacher's dedication as the sole reason he passed 7th grade. When he discovered that Ms. Netter would also be his teacher in high school, he was thrilled.

"In 7th grade I was failing and she did everything that she could to help me and because of that I passed to 8th grade," John said. "If it wasn't for her, I would still be at DeVeaux [junior high]. I'm happy that I have her class this year. When I walked into her classroom and I saw her, I told her I would do the best I could and I would do all my work. The way that she teaches will stick with me the rest of my life. She likes to talk to the students instead of saying, 'Just look at the board.'"

The TPS Proud Student and Teacher of the Month contest is a joint effort between Toledo Public Schools and Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC. Each month, one teacher and one student from one of TPS's high schools will be awarded with a \$150 Visa gift card. Stay tuned for winners from next month's school, Woodward High School.

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Local Company Helps Friends Find Their Inner Artist While Having Fun



For the last year and a half, the newest member of Toledo VIP has been providing locals with a fun way to try their hand at painting

even if they've never picked up a paintbrush.

Paint Toledo painting studio opened in June 2014 as a place for participants to bring a bottle of their favorite wine and create their own masterpiece. Geared toward amateurs, Paint Toledo's licensed art teachers guide artists step by step to create their own interpretation of the painting of the day.

Canvases, paint, and supplies are all included, and the renditions are often Toledo-themed.

The classes are perfect for date night, large group gatherings, or even for someone simply looking to improve their painting skills.

"We wanted to provide a social painting outlet to those who may not have the time or resources to participate in traditional art classes," Kylee Gregory, owner of Paint Toledo, said. "Our studio is fun and laid back, plus you learn a little about art and get to take home a nice painting at the end of the night."

The classes have been popular for many people who work downtown, especially when they are held at Black Cloister, a local brewery.

"Paint Toledo's class was a great way for me to spend time with my family and friends in a setting that was quirky and fun," Boyk Law employee Anneke Godlewski said. "Even though I am not a great artist, the instructor walked us through replicating a painting of Toledo's High Level Bridge, which turned out surprisingly well!"

Why Choose Paint Toledo? Classes are BYOB and they will even help you customize a group class or fundraiser at the location of your choice.

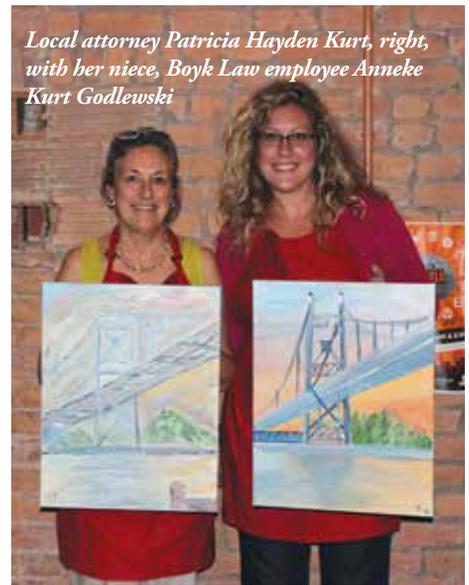
Where is it located? The main studio is located in the Noneman Real Estate Offices at 3519 Secor Road in Toledo, but Paint Toledo often has pop-up events all over town that are listed on their website, www.PaintToledo.com.

How can I schedule a group outing or fundraiser? Contact Paint Toledo owner, Kylee Gregory, directly at 419-973-2985 or via email at kyleegregory@gmail.com.

What do the paintings look like? To view the gallery of past paintings and to see which ones will be offered at upcoming classes, visit www.PaintToledo.com.

What kind of discount can I get with my Toledo VIP card? Toledo VIP cardholders receive 15% off of their total purchase when three or more people sign up together OR on their purchase of three or more classes.

Local attorney Patricia Hayden Kurt, right, with her niece, Boyk Law employee Anneke Kurt Godlewski



RECIPE:

Not-Your-Grandma's Brussels Sprouts with Bacon, Caramelized Onions, & Balsamic

This recipe will totally change your opinion of the vegetable we all were terrified of as children. The perfect accompaniment to any Thanksgiving dinner, these Brussels sprouts are sure to be a hit with both kids and adults.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 lbs fresh Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved
- 8 strips extra thick bacon, diced
- 1 large sweet Vidalia onion, diced
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper to taste
- 4 Tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 Tablespoons honey

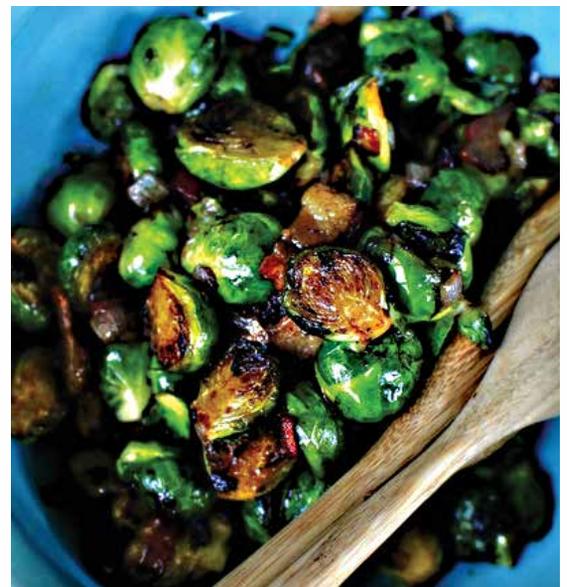
INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Heat a Tablespoon of butter in a large skillet (that has a lid) over medium/high heat.
2. Add bacon and cook for five minutes. Add diced onion and cook until bacon is crispy and onion is caramelized. Remove bacon and onions with a slotted spoon, leaving the fat still in the skillet.

3. Lay the halved Brussels sprouts cut side down in the skillet. Reduce heat to medium and cover with the lid to allow the steam to help cook the Brussels. Allow to cook for 5-8 minutes without lifting the lid, then stir.

4. Add the bacon and onions back into the pan and allow everything to cook together for an additional 3-5 minutes, or until the sprouts are fork-tender. Season with salt and pepper.

5. In a separate bowl, mix together the Balsamic vinegar and the honey, then drizzle the mixture over the Brussels sprouts. Serve hot.



NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: HALEY WARNEKE



Left to right: Haley, Lindsay, Terry, and Whitney

Brown's fan and my boyfriend and I go to one home game a year.

Tell us about your family

I have amazing parents, Terry and Jay; I have two sisters that I am very close with named Whitney and Lindsay; and I also have three dogs: Max, Snickers, and Miley. I grew up in the small

town of Ottawa, Ohio and I lived there my whole life until I moved to Toledo to start college at Stautzenberger right after high school.

Favorite ice cream:

Cookie dough nibblers from Netty's

Favorite food:

Cheese pizza and macaroni and cheese

Favorite animated movie:

Disney's *Frozen*

What is the farthest you've been from home?

I have been on three vacations to Florida

What is your favorite charity?

Alzheimer's Foundation of America

What is your favorite TV show?

Nashville

Boyk Law was pleased to offer a full-time position to intern Haley Warnecke after she proved to be a huge asset when opening new client files. In addition to greeting clients and gathering information during their initial meeting, Haley is also responsible for opening the cases, making contact with the insurance adjusters, and opening claims.

"It is important for all of our new clients to understand that our team is diligent, dedicated, and that we really care about them," Attorney Chuck Boyk said. "Haley has been a great face of the firm during the initial meetings and really helps that message come across."

Getting to Know Haley:

What do you like to do in your spare time? I like to hang out with my family, boyfriend, and friends. In my free time, I like to go shopping, camping, boating, and jet skiing on the Maumee River. I'm a Cleveland

BOYK LAW CLIENT & COMMUNITY APPRECIATION MOVIE NIGHT KICKS OFF AUTUMN

Current and former clients, Bikes for Kids winners, and firm colleagues came together at the Maumee Indoor Theater to enjoy an afternoon of Marco's pizza, popcorn, raffles, and the infamous photo booth before watching *The Sandlot* movie.

Planned as a way to thank everyone for their continued support over the years, Movie Night was a hit and over 100 people enjoyed the event on October 11th.

"We wanted to show our clients and colleagues just how much their business and referrals mean to us," Chuck Boyk said. "Without their continued business and support over the years, we wouldn't be able to help as many people as we do today."

Guests had a great time mingling with one another and the response of gratitude was overwhelming. Many left online reviews that day, like this one by Robin Malone:

"We have been blessed with the knowledge and help that was provided by the people at Charles Boyks office. Everyone made us feel comfortable and were thoughtful of our feelings throughout the process. We appreciate everyone for the way our case was handled. Never once was a decision made without consulting us. A huge thanks and five stars!"



CASES OF INTEREST: NOVEMBER 2015

Man Faces Shoulder Fracture, Traumatic Brain Injury Caused By Falling Tree Limb

Our client went from enjoying a summer afternoon at his sister's house to almost being killed by a 10-foot tree limb that fell from 40 feet above that was being cut down by someone on the property. The accident caused a severe traumatic brain injury for which he needed treatment in the ICU. He spent five days in the hospital, underwent shoulder surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff, and faced months of physical therapy and neurologist appointments. The head injury caused loss of memory and comprehension, as well as mood swings, and he is no longer able to be the Pastor at his church, which he was proud to do for the past 25 years.

Young Woman Is Hit Head-On, Faces Surgery & Traumatic Brain Injury

A severe car accident sent our client to the hospital via ambulance, where she stayed for three days. She had a fractured kneecap that required surgery, as well as a traumatic brain injury. She must undergo physical therapy and also treat with a neurologist and faces months of recovery.

Client's Second Opinion After An Accident Reveals Serious Injuries

Despite being transported to a local hospital after a serious car accident, our client was given x-rays, cleared,

and sent home. The next day, he felt that something wasn't right and went back to the hospital, where x-rays revealed a fractured sternum. He was transported to another hospital where he was admitted and spent the next three days. Subsequent hospital stays have been needed to treat torn muscles around his sternum, severe infections, and fluid in the lungs, as he continues to recover.



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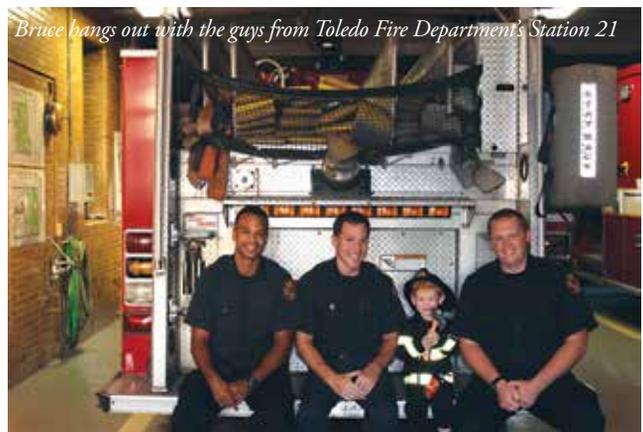
3-Year-Old Gives Birthday Presents To "Puppy Shelter" & Meets A Boyk Law Client

Bruce Godlewski may only be three years old, but he loves to share.

"When Bruce started talking about sharing his presents from his upcoming birthday party with the puppies that he likes to visit at the Toledo Animal Shelter and also with the firefighters from his favorite TFD Station (21), I just knew we had to really make it happen," said his mom, Boyk Law employee Anneke Godlewski.

So instead of gifts, The Godlewski's asks guests to bring a donation for the shelter or for a firefighter care package to his 3rd birthday party on September 26th. The response was overwhelming.

"When we dropped off the huge box of dog treats, collars, leashes, toys, and dog food, Bruce was all smiles," Anneke said. "And it was so great to present the gifts to our old client, Ann Sherburne, who works at the Toledo Animal Shelter. The Station 21 firefighters were also thrilled with their boxes of snacks, candy, and coffee, and Bruce made sure to show up in his own fire gear."



L to R: Ann Sherburne, Bruce, and Executive Director Helen Bensch



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