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## TEACHERS SECRETLY RECOGNIZE DESERVING PUPILS IN START'S STUDENT OF THE MONTH CONTEST



Within moments after launching the Student of the Month Contest, inspiring stories came flooding in from teachers who wanted to recognize their Start High School students for making strides in improving grades, being motivational in class or even simply for being consistent in their work.

As part of our commitment to Start for the 2013-2014 school year, we were thrilled to receive kind words like:

"She is a very nice young lady who always enters classroom on time, return the homework on time. She is polite and courteous to the teacher and other classmates. She shows interest and initiative to my class. She prepares well for the class and tests. She is such a positive contribution to my class! I am glad to have the opportunity to nominate her as the student of month." - Chinese instructor Hong Buehrer discussing Sophomore Mariah Mangum

"Brandon came to my class as a senior last year. He transferred from another school to take my Electrical Trades class. He is so motivated to become an electrician that he

chose to return this year to finish my class. He put off his graduation in order to complete my class and get into an apprenticeship school. He works every night delivering pizza from 4-11 or 5-12 yet he comes to my class with unbridled enthusiasm. I think that this kind of determination and dedication to a goal should

be rewarded." - Electrical Trades instructor Todd Abbott's kind words on Senior Todd Abbott

All of the nominees will be featured on our website and each month's winning student will receive a \$50 Visa gift card, a Rival Pizza lunch with the nominating teacher and principal, as well as a spotlight in a video created by our firm. If you are a Start High School educator, staff member or alum, you can nominate a Start student by visiting [www.NominateAStartStudent.com](http://www.NominateAStartStudent.com).

Also be sure to check out next month's Boyk Bulletin for updates on the Student of the Month sister contest, the Teacher Appreciation Video Contest, which encourages Start students to create a video explaining why their teacher ROCKS. Every student that submits a video will receive a free car cell phone charger, the winning teacher will receive a \$250 Visa gift card and the nominating student will win a \$50 gift card. Rules for Start students looking to nominate their teachers can be found on [www.NominateAStartTeacher.com](http://www.NominateAStartTeacher.com).



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# LOCAL STUDENT USES HISTORY LESSON TO NAME MR. SKELETON



Mackenzie Francisco & Napoleon Bone-Apart

Drumroll, please! Meet Napoleon Bone-Apart, Office Skeleton. Thanks to Maumee Valley Country Day School Senior Mackenzie Francisco, Napoleon will no longer feel the void of not having an official name.

Napoleon “broke a leg” during his first public appearance at a trial last month, as Attorneys Wes Merillat and Mike Bruno used him while demonstrating an injury to a jury in Fulton County Court in Wauseon. He was affectionately referred to by his new name and the jury also got to know him as Mr. Bone-Apart.

The name is a spinoff of France’s first emperor, Napoleon Bonaparte, who was an integral force during the French Revolution in the late 1700’s.

When asked about how she came up with the name Napoleon Bone-Apart, Mackenzie said, “I’m actually not much of a history buff; I prefer math. When I was thinking of a name for the skeleton I brainstormed names in history and pop culture with the sound ‘bone’ in them. Napoleon Bone-Apart seemed like the best choice!

Mackenzie won a \$150 Visa gift card for her clever name and check out future newsletters for her message of choice!

## 50/50 RAFFLE LANDS OFFICE MANAGER ON THE LAKE WITH CANCER ADVOCATE



Office manager Leslie Rombkowski was thrilled when she won a day of sailing Lake Erie with five guests while at the Alexa Brown Golf Outing, but her excitement had more to do with the fact that she and her friends were able to spend the afternoon in the company of a gentleman that tirelessly works to raise money for the American Cancer Society than on the gorgeous yacht.

Each year, Robert Thompson, a Senior Financial Advisor with Merrill Lynch, donates

to the Alexa Brown Memorial Golf Outing a day on his boat, complete with lunch and refreshments.

In addition to this gracious donation, Mr. Thompson also gives of his time. Whether it is to Erie Shore Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the East Central Board of the American Cancer Society or his church, St. Catherine of Sienna, he and his wife Dana always make time to give back to others.

So when Leslie, her husband Gary, brother Rod and his wife Kim along with their friends Doug and Stephanie, toasted their boat captain, it was in thanks for the great trip, but also in honor of good people like Robert Thompson for fighting the fight against cancer.



## DON'T LET IT HAPPEN TO YOU

Almost two years prior, the cousin of Office Manager Leslie Rombkowski had been a victim of texting and driving after he ran a rural county road stop sign and was struck by another vehicle. He was left paralyzed from the neck down and spent much of his last two years in hospitals and nursing homes, before passing away this summer due to his mistake.

We publish this story as a reminder to not text and drive. Please don't let this happen to you or someone you love.

### Barry L. Coe

(December 22, 1969 – July 27, 2013)

Barry L. Coe, 43, of Fostoria, died Friday morning on July 27, 2013 in Bowling Green. He was born December 22, 1969 in Bowling Green to Ron and Florence (Thompson) Coe.

Surviving are his father; son, Patrick Coe; step-mother, Miriam Coe; step-father, Don Heminger; a brother, Toby Heminger; three sisters, Robin King, Donielle Tussing and Kristi Frederick. He was preceded in death by his mother.

### TRICK OR TREAT TIMES

WED., OCT. 31, 2013

Bedford Twp, Holland,  
Maumee, Monclova, Ottawa  
Hills, Perrysburg, Springfield  
Twp, Toledo, Waterville,  
Whitehouse:

6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.

Sylvania: 6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m.

Bowling Green and Monroe:  
6:30p.m. – 8:00p.m.



## RECIPE:

# Grandma Betty's Baked Brie with Orchard Apples

The start of Fall always brings families to the local Ohio apple orchards, so why not make use of the delicious fruit with these two great recipes that are perfect for any occasion.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 Brie wheel, 7-8oz with rind still attached
- 1 cup chopped apples
- ½ cup sliced almonds
- ½ cup dried cranberries
- 2 Tablespoons packed brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 Tablespoons butter, melted

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Slice Brie lengthwise into two pieces so you have two thinner wheels. Place first wheel rind-side down on baking dish. Mix remaining ingredients together and top first wheel with half of mixture. Stack second wheel on top, rind side up, then cover with remaining mixture.

2. Bake for 12-15 minutes until cheese melts. Serve with crackers, bread or apple slices.



## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: ATTORNEY MAKES THE MOST OF LIFE WHILE ON KIDNEY DIALYSIS



Many people don't think of kidney dialysis as "life support." Rather, the process is often seen as an inconvenient medical treatment for those who just can't get high enough on a kidney transplant list after their own kidneys fail. Since kidney dialysis requires the patient to be connected to a machine that removes waste and unwanted water from the blood, the process can last for hours at a time, many times a week.

But Austin Klapp, an attorney from Sylvania who has had two kidney transplants and is

waiting for a third, sees things a bit differently.

"Dialysis is a participatory event," Austin said. "You can't passively let dialysis 'take care of you.' If you know the ins and outs of what's going on with your body and understand why your kidneys are failing, your dialysis will be successful. It's not a question of being a survivor; it's a question of being a thriver."

By taking control of his dialysis and by following a few simple steps, Austin's health has dramatically improved in recent months and he has been able to get back to his passion of long-distance running. Some of the steps he took included:

- Paying attention to his "normal". Knowing how a change in blood pressure or body temperature affects your overall health can allow you to recognize a problem, and find a solution, quickly.
- Understanding the basics of the dialysis machine. Learning how the machine actually works will help you realize its importance in adding years to your life.
- Making the dietary and lifestyle changes his doctor recommended. If your doctor tells you to change your eating habits or quit smoking, there is a reason for the advice. Following his or her suggestions could vastly improve your quality of life.
- Increasing the amount of time spent on the machine. In Austin's case, allowing the machine to clean his blood more thoroughly helped him

feel better, so it may be worth discussing that same option with your own doctor.

Austin tackles life the same way he tackles his kidney disease, which impressed Chuck Boyk a few years back.

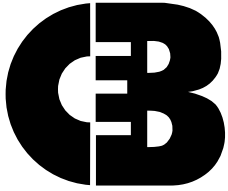
"Austin's proactive approach is one of the reasons I enlisted his help with research and writing in the past," Chuck Boyk said. "Since then, Austin has been gracious enough to share his experiences with us on camera and helped us create a video series on kidney failure and dialysis. He truly is a class act and his spirit and positive attitude can be seen by anyone lucky enough to meet him."

Austin's take-charge attitude and positive outlook not only contribute to his overall well-being, but it has also caught the attention of the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio, his doctors and nurses. He was the recipient of an annual Kidney Foundation award for his perseverance and optimism and was even asked to write a blog that is now featured on the KFNWO website.

"Austin is a wonderful friend of the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio," Foundation Director Holly Hoagland-Fojtik said. "His dedication and support are highly appreciated and he has been a true ambassador to our mission of helping people manage their kidney disease."

To learn more about kidney disease and Austin Klapp, visit his blog, <http://austinklapp.blogspot.com> or watch his videos by visiting our YouTube channel, "ceboyk".

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## OFFICE MEMBERS POUND THE PAVEMENT FOR CANCER AT ALEXA BROWN MEMORIAL 5K

In custom t-shirts designed to support those battling cancer, members of our office participated in the 4th Annual Alexa Brown Memorial 5K race on Saturday, September 21st. Check out next month's issue for photos of our next cancer-supporting race, the Susan Komen Race for the Cure.



## CASES OF INTEREST: OCTOBER 2013

### Man Passes Away While Heroically Trying To Save Drowning 5-Year-Old Boy From Icy Pond

Our client was driving past a pond at an apartment complex when he saw a 5-year-old boy break through the ice and fall into the water. Our client, whose own son was also five at the time, wasted no time jumping in and attempting to save the boy's life. Despite numerous prior deaths in the same pond, the apartment complex took no safety steps to protect the resident children and sadly, our client passed away that day and the boy passed away three days later.

### 4-Year-Old Permanently Loses Arm Function After Surgeon Ignores Infection After Surgery

Following surgery to set his broken left arm, our 4-year-old client developed a serious infection throughout the limb that required multiple additional surgeries and a continuous regimen of intravenous antibiotics through a PICC line. In addition to failing to monitor and appropriately treat his young patient, our client's orthopedic surgeon also refused to accept assistance from the hospital's Infectious Disease department, thus allowing the infection to spread and result in permanent loss of mobility in the arm.

### Woman Struck By Girl Who Was On Her Way To Get Her Driver's License

Our client was forced to undergo months of physical therapy after being struck by an unlicensed driver that pulled out into traffic. In addition to knee pain and hip contusions, the victim's tooth was knocked out during the accident and she is still battling lower back pain that radiates to her neck. There is also the possibility that she may need surgery in the near future.



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