

The BOYK BULLETIN

Fostoria Woman Works To Walk Again After Drunk Driver Causes Her Double Amputation



Kim Zacharias

Kim Zacharias never expected that a fun summer day of riding ATV's would take such a tragic turn on July 18, 2015.

At dusk that evening, the mother of four was pushing a stalled ATV westbound along Township Road 112 in Fostoria with a six-year-old on the front when they were struck from behind by a drunk driver. The little girl went flying and Kim suffered injuries that resulted in a partial amputation of both legs.

Tourniquets were placed on her legs by bystanders at the scene while they waited for help to arrive. Shortly after being taken to Fostoria Community Hospital, Kim was life-flighted to Toledo Hospital's Trauma Unit due to the severity of her injuries. She was suffering massive blood

loss, was facing the trauma of losing both of her legs, and was completely disoriented about what had happened.

Meanwhile, the man who hit them failed a field sobriety test and was charged with OVI, failure to maintain clear distance ahead, and open container in vehicle. After arriving at the Seneca County jail following his arrest, he blew a 0.098 blood alcohol concentration. It was his second time being charged for drunk driving.

Kim leaned on her family, especially her daughter Kristy, during her long road to recovery. After spending over three weeks in the hospital, Kim was discharged to an inpatient rehabilitation facility, but instead of staying there, she opted to be released to the care of her family.

"Kristy was my rock after the accident," Kim said. "She was my strongest person. She made sure I got to all my doctors' appointments and physical therapy appointments."

Boyk Law met Kim shortly after the accident, when a family member who was searching for an attorney online came across our reviews and client testimonials and liked what she saw. We were able to help both Kim and the little girl who was also injured.

"Having Boyk Law gave me a lot less burden to worry about, which allowed me to get myself stronger and better," Kim said. "They came right out to the

hospital when we asked them to and they jumped right in and helped me with insurance and Social Security. There was so much paperwork that I didn't have to deal with."

In addition to urging drivers never to drink and get behind the wheel, Kim wants anyone suffering from a tragic accident never to give up. But what is truly inspiring about Kim's story is how her husband, Randy, built for her by hand a set of parallel bars so that she can continue re-learning how to walk.

"I just want people to know that if anything were to ever happen, stay positive and stay strong," Kim said. "Stay focused and look ahead. Life doesn't end in a tragedy. Rely on friends and family if you need to, that's what they are there for and why we have each other."

To watch the inspiring video of Kim using her new parallel bars, check out our Facebook page, www.Facebook.com/CharlesEBoykLawOffices



Kim Zacharias



Kim's husband, Randy, and daughter Aaliyah

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TPS Proud Celebrates Winners at Birmingham Elementary

Boyk Law's TPS Proud Student and Teacher of the Month contest awarded students at Birmingham Elementary, as part of our program aimed at highlighting the best of Toledo Public Schools. Birmingham students created 45 teacher appreciation videos and the kids were adorable as they described on camera how important their teachers are to them.

Cindy Zamora and Jasmin Scott Buenrostro



Winning Teacher: Cindy Zamora
Nominated by: Jasmin Scott Buenrostro

Jasmin's nomination: "Ms. Zamora is chill. She gets how we feel. One thing I'm going to remember about her for the rest of my life is that she taught me not to let people get to me. Thanks for being the best 8th grade teacher anybody could have."

Prize: \$50 Visa gift card for Jasmin for creating her video, \$150 Visa gift card for Cindy Zamora for winning Teacher of the Month.

Student Winner: Ty'Waun Clark
Nominated by: Jennifer Ragland

Jennifer's nomination: "Ty'Waun is a great leader in the building. When given a correction, he uses it in a positive manner. He tries to help others when they are having difficulties."

Prize: \$150 Visa gift card for Ty'Waun Clark for winning Student of the Month.

Jennifer Ragland and Ty'Waun Clark



Boyk Law Nurse Paralegal Celebrates Grand Opening of Her New Winery in Swanton

When Julia Benfield is not working 40+ hours as a nurse at the University of Toledo Medical Center, working part time as a Nurse Paralegal at Boyk Law, or jet-setting off to Honduras to provide medical treatment to those in need, she is helping her husband, Rob, make wine. What started off as a way to save money turned into a full-fledged business and the couple recently opened their winery and tasting room, just in time for the holidays. We sat down with Julia to learn more about Benfield Wines.

What is the story behind Benfield Wines?

About 10 years ago, my husband started making wine for me as a way to save money. After providing wine for family and friends, I urged him to open up shop. It took supplying wine for an entire wedding (and the compliments!) to convince him to really do it.

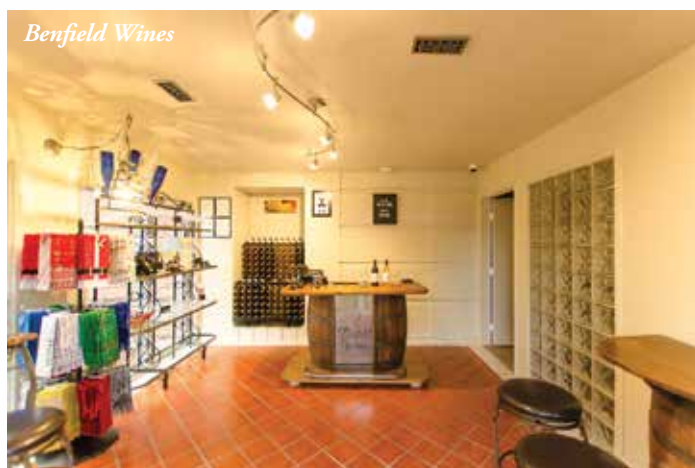
What is your best-seller? P³ville Peach

What tips do you have for wine drinkers and wine-gifters for the holidays? Drink what you like, not what people say you SHOULD like.

When can people shop at Benfield Wines? Fridays 5pm-9pm, Saturdays 12pm-9pm, and any day (except Sunday) by appointment.

Do you ever allow private parties? Yes! We love to accommodate small parties and private tastings.

How can people find out more? All wines can be ordered by visiting our website, www.benfieldwines.com, and guests are free to call us at 419-862-5427, visit our tasting room at 11828 Shaffer Rd. in Swanton, or email us at info@benfieldwines.com.



RECIPE: Coco's Christmas Chex Mix

Since this is the perfect treat to bring to any party, it might be a good idea to double this recipe since it will go fast!

INGREDIENTS

- 6 cups Rice Chex™ or Corn Chex™ cereal
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows (from 10.5-oz bag)
- 1 cup mini pretzel twists (from 16-oz bag)
- 15 oz vanilla candy coating (almond bark) (about 9 cubes from 20-oz package)
- 3 tablespoons holiday-colored sprinkles or nonpareils
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1 cup holiday-colored candy-coated chocolate candies

DIRECTIONS

1. Line large rimmed cookie sheet with waxed paper. In large bowl, mix cereal, marshmallows and pretzels.
2. In medium microwavable bowl, microwave candy coating uncovered on High 60 to 90 seconds, stirring after 1 minute, until almost melted. Stir until smooth. Pour onto cereal mixture; mix well.
3. Spread on cookie sheet; sprinkle with holiday sprinkles, and cool completely, about 15 minutes. Break into bite-size pieces.
4. In 2-quart resealable food-storage plastic bag, add coated cereal pieces and powdered sugar. Seal bag; shake to coat. Remove from bag; discard any remaining powdered sugar.
5. In large serving bowl, mix coated cereal mixture and chocolate candies.



CASES OF INTEREST: DECEMBER 2017

Family Grieves The Loss Of A Mother & Wife After Fatal Car Accident

A tragic car accident took the life of a mother who was riding as a front-seat passenger when the driver lost control of the vehicle and struck a tree. We are helping the family navigate the complicated world of a wrongful death claim as they grieve the woman who has been described as a champion for all children who was always willing to donate her time and energy for their benefit and well-being.

Hand Made Electric Guitar Raffle to Benefit the Victims of Recent Mass Shootings *By Raymond Niscior*



When I heard the news, my heart sank lower than I think it ever has. Fifty-nine people shot dead and more than 500 injured in Las Vegas, Nevada. They were music lovers gathered to enjoy country tunes with their friends and families, and put an end to a great summer at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival. Then, just barely a month later while families gathered for Sunday worship, another 26 were gunned down and more than 20 others injured in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

"What can I do to help all these people from here?" I thought.

"There are so many grieving families, ruined lives, funerals, medical bills, and lost wages for those suffering that no amount of words will help these people begin to repair. I can't sit here and do nothing."

After thinking about it, I knew that the only way I was going to be able to make a positive impact on these families and individuals was to contribute monetarily to their relief funds. I want to donate as much as possible but we don't all have \$10,000 dollars to spare, right?

As a lifelong craftsman and musician with a passion for helping others, I decided to put my



talents to good use, so I can help the victims and their families. I am the owner of Black Swamp Handmade Guitars and I've been working on a one-of-a-kind, handmade electric guitar to raffle off, with all the proceeds to be directly donated to the GoFundMe set up by the Clark County Sheriff's Office for the victims of Las Vegas Massacre, and to the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs directly. My goal is to sell 2,000 raffle tickets at \$5.00 each for a total of \$10,000 to donate to those in need.

The one-of-a-kind guitar will be built to be a beautiful and functional work of art. It is a maple body with curly maple top, semi-hollow, thin line styled guitar featuring Sperzel Locking tuners, Seymour Duncan pickups, a Kluson bridge, CTS potentiometers, Switchcraft switches, has a bolt-on single piece rock maple neck and fretboard, and I am personally donating all of the parts and labor for the entire project.

Raffle tickets are currently on sale and can be purchased by visiting www.blackswampguitar.com. Payment for tickets is facilitated through PayPal, however, you do not need a PayPal account to purchase. The raffle will be held on Facebook Live on Saturday, January 13th time TBD. Only 2000 tickets will be sold, so get yours before they are all gone! 100% of the proceeds will go to the previously mentioned funds, and donations will also be made in real time on Facebook Live! The guitar pictured here is just an example of a guitar I built and not the actual one being raffled off, but you can follow the guitar build as it's happening on Facebook @ www.facebook.com/blackswamphandmade or on Instagram @ www.instagram.com/blackswampgitar. Please note that Facebook, Instagram, and PayPal are in no way affiliated with this raffle.

Client Struck As A Pedestrian Hospitalized For Traumatic Brain Injury

While walking in to work, our client was struck by a passing taxi van in the crosswalk, causing her to strike her head. She suffered a laceration to the scalp, concussion, amnesia, and injury to her right shoulder, all causing the need for hospitalization. After missing a week of work, our client is still facing additional medical treatment including injections, physical therapy, and possible shoulder surgery. We were also able to obtain a video of the entire accident in our investigation.

Man Lifeflighted After Car Accident Loses His Life At The Hospital

A car went left of center on a rural road, striking the car of a man who was simply out running errands. He was lifeflighted to the nearest trauma hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. His death was especially hard on the elderly woman he cared for. She had just lost her husband months prior. We are working to help their family deal with the challenges of the entire situation.



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December's Raving Fan of the Month

"Top marks for Boyk Law! At every step in the process of achieving a fair settlement Chuck and his capable staff demonstrated an intense attention to detail. I'm very pleased with the outcome and would recommend them without hesitation. Injured in an automobile accident? Call Charles Boyk." – James Kernz

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Welcome to the World, Aaron Eugene Lorigan!

Congratulations to Intake Specialist Jodi Lorigan and her husband, Nate, on the newest addition to their family, Aaron Eugene Lorigan. Born on November 16th at 2:03pm, this sweet baby boy was 8lbs. 1oz and 23 inches long and is already very well-loved by big sister, Teagan. Congrats, Lorigan family!



Dogs Doing Good

Boyk Law French Bulldogs Penny and Dexter went all out this past Halloween and dressed as Ariel and Sebastian from the Disney movie, *The Little Mermaid*. Have any photos of your pets dressed up? Send them to community@charlesboyk-law.com or post them to our Facebook page www.Facebook.com/CharlesEBoykLawOffices and we'd be happy to share!

