

# The **BOYK** BULLETIN

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## Don't Let Winter Isolation (AKA Cabin Fever) Ruin Your Mood

February is hands down one of the most depressing months of the year. Despite the fact that it's the shortest month, February feels like the longest – and since this is a leap year, we even have to face an extra day of it. We know winter can be a danger to your physical health, but it's bad for your mental health too. Cabin fever (also called stir-crazy) is a claustrophobic reaction, manifested as extreme irritability and restlessness, that can happen when a person is stuck indoors in confined quarters for an extended period of time. The best thing you can do is get out of the house to break up the monotony of the days. Here are a few of our favorite activities happening around Northwest Ohio this month that just might motivate you to get out and keep that seasonal depression from taking over.

### Cabin Fever Weekends at Toledo Zoo:

The Zoo offers a great deal on tickets in the winter months, and although it reaches chilling temperatures, some of the zoo animals are more active during those times – especially polar bears. Cabin Fever Weekends are every weekend in January and February.

**Toledo Museum of Art:** The Toledo Museum of Art is offering winter courses that help bring out your inner creativity. You are able to choose from a variety of art classes that include drawing, painting, glassblowing and more! This would be a great activity for the whole family to engage in to start off the new year.

### Dueling Pianos Returns for TWO Nights:

Join the Marathon Center for Performing Arts at Alexandria's on Crawford Street in Findlay this Friday, February 14th and Saturday, February 15th at 7:30PM for some excitement on your Valentine's Day weekend.

### 5th Annual Hot Cocoa 5K Run/1 Mile:

Enjoy a great winter atmosphere while running the annual Hot Cocoa 5K or walking the 1-mile run. The race takes place Saturday, February 15th at 9 AM at Olander Park, 6930 W. Sylvania Ave. We hear it's the best hot cocoa around after you finish!

### Monroga Returns to the Museum's

**GlasSalon:** Stretch, Relax and Release for a one-hour yoga class with an instructor from one of Toledo's wonderful studios. Tickets are \$10 for Museum members, \$15 for nonmembers, and \$7.50 for military and students. Saturday, February 15th at 10:30 a.m. at the Toledo Museum of Art's GlasSalon.

### 2020 Lima Winter Shipshewana on the

**Road:** This fantastic event will feature numerous unique local vendors and artists selling trinkets and treasures at the Allen County Fairgrounds in Lima, Ohio. You will find everything from handmade crafts to general merchandise, gifts and collectibles. Come shop thousands of unique items that you may not find anywhere else. Free parking. Admission \$5, children 12 and under free. Hours: Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm located at the Allen County Fairgrounds. Event will be held on February 22-23, 2020.

**Restaurant Week Toledo:** Close to 40 amazing local restaurants have created a special "prix-fixe" menu to satisfy the taste buds of any customer trying out the cuisine during Restaurant Week. This makes it the best time of year to get out there and try something new, or an old favorite. Because Restaurant Week has gained popularity in recent years, reservations may be necessary. The event takes place Monday, February 24th-Sunday, March 1st. Visit [restaurantweektoledo.com](http://restaurantweektoledo.com) for more details.



### 14th Annual Glass City Beer Festival:

Toledo's longest-running, all-for-charity beer festival returns for its 14th year on Friday, February 28, 2020! Featuring an opportunity to taste all of your favorites from local, regional and national breweries, the event has over 230 beers along with great food options and live music. Located at the Stranahan Great Hall on Heatherdowns Blvd., the festival kicks off at 6pm and goes until 11pm. All proceeds benefit Courageous Community Services and the NWO Hemophilia Foundation. Please stop by to raise a glass for a good cause and remember to secure a safe ride home.

**Pet Friendly Places:** Lastly, don't forget that our furry friends get cabin fever too. The following stores are pet-friendly and would love to see pups (on a leash of course) stretch those legs and visit them: Home Depot, Lowes, Cabela's, Bass Pro Shops, PetCo, Pet Smart, Tractor Supply and even some TJ Maxx's!



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# Boyk Law Welcomes Two New Paralegals



Bobbi-Jo Kovacs

Our firm has some friendly new faces in the office these days! Paralegals Bobbi-Jo Kovacs and Cristina Villanueva joined Boyk Law from Bolotin Law Offices in November of last year, and we could not be happier to have them on board.

Born and raised in Toledo, Bobbi-Jo now lives in Perrysburg with her husband of 18 years, their 15-year-old son, and their dog, Chewie. Bobbi-Jo has been a paralegal for 15 years and spent her long career at Sam Bolotin's office before joining Boyk Law in November. When she's not working hard for our clients, Bobbi-Jo likes to relax by crocheting, writing, or watching some of her current favorite TV shows, *The Crown* and *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*.

Cristina Villanueva is also a lifelong resident of this area. A graduate of Springfield High



Cristina Villanueva

School, she now lives in Springfield Township with her husband of 20 years, two teenage sons, and the family's dogs, Sterling and Melvin. Cristina got a full-time job right after high school graduation to help pay for college. She earned her degree from the University of Toledo and went to work for the Bolotin Law Offices shortly after graduation, staying there for 20 years. Cristina enjoys watching her son play baseball, listening to music, and reading, and she always loves watching movies with her favorite snack – popcorn – on hand.

We are thrilled to welcome these two wonderful, dedicated women to our Boyk Law family, and we know their years of experience will be such a benefit to our clients. If you see them in our office, please say hi and introduce yourselves!

# Our Great Wolf Lodge Contest Winner!

Thank you to Kristy Marr for nominating her outstanding son Ethan Marr for making a positive impact on the students and administration at Ostego High School. Congratulations to Ethan for winning our 1st Annual Boyk Law Holiday Vacation Giveaway. A big THANK YOU to Great Wolf Lodge for taking such good care of this well deserving family!

Charles Boyk Law loves to give back to the kids in our community. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for more ways to reward deserving children throughout Northwest Ohio in 2020.



## RECIPE:

# Valentine Trifle For Your Sweetheart!

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup Raspberries
- 2 cups Strawberries
- 3 cups Whipped cream
- 2 cups Cake cubes
- 4 cups Cheesecake flavor pudding

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Wash and pat the berries dry. Let them air dry while you prep the rest. Cut your cake into cubes, whip your cream, and make your pudding. Then start layering in a medium size bowl or trifle dish. Start with the pudding, then add cake cubes so they can soak in the pudding. Add the fruit and whip cream. To make it look pretty, stick the outer-edge row of to the glass in a nice line, alternating with strawberries, cake,

raspberries etc. Continue layering until all the ingredients are gone, finishing with whip cream on top. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Enjoy!

*\*Do you have a special treat you're baking for your loved one this Valentine's Day? We'd love for one lucky baker to have coffee on us (Starbucks gift card) with their delicious baked good. Send entries to [marketing@charlesboyk-law.com](mailto:marketing@charlesboyk-law.com) by 11:59pm on Thursday, February 20, 2020. Winner will be chosen Monday, February 24, 2020. Only entries submitted to [marketing@charlesboyk-law.com](mailto:marketing@charlesboyk-law.com) will be accepted and entered into the drawing. Entries submitted on social media will be void. One entry per person.*



# Managing Difficult Cases in the Media Spotlight

Our firm takes on tough cases, including aggressively representing survivors of sexual assault in State and Federal courts. That work has put Boyk Law attorneys Wes Merillat and Andrea Young in the media spotlight. Both have been involved in some “high-profile” cases representing victims of rape and sexual assault and taking on the Catholic Church in cases that have drawn national, and even international media attention.

“Sexual assault inflicts immeasurable pain, grief, and trauma on a victim,” says Boyk Law attorney Andrea Young. “We fight back and help victims become survivors. The media attention is a reflection of the importance of this work.”



## Child and Teen Sexual Abuse Is a Widespread Problem



### Child Sexual Assault Statistics



**Every 9 Minutes**  
a child is sexually assaulted in the U.S.



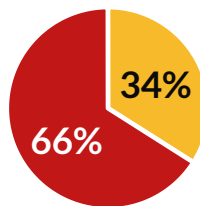
**42 Million**  
survivors of child sexual abuse living in the U.S. today



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Perpetrators are acquaintances or family members of the child

### Age Of Children Assaulted



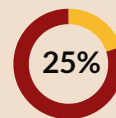
● Under 12 ● Ages 12-17



**500,000+** registered sex offenders in the U.S. 100,000 of them are missing



it is estimated that 1 in 5 boys & 1 in 3 girls are sexually abused before the age of 18



25% of children are solicited sexually on internet



30% of child sexual abuse is never reported

**We Believe In Justice and We Fight For It.**

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## CASES OF INTEREST: FEBRUARY 2020

### Man and His Dog Violently Struck By Speeding Elderly Woman Who Launched Over Median

Our client and his dog were traveling westbound on W. Dorothy Lane in Kettering, Ohio, when an elderly woman traveling at a high rate of speed lost control of her vehicle and struck a concrete median divider before going airborne and smashing into our client’s vehicle. When our client came to, he found himself in a parking lot with the front of his car smoking. He was taken to the hospital and underwent surgery for a broken tibia. In addition to severe bruising and lacerations, he also suffered a concussion and damaged teeth. Luckily, he and his dog survived this terrifying crash, but due to severe injuries our client had to undergo extensive medical treatment, incurring large medical bills.

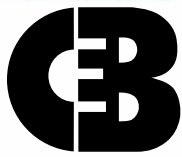
### Jaws of Life Used To Extricate Young Woman From Mangled Vehicle After Car Smashes Into Her Driver’s Side

Our client was driving on Airport Highway in Toledo, Ohio when another driver failed to stop at a stop sign, entered oncoming traffic, and struck the driver’s side of our client’s car, forcing her car up over a curb and into a utility pole. Our client was thrown into the passenger seat and was unconscious when rescue crews arrived on scene. The jaws of life were used to extricate her from her mangled vehicle before she was transported to the emergency room. Our client suffered numerous injuries including severe injury to her head and neck. She continues to suffer from post-concussive syndrome and will require ongoing medical treatment.

### Factory Worker Has Middle Finger and Ring Finger Amputated Due to Workplace Injury

Our client was working in a factory using a paint mixing machine when her glove got caught in the machine pulling in her left hand. Due to her workplace injury, our client broke her left pinky finger and had to have her left ring finger and left middle finger amputated. She continued to have complications, sought a second opinion regarding treatment, and is currently awaiting another surgery. Boyk Law is helping her navigate the workers’ compensation process.





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## February's Raving Fan of the Month

**"They were awesome! Always kept me up to date, returned phone calls, and got me the results I wanted. I highly recommend them!!!"**

*- Brittny Kelly*

\*For a chance to be featured as our Raving Fan and to win a gift card, leave us an online review at Google, our Facebook or AVVO.

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## 2019 Boyk Law Coat & Boot Drive Update

The 2019 Coat and Boot Drive concluded on December 31, 2019. By partnering with the Taylor Automotive Family and the Salvation Army of Lima for this drive, we had a wonderful opportunity to give back to the neighbors in one of our newest office locations, and we could not be more thrilled with the response! Thank you to everyone that came out to Taylor Kia of Lima and donated. All of the items were donated to the Salvation Army of Lima, Ohio and will directly benefit the children and families of Allen County. The support from the community was overwhelming, and we were so proud to be part of it. Thanks again for all your support in bundling these kiddos up this winter – we could have not done it without you!

