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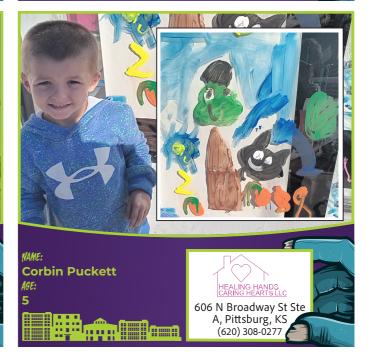




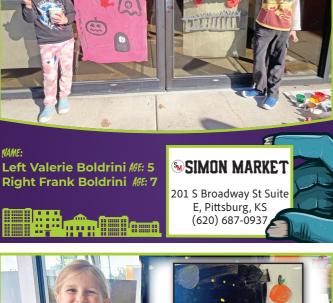
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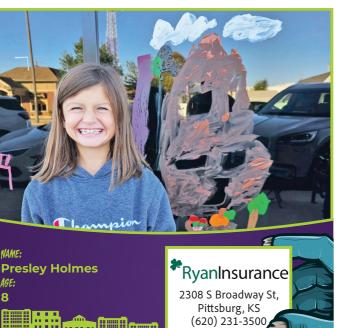


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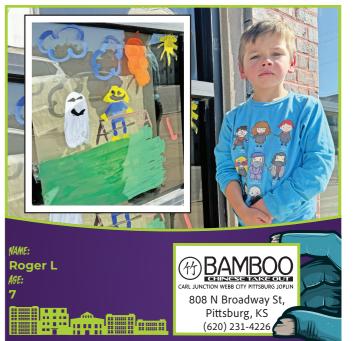








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Community member brings back downtown painting contest

By Antjea Wolff awolff@morningsun.net loved expression through art,"

PITTSBURG. Kan. — Children painting Halloween scenes on downtown business windows brought back nostalgia for many long-time Pittsburg residents.

"The Halloween painting is one of my fondest memories as a kid," Ryan Insurance Community Engagement & Marketing Director Katie Swezev said.

When Swezey decided to rent office space an downtown, she was reminded of the experience and wanted to restart the tradition that had been dormant for a few years.

Swezey's uncle, Alex Barde, was a Pittsburg State University art professor who also co-owned The Bike Shop with her cousins on 6th street.

"I remember walking down to 4th and Broadway to pick up powdered tempra paint, taking it back to The Bike Shop, add- provided. ing water and then mixing the colors passed Swezey and in a muffin tin be- Runyon's expectafore painting," she tions when they had said. "My uncle 65 children sign-up

She said she still remembers her showing cousin her how paint the witch's nose, which she said was her first lesson in per-

spective. Swezey said she knew people over the age of 70 who remembered painting downtown windows as children. Whenever she mentioned memories of the contest to other people, she loved to watch their face light up.

Halloween The painting event seemed to come in spurts, popping up for a few years and then disappearing again over the past two decades.

Swezey partnered with City of Pittsburg Community Development Specialist Sarah Runyon to recruit downtown businesses to sponsor one or more children and give them a window space on which to paint. All the supplies were

The result sur-

Katie Swezey, as a kindergartener, stands in front of her Halloween painting on the window of The Bike Shop. Swezey's creation won first place for her age group in 1987. COURTESY PHOTO



From left, Pittsburg State University art students Lydia May, Alyssa Relph and Pittsburg Arts Council Vice President Heather Horton and President Crista Cunningham rate the pictures of the Halloween paintings on Oct. 18. One winner was chosen from the 5 to 8 age category and one winner was chosen from the 9 to 12 age category. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

Vice President Heather along with Pittsburg State University Art Students for Halloween and Lydia May, and Alyssa Relph judged the children's paintings and selected their favorites.

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"Their experience age 9 to 12 category and painting the in the age 5 to 8 cat-enjoying the art."

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Cunningham and Cunningham said. Chamberlain in the from different perspectives together. Horton coming downtown and Frank Boldrini Painting the art and

Swezey said she Swezey said she has had many peothey're going to has loved seeing ple thank her for making bringing back this painting tradition "There is so much and share their sto-

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"I think this is one the confidence and world today," she joy." The

said. "And activities consistent," winners like this require no Crista their whole life," test were Kaitlyn tually bring people has a smile!"

"One thing was she said. "Everyone





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