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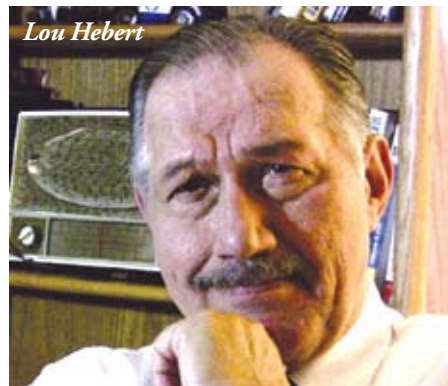
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*Lou Hebert*

Lou Hebert's innocent interest in the city of Toledo more than 40 years ago has developed into a downright passion for northwest Ohio in the form of a new book entitled, *Day by Day in Toledo: An Almanac of the Interesting, Important, and Unusual Stories of Toledo's Past*.

The life-long journalist had a career rich in experience working in television and radio all over the United States. Lou's accolades include one of the highest recognitions a person can receive in broadcast journalism, including a Peabody Award for his radio production, *Winter's Fear: The Children, The Killer, The Search*, and several Emmy awards for reporting.

It was during one of his interviews for NBC 24 that Lou met Chuck Boyk. He was covering a story involving a dog bite issue and asked for Chuck's legal opinion. A couple of years later, Lou was in need of an attorney and decided to hire Chuck.

"Lou is one of the most interesting guys I know," Chuck said. "We are happy to help him with his case and to also spread the word about his great new book. Toledo is lucky to have someone passionate enough about the city to document historical events in such an interesting way."

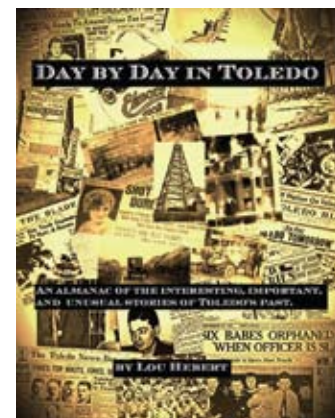
Lou's extensive newscasting gave him ample opportunities to document Toledo events.

"At first I started jotting things down on a calendar," Lou said. "I would gather bits of information or write down events of local historical significance."

But the more information that the Genoa, Ohio native gathered, the more he realized that it should be organized into a book, so that people could see just what happened in their hometown on a specific day.

Even while living in Denver, California and Arizona for an extended time before finally coming back to northwest Ohio for good, Lou was still fact-gathering about Toledo.

"Toledo is a state of mind," Lou said. "It doesn't matter where you are."

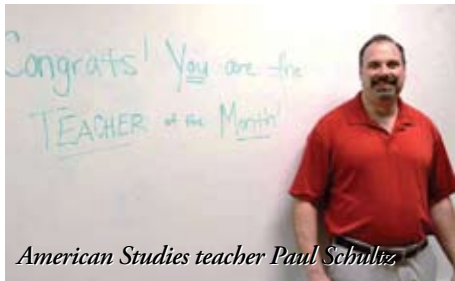


If you would like a free copy of Lou Hebert's book, be one of the first five people to contact our office with a comment on what Toledo means to you. You can email us at [marketing@charlesboyk-law.com](mailto:marketing@charlesboyk-law.com), call us at 419-720-4456, fill out our online form at [www.charlesboyk-law.com](http://www.charlesboyk-law.com) or write your comment our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/CharlesEBoykLawOffices](http://www.facebook.com/CharlesEBoykLawOffices).



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## START HIGH SCHOOL'S STUDENT & TEACHERS OF THE MONTH



American Studies teacher Paul Schultz

Start High School Freshman Shawn Ellsworth thinks so highly of his American Studies teacher, Paul Schultz, that he decided to create a video to nominate him for December's Teacher of the Month. Since his video was selected, Shawn received a \$50 Visa gift card.

"Mr. Schultz is the funniest guy I know," Shawn said. "He tells jokes all the time. He is awesome! But he needs to get better jokes!"

Mr. Schultz was shocked at the news that not only was he December's Teacher of the Month, but that the prize also included a \$250 Visa gift card.

"God bless!" Mr. Schultz said. "My goodness. That tickles me pink. Thank you so much!"

December's Student of the Month was so surprised at her nomination and \$50 Visa gift card that she was literally speechless, except for being able to repeat, "Thank you, thank you!"



Start High School freshman, Katlyn Strunk

Freshman Katlyn Strunk was nominated by her English teacher, Kimberly Thompson.

"[Katlyn's] behavior in class is a model for others to follow," Ms. Thompson wrote on her nomination. "She is thoughtful of others, and is kind. Katelyn works and studies very hard in all of her classes. She is an exceptional student who tries her best on a daily basis, and has the courage to ask questions and participate in discussions. She is a remarkable child, and I wish I had a classroom full of students with her belief in hard work, kindness, and talent."

To see the teachers' and students' hilarious reactions to winning, visit our YouTube channel, Charles Boyk Law Offices, and click on "Start High School".

## NATION'S HIGHEST HONOR FOR HEROISM AWARDED TO CLIENT WHO LOST HIS LIFE TRYING TO SAVE ANOTHER



James Jenkins and his son, Kameron

James "Russell" Jenkins did not think twice before jumping into frigid water and attempting to save 5-year-old Elijah Walker who was drowning in an apartment complex pond.

The young child fell through ice and struggled to hold on while his mother and young brothers frantically screamed for help. Jenkins, 30, became a hero when he jumped into the icy water to save the boy. He was able to keep the boy's head above water while bystanders and rescue crews desperately tried to reach them. When Jenkins could no longer hold both himself and the boy above water, he announced that he was taking his last breath, put himself under, and held up the child as long as he could so the boy could breathe. Mr. Jenkins did not resurface.

Despite the best efforts of bystanders, police, and fire crews, they could not reach Elijah and he also went under. Jenkins and Elijah were later recovered by Columbus Fire Department Rescue Divers in 20 feet of water, less than 30 feet from shore. Mr. Jenkins was pronounced dead shortly thereafter. Elijah was taken by life-flight to Nationwide Children's Hospital and put on life support, but died three days later.

This heroism is what sparked the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission to give Russell Jenkins the

nation's highest award for civilian heroism, the Carnegie Medal.

"When I received the call that Russell had been awarded the Carnegie Award, I was so overwhelmed," Russell's mother, Barbara Meredith, said. "It was great to see. I miss his smile. He has such a great smile. It would melt your heart when you'd see him. I miss that. I miss his hugs. He talks to me every day."

Barbara plans to include articles about the award in the memory book that she is creating for Russell's 6-year-old son, Kameron.

"I want Kameron to know what his dad was like," Barbara said.



Chuck Boyk represents the Estate of James Russell Jenkins. The lawsuit filed on Russell's behalf claims that the apartment complex and its owners failed to have any safety measures in place, such as fencing or natural barriers. The complex also failed to warn residents regarding the dangerous and deceptive conditions of the pond, and had no rescue or lifesaving equipment available. Russell was one of six people to fatally drown in the pond.

"Our firm was not surprised at the news of his award," Chuck Boyk said. "We have heard what a true hero Russell was from countless people who were there that fateful day. He deserves this award and we are sad that he was not able to accept it in person."

To read more about the award that Mr. Jenkins received, visit <http://carnegiehero.org/awardees/#10>.

## WILL I LOSE EVERYTHING IF I FILE BANKRUPTCY? *By Fred Boyk*

I get calls virtually every day from people who are burdened with credit card payments, medical bills, or auto repossession deficits. After reviewing their entire financial situation, I often determine that filing a Chapter 7 fresh start bankruptcy is their best option.

Those individuals usually ask me if they will lose everything they own by filing bankruptcy. It is frightening to consider that all you have worked for your entire life could be gone.

In reality, most clients lose NO tangible possessions whatsoever when they file bankruptcy.

The bankruptcy laws can be complex. Over the years I have been acquainted with people who "go it alone" or use a petition preparer they find on the internet to guide them through the bankruptcy process. Many of these people

later regret their decision not consult with an attorney because they either lose assets they did not expect to lose or become overwhelmed by the paperwork involved.

If bankruptcy is a possibility for you, please contact our office for a free consultation. Our experience in representing individuals in over 2,500 discharged cases is available to guide you.

Simply call 419-241-1395 or fill out our online contact form at [www.charlesboyk-law.com](http://www.charlesboyk-law.com) and we can immediately put you in contact with Attorney Fred Boyk.



Attorney Fred Boyk

# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: CHELLE'S CUPCAKES & CATERING



Rachelle loves the challenge of coming up with a new cupcake flavor based on her friends' and families' favorite foods and tastes.

For example, when Kassi found out that attorney Wes Merillat loves Hostess Twinkies, she had her mom create a special Twinkie-flavored cupcake for his birthday.

"Rachelle's Twinkie cupcakes were delicious and tasted just like the real thing, but better," Wes said.

Most people don't look forward to getting older. But in our office, celebrating another birthday means getting to enjoy a fabulous treat – gourmet cupcakes made by Chelle's Cupcakes & Catering. For every birthday in the office, the whole staff is treated to cupcakes made by the mother of one of our Paralegals, Kassi Keil.

What started off as a stress reliever blossomed into a full-time job when Kassi's mom, Rachelle Frank, went from making cupcakes for friends to catering private and corporate events.

"I have always enjoyed baking," Rachelle said. "I dream about new flavors in my sleep, which is why I keep a notepad by the side of my bed."

Rachelle has been catering for more than 10 years, but it wasn't until 2009, before her son went away to Army boot camp, that she tried her hand at cupcakes. She decided to make them instead of a big cake for his going away party and the rest is history.

A whopping 67 cupcake flavors later, Rachelle still welcomes flavor suggestions.

Chelle's Cupcakes and Catering also provides delicious food and scrumptious desserts to guests of weddings, graduation parties, baby showers, and virtually any type of party. The Memphis Pearl restaurant in Sylvania is also lucky enough to savor Chelle's treats, as Chelle's Catering supplies all of their desserts.



*Rachelle Frank and Kassi Keil*

If you would like your party catered by Rachelle Frank, you can contact her by calling 419-868-4836, 419-376-5550 or by emailing [rachelle-frank@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rachelle-frank@sbcglobal.net).

# WANT TO KNOW WHO'S GOING TO BE AT CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE?



It is finally time to announce the names of the local artists, creative crafters, and some of the city's most amazing bakers who will be coming together for Crafting for a Cause, Charles Boyk Law Offices' first ever Arts and Crafts Show.

Since there are over 40 booths already scheduled with more being added each day, there are too many names to list in print. We encourage you to check out our website, [www.Crafting-ForACauseToledo.com](http://www.Crafting-ForACauseToledo.com) for a complete listing of participants and a printable flyer on the event.

Booth rental is still available for both **February 13th and 14th from 10am to 6pm each day**, and the cost is \$25 for one day or \$40 for both days, with 100% of the booth rentals proceeds to go directly to the Daughter Project, a non-profit organization that works to rescue young girls from human trafficking. Crafting for a Cause will be held in the lobby of the PNC Bank Building, 405 Madison Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

## RECIPE:

# Anneke's Amazing Cheddar Bay Biscuits

*While these cheesy treats are the perfect accompaniment to any soup or salad, Anneke likes to cut them in half and top with an egg, bacon or sausage and a piece of cheese for one amazing breakfast sandwich.*

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp baking powder
- 1 Tbsp granulated sugar
- 1 Tbsp garlic powder
- ¾ teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 1 ½ sticks (¾ cup) unsalted butter (divided)
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 (8 oz) package shredded mild cheddar cheese
- ½ teaspoon dried parsley

### INSTRUCTIONS:

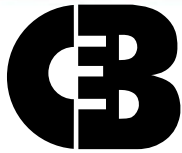
1. Preheat oven to 450°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Add 1 stick of butter to a small microwave safe mixing bowl. Microwave for 30 seconds or until butter is melted. Set aside.
2. In a large mixing bowl combine flour, baking powder, sugar, garlic and ½ tsp salt. Whisk until well combined. Add butter and milk and whisk just until flour is all wet, do not over mix. Add cheese and fold in with a spoon.
3. Drop heaping spoonfuls onto baking sheet. Bake for 10-12 minutes, until biscuits are golden brown.
4. Meanwhile melt remaining ½ stick of butter in small mixing bowl. Microwave for 30 seconds or until butter is melted. Add ¼

teaspoon salt and parsley. Stir with pastry brush.

5. Remove biscuits from oven, brush with melted butter mixture. Serve and enjoy! Makes approximately 18 biscuits.



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## ONE IN A MILLION: BUILDING SECURITY GUARD NAMED 1,000,000th WALLEYE FAN



*Anthony and Gary Stiff*

Night-shift security guard Gary Stiff is usually known as the friendly face in the PNC Bank Building lobby that greets Boyk Law employees by name and makes sure that our building is secure. Even though many people in the building think he is "one in a million", that title became official on January 12th, after he was named the Toledo Walleye hockey team's 1,000,000th fan. He and his 10-year-old son, Anthony, were invited to the Walleye gift shop, the "Swamp Shop," to pick out their jerseys and they even got to drop the ceremonial first puck of the game.

"Since I work nights, I don't get to attend as many Walleye games as I would like to," Gary said. "So it was awesome to be the 1,000,000th fan!"

***Congratulations, Gary, and Go WALLEYE!***

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## CASES OF INTEREST: FEBRUARY 2014

### Passenger Struck After Driver Runs A Red Light, Causes Need For Surgery

Our client took the brunt of a serious collision after being t-boned while riding as a passenger. After being transported by ambulance to St. Vincent's, it was discovered that the crash caused a fractured tibia and that surgery was needed to repair the damage. Our client also had to endure two screw implants and an immobilizer device that has left him with a recovery of at least three months.

### Rear-End Accident On I-280 Bridge Leaves Woman With Fractured Back, Neck

After her car broke down on the I-280 bridge in Toledo, our client was rear-ended with such force that it fractured her neck and back, despite the fact that her flashers were on to warn other cars of her disabled vehicle. Our client was transported to Bay Park Hospital where she stayed for three days and also where she was ultimately diagnosed with three fractured vertebrae in her back and one in her neck. The accident has also taken a significant emotional toll on our client as she deals with horrific pain.

### Car Strikes Pedestrian Causing Fractured Back, Damaged Building

A young man lost control of his vehicle and jumped the curb, slammed into a building owned by our client, ricocheted off, and then struck our other client who was walking to work. The pedestrian was transferred to the trauma unit of St. Vincent's Medical Center, where he was told he was suffering from seven fractured vertebrae. He now faces the possibility of surgery, and requires a back brace and the assistance of a cane when walking. The long-time building owner must now deal with a large crack that runs all the way up the side of her bar and grill, which will be very costly to fix.

