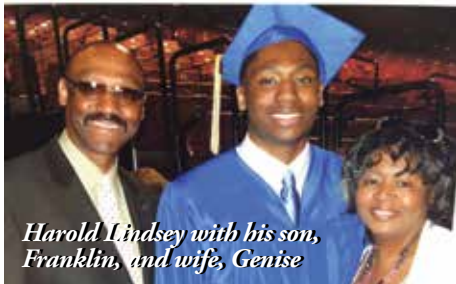


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Tribute to Toledoans: Local Performer Sings Praises of the Glass City



Harold Lindsey with his son, Franklin, and wife, Genise

To watch Harold Lindsey reminisce about what life was like growing up in Toledo is like watching a performance. His eyes light up, he starts talking with his hands, and his smile becomes so contagious that the listener can't help but share his passion for the city.

That may be because Mr. Lindsey has spent the better part of his life performing and singing for people in and around Toledo, and all over the country, which is how Chuck Boyk met Mr. Lindsey in the early 1970's.

"I was 17 years old and working as a bus boy for Bob Haas' Soup & Such on Sylvania Avenue and Harold would serenade the guests by singing and playing the organ," Chuck said. "He was the most charismatic person I had ever met and the people just loved him."

After serving in the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1967, which included a year-long tour in Vietnam, Harold supplemented his insurance sales income in the 1970s and '80s by performing solo acts in restaurants and bars all over Toledo. He was a staple in the music scene, and also savvy enough to realize that exclusively playing the saxophone never put him in the limelight, and that he could get more "gigs" if he learned the keyboard instead.

"I quickly realized that the keyboard dominated more than the horn," Harold said.

"Once I switched, I had many more solo acts since I was able to sing while playing."

Mr. Lindsey's talents soon took him outside of northwest Ohio, and he began playing in Blues bands throughout the South, including with legendary Saxophonist Z.Z. Hill.

It wasn't only music that molded Harold into the person he is today. It was his grandfather, Frank, who taught him the life lessons of hard work and perseverance that stuck with him into adulthood.

"When I was around nine years old, one day my grandfather told me that there was treasure hidden in a box in the attic," Harold said. "He encouraged me to go find it. You can imagine how disappointed I was when I found the box, looked inside, and saw that it was empty. When I told him that there was nothing in the box, my grandfather's only reply was, 'That box is just like life. If you don't put anything in, you won't get anything out.' It wasn't until I was older that I truly understood what he meant, but it was cool to have that mystery from my childhood finally unfold."

"He poured good stuff into you all the time," Harold said. "He was a stately man who always said that some people are mighty oaks and some are blades of grass, but whatever you are, be the best blade of grass or oak you can be."

Harold remembers when he and his grandfather would

ride the bus all over town for their various errands, and the sights and sounds still occupy his mind decades later.

"I can remember the feel of my grandfather holding my hand, the smell of the popcorn at Tiedtke's, and the fear that the cement lions guarding the door to the Lion Store would come to life and get me," Harold said. "We would go to Woolworth's and get a hot dog, or eat at Kewpee's Hamburgers."

Harold grew up during a time when what is now Toledo's inner city was a booming business district filled with restaurants, shops, and theaters.

"There was so much to do in our neighborhood," Harold said. "We'd walk past the Elk's Hall, the World's Theater, and the barbershops. There was nothing more satisfying than finally being old enough to earn my own money and buy myself a milkshake at the City Cut-Rate Drugstore on 7th and Monroe. I'd sit on that stool and drink my milkshake and eat peanut butter crackers. That's the stuff memories are made of."

Even though there has been what Harold calls "changing landscape" in Toledo since those idyllic days, he still believes that Toledo is a great place to be.

"Toledo is a diamond in the rough, and I will be here until they cart me away," he said.

In the meantime, he encourages young people to spend time asking older loved ones to talk about their history of Toledo and document what they have to say.

"Don't forget how you were raised and project those same values," he urges. "Push that goodness forward."



Harold's grandfather, Frank

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BIKES FOR KIDS TO HONOR LIFE OF 2009 WINNER, KAYLA MEEKER



Kayla Meeker, 2009

Kayla Meeker's smile could light up a room. She was always a caring sister to her foster and adopted brothers and sisters, and always quick to try and make other people laugh. Even when battling a rare health issue that left her paralyzed for eight weeks in 2009, Kayla never let the immobility dim her resolve. For these reasons, among many others, her mother nominated the then-11-year-old for that year's Bikes for Kids contest and Kayla won one of that summer's bikes.

"When I met Kayla in 2009, she was thrilled to learn that she won a bicycle, especially because she had fully recovered and had regained use of her legs," Anneke Godlewski said. "It also meant that she could once again go camping with her siblings, now with a new bike in tow."

Sadly, our office recently learned that Kayla took her own life, at the tender age of 16. The Anthony Wayne sophomore was an avid softball player and was still known after all these years for making others smile.

To honor Kayla and her dedication to others, Boyk Law is donating an extra bicycle to the 2014 Bikes for Kids program, to help raise awareness of childhood suicide and prevention. If you know of a child who dedicates the same passion for helping others, please let us know by visiting www.BikesforKidsToledo.com and telling their story. Together we can work to recognize kids who make a difference in the life of another person and help put an end to childhood suicide.



Kayla Meeker, 2014

LAUREN ROMBKOWSKI JOINS RANKS OF LOURDES UNIVERSITY GRADUATES



Anneke Godlewski, Lauren Rombkowski and Leslie Rombkowski

Congratulations are in order for our Office Manager's daughter, Lauren Rombkowski, on her recent graduation from Lourdes University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Healthcare Management.

"I'm so proud of Lauren for all of her hard work she has put toward her degree," Mom Leslie said. "I know that she is going to help a lot of people in her career."

Communications Director and Lourdes alum Anneke Godlewski was also on hand at the commencement ceremony to address the graduates and welcome them as brand-new alumni.

"While on stage speaking, I tried my best not to look at Leslie or Lauren, because I knew they would make me laugh!" Anneke said. "I'm proud to welcome Lauren as a Lourdes alum and I know that she will represent the University well."

RECIPE: Linda's Tempting Tomato & Smoked Gouda Soup

Thank you to our friend and chef Linda Carpey for sharing such an amazing recipe with our firm! Readers, you have been warned: this soup is not only tempting, but addictive!

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 Tablespoons butter
- 1 large onion, halved and sliced
- 2 (28 oz.) cans plum tomatoes (preferably San Marzano tomatoes)
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup cream
- 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
- ½ teaspoon celery seed
- 1 cup (or a little more) Smoked Gouda cheese, shredded, plus extra for topping
- Salt & pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In a large pot, melt the butter over medium heat. Sauté onion until tender, about 8 minutes.
2. Add tomatoes and broth, and break up



- tomatoes with a wooden spoon. Simmer, uncovered, for 30 minutes. Use an immersion (stick) blender or a regular blender to puree the onion and tomatoes.
3. Add cream and seasonings. Add cheese, and stir until melted. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
4. Ladle into bowls and serve topped with more cheese. Enjoy!

HOW MY DOG GUS HELPED SHAPE MY CHILDHOOD

By: Sarah Boyk



Gus stuffed animal

As many animal-lovers already know, the passing of a beloved family dog can feel like losing a loved one. Dogs never fail to greet with a wagging tail after a long day, they always

seem to sense when something is wrong, and they are more capable of being loyal than any human. Read Sarah Boyk's tribute to her favorite pooch, Gus:

Many readers may have already met Gus in stuffed animal form when visiting my dad, Chuck's, office. He was the dog Boyk Law modeled their mascot after, and toy "Gus" dolls could be found in the waiting room, and were often given to clients' children to play with.

That is why it was especially hard to say goodbye to the nine-year-old Doberman Pincher, after he recently passed away from lymphoma.



Sarah with Puppy Gus

Gus, or "Goose" as we often called him, has forever been the symbol of my dad's firm and he even has his own marketing business! Gus Marketing, Inc. was started by my dad last summer to fulfill his passion for helping local businesses market themselves, and who better to name the company after than the dog that has always helped him?

When I think of Gus, I think of the green dinosaur "baby" that he always had in his mouth. When I think of Gus, I think of his wet kisses, or as my dad calls, "Gus playing post office." When I think of Gus, I remember the time he ate my 2nd grade art project. When I think of Gus, I remember having to grip his leash with all my might to keep him from killing our pet cats (or duck).



Sarah kissing Gus

To me, Gus wasn't just a pet, but a friend. Little did I know that my seventh birthday present would turn into a lifelong friendship. I can't begin to count the number of late homework nights we spent together. I will never forget the time that Gus bit our horse, Jackson's, nose, or when he killed a raccoon. I will never forget the first day that we got Gus, or watching a ten pound puppy turn into a ninety pound dog. Gus is unlike anyone I've ever met.

Although we must part ways, Gus has a very special place in our hearts. It has been hard for our other two dogs, Bella and Jazzie, to live life without their wise old pal, but I know that the lessons that he taught them will forever live on.

If you would like to share your story about a pet, please feel free to call us at 419-241-1395, email Anneke at marketing@charlesboyk-law.com, or post the story to our Charles Boyk Law Offices Facebook page and we would be happy to put a tribute to your pet on our website!

START HIGH SCHOOL'S STUDENT & TEACHERS OF THE MONTH



Tremain Batson and Andy Schober

Another teacher's day was made when Senior Tremain Batson had nothing but great things to say about Start High School's Woodshop instructor Andy Schober. The student even went as far as to say it on camera for the Teacher of the Month video contest.

"Andy Schober is a cool teacher and everything we learn in there is hands-on learning," Tremain said. "I want to tell him thank you. I've had him all four years and he helped me learn a lot. Everything we do learn there is going to help us in the future."

The look on Mr. Schober's face was shocked happiness when Tremain told him the news that he had nominated him for Teacher of the Month and therefore won a \$250 Visa gift card.

"Awe, Batson!" Mr. Schober exclaimed. "You're the man! Man, this guy's alright! Thank you!"



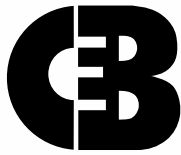
Alex Michael and Constance Glase

It was smiles all around later that day when we announced the winner of the Student of the Month contest, Alex Michael, who is also a Start High School Senior, and the recipient of a \$50 Visa gift card.

Alex's teacher, Constance Glase, pointed out that despite having Down Syndrome, Alex is quick to include others and is always in dress code, which are just two of the reasons she nominated him for Student of the Month.

"Alex always comes to class with a smile, is a good friend to others and is a joy to have in the classroom," Constance said. "He may be limited in many ways but he never lets his disability get him down. He always is 'fist bumping' and kind to others, and he is sensitive and is the first to comfort others who are in distress. Although his academic skills are below that of his peers, he always strives to do what he is capable of in the classroom. I will miss Alex when he graduates this year."

Make sure to visit our YouTube channel, Charles Boyk Law Offices, and click on "Start High School" to view videos highlighting the students' and teachers' reactions to the nominations and winning.



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CASES OF INTEREST: JUNE 2014

Driver Runs Stop Sign While Using Cell Phone, Causing Severe Injuries To Young Woman

Our 23-year-old client was struck with such force by a driver that ran a stop sign at 70 miles an hour that her ankle was shattered and her knee dislocated. After being transported by EMS to a local hospital, the young woman had to undergo extensive surgeries to implant pins, screws, plates, and an external brace in her leg. She is facing months of physical therapy and possible future surgeries.

Androgel Testosterone Therapy Thought To Be Linked To Client's Heart Attacks

Our firm is investigating the link between our client's heart attacks and his use of the topical testosterone cream Androgel, after the *Journal of the American Medical Association* released a study linking prescription testosterone drugs to an increased risk of cardiovascular injuries in men. The heart attack caused the need for bypass surgery, and increases his risk of future heart attacks or strokes.

Passenger Hospitalized After Car Accident To Treat Fractured Ribs & Chest Wall Injury

Our client is facing long-term problems after breaking four ribs and suffering a chest wall injury in a car accident, which has aggravated her prior lung issues, making it extremely difficult to breath. The car she was riding in was struck by a driver that ran a stop sign, causing the wreck that left our client hospitalized for four days.



HELP THE HISEY FAMILY FIGHT CANCER

The Hisey 6th Annual Fighting Leukemia Golf Scramble & Dinner

Where: Sleepy Hollow Golf Course in Clyde

When: Sunday, July 27th

8:00am Shotgun Start

The outing will offer prizes and raffles, and donations from the public are welcome to help in the fight against childhood cancers, like the ones that their own children have battled.



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