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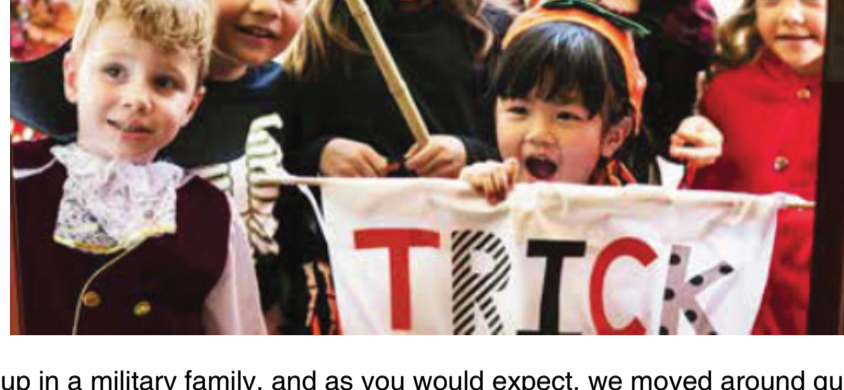


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A Special Halloween



By: Caleb Fleschner



I grew up in a military family, and as you would expect, we moved around quite a bit. When you're growing up, this can be tough, but it offers you a wide perspective on the world. It also provides you with plenty of perspective on holiday traditions, including Halloween.

For the most part, my Halloweens weren't out of the ordinary. I remember having the classic Halloween experience living in Kentucky, Georgia, and even Panama. My parents made dressing up and going out trick-or-treating feel like "home" no matter where we were. On Halloweens when we were on base, my parents would take me around, and I'd get some pretty good candy from the enlisted folks. It might have helped that everyone knew my father was an officer, and they wanted to make that all-important good impression. I do remember that I always ended up with a lot of candy.

These days, my Halloween looks a little different. Long gone are the days of dressing up, but I'm still trick-or-treating. Well, that is to say, I take my nieces out trick-or-treating. They're 5 and 9 and love a good scare. While I don't don a Halloween costume anymore, my nieces have tried their damndest to convince me to throw on a costume or mask. They haven't been successful yet, but I will admit, if I did, it would most likely be a Star Wars-related outfit.

When I was younger, I went through my fair share of Star Wars costumes, with Darth Vader being my costume of choice (I was really big into The Empire Strikes Back). But it wasn't just Star Wars. One year I went as Zorro (again with the classic black-cape look), and another year I went as Indiana Jones.

I will also admit that as a Star Wars fan, I've been trying to get my nieces into Star Wars. I haven't been successful yet. At the moment, the oldest is really into dinosaurs and can't get enough of the Jurassic Park and Jurassic World movies. Maybe next year. This Halloween, however, will be a special one for me personally. I recently bought my first house! I've lived in an apartment since graduating law school a couple of years ago. In the process, I've learned just how much stuff I've accumulated while living in that apartment.

That aside, it's a truly wonderful feeling to have room to really spread out and grow (which may mean I'll be able to accumulate even more!). And as October 31 approaches, I'm looking forward to participating in Halloween as a homeowner, handing out candy, and really taking part in the annual tradition from the other side.

Best in Show or Halloween Hazard?



Costume Safety Tips for Kids

For many kids, picking out a costume is the best part of Halloween. Will they be a spooky witch, a wildcat, or their favorite superhero? There are so many options! But in all the fun, it can be easy for parents to overlook certain risks that Halloween costumes can pose. Here are important safety tips to remember when choosing the best Halloween costume.

Look for fire-resistant costumes.

Candles inside jack-o'-lanterns and other open flames are everywhere on Halloween night, so make sure your child's costume isn't a fire hazard. Most store-bought costumes are made from fire-resistant materials, but you should still check the labels on all costumes, wigs, and accessories. The same goes when you're buying fabric for homemade costumes. And remember, fire-resistant is not the same as fireproof. While fire-resistant material takes longer to burn and can be put out quickly, it can still catch fire and cause serious injuries. Remind your child to use caution around open flames and avoid costumes with flimsy, hanging components, like flowing sleeves, long skirts, and capes.

Test makeup first.

Halloween is a great time to have fun with face paint, and makeup is a good alternative to masks, which can obscure a child's vision. However, a lot of costume makeup isn't approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Before letting your child cover his face in makeup from the Halloween store, test their skin for allergic reactions by putting just a little bit on the back of their hand first.

Practice prop safety.

What's a Jedi Knight without her lightsaber or a wizard without his magic wand? The right accessories can really bring a costume together, but it's important that props — especially weapon props, like swords, knives, or guns — are not mistaken for the real thing. Choose props that are obviously fake, with round edges made from soft, flexible material. And if your child wants to wear her Halloween costume to school or some other event, check the rules on props beforehand to avoid any trouble.

Halloween is a night for ghosts and goblins to come out to play, and with these tips, your kids can safely dress up and join in the fun.

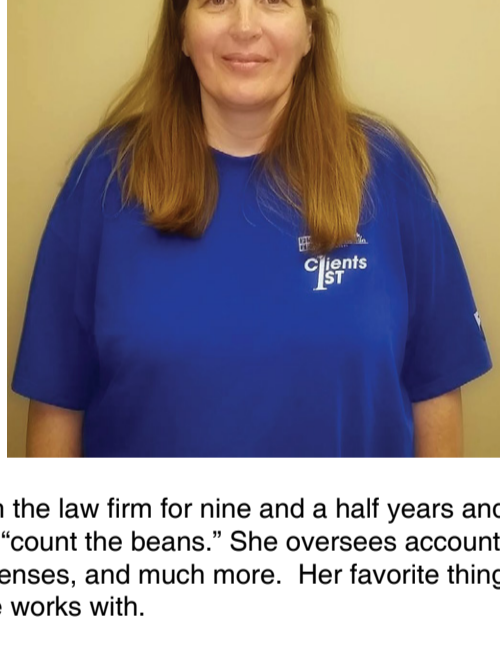
Clients 1st in the Community



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and we are committed to helping cancer survivors in our community. We have done several fundraisers to raise money for a local organization called "PINK of Terre Haute." It is a non-profit organization that benefits people struggling with cancer in our community. Pink provides care kits for individuals going through chemotherapy and also helps pay medical bills if some are unable to pay for treatment. We have raised a total of \$700 for the organization and are very proud of our efforts to help so many in need. Here is a link to find out more about PINK of Terre Haute, <http://pinkofterrehaute.com/index.php>

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to our October Employee of the Month, Crystal Riley!



Crystal has been with the law firm for nine and a half years and is the Accounting Manager. Her job is to "count the beans." She oversees accounts payable & accounts receivable, payroll, expenses, and much more. Her favorite thing about working at FSTN is the people she works with.

Here are some fun questions Crystal answered for us:

1. If you could pick a superpower, what would you choose? To be invisible
2. What technology or invention would you love to see in your lifetime? Teleportation, so I don't have to fly to South Korea!
3. Can you play any instruments? I played drums in middle school, but would not be able to today
4. What's the strangest talent you have? I don't think I have one. My daughter said my strange talent is knowing all the words to every Bon Jovi song!
5. Do you have any strange phobias? throwing up, dead bodies (at funerals), balloons, storms, mice (I have a lot, and am getting anxiety typing them all)
6. If given a chance, who would you like to be for a day? Dorothea Bongiovi
7. If you were stuck on an island what three things would you bring? sunblock, bug spray and my phone
8. What tv show/movie are you ashamed to admit you love? Reality TV
9. Imagine you could step in a teleporter for a day and go to any place and time in history. Where and when would you travel to? 100 years from now to meet my Great Great Great grandkids

People who nominated Crystal said this, "She has done an amazing job since taking over for Ted in the Accounting Department."

Recipe of the Month
Stephanie's Chocolate Cookie Butter Cookies



Ingredients

- 1 cup butter (no substitutes)
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup (6 ounces) miniature semisweet chocolate chips

Directions

1. Melt butter in microwave; stir in vanilla. Cool completely.
2. In a large bowl, combine flour and sugar; stir in butter mixture and chocolate chips (mixture will be crumbly). Shape into 1-inch balls.
3. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets; flatten slightly.

Bake at 375 F for 12 minutes or until edges begin to brown. Cool on wire racks. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.

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