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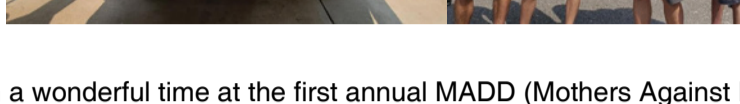
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**Clients' 1st in the Community**

**1st Annual MADD Walk of Terre Haute**



We had such a wonderful time at the first annual MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Walk in Terre Haute last month! FSTN was a sponsor, teaming up with our Safe & Sober Free Cab program. Also, as Personal Injury attorneys, we know the devastating effects of these senseless crimes & what they can do to families. We hope to make the event even bigger next year! Thank you to everyone who came, volunteered, and walked at the event

**Travis J. Smith Outstanding Junior Golfer Award**



We had a great time at the 2021 Terre Haute Junior City Tournament, which our law firm has sponsored for many years. Tony Tanoos & Jimmy Smith presented the Annual Travis J. Smith Outstanding Junior Golfer Award to Gavin Conner & Grace Kidwell. Travis Smith was an up-and-coming local golfer, attending Ball State University in Indianapolis on a golf scholarship, when he was the victim of a car accident in 2007. We present this award every year in his memory and honor. Congratulations to the winners and all the junior golfers!

**A Quick Guide to 2021 Back-To-School Season**



Can you believe it's already back-to-school season? It's hard to realize that, nationally, we spent nearly two school years in virtual classrooms. For some schools, hybrid education will continue. But as we transition back to more traditional education (or even if you're just feeling the itch to upgrade your home office) here's a quick guide to your 2021 back-to-school shopping season!

**50 Tips For Back-To-School Savings**

You'll be able to find unique deals and savings in nearly every department or clothing store, so shop smart and check out these great shopping tips! There's great advice about swapping instead of buying, which is better for the environment, as well as a great opportunity to educate your kids about the value of reusing and reducing.

**"Essential Back-To-School Supplies, According To A Teacher"**

This teacher gives a fantastic list of affordable, quality supplies for your child's homework station. One of our favorite items is a reusable notebook. Simply wipe it down with a damp towel, and you can use it all over again while saving your notes to iCloud. It's a perfect utility for practicing both traditional handwriting and technology!

**"School' Shopping: Home Office Edition"**

Even if you're not in school anymore, who says you can't enjoy the deals for your home office? Upgrading your work-from-home space can help make you a more efficient, productive, and cozy worker, so we think it's worth the investment. Here are Pottery Barn's best suggestions.

**Just For Fun: "The Backyardigans," Full Episode 1**

The theme song from "The Backyardigans" has taken TikTok, YouTube, and other social media platforms by storm. But did you know there are full episodes available for free on YouTube? Put one on for your young child, and they just might want to dance along with the rest of us adults.

**Is Your Child Being Bullied?**

**What you can do to help**



A new school year is a prime opportunity for kids to make new friends among their classmates. Unfortunately, kids also form connections during the school year that aren't always positive, and many children become the targets of school bullies. If you suspect your child is being bullied, there are a few things you can do to help.

**Know the Signs**

Kids usually don't open up about being bullied right away; however, there are some common signs that your children are being harassed. Here are a few:

- If they're refusing to go to school or ride the bus, they may be dreading their bully.
- If they're rushing to the bathroom after school, it may indicate that they're being bullied in the bathroom, which is a common tactic bullies use to avoid teachers.
- If their grades suddenly change, it may be the result of constant harassment.
- Anxious or depressed moods can be the result of bullying as well.

If you spot one or more of these signs, it's time to talk to your child about what's happening to him at school.

**Listen**

When your child does open up, the best thing you can do is listen. It can be tempting to try to give him advice or question the way he handled the situation, but doing this can give your child the impression that it's his own fault he is being bullied. Let him tell you the whole story, without judgment, and then help him come up with ideas on what to do next.

**Finding the Right Solution**

Once you've been informed that your child is being bullied, you should advise teachers as soon as possible. Apart from that, there are several ways you can help your child to deal with bullies, so talk to him about comfortable approaches for him, such as de-escalation strategies or a buddy system with his friends. As with most conflicts, the sooner you handle the situation, the better.

**Employee of the Month**

**Congratulations to our August Employee of the Month, Andrea Atkinson!**



Congratulations to our August Employee of the Month, Andrea Atkinson! Andrea has been with the law firm for two years and is a medical records caller. She calls multiple medical facilities and retrieves the client's medical records after we have requested them. Her favorite thing about her job is "all the nice people she has met over the phone, as well as her co-workers."

People who nominated Andrea said this, "She is a huge asset to helping the intake dept. She makes sure that all our status checks get added to Needet and helps get all the files ready for case managers, on top of calling for medical records." - "She not only does medical records but helps with status checks for intake. This is a very important part of how we keep the ball rolling in the intake dept."

Here are some fun questions Andrea answered:

1. **If you could pick a superpower, what would you choose?** I would pick invisibility.
2. **What technology or invention would you love to see in your lifetime?** A time-machine.
3. **What's the strangest talent you have?** I can sing with my mouth closed.
4. **Do you have any strange phobias?** I'm scared of large bodies of water.
5. **If you were stuck on an island what three things would you bring?** I would bring a boat, fishing pole and water.
6. **Do you have a favorite quote?** "Don't you worry your pretty little mind people throw rocks at things that shine."
7. **What tv show/movie are you ashamed to admit you love?** Monsters Inc.
8. **What history you could step in a teleport for a day and go to any place and time in history. Where and when would you travel to?** I would teleport to the Bahamas at any given time.

**Recipe of the Month  
Stephanie's Sugar Cookies**



**Ingredients**

- 1 stick or 1 cup all-vegetable shortening
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup or pancake syrup
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour (plus 4 tablespoons, divided)
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

**Directions**

1. Beat shortening and sugar in large bowl with mixer on medium speed until smooth and creamy. Beat in egg, syrup, and vanilla until well blended.
2. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in medium bowl. Gradually add to shortening mixture on low speed until blended. Divide dough into three pieces. Wrap in plastic wrap. Chill 1 hour.
3. Heat oven to 375 F. Roll one piece of dough at a time on lightly floured surface to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut dough with 2- to 3-inch floured cookie cutters. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets.
4. Bake 5-9 minutes or until edges begin to brown. Cool 2 minutes. Remove to wire rack to cool completely. Decorate as desired.

**Variation:**

**DROP COOKIES:** Do not chill dough. Drop dough by measuring tablespoonsful 2 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 375°F for 7 to 8 minutes.

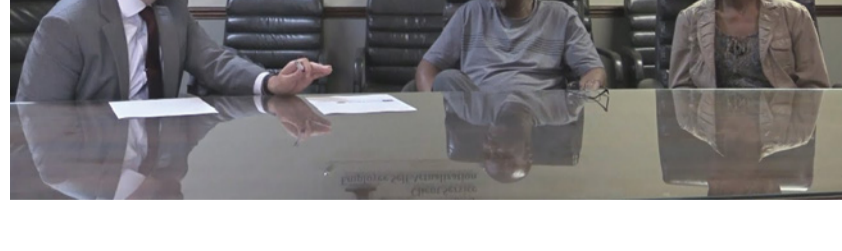
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