

A TRIBUTE TO OUR BOARD MEMBERS AND AMBASSAORS

Hi. My name is Sue. Let me tell you a little about my day last Friday.

I have a friend whose mother is ill. Being the kind person I am, I volunteered to keep her son, "little Johnny" for her while she visited her mother at **ANDERSON HOSPITAL**.

My day started as usual, having my first cup of coffee in my favorite "**BULLSEYE PROMOTIONS**" cup that I received from the last Women's Conference I attended.

Sipping on my coffee, I open my laptop (just repaired by **JOE'S TECHNOLOGY**) and checked out the **TROY/MARYVILLE/ST. JACOB/MARINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** Facebook page to see what was going on in the community. I was reading about an event happening in the **VILLAGE OF MARYVILLE**, planned by the **MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE** when I realized it was time to wake my girls and get them off to **TRIAD COMMUNITY SCHOOL**.

This is where my day turned around. I usually run my errands after I get the girls off to school, but on this particular day, I had to go get "little Johnny" and he would be running errands with me.

First I needed to stop by **EDWARD JONES** to check on my investments. All was well. As we were leaving, "little Johnny" picked up a hand full of rocks off the ground, I told him he needed to throw them down. So he did! - at my car causing little "hail damage looking" dents to appear. **KURT'S CARSTAR** would now be my next stop! I got a quote and then headed to **ALLSTATE INSURANCE** to make sure everything was covered! I tried to be patient and remind myself that, "boys will be boys" and everything will be fine.

I now had to swing by **FIRST MID BANK & TRUST** to get some money as I was headed to shop for office furniture. I drove to **EGYPTIAN WORKSPACE PARTNERS** to find a nice chair for my office. In just seconds, "little Johnny wandered off and in no time had knocked over an office lamp and broke it! Unbelievable! Now, I have to make a quick phone call to **SPARKS LAW OFFICE** to see if I'm liable to pay for the damages he has made. My patience is fading fast....but I slowly count to 10 and talk myself down. I should have paid closer attention to "little Johnny". I had to make one more stop at **SCOTT CREDIT UNION** to deposit money into my savings account. After that, I thought I better get "little Johnny" back to my house before anything else happens and I end up being on the front page of the **STL TODAY!**

Headed home from the **CITY OF TROY**, I spot a **WALGREENS** where I decide to stop in and get some aspirin. My head and neck are killing me from all the "activity" this morning has brought. I know I'll have to put in a call to **INTEGRITY SPINE & JOINT** later to let them work out the kinks.

Finally, I arrive back home and get “little Johnny” inside. I quickly pull up cartoons on my computer to keep “little Johnny” occupied, grateful for **WISPER ISP**, my internet provider! Finally “little Johnny was quiet”. (For the Moment)!

Thinking maybe it would help calm me if I used some of my **YOUNG LIVING ESSENTIAL OILS**, I step into my bedroom to get what I needed. That’s all the time “little Johnny” needed! He found a case of paper that **DA-COM** had delivered and thought it was his own personal stash to make paper bombs out of...which he proceeded to throw down the toilet trying to make it explode...water was flowing everywhere, and, on top of that “little Johnny” had pressed keys on my computer; the screen looked very strange. Not knowing what he had gotten into, I was worried my computer information might get “hacked”.

Now I had to call **EMBRICH PLUMBING** to unclog the toilet and **LEGALSHIELD** to make sure my computer information was protected. At this point, I’ve completely lost all patience with “little Johnny”. I’m having evil thoughts! I call a friend at **LEONARD & ASSOCIATES** to see if I could be sued if I “tied him up”. The friend suggests that I go to **PATHWAY CHURCH** and say a prayer instead!

FINALLY, my friend calls and says her mother was being sent home for care and would be visited by **MORNING GLORY HOMECARE** soon. She said her mother wanted her to stop by **COUNTRY FINANCIAL INSURANCE** to talk about her life insurance, but they should be home within the hour and I could bring “little Johnny” back home.

The prayer worked! – OH THE POWER OF PRAYER! (slight pause here).

On the way, I make a quick stop into **JM GRAPHICS** to see if the logo they were making for me was ready. It was, and it looks great! Things are looking up!

Getting “little Johnny” back to his mother, I explain my “eventful” day, she apologizes for “little Johnny’s” actions and says she realizes he’s a handful.

“Well that’s was the understatement of the YEAR!” – But I calmly said, let me make a couple of suggestions to you.

First, get lots of insurance – you’re going to need it with “little Johnny”! Try **JW INSURANCE** OR **JUST4 YOU INSURANCE**...I’m sure they’d be happy to speak with you – JUST DON’T TAKE “LITTLE JOHNNY” WITH YOU!

Second, open a second bank account just for “little Johnny” mishaps. My friend just laughs it off, but says she has accounts at both **THE BANK OF EDWARDSVILLE** and **MIDWEST MEMBERS CREDIT UNION** so she would look into it.

I was happy to be going and picking the girls up from school and heading home.

Both girls had plans for the evening, so I decided after the day I had, I needed a night out too! I called my friend at **BPG ENTERTAINMENT** to see where he was scheduled to play for the evening. He told her he was doing a music trivia night for **BEST HOMETOWN BANK** so please come and join them – it would be a fun night.

So I called my daughter DAWN MUSHILL, and asked her to go along with me. She said she would love to and she'd bring her staff BEV HENLEY, TRAVIS STUTSMAN, AND KIM LANGE (they're such a fun group)!

Dawn said she needed to go to the **FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF TROY** to get some money for the event and we could all meet up at the Trivia Night event.

It's just what I needed – a good night out with family and friends; and because we had so much BARRY MANILOW trivia information, we WON they trivia night!

P.S.

I'M SO THANKFUL FOR ALL THE CHAMBER MEMBERS I WAS ABLE TO CALL ON!

I WILL NO LONGER BE BABYSITTING "little Johnny"!