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It "Dawned" On Me... a message from Dawn Giganti

Happy October, everyone!

I wanted to take a moment to emphasize something that's truly significant - staying connected. In our fast-paced world, where our days often feel like a whirlwind of activities, it's easy to overlook the little things that truly matter. You see, maintaining contact isn't just about the digital world-sending texts, emails, or even writing a note. It's about nurturing the bonds of connection in a more traditional way. Take a moment to pick up the phone and have a real conversation with someone. Plan a lunch date with a friend. It's about ensuring that special someone knows they're in your thoughts, even when life keeps you physically apart. It's about the warmth of hearing their voice or sharing a face-to-face moment.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

What a beautiful way God is complementing the sentiment of staying connected and nurturing relationships. He emphasizes the importance of supporting and uplifting each other. We can strengthen our bonds and build meaningful relationships by staying in touch and being there for one another.

In our ever-busy lives, these small gestures can mean the world. Remember, it's not about the grand gestures but the consistent ones that truly matter. Whether you're reconnecting with an old friend, checking in on a family member, or saying something heartfelt to someone who's been on your mind, invest the time and care they deserve.

Thank you for being a part of Creative Carpet & Flooring and for allowing me to share my thoughts and reflections with you. Let's continue to nurture our connections, making our lives richer and more meaningful. Have a wonderful October and God bless.



Dawn Giganti, Marketing & Administrative Assistant Creative Carpet & Flooring

Month at a Glance:

4th Frappe Day – the one day of the year to celebrate that magical concoction of coffee & ice! You know, it's like the unofficial holiday for caffeine addicts & brain freeze enthusiasts.

7th National Forgiveness Day – A day to let go, heal, & find peace. Forgiveness can bring a fresh start to our hearts & lives, allowing us to move forward with renewed hope & understanding.

28th Make a Difference Day – is all about volunteering & community engagement. It's a day when people unite to create positive change in their neighborhoods. At Creative Carpet & Flooring, we embrace the idea of giving back to our communities, & we encourage everyone to get involved on this meaningful day.

31st <u>Halloween</u> – a reminder that even in the midst of darkness, the light of Christ shines brightly, offering love, grace, & salvation to all who seek it.

Employee birthdays this month:

7th Dave Coulam - Dave, today is all about you & the incredible work you do. We're not just celebrating another year in your life, but also the dedication, expertise, & passion you bring to our team. Happy Birthday, Dave! Here's to many more years of excellence & prosperity together at Creative Carpet & Flooring.



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Hermits: Embracing Solitude in a Connected World

In today's fast-paced, always-connected world, the idea of hermits might seem a bit old-fashioned. But there's something fascinating about people who choose to live in isolation. These individuals, known as hermits, are all about finding peace and quiet in a world that never seems to stop.

For hermits, it's not about running away from reality: it's about diving deeper into it. They leave the noise and distractions of everyday life behind and venture into the wilderness, both external and internal. Their simple lives in secluded places are a reminder of the value of slowing down and connecting with nature and themselves.

Modern life may have redefined the concept of hermits, with some people seeking a digital detox or simply enjoying moments of solitude amidst the constant chatter of social media. In a world that celebrates constant connection, hermits remind us that a little solitude can be a powerful thing. It's in those quiet moments that we often discover who we truly are and find the peace we crave in our busy lives.

So, while we may not all become hermits in the traditional sense, their legacy lives on as a reminder to take a step back from the noise, reflect, and find our own moments of tranquility in this ever-connected world.

The Hilarious Hero of Dinner

Meatloaf, the unsung champion of comfort food, deserves a spotlight for its quirky charm. First, the name - "loaf." It's like meat decided it wanted to be bread when it grew up. Then there's the mystery. Each family has its secret recipe, turning meatloaf

into a culinary game of Clue. And the shape!
Slicing it reveals a perfectly rectangular slab, almost tempting you to use it as a doorstop.
Flavors? Endless creativity. Some go classic

with ketchup, while others venture into bacon-wrapped, cheese-stuffed territory. Leftovers? Meatloaf is the gift that keeps on giving. Make sandwiches, tacos, or toss it in a salad. It's the shape-shifter of the food world. In short, meatloaf may not have the glamor of gourmet, but its humor and versatility make it a star on any plate. So next time, order a slice and savor the quirks of this hilarious dinner hero.

Oktoberfest Traditions

Oktoberfest, the world's biggest beer bash, kicks off in Munich, Germany, every year, usually from late September into October. It's a blast of beer, bratwurst, and Bavarian fun! Imagine a massive party with folks in traditional lederhosen and dirndls, surrounded by lively music, laughter, and the smell of delicious food. The star of the

show? Beer, of course! Munich's breweries serve up their finest brews in massive steins. You'll hear "Prost!" (Cheers!) echoing throughout the festival as people clink glasses. But it's not just about beer. Oktoberfest is a cultural extravaganza with mouthwatering pretzels, sausages, and other German delights. There are also folk dances and parades

showcasing Bavarian traditions. As the night falls, the festival comes alive with colorful lights and carnival rides. It's a time when strangers become friends, and good times flow as freely as the beer. Whether you're a beer lover or just up for a great party, Oktoberfest is an unforgettable experience of celebration and togetherness.



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Stop in your nearest showroom to claim your prize! Must be picked up between 10/01/2023 & 10/31/2023.

Did You Know ?

Creative Carpet & Flooring starts to become in high demand this time of year. AVOID THE HOLIDAY RUSH!

If you are even thinking of having new flooring installed or carpets cleaned for the holidays, we implore you to HURRY to our showroom and book your installation or cleaning now, even if you don't need it for a month or two. If you come in last minute, we'll do our best to fit you in, but you'll likely have to wait for several weeks. Don't take that chance... especially if you planned on new flooring for the holidays!



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Take our Trivia Challenge!

This month's Mega Trivia question:

What does the word "cookie" translate to in Dutch?

- (A) Oven-baked
- (B) Round and flat
- (C) Little cake
- (D) Tasty

To enter, visit our website at creativecarpetinc.com and click on the 'MEGA Trivia' tab under Specials. Take your best guess for this month's question, which will be available on our website between the 1st and 15th of the month. Your chances of winning are better than you think! The winner will be announced in the following month's newsletter. Remember, the entry deadline is the 15th of each month. Good luck and have fun!

Last month's question:

The most expensive honey in America contains nectar from which tree?

Answer: (B) Tupelo

Tupelo trees mainly grow in the swamps of northern Florida and southern Georgia, and each spring, the trees bloom with small green and white flowers. Beekeepers target these tupelo groves by bringing hives near the trees to put the bees to work. Tupelo honey has a distinct greenish tint and a specific taste, and it never crystallizes. To be labeled "tupelo," the honey's pollen must be measured to be at least 45% from tupelo trees. Given the rarity of the trees, labor-intensive process, and other limitations, tupelo honey commands a premium price. [New York Times | January 2022]

Congratulations to last month's winner:

SANDY WALTERS of Crete. IL

To claim your prize, please stop by Creative Carpet & Flooring between 10/01/2023 & 10/31/2023. Thank you for participating in our contest & enjoy your prize!

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Embracing the Pumpkin Spice Delight

October sweeps in with a gust of cinnamon-scented excitement as pumpkin spice mania takes the stage! It's that time of the year when everything seems to get a pumpkin-flavored makeover. From lattes that warm your soul to cookies that crumble with spicy delight, cereals that turn your mornings into mini-fall festivals, and candles that fill your home with cozy aromas, even your trusty lip balm gets in on the action. It's like a pumpkin party for your taste buds, and everyone's invited!

But what is it about pumpkin spice that has us all swooning? It's more than just a flavor; it's a feeling. It's the feeling of stepping into a rustic autumn wonderland, where the leaves are ablaze with color, and the air is crisp with the promise of cozy evenings by the fireplace. Pumpkin spice is nostalgia in a cup, a comforting reminder of family gatherings, and Grandma's secret pumpkin pie recipe.

The beauty of this flavorful frenzy lies in its versatility. Pumpkin's mild, slightly sweet flavor pairs perfectly with a symphony of spices – cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves – creating a harmonious blend that can transform the ordinary

into the extraordinary. From spiced lattes that warm your hands-on chilly mornings to pumpkin-flavored pastries that make dessert a celebration, there's no shortage of ways to indulge.

So, why resist? Dive into the pumpkin-spiced goodness, sip that latte, savor that pie, and embrace the magic of October. It's the season of cozy comforts and delightful flavors and it's all wrapped up in the warm embrace of pumpkin spice.



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Ben White

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Very nice people! Dana is very helpful and thoughtful. The installers were great and thorough. Would recommend.

~ Cindy Grimsley of St. John, IN This month's \$25 Target gift card winner!