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Mark
Bouquet



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Bouquet Jr.

We promise that you'll love
your new floors, or we'll
replace them for **FREE!***

*Residential only. Within first 30 days after installation. Does not include cost of installation or other labor. Style must be of equal or lesser value.

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"Mark" My Words... *a message from Dawn Giganti*

I can't believe it's November already!

I don't know about you, but it's been a month of trying to keep my head above water for me. Between preparing to move and holidays approaching, it's been one of those months where I feel like I'm barely keeping my head above water. Dinner this month has been frozen pizza, takeout, cold cereal, bagels with cream cheese and peanut butter sandwiches. I haven't done any REAL grocery shopping. There's about a week or so of unopened mail piled on the kitchen island and my laundry stack is getting larger.

As I sit to write this month's letter, I can't help but laugh at the irony of trying to share advice at a moment where I feel like I'm barely holding it together. Most of us can relate, especially if you are feeling overwhelmed right now, too. So, what do you do when you're feeling so overwhelmed you don't even know where to begin?

- **GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD** - All the must-dos, should-dos, want-to-dos, worries, guilt, and random concerns piling up in your head. They all feel SO big and unmanageable! So, get it all OUT of your head and onto a piece of paper where you can make sense of it all.
- **PRIORITIZE** - Prioritize your list. What's most important, what you really need to be focusing on, and what you can go for a while? Number everything and get clear about the important things rather than just the things that feel urgent.
- **NO GUILT!** - We can be so hard on ourselves! We think we are supposed to be superheroes - being organized and put together, taking care of business and our families with a smile on our faces. Then, when we fall short and show we're human, we feel like we have failed.

Listen... no one has it together all the time. We all have our struggles. When life gets crazy, it's natural to have moments where we feel totally overwhelmed. Give yourself the grace to know that it's okay to need a break. "Come to me, all who labor and are heaven laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28 ESV

Take a few minutes and do a brain dump this month. Get it all out of your head and take some time to refocus your priorities. Be honest with yourself about what matters most to you right now and do that without feeling guilty about what you might be missing. Because it's okay to not do it all, clear your mind so you CAN enjoy the upcoming holidays.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Dawn Giganti, Marketing & Administrative Assistant
Creative Carpet & Flooring

Month at a Glance:

11th Veteran's Day. - Veterans gave their time, and risked their lives for you and me. In some cases, they made the ultimate sacrifice. Thank you and God bless you and your families!

26th Thanksgiving Day. - Turkeys are great weathermen. They forecast the temperature on Thanksgiving day to be 350°.

26th - 29th CLOSED - We will be closed Thanksgiving weekend to celebrate the holiday with our families.

Employee birthdays this month:

13th Jake Bouquet - Chief Operations Officer
20th Cody Bouquet - Flooring Consultant

NOVEMBER 2020

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Tips for a Safe Thanksgiving

Safety in the kitchen is essential, especially on Thanksgiving Day, when there are a lot of activities and people at home. Fires while cooking is the #1 cause of home fires and injuries. Some things to remember, including:

- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.
- Remain in the kitchen while you are boiling, grilling or frying food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period, turn off the stove.
- If you are baking, simmering or roasting food, make sure to check it regularly. You should remain in the home while cooking and use a timer to make sure you do not forget you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stove top.
- For a stove top fire, smother flames by sliding a lid over the pan then turn off the burner. Just leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For oven fires, turn off the heat and do not open the oven door.
- If you are not sure about fighting a small fire, just get out! Make sure to close the door behind you when you leave to help contain the fire. Once outside, be sure to call 911.



GENEVIEVE CROWE

of Munster. IN

You are this month's

MYSTERY WINNER!

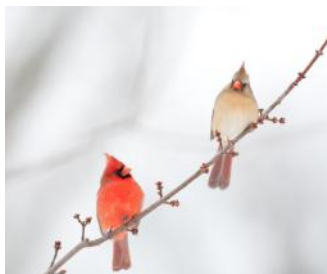
We have a \$50 Creative Carpet & Flooring gift card reserved just for you!

Stop in your nearest showroom to claim your prize!

NOTE: Must be picked up before 11/30/2020

What is the most popular official state bird?

Move over, western meadowlark — the bright red northern cardinal sings its way to number one as the most popular state bird. Officially selected by seven states, the species can be found mainly in the Eastern United States. It is the official bird of Illinois (the first one to select it in 1929), Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky and North Carolina. The northern cardinal is so popular that many major league and college teams use it as their mascot, including the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team and the Arizona Cardinals football team. But for those who want to keep a northern cardinal as a pet, you are out of luck: It is illegal to do so in all fifty states. The western meadowlark is the second most popular bird; six states have selected it.



[Answer] What is the most popular official state bird?. (2020, July 19). Retrieved from Try3Steps: <https://www.try3steps.com/2020/07/answer-what-is-most-popular-official.html>

MAC & CHEESE - CANADA HAS US BEAT!

SURE, AMERICANS LOVE EATING MACARONI AND CHEESE. BUT THE GREAT WHITE NORTH LEAVES THE U.S. IN THE DUST WHEN IT COMES TO CHEESY, GOOEY GOODNESS. RESEARCH FROM 2015 INDICATES THAT CANADIANS CONSUME ROUGHLY 55% MORE MAC AND CHEESE THAN AMERICANS, DESPITE THE U.S. BEING ROUGHLY NINE TIMES MORE POPULOUS. IN CANADA, FOLKS CALL IT "KRAFT DINNER," AND THEY ARE ABSOLUTELY CRAZY ABOUT IT. A SINGLE FACTORY IN MONTREAL PRODUCES NEARLY 90% OF THE COUNTRY'S ENTIRE SUPPLY, AND DUE TO THE GLOBAL COVID-19 PANDEMIC OF 2020, FIGURES FROM MARCH SUGGESTED DEMAND WAS UP 35%. CANADIAN NEWS OUTLETS REPORTED THAT THE FACTORY BEGAN OPERATING 24 HOURS A DAY IN ORDER TO MEET DEMAND.



Castrodale, J. (2020, March 23). A Canadian Factory Is Working 24/7 to Keep Kraft Mac & Cheese on Store Shelves. Retrieved from Food & Wine: <https://www.foodandwine.com/news/kraft-dinner-macaroni-and-cheese-canada-factory-coronavirus>

Did You Know?



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MEGA Trivia Contest?

Who wants to **WIN** a
\$50 Gift Card towards dinner at



Take our Trivia Challenge!

This month's Mega Trivia question:

Which state is NOT part
of Chicagoland?

- (A) Wisconsin
- (B) Indiana
- (C) Missouri
- (D) Illinois

To enter, visit our website at creativecarpetinc.com, click on "MEGA Trivia" under Specials and take your best guess. Your chances of winning are better than you think! Winner will be announced in the following month's newsletter. Entry deadline is the 20th each month. Good luck!!!

Last month's question:

What can cricket chirps help you determine?

Answer: (B) air temperature

Have 15 seconds to spare? Count the number of cricket chirps you hear in that time. Then add 37 and presto, you've got the approximate air temperature in Fahrenheit. This oddball natural phenomenon at least partially explains why you tend to hear a cricket's orchestra on a hot summer night. As for how crickets make their song? Male crickets rub a sharp edge of one wing against a ridged portion of their other wing — similar to plucking the teeth of a comb with your finger. (Library of Congress)

Congratulations to last month's winner:

**AUDREY
HEYOB**
of Gardner, IL

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by November 30, 2020!

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Fall
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SAVE UP TO \$1000
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October 1 - November 15

Continued from October!



#1 - Moving of furniture

#2 - Take up of existing carpet

#3 - Carpet haul away

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Valid November 1st thru November 30th, 2020
Offers cannot be combined.



Help a family in need for our Thanksgiving Food Drive!

Bring in at least 15
non-perishable items and we'll
knock off an additional
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Valid November 1 - 30, 2020

Items brought to Mokena, IL showroom will benefit:



Frankfort Township Food Pantry

The Frankfort Township Food Pantry assists families in need in Frankfort, mokena, parts of Tinley Park and Orland Park.
frankforttownship.com/p/food_pantry

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From our family to yours,
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Keith & Barb Kandel
Lydia Hudec
Phyllis Pallay
Rosemary Collins
Yolanda Gronek

THANK YOU FOR THE KIND WORDS!

I am a repeat customer. I have purchased carpeting and just had vinyl flooring installed and as always it looks great and am incredibly happy with how it looks. They ripped up old and hauled it away, moved furniture and put it back. Awesome company and customer service.

Joyce Solava of Frankfort, IL

This is the first time I have ever purchased carpeting for a wall to wall installation. Purchasing from Creative Carpet made it so easy that I am recommending them to all my friends. Good prices, service and professional installers.

Carol Robinson of Country Club Hills, IL

