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# ATTENTION! LENA FAKHOURI

You are this month's

#### **Mystery Winner!**

We have a \$10.00 gift certificate to Starbucks reserved just for you! Come by our store to claim your prize! Creative Carpet & Flooring 19420 S. LaGrange Road Mokena, IL 60448

**NOTE**: Must be picked up by 08/31/2016

# August Creative Carpet & Flooring 12016 HOME ADVISOR

Hi Friends,

It seems as if summer just started, and we are already past all of July! I hope yours was nice. I also want to acknowledge a couple of really great things about the team we have here. I hope I don't forget anything, but we have two wonderful women named Dawn here. So we call them D-1 and D-2, in the order of when they joined the team. D-1 is always doing something, too, like a last-minute drive to help her uncle in the hospital, who is 90 and lives in Indiana. She is a great person. D-2 is taking her kids on a mission trip to Nebraska for 7 days. I see the way our friends here do what they can to do the right thing, and I believe it is because they are all grounded in great principles. Really, who doesn't want to be taken care of like they were dealing with a trusted family member? I sure don't know everything, but I have learned the secret to a happy marriage. You know who told me? My wife, Tammy. To all my customers who are wondering what this great secret is, it's this simple saying: "you're right, I'm wrong and my opinion doesn't matter." [Wink Wink] I'm still working on a "perfect marriage", but I know if you have the same values and respect each other, "all things are possible with God."

I want to mention a real "family man" that is on the team, too, and congratulate him on his birthday. Happy Birthday Brian!!!! Brian Berson holds it together under extreme pressure, which to me is a great quality I wish I still had. August 8th is his special day, and we are glad to have him and everyone else!!!

Thank You All and May the Lord Bless and Keep You!

Mark Bouquet Sr.

P.S. Since August is Family Fun Month, I'd love to share this old billboard with 3 of my 5 sons having fun - Kyle, Jake and Cody. I'm glad I enjoy the little things in life because they always turn out to be the big things.



#### Month at a Glance:

**3<sup>rd</sup> National Watermelon Day** – can you say, seed spitting contest?

 $5^{th}$  Summer Olympics begin in Rio – August  $5^{th}$  through August  $21^{st}$ .

**7<sup>th</sup> Sisters Day** – Make it a special day for you, and for her.

**8<sup>th</sup> Brian Berson's Birthday** — Not all employees get perks at work. Ours comes in the form of working with a fun colleague like you. Happy Birthday, Brian!

10<sup>th</sup> Lazy Day – Lazy is such an ugly word... we prefer the term "selective participation".

**12<sup>th</sup> Middle Child's Day** – a little well deserved recognition to the wonderful and special middle child in the family.

13<sup>th</sup> Left Hander's Day – Remember today and every day: Lefties have rights!

2016 AUGUST						
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August is Family Fun Month and with 31 days until September, there is still plenty of summer fun to be had. Take these 31 days to create lifelong memories. No matter where you live or what your budget is – there is something for everyone.

### DID YOU KNOW...

All of the entries are now locked in for our UGLY FLOOR CONTEST and the GRAND PRIZE WINNER GETS NEW FLOORING... but, we need YOUR help!!! Please go on and VOTE through Sunday, August 7th buy visiting our website at www.creativecarpetinc.com and click on the UGLY FLOOR CONTEST banner. Click on the "gallery" tab and then determine your favorite ugly floor entry. Vote by clicking on the heart in the top right corner of the picture. You can vote once a day if you'd like! We're sure the contestants would \textstyre\

The top ten vote-getters will advance to the finals where the Creative Carpet & Flooring staff will determine the "Ugliest Floor" from the ten finalists. Your input is vital in our decision making! Judging will occur 08/08/2016 through 08/15/2016. The winner will be notified no later than one week from the judging date.

**GOOD LUCK TO OUR CONTESTANTS!** 

## Mega Trivia Contest!

Congratulations to last month's winner:



# Stop in at Creative Carpet & Flooring to claim your prize by August 31, 2016!

[Answer to last month's quiz: (D) Ruby - The height of summer is the month of the red-hot ruby, symbol of zeal and passion. It gives people born in July undying vigor and brings them fortune and love. It is a powerful protector for those surrounded by unfriendly forces.. for those who believe in that sort of thing.]

## Who else wants to WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD towards dinner at TGI Fridays or Olive Garden?

This month's Mega Trivia question:

August 9th, 1930,

is the birthdate of what cartoon character?

(A) Mickey Mouse (B) Minnie Mouse

(C) Betty Boop (D) Bullwinkle (the moose)

(E) Yertle the Turtle

To enter, go to www.creativecarpetinc.com and click on "'Monthly News' - Home Advisor Monthly Newsletter." Take your best guess... your chances of winning are better than you think! Winner will be announced in the following month's newsletter.

## Tips to Avoid a Fire

The concern of all homeowners is how to protect our property and keep everyone safe, and that begins with each of us being educated and prepared.

There are definite ways to prevent accidental house fires. Consider these common causes of house fires.

Keep an eye on the flame There is beauty and tranquility to candles, but approximately four percent of residential fires are



the result of lit candles. If you enjoy candles, keep them in sturdy holders out of reach of children and pets; keep the flame away from anything that could catch fire; and extinguish the flame before leaving the room.

**Stay in the kitchen** A top cause of fires in the kitchen is becoming distracted or leaving what's cooking unattended. It takes seconds for an overheated pan or grease spatters to cause a fire, or leaving combustibles too near the heat, like oven mitts, dish towels, and other flammable items. When the heat is on in the kitchen, stay until the cooking gets done.

Clean the grill Home barbecues are another source of home fires either from a buildup of grease and food particles or being used too close to the house. Be sure to keep the barbecue away from the house, deck rails, tablecloths, trees and branches. Regularly clean removable parts inside and out with warm soapy water. Also, put soapy water in a spray bottle, then spray connection points to check for gas leaks. A leak will bubble when the gas is on.

**Get the lint out** Thousands of fires each year start with the clothes dryer due to lint and other debris clogging the dryer vent. The first signs that this buildup is happening is clothes aren't drying thoroughly and drying time is taking longer or clothes seem unusually hot after the drying cycle. With the reduction of air flow, the dryer is unable to exhaust heat and moisture correctly. That means the dryer works harder and more intense heat builds up. This could lead to a dryer vent fire. It's recommended that you get dryer vent cleaning done annually.

### Additional August Trivia ...

On the Gregorian calendar, the 8th month of August was named for the first Roman emperor, Augustus Caesar, in 8 BC. When life went by the Roman calendar, this was Sextilus, which is Latin for 'sixth month'.

#### WELCOME BACK TO OUR RETURNING CLIENTS..

Nick Ahrens
Jeff & Lisa Andrews
Michael Bank
Fred & Dawn Brown
Bob & Kris Caridi
Mario & Mary Demunster
Peggy Donnellan
Cheri & Brian Dwyer
Derryl Epps

Andy Finnigan
Todd & Catherine Gryczka
Karin Jurgenson
Deborah Leestma
Linda & Scott Malmborg
Janet Martin
Thomas Maslow
James & Gina Middleton
Mary & Daniel Moutvic

Walter & Sue Murphy
Dan & Elizabeth Peterson
Colleen & Jeff Plude
Susan & Keith Regnier
John & Pat Sasveld
Debbie & Steve White
Kathie & Joe Wolf
Ann Zaremba

#### Thank You For The Kind Words!

"Dear Creative Carpet & Flooring Family, I was referred to you by my sister who had purchased her carpeting from you years ago. As I entered your showroom I was greeted by Dianne. She asked what kind of flooring I was shopping for. When I told her, she let me browse around on my own (no sales pressuring.) I liked that immediately. Then she gathered up samples for me that she thought I might like after I told her the colors in the rooms I was doing. She explained to me all the pro's about the different ones I selected. Then she let me take samples home to see how they worked out. The installation team was very accommodating when I had to cancel the original install date and re-The carpet installers were great. I schedule. absolutely love my carpeting and will highly recommend you to all my relatives and friends." -Susan Mahns of Orland Park, IL

## Why do Animals Yawn?

Do you know we yawn as infants, children, grownups and even as fetuses?

Are you tired or bored when you yawn? That's what experts believe are the reasons humans yawn and that yawning stimulates the body.

Yawning animals are a slightly different story. Animal kingdom yawns are a form of communication among some species that ranges from a threat to an emotional connection. In some instances, the sole purpose of a yawn is to cool the animal down.



Despite the human and animal difference, yawns remain contagious for all. In fact, man's best friend may yawn after seeing their master do the same, and there is no explanation about why yawns can pass on from one to the next.



## Overcoming the Urge to Stop

Do you have a list of tasks started and abandoned? Who caused you to leave them incomplete, Sir Procrastination, Lady Distraction or Uncle I'm Bored? There are ways to regain focus and achieve completion.

**Stay on Task** Write out a list of to-dos with a checkbox beside each item. Though you may want to list by project, go deeper. Break projects down into simplified steps (tasks) required for completion. Then add a checkmark as each item is complete. The more checkmarks you see, the greater the desire to see all boxes checked off.

Eat the Big Frog First Did you stop because what needs to be done is something you can't stand doing? In a book by Brian Tracy entitled Eat That Frog, he recommends completing the worst task first. Once that task is out of the way the rest is a breeze!



Be Prepared Sometimes tasks

fall outside our comfort zone of skill and understanding. Overcoming obstacles and challenges with knowledge is one of the best ways to expand that comfort zone. Never give up! There are so many ways to gain the know-how you find missing. If you have access to the Internet, Google could become your best friend or find books and magazines to provide what you need. Of course, when things are way beyond your level of expertise, call an expert.

**Plan a Celebration** Motivate yourself with an anticipated reward. Reward your successes. For example, what will you reward yourself with when you finish cleaning out the garage? Remember, do not allow yourself to have that reward until the work gets done.

**Keep Your Eye on the Goal** Stay focused and envision the completed task. Push past any reason you can think of to stop. After all, there is a solution to every problem. Instead, maintain consistency and you will see the results you are after.

### MEET OUR NEW FRIENDS & CLIENTS...

Stan Harris

Wendy Boneau Lila Carr Teffini Chuiso Patricia Clair Karen Cole Lou & Mariann Curalli Karl Damm Nick Dinoffria Janice Ehrlich Barb Farnsworth Peggy & Michael Fashingbauer Patty Filewicz Anna Fusco Anne & Iim Gainer Sarah Glasgow Karen & Greg Haley

Bruce & Sue Hall

Cathy Hambric

Bill & Nancy Herrera Thomas & Marilyn Kasper Ethan Kisiel Paul Kjelstrom Kathy Kurzeniec Fred Lauzon Margaret Lee Mike Lukis Peggy Luther Linda Mcinerney Bryan McLaughlin Mike & Vikki Medlik Paula & Pete Melville John & Karen Nair Anita Newhouse Kenneth & Carol Oldendorf **Tracy Pahios** 

Paula Paymaster Carrie & Greg Peters **Debbie Piggott** Heather Renken Debbie Rocco Mike & Meghan Rosendale Sara Schranz Katie Schumacher Rain Sobczak Mike Tadla Jamie Viebach Brian Vierk Ray & Sandy Voss **Betty Weaver** Delia & Diane Weiss Marge Wilson JoAnne Wojcik Tiffany Zaba

## **Historical Days in August**

August 28th - Pony Express Day The Pony Express mail service started operation as Leavenworth and Pike's Peak Express Company in 1859 so that messages, newspapers, mail and small packages arrived by horseback through a series of relay stations in the West from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California.

**August 30th - Slinky Day** The toy Slinky was invented in the early 1940s by Navy engineer and inventor, Richard James. With the aid of gravity and its own momentum, this toy travels end-over-end and has segued into a variety of toys with slinky components around the world.



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FARRAHI
BOBBIE FIEDLER
DONNA & FELIX
GICZEWSKI
CINDY &

CHRISTOPHER

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SUSAN YAEGER













VOTE!

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Be sure to stop by to pick out and schedule your new floor installation, and, from our family to yours, have a great month!

#### Get A Night Out At One Of Your Favorite Restaurants Through Creative Carpet's Referral Rewards Program

As you probably know, advertising is very expensive. Instead of paying the newspaper or other place to advertise, we'd rather reward you. So I've assembled my *Referral Rewards Program*. Every time you refer someone who becomes a client and purchases, we will send you a \$25 gift card to one of the following: Olive Garden, Longhorn Steakhouse, Bahama Breeze Island Grill, Seasons 32 Fresh Grill, Yard House, Red Lobster or TGI Friday's.

## A gigantic THANK YOU to all who referred us last month...

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