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

With everything going on in the world, I've been bouncing between sadness and anxiety. I've lost count of the number of times I've gotten frustrated or flat out angry. However, I've had moments of gratitude for a few small blessings as well. Life is seldom all good or all bad. Some days everything seems to fall into place, other days not so much. I certainly have my fair share of both... we all do.

Even in the middle of a crisis, it is essential to remind ourselves of what is going right, even when everything else seems wrong. There isn't much we can do about it except play the hand we've been dealt. On one hand, good days won't last forever. On the other hand, the rough days and dark seasons won't either. Therefore, this, too, shall pass.

"And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen and establish you." 1 Peter 5:10 ESV

If you are in a good place, embrace it, and take advantage of it as long as you can. If you are in a not so good place, allow yourself the moment you are in without judgment. Give yourself grace and know that this, too, shall pass... eventually. Even by writing this in June, this will probably have all changed by July! I sure do hope so!

Have a wonderful month of July!

Dawn Giganti, Marketing & Administrative Assistant
Creative Carpet & Flooring

*Happy
4th of July!*

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Month at a Glance:

4th Independence Day - We will be closed.

Have a safe 4th of July weekend!

5th Work-a-holics Day - on a SUNDAY?

15th Be a Dork Day - This is Mark Jr.

EVERYDAY!

24th Cousins Day - call up a cousin just to say, "What's buzzin cuzzin?"

Employee birthdays this month:

9th - Dawn Giganti, Marketing & Admin. Asst.

14th - Michelle Cress, Flooring Consultant

A Brief History of the Chicago-Style Hot Dog

Chicagoans take their hometown food seriously. The many colors and textures of a Chicago-style hot dog sizzle in the summer, but ball-game-goers, North Side-dwellers, and out-of-town travelers enjoy it all year-round. Delve into the history of this food favorite here.

It may seem odd for a city to feel so strongly about something as simple as a hot dog but know that this is no ordinary wiener. The traditional 'Chicago-Style Hot Dog' is constructed as follows:



- Poppy-seed bun
- All-beef frank
- Yellow mustard
- Chopped white onion
- Tomato
- Sweet pickle relish
- Dill pickle spear
- Sport peppers
- Celery salt

It's certainly a mouthful, both to order and scarf down. Take early note of the absence of ketchup and keep that in mind if you're coming into Chicago new and unaware. It isn't a condiment that the city takes lightly, and most legitimate hot dog joints don't even keep it in stock. But they definitely will give you a sharp wisecrack if you have the guts to ask for it. Within Chicago city limits, ketchup doesn't belong on a hot dog, plain and simple.

But both the recipe of the dog and its following have come a long way since its beginning. Chicago may be known as a hardworking 'City of Big Shoulders,' but the Great Depression hit it just as hard as the rest of the county. And in 1929, local greengrocer Jake Drexler needed to keep his son busy and provide an extra income during tough times. Abe 'Fluky' Drexler transformed his father's vegetable cart into a hot dog stand and began concocting what became known as the 'Depression Sandwich.' Hot dogs were more economical than red meat at the time, and Drexler topped them off with all the vegetables he could find and sold each for a nickel. The hot dog made by 'dragging it through the garden' was born, and the rest is history.

Fluky's quickly became the biggest and best hot dog stand in Chicago, and once operated four bustling locations. With rises and falls in the economy over the 20th century, the stands changed hands, closed down, and reopened several times. Today, the only remaining place you can walk up and get a Fluky's hot dog is from a stand located inside a Wal-Mart store in Niles, IL. The franchise is headquartered nearby, and the website offers online orders of the classic hot dogs as well as other food options and Fluky's merchandise.

But though Fluky's hot dogs have a long and respected history in Chicago, the toppings have changed slightly over time. Drexler initially served his dogs with cucumber slices, which do still have their place on a hot dog, but they were eventually replaced by dill pickles in the official recipe. And while the traditional dog is steamed, grilling a 'char-dog' over charcoal has found its own niche among hot-dog lovers. Many local stands and restaurants even take liberty with the recipe and offer a stripped-down version of the classic. Simply mustard, onion, relish and sport peppers lead the pack among these variations, and cheese sauce is a popular addition with several vendors.

So, eat your way around the city by checking out these highly rated spots for the satisfying snap of a Chicago-style. Everyone has their favorite, but there's almost always a new place to try. Here's a few to get you started...

**Gene & Jude's | Superawg | Wolfy's | Portillo's | Redhot Ranch | Fatso's Last Stand
Hot "G" Dog | Morrie O'Malley's | Chicago's Dog House | Jim's Original | Devil Dawgs
Jimmy's Red Hots | The Wieners Circle | Byron's | Clark Street Dog | Downtown Dogs**

Newhart, E. (2016, November 30). *A Brief History Of The Chicago-Style Hot Dog*. Retrieved from Culture Trip:
<https://theculturetrip.com/north-america/usa/illinois/articles/a-brief-history-of-the-chicago-style-hot-dog-2/>

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Castine	Gary	John & Rosemary	Manny & Jessica	Crehan	Radford	Tony & Jenny
	Wandackowicz	Sedia	Buck	Mike Faber	Rocco Marciano	Arrivo

MEGA Trivia Contest

Who wants to WIN a
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TGI Friday's, Olive Garden or
Beggars Pizza?**

Take our Trivia Challenge!

This month's Mega Trivia question:

Which entire U.S. city was
raised up by 14 feet?

- (A) Chicago
- (B) Boston
- (C) New York City
- (D) San Francisco

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 color are Dorothy's slippers in the original "Wizard of Oz" book?

Answer: (B) Silver

It's difficult to imagine the ruby slippers as any other color but ruby red, unless perhaps you've read L. Frank Baum's 1900 book. In Baum's "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," the magical slippers which Dorothy finds on the feet of the Wicked Witch of the East and later uses to transport herself home are silver. Screenwriter Noel Langley switched the color to red for the 1939 MGM film starring Judy Garland, reportedly because he believed the bright hue would look better in Technicolor. Several pairs of the sequined ruby slippers from the movie still exist, including one set at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. ~Reader's Digest - May 12, 2020

Congratulations to last
month's winner:

**PAM
HELFEN**
of Munster, IN

Stop by Creative Carpet & Flooring to claim your
prize by July 31, 2020!

Can you fry an egg on the sidewalk?

According to the Library of Congress, it's possible, but not probable, that you could fry an egg on a sidewalk during a hot day. Eggs need to reach a temperature of 158°F to cook through. A concrete sidewalk isn't the best conductor of heat. Neither is blacktop pavement, but it will get warmer than the sidewalk.



Southern Living. (2017, September 6). *Can You Fry An Egg On The Sidewalk?* Retrieved from Southern Living: <https://www.southernliving.com/dairy/eggs/fry-egg-on-sidewalk>



International Day of Friendship, July 30

The world is filled with too much hatred, too much fighting and too much mistrust of others. The International Day of Friendship is certainly an opportunity to stop, and to reverse, these worldwide problems. According to the United Nations, the official sponsor of this special day, the International Day of Friendship is day set aside to promote friendship among peoples, cultures and countries. Today is a time to encourage efforts towards peace, and to build bridges among different people. It is a day of respect for others, and a day to celebrate diversity.

On an individual level, use this day to promote friendship in big and small ways. You can begin by "extending an olive branch" to a sibling or a family member, a neighbor, or an old friend who we've had a falling out with. If we all try just a little the world will be a friendlier, more peaceful place.

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How about 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. Every time you refer someone who becomes a client and purchases, we will send you \$25 gift card to one of the following: Olive Garden, TGI Friday's or Beggars Pizza.

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

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THANK YOU FOR THE KIND WORDS!

"Autumn was very helpful in assisting me with selecting new tile for a shower. I was able to rely on her expertise on what the best options were and what would look best for my project. I'm very glad I used them since I was becoming overwhelmed when trying to make selections on my own at the big box home improvement stores. I also would have not received the level of service as I did with Autumn who was in contact from tile selection through installation."

- Joe Haley of Munster, IN -