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

Do you remember the moment when Harrison Ford returned as Han Solo in Star Wars Episode VII? When he stepped onto the Millennium Falcon and said, "Chewie... we're home." It's that instant warm feeling of returning to a place that's familiar, safe, and uniquely ours.

Home is what is on my heart this month. Home is more than just a physical space. It's a place where we find solace, a sanctuary away from the hustle of the world. It's where we recharge, connect with loved ones, and prepare for what lies ahead. When we say 'We're home,' it's not just a statement; it's a feeling of comfort and belonging that resonates with each of us, just as it did with Han Solo and Chewie on the Falcon.

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.' Psalm 91:1-2

This scripture beautifully captures the essence of home as a refuge and a place of security: Just as we seek physical shelter, we find peace and security in the knowledge that God, our ultimate protector, not only provides us with ultimate security but also wraps us in His loving embrace.

If you don't feel at home, think about your living situation and the reasons why. Consider what would make a place feel like home to you, and talk to loved ones about how they can support you. You can also make small changes to your space, explore your spirituality, or seek help from a therapist if needed. Everyone's experience of home is unique, and it's okay to have different feelings about it. Your journey to finding a sense of home is personal and valid.

As we celebrate the 4th of July, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. May your home be filled with joy, laughter, and the comforting presence of those who matter most. Remember, the feeling of home is unique to each of us, and it's okay to take the time to create a space that truly resonates with your heart. Thank you for letting me share this journey with you, and may you find peace and happiness in every corner of your sanctuary. God bless you and your family.



Dawn Giganti, Marketing & Administration
Creative Carpet & Flooring

Month at a Glance:

4th Independence Day – We'll be closed to celebrate the 4th of July with our loved ones—wishing you a safe and joyful Independence Day!

15th Be a Dork Day – Proudly sport your pocket protectors, quote sci-fi classics, and revel in your quirky passions without fear of judgment—embrace your inner dork!

16th Major League Baseball All-Star Game – Get ready for the 94th All-Star Game at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas. Torey Lovullo and Bruce Bochy will manage the National and American League teams, and the game will be broadcast live on Fox.

26th Start of Summer Olympics – Let the games begin! The long, four-year wait and countless hard hours of training come down to this. Great athletes from around the world come together once every four years to participate in the Summer Olympics.

Employee birthdays this month:

Summer is sizzling with our amazing July birthdays! Trish Rosco, Client Services, celebrates on the 5th. Debi Newton, Accounting Admin. Asst. brings the birthday vibes on the 7th. Dawn Giganti, Marketing & Admin. whiz, keeps the party rolling on the 9th. Michelle Chapman, Flooring Consultant extraordinaire, lights up the 14th. Gina Bonk, Design Consultant, wraps up our July festivities on the 19th. Happy Birthday to all our July stars!



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Welcome Back Valued Friends!

Amy Linzer	Diane & Frank	Jonnelle Sweetner	Mike Schieb
Anthony Andello	Aguilera	Kelly & Greg Schafer	Mike Wilmsen
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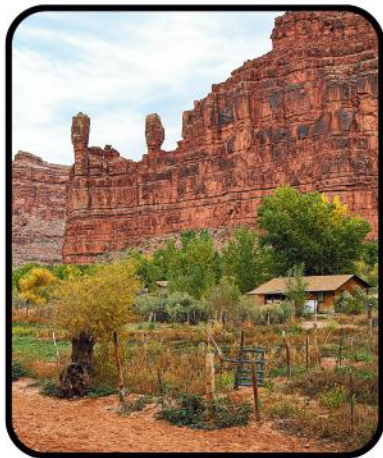
Gearing Up for a Family Road Trip

Buckle your seatbelts because surviving a family road trip without going bonkers requires a strategic blend of preparation, patience, and a healthy dose of humor. You need a minivan (or bus) packed to the brim with enough snacks to feed a horde of hungry hippos and a playlist that seamlessly transitions from "Baby Shark" to heavy metal to Broadway show tunes. Even if it means listening to Baby Shark on repeat for the umpteenth time, it's a small sacrifice for harmony in the car.

Back to the most important thing... the snacks! You'll need enough snacks to feed a small country for a week. Hangry family members are like gremlins - never, ever let them get hungry! And when you've got everyone's favorite snacks on hand, you just might avoid the inevitable meltdown at the next rest stop.

Entertainment doesn't have to be limited to the usual games. You can unleash your inner game show host and quiz your family on the most random facts. If that doesn't interest them, you can have impromptu dance parties at rest stops. There's nothing like an unforgettable Macarena performance at a gas station to bring your family closer together. Who knows, if someone records it on their phone, your family might become social media influencers.

Remember, laughter is the secret ingredient that makes the journey not just bearable but enjoyable. So, pack your sense of humor right alongside the marshmallows and sunscreen. With these survival tips, you'll not only make it through the road trip with your sanity intact but also create memories that will have the whole family laughing for years to come. Happy trails!



Dive into the Grand Canyon's Hidden Gem!

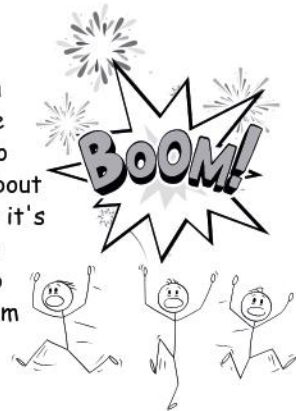
Supai, Arizona, is a hidden gem nestled 3,000 feet below the Grand Canyon's rim. Accessible only by helicopter, a rugged hike, or a mule ride, this secluded village offers a truly unique adventure. Home to around 200 residents, Supai is the most remote town in the contiguous United States, a fact proudly highlighted by Smithsonian Magazine.

What makes Supai truly special? The Havasupai people who live here receive their mail by mule—a charming nod to a simpler time. But it's not just the mail that makes this place stand out. Visitors are drawn to Supai for its breathtaking scenery, including the stunning Havasu Falls, where turquoise waters cascade into crystal-clear pools, creating a paradisiacal oasis in the desert.

Travelers seeking an off-the-beaten-path experience will find Supai a mesmerizing escape from modern life. Whether you're navigating the challenging trails, marveling at the cascading waterfalls, or simply soaking in the tranquility of this remote village, Supai offers an unforgettable adventure. So pack your bags, lace up your hiking boots, and get ready to discover one of the Grand Canyon's best-kept secrets.

Pyrotechnic Pandemonium

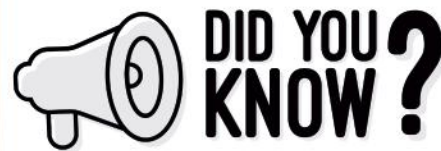
Ah, fireworks, the dazzling spectacle that turns adults into kids and kids into ecstatic sugar-high maniacs. Let's set the scene... you're at a fireworks display, oohing and aahing at the colorful bursts in the sky, when suddenly, Uncle Bob, who thinks he's a pro pyrotechnician, decides to launch his own "special" fireworks. Cue the chaos! There goes Uncle Bob's signature "Whiz-Bang-Flaming-Duck" rocket, veering dangerously close to the picnic table, causing Aunt Martha to dive into the potato salad like it's a bunker. And let's not forget about Cousin Eddie, who insists on lighting sparklers indoors, transforming the living room into a disco inferno. But it's not all mayhem and singed eyebrows. Fireworks have a magical way of bringing people together, whether it's bonding over shared terror during the grand finale or collectively agreeing that nobody should let Uncle Bob near the lighter ever again. So, next time you're at a fireworks show, remember to keep a safe distance from Uncle Bob's creations and enjoy the spectacle with a side of family drama. After all, what's a little pyrotechnic pandemonium among relatives? Have a happy and SAFE 4th of July!



Roll Out the Welcome Mat for Our Newest Friends!



Alex Cherry	Carla Lorenzetti	Eileen & Mike Hurley	Marie & Chris Kohne	Rayna Coleman
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Andrew Kovarik	Daniela Wilson	Jan Rizzuto	Mary Hillman	Robin Muller
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Which iconic Chicago event, held every summer on Lake Michigan, features aerobatic performances by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels?

- (A) Chicago Air and Water Show
- (B) Taste of Chicago
- (C) Chicago SummerDance
- (D) Navy Pier Summer Fireworks

Join the fun at creativecarpetinc.com! Hit the 'MEGA Trivia' tab under 'Specials,' and take your guess on our monthly question between the 1st and the 15th. The drawing will occur on the 16th from all who answered correctly. The winner will be announced in next month's newsletter. Don't forget, entries close on the 15th. Best of luck!

Last month's question:

On which lake is Indiana Beach situated?

Answer: (C) Lake Shafer

Lake Shafer, a man-made lake in Monticello, Indiana, was created in the 1920s by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company for hydroelectric power. Completed in 1925, it quickly became a popular recreational spot. Visitors enjoy boating, fishing, and swimming. Indiana Beach amusement park, established in 1926 on its shores, adds to the lake's attractions. Today, Lake Shafer remains a beloved destination for locals and tourists, offering a peaceful retreat with diverse recreational activities.

Congratulations to last month's winner:

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Water Balloon Battle Guide

The iconic water balloon fight – a summertime staple that can turn even the most mild-mannered adults into fierce competitors. If you're gearing up for the ultimate backyard battle, you'll need more than just a handful of soggy balloons and a dream. Get ready for the ultimate water balloon fight with these tactical tips:

- **Ammo Management:** Just like in a video game, conserve your balloons and strike when the time is right.
- **Stealth and Subterfuge:** Use the element of surprise to catch your opponents off guard. Hide and use diversionary tactics to your advantage.
- **Strategic Targeting:** Aim for the feet to maximize your effectiveness and leave your opponents vulnerable to follow-up attacks.
- **Teamwork:** Team up with a partner to cover each other's blind spots and coordinate attacks.
- **Embrace the Chaos:** Have fun and embrace the chaotic nature of water balloon fights.

Now, go forth and let the backyard battles commence!



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**~ Bob & Sharon Sokup of Homer Glen, IL
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