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

Happy June,

How have you been? I don't know about you, but now my four main food groups consist of chips, cookies, and beer or wine. I'm avoiding the scale just as much as I'm trying to avoid the coronavirus. I can still button my pants, but I'm not sure for how much longer. I wish I could say that I'm at least walking every day to make up for my poor food choices. I just can't find the motivation! Even though I'm telling myself that I'll eat better and exercise, it doesn't seem to happen.

Lately, I can't sleep when it's time for bed, even if I'm exhausted. I lay there grateful I got through another day. However, the longer I lay awake, it starts morphing into feeling guilty about letting myself go, missing my friends and family, worrying about the new "norm," getting back on track financially and how uncertain the future is.

This has been a hard couple of months. It's easy to get down when we can't seem to hold it all together. However, we need to give ourselves a whole lot of grace. I happened to stumble upon this bible verse this past week and found it very comforting. The last phrase of Colossians 1:17 says, "And He is before all things, and in Him, all things hold together." When Paul uses the phrase, "In Him, all things hold together," he is speaking of our Lord's power to sustain and prevent breakdown. Even in moments of breakdown, God creates a breakthrough!

I know it's challenging to relax but keep reminding yourself that we'll get thru this global crisis. Give a little more grace and ease up expectations. That breakthrough is just around the corner!

Have a beautiful and blessed June!

Dawn Giganti, Marketing & Administrative Assistant
Creative Carpet & Flooring

June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	Notes				

Month at a Glance:

6th D-Day, WWII - Take a moment of silence today and thank the many soldiers who fought and died for our country.

14th Flag Day - Raise the flag today and every day with pride!

20th First Day of Summer - Grab an ice tea and enjoy the season, because the amount of daylight only goes down from here!

21st Father's Day - Whether biological, adopted or informally, today is a day to enjoy time with Dad and appreciate all he's done for you.

June Birthdays - A happy birthday to the following staff members:

27th - Autumn Sibo, Highland Flooring Consultant

Miles of scenic paths where you can exercise and enjoy nature -

WILL COUNTY ILLINOIS TRAILS

Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve
Length: trails totaling 5.42 miles
Trail Access: 27064 S. Dutton Rd.
in Beecher

Surface: mix of natural, crushed
limestone & paved

Hickory Creek Bikeway

Length: 5.93 miles
Trail Access: Hickory Creek
Barrens in New Lenox - Hickory
Creek Junction & LaPorte Rd.
Access in Mokena
Surface: paved

Lake Renwick Bikeway

Length: 3.35 miles
Trail Access: Lockport St., east of
Division St., in Plainfield
Surface: paved

Messenger Woods Nature Preserve
Length: 1.98 miles
Trail Access: Bruce Rd., east of
Cedar Rd., in Homer Glen
Surface: natural

Old Plank Road Trail

Length: 22 miles
Trail Access: Washington St. &
Park Rd. in Joliet - Schoolhouse
Rd. in New Lenox - Route 30 in
Mokena
Surface: paved

Prairie Bluff Preserve

Length: 3.21 miles
Trail Access: Renwick Rd., east of
Weber Rd., in Crest Hill
Surface: paved

Rock Run Greenway Trail

Length: 9.93 miles
Trail Access: Hollywood Rd., south
of Interstate 80, in Joliet
Surface: paved

Spring Creek Greenway Trail

Length: 5.01 miles
Trail Access: Gougar Rd., north of
Route 6, in Joliet
Surface: crushed limestone

Wauponsee Glacial Trail

Length: 22.9 miles
Trail Access: Hoff Rd. in Elwood
Surface: paved & crushed
limestone

DuPage River Trail

Length: 2.55 miles
Trail Access: Royce Rd., west of
Route 53, in Naperville
Surface: paved



LAKE COUNTY INDIANA TRAILS

Buckley Homestead

Length: Two trails totaling 2.5
miles
Trail Access: 3606 Belshaw Rd.,
Lowell
Surface: natural

The Chesapeake & Ohio Greenway
(aka the C&O Trail)

Length: 1.9 miles
Trail Access: Broadway & Taft St.,
Merrillville
Surface: asphalt

Deep River County Park

Length: Six trails totaling 5 miles
Trail Access: 9410 Old Lincoln
Highway, Hobart
Surface: natural

Erie Lackawanna Trail

Length: 16 miles
Trail Access: North point is Sibley
St. & Hohman Ave., Hammond.
South point is West 93rd Ave,
Crown Point
Surface: asphalt

Green Link Trail

Length: 0.75 miles
Trail Access: West Second Ave &
Roosevelt St., Gary
Surface: asphalt

Hobart Prairie Grove Trail

Length: 2.2 miles
Trail Access: 5227 S. Liverpool
Rd., Hobart
Surface: dirt

Homestead Village & Homestead
Acres

Length: 2 miles total
Trail Access: 10250 Olcott Ave. or
9921 Olcott Ave., St. John
Surface: paved

Hoosier Prairie Nature Preserve

Length: 0.8 miles
Trail Access: East on Main St.,
Schererville
Surface: natural

Lake Etta

Length: Two trails totaling 2 miles
Trail Access: 6201 Parrish Ave.,
Hammond
Surface: natural

Lake George Trail (Wolf Lake)

Length: 3.1 miles
Trail Access: North end of Forsythe
Park, Hammond; 119th St.,
Whiting
Surface: asphalt

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MEET OUR NEW & RETURNING FRIENDS & CLIENTS...

Anga Heraty
Anthony Dahlberg
Barbara Amelio
Bill Goldsmith
Bob & Debbie
Oster
Cindy Hepp
Clifton Graves
Crystal Taylor
Dawn & Rick
Tustin
Debbie Carr
Deborah Nowlan
Eileen Nocera
George & Sue
Tragos
Greg Oboy
Helen Pulice

Holly Ervin
Isidor Torres
Jackie Hoffman
James & Karen
Castelnuovo
Jamil & Hiba
Kanan
Jennifer & Bill
Cullen
Jim Wilkins
John & Stacey
Paprocki
Joseph Cariola
Julie Wagner
Justin & Melanie
Boehl
Kaleb Yanko
Karen Edgar

Kathy & Tony
Janik
Kathy Tobin
Ken Czulno
Kurt & Debbie
Hermanson
Kyle & Kelly
Devries
Larry & Heidi
Guttman
Laura Schulte
Lena & Sean
Gentile
Linda Olson
Mark & Susan
Pagane
Mike Madura
Mike Myung

Milton Bonich
Nora Reece
Pam & Jim
Huizinga
Phil Christensen
Roberto Mendoza
Sharon Williams
Sherri Kalicky
Stefanie
Schodrof
Stephen Chlebek
Susan & Joe
Belsanti
Terri & Tim
Silakowski
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Lanigan

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Why are insects attracted to light?

Porch lights. Campfires. Streetlights. It seems like the minute night-lights come on, swarms of insects swoop in. Despite the threat of overheating next to the bulb or, worse yet, being sizzled in a bug-zapper, moths and their ilk just can't seem to help themselves. What could account for such odd, sometimes self-destructive behavior? Here are the reasons insects are attracted to light.

Transverse orientation

Imagine a ship — before GPS — sailing across the ocean. There are no buildings, monuments, landmarks, or street signs to help the sailors navigate the endlessly smooth sea. The only thing that they can rely on to maintain the proper course is the North Star.

Moths and other nocturnal flying insects use a similar approach to navigate their surroundings. Instead of the North Star, they use the moon. The moon is a bright, easy-to-see light that stays in the same position no matter where you are. Insects use the position of the unchanging light to help them fly upright and maintain a straight course. This is called a transverse orientation.

The invention of the lightbulb

For millions of years of moth evolution, the moon was the only source of light in the night sky, which made it a pretty reliable navigational instrument. In 1879, Thomas Edison changed all that with a creation called the lightbulb.

While it might have been an extraordinary moment for humans, it was a dark day (pun intended) for moths and nocturnal insects everywhere. Now, instead of just one moon, there were hundreds. If a moth uses a streetlamp for navigation and tries to keep a straight line based on its angle, it will end up flying in circles toward it, which is precisely what happens. It's like if you had several GPS devices in your car all running simultaneously, and they were all telling you different instructions.

Lightbulbs are excellent sources of heat

Not all bugs rely on transverse orientation to get around, but they're still strangely attracted to lights. The nighttime air can be chilly, and bugs get cold too! Many insects are attracted to lightbulbs because of the heat produced. It's basically the bug equivalent of sitting on a peaceful beach — hundreds of other beachgoers included.

Other insects are attracted to heat for a different reason. Mosquitoes, for instance, are attracted to heat because they feed off of warm-blooded animals. When they get to the light for a hot meal, though, they're sadly disappointed.

Blinded by the light

Once the insect hits the lightbulb, you'd think they'd realize it's not the moon or a tasty treat and fly somewhere else, right? Experience tells us that's not what happens, though. Typically, when a moth flies into an artificial light source, it hits the glass and then proceeds to fly circles around the light for the rest of the evening. One theory is that they've literally been blinded by the light.

Just like any other animal, moths don't want to be eaten by predators. But, when they fly into a light source, their eyes try to adjust to the brightness. When they realize they've been duped, they turn around to fly away, but since their eyes are now adjusted to the light, they can't see in the dark anymore! Flying blind is an easy way to get eaten by a predator. So instead of wandering around in the dangerous darkness, they choose to fly back to the safety of the light where they can see. Thus, for the rest of the night, they're stuck circling the fake moon.

Lights that don't attract insects

While certain insects are attracted to light, not all light is equally as appealing. Traditional incandescent white lights are the most attractive for bugs. They give off the most light and heat of any bulb.

If you'd like your outdoor picnic to remain bug-free, try using a warm-colored LED light. They aren't as bright as the standard white bulbs and don't give off much heat. One study found that yellow-hued LED lights were the best for not attracting insects.



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MEGA Trivia Contest

Who wants to WIN a \$50 Gift Card towards dinner at TGI Friday's, Olive Garden or Beggars Pizza?

Take our Trivia Challenge!

This month's Mega Trivia question:

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

- (A) Red**
- (B) Silver**
- (C) Green**
- (D) Gold**

To enter, visit our website at www.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, June 20th, 2020. Good luck!!!

Last month's question:

What is the least rainy state in the U.S.?

Answer: (D) Nevada

Nevada takes the top spot as the driest state with an average yearly rainfall of only 9.5 to 10.3 inches. *Source - Current Results, October 22, 2019*

Congratulations to last month's winner:

Leanne Knollenberg
of Frankfort, IL

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Born in 1874: The Ice Cream Soda

In the late 19th century, ice cream was widely available, through street vendors and at ice cream parlors. In 1874, the concept of the American "soda fountain" emerged with the invention of the ice cream soda. The ice cream soda was invented in Philadelphia in 1874 by Robert McCay Green, operator of a soda fountain at the Franklin Institute's semi-centennial celebration. He wanted to create a something to attract customers away from another larger, fancier soda fountain down the street. The result: a combination of vanilla ice cream and soda water and a choice of 16 different flavored syrups. Alas, the competitors soon began selling the new sensation. Green's will instructed that "Originator of the Ice Cream Soda" was to be engraved on his tombstone.

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THANK YOU FOR THE KIND WORDS!

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Community Events

Deliver Hope and Hunger Relief to People in Our Community

Food banks across the country are seeing a spike in demand as millions have lost jobs and suffered other economic hardships during the coronavirus pandemic. In an effort to help respond to this new threat to food insecurity, we are collecting non-perishable food donations to aid the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana and Frankfort Township Food Pantry.

WHAT KIND OF FOOD SHOULD WE DONATE?

The food you collect and donate will go directly to children, adults, and seniors struggling with hunger in your community. They may be classmates, colleagues, neighbors, or even friends. So, the better question is: what kind of food would you like? Focus on foods that are nutrient-rich, healthy, and tasty... stuff you would want to eat!

- ▶ **Canned Proteins** - Canned chicken, tuna, and salmon are good, shelf-stable items that can add much-needed protein to a meal.
- ▶ **Peanut Butter and Unsalted Nuts** - Peanut butter in a jar, peanut butter on crackers, or a container of unsalted nuts are a delicious, protein-packed lunch or snack.
- ▶ **Mixes and Cereals made with water** - Many households do not regularly have milk or eggs, so consider boxed meals that can be made with just water. Think oatmeal, cereals, instant rice, or packaged pasta and noodles.
- ▶ **Canned/Dried Beans, Lentils, Chickpeas** - These are great protein options for vegetarians, and can be used alone, in soups, or as part of a full meal.
- ▶ **Ready-to-Eat Fruit** - Whether they are used for breakfast, in lunch, or an on-the-go snack, single-serve fruit cups, squeezable fruit sauces, or cartons of dried fruit help kids and families get nutritious servings of fruit year-round.


For additional information on food assistance in Northwest Indiana, please contact the Food Bank at 219.980.1777. For more information on the Frankfort Township Food Pantry, please contact 815-469-4907 X 2761.

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If you have a community event or fundraiser that you would like us to feature in July's 2020's Creative Thinking newsletter, please email marketing@creativecarpetinc.com by June 19, 2020.





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