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

Dear Creative Carpet Friends and Family,

As Father's Day approaches, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the importance of fathers in our lives. Whether it is our biological father, stepfather, grandfather, uncle, or father figure, they play an essential role in shaping who we are and who we will become.

The Bible has many verses that speak to the significance of fathers, but one that particularly stands out to me is:

"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." - Ephesians 6:4

This verse reminds us that fathers have a crucial responsibility to raise their children in a loving and nurturing environment. This is done with discipline and instruction that comes from God. It is not an easy task, but with faith and perseverance, fathers can positively impact their children's lives.

On this special day, let us honor and appreciate the fathers in our lives and the sacrifices they have made for us. I know that many of us have fathers who are no longer with us, and I want to take this opportunity to honor them and their legacy. We may no longer be able to hug them or hear their voice, but their love still lives on in our hearts.

I also want to take a moment for those who have strained relationships with their fathers. May God's love and grace be with them, and may they find comfort and healing in this embrace. Father's Day can be challenging if you have a strained relationship with your father. It's okay to acknowledge your feelings and care for yourself today. You can write him a letter, even if you don't plan on sending it. If you have positive memories, focus on those and cherish them. Whatever you do, remember you don't have to force yourself to do something that makes you uncomfortable or causes emotional distress. Take care of yourself, and know it's okay to prioritize your well-being.

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers out there. Wishing everyone a wonderful June and a joyful summer! Enjoy the warm weather, make unforgettable memories, and have a fantastic time. God bless!



Dawn Giganti, Marketing & Administrative Assistant Creative Carpet & Flooring

Month at a Glance:

6th <u>D-Day, WWII</u> - A day to honor the sacrifices & contributions of those who fought for freedom & democracy during one of the most challenging periods in human history.

14th Flag Day - An opportunity to honor the sacrifices & contributions of those who have served & continue to serve our country.

18th Father's Day - "A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow." - Unknown.

21st <u>Finally Summer Day</u> - A time to enjoy the outdoors & all the fun activities that come with the season. Whatever you choose to do, make sure to stay safe and hydrated in the summer heat.
26th <u>Forgiveness Day</u> - Today, reflect on the importance of forgiveness in our lives & relationships.

Employee birthdays this month:

- 21st John Klickner's Birthday Flooring Consultant
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Pickled Change



Before nickels, dimes, and quarters are minted, they go through a pickling process — although not quite in the same way that pickles are pickled. The blank coins are soaked in a chemical solution, which washes and polishes them before they go on to be stamped. The process isn't about preservation as much as cleaning and refining the metal. However, coins do last a long time. The average coin stays in circulation for about 30 years — a lot longer than a dollar bill, which only lasts about 18 months. [U.S. Mint | March 2022]

The Fear of Bees

People suffering from apiphobia have an intense fear of bees. Apiphobia comes from the Latin roots "api-", meaning "bee", and "phobia", meaning "fear." While no one ever wants to be stung by a bee, those with apiphobia dread the mere thought of encountering a bee, let alone being stung. Sufferers may avoid all locations where bees may be present like gardens or parks. As with any phobia, sufferers can display a range of physical symptoms when faced with bees like rapid breathing, nausea, and excessive sweating. Phobia sufferers can undergo psychological treatment to help ease anxieties such as cognitive behavioral therapy. While being stung can be quite painful, or even life-threatening for those with an allergy, bees aren't out to attack anyone just for kicks. In most cases, bees sting only when threatened. Bees are incredibly important to our ecosystem, pollinating flowers and crops that humans rely on for food. [Psychology Today I September 2022]



Frato, J. (2022, July 5). Opening Day: First Roller Coaster in the USA June 16, 1884. Retrieved from Western Reserve Historical Society: wrhs.org

America's First Roller Coaster

On June 16, 1884, thrill-seekers could pay a nickel to ride America's first roller coaster in Coney Island. At the time, the attraction was known as the Switchback Railway and reached speeds of 6 miles per hour. The Switchback Railway was a huge success and spurred a giant growth spurt in American roller coasters; by 1900, there were hundreds of roller coasters around the country. Though the Switchback Railway is

no longer operating, Coney Island visitors can still ride the Cyclone, a wooden coaster built in 1927. The Cyclone is much faster than its ancestor, moving as fast as 60 mph. [History.com | November 2022]



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Take our Trivia Challenge!

This month's Mega Trivia question:

What city does Frank Sinatra call "my kind of town" in a 1964 song?

- (A) Chicago
- (B) San Francisco
- (C) Nashville
- (D) Atlantic City

To our website 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 15th each month. Good luck!!!

Last month's question:

How many seeds are on the average strawberry?

Answer: (B) 200

There are 200 seeds on the average strawberry. Interestingly, it is the placement of these seeds that disqualifies the strawberry from being an actual berry. Berries have their seeds on the inside, but since strawberries have theirs on their skin, it makes them a completely different type of fruit. They are part of the edible fruit branch of the Rosaceae family. [Food Republic | March 2022]

Congratulations to last month's winner:

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The First Hot Air Balloon

The future of flight was forever changed in 1783 when the first hot air balloon took off in Annonay, France. Invented by brothers Joseph-Michael and Jacques-Etienne Montgolfier, the device flowed hot air into a paper or fabric balloon that would then lift off. Their first demonstration in front of an audience on June 4, 1783, was a hit, with the device rising over 5,000 feet into the air and traveling a mile. Afterward, they made some adjustments, outfitting their balloon with an aluminum varnish for fireproofing and tried out taffeta as a



constructive material. Their next demonstration with the upgraded balloon was done in front of King Louis XVI and went off without a hitch on September 19 of that year. Upping the ante, they tested the safety of high-altitude flight on living beings by storing a sheep, duck, and rooster in a basket suspended beneath the balloon. All three survived when the balloon landed safely eight minutes later. The first flight with human passengers happened a few months later on November 21. [Space | June 2022]



What does the "E" stand for?

A lot of children have visited Chuck E. Cheese (aka - the rat casino), but how many of them know that the "E" in the restaurant chain's name stands for "Entertainment"? This means the restaurant mascot's full name is technically Charles Entertainment Cheese. Founded in 1977, the restaurant and arcade chain is mainly famous for its pizza, animatronic shows, and electronic games — a feature pioneered by restaurant founder Nolan Bushnell, who also happens to be the founder of Atari. [Insider | December 2022]

A Lightning Bolt's Width

On June 10, 1752, Benjamin Franklin made history when he flew a kite in a thunderstorm. Franklin's experiment showed that lightning was an electric current, giving him the info he needed to invent lightning rods successfully. Since then, science has learned a tremendous amount about Zeus' signature weapon. For one, it has no temperature but can heat up the air or an object it passes through by as much as 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit. It also travels at hundreds of thousands of miles per hour, holds upwards of one billion volts of electricity in a single bolt, and has been measured at upwards of 90 miles in

length. It may surprise some, however, to learn that lightning bolts are not very wide. Exactly how thin they are remains the subject of some debate. Scientists estimate them to be between two and seven inches in diameter, while those who have analyzed holes left behind by lightning strikes found evidence to suggest that many are an inch or less. Regardless, they're not very wide. [Metoffice | April 2022]





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~ James Lurgio of Frankfort, IL This month's \$25 Target gift card winner!