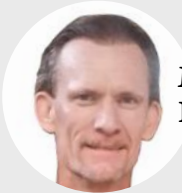


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"Mark" My Words... *a message from Mark Sr.* (actually Dawn Giganti just a little while longer... I promise!)

Mark is still super duper busy I know I've been waiting for him to tell you what is going on, but he is running in twenty different directions. He gave me permission to let the cat out of the bag - **WE'RE MOVING THE MOKENA SHOWROOM DOWN THE STREET!** Our new address will be 19845 South LaGrange Road in Mokena, Illinois. (And in case you're wondering - nope, we haven't started packing yet.) Hopefully, we'll be completely up and running at the new showroom the middle to end of this month. Keep an eye on our website for updates. Mark promises to resume writing to you when the dust settles. He really misses writing to you!

There's a lot going on with the construction of the new showroom. Personally, I'm excited and anxious at the same time. Excited about the "new" and anxious anticipating all the work it is going to take to get everything over there and for the dust to settle. I have frequently felt like all I can do is just hang on. Have you ever felt like that? I'm sure you have. Sometimes life is just that way. We all go through seasons when there's just so much going on that all you can do is hang on tight and just try to make it through day by day. You know what? That is perfectly okay! It's just temporary. Sometimes it feels like it will never end, but it's just a season and it will pass. Things always calm down eventually.

If you are in a season of crazy right now, here are a few things that help me and I'd like to share them with you. Get enough sleep (or even just rest when you can't), prioritize your most important tasks, and give yourself lots of grace. It's okay that you are not superhuman. No one is! Most of all, have faith in God and know that every season is always temporary.

I'll be planning the grand opening of the new showroom and will keep you updated with that as well. However, feel free to stop by anytime! The coffee will always be hot, the mini fridge will always be stocked and we will always be here for you and your flooring needs. You are still, and will always be, our number one priority.

God Bless,

Dawn Giganti | Marketing & Administrative Assistant
Creative Carpet & Flooring

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Month at a Glance:

- 3rd Eat Beans Day** - And we all know what follows... not a safe day to have before the 4th of July!
- 4th Independence Day** - Usually spent by eating foods that would terrify our forefathers.
- 9th Dawn Giganti's Birthday** - I've decided that I'm not old. I'm 25 plus shipping and handling!
- 14th Michelle Cress' Birthday** - Speaking of old... LOL! Just kidding, Michelle is about half my age and cooler than ever. Happy birthday!
- 22nd Parent's Day** - One of the greatest titles in the world is parent, and one of the biggest blessings in the world is to have parents to call mom and dad. ~Jim MeMint
- 24th Cousins Day** - A cousin is a childhood playmate who grows up to be a forever friend.

"WELCOME BACK" TO OUR RETURNING CLIENTS...

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| Chris & Kay Bianucci | Lynda Eriks | Jackie Muys | Mark Timm |
| Christine Conner | Bill & Kristen Holeman | Jan & Tom Petrak | Robert Turner |
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NO BAKE 4th of July Treat - Jello Parfaits

With 4th of July comes the heat! We don't want to be in the kitchen all day preparing for the celebration. This 4th of July no bake dessert is perfect! The kids can help, too! Simple, yet impressive - JELL-O parfaits served in a jar. Recipe from HoosierHomemade.com. Prep time: 20 minutes, Total time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

- 3 small boxes (3 oz size) Cherry JELL-O
- 3 small boxes (3 oz size) Berry Blue JELL-O
- 8 envelopes unflavored gelatin
- 9 cups boiling water, divided
- 2 tubs (8 oz) COOL WHIP whipped topping, thawed
- 4th of July Sprinkles, optional
- Supplies
- 2 - 8x8 inch pans
- 10 small jars
- Resealable bag or Decorator Bag
- Bakers Twine in red and blue
- Small spoons



Instructions

1. In a medium bowl, combine 3 boxes of Cherry JELL-O and 4 envelopes unflavored gelatin
2. Add 4 1/2 cups boiling water and stir 2-3 minutes or until completely dissolved
3. Pour into pan and place in refrigerator for 4-5 hours or until firm
4. Repeat with Berry Blue JELL-O
5. After JELL-O is set, cut into small squares
6. Add a few pieces of blue JELL-O to the bottom of each jar
7. Add COOL WHIP whipped topping to a resealable bag and pipe into jar on top of JELL-O
8. Top with a few pieces of cherry JELL-O
9. Add more COOL WHIP whipped topping and sprinkles if desired
10. To serve in jars, add the lid and tie with Baker's Twine, add the small spoon

Notes

Recipe makes enough for 10 jars with about 1/2 a pan of JELL-O left over; if you need to fill more jars, just increase the amount of COOL WHIP whipped topping.

Find it online: <https://hoosierhomemade.com/4th-of-july-treat-jello-parfaits/>

MEET OUR NEW FRIENDS AND CLIENTS...

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| Dianne Anderson | Annette & Paul Dahlstrom | Jason Laniosz | Sharon Pounovich |
| Cynthia Bacino | Bill Daley | Lawrence & Patty Lauffer | Judy Rago |
| Alex & Melanie Beebe | Tim Davison | Michael & Desa | Lauren Rinke |
| Alan Beshansky | Carolyn DeSmith | Maksimovich | Michael Roller |
| Alan Biedron | Kathy Dobosz | Mike Martinez | Patricia Rompala |
| Amanda Bollman | Glen & Karen Dondlinger | Denise McBrady | Travis & Elisha Sievers |
| McArthur Borum | Mark Doyle | Maureen McCormick | Sabrina Sigg |
| Steve & Sherry Boyle | Jonnie Finley | Mary McCoy | Nancy Slewoski |
| Robert Brakley & Barbara McQueen | Mariette Frey | Rory Melendes | Liz Spolnik |
| Richard & Ginny Breen | Rita Gallivan | Kathy Michaelsen | Maryann Springer |
| John Brennan | Diane Gannon | Vickie Miloshoff | Jim & Stephanie Stenson |
| Mark & Paula Browning | Kathy & Eric Grata | Reed & Amy Monesmith | Amanda Stump |
| Bruce Bryant | Mary Hamann | Henry Mussato | John Koriemek |
| Greg & Lynn Calarie | Deanna Hansen | Lacie Myszak | Marge Tomaskovic |
| Michael Chlebek | Phyllis Hardy | Bill & Kelly Novak | Marcia & James Trevor |
| Marilyn Costanza | Mary Hayes | Marc Patla | Sean Truxal |
| Craig & Caitlin Courtney | Nicole Jakubowski | Susan Peters | Robert Weiss |
| Walter Czerwonka | Linda Knigge | Jim & Pat Piekarczyk | |
| | Irene Koscinski | Delores Podgorny | |

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of Frankfort, IL

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Summer Warning

I don't know about you, but I was certainly antsy that last month of chilly weather waiting for it to warm up. With summer finally being in full swing, now is a wonderful time to assess what you would rather do – a summer attached to your cell phone or enjoying the beautiful outdoors like a kid?

I was taking a walk on the path my town created around a small lake near my home. I saw a little boy squatting in the grass to inspect a lightening bug. Mom waited on the path beside him glued to her phone. Her son was excited about the lightening bug that he eventually caught in his hand. He held his hand out to show his mom and she looked up long enough to smile and nod – then went right back to texting or whatever was captivating her on her phone screen. I don't think she saw what he even had. He went about letting the bug go and recapturing it, enjoying the beautiful outdoors. He was full of giggles and smiles. Mom continued to enjoy her virtual world, but I didn't see any laughter or even a glimmer of a smile from her. She didn't appear anywhere near as happy as her son was. As a matter of fact, the mom didn't even notice I was watching!

That is my warning story for you this summer. The sky is beautiful, the sun is warm on your skin, the grass and trees are green, the flowers are gorgeous and fragrant and the birds are musical. Are we enjoying the gift that God gave to us or are we tuned out on our phone?

If I had my phone in my hand while I was walking that afternoon, I probably wouldn't have noticed the boy with his mom. I always have my phone with me. You know, "just in case." I can't remember the last time I left the house without it. After seeing this interaction, or lack of, I've vowed to take my walk around the lake without my phone. I'm even leaving it at home, so I won't be distracted from enjoying the beautiful gift of the earth God gave. When was the last time I needed to call someone with an emergency while I was on my walk? Try NEVER! If something did go wrong, I'm positive someone else would have their phone.

I know I won't be able to convince some of you to make some phone-free time. For those who know deep down that you would be happier spending less time on your phone, even for just a short walk around the block... give it a try. Enjoy the long days and warm Chicagoland nights of summertime.

Which will describe you this summer – excited about the lightening bug you just caught or Googling about lightening bugs on your cell phone?

–Dawn Giganti, Creative Carpet & Flooring



Fireworks Facts

- * Fireworks were invented more than 2000 years ago in China.
- * China is also the largest manufacturer and exporter of fireworks. Approximately 90% supply originates from there.
- * The first ever recorded use of fireworks was in England at the wedding of King Henry VII in 1486.
- * There are different shapes of fireworks and each shape has its own name.
- * The skill of creating and setting them off is called pyrotechnics. The word has been derived from Greek words that mean fire and art.
- * There are three main components that are required which are an oxidizer, a fuel, and a chemical mix to produce the color.
- * Blue is the hardest firework color to produce this is the reason why blue-color fireworks are dimmer as compared to other colors.
- * The largest consumer of fireworks is the Walt Disney Company. It is also the second largest purchaser of explosive devices.
- * The largest firework rocket weighed 13 kg and was produced and launched in 2010 in Portugal.
- * The unusual fear of fireworks is known as kovatapyroergasoiphobia.
- * Queen Elizabeth I was really into fireworks and she even created a court position called 'Fire Master of England'.
- * Modern firework displays use aerial shells resembling ice cream cones. Aerial shells were invented in Italy.
- * Firework makers are strictly instructed to wear cotton clothes because synthetic fabrics generate static electricity.



Declan, T. (2018, May 26). *Fun Facts for Kids about Fireworks*. Retrieved from Easy Science for Kids: <http://easyscienceforkids.com/the-science-of-fireworks-how-do-fireworks-work-chemistry-video-for-kids/#>

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 is the most popular selling grilling meat throughout the summer in the U.S.?

- (A) hamburgers
- (B) hot dogs
- (C) chicken
- (D) steak
- (E) vegan patties

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, July 15th, 2018. Good luck!!!

Answer to June's quiz:

B) Shopping cart

Congratulations to last month's winner:

SUSAN WEBB

of Orland Park, IL

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Protect yourself from Mosquito bites

It's that time of year to take precautions and prevent mosquito bites. Not only are they an annoyance, they can spread the Zika and West Nile virus.



Daytime is the most dangerous
Mosquitoes that spread chikungunya, dengue, and Zika viruses are aggressive daytime biters. They can also bite at night.



Use insect repellent
It works!
Look for the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane-diol, or 2-undecanone



Wear protective clothes
Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants or use insect repellent. For extra protection, treat clothing with permethrin.



Mosquito-proof your home
Use screens on windows and doors. Use air conditioning when available. Keep mosquitoes from laying eggs near standing water.



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

For more information: www.cdc.gov/zika

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Visit the CDC website for additional info and tips staying safe this summer.
CDC - Center for Disease Control and Prevention. (2018, May 23). *Prevent Mosquito Bites | Zika virus*. Retrieved from CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention/prevent-mosquito-bites.html>

Community Events

SAT Jul 7th from 2p to 10p
Rockopelli Fest
Benefit for Planting Possibilities, Emma's Footprints & Murph's Gift of Music
Main Square Park
3001 Ridge Road, Highland IN
Live music, local specialty arts & craft vendors, food vendors & craft brews. Open to all ages.
COST: FREE
INFO: email rockopellifest@gmail.com or visit www.rockopellifest.org

SAT-SUN Jul 14th-15th
8th Annual Frankfort Bluegrass on the Green
by the community of Frankfort
Downtown Frankfort
Kansas & Oak Streets, Frankfort IL
Live bluegrass music performed all day; kid's tent, food & vendors. Bring a lawn chair & blanket to enjoy music all day long!
COST: FREE
INFO: call Steve 815-469-6321 or email frankfortbluegrassfestival@gmail.com

SUN Jul 15th from 12p to 7p
Downtown Tinley Park Block Party
by the Village of Tinley Park
Along Oak par Avenue
From 171st to Hickory Streets, Tinley Park IL
Food & family fun - bean bag tournament, rides & inflatables, KidZone activities, classic car show, love music & more!
COST: FREE
INFO: call 708-444-5000 or visit www.tinleypark.org

SAT Jul 21st from 1p to 8p
The Grape Escape - wine, pop up market & music festival
by the Town of Munster
Centennial Park
1005 Ridge Road, Munster IN
Sample wines, enjoy food, live music, bocce ball, pop up market & more. Must be 21+
COST: \$7 entry fee
INFO: call 219-836-6900 or visit

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