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We promise that you'll love your new floors, or we'll replace them for **FREE!***

*Residential only. Within first 30 days after installation. Does not include cost of installation or other labor. Style must be of equal or lesser value.

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

It was the first COLD day with a few snowflakes after all that warm weather in November. I had just finished shopping and was on my way home. I saw a frail older man standing near the highway exit with a coat twice as big as he was and a baseball hat. He was not asking for money or bothering anyone. He was making his way, walking toward the gas station. I knew right away that he was homeless. My heart sank, and my eyes began to well up. My husband said he would freeze without something warm to cover his head. We circled back around and returned to the store. We bought a thick stocking hat, one of those "Elmer Fudd" trapper hats, and some wool socks. I took the tags off, put the receipt in my purse, and put a \$10 bill in the bag with the items. We returned and found him digging for paper towels at the gas station pump.

Again, not bothering anyone or asking for anything. We said, "Excuse me, sir. It is rather cold out. Here are a few things to help you warm up." and handed him the bag. Without making eye contact, in a monotone voice, he responded, "Thanks. God bless you." and walked away. My heart still hurts thinking about where he could be now. Then I get overwhelmed thinking about all the homeless people out there... right this very second. I wish I could help every single one of them, but I will do what I can when I can as God leads me.

This time of year is one of the most popular times to remember the reason for the season. It is a time of giving and love. In the hustle and bustle of the season, we often forget that. The true meaning of Christmas is found in the birth of Christ. This event was meant to bring hope and love to the world. It gives us a reason to celebrate and appreciate what we have. It is also a time when we can be kind to others and give back to the community and those in need. This holiday season, take some time to reflect on what it means to be grateful and share the gifts God has bestowed upon you.

You can choose to believe in it or not, but there are lessons in the Bible for everyone. These lessons include the value of humility as well as the importance of the bonds we share with our friends, family, and loved ones. Have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Dawn J. Giganti

Dawn Giganti, Marketing & Administrative Assistant
Creative Carpet & Flooring



Merry Christmas

Month at a Glance:

7th Pearl Harbor Day - We honor the bravery & courage of those who were there & died on December 7, 1941. Remember this date as a symbol of American grit & resilience.

21st First Day of Winter - The shortest day of the year.

24th - 26th Christmas Holiday - CLOSED to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

31st - 2nd New Year Holiday - CLOSED to celebrate 2023 with family & friends.

Employee birthdays this month:

1st Carrie Dolan - Accounting

4th Mark Costigan - Operations Manager

12th Tammy Bouquet - Chief Executive Officer

19th Alexis Giganti - Administrative Assistant

2022 DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 CLOSED
25	26 CLOSED	27	28	29	30	31 CLOSED

MEET OUR CARPET CLEANING CUSTOMERS...



ANTHONY & SANDY URBK
ARLETTE BROOKS
ATHINA VARANECKAS
BILL KINSEY
BONNIE & MARK ALBERSON
BRUCE BRYANT
BRUNO SCODRO
CAROLYN & SCOTT SWEDLER
CHARLOTTE CURE
CHERYL ANDERSON
CINDY EDWARDS
DAN FIRLIT
DAWN WHITE
DIANE AGUILERA
DORIS WANHORST

ED DINEEN
FRANK FLANNAGAN
GLENN & NOREEN STELL
JANEEN & ERIC GOOD
JENNIE FLATLEY
JENNIFER BLAESER
JENNIFER HEEMSTRA
JOE & NANCY KEIM
JOHANNA MARK
JULIE SMIT
KATHY CLAUSING
KEVIN GEARY
LARRY LAZZARI
LISA & MICHAEL HOERLER
LYNEA LYTLE

MARGE CONN
MARIAN HIGGINS
MARLENE & KEN SLEDZ
MARSHA NELSON
MARY BRESNAHAN
MAUREEN OKEEFE
PATRICK GLYNN
PAUL & DIANE SOTIR
RICHARD KUCIA
RITA VIGGIANO
SHARON MACFEELY
STEVEN MILCAREK
TERRY & MICHELE LENZ
THERESA CORK

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"How the Grinch Stole Christmas"



[IMDB.COM | 2022]

Jim Carrey played the Grinch in the 2000 blockbuster "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." The actor was sold on the role after listening to a tape of a children's choir singing "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch." It took Carey over eight hours each day to become the green Christmas hater – over 1,000 painstaking hours went into applying the make-up throughout filming. The movie brought in over \$345 million, won an Oscar, and raked in 17 additional award wins.

[IMDB | December 2021]

How many days after the birth of Christ did Joseph and Mary give him the name Jesus?

It was required by law that eight days after the birth of a son they would circumcise him and name him. They followed the law and circumcised him and named him Jesus, as the angel had told them to, eight days after his birth. "And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb." Luke 2:21 ESV



White Christmas



[IMDB.COM | 2022]

The bestselling music single of all time. Bing Crosby gives gorgeous life to Irving Berlin's classic song in a 1942 release that has since gone on to sell an estimated 50 million copies worldwide. Following it on the list of best sellers is Elton John's 1997 version of "Candle in the Wind" (33 million).

[Guinness World Records | August 2022]

Syracuse, New York, made snowfall illegal!

In 1992, after record-breaking snowfall, Syracuse, New York attempted to take matters into their own hands after the heavy snow started to dampen morale. On March 30th of that year, the city declared further snow illegal until December 24. Unfortunately, the resolution didn't do much to phase weather patterns, with snow falling just two days later. However, the city's attempt did provide a flurry of comic relief, which was much needed after the winter storms.

[Odyssey | December 2021]

MEET OUR NEW & RETURNING FRIENDS & CLIENTS...

ALLEN & AMY WATKINS
ANDREA GUIDRY
ANGELA CLARK
ANN HAYWARD
ARDY & HANK IWEMA
ART MILLER
AUDREY MARROCCO
BILL & KC ALLEN
BOB & JUDY HITER
BOB JURGETO
BOB MALINOWSKI
CAITLIN RUDZINSKI-ECKDHAL
CAROL HEDGREN
CAROL KULCZYK
CATHY PROCACCIO
CHRISTIAN SNELL
CLAUDIA TRIPLO

CORRYN GREENWOOD
CRAIG & MARY JANE BORG
CYNTHIA NELSON
DAN & LINDA BILLIE
DANA NAGEL
DANIEL YATSKO
DARLENE JENNINGS
DEBBIE & JAY LARSON
DIANE PETERLIN
DOLORES PAWLAK
DON LUDWIG
DOROTHY SNELL
EILEEN SHEETS
EILEEN SPERANZA
FRANK CARLI
FRANK CARUSO
FRANK HABIB

GAIL MCDONALD
GLENN DRWIEGA
GREG KLAPPAUF
GREG MEYER
HALIE HENLEY
HOLLY BRYANT
HOLLY ERVIN
JANICE DANIELS
JILL KIM
JILLIAN RIESKE
JIM BAUCOM
JIM BOLANOWSKI
JIM CLARK
JIM LURGIO
JIM THRUN
JIM WOLFRAMSKI
JOAN ANDERSON

JOE IZZO
JOEL & JUDY STEIGERWALT
JOHN & KRISTIN ROSE
JOHN KESTER
JOSEPH BALOGH
JOYCE IPEMA
JUDY DOW
KAITLIN BROSE
KAREN JANIK
KARIME HECKENAST
KATE & DAVID PETERSON
KATHLEEN UMBRIACO
KATHY SMITH
KEN & BREE WIRTH
KENNETH GUNIA
KERRY GREINER
KEVIN SMITH

KEVIN WAGNER
KRISTA GUMBINER
KYLE MCCLUSKEY
LAURA BERGMARK
LAURA GUERRA
LUIS AGUILAR
MARGG DE ROO
MARIANNE JARMAN
MARILYN CONERTY
MARY & DAN NICHOLSON
MARY CRAWLEY
MARY GUTHRIE
MARY HIRTZER
MARY O'ROURKE
MARZETTE HILL
MELANIE NIKSICH
MICHELLE & JON NEBOR

MICHELLE CRESS
MIKE RIGUAL
NOREEN BURKE & JULIO PADILLA
PAT DOUGHERTY
PAT ERIKS
PEGGY KEATING
RAYMON WESLEY
RAYMOND TOMINELLO
RENAE MAGNUSON
RITA HANKO
ROBERT CLANIN
RON & PAULA PAYMASTER
ROXANNE LONG
RUSSELL BOYCE
SANDY FEDRO
SARAH CALLIS
SHANNON & PAUL MUEHLNICKEL

SHIRLEY WALKER
STACI SUNDERMAN
STEPHEN BRESCIA
STEVE & BECKY GILLS
SUSAN GASBARRA
SUSAN SCUDERI
SYLVIA TEWES
TAMMY PAKEWICZ
TERRY & LINDA STEENSON
TIM HILLEGONDS
TODD RAFACZ
TONY KOSTELICH
VERONICA POLLACK

Did You Know ?

We Celebrate Your Referrals!

Advertising in the newspaper, yellow pages, radio, etc., is expensive. We would reward you instead rather than pay for that! For every person you refer who becomes a client, we will send you out to dinner! Of course, rewards are sweet, but you really refer a friend or loved one to Creative Carpet & Flooring because you trust us. When you send your Aunt, Grandmother, or co-worker to Creative Carpet & Flooring, you trust us to provide them with outstanding service and to... well... to treat them like royalty! We take that trust very seriously and promise that if you refer someone to Creative Carpet & Flooring, we will do everything in our power to make sure you look like a hero for referring us!

A Gift for You

Creative
Carpet & Flooring

Check out our Referral Reward Program on our website at creativecarpetinc.com/referral-rewards/

MEGA Trivia Contest?

Who wants to **WIN** a
\$50 Gift Card towards dinner at



Take our Trivia Challenge!

This month's Mega Trivia question:

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was created for which department store?

- (A) Macy's
- (B) Montgomery Ward
- (C) Bloomingdale's
- (D) Marshall Field's

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:

Turducken is believed to have originated in which state?

Answer: (D) Louisiana

Turducken is a turkey stuffed with a duck that is stuffed with a chicken and originated in Louisiana. Chef Paul Prudhomme claimed that he invented it in the 1970s and in the '80s he even secured a trademark on the name. His claim has been contested by some, with a New Orleans surgeon saying it was his creation. Turducken is a form of engastration, a process of stuffing one animal inside another and cooking them that has existed since Roman times. [Food 52 | March 2022]

Congratulations to last month's winner:

TRUDY WILLE
of Steger, IL

Stop by Creative Carpet & Flooring to claim your prize by December 30, 2022!

A small thanks for helping. Give as a gift or keep for yourself. So many uses...

- Complement any hard surface floor with a pre-made or custom area rug!
- How about Carpet cleaning after the winter season is over?
- Cleaning products (like our Karndean hard surface cleaner or our very own Spot Remover for Carpets & Upholstery).
- Gift cards never expire!

Home for the Holidays SALE

**\$150 OFF PURCHASES OVER \$1000
~ OR ~
\$600 OFF PURCHASES OVER \$4000**

Too busy with the holiday hustle & bustle to even THINK about flooring installation? BUY NOW TO LOCK IN 2021 PRICES & postpone install until AFTER the holidays!

Valid December 1 - 31, 2022 - Cannot be combined with any other coupon, sale or offer. On new orders of flooring material with installation only.



GIVING THE GIFT OF WARMTH



Help homeless families get through this winter season by "giving the gift of warmth." We are collecting the following:

→ **WINTER COATS** - All sizes from infant, baby, toddler, junior, adult & extended sizes are needed. **SNOW PANTS, HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES & MITTENS** would also be useful.

→ **BLANKETS & SLEEPING BAGS** - The temperature is already dipping into the 30's. We are looking for gently used or new blankets & sleeping bags.

→ **SOCKS** - These are the most needed & least donated item.

Please note we can only accept donations of items that are new or gently used, without broken zippers, rips or tears.

Thank you in advance for helping keep those less fortunate warm this winter!

ILLINOIS

There are an estimated **10,431** people experience homelessness
8.2 people homeless per 10,000*

Items brought to our Mokena, IL showroom will benefit:



Learn what they are doing in the community at morningstarmission.org, call (815)722-5780 or email info@morningstarmission.org.

*<https://endhomelessness.org/homelessness-in-america/homelessness-statistics/state-of-homelessness/>

INDIANA

There are an estimated **5,625** people experiencing homelessness
8.4 people homeless per 10,000*

Items brought to our Highland, IN showroom will benefit:



Learn more about the work they are doing in the community at gracebeyondborders.org, call (219)712-5192 or email mmmnc53@gmail.com.

Receive a \$25 Creative Carpet & Flooring Gift Card

JUST FOR STOPPING IN & DONATING



December 1 - 31, 2022 - one gift card per household

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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 a \$25 gift card to one of these restaurants



WARNING

Don't visit any flooring dealer until you call us for a **FREE Consumer Awareness Guide!**

You will learn...

- 4 predatory sales tactics
- 7 costly misconceptions about flooring
- 5 questions to ask a dealer before buying

Visit our website to obtain your copy!
www.creativecarpetinc.com

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

AMANDA MOELLER	LINDA BOYER
BETH MISUNAS	LISA & MICHAEL PINDELSKI
BRENDA OVERZET	MARION KATTERHEINRICH
BRIAN OSTER	MARY BRADLEY
DAN ARREOLA	PETER & SUSAN KIEFT
DONNA STAGL	THOMAS MIHALAREAS
JESSICA THIVEL	TOM POLEWSKI

Share your project photo with your review on our website within 30 days of installation and be entered in our monthly drawing to win a \$25 gift card

I started with Dana at the store, who was friendly, knowledgeable, and always available for questions. The installers were friendly, polite, and very hard-working protectionists at their craft. We definitely recommend Creative Carpet & Flooring.

~ Diane L. of Dyer, IN

This month's \$25 Target gift card winner!