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FACT/GDFM NEWS



Spring Forward

When you see the phrase “spring forward” you probably think of that long anticipated (or dreaded) day when clocks are advanced an hour.

But at the Glendive Dinosaur & Fossil Museum, we look at spring with anticipation as it means another season of declaring the glory of God to the world.

Springtime puts a spring in our step as we wait to see what God has in store for us this year. God desires for us to always be on the lookout for how we can spring forward to serve Him by proclaiming the message of the gospel.

Did you know that God has equipped some insects to spring forward as well and that the springing mechanism points to God’s creativity?

According to Dr. Brian Thomas from the Institute for Creation Research, “Scientists are



discovering engineering details of the biological structures that enable some animals to jump exceedingly far for their sizes. Froghoppers are insects that can jump 100 times their body length, and it turns out that sheer muscular strength is not nearly sufficient to account for this feat.

Research shows that the frog-hopper has three anatomical features that are the correct size, shape and strength to enable its leaping prowess: a stiff arch made of the same material as the insect’s exoskeleton (chitin), a flexible protein connective layer (resilin), and a powerful, attached muscle. When the insect jumps, ‘the energy storage is primarily in the chitinous...arches, with the resilin

adding other essential properties to these composite structures.’ The muscle bends this arch, which is connected to the insect’s hind legs, until it is at the appropriate tension.

Then ‘mechanical ‘latches’ on the coxa and femur release,’ springing the insect with a force of up to 414 times its own body weight.”

What a creative God! As you look forward to summer, consider asking God to show you ways that you can serve Him as you spring forward into action.

Visit www.icr.org/article/insect-designed-with-spring-its-step for more information about the amazing frog-hopper and how it declares the glory of God!

Museum Staff

2022 Museum Hours
10am-5pm

Friday – Saturday March 11-12

Fridays & Saturdays April thru May

Monday thru Saturday
..... Memorial Day – Labor Day



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Weeklong Dig Planned

Come dig with us in 2022!

In addition to our full-day and half-day digs, GDFM will be hosting a week-long dinosaur dig for anyone who wants to know more about these great animals.

We will begin our week at 3 pm on Monday, June 27 with a tour of our museum and conclude our week on Friday, July 1 at noon with a lunch and send off.

Our time will be spent excavating dinosaur fossils in the Glendive area, preparing fossils in our own fossil lab, and daily lectures by Tommy Lohman. The daily lectures will be a merging of both theological and scientific perspectives about dinosaurs.

You will have each evening on your own with a free afternoon on Thursday to enjoy some of Glendive's other attractions.

The minimum age for a digger is 12 years old. The fee is \$500.00 per person and includes everything you need for digging, a GDFM t-shirt, and a lab/lecture notebook.

This fee does not include travel, lodging, or food except for the Tuesday and Friday lunches.

Please visit:

www.creationtruth.org/digs/weeklong-dig-with-gdfm/ and fill out your dig application and pay the deposit. The deposit is required to hold your spot and the final portion of your dig fee will be due the end of May.



Please reach out to Tommy Lohman (tommy@creationtruth.org) or Robert Canen (robert@creationtruth.org) if you have any questions. We hope to see you this summer!

Donations:

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