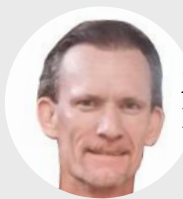


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"Mark" My Words... a message from Mark Sr.

Hope everyone had a happy Easter last month!

I must thank the Lord for this day above all others. As messed up as things seem, I'm glad this is where I was born. Freedom OF religion, not Freedom FROM religion, is in our Bill of Rights. I think we forget how good we have it. With all our nation's problems, LIBERTY seems to be the reason people come here the most, along with opportunity.

Wow, last month was our 27th year in business! I remember when Mark Jr. was tailing me on jobs & picking up scraps. I don't have a middle name, but I gave Mark my grandfather's - Mark Robert. I wanted to honor my gramps, who comes from a lengthy line of retailers. His father started "Capper & Capper" around the Columbian Exposition! That was 1893! Their headquarters were out of Chicago, but they had stores in London, England, Detroit, Milwaukee, Penn Yan, New York & St. Paul, which was the largest outside of the flagship store in Chicago. They had other stores in the surrounding areas, too. This company stayed in business from the late 19th century until the last store in Downers Grove in 1990. They had clients from the Reverend Billy Graham all the way to Al Capone. That's a client base!



We have so much to celebrate this month! Many of you know Chris Boerema as our store manager. It's nice to have people who have your back, because I depend on these guys now. These young guys run circles around me now. This May 11th Chris, & his lovely wife, Adriana, celebrate their daughter's very first birthday! Isabella is already a "daddy's girl" from the looks of it! It's hard for Tammy & me to wrap our brains around the fact that we are grandparents or that our kid's friends are parents! Man, it seems like it was yesterday we watched as they graduated high school.

May 17th, 1979, The Lord really shined down on me with Tammy! Thank you, Lord! If you count dating, we will have been together 38 years on the 17th. It's also Gary Onate's birthday. He has been with me since I began in the trade 33 years ago. He was the carpet guy at the facility where I was doing HVAC & building maintenance, back when Tammy & I had just been married. I asked him if I could work with him on Saturdays for some extra money. I also was Gary's best man at his wedding. I can say he was instrumental in me staying in the business. It's also Brad's birthday on the 3rd. Brad works side by side with Cody running operations.

Please don't forget to take a moment on May 29th to remember our Fallen Heroes on Memorial Day. Their sacrifices can never be overstated! I come from an extensive list of military heroes dating back to the Revolutionary War! It's been 4 years since Tammy's dad went to be with the Lord, but he was a 101st Airborne Paratrooper in Korea. He was probably the most influential man in my life.

May is also "Foster Care Month." Tammy & I were never foster parents, but we have raised a child, entrusted to us, as our own. What came out of that for us was a great, young man. Mark married a wonderful girl, Annie Clausing. God really answered our prayers with her. She already went to school for childcare administration & always wanted to be a foster parent. Now they have a 4-year-old daughter & a 2-year-old son. They got the opportunity to take a foster child in & they did. Tammy & I am proud beyond words. We just found out that now Annie is due to have yet another child in, I believe, October.

I apologize for rambling. Things aren't always perfect but when I look back & see all the remarkable things & the people in history, I'll take the hand we were dealt every time!

Thanks for Reading!

Mark Bouquet, Sr.

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Month at a Glance:

3rd Brad Pertchi's Birthday – The perfect day to let you know we feel so lucky that you came our way! Happy Birthday to you!

10th Clean up Your Room Day – sorry, our installers are double booked and cannot come over to vacuum.

14th Mother's Day - God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers. (*Jewish Proverb*)

17th Gary Onate Sr's Birthday – Being an employee here for so long makes you very valuable! So today we wanted to say happy birthday to The Greatest Carpet Installer in the Chicago-Metropolitan Area!

29th Memorial Day – give thanks and to remember those who gave their lives to protect our country. Not just today, but every day of the year.

May is Foster Care Month

9-1/2 months ago, I put my kids to bed, hopped in the car and drove to pick up a 3-week-old baby boy with a semi-scary medical past. I found out just the day before that he needed a home for about 30 days. We didn't even have our foster license yet. Things obviously took a little turn. He has been hard. He's cool now, we're good, and I'm totally crazy about him. I hear very often, "I could never do it. Won't it be hard if you have to give him back?" You underestimate yourself. You can do it. It will be mega-hard to watch him go if/when that day comes. Seeing my kids lose a little brother will be harder. Not knowing how his transition home and home-life in general will be the hardest.



* Foster child's face has been covered for his privacy.

BUT. Knowing he had a stable, safe, healthy first few months of his life filled with siblings, cousins, aunts and uncles, grandmas and grandpas, church, bike rides, walks and swings trumps the hard parts. God will get us through the hard parts, and then we'll do it all over again with the next sweet baby who needs a family while his/her parents work to gain stability. Point to all this? If you have ever had the slightest urge or little tugs on your heart to foster/adopt, please explore that. Getting information is easy. We were waiting until this and then that and until our life was ready for a foster baby, but God made the way for this child to come to us in His timing. Don't wait, just go do. ~ Annie (Clausing) Bouquet

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Jackson fans leave flowers and teddy bears around the house or write messages on a one-way sign at the corner in remembrance of the late Michael Jackson. The house next door is now a small museum/gift shop. If you're in the area, you can go see it for yourself!

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This month's Mega Trivia question:

What was put on sale for the first time in May of 1886?

- A) United States Savings Bonds
- B) Coca-Cola
- C) Hot Dogs
- D) Ice Cream Cones
- E) Mother's Day Cards

To enter, go to:

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best guess. Your chances of winning
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Answer to April's quiz:
B) "E"

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DON'T FRY DAY

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the U.S. More people will get skin cancer this year than breast, prostate, lung, and colon cancer combined. The good news is: it is simple to protect our skin and reduce our risk of getting skin cancer. It's as easy as Slip, Slop, Slap@...and Wrap — slip on a shirt, slop on broad spectrum sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher, slap on a hat, and wrap on sunglasses. It is especially important to protect children from harmful effects of the sun because sunburns during childhood increase the risk of getting skin cancer later in life.

The National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention has designated the Friday before Memorial Day as "Don't Fry Day" to raise awareness of skin cancer prevention and to encourage everyone to protect their skin as they head outdoors to kick off the summer season. The National Council is the united voice of 45 organizations, associations and agencies dedicated to skin cancer prevention in the United States.

Do Not Burn or Tan

- Avoid intentional tanning.
- Avoid tanning beds.

Ultraviolet light from the sun and tanning beds causes skin cancer and wrinkling.

Seek Shade

- When sun's rays are the strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Wear Protective Clothing

- Long-sleeved shirt and pants.
- A wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses.

Generously Apply Sunscreen

- Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with Sun Protection Factor (SPF) 30 or higher for protection from ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) radiation.
- Apply 15 minutes before going outdoors and reapply every two hours.

Use Extra Caution Near Water, Snow and Sand

- These surfaces reflect the damaging rays of the sun, which can increase your chance of sunburn.

Get Vitamin D Safely

- Through a healthy diet.
- Take vitamin supplements.

Early detection of melanoma can save your life. Carefully examine all your skin once a month. A new or changing spot should be evaluated.

**Now get out and celebrate Sun Screen Day in the sun...
with your sun screen protection!**

National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention. (2017, March 31). Don't Fry Day. Retrieved from Skin Cancer Prevention: <http://www.skincancerprevention.org/>



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- ✦ Alice Beci
- ✦ Carl Berry
- ✦ Jody Biernat
- ✦ John Bodnar
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- ✦ Maura Cislek
- ✦ Becky Clemmons
- ✦ Alex Contreras
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- ✦ Jackie DeMarco
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- ✦ Wesley Lynch
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- ✦ John & Jessica Miedema
- ✦ Stana Mikich
- ✦ Chad Moseley
- ✦ Walter & Carol Nagle
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- ✦ Stephanie Pazoles
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Community Events

<p><u>Friday, May 5th 7p - 10p</u> KidsWork Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser <i>Proceeds to KidsWorks Children's Museum</i> Trolley Barn Courtyard 11 S White At, Frankfort IL Appetizers, deserts, tequila tasting, cash bar, silent auction, Mariachi band, wine raffle COST: \$50 per person in advance / \$60 at door INFO: www.4kidswork.eventbrite.com</p>	<p><u>Saturday, May 6th 9a - 4p</u> 10th Annual Lake County Pet Expo <i>Proceeds divided to attending rescues</i> Lake County Fairgrounds 889 S Court St, Crown Point IN Pet rescue adoptions, raffles, pet costume contest, pet blessing & more COST: \$5 adults, \$3 Seniors, FREE children 12 & under INFO: vivian.vallone@yahoo.com or call 219.218.5768</p>
<p><u>Sat & Sun, May 27th & 28th 11a - 8p</u> Michigan City Food Truck Festival Fedders Alley Michigan City IN Gourmet food trucks, live entertainment, games, beverages & more COST: General admission FREE, however VIP, food & drinks does cost INFO: michigancityfoodtruckfest@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>Monday, May 29th 10a-11a</u> Memorial Day Ceremony Downtown Frankfort Breidert Green Park, Frankfort IL Memorial Day tribute, Hickory Creek Middle School band will perform (In case of rain, will move to Founders Center Gym, 140 Oak St in Frankfort.) COST: FREE INFO: 815.469.2177</p>

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